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FOOD, FOOD SUPPLY & FOOD RATIONING
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FOOD, SUPPLY, AND FOOD RATIONING

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
73)	Capt Stone	13 Sept	Col Densmore, Econ	Sicily requires more phosphate rock for making fertilizer.
74) ES/10	Economic Sec	14 <i>COZ</i>	Secy Gen	Re 68-telegram "RM Monsoreto" is being investigated.
75)	Economic(Densmore)	15 "	A/CC	On additional flour for Pantelleria and amassing Olive Oil in Sicily.
<i>76) M/CO 400-1</i>	<i>QUAYLE</i>	<i>21 "</i>	<i>AMMENDORS</i>	<i>FRAUDULENT PROCLAMATIONS</i>
<i>77) M/CO 400</i>	<i>STONE</i>	<i>24 "</i>	<i>BONOMI</i>	<i>COFFEE FROM BRAZIL</i>
	<i>DA CUNHA</i>	<i>20 "</i>	<i>STONE</i>	
<i>78) M/CO 400-1</i>	<i>STONE</i>	<i>25 "</i>	<i>BONOMI</i>	<i>ITALIAN FOOD PROGRAM</i>
<i>79)</i>	<i>STONE</i>	<i>24 "</i>	<i>BONOMI</i>	<i>FOOD SIT IN ROME VERY BAD</i>
<i>80) M/CO 400</i>	<i>QUAYLE</i>	<i>27 "</i>	<i>Ry II</i>	<i>TRANSPORT FOR FLOUR</i>

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52) - -	Capt Stone	26 Aug	VP Econ Sec	British PM will support reasonable demands by ACC for increase in tpt & imported supplies. Increase of bread ration to 300 gms in all Italy. Picture on transport shd be put before AFHQ.
53) 6/359/167	Min Foreign Affrs	28 "	Political Sec	Revival of (29). FAO Conference held in US on food supply & agriculture
- -	Col Densmore	30 "	Political Sec	No. 52 parallels own conclusions.
54) ES/31	Gen O'Dwyer	27 "	A/CC	Citrus fruits: Staff unable cope export; request London be asked send 6 representatives Sicily.
55) 2078 Cbl	Commerce S/C	22 "	AFHQ G5	FAO to hold conference in US on food supply & agriculture, but not in immediate future.
56) A/CC 400-1	Capt Stone	5 Sept	Primas	Memo has been submitted to Roosevelt on financing supplies for Italy obtained from U.S.
57)	US Rep, ACI	6 "	Capt Stone	Critical shortage of food in North.
58) 8339 Cbl	AMG 5/A, Hume	6 "	Capt Stone	"Supply of Salt" absence of in Marche and Emilia.
59) 400-1	Col Densmore	6 "	VP Economic Sec	Flour stock Florence exhaust 8 Sep. Cannot answer for consequences if flour not supplied.
60) ES/31	Mr Antolini	7 "	A/CC	Re 58. Everything possible being done. Emergency civil supply program for AMG 5 Army.
61) 302 Cbl	AMG 5/A, Hume	7 "	A/CC	Italian Foreign Trade and Economic Policy.
62) S-322	Capt Stone	7 "	AMG 5/A, AFHQ G5	Msg for O'Dwyer at Washington: Food for North of Pisa-Rimini line.
63) 091.1	Capt Stone	7 "	Bonomi	Re 61. Flour being sent to Cecina. Legg & Antolini will visit to clear Rations for Public Safety Agencies (Guardia di Finanza - 34 & 42)
64) S-323	Capt Stone	8 "	AFHQ-Spofford	"Cancellation of Minister of Agriculture telegram."
65) 2698 Cbl	Food SubComm.	8 "	AMG 5 Army	A/CC wishes to know action taken on telegram "RM Monsoretto" re Fascist refusing distribute flour.
66) 014.13	Capt Stone	9 "	Economic Sec	Wages Rates & Rations: Meeting of Economic Sub-Committee (AFHQ) at ACC Reorganisation of Ministry of Agriculture.
67)	Col Densmore	9 "	Antolini	Draft telegram for FM: civilian supply for Italy directive not clear; also should be more liberal.
68) ES/10B	Antolini	11 "	A/CC	Circulation of Price for American imported goods.
68)	Col Densmore	10 "	Food S/C	
69) ES/14A	Col Thompson	13 "	Economic S/Cs	
70) 091.1	Capt Stone	13 "	Bonomi	
71)	RESERVED-MacMillan	13 "	Foreign Office	
72) 400-1	Maj Quayle	13 "	Reg IV, Security Branch	

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SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
31) S-293	Capt Stone	17 Jul	AFHQ	Request auth. recommend Ital Govt form Ministry of Supply.
32) (A/CC 400 309/114/CA	"	2 Aug	HQ AAI	Admission of Ital officials to ports to accept imports.
33) R/2144	Region IV	5 "	Exec Comm.	"Food for Rome".
34) 2124/X-9 A/CC 400	Bonomi Capt Stone	9 " 14 "	Capt Stone Adm Sec	Discontinuance of Rations to R. Guardia di Finanza (GG.FF.)
35) F 80997	AFHQ G5	9 "	HQ ACC	Re 31. Authority given-prefer name Ministry of Commerce.
36) FOOD/1219 — ES/30	Region VI Capt Stone Antolini	29 Jul 10 Aug 11 "	RC & MC Sec VP Econ Sec Exec Comm	Import of wheat/flour to Sardinia.
37) 091.1	Densmore	12 "	Econ Sec	Form. Ministry of Supply. Request recommendations how to present to Government.
38) ES/7	Econ Sec	13 "	CSO Office A/CC	" " ". Meeting being held. Will advise you.
39) 12081-1/6-4	Bonomi	14 "	Capt Stone	Rations for Technical School of Police.
40) MDV 3/64 A/CC 400 ACC/60-3/FOOD A/CC 400	AAI 'Q' Mov Capt Stone Col Legg Capt Stone	13 " 16 " 18 " 19 "	ACC Atten Econ Gen O'Dwyer RSOs Regions AAI Q Mov	"Documentation of Stores ex Docks."
41) - -	Col O'Dwyer	13 "	Ex Director, Econ	"Food for Rome" - prevailing bad feelings Reg IV & ACC, etc.
42) A/CC 400	Capt Stone	20 "	Bonomi	Rations for Guardia Finance (GG.FF.)
43) 309/184/CA F84843	Capt Stone AFHQ G5	21 " 19 "	G5 AFHQ ACC	Admission of Ital officials to ports to accept imports
44) 1-2/FOOD	Col Legg	24 "	Econ Sec	Present Status of Supply-FOOD - to be presented Advisory Council.
45) A/CC 400	Capt Stone	24 "	Gen O'Dwyer	Ital civil supplies carried by schooners from surplus to deficient areas in Italy.
46) A/CC 400	Capt Stone	25 "	Bonomi	You're misinformed re Rations for Technical School for Police.
47) 091.1	Col Densmore	25 "	Mr. Antolini	Creation Ministry of Supply - please expedite recommendations to A/CC.
48) ES/46	Gen O'Dwyer	28 "	A/CC	Re 45. Delivering of supplies by schooner - Allied & Italian.
49) - - 091.1	Col Spofford Capt Stone	23 " 28 "	Capt Stone Econ Sec	1) Ministry of Supply; 2) Ital Foreign Trade and economic policy, etc.
50) Aide Memoire I - - 091.2	Col Spofford Capt Stone	23 " 29 "	Capt Stone Econ Sec	Italian Exports - Principles to guide ACC in supervision & control over resuscitating Ital Foreign Trade
51) - - - -	Mr. Edman, PWB Capt Stone Mr. Edman, PWB	23 " 29 " 31 "	Capt Stone Mr. Edman, PWB Capt Stone	Newsprint paper for local newspapers & Sicily, etc.

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HQ ACC. APO 374
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FOOD, SUPPLY AND FOOD RATIONING.

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM	DATE	TO	SYNOPSIS
1) Adm Memo 92	AFHQ	19 Dec	- - -	Estab. of Central Econ. Committee
2) 34/Prot.	Badoglio	5 Jan	Joyce	Heard of " " " "
3) 311/19/CA	Lush	16 Mar	CC	Black Market Activities-Naples
4) # 899	Badoglio	26 "	"	Gen discussion of food sitn.
5) 21/38/CA	CC	27 "	POWIT	39 Schooners with food for Rome.
CC 000.1				
6) 2445	Badoglio	28 "	CC	No more need for Sicily AMG Food Agency.
7) CC/P/165	CC	31 "	Badoglio	Reply to (4).
8) MGS 561.1	AFHQ	4 Apr	CC	Prunas writing C/S re food supply.
9) S 9630	IPS	18 "	PBS	Black Market Drive in Sicily begun.
10) 3721	Badoglio	22 Apr	CC	Need tpt to relieve Taranto food situation.
10a) ACC/5300/IC	Industry S/C	22 "	All concerned	Complaint Army is depleting civil food stocks.
11) 3711	Badoglio	22 "	CC	Black market situation and feeding of Rome.
12) --	Gen Wilson-PBS	20 "	CC	Ration scale for heavy workers.
CC/P/227	CC	24 "	Gen Wilson, PBS	Naples - Change of Attitude towards the Allies. (lack of food)
13) ES/42	Maj Sharp-Econ	26 "	Col Adams	Tpt to relieve Taranto food sitn.
14) POWIT 123	F.O.W.I.T.	17 "	CINC MED	
CC 000.1	CC	28 "	CINC AAI	
15) --	CC	29 "	Badoglio	Night fishing at Amalfi.
16) --	Maj Hartman	1 May	Econ Sec	Reply unfavorably to (6)
--(Ind)	Stone	4 "	Navy S/C	Reply to 11.
17) 217/24/CA	CC	6 "	Badoglio	Food sitn in Rome bad.
18) --	CC	9 "	Badoglio	Ships to supply Vatican-attacks by air (also Rome Open City)
19) 2123/INFO	Lush	12 "	CC, VP Econ, 5/A.	Midday meal for Italian civilians.
20) CC/G/288.	CC	13 "	AFHQ C/S	Food for Sardinia - RR fuel.
CCS/56	Gen Gammell	18 "	CC	Request for distribution of milk to children of Naples.
21) --	CC	23 "	Adm Morgan	Allied demands for civil food & products shd be in agreement with Italian Government.
22) P/III/32/2123	Cerabona	25 "	CC	Re 21. Position now satisfactory.
23) F-4	AFHQ G-5	30 "	CC	Use of Restaurants, ROME, by troops.
CC/G/375.	CC	7 June	AFHQ G-5	Ltr re percentage of ration card holders.
24) 6480	Badoglio	9 "	CC	Mr. Amore, sicilian, wants to take fruit to Naples & Rome.
25) --	Adm Morgan	16 "	CC	F.A.O. Conference to be held in US re food supply & agriculture.
26) 755/20/CA	RC & MG Sec	22 "	ACC Rome	Issue of rations to Italian Red Cross.
27) 217/64/CA	Lush	27 "	A/CC	
28) --	Badoglio	27 "	Stone	
--	Stone	27 "	Badoglio	
29) 5530	Prunas	6 July	Stone	
A/CC 400	Stone	10 "	Alex Kirk	
30) CC 430	Ugo Theodoli	26 June	- - - -	
ACC Rear 3015	Quayle	26 "	MMIA LO Naples	
AQ-1642	Public Health	30 "	MMIA	
A/CC 430	MMIA	1 Jul	Public Health	
	Quayle	1 "	Ugo Theodoli	

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JAG/drr

A/CC 500

27 September 1944

SUBJECT: Transport for Distribution of Flour.

TO : Headquarters Region IV
(Attn: Colonel Poletti)

I am directed by the Acting Chief Commissioner to pass the attached copies of signals to you for your information.

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

Incls: 3 cables as above

Ref: 5973/3138

Date: 25 Sept. 44

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I am directed by the Acting Chief Commissioner to pass the attached copies of signals to you for your information.

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

Incls: 3 cables as above
Ref: 5973/3138
Date: 25 Sept. 44

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HQ	200	500	500
DISPATCHED			
Date: 28 SEP 1944			
via HQ 0730			
100015			

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Transport for Distribution of Flour
Economic Section (Attn: Colonel Dengmore)

A/CC 500
27 September 4

I am directed by the Acting Chief Commissioner to pass the attached
copies of signals to you for your information.

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

3 Incls: Cables as above
Ref: 5973/3138
Date: 25 Sept. 44

FILES A (B)

Hq ACC	Secy Gen.
DISPATCH 3999	
Date Time 28 SEP 1944	
via Mjx 0910	
initials CH	

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TRANSLATION

0975/5158

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Cabinet

Telegraph and cipher of ice

Rome, 25 September 1944

Admiral MILVY W. STONE - Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

R O M E

Thank you timely information situation flour stocks in Rome period
I gave instructions to the prefect of Rome to stop activity transport
agencies and provide by every means that adequate number of vehicles
should be destined to transport of flour period Ministry Agriculture
and forests request to inform prefects about localities where it is
possible to take flour to supply the capital period I disposed that
an adequate system of signalations should enable to follow the
situation daily period Transmit copy dispositions given today to
prefect of Rome and Minister Agriculture Forest period

PRESIDENT COUNCIL MINISTERS INTERIOR

BONAMI

Trans. A.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
CABINET

Rome 25 September 1944

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS

Cabinet

SECRET

9973/5138 period Allied Control Commission has signaled that flour stocks in Rome are small that in the next few days it will perhaps not be possible to distribute entire bread ration to population period Italian transport agencies responsible of this for having sufficient organization to transport flour needed by Roman population they prefer using it for their own private profit period have already given instructions Prefect Rome to cope with situation period will T.E. kindly communicate everyday to Prefect name of localities where flour needed for Roman population can be taken and see that organs this Ministry give all possible help and collaboration. period answer would be appreciated period

MINISTER INTERIOR
ROMANI

Trans.E.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Rome, 29 September 1944

PREFECT R O M E

9975/5158 period Referring today's telephone conversations communicate that Allied Control Commission has signaled flour stocks in Rome to be so small that in the next days perhaps impossible distribute entire bread ration to population period Italian agencies entrusted with transport of flour from provinces to mills though having sufficient organization to provide for alimentary needs of the capital prefer using it for private profits thus showing obstructive mentality and scarce civic sensibility period Government deems essentially important to avoid any reduction of bread ration period Y. M. will therefore use all the means in his power to assure normal bread supply to the population and baffle every manoeuvre of the agencies in question period Every private interest must give way before this essential need period No useful vehicle can be considered to be lawfully circulating if it has not first served to flour transportation period Through agreements or requisitions Y.M. will do what is necessary and keep constant contacts with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests which will indicate places where flour can be taken period Refer measures adopted and communicate daily by phonogram situation flour stocks period Meanwhile provide execution period

MINISTER INTERIOR
BONOMI

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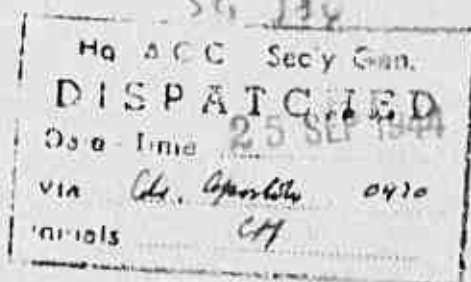
24 September 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I must call your immediate attention to the food situation in the city of Rome. I am informed by the Regional Commissioner that stocks of flour are exceedingly low and that it may be impossible to implement the bread ration in a few days time. The Regional Commissioner tells me that a contributory cause to this deplorable state of affairs is the obstruction and lack of cooperation shown by the Italian Transportation agencies in Rome. On them depends the moving of grain from the Provinces to the mills: they have sufficient transport but they lack the civic spirit to use their organization for the good of the citizens of Rome and prefer to employ it for their private gain. It is apparently beyond the power of the Local Government of Rome Government to induce them to cooperate.

I cannot emphasize too strongly, my dear Prime Minister, the gravity of the situation if food is unavailable in Rome owing to the inability of the local authorities to make these organizations function loyally and effectively.

I must ask you therefore to give your personal attention to the matter and in the interests of the citizens of Rome as well as the good name of your Government to see that steps are taken to bring the food from depots in the Provinces to the city.



Yours very truly,

HERBERT W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner 3986

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government

FILES A-B

Delivered by hand of Comdr. Apostolo, 25 Sep 44

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EMS/drr

A/CC 091.1

25 September 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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I should be grateful to know if you are yet in a position to give me a reply to my letter of 13 September regarding the program worked out by the Ministry of Agriculture in cooperation with the Commission's Food Sub-Commission to meet the responsibility of feeding the Italian people.

Yours very truly,

091.1
MILLEY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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

cc: Economic Section

54 306 3985
Hq ACC Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date-Time 12-10-44
A6 1610

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Yours very truly,

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MILLEN W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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

cc: Economic Section

56 316 3985
Mo A/C Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
On Time 2-3-54
By AG 1670
Initials CM

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A/CC 100

24 September 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

We are in receipt of a communication from the Consul General of Brazil, under date of September 20, 1944, requesting us to inform you that His Excellency the President of the United States of Brazil has decided to send immediately to Italy large supplies of coffee to be distributed among the population of the liberated territories.

This decision of the President, it is stated, was taken not only on humanitarian grounds but also as a token of the interest he bears to that great Latin people, with whom, though separated by war for two years, Brazil wishes to resume in days to come the cordial relations of the past.

Very truly yours,

HILARY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government

cc: Political Section

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Hq ACC	Sec'y Com.
DISPATCH	25 SEP 1944
Date Time	
Via	AG. 092r
Initials	CH

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C O P Y

CONSULADO GERAL DO BRASIL

Nr. 2.

Rome, September 20th., 1944.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the President of the United States of Brazil has decided to send immediately to this country large supplies of coffee to be distributed among the population of the liberated territories of Italy.

2. This decision of the President was taken not only on humanitarian grounds but also as a token of the interest he bears to that great latin people, with whom, though separated by war for two years, Brazil wishes to resume, in days to come, the cordial relations of the past.

3. I would be very grateful to you for conveying to the Italian Government the information contained herein.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to

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I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurance of my high consideration.

a) V. da Cunha

The Hon. William W. Schott
Vice President, Allied Control Commission.

ROME

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A/CC 400-1

21 September 1944

Subject: Fraudulent Proclamation

To : Sir Noel Charles, Bt., K.C.M.G.,
British High Commissioner in Italy.The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
U. S. Representative to the Advisory Council for Italy.

1. I am directed by the Acting Chief Commissioner to forward to you a translation of a proclamation which appeared recently, together with a letter on the subject received from Headquarters Region IV.

2. With regard to the statement in paragraph 3 of the above-mentioned letter, it is confirmed that the following newspapers on September 13th carried an official announcement denouncing the attempted fraud:

"Il Popolo"
"Il Quotidiano"
"Risorgimento Liberale"
"Unita"
"Avanti"
"Corriere di Roma"

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

2 Incls:
as in para 1 above.

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To ACC. 100
22 Sept 1944
Major
D.H.

C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION IV
APO 394
Regional Security Officer

Ref. B/954

16th September 1944

SUBJECT:

TO : Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
Hq., Allied Control Commission
(Attention to Major J.A. QUAYLE)

1. Reference is made to A/CC 400-1 and attached document.
2. Public Safety Department, Region IV, states the attached document is a fraud. Investigations are underway to expose the authors.
3. Italian news-papers have informed the public that the announcement is fraudulent.

/s/ A.E. HEATH
Major I.C.
Regional Security and
Intelligence Officer.

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C O P Y

TRANSLATION

TO ALL TRADESPEOPLE IN ROME

As there has been an agreement between the United States Industrial Organization and Italy, about the sending of a large number of articles of clothing for the Italian population, we inform you that all shops will get abundant supplies of various merchandises before the 15th October; the sale of which will start on November 1st. Here are the prices which have been settled and will have to be scrupulously observed.

DENOMINATION

MEN'S GARMENTS:

	<u>COST PRICES</u>	<u>SALE PRICES</u>
Shirts	L. 100.00	L. 120.00
Shorts	40.00	50.00
Drawers	22.50	30.00
Woollen undershirt	150.00	180.00
Cotton undershirt	60.00	75.00
Woollen socks	40.00	50.00
Cotton socks	30.00	40.00
Leather shoes	250.00	300.00
Hats	100.00	120.00
Material for women's clothes from L. 100 onwards		
Material for men's clothes from L.150.- onwards		
Woollen man's suit	1000.00	1200.00
Mixed material	600.00	720.00
Woollen man's overcoat	1000.00	1200.00
Man's overcoat (mixed)	600.00	720.00

WOMEN'S GARMENTS:

Shirts	80.00	100.00
Woollen drawers	80.00	100.00
Drawers	35.00	50.00
Silk stockings	75.00	90.00
Cotton stockings	60.00	75.00
Woollen dress	800.00	950.00
Dress (mixed)	550.00	700.00
Coat	800.00	950.00
Coat (mixed)	550.00	700.00

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Drawers 40.00
 Woollen undershirt 22.50
 Cotton undershirt 150.00
 Woollen socks 60.00
 Cotton socks 40.00
 Leather shoes 30.00
 Hats 250.00
 Material for women's clothes 100.00
 from L. 100 onwards
 Material for men's clothes
 from L. 150.- onwards
 Woollen man's suit 1000.00
 Mixed material 600.00
 Woollen man's overcoat 1000.00
 Man's overcoat (mixed) 600.00

1200.00
 720.00
 1200.00
 720.00

WOMEN'S GARMENTS:

Shirts 80.00
 Woollen drawers 80.00
 Drawers 35.00
 Silk stockings 75.00
 Cotton stockings 60.00
 Woollen dress 800.00
 Dress (mixed) 550.00
 Coat 800.00
 Coat (mixed) 550.00
 Leather shoes 250.00

100.00
 100.00
 50.00
 90.00
 75.00
 950.00
 700.00
 950.00
 700.00
 300.00

For children prices will be in proportion.

Before the 1st October, special clothing cards
 will be distributed to the population; they will have value
 from the 1st of November. Dispositions will be issued in time;
 about the sale and distribution of the articles to the trades-
 people.

Many others wares not mentioned here will be sold at
 fixed prices.

Your sincerely,

UNITED STATES INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION

Trans.E.C.

C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

LID/mrh

15 SEPTEMBER 1944

MEMO

TO: Captain Stone
Acting Chief Commissioner

1. Reference your note 12 September 1944 attached to Region I message RES-496 of 6 September 1944.
2. In replay to 496, message 3112 of 11 September was sent -- such message was as follows:

SUBJECT IS PANTALLERIA YOUR REOGER EASY SUGAR FOURNINE SIX IS REFERENCE PD PAREN TO ACC REGION ONE FROM HQ ACC FROM LEGG SIGNED STONE PREN PARAGRAPH ONE PD NO ADDITIONAL FLOUR CAN BE SANCTIONED PD RATION SCALES MUST BE ADHERED TO PD PARAGRAPH TWO PD IN AGREEMENT WITH MINISTRY DRAFT DECREE HAS BEEN PREPARED WHEREBY OLIVE OIL WILL BE AMASSED IN ALL REGIONS AND PRICES FIXED FOR ALL LI-BERATED ITALY"

3. Re. amassing olive oil:

- a) The Italian Government has enacted a decree for the control of collection of the 1944-45 olive oil production (price not fixed).
- b) On 11 September under Ref. AGR/138.0 instructions plus copy of English translation of the decree sent to the field.
- c) Supplemental decree must be passed setting price but quick.
- d) Italian Government, in a semi-formal way, has requested ACC approval of a price which is a 66% increase ~~3974~~ price for the 1943-44 production.

2. In replay to 496, message 3112 of 11 September was sent ---
such message was as follows:

SUBJECT IS PANTALLERIA YOUR REOGER EASY SUGAR FOURNINE
SIX IS REFERENCE PD PAREN TO ACC REGION ONE FROM HQ ACC FROM LEGG
SIGNED STONE PREN PARAGRAPH ONE PD NO ADDITIONAL FLOUR CAN BE
SANCTIONED PD RATION SCALES MUST BE ADHERED TO PD PARAGRAPH TWO
PD IN AGREEMENT WITH MINISTRY DRAFT DECREE HAS BEEN PREPARED WHEREBY
OLIVE OIL WILL BE AMASSED IN ALL REGIONS AND PRICES FIXED FOR ALL LI-
BERATED ITALY"

3. Re. amassing olive oil:

a) The Italian Government has enacted a decree for the
control of collection of the 1944-45 olive oil production (price not
fixed).

b) On 11 September under Ref. AGR/138.0 instructions
plus copy of English translation of the decree sent to the field.

c) Supplemental decree must be passed setting price but
quick.

d) Italian Government, in a semi-formal way, has
requested ACC approval of a price which is a 66% increase ~~3974~~
price for the 1943-44 production.

e) It has been represented to me that interested
Sub-Commissions, including "Finance", and representatives of the
Italian Government have agreed on 66% increase. Regional Commissioners
have not been asked for comments.

f) We should not delay another day in approving a price,
but I believe RC's must be requested to comment. Request being made
by radio message today.

4. Just as soon as a price is set, I would like to draft
a letter for your signature to each RC and to His Excellency Bonomi
asking them to go "all out" on olive oil amassing.

For the Acting Head, Economic Section:

(s) L. D. DENSMORE
Col. Sig. C., C.S.O.

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HQ ACC ATTENTION LEGG
ACC REGION 1

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CITE: RES-496

SUBJECT IS PANTELLERIA. NO VEGETABLES GROWN IN ISLAND.
ONLY 1 SCHOONER PASSAGE ALLOWED PER MONTH. POPULATION 10000.
MAY EXTRA GRAMS FLOUR BE SANCTIONED DAILY AND NO REPEAT NO SUPPLEMEN-
TARY RATIONS. THIS EXTRA ALLOWANCE REPRESENTS 250 KILOS DAILY MORE
THAN NORMAL RATIONS PLUS SUPPLEMENTARY. NEW SUBJECT. OLIVE OIL.
INDICATIONS ARE THAT PRODUCTION WILL BE GOOD. IS IT INTENDED TO
AMASS IN SICILY. IF SO MAY INSTRUCTIONS BE ISSUED SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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Col Lunscombe -

And find we are

ready in olive oil

amassing program. Ok

as necessary URGENTLY

12 Sept

Stone

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ACTION: FOOD 2

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FILE 2

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*Ad Lennore -**Can't find we are**ready in olive oil
amassing program. Ok
as necessary URGENTLY**12 Sept**Stone*

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

EWS/hjp

13 September 1944

TO: Colonel Densmore, Economic Section

In the conference with Sig. Aldisio, High Commissioner of Sicily, he informed me that Sicily requires a 1,400,000 quintals of phosphate rock for making fertilizer in Sicily, that so far they have received only 50,000 quintals.

Please investigate with your section and get me the facts. This is certainly something that it would appear we should be bidding heavily for tonnage to bring in here.

E.W.S.

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By: Mgr 145
File: Mgr

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

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A/GC 400-1

13 September 1944

Subject: Circulation of Price List for American Imported Goods

To : Region IV - ACC
Security Branch
(Through: RC & IS Section)

1. Reference is made to attached copy and translation of a document which has come into the hands of the Acting Chief Commissioner.
2. Please investigate and report at earliest to this office whether this is a true and authorized document, or an attempt at fraud.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

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

2 Incls:

- 1 - Price List - Italian
- 2 - " " - Translation

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13 Sept 1944

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YTO ALL TRADESPEOPLE IN ROME

As there has been an agreement between the United States Industrial Organization and Italy, about the sending of a large number of articles of clothing for the Italian population, we inform you that all shops will get abundant supplies of various merchandises before the 15th of October; the sale of which will start on November 1st. Here are the prices which have been settled and will have to be scrupulously observed.

<u>DENOMINATION</u>	<u>COST PRICES</u>	<u>SALE PRICES</u>
<u>MEN'S GARMENTS:</u>		
Shirts	L. 100.00	L. 120.00
Shorts	40.00	50.00
Drawers	22.50	30.00
Woollen undershirt	150.00	180.00
Cotton undershirt	60.00	70.00
Woollen socks	40.00	50.00
Cotton socks	30.00	40.00
Leather shoes	250.00	300.00
Hats	100.00	120.00
Material for women's clothes from L. 100 onwards		
Material for men's clothes from L. 150 onwards.		
Woollen man's suit	1,000.00	1,200.00
Mixed material	600.00	720.00
Woollen man's overcoat	1,000.00	1,200.00
Man's overcoat (mixed)	600.00	720.00
<u>WOMEN'S GARMENTS</u>		
Shirts	80.00	100.00
Woollen drawers	80.00	100.00
Drawers	30.00	50.00
Silk stockings	70.00	90.00
Cotton stockings	60.00	70.00
Woollen dress	800.00	950.00
Dress (mixed)	550.00	700.00
Coat	800.00	950.00

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L.	100.00	L.	120.00
	40.00		50.00
	22.50		30.00
	150.00		180.00
	60.00		75.00
	40.00		50.00
	30.00		40.00
	200.00		300.00
	160.00		120.00

1,000.00	1,200.00
600.00	720.00
1,000.00	1,200.00
600.00	720.00

80.00	100.00
80.00	100.00
30.00	50.00
75.00	90.00
60.00	75.00
800.00	950.00
550.00	700.00
800.00	950.00
550.00	700.00
250.00	300.00

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For children prices will be in proportion.

Before the 1st of October, special clothing cards will be distributed to the population; they will have value from the 1st of November. Dispositions will be issued in time; about the sale and distribution of the articles to the tradespeople.

Many other wares not mentioned here will be sold at fixed prices.

Yours sincerely,

UNITED STATES INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION

Trans. E.C.

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DRAFT TELEGRAM

FOREIGN OFFICE

NO. RESMED

CYPHER

13-9-44

Please pass following to Prime Minister
Personal from Newmillen

Please see NAF on civilian supply for Italy.

2. In order to carry out your policy we
need a clear and more liberal directive.
The present formula is obscure and too
restrictive.

3. If you can settle this in principle
we will do our best to work out practical
details.

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13 September 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I understand that in order to make it possible to meet the responsibility of feeding the Italian people, the Ministry of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Commission's Food Sub-Commission, has worked out a program requiring certain steps of reorganization within the Ministry of Agriculture.

At a conference held at the Ministry of Agriculture on 24 August, the final plans were approved, providing for the setting up of a Direzione Generale dell'Alimentazione which would take over the functions of the old "Federazione Generale dell'Alimentazione" and the "Direzione Generale della Tutela". It is understood that the old Parastatal distribution offices such as UCEFAP, UDOGA, UCOF, etc., are to be abolished and a new organization, the "Ufficio Nazionale Approvvigionamento Distribuzione Alimentare (UNADA)" set up. The above changes appear to have the full approval of the Ministries of Agriculture and Finance and is agreed to by the Commission.

It appears that this matter was on the agenda of the last Cabinet meeting but was not reached and that it will be brought up at the Cabinet meeting on Thursday, 14 September. The approval of the plan and proposed changes will be most helpful in solving what is recognized to be the most important problem before all of us at this time. I shall be glad if you can give this matter your personal attention and have it considered at the Cabinet meeting Thursday.

No doubt there will be many administrative details connected with the plan which are, however, extraneous to the main issue and which will have to be settled by the Ministries concerned. But I feel that the plan as such could be approved and the details resolved later.

Yours very truly,

ELERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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

(Draft prepared by Economic Section)
c.c. Economic Section.

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JMR.

Tel : 307

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION

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13 Sept 44

SUBJECT : Wage Rates and Rations

TO : Agriculture Sub-Commission
Food Sub-Commission
Labour Sub-Commission
Italian Refugee Branch
Transportation Sub-Commission
Finance Sub-Commission

1. A signal has been received from AFHQ stating that there will be a meeting in Rome of the Economic Sub-Committee (AFHQ) at 1430 hrs Thursday, 14 Sep 44.

2. Points to be discussed are as follows:

- a. Effect of proposed wage rate increase
- b. Problem of scarcity of rationed food
- c. Advisability of increase in bread ration
- d. Possibility of repatriation to alleviate problem of swollen Rome population.

3. A meeting to discuss the above points will be held in the office of the Executive Director, Economic Section tomorrow morning (Thursday) at a time to be notified later. Please be prepared to send a representative to state your views.

4. AFHQ state that a letter (not yet received) follow their signal.

/s/ J. Bruce Thompson, Lt. Col. RA,
Economic Section.

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WAGE RATES AND RATIONS. THURSDAY 14 SEPT AT 1430 WILL BE HELD IN ROME MEETING OF ECONOMIC SUB-COMMITTEE. LETTER FOLLOWS. SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED : (A) EFFECT OF PROPOSED WAGE RATE INCREASE (B) PROBLEM OF SCARCITY OF RATIONED FOOD IN ROME (C) ADVISABILITY OF INCREASE IN BREED RATION (D) POSSIBILITY OF REPATRIATION TO ALLEVIATE PROBLEM OF SWOLLEN ROME POPULATION. APPRECIATE ATTENDANCE OF REPRESENTATIVES ACC PREPARED DISCUSS THESE TOPICS.

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ECONOMIC SECTION
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11 September 1944

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SUBJECT : Cancellation Minister of Agriculture Telegram.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner

1. Reference your A/CC dated 9 Sep 44 and to the enclosures referred to therein.

2. On receipt of the telegram of 5 Sep 44 from the Southern Region a letter, copy attached, was forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture on the 6 Sep. No reply has been received and the Minister is being reminded of this today.

A.G. ANTOLINI
Executive Director
Economic Section

3 Incls:

1 - Telegram, SR/163 dtd 5 Sep 44

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Agriculture Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel. 262
AGR/50.4

6 September 1944.

SUBJECT : Relaxation of time and penalties regarding
Wheat Collection Program.

TO : His Excellency the Minister of Agriculture

1. Quoted below is telegram just received from Southern Region, regarding above mentioned subject.

" DIRECTIVE FROM MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE WILL PRESENT ESSENTIAL NEXT STEP IN AMASSING NAMELY LEGAL PROSECUTIONS AND HEAVY SENTENCES WHICH MAY HAVE SERIOUS EFFECT NOT ONLY ON WHEAT BUT ALSO ON FORTHCOMING OLIVE OIL AMASSING. STRONGLY RECOMMEND IMMEDIATE CANCELLATION MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE'S TELEGRAM 179177 DATED 30 AUGUST."

2. The Agricultural Officer in Region 1, Sicily, informed this Sub-Commission this morning that the Sicilian Chief Commissioner published in to day's paper, on authority granted him in Conference with you and other High Italian Officials in Rome, recently, the following:

- a) Authority to grant a transportation subsidy to farmers of 100 lire per quintal of wheat.
- b) Authority for farmers to retain 25 Kilos of wheat per casual worker.
- c) Authority for farmers to retain an unknown amount of barley for edible purposes, in addition to legal wheat retentions.

3. Since neither this Sub-Commission, nor the Executive Officer or Vice President of the Economic Section had in advance notice of the above referred to action by the Ministry, we are unable to transmit to Allied Officers in the field, any reasonable justification for action taken. The above referred to action, if taken on approval of the Italian Government, places A.C.C. in an embarrassing position, because such action is directly contrary to agreed upon procedures. Furthermore, it is more than probable, in our opinion, that such action will make it necessary to revise plans for importation of food from Allied countries.

4. It is hereby requested that detailed explanation be prepared and submitted to A.C.C. at the earliest possible date.

By order of Captain STONE (USMR)

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/s/ W.A. Hartman
/t/ W.A. HARTMAN
Lt. Colonel,
Director

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Economic Section, Food Sub-Commission,
Southern Region.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
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9 September 1944

Subject: Cancellation Minister of Agriculture Telegram

To : Economic Section,
(Att: Mr. Antolini)

1. Reference is made to attached:
 - a. Copy of message SR/163 from Southern Region to Agriculture Sub-Commission.
 - b. Captain Stone's notes of 8 September 44.
2. Please provide the information called for in Captain Stone's notes.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer

2 Incls:
as in para 1 above.

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REFERENCE CABLE FROM HQ ACC FOGGIA ZONE FP 7. DIRECTIVE FROM
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE WILL PREVENT ESSENTIAL NEXT STEP IN AMASSING
NAMELY LEGAL PROSECUTIONS AND HEAVY SENTENCES WHICH MAY HAVE
SERIOUS EFFECT NOT ONLY ON WHEAT BUT ALSO ON FORTHCOMING OLIVE
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Col. Densmore

What has been done on
this recommendation?

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REFERENCE CABLE FROM HQ ACC FOGGIA ZONE PP 7. DIRECTIVE FROM
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Col. Densmore

What has been done on
this recommendation?

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
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9 September 1944

Subject: Rations for Public Safety Agencies

To : Economic Section.

1. Reference attached:

- a. Ltr No. 2124/X-9 from Bonomi, dated 9 Aug 44
- b. Copy of Ltr A/CC 400 to H.E. Bonomi, dated 20 Aug 44
- c. Memo from Admin Section, 14012/6/PS, dtd 19 Aug 44
- d. Memo from Admin Section, 14012/6/PS, dtd 19 Aug 44
- e. Translation of ltr from Ministry of Interior, No. 800, dated 26 Aug 44.
- f. Ltr from RAAC to Region IV, dated 29 Aug 44
- g. Ltr from RAAC to Captain Stone, dated 1 Sept 44
- h. Memo from Brig. Lush to A/CC, dated 2 Sept 44
- i. Ltr from Col. Kirk, 14601/9/PS, dtd 1 Sept 44
- j. Ltr from Public Safety S/C, 14601/9/PS, dated 5 Sept 44
- k. Ltr from Admin Section, dated 6 Sept 44

2. Your comments please.

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as in para 1 above.

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AMG FIFTH ARMY

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ACC HQ
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FOOD SUB COMMISSION

SEPT 8

REFERENCE YOUR THREE ZERO TWO OF SEVEN SEPTEMBER PD PAREN TO AMG FIFTH ARMY FOR
HUME FROM ACC MAIN FROM ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER SIGNED STONE PAREN CONFIRMING
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TODAY LEGG AND TOSCANI FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY TONS OF FLOUR
BEING RAILED FROM CIVITAVECCHIA TO CECINA LOADING NINE SEPTEMBER PD LEGG AND
ANTOLINI WILL VISIT YOU MONDAY ELEVEN SEPTEMBER IN ORDER TO CLEAR SITUATION

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ACTING CHIEF COMM.

FOLLOWING IF YOU AGREE FOR AGWAR FOR GENERAL BUILDING FOR BRIGADIER GENERAL O
 APOSTROPHES DWYER CLE QUOTE PLEASE DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO GET DELIVERIES ADVANCED
 OF FOOD FOR AREA NORTH OF PISA DASH MINIM LINE PD CHARLIE CHARLIE SUGAR NOW HAS FIRST
 DELIVERY FOR THAT AREA SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE HERE SOMETIME IN NOVEMBER WHICH WILL LEAVE
 LARGE CENTERS OF POPULATION IN NORTH IN DESPERATE SITUATION IF EMERGENCY WITHDRAWALS
 OCCUR EARLIER AS APPEARS LIKELY PD PARAN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE PERSONAL FOR
SPOFFORD FROM HQ ACC FROM STONE PERSONAL PARAN STOCKS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR PRESENTLY
 LIBERATED AREAS NOW BEING TRANSFERRED TO PROVIDE SOME FOOD IN THE NORTH THROUGH
 SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER PD ABOUT MID OCTOBER EXPECT SOME SUPPLIES FOR NORTH FROM
 OTHER THEATRES UNDER ARRANGEMENTS NOW BEING MADE BY US WITH AFHQ PD VITAL THAT
 SCHEDULED SHIPMENTS FOR NORTH BE RUSHED IMMEDIATELY AND THAT GAPS IN PRESENT PHASING
 FOR NORTH BE Borne IN MIND IF ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS ARE MADE THAT FOOD SITUATION IN
 ITALY IS TO BE IMPROVED PD THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN CONCURRED IN BY AFHQ PD SIGNED
 STONE UNQUOTE

*Spofford phoned that message not sent
 but G-4 will cable CCS with copy to
 O'Dwyer. 9/12. EWS*

Econ Sec
 Food S/C
 Exec Comm

ELBERT W. STONE, Captain, USMA, Acting *3416/Com-
 missioner*

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*8 Sept
 hand to Sigs*

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A/CC 091.1

7 September 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The time is now approaching when a broader view of Italy's foreign trade problem would appear to be called for, and a more positive attitude adopted. In our opinion, the Italian Government, in possession of its ministerial facilities in Rome, is now in a position to take an active part in foreign trade development. Furthermore, the nation's interest requires that it actively search for, and pursue, policies most conducive to the sound expansion of its foreign trade.

In light of this it is the opinion of the Allied Control Commission that the Italian Government should create a Ministry of Foreign Trade. This Ministry should stimulate and control imports, exports and the use of foreign exchange in connection with imports and exports.

We envisage the following functions of the proposed Ministry of Foreign Trade:

Imports. The Ministry will receive estimates of requirements for producers' goods from the Ministries of Industry, Commerce and Labor and Agriculture, and will screen them. It will also calculate needs for imports of consumers' goods from its own estimates of requirements and estimates of production prepared by the Industry and Agriculture Ministries.

The Ministry will be responsible for the warehousing, transportation and accounting for imported goods from the time of their arrival in an Italian port until they are turned over to the appropriate authority for their distribution.

Exports. The Ministry will ascertain what foreign demand exists for goods which might be produced in Italy for export, and at what prices these can be sold. It will, at the same time ascertain from the Ministries of Industry and Agriculture what can be produced for export, in what quantities and at what cost. On this basis, the Ministry will draw up an export program, determining both quantities and prices to be exported.

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His Excellency the Prime Minister
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Wherever necessary, the Ministry should be prepared to handle the goods, including transportation and warehousing. During the early stages of its operations, the Ministry, will in all probability, be required to make all of its export sales to USCC and UKCC.

Foreign Exchange. The Ministry, as part of its functions of programming exports, will need to draw up a budget of foreign exchange availability.

The preceding description of functions presupposes a need for strict and complete government control of imports, exports and foreign exchange transactions. It is believed that this will be necessary for some time after the end of the war, in view of the extreme shortage of imported goods and of foreign exchange to buy them with. Foreign exchange and the goods that can be bought with foreign exchange, will have to be strictly allocated and rationed to those demands which have the highest priority from a national standpoint. With a return to more normal conditions, however, it is assumed that foreign trade controls will be relaxed.

May I have your views as soon as possible?

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government

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AMG FIFTH ARMY REPEAT G-5 AFHQ

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PRIORITY

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REFERENCE IS YOUR EIGHT THREE THREE NINE PD PAREN TO AMG FIFTH ARMY FOR HUNG
REPEAT GEORGE DASH FIVE AFHQ FROM HQ AGO FROM CHIEF COMUSMACV TO HQ SIGNED STONE
PAREN PD AS STATED IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH YOU YESTERDAY EVERYTHING
 POSSIBLE IS BEING DONE TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS PD FOLLOWING PRESENTS EMERGENCY
 CIVIL SUPPLY PROGRAMME FOR AMG FIFTH ARMY PD NEW PARAGRAPH PD IMMEDIATE MOVEMENT
 TO PORT OR RAILHEAD AGREED AAI PD FIRST PHASE PD FIRST TWENTY DAYS CALL FORWARD
 ON PRESENT ACCEPTANCE AT RATE OF THREE ZERO ZERO TONS PER DAY COMMENCING ONE ONE
 SEPTEMBER PD FIRST PRIORITY GIVEN TO FLOUR AS REQUESTED PD ONE TWO ZERO ZERO
 TONS OF FLOUR WILL BE INCLUDED IN FIRST ONE ZERO DAYS PERIOD PD MILLING PROGRAM
 WILL PROVIDE TWO FIVE ZERO TONS FLOUR PER DAY SECOND MAINTENANCE PERIOD ONE
 EIGHT BLANT TWO FOUR SEPTEMBER PD THIS PROGRAM TO CONTINUE UNTIL SECOND PHASE
 PD SECOND PHASE PD PLANS ARE BEING MADE BY GEORGE DASH FIVE AFHQ TO SHIP THE FOLLOWING
 TONNAGE EX MIDWEST OR NEARBY STOCKS PD ABLE TO WEST COAST TEN THOUSAND TONS OF
 FLOUR ONE THOUSAND TONS OF SUGAR THREE HUNDRED TONS OF ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
 MILK PD BAKER TO EAST COAST FIVE THOUSAND TONS OF FLOUR FIVE HUNDRED TONS OF SUGAR
 ONE HUNDRED FIFTY TONS OF MILK PD THIRD PHASE PD COMMENCING NOVEMBER CMA NO FIRM DATE
 CAN BE STATED CMA NORMAL SUPPLY PROGRAMME WILL OPERATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH **3961**
 SHIPMENTS SET UP FROM OUTSIDE THE MEDITERRANEAN THEATER PD NEW PARA PD AT
 CONFERENCE WITH GEORGE DASH FOUR AAI TODAY AGO WAS INFORMED THAT FIFTH ARMY
 MAXIMUM ABILITY TO LIFT ON AMG ACCOUNT FOUR ZERO ZERO TONS PER DAY AT ANY TIME
 PD

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PD IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT YOUR FUTURE SUPPLY PROGRAM EXCEEDS THIS TONNAGE
QUERY IS INFORMATION RELATIVE FIFTH ARMY LIABILITY TO LIFT NOT EXCEEDING
FOUR ZERO ZERO TONS PER DAY CORRECT.

AUTHENTICATED:

L. D. DENMORE
Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer

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AMG 5 ARMY SIGNED HOME

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PRIORITY

CITE 302

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Present flour stocks in Florence will be exhausted by night of 8 September. By depleting Cecina depot we can give Florence flour for three days more. However this means we have no flour for other cities and towns in recently occupied areas.

Conditions in such towns are bad.

In Prato, population 60,000, for instance, there has been no food distribution since 22 August.

Ampoli and other places are likewise in serious plight.

Electricity for flour mills in Florence cannot be expected before 15 Sept. and possibly later.

Minimum of 150 tons flour per day is required by us and any failure in this amount will entail most serious consequences.

This flour must be sent us daily no matter from what source or what distance of haul, otherwise cannot answer for consequences.

Copies 2:

- 1- Brig Lush
- 1- Ford SC
- 1- Egan Sec
- 1- Col Fisher

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Tel: 307

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
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7 Sept 44.

SUBJECT: Supply of Salt

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

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8 Sept 1944
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1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 6 Sept requesting a report on the action taken to relieve the salt shortage in Marche referred to in AMG Rear 3th Army message R/1419 of 1 Sept.

2. In anticipation of a salt shortage in this area 60 to 80 tons have already been sent by rail to Ancona for distribution in the area and also a bid has been entered and approved for schooner space sufficient to move 300 tons of salt from Barletta to the Ancona supply depot. Additionally, a regular schedule for delivery of necessary supplies of salt to the area is in process of development.

A. G. ANTOLINI,
Executive Director,
Economic Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
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6 September 1944

Subject: Supply of Salt

To : Vice President, Economic Section.

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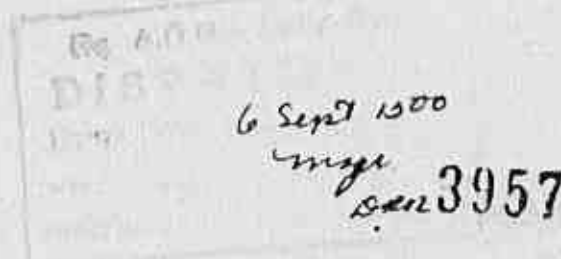
1. Reference is made to AMG Rear 8th Army message R/1419 of 1 September 44 which follows:

"SALT. COMPLETE ABSENCE OF SALT IN MARCHE. SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ARRANGE SUPPLY IMMEDIATELY THIS AREA AND EMILIA".

2. The Acting Chief Commissioner requests that he be informed promptly as to what action was taken and when.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer



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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: HQ ACC FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR CAPTAIN STONE

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 93/65

FROM: AMG 5 ARMY SIGNED HUE

CLASSIFICATION: TOP SECRET

REFERENCE No: 8339

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 061712Z OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TODAY'S TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WE ARE AWAITING FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROVISION OF FOOD WITH WHICH TO CONTINUE OUR NORMAL CIVILIAN FEEDING PROGRAM. OUR PRESENT STOCKS ~~SUFFICE FOR~~ APPROXIMATELY 500,000 PEOPLE FOR APPROXIMATELY 8 TO TEN DAYS. UNLESS ADDITIONAL FOOD, PARTICULARLY FLOUR, IS MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN THE NEXT 8 DAYS WE WILL FAIL TO FEED COMMUNITIES IN THE FUTURE AS FAST AS THEY ARE LIBERATED AND AS THEY HAVE BEEN PROMISED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY. MANY OF THE TOWNS ARE NOT SELF MAINTAINING AND STARVATION WILL STARE THEM IN THE FACE. THE MILITARY IMPLICATION OF THIS IS TREMENDOUS AND APPALLING. IT MAY EVEN BECOME NECESSARY TO EMPLOY COMBAT TROOPS TO MAINTAIN ORDER THEREBY STULTIFYING THE ENTIRE CONCEPT OF ALLIED MILITARY GOVT. THIS WOULD FORM A MOST DANGEROUS GROUND FOR EVERY PROPAGANDA AND THEY WOULD AT ONCE REALIZE THAT THEIR DESTRUCTION OF FOOD STOCKS, MILLS, BAKERIES AND THE LIKE AS WELL AS TRANSPORT WOULD MAKE ALLIED MILITARY GOVT COMPLETELY INEFFECTIVE IN THIS THEATRE. ALL THIS HAS A TREMENDOUS BEARING ON PLANS NOW BEING FORMULATED. WE MUST HAVE SOME DEFINITE ANSWER AS TO WHAT IS TO BE EXPECTED IN THE WAY OF FOOD IN ORDER THAT THE ARMY COMMANDER MAY BE FULLY ADVISED AS TO WHETHER MILITARY GOVT CAN OR CANNOT CARRY OUT THIS PHASE OF ITS COMMITMENTS. THE FAVOR OF AN IMMEDIATE REPLY IS REQUESTED.

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Personal for Cpt. Stone

MEMORANDUM

The American Representative on the Advisory Council for Italy has been informed by the Department of State that a memorandum has been submitted to the President recommending approval by him of certain arrangements for financing supplies for Italy obtained from the United States, and recommending in addition the issuance by him of a release on the subject.

Following the approval by the President of these financial arrangements, and before the recommended release is issued, the American Representative on the Advisory Council will be at once asked by the Department to request the Allied Control Commission to inform the Government of Italy of the arrangement of the United States for financing referred above.

Rome, September 6, 1944

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5 September 1944

Dear Dr. Prunas:

This is in reply to your letter No. 5530/S.U.A. of 6 July 1944, regarding an alleged conference to be held in the U. S. for the purpose of creating an international body to deal with problems of agriculture and food supply.

I now am informed that no such conference is scheduled in the immediate future. The constitution of a proposed international organization to deal with these matters recently was submitted by the U. S. Government to those of the United Nations, for approval. As some time necessarily will elapse before this approval can be obtained from the several governments, the organization probably will not be created in the near future.

The interest of the Italian Government in participating in the deliberations of the proposed organization has been made known to my Government.

Yours very truly,

HILERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency don Renato Prunas,
Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Rome.

(Drafted by Mr. Schott of Political Section)

c.c. Political Section.

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SCHOTT:

it has been ascertained from the Department that no conference is scheduled in the immediate future on agriculture and food supply problems, and it is believed that the Italian inquiry refers to a proposed international organization to deal with these matters, the constitution of which was recently submitted by the United States to the other United Nations for approval. It is probable that some time will elapse before this approval can be obtained from all the governments concerned, and consequently the organization will probably not be created at any time in the immediate future.

For your confidential information, it may be added that the Department's views have been requested as to the possibility of eventual Italian participation in the proposed organization.

Walter Dowling

Rome, September 1, 1944

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Copy to:

Mr. Seymour

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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27 August 1944

MEMO TO: Acting Chief Commissioner

1. Your memorandum of 26 August 1944 regarding increase of bread rations and transportation parallels my own conclusions which are being withheld pending a final statistical check up on both subjects.

2. I have seen the rough draft of the proposal by the Italian Government, delivery of which has been promised for tomorrow by Minister Gronchi. In this proposal approval is requested for an increase in bread rations to equal that of Southern Italy; a stated increase of wages and an estimated requirement of 2,000 trucks for necessary food transport in liberated Italy.

3. The indication that the attitude of Mr. Churchill is friendly to additional transport and imported supplies for the Northern Regions is encouraging. In view of the disturbing official reports on the state of the public health in liberated Italy, and the Health Sub-Commission's prophecy of probable outbreaks of serious illness in January and February due to the ravages of the present malnutrition of the people, it is hoped that the Prime Minister's approval of necessary increases in imports is not limited to Northern Italy.

4. Captain Price of AFHQ is now making a survey for me on motor transportation within liberated Italy. He has been loaned to me for this purpose by Colonel Spofford. This report is expected within two weeks.

5. AFHQ without consulting ACC has requested 1,700 trucks for service in Northern Italy. ACC requisitions for transportation requirements in liberated Italy seem to have been ignored. I have already written AFHQ requesting an explanation and clarification as to status of ACC's requisitions.

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6. When these confusion have been made clear I shall be in a position to write you along the lines of your memorandum of the 26th August.

I heartily agree with you as to the necessity for an immediate demand by AOC for adequate transport and increased bread rations in Liberated Italy and similarly as to the Northern Regions when they come under AOC jurisdiction.

WILLIAM O'DWYER
Brigadier General, USA.
Vice President
Economic Section

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Office of the
Acting Chief Commissioner

Political Section, Hq ACC

30 August 4

1. Re WBS note reference attached.
2. No reply made to Prunas letter No. 5530 of 6 July.
3. Only action taken by A/CC, see attached copy of A/CC LCC of 10 July to Hon. Alexander Kirk.
4. No reply received from Kirk.
5. No follow up has been had with Kirk.
6. Will you take over from this point?

L. D. DENSMORE
Col., C.S.O.

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From: Ministry of Foreign Affairs ^{6/355/167}

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.S.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs takes leave to enclose copy of a letter addressed to Admiral Stone by Signor Prunas on July 6th ult. (N. 5530/S.U.A.) and would much appreciate to be informed as to the decisions arrived at by the competent authorities on the matter.

Rome, August 28th, 1944.

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Col: Densmore:

Can you give me anything regarding this?

Political Section had not seen letter previously and perhaps Captain Stone wishes to reply directly.

W. W. Schott

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26th August 1944.

Memorandum to: Vice President,
Economic Section.

1. It was made clear at yesterday's Advisory Council meeting that the British Prime Minister would support any reasonable request made by this Commission for additional transport and possibly additional imported supplies, if the provision of either or both was deemed essential to preserve law and order especially in the Northern Regions, and the maintenance of the population on a subsistence food ration.

2. With regard to food, I share the anxiety of Regional Commissioners over the discrepancy between rations in Southern and Central Italy. Although I realise that you are examining the whole problem I see little prospect of increasing the food ration in Rome and the area North of the Garigliano River unless we can be assured of an increase in our quota of imported wheat from abroad. From the point of view of public tranquillity, inflation and public health, I think it essential that we should raise the bread ration throughout Italy to 300 gms as soon as possible. Our experience in the South led the late Chief Commissioner to take this decision. I do not think that we should depart from the principle laid down by him and approved by A.P.M.Q. even though it may mean demanding approval from the C.C.S. to increase our imports. I believe that with the assurance given me yesterday such a demand might meet with success.

3. With regard to transport, I think the time has come when the full picture of our transportation position should be made clear to A.P.M.Q. and on the assumption that we shall find little or no vehicles in the Northern Regions, that we should make an immediate and firm demand for the provision of the transportation necessary, not only for the furnishing of supplies, but for the use of Regional and other officers in these areas.

4. I should be grateful, therefore, if you would prepare an expose of the present situation accompanied by a firm demand which will meet our requirements, which I will then forward to A.P.M.Q. asking that it shall be taken up at the highest level without delay.

MILBERT W. STONE
Captain, USMC 3977
Acting Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
 PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
 ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
 P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.
 APO 512

31 August 1944

Capt. Ellery W. Stone, Acting Chief Commissioner
 Allied Control Commission
 (for the attention of the Economic Section)

Dear Captain Stone:

In accordance with a decision of the Allied Publications Board at its meeting on 28 August, I have to communicate to you the Board's grave concern at non-delivery of newsprint requisitioned for last April by the Allied Control Commission on recommendation of APB.

That requisition called for monthly delivery of 550 tons of newsprint and 100 tons of flatbed stock for the period July to December inclusive. From July to date only 159 tons of newsprint have been received.

So serious has the situation become that the Board was forced to take the decision to freeze all licenses as of 15 August. It may also be necessary in the very near future to cut drastically the circulation of existing authorized publications, and to deprive a news-hungry populace in newly liberated territory of an acknowledged social need. A free press, so important - indeed essential - to the development of a free Italy, is at stake.

In view of the serious political reaction to the situation evidence of which has already appeared, the Board earnestly requests that every possible consideration, in the matter of priorities, be given future shipments of newsprint. It would be greatly obliged if you would put this request before the authorities concerned at AFHQ at once for communication by the speediest channel to G-5, Washington.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE W. EDMAN,
 A.D.P.W.O. Italy (Lib) and
 Chairman Allied Publications Board.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

29 August 1944

Mr George Edman, Chairman
Allied Publications Board
APO 794 - U.S. Army

SUBJECT: Newsprint Paper

Dear Mr Edman,

I want to thank you for the information furnished in your letter of 23rd of August relative to the newsprint situation.

As you no doubt know ACC, through its Requisition Division, submits to G-5 AFHQ the requirements for newsprint as submitted to it by your Board.

The responsibility for obtaining these requirements is that of G-5. Acknowledgement of the receipt of such was made to the Requisition Division of A.C.G. Presumably shipping priorities accorded in Washington for more essential items were the cause of the interruption of the proposed schedule. Our Requisition Division will be instructed to follow up with G-5 to obtain, if possible, information with respect to expected shipments and to keep your Board informed.

Since shipping priority remains a subject to be decided in Washington, it is suggested that your Board deal directly with Washington through AFHQ in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE,
Capt., USNR,
Acting Chief Commissioner

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cc: Economic Section
Col. Brown, Liaison Sec

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Newsprint Situation

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27 August 4

Lt. Col. E. Brown

1. Reference attached letter dated 23 Aug 44 from P.W.B.,
subject "Newsprint Situation".

2. Will you look into this matter, inform me as to appropriate
action and prepare reply for my signature. Thank you.

Stone.

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INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

23 August 1944

Captain Ellery Stone, Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission
APO 394

Subject: Newsprint Situation

Dear Captain Stone:

I wish to call to your attention a situation which in my opinion is serious, both from PWB's and ACC's point of view. I should be very glad to discuss this with you some time at your convenience.

1. It was agreed in North Africa early in the Fall of 1943 that ACC would be responsible for procurement and obtaining shipping approval for all newsprint paper for local newspapers in Sicily and the to-be liberated areas.
2. AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 89 (dated 11 Dec 43) created this Board with power to grant and revoke licenses for publication of Newspaper, magazines, etc. This Board was empowered to control the allocation in Italy of all newsprint and to control all newsprint found in Italy.
3. ACC requisitioned through G-5 AFHQ approximately 600 tons per of paper from the U. S. for a period of six months beginning July 1, 1944, and ending Dec. 31, 1944. (Requisition was dated April 18, 1944 and acknowledged by AFHQ June 1, 1944.)
4. The Regions were notified of the amount of paper they could expect for use by the publications properly licensed by this Board.
5. Actually only 156 tons were received during the month of July and none so far in August.
6. AFHQ notified ACC (message Aug. 18, 1944) that it will receive no newsprint paper during the month of August and none until the third maintenance period of Sept. (20th to 30th).
7. The present supply of paper, including that which was found in occupied territory plus that which has been produced by local mills, will have been used by the end of September.

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8. The Board would appreciate, if it is possible, being advised in advance of any changes in the amount of paper it may expect each month.
9. Such information is necessary to properly control the flow and distribution of newsprint to the Regions in accordance with licensed circulation of the various publications.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ George W. Edman
/t/ GEORGE W. EDMAN
A.D.P.T.O. Italy (Lib.)

Copy to Mr. Russell Barnes, AFHQ

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

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29 August 1944

Subject: Italian Exports

To : Vice President,
Economic Section.

1. Reference attached:

a. Copy of letter G-5 Section, AFHQ (Spofford), dated
23 Aug 44, "Italian Export".

b. Copy Aide - Memoire I, "Principles by which the Allied
Control Commission should be Guided in Exercising Supervision and
Control over the Resuscitation of Italian Foreign Trade".

2. Copies of above references are being supplied Political
Section.

3. Above transmitted to Economic Section for appropriate co-
ordination and action.

4. Note G-5 Section's statement " . . . we feel that the
importance of the subject merits the start of work upon it as soon
as you conveniently can".

Stone.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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23 August 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Exports

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

1. On 9 August, as I have already written to you, the Economic Sub-Committee of the Political Committee met to consider your proposal for a Ministry of Commerce as well as several memoranda discussing various problems connected with Italy's foreign trade. One of these papers concerned the "Principles by which the Allied Control Commission should be guided in exercising supervision and control over the resuscitation of Italian foreign trade."

2. This memorandum, revised to record the Sub-Committee's action, is enclosed in two copies. You will note that certain action under points a, b and d lies with the ACC. The other action under points c and d, within the field of the Foreign Office and the Department of State, has been drawn to the attention of Mr. Macmillan and Mr. Murphy. While the program in question admittedly is of a relatively long-range character, we feel that the importance of the subject merits the start of work upon it as soon as you conveniently can. I understand that Mr. Wadleigh of the Staff of the Economic Section has had considerable experience in this field, and am told that he would be qualified to work on the problems concerned if he can be spared from other duties.

/s/ Charles M. Spofford
/t/ CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

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AIDE-MEMOIRE I

PRINCIPLES BY WHICH THE ALLIED CONTROL
COMMISSION SHOULD BE GUIDED IN EXERCISING
SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OVER THE REHABILITATION
OF ITALIAN FOREIGN TRADE

Foreign trade up to the present has played a moderately important part in the work of the ACC. A variety of items have been exported, amounting in total to about 50,000 tons, but commercial imports thus far have been negligible. The initiative for exports has come from two sources. On the one hand, goods have been asked for by Washington, London and the CHM, after allocation by the CCS; on the other hand, surplusses available for export have been advised by the ACC through C-5 to the CCS, and in certain cases orders have subsequently been received for shipments to the U.S. or the U.K.

Apart from procuring goods ordered and offering obvious surplusses, the ACC has not made any particular effort to develop Italy's exports. The time, until now, had not come to do so. Shipping and port space could not be allocated for the carriage of any volume of goods not essential to the war effort; ACC lacked the personnel; and the Italian Government was not able to share responsibility for this work.

The time is now approaching when a broader view of Italy's foreign trade problem would appear to be called for, and a more positive attitude adopted. The Italian Government, in possession of its ministerial facilities in Rome, is now in a position to take an active part in export development and is anxious to do so. The impending infiltration of civilian personnel into ACC and the possible use of the UKCC and the USCC may be expected to provide more expert assistance in the foreign trade field. And steps are now being taken, or are under consideration, by ACC in the field of industrial rehabilitation which require the formulation of foreign trade policies and programs.

Furthermore, the nation's interest requires that it actively search for, and pursue, policies most conducive to the sound expansion of its exports. The ACC as the body controlling the Italian Government, cannot properly display a negative attitude in this matter. Nor is it in the interest of the U.S. and the U.K. that it should follow a negative policy. The first task of the Allies has been to keep liberated Italy alive and as productive as possible so that it might provide a useful base for continuing operations. As the war draws to an end, however, it would seem that attention might advantageously be turned to the problem of how we may be able to bring relief to an end and get out.

Foreign trade is the core of this problem. Cotton, wheat, coal, oils, steel, copper and many other foodstuffs and raw materials, as well as semi-manufactured and manufactured goods, must always be imported to keep Italy's economy operating and its people fed. There is nothing unusual in this situation; the nation has always been heavily dependent on imports which have been paid for by the tourist business and by exports. Italy must export to live.

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Unless Italy can export, relief will be needed indefinitely. Food and raw materials will always have to come from the United States and the British Empire; such imports cannot stop. But by helping Italy to rehabilitate its exports business and to reopen its foreign markets we can gradually place the country in a position where it can pay for those imports instead of having them supplied as at present. In other words the way to bring the Italian relief burden of the United States and the British Empire to an end is to rehabilitate not only the production of those goods now being imported, but also the host of industries and handcraft businesses which could produce for export.

Having considered this general problem, the Economic Sub-Committee of the Political Committee has approved the following four recommendations:

a. When the Italian Government shall have created the proposed Ministry of Commerce it will possess a body larger than required for the present limited export program. The Economic Sub-Committee has approved the recommendation that this organization as one of its first duties should be asked by the AEC to draw up a list of items, with f.o.b. live prices, which could be made available for export in the relatively near future and whose production would require little rehabilitation and little or no imported supplies. This list will be submitted to Washington and London, and possibly to the CEI and others, by G-5 AEM or by the Corporation if their functioning in this capacity shall have by then been authorized.

b. The Anti-Inflation Committee of the AEC has recommended the "development of those production, industrial and transport facilities which though not directly benefiting the war effort, indirectly do so by increasing production of essential consumer goods, checking inflation and contributing to the economic and political stability of the population in rear of fighting forces". In a country such as Italy where so large a part of the economy is based on foreign trade it is impossible adequately to carry out the task of rehabilitation without reference to the many industries and handcrafts which traditionally have manufactured for export. Accordingly, the Economic Sub-Committee has approved the recommendation that the AEC be requested to prepare a study in conjunction with the appropriate departments of the Italian Government, providing a scheduled program of industries which should be rehabilitated or developed for export. A study of this nature would also seem necessary in connection with the plan which it is understood that the AEC has proposed to the Italian Government for the establishment of an Industry Advisory Board and industry committees. The letter on this matter from AEC to the Minister stated: "It is suggested, therefore, that first consideration should be given to the following four categories of industrial activity: --- Thirdly, those industries whose products have traditionally been exportable or whose products under prevailing and post-war conditions are likely to find a ready sale in world markets".

c. Before the study suggested in the preceding paragraph can be carried to its conclusion, it will be necessary to form some estimate as to the conditions of European economic rehabilitation and the general framework in which foreign trade will take place. It is believed that considerable thought has been given to these problems by the governments in Washington and London for some time, and that they are among the subjects that are being or will be studied by the European Advisory Commission. The Economic Sub-Committee has

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approved a recommendation that steps be taken to obtain information and guidance on these matters for the benefit of the ACC in its formulation of policies and programs for Italy, and it has suggested that the question be referred by Mr. Macmillan to the Foreign Office and by Mr. Murphy to the Department of State.

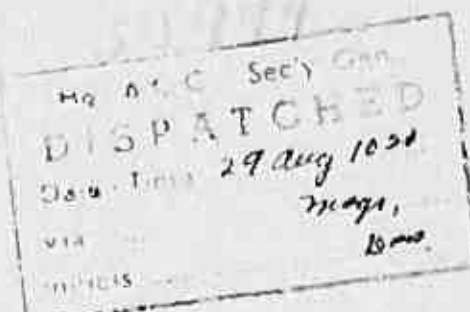
d. The progress that can be made by Italy in the field of economic rehabilitation will be limited, and effective planning will be difficult, so long as the basis of its commercial relations with the world's two largest commercial powers remains unsettled and indeterminate. The Economic Sub-Committee, therefore, has approved a recommendation that the ACC study the possible bases for commercial agreements with the United States and the United Kingdom. The Sub-Committee's thought was that this study should be initiated by the ACC, but that the Italian Government should be brought into it at an early stage and should be made responsible for the preparation of the basic material. It was further contemplated by the Sub-Committee that the ACC, at the appropriate time, might approach the American and British Governments with the request that conversations be initiated looking to the conclusion of commercial agreements, and it was suggested that this matter might be referred by Mr. Macmillan and Mr. Murphy to the Foreign Office and the Department of State for any comments they might wish to make.

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Creation of Ministry of Commerce (or
Ministry of Supply)
Vice President,
Economic Section.

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1. Reference attached letter from G-5 Section, AFHQ, dated 23 August 44, and reports ESC (44) 6 and ESC (44) 7 dated 2nd and 3rd August respectively, subject as above.
2. Referred to your section for appropriate action.

Stone.

3 Incls:
as in para 1 above.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

CMB/CFD/nls

23 August 1944

Dear Captain Stone:

I am enclosing two papers which you and others of the Commission's staff may find of interest. These papers were submitted by G-5 to the Economic Sub-Committee of the Supreme Allied Commander's Political Committee. This Sub-Committee, as you perhaps already know, is under the chairmanship of General Clark, and includes General Lewis, General Adcock, Mr. Macmillan, Mr. Murphy and myself.

The first paper concerns your proposal to recommend to the Italian Government the creation of a Ministry of Commerce, or Ministry of Supply. This proposal was approved as we informed you by our signal P 80997 of 9 August.

The second paper consists of several memoranda discussing certain problems connected with Italy's foreign trade. A number of recommendations are put forward containing certain of the elements of a unified program for the development of both organization and policy in this field. The most important recommendation, possibly, concerns the use of the UKCC and the USCC as an arm of AFHQ and of the ACC in performing the commercial work connected with foreign trade. Other recommendations concern a revision of the present price policy for exports, measures to stimulate Italy's exports, and certain questions of economic policy.

It is understood that these memoranda in their earlier drafts were discussed with certain members of your staff including General O'Dwyer, Mr. Antolini, Colonel Evans, Colonel Grafftey-Smith, Colonel Foley, Major Gent, Mr. Wadleigh and others.

Sincerely yours,

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

Incls: as above

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

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S E C R E T

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Tel: 550

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

HHC/ml

ES/46

28 August 1944

SUBJECT: Delivering of Supplies by Schooners.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner

HO ACC APO 394
264 Supply Com.
270 68 Aug 16 44
HHC

Ref: Your memorandum A/CC 400 dated 24 Aug 44. By

Civil Supplies carried on Italian Schooners operated
by Cogena (the Italian Schooner Pool).

1. In the case of civil supplies which are not rationed or controlled, sold by one Italian to another, the shipping freightage is paid by either the consignee or consignor and is reflected in landed costs.

2. In the other classes of civil supplies, i.e. those controlled or rationed, the freight charges are debited by Cogena to the Italian Government or to the Consorzio Agrario for subsequent debit against the Italian Government. In these instances, as the price is controlled, the shipping costs are not reflected in landed costs.

3. In addition to supplies sold by one Italian to another the schooners may carry supplies for ACC prior to their sale or handing over to an Italian Agency. Freight on these supplies will be charged by Cogena to the Italian Government.

Civil Supplies carried on Allied Ships or Italian
Ships chartered by EUSAAC

4. Such freight does not occur frequently except in the case of bulky shipments of essential commodities, the sale price of which is usually controlled, e.g. Sardinian coal. No freight is paid by the consignee or consignor, who could only pay in lire anyway; instead the dollar or sterling cost of the freight is charged against the Italian Government by the Ministry of War Transport or the War Shipping Board.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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ES/46

28 August 1944

SUBJECT: Delivering of Supplies by Schooners.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner

HO ACC. 400 304
264 400 304
Ref: 28 Aug 1640
By: RLR

Ref: Your memorandum A/CC 400 dated 24 Aug 44.

Civil Supplies carried on Italian Schooners operated
by Cogena (the Italian Schooner Pool).

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Civil Supplies carried on Allied Ships or Italian
Ships chartered by MEDCO

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Civil Supplies carried on Allied Ships or Italian
Ships chartered by MEMMO

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WILLIAM O'DWYER
Brigadier General, USA.
Vice President
Economic Section

Copy to: Executive Commissioner

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

LDD/ajp

A/CC 091.1

25 August 1944

Subject: Creation of Italian Ministry of Supply.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Economic Section,
(Att: Mr. Antolini)

1. Attention is directed to reference Memo from Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner to your section, file 091.1, dated 12 Aug 44, subject as above, attached to which was copy of AFHQ message F 80997, dated 9 Aug, same subject.

2. General Clark (AFHQ) has inquired of the Acting Chief Commissioner the status of the matter, pointing out to the Acting Chief Commissioner that AFHQ gave its approval on 9 August 44.

3. It is urgently requested that the Acting Chief Commissioner be given Economic Section's recommendations on this matter. May this matter be considered urgent.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

25 Aug 1944
mrg.
EKR

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C.
Chief Staff Officer

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A/CC 400

25 August 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Referring to your letter 12081 1/6-4, 14 August 1944, I am afraid that you have been misinformed as to the scale of rations made available to the Technical School of Police. They receive the same rations as other Public Security Agents. These include a daily issue of 500 grams of bread or pasta equivalent and 60 grams of soup together with sugar, olive oil, and other supplementary foods as authorized under the current monthly official scale of issue.

I am informed that the food situation at the School is probably aggravated by the fact that between 40 and 65 civilian employees of the Ministry of Public Works obtain a mid-day meal at the School. This meal is provided out of the School's resources. As a result, less food is available for the Public Security Agents. No doubt you will wish to stop this practice in order to ensure that the food is used only by those for whom it was originally intended.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner.

cc: Economic Section.

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government.

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Hq ACC Sec'y
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Date 25 Aug 1944
Via 124
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APC 394

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A/CC 400

24 August 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: General O'Dwyer

In a conference with Lieutenant General Clark, GAO to SACRED, this morning, he asked who would pay for Italian civil supplies carried by schooners from surplus to deficiency areas in Italy. Am I correct in my assumption that such goods will be carried at commercial rates and that the shipping cost will be reflected in landed costs?

ELDERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Brigadier Lush

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
APO 394

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ACT/1-2/FOOD

24 August 1944

SUBJECT: Copy of Speech to be addressed to the Advisory Council for Italy
on Report on Food Supply in liberated Italy.

TO : Economic Section.

The present status of Supply in liberated Italy is presented in
abridged form.

1. The Status of Supply in liberated Italy and the Islands depends
on the following factors:
 - a. The quantity of Imported supplies shipped into the Country.
 - b. Domestic and Local Resources.
 - c. The demands of the Armed Forces including the Italian Army and Navy
and Air Force.
 - d. Ability to move local resources from surplus to deficit areas.
2. In regard to (a) above, the original intention of the planning
staff prior to invasion was to import supplies of essential basic commod-
ities to furnish a minimum daily diet of 1000 calories for normal consumers
plus an additional 200 grs. of flour for heavy workers. No allowance was made
for hospitals, Institutions, Prisons, Refugees etc. The balance required to
raise the level to 1500 calories was to be made up from local resources.
3. The standard of imported supplies has not, at any time permitted
the attainment of the planned figure. Similarly the availability of local
resources, except in the producing and rural areas has not permitted the
attainment of 500 calories.
4. The authorized and still more important, the unauthorized purchases
by the Services has an important bearing on the status of supply.
5. As regards the inability to distribute local resources from
surplus to deficit areas, two outstanding examples are, the lack of means
of transportation to move the large 1943 surplus of citrus fruits, almonds,
other nuts and Carob beans from Sicily and 300,000 tons of wine from Apulia.
6. Turning to production, while estimates serve a useful guide, the
(calculating) factor must be the amount actually available for distribution.

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to the deficit areas, more especially the Cities and large urban areas. This is governed by two factors:

Firstly: an adequate and efficient Agency for enforcing collection.

Secondly: Rapid Transportation.

With regard to future status of Supply.

Imports.

7. On the 12th of July, the Food Sub-Commission prepared and submitted to AFSA a forecast of the estimated requirements for the period Oct. thru Dec. 1944 based on the present ration scale.

8. Information was now being received of the tonnages it is proposed to import against these requirements which represents a substantial reduction as indicated by the following.

	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
Wheat		30.000	30.000
Sugar	5.250	2.500	5.250
Milk	90	90	90

No explanation for the reduction has been given. The foregoing represents a statement of factual data.

9. The time has now arrived when consideration in matters of policy must be taken into account.

10. Since January of this year, occupied Italy has been restored from a state of chaos and uncertainty to that of normal expectation in the matter of food in accordance with Allied undertaking.

11. Conditions have changed and Central and Southern Italy is slowly returning to more normal conditions. The war is moving away.

12. The present situation is reflected in the almost complete absence of labour unrest, food demonstrations. A restoration of confidence in AGC Administration is apparent.

13. As indicated in para 7, there is a tendency to prune minimum requirements without regard to psychological and practical considerations. Sufficient experience has been gained by the present Administration to warrant an expression of opinion in policy matters.

14. No provision has been made for wartime hospitals and Institutional requirements or the political in order of Rome and a clear statement of policy would materially assist the Food Administration in framing future plans.

W. J. L. S. Colonel
Director, Food Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMY, CENTRAL
S.O. AND S.O. SECTION
APO 524

Ref/309/104/12

21 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Admission of Italian officials to ports for the purpose of accepting delivery of imported foodstuffs.

TO : G - 5, A.P.R.

1. This is to acknowledge a signal signed REF/309/104/12 of 19 August 1944 Ref/309/104/12.
2. In reply with the instructions of this signal we are sending you attached a copy of our letter of 2 August 1944 Ref/309/104/12. - 1st 6 vcs.
3. In accordance with your wish to treat our proposals we shall send later more detailed plans of the Economic Section.

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Hq A.C.C. Sec'y Gen. DISPATCHED Date-Time 22 Aug 1730 Via 125 Units one

WILLIAM W. HENRY,
Captain, U.S.A.R.
Jointing Chief, Headquarters.

Prepared by Civil Affairs Branch

Copy to Headquarters A.A.I.

W.G.S. DOLLARD
Major
File 114/113

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. AND M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/309/184/CA

21 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Admission of Italian officials to ports for the purpose
of accepting delivery of imported foodstuffs.

TO : G-5, A.F.H.Q.

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1. This is to acknowledge a signal signed SACMED of 19 August 1944 Ref/F84843.
 2. To comply with the instructions of this signal we are sending you attached a copy of our letter of 2 August 1944 Ref/309/114/CA.
 3. In accordance with your wish to know our proposals we shall send later more detailed plans of the Economic Section.

ELLERY W. STONE,
Captain, U.S.N.R.
Acting Chief Commissioner.

Copy to Headquarters A.A.I.

Prepared by Civil Affairs Branch
/s/ W.A.S. DOLLARD, Major.

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IN ANSWER YOURS HAS BEEN RECEIVED HERE.

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EWS/hjp

A/CC 400

20 August 1944

Subject: Rations for Guardia di Finanza

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Following your letter dated 9 August under reference # 2124/X-9, I have investigated the question of rationing the Guardia Finanza and have to inform you that it is quite impossible to continue to ration this force from military sources. The necessity for this change to civilian sources was conveyed to the Commanding General GG.FP. in good time prior to the effective date.

You are no doubt aware that the military rations imported and distributed to the Armed Forces are intended exclusively for the Italian Armed Forces carrying out active operations against the enemy. The Reali Carabinieri are included in this distribution in view of the fact that they are an integral part of the Royal Army.

The Guardia Finanza have hitherto been included in this ration ceiling for the very reason that you state in paragraph 2 of your letter, but the time has now arrived at which it is impossible to continue.

The position being that, as you are aware, the ceiling of the Armed Forces is fixed by the Allied Governments, the liberation of more territory has necessitated an increase in Reali Carabinieri, the decision has therefore to be made as to whether we keep the Armed Forces at the maximum within the ceiling or reduce these and include the GG.FP.

I feel sure that you will agree, that there can only be one decision, that the Italian Armed fighting forces must be as large as possible consistent with policy laid down. It has been arranged for the GG.FP. to be on the highest civilian ration scale, i.e., that for heavy workers.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency Ivoce Bonomi
The President of Council of Ministers
Italian Government

cc: Admin. Sec.

Hq. ACC Secy Gen.
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Date Time 21 Aug 1100
Via
Initials

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

WC/ml

13 August 1944

SUBJECT : Food for Rome.

TO : Executive Director, Economic Section

Yesterday's meeting with Region IV Supply Officers and ACC
Sub-Commissions brought out the following:

1. The proposed 40,000 tons per month supply for Rome seems inadequate.
2. Rome would be glad to receive 40,000 tons a month. Total for July was 32,397 tons.
3. There are not trustworthy records either in ACC Economic Section or Region IV to show the actual tonnage delivered.
4. Region IV has had idle trucks in the midst of transportation shortage.
5. Region IV has delayed for over a month complying with Economic Section plan to pool all trucking.
6. 80% of Region IV trucking sent out on order do not go to indicated destination or report back. Inadequate control.
7. Once trucks enter Gates of Rome they are free to go where they like unless caught with the produce by a roving policeman.
8. All Sub-Commissions of Economic Section are worried about transportation to the detriment of their own problems.

The food supply methods in Rome seem to be in a chaotic condition both in the Economic Section and Region IV.

So that we can tighten this matter up will you please see that the following plan is promptly adopted.

1. Agriculture produces the food-indicate commodity location and amount available (including charcoal supply) at frequently stated intervals
 2. Food Sub-Commission analyzes needs - allocates and submits to Transportation tonnage required and location.
 3. Transportation provides transportation
- (a) Should help be needed, you and I will take it up to higher authority.

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- (b) Transportation responsible for actual delivery to Region IV. Receipt to be signed by Region IV and returned to Transportation Sub-Commission.
 - (c) Trucks should move in convoy in charge of sergeant or officer.
4. Region IV should report immediately coming shortages of vital foods.

Please arrange to let me have a daily report from Region IV of previous days deliveries showing commodity - tonnage - mileage and consumption of Military Gasoline by truck and total.

There has been too much bickering between Economic Section and Region IV in the matter of feeding Rome. After last night's meeting I am convinced that each side is wrong and that means that ACC is at fault. A bureau of statistics and analysis begins to operate tomorrow (Monday) under Capt. A. Kamark. It is hoped that the Economic Section will be not obliged to grope in the dark any longer. Each Sub-Commission must be held down to its responsibility. Region IV must accept responsibility once the Economic Section has delivered the produce and obtained its receipt. This plan must be established at once.

WILLIAM O'DWYER
Brigadier General, AUS.
Vice President
Economic Section

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GAS/COM

19 August 1944

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SUBJECT: Documentation of Stores and Books

TO : HQ. AAI, attention: Q Movement

Ref: HQ. AAI Nov/3/44, 13 Aug 44

1. It is regretted that full compliance has not been made with HQ. AAI Working Instruction No. 43, 20 May 44. A copy of AAO/60-3/food, 18 Aug to Regions reminding them of their responsibilities in this regard is attached.

2. It is presumed that the previous reminders to which you refer have been sent to Regional Headquarters as there is no trace of them at AAO, HQ.

3. In order to ensure that copies of such Working Instructions are forwarded to all concerned will you please amend your distribution list by substituting AAO Economic Section for AAO Transportation Sub-Commission. At this HQ warehousing responsibilities come under Food Sub-Commission whilst in the Regions they are dealt with by the Economics and Supply Division. In the future delivery of 20 copies of such instructions to the Economic Section AAO will be followed by prompt action to ensure that all concerned are advised of their importance.

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Date Time	21 Aug 1944
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WILLIAM F. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

1 Incl: Mr Food S/C, AAO/60-3/food
dated 18 Aug 44.

cc: Food S/C

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
APO 394

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ACC/60-3/FOOD

18 August 1944

SUBJECT: Documentation of Storerooms on Docks.

TO : HQ Region I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X
AMG 5th & 8th Army. (Attention Regional Supply Officer)

1. Reference attached copy of Movements Working Instruction No. 43 dated 20th May 1944.
2. Information has been received at this Headquarters from HQ (Movements) A.S.I. that the procedure laid down in this Working Instruction is not being carried out.
3. The chief fault is the omission to receipt promptly and return to the Docks Superintendent, by the consignee, the appropriate copy of the Convey Note (see para 1(c) and 2 of instructions). Such receipts are necessary to check pilferage and to indicate where such pilferage is taking place. In the first two months of the operation of the scheme June and July 6% of the total of Convey notes issued for ACC consignments have not been receipted and returned.
4. In view of the extremely pilferable nature of all ACC cargoes, a very serious view of this is taken and you are requested to issue explicit instructions to all officers in your Region dealing with storerooms on Docks of any British controlled Port that Movement Working Instructions No. 43 will be carried out to the least detail.
5. Please acknowledge.

BY ORDER OF CAPTAIN STONE (USAR):

H. J. LING
Colonel
Director, Food Sub-Commission

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Acting Chief Commissioner

Documentation of Stores on Docks

A/CC 400

General O'Dwyer

16 August 4

Re attached MDV/3/G, HQ AAI, 15 August.

You may have seen the original. Don't you agree that this is most important? Will you please have appropriate reply written for my signature.

Stone

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Hq AOC - Sec'y Gen.
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SUBJECT:- Documentation of Stores at Docks.

Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.
MOV 3/64To:- A.C.C.
(attention Economic Section).

13 Aug 636

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1. In order to combat the increasing pilferage and provide at least an indication of where this was taking place, so that the field for investigation could be narrowed, a system of Convoy Notes was inaugurated by Mov. A.A.I. Working Instruction No.43 dated 20 May 44.
2. The success of the system depends upon the prompt receipting and return to the Docks Superintendent, by the consignee, of the appropriate copies of the Convoy Note. Where this has been done, the results have been good and there is no doubt that pilferage has been appropriately reduced.
3. It is, however, disturbing to find that, in spite of the extremely pilferable nature of the cargo, the receipts for A.C.C. consignments are seldom received - this in spite of continual reminders. The figures are as follows:-

June.	A.C.C. Wheat	745	not returned
June.	A.C.C. Rations	270	not returned
July.	Total of 2357		not returned

 This is no less than 26% of the total issue.
4. It is requested that explicit instructions be issued for complete compliance with Mov A.A.I. Working Instruction No.43 dated 20 May 44.

(Sgd) ----- Followes
Brigadier
D.Q.M.G.(M).Copy to:- Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.
A.C.C. Liaison Officer, A.A.I.
Movements, East Italy.

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

N. 12081 1/6-4

Rome, 11/8/44

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16 Aug 1900
DFE

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I am in touch with Rabbi
Safety Labban on this
matter.

It is expected that
a decision will be
made today.

*certified to be
true and correct*

Stone,

been informed by the Department of the Interior of the
action in which the Technical School of Police has been
of the insufficiency of the allotted food rations.

rations, the list of which I enclose, are really
out the personnel of the P.S. in conditions such as
threaten the good functioning of this important

you kindly see, my dear Stone, that the allotment of
Police Forces of the Capital should be examined
ently increased for them to get proper food.

ag you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ I. Bonomi

Admiral ELLERY W. STONE
Chief Commissioner of the
Allied Control Commission

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Rome, 11/8/44

My dear Stone,

I have been informed by the Department of the Interior of the very serious situation in which the Technical School of Police has been of late because of the insufficiency of the allotted food rations.

These rations, the list of which I enclose, are really inadequate, and put the personnel of the P.S. in conditions such as might seriously threaten the good functioning of this important service.

Will you kindly see, my dear Stone, that the allotment of foodstuffs to the Police Forces of the Capital should be examined again and sufficiently increased for them to get proper food.

Thanking you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ I. Bonomi

Admiral ELLERY W. STONE
Chief Commissioner of the
Allied Control Commission

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Items soups	gr.	30,5
oil	"	5, -
Salt	"	2,5
Catsup	"	2, -
Cheese	"	1, -
Vegetables	"	21, -
Jam	"	1, -
Tinned meat	"	7,2

gr. 70,2

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

JDE/asm

13 August 1944

ES/7

SUBJECT: Creation of Italian Ministry of Supply

TO : Chief Staff Officer,
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

HD AGC, APO 394
602 13 Aug 1944
BRR

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1. Reference your O91.1 dated 12 Aug 44, a meeting is being held Monday, 14 Aug 44 to discuss above subject.

2. You will be advised of our recommendations.

J. BRUCE THOMPSON, Major, R.A.
S.O. 2 (C.A.), Economic Section

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

091.1

Creation of Italian Ministry of
Supply.

12 August

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Economic Section

1. Reference

a. Message S-293 of 17 July to AFHQ relative formation of
Ministry of Supply, copy of which is in your files.

b. Message F 80997 from AFHQ, 9 August 44, copy attached.

2. Your recommendations as to way in which this matter should be
submitted to the Italian government will be appreciated.

Hq. ACC - Sec'y Don. the Acting Chief Commissioner:
DISPATCHED
Date-Time 12 Aug 1945
VIA <i>Mag</i>
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L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 374

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211, 302

11 August 1944

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SUBJECT: Import of Wheat/Flour to Gardinia.

TO : Executive Commissioner (E)

1. Ref. Region VI Food/1215. 29 Jul 44, a copy of which was forwarded to the Vice President, Economic Section.

2. In accordance with AMC estimates of subsistence requirements of May 1944, no imports of wheat flour were planned for Gardinia for the 6 month period July-December 1944.

3. Local wheat production was estimated as adequate to meet ration requirements and it is still hoped that the Granai del popolo collections will suffice for the needs of your ration card holders until February 1945.

4. At no time has this section expected that local wheat production would provide for Gardinia's needs until July 1945 and every effort will be made to make the first shipment of wheat/flour during January 1945.

A. E. AMBOLDI,
Executive Director,
Economic Section.

Copy: Food Sub-Commission.

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Acting Chief Commissioner

Imports of Wheat and Flour, Region VI

Vice President, Economic Section, Hq ACC

10 August 4

Reference is made to letter of 29 July from the Regional Commissioner, Region VI, on the above subject.

Please advise what steps are contemplated to meet the situation set forth in the subject letter.

HERBERT W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 6

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29 July 1944

TO: Headquarters, A.C.C. (H.C. & E.G. Section)

SUBJECT: Imports of Wheat and Flour

REFERENCE: FOOD/1219

1. I understand from my Food Division that under arrangements as they exist at present no more wheat or flour will be imported into Sardinia under A.C.C. arrangements. For the purposes of this letter I am including any wheat/flour that might be imported from the mainland or Sicily as imported wheat.

2. If the Granai del Popolo meets with average success, the producers on this Island, that is approximately 35% of the population, should have sufficient wheat/flour to carry them through to the next harvest.

3. As regards non-producers, that is approximately 65% of the population, if the Granai del Popolo is a complete success the Island may produce for them sufficient wheat/flour to last until some date in December this year.

It would, however, be inadvisable to count on the Granai del Popolo being a complete success and therefore at this stage for the purpose of calculation I am assuming the date to be November 1st for non-producers.

On this assumption and if the new increase ration scale is to continue, imported wheat will be required for the non-producers of the Island to cover the nine months period from November 1944 to July 1945 both inclusive.

Based on 65% of the population being non-producers the amount of wheat/flour required calculated on the present increased ration scale is approximately 75,000 metric tons.

4. In view of the comparatively short time which must elapse before wheat/flour may cease to be available for the subsistence of non-producers I am drawing your attention to this matter and should be glad to be informed in due course as to what steps are contemplated to meet this situation.

If, in fact, it is the intention not to import any more wheat/flour under A.C.C. arrangements into Sardinia it would seem that the bread ration instead of being increased with effect from July 1st should have been drastically curtailed in order that the Italian authorities could eke out existing supplies and those in sight to the best advantage in order to cover the period between the harvest of

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5. This letter gives the general outline of the situation and no steps have been taken at this stage to make precise calculations.

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/s/ M. Carr Brigadier
/t/ M. Carr,
Brigadier,
Regional Commissioner,

Copy to: Vice President, Economic Section
Food Sub-Commission

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Food Rations for R. Guardia di
Finanza.

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Administrative Section

14 August 4

1. Reference attached letter N. 2124/X-9, 9 August from H. E. Bonomi relative food ration for R. Guardia di Finanza.

2. Will you please take this matter in hand and prepare appropriate acknowledgement and reply for my signature.

Stone.

Incl -
as in para 1 above.

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MEMORANDUMTHE PRESIDENT
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 9 August 1944

N. 212/A-9

HQ ACC. AFO 374

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By BRK

Dear Captain Stone,

The Allied Control Commission has given order that the food ration to be given to the men of the R. Guardia di Finanza, should be, from the 1st of this month, equal to that of the men of the P. S. and of the Firemen, is considerably inferior to that which they got till July 31st last, and to that which is still given to the R. Army, including the Carabinieri Reali.

The disparity of treatment which the aforesaid disposition has created between the Reali Carabinieri and the Regia Guardia di Finanza, which fulfill the same functions in collaboration with the Allied Forces, could have an unfavorable influence on the service of the men of the R. Guardia di Finanza.

Therefore, I wish to draw your attention on this question, requesting you to examine whether it would be possible to go on giving the men of the R. Guardia di Finanza the same food rations which was granted to them till now.

I remain,

Yours sincerely

/s/ I. Bonomi

Captain Ellery A. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the
Allied Control Commission

Rome

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

ES/42

5 August 1944

SUBJECT : Food for Rome.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner

1. A copy of a letter dated 5 August 44 on the above subject addressed by Colonel Charles Poletti, Regional Commissioner, to the Executive Commissioner, Headquarters Allied Control Commission, has been forwarded to Colonel Legg, Director of the Food Sub-Commission, for study and report.

WILLIAM O'DWYER
Colonel, A.C.
Vice President
Economic Section.

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION IV
APO 394

R/21/44

5 August 1944

SUBJECT: Food for Rome

TO : Executive Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

1. The last minute decision on the part of the Economics Section of ACC HQ to rescind the authorization previously given to Rome Region to make two special distributions of pasta to Rome City has created uneasiness among the population of Rome. In order to carry out plans for pasta distribution, a good many public officials had already been notified of the pasta distribution. And the word spread very rapidly.

2. Rome City has had very limited foodstuffs from the Food Sub-Commission. There has been little olive oil, little meat, little meat and vegetable stew, and little sugar. There has been practically no salt. The amounts of these products distributed in the period of two months are appallingly meagre. This is not a criticism, but a mere statement of fact.

3. Rome City has been handicapped in obtaining fresh foodstuffs from other Regions, for instance from Naples area and from the Ascoli Piceno and Macerata area. The bureaucratic procedures imposed by Food Sub-Commission are stifling. This is not a criticism, but a mere statement of fact.

4. Rome City, the Capital City, is in much worse condition with respect both to domestic foodstuffs and to products imported by ACC than other large cities. This Regional Headquarters is doing its utmost to improve conditions in Rome, but the most substantial improvements can only be achieved with the approval and assistance of Economics Section of ACC HQ.

5. The Economics Section of ACC HQ can help this Regional Headquarters in its efforts to improve the food situation in Rome City by:

- a. Obtaining more gas and oil for civilian trucks to transport local foodstuffs, vegetables and fruits. Many trucks are now immobilized.
- b. Assigning more military transport to this Region. There is no point of taking away such transport to plan for some Region that may not be occupied for months
- c. Permitting this Region to bring in more foodstuffs from other regions.

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- d. Authorizing a pasta ration to Rome City. The pasta is ready, awaiting merely an authorization to distribute.
- e. Bringing in more sugar, olive oil, meat, vegetable stew, dried vegetables and salt.
- f. Obtaining the use of coastal schooners which somehow or other are never available. Something must be shamefully wrong with the handling of schooners.
- g. Obtaining from AAT the daily transport of 200 tons of coal from Naples which would enable Rome City the use of 1½ or two hours of gas a day in order to give the people cooked food.

6. The Mayor of the City of Rome on his own initiative spoke to me this afternoon of the growing and threatening discontent among the people and of the growing and threatening impairment of the health of the people. I agree wholeheartedly with the Mayor.

7. In case ACC desires more particulars or a conference, this Regional Headquarters awaits orders.

/s/ Charles Poletti
/t/ CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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Ref/309/114/CA.

2 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Admission of Italian officials to ports for the purpose of accepting delivery of imported foodstuffs.

TO : HQ, Allied Armies in Italy.

1. It is essential that the Italian Government should be compelled to undertake gradually the maximum of responsibilities and to reduce ACC staffs in areas handed over to the Italian Government.
2. In this connection every effort is being made by the Food Sub-Commission to bring about at an early date the re-establishment of an Italian Government organisation which will accept imported foodstuffs at port of entry, thus relieving ACC staffs from the present burden of accounting for internal distribution.
3. If, however, the Italian Government is to accept ships' manifests as documentation of delivery it must take effective custody of the supplies at ship's side. Up to now this has not been possible (except in one or two very minor ports) the military authorities operating the ports being opposed to any degree of participation by Italian officials in port operations. Consequently, under present conditions the earliest point at which effective delivery to the Italian Government can be made is at the warehouses to which supplies are trucked initially from the ports.
4. The views of the military port authorities are understandable in relation to the earlier military and internal situations and particularly because of the non-existence of any central Italian authority. Having regard to the present situation and probable future developments, however, there are strong reasons for urging that the military port authorities should now begin to invite the cooperation of responsible Italian officials in Italian Government territory. This is an essential step if general demilitarisation is to be concurrent with the assumption of management and control by the Italian Government.
5. I should be grateful if the matter could be taken up with the military port authorities, particularly in BRINDISI, BARI and NAPLES, with directions to them to discuss the matter with the local ACC officials and if possible to reach agreement under the following heads:-

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- (a) That Italian officials, appointed by the Italian Government in agreement with AOC, shall be admitted to the ports to accept delivery at ship's side of all foodstuffs imported for the relief of the Italian people, i.e., of all imported foodstuffs for which the Italian Government is required to accept financial responsibility on the basis of ships' manifests.
- (b) That such officials shall be accorded full recognition as representatives of their government and proper authority over supplies in their custody after delivery to them at ship's side.
- (c) The extent and limitations of the operational and administrative authority to be exercised by these Italian officials with particular reference to transportation facilities.

6. Until these proposals have been effected it will be impossible to withdraw the Supply Officers from work which is properly the concern of the Italian Government and there will be a shortage of Supply Officers in operational areas in the North.

7. I fully realize the security objection that may be put forward but I would urge that these proposals be considered sympathetically on the broad basis of the proper use of Allied manpower and the necessity of dilution of Italians into every function of the Allied Control Commission as directed by A.F.H.Q. and your Headquarters (vide AAI/3035/A(0) dated 26 July 1944).

MILROY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Copy to: V.P., Economic Section.

Brig. Foster

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PRIORITY

ACTING CHIEF COM.

YOUR AUTHORIZATION REQUESTED FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO FORM A MINISTRY OF SUPPLY WHICH IS URGENTLY NEEDED UNDER EXISTING WARTIME CONDITIONS PD PARH TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE RPTD AFHQ ADV RPTD HQ AAI FROM HQ ACC FROM STONE PERSONAL PARH WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND IT TO BE A COORDINATE AUTHORITY ON ALL PHASES OF SUPPLY DASH DOMESTIC CMA IMPORT AND EXPORT PD IT SHOULD BE THE MEDIUM THRU WHICH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD ASSUME CENTRAL CONTROL OF FOOD DISTRIBUTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE CMA AND SUBSEQUENTLY ASSUME CENTRAL CONTROL OF ALL IMPORTED SUPPLIES PD IT SHOULD BE THE MEDIUM FOR THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND SUBSEQUENTLY FOR ALL IMPORTED SUPPLIES PD IT SHOULD BE THE MEDIUM FOR THE ASSUMPTION AND REACTIVATION OF SEVERAL GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH EXERCISED ECONOMIC CONTROLS UNDER THE FASCIST REGIME AND WHICH NOW HAVE NO FUNCTION PD MANY OF THEIR TRAINED STAFFS CMA BOTH TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CMA ARE AVAILABLE AND BADLY NEEDED PD ALSO IT WOULD BRING INTO NEW MINISTRY RELATED FUNCTIONS NOW BEING INEFFECTUALLY HANDLED IN OTHER MINISTRIES PD IT SHOULD BE THE MEDIUM FOR THE ABSORPTION OF THE ITEM CHARLES EASY PARH INSTITUTE COMMERCE ESTRO PARH WITH ITS STAFF OF THREE HUNDRED

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MESSAGE NO. 293 To AFHQ for G-5 Rptd AFHQ Adv Rptd AAI, dated 17 July 44, cont'd:

TRADE REPORTS FOR THE NECESSARY FIELD WORK IN DEVELOPING EXPORTS PD IT SHOULD BE THE MEDIUM FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE PRICE CONTROL AND RATIONING ADMINISTRATION PD IT SHOULD BE THE MEDIUM TO COORDINATE ALL OTHER MINISTRIES PLANS AND PROGRAMS OF REQUIREMENTS OF CIVILIAN SUPPLIES FOR ESSENTIAL REHABILITATION FOR CURRENT NEEDS PD WE ARE IN COMPLETE AGREE THAT THE FORMATION OF SUCH A MINISTRY WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF TRANSFERRING GREATER RESPONSIBILITY TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND ITS ESTABLISHMENT SHOULD ENABLE US TO ASSUME MORE FULLY OUR SUPERVISORY ROLE WHICH IS OUR BASIC FUNCTION IN TRANSFERRED TERRITORY PD THE FORMATION OF THE MINISTRY WOULD GO FAR TOWARDS MEETING SEVERAL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ANTI INFLATION COMMITTEE THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD MORE EFFECTIVELY CONTROL PRICES AND RATIONING AND DISTRIBUTION PD THE PROPOSED NEW MINISTRY WILL NOT ACT AS A TRADING AGENCY EITHER IN DOMESTIC OR EXPORT FIELDS PD GRATEFUL FOR EARLY AUTHORIZATION

AUTHENTICATED:

WILLY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Acting Chief Commissioner

DISTRIBUTION:

The Hon. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles
Political Section (For Advisory Council) (3 cys)
Economic Section

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1 July 1944

Subject: Issue of Rations to Italian Red Cross

To: Signor Ugo Theodoli, Secretary General, Italian Red Cross,
Red Cross Building, Naples.

Reference our phone conversation of this morning I confirm
that:-

1. You should address yourself to Army Sub-commission, HQ ACO,
Rome (Colonel Pidsley).

2. From information I have received I gather that only such of
your personnel as are actually engaged with the armies are likely to
receive the army ration.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R.A.
PA to A/CC

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Ref your 3010 of 30 June. Red Cross workers are not members of Italian Army. Therefore can not be fed from Italian Army stocks.

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ITALIAN RED CROSS BELIEVES CESSATION OF FOOD SUPPLY DUE TO INSTRUCTIONS
OF ARMY SUBCOMMISSION PD TO MMIA FROM ACC REAR FROM PUBLIC HEALTH SIGNED
STONE PD IF SO CAN DECISION BE REVERSED AND ISSUE OF FOOD RESUMED

AUTHENTICATED:

/s/ E. J. Chiocca

E. J. CHIOCCA
CWO, USA
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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26 June 1944.

Subject: Issue of Rations to I.R.C.

To: Lt-Colonel Offenhauer, MM Liaison.

Reference attached memorandum. Signor Theodoli is very concerned that precipitated action may bring about the breakdown of Italian Red Cross Administration, and asks that the decision to cease supplies to them may at any rate be deferred until there has been time to arrange an alternative method. Please let me know if you can do anything about this, as otherwise he is pressing for an interview with the Chief Commissioner.

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J.A. Quayle

J.A. QUAYLE,
Major, R.A.,
P.A. to A/CC

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Army Sub Commission, (MMIA), APO 394 U.S. Army, 26 June 1944.

To: Headquarters Allied Control Commission, Office Of Chief Commissioner.
APO 394.

The decision as laid down in the attached memorandum is based on authority
* DCAO, AAI. Therefore any change must referred to them for decision.

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Lt. Col. *30*
Army Sub Commission(ACC)

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Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

MEMORANDUM

A decision by Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main H.Q. (IMIA) AG/2 dated June 3rd lays down that:

2nd. The following categories of personnel are not considered as real members of the Italian Armed Forces and are not therefore entitled to draw rations and other supplies from the Allied Chiefs of Staff.

- (a).....
- (b).....
- (c) The Personnel of the Italian Red Cross.

As a result the issue of rations to the said I.R.C. ceases immediately. The result will be the disruption of a humanitarian service that the undersigned was asked by the Allied Governments to re-organise, thus throwing out of gear, Civilian hospitals, medical assistance to Refugee Camps, Mobile Hospitals with the 5th and 8th Armies.

The assumption on which the decision is based that I.R.C. is not military is however contested on the strength of Art. 245 of the Law of 10/2/1936 reading: "The call to the colours of I.R.C. personnel will be effected by personal call delivered by Mobilization Centres..... Under the circumstances the said personnel is to be considered mobilized".

Again Art. 249 of the same Law reads: "The I.R.C. personnel will wear military uniform..... When called to serve it will wear the five-pointed stars in conformity with the Law N.556 of 14.7.1907 to indicate that they are subject to Military Law".

In order to save from disruption the Italian Red Cross just at the time it was beginning to come to life again and to collaborate with the Allies in the field and in the rest of Liberated Italy, I ask that the decision be suspended until some satisfactory compromise solution is found (in Rome the IRC people receive a civilian ration supplemented with rice, etc etc) The whole matter affects some 6000 people in the whole of Liberated Italy.

Ugo Theodoli
Secretary General Italian Red Cross
Tel. N. 52.073 Red Cross Building

NOTE -
One Major will handle this when he gets to Rome

J. A. Q.
27/6/44

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10 July 1944

11 JUL 1944

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Attached is letter and translation No. 5530 of July 6th from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italian Government, relative to Agriculture and Food Supply Conference.

I believe this is a matter for your office to deal with. If you agree, please inform me and I will tell the Italian Government that the matter has been placed in your hands.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk
The American Ambassador
Naples, Italy

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015TRANSLATIONR. MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Salerno, 6 July 1944

No. 5530

Dear Admiral,

In a report from Washington of Paul Scott Rankine, I read that in the next July or August a conference is to be held in the U.S. with the purpose of creating an international body to deal with the problems of agriculture and food supply.

This new body, to be known as F.A.O. would work parallel with the I.L.O.

As you must certainly know, the Italian Government has asked officially to be re-admitted to membership in the I.L.O.

In view of the special interest which Italy has in problems of agricultural character, may I ask you to submit to your government our desire to send an expert of ours to the conference--which is apparently purely technical in character.

I do not believe that this form of Italian participation in international problems in which she is deeply interested can create objections and I should therefore be most grateful to you if you will acquaint your government with the contents of this note.

I am pleased to have the occasion to express my esteem.

/s/ R. Prunas

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.
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27 June 1944

Dear Marshal Badoglio:

This is in connection with your note to me delivered by Mr. Amore.
I gave Mr. Amore a note for the Economic Section and asked them to go
into the situation with him.

Yours very truly,

MILTON W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Badoglio
Salerno

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COPY
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: PA to Actg Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Attached letter fr Marshal Badoglio

FILE No. A/CC 450

TO: Vice President
Economic Section

25 June 1944

The bearer of this note is Mr. Amore, a Sicilian. Attached is a translation of a message from Marshal Badoglio to the Acting Chief Commissioner. The Acting Chief Commissioner will appreciate it if someone in the Economic Section would give Mr. Amore an opportunity to explain his situation and to render such assistance as may be appropriate under the circumstances.

L. D. DONNORE
Colonel, Sig. C.
PA to Actg CC

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22 June 1944.

Dear Admiral,

Mr. Amore, a Sicilian land-owner, is an upright and straightforward man, as I can vouch for him. He has in Sicily, at his disposal, a considerable quantity of citric fruit, "carubbe", liquors and fine wine. He is asking for a permit to carry these goods to Naples and Rome as well, without asking for transportation facilities, because they are available to him. It looks to me that, while this would be of help to the Sicilian trade, it would be of great benefit to the population of Naples and Rome.

Therefore, I take the liberty of strongly recommending him, because bureaucracy often proves to be a stumbling block to the most useful things.

I feel sure that my friend, Admiral Stone, will give his best attention to the matter.

With best regards.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

Regional Control and Military Government Section

Ref: 217/64/34

27 June 1944

SUBJECT: Letter regarding Percentage of Ration Card Holders.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. Reference was made this afternoon to a letter dated 12th May which I issued to Regional Commissioners, conveying to them the Chief Commissioner's instructions with regard to the furnishing of information as to the percentage of the population entitled to ration cards.

2. The history of that letter is as follows.

3. The Chief Commissioner called a meeting at which the Acting Vice President of the Economic Section, various Sub-Commissions including the Food Sub-Commission, two Regional Commissioners, and myself, were present in order to discuss the price of wheat.

4. During that meeting the Chief Commissioner stated that he intended to base the new ration on the actual entitlement of food as recommended by the Regional Commissioners and he instructed me to issue a direction to the Regional Commissioners on these lines.

5. I submitted the attached letter to the Chief Commissioner for approval and then issued it, sending a copy to Economic Section.

6. I submit that the wishes of the Chief Commissioner were made clear at the meeting, the letter was a direction to the Regional Commissioners and therefore emanated properly from this Section.

/s/ M.S. Lush

Director

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/s/ M.S. Lush
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Vice President, Economic Section.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
R.C. & M.S. Section,
AFC 394

Ref: 1009/274/CA.

12 May 1944

TO : All Regional Commissioners.

The Chief Commissioner has had under consideration the price to be offered for the wheat crop for this season and has come to certain decisions.

I am not in this letter prepared to tell you the price which has been recommended to the Italian Government because the ultimate price must depend on their acceptance thereof - and you will be notified of this by telegram in due course.

I do, however, want to say that the price will be lower than that which some of the Regional Commissioners recommended at the Regional Commissioners' meeting on 14th and 15th April and that it must be accepted as the best possible figure taking into account the many factors both internal and external which have entered into the calculation thereof - inflation, the consequent price of bread, increase in wages, the financial position of the Italian Government, official and public opinion in the United States and the United Kingdom, and many others.

It is the considered opinion of the Chief Commissioner and his advisers that this price will result in successful marketing of the grain - indeed it must, and it will be for you and all your staff to ensure either executive or by pressure and advice, according to your Region, that the maximum is obtained. Not only the proper feeding of the population but the reputation of the Italian Government and the Allied Control Commission depend on successful marketing of the crop. The Chief Commissioner looks to you to see that it is done.

The Chief Commissioner has also indicated that the price of bread will, by subsidy, be maintained at a figure not higher than 1.5 a kilo, and for your personal information only, he is about to recommend to higher authorities that the normal ration of bread be increased to 500 grammes per diem throughout Italy and the Islands. It is not known yet whether this recommendation will be approved but it will be accompanied by an assurance that immediate steps will be taken to ensure that no one receives a ration card who is not entitled to one and that a rigid scrutiny will be made to restrict such entitlement to those who are in need of rationed food.

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Observers from both the United States and the United Kingdom **3891** remarked upon the apparent sufficiency of food - not necessarily wheat or barley - in the country and the absence of malnutrition among the population. Our objective must be to distribute sufficient food to those who need it and cannot produce it, and to ensure that the number of ration card holders are reduced to a minimum.

Checking of ration cards cannot be carried out successfully at a moment's notice. We cannot rely on the existing figures nor wait for a systematic overhaul and re-issue of cards. The Chief Commissioner therefore intends to make an arbitrary decision as to the percentage of the population in each Province who, as from 1st July, will be entitled to ration cards.

We wish you to instruct your Provincial Commissioners to provide you with a figure for each Province showing their estimates of the percentage of their population who in their opinion definitely need ration cards. There

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is probably a great difference between those who actually need to be fed and those whom the Italian authorities consider are entitled to ration cards. These estimates should be based not so much on statistics but on the actual conditions in the provinces. It is realized that in wheat growing areas rations for oil may be necessary and vice versa. You should collect this information in time for you to produce your Regional figure (Province by Province) at the Regional Commissioners' meeting on 30th May and you will of course check your Provincial Commissioners' figures on receipt.

With these figures before him the Chief Commissioner intends to furnish each Province with sufficient food at the established ration scale to feed the percentage indicated.

(Signed) Maurice Lush.

Copy To: SCAG Fifth Army.
SCAG Eighth Army.
Economic Section.
Admin Section
C.A. Branch

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Capt. Stone

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.S. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/755/20/CA.

22 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Use of Restaurants in ROME by Troops.

TO : A.C.C. Rome.
Rome Region.
Economic Section (For Food Sub-Comm.)

The attached copy of letter received from
A.A.I. reference 5008/CAO of 17 June 1944 is forwarded
for your information.

/RAC.

W. G. L. 1500
HOMER E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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SUBJECT: Use of Restaurants in ROME by troops.

Headquarters
Allied Armies in Italy.CME
5008/CMD.CG FIFTH ARMY
EIGHTH ARMY (Main)
EIGHTH ARMY (Rear)
CG MATAF
CG ROME AREA

17 June 1944

1. At a meeting held by myself in the office of CG ROME Area on 15 June 44 it was agreed that restaurants in which troops might feed would be classified as follows:

- a. Restaurants run by the armed forces.
- b. Restaurants approved by the armed forces and assisted from Army food supplies in proportion to the number of troops which they feed.
- c. Restaurants closed to troops and opened to civilians only.
- d. Uncontrolled restaurants.

2. Chief Commissioner, ACC, has represented that uncontrolled restaurants under class (d) above will cause serious difficulties and create a bad 'black market' situation. He also considers that it will be difficult to decide the extent to which assistance should be given to restaurants under class (b) above without some check on the number of troops who feed in them.

3. ACC accordingly suggest that all troops granted day pass in ROME should in addition to their passes, be provided with a voucher entitling them to take one meal in a restaurant. These vouchers would be valid at any of a large number of restaurants to be approved by the Allied Forces.

4. The above scheme would have the advantage that there would be some basis for assessing the degree of assistance to be given to the restaurants from Army food supplies and, also, the proportion of that assistance which should be provided from American and British sources respectively.

5. While the scheme is not without certain difficulties, in view of the importance which is attached to it by the Chief Commissioner, ACC, the Commander-in-Chief would like to put it into force unless there are serious practical objections. Will you please examine the matter and forward your comments with as little delay as possible. Very early action on this matter is desirable. When your comments are received the matter will be referred again to the Commander-in-Chief for his

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Copies to:

Brig. Iush, c/o ACC ROME Region
Q.2 Main AAI

/s/ B.H. Robertson
Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer

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AREA COMBINED HEADQUARTERS.
TARANTO.

16th June 1944.

My dear General,

With reference to your letter of 23rd May, 1944, concerning food for Taranto Dockyard Workers, I am glad to report that the position is now entirely satisfactory.

The midshift meal now consists of,-

- (a) Soup.
- (b) Vegetables dried (possibly fresh when available)
- (c) Bread

(a) and (b) are paid for by the Ministry of Marine, (c) is bought at the man's own baker with a special permit card showing his qualifications.

2. With reference to paragraph four of your letter, bread and vegetables were turned down because the workmen could not afford the 7 lire for these items.

3. Thank you very much indeed for all your help in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ C. E. Morgan

Lieutenant General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane, KCB, DSO, MC,
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission.

ACTION TAKEN: 3 Jul 44

2 copies of this and 2 copies
of ref ltr given Economic Sec for
their info.

/s/ LDD

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THE PRESIDENT
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Salerno, 9 June 1944

No. 6480

My dear General MacFarlane:

NO. ACC. ART.

Sec. V. GEN.

Handl. Rec'd 12 June 11/15

By *HH*

In thanking you warmly for the kind information and assurances given me in your letter of May 9th, I feel it necessary in the interest of my Government and the Allied Military Government to insist upon the necessity that the exchanges of products and withdrawals of goods essential for food needs be previously agreed upon with the appropriate agencies of the Italian Government and the Allied Control Authorities.

However, it will not be possible to arrive at such an understanding as long as the Allied Commands shall continue to forward requests relative to shipments directly to the peripheral offices, and as usual, with such urgency as to render the said offices unable to issue proper instructions in time.

Rather, it may be pointed out in this connection that the Regional Commissioner for Sardinia, who also received the correspondence recently exchanged with the Control Commission, had advised the High Commissioner of the island that he regretted being unable to adopt a different procedure for lack of instructions in the matter.

As I had occasion to make known to you in my letter of April 22nd last, the apparent excess of specified products in certain localities may bring about easy prejudicial errors in distribution where no general picture of the need is available. In fact, a poorly prearranged movement of goods may cause crises difficult to overcome under the present circumstances, compromising in addition the efforts of the Italian Authorities intended to reduce as much as possible the generous contribution of supplies intended for the civilian population, with the purpose of not detracting valuable energy for the victorious prosecution of the war.

For such considerations, even though the caution by which generally your officers proceed to purchases and withdrawals is well known, it would seem nevertheless more feasible that instructions be given to the Allied Commands to refrain from making requests of local Italian Authorities, effecting instead that these requests be forwarded through the Control Commission to the Central Italian Government, which would provide for the issuance of the necessary orders to the peripheral offices.

Confident of your benevolent interest in the matter, I thank you and extend to you my cordial greetings.

/s/ RADOGLIO

General
Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane
President of the Allied Control Commission
Salerno

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Ref. CC/G/375.

7th. June, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.
(ATTENTION: G-5)

1. Your No. F-4 of 30th. May. Everything possible is being done to provide an adequate supply of milk for young children not only in Naples but throughout liberated Italy.
2. I had a long conversation a few days ago with Cardinal Ascalesi.
3. He never mentioned, and has never mentioned, the question of milk to me.
4. His chief troubles were the fall in the standard of morality of Naples girls and the strike of scholars who were objecting to examinations being held in July. The strike has been terminated. The other question is more difficult.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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Hq AGC Secy Gen
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Date-Time 7 June 1225
Via AG M/C
Initials DFE

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APC 512

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Date 2 June 1944
By JLD

FILE/JLD

Ref. P-4

30 May 1944

SUBJECT: Request for Distribution of MILK to Children of Naples

TO : Lt. General Noel Mason MacFarlane,
Deputy President, Allied Control Commission,
APC 394

Will you please note the enclosed correspondence and advise this Headquarters the substance of such conversation as may be had with Cardinal Amleto.

Middleton Col.

MIDDLETON, Colonel
Deputy Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

Incl:
Letter from Father D. Doyle to
Gen. Hillering, 27 April 1944
and 1st Incl., with 1 incl.

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Subject: Request for distribution of milk to children of Naples.

AGOB-C 080 National Catholic
Welfare Conference (27 Apr 44)
War Department, A.G.O., 5 May 1944.

1st Ind.

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To: Lieutenant General Jacob L. Devers, Deputy Allied Commander in Chief,
Allied Force Headquarters, Algeria, Algeria. (Attention: Military
Government Section).

For your information and such action as may be deemed consistent with
your policy, there are inclosed copy of letter from Very Reverend Patrick
A. O'Boyle, National Catholic Welfare Conference, dated 27 April 1944, to
General Hildring, and copy of General Hildring's reply to Father O'Boyle,
dated 1 May 1944.

By order of the Secretary of War:

H. R. Vickman
Adjutant General.

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Cpy. letter to Father O'Boyle, 1 May 44.

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29 MAY 1944

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1 May 1944

Very Reverend Patrick A. O'Boyle
Executive Director, War Relief Services
National Catholic Welfare Conference
350 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York.

Dear Father O'Boyle:

I have your letter of 27 April 1944, telling of the request of Cardinal Ascalesi, Archbishop of Naples, that milk be distributed to the young children of Naples.

As you are very probably aware, milk, in both evaporated and condensed form, is one of the larger items on the list of civilian relief supplies, and shipments have gone forward to Italy in considerable amounts.

It is sincerely hoped that whatever deficiency existed at the time Cardinal Ascalesi communicated with you has since been alleviated. However, in order that the matter will receive proper attention, I am forwarding your letter on to our Chief Civil Affairs Officer in that area.

Trusting that the situation will be corrected to the satisfaction of His Eminence, and assuring you of my sincere desire to be helpful whenever possible, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. H. HILLDRING
Major General
Director, Civil Affairs Division 3882

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WAR RELIEF SERVICES - NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE

350 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK 1, N. Y.

National Headquarters
1312 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Telephone
Wisconsin 7-8585

April 27, 1944

Major General Hildring
Pentagon Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Hildring:

I am taking the liberty of writing to you regarding a matter in which I am sure you will be interested. You will recall that, when Mr. Kinney and I had the pleasure of talking with you about two weeks ago, we discussed the possibility of shipping clothes and foodstuffs to Italy. You were very gracious in pointing out the difficulties and, at the same time, assured us that in conjunction with the office of Mr. Charles Taft you would give us every assistance possible.

I am writing now to bring to your attention, pending the possibility of shipping materials ourselves, a request that has come to our office from Cardinal Ascalesi, Archbishop of Naples. His Eminence has written, making a particular request for milk for the young children of Naples.

I trust that it will be in order to ask you to bring this request of Cardinal Ascalesi to the attention of your representatives in Italy.

Please be assured that any additional help that you may be able to give through the instrumentality of your office will be deeply appreciated.

With best wishes, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

(Very Rev.) Patrick A. O'Boyle
Executive Director

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
CABINETTO

N. P/III/32/2123

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:: HQ ACC, APC 594 ::
:: Sec'y Gen ::
:: Rec'd 30 May 1944 ::
:: By D.F.E. ::
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Salerno, 25 May 1944

OGGETTO: Food rations for the Garfagna railway personnel.

TO : General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane,
K.C.B. D.S.O. M.C.
Allied Control Commission
NAPLES

Since 1st March 1944 the dry food rations for the travelling personnel, i.e. train drivers, conductors etc. on Garfagna network are not distributed. Said personnel is militarized.

Given the service character, the delayed work shifts, which start early in the morning up to the late evening, said personnel's plight is a serious one, whereupon the restoration of the above food rations is urgently needed.

Once the alimentary situation of the personnel is improved, the performance of a better function of the railway service in connection with the war efforts themselves and against the common enemy is to be expected.

Your kind consideration in the matter will be highly appreciated.

Al personale ferroviario di condotta e scorta trapi militarizzato della Garfagna non viene più amministrata la razione di viveri a secco dal 1° marzo c.a.

Per la natura del servizio, i turni di lavoro, che hanno inizio al mattino presto e terminando a tarda sera, il personale in parola si trova in grave condizione di disagio, per cui si prega vivamente esaminare la possibilità di ripristinare la distribuzione della razione in parola.

La maggiore tranquillità ed alimentazione del personale porterà di conseguenza un migliore espletamento del servizio e quindi dei trasporti, che sono di massima, eseguiti per aumentare lo sforzo bellico contro il nemico comune.

Si gradirà conoscere il Vostro intendimento al riguardo.

FRANCESCO CERABONA
IL MINISTRO
(Sgd) CERABONA

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On the basis of AFHQ authority 30 Jan 44, AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon 47/48, 6 Feb 44 authorized the issue of a mid-shift meal for Italian civilians performing manual labour for the benefit of the Allied Forces. The shift was to be of 8 hours or more duration and Base Section, District or Area Commanders were made responsible for the provision of facilities necessary to prepare and serve such meals.

The meal consisted of $\frac{1}{2}$ lb bread, 6 ozs fresh vegetables (or equivalent scale of dried vegetables), and $\frac{4}{5}$ oz dehydrated soup. For this meal the worker was charged 7 lire which was deducted from his daily wage.

52 Area Q 442, 11 Feb 44 advised the Capt Superintendent of the Taranto Dockyard that this issue would be available from 15 Feb 44.

When investigating the causes of the discontent of the Taranto Dockyard workers my Labour officers discovered that only dehydrated soup had been issued and that the authority to draw bread and vegetables had not been exercised.

I hope that the authority to draw the full mid-shift meal is now being used and that the dockyard workers are satisfied that they are receiving the maximum amount of food permitted by the existing supply situation.

NORR, MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

Rear Admiral C. E. Morgan, D.S.O., R.N.
P.O.T.A.L.I.

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Capt. J. H. Palmer

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HQ ACG, APO 390

Sec'y Gen.

Rec'd 21 May 1470

By

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief of Staff

COS/56

18 May 1944
TOP SECRETTO: Lieutenant General Sir F.N. MASON MACFARLANE, KCB, DSO, MC,
Deputy President, Allied Control Commission,
APO 390.FROM: Lieutenant General J.A.H. Gammell, CB, DSO, MC,
Chief of Staff,
AFHQ.*My dear Noel.*

I think the best way of replying to your CG/G/288 dated 13 May is to let you have copies of telegrams which have passed on the subjects to which you refer. I am therefore enclosing

a. copies of telegrams exchanged on the subject of shipping for Vatican supplies,

b. copies of telegrams exchanged regarding air attack on Vatican MT convoys,

and to keep you completely in the picture I am also sending you

c. copies of telegrams exchanged on the subject of whether or not Rome should be treated as an open city.

From these telegrams you will see that we are not prepared to allow safe-conduct for Vatican ships raising the siege of Rome. You will see also that we are prepared to allow the unmolested passage of sufficient Vatican MT for the purposes of the Vatican itself but subject to sufficient restrictions to ensure that advantage is not taken of this concession by the Germans. As regards the treatment of Rome as an open city we feel that it would be an easy thing now for the Germans who, we hope, will not be in occupation of Rome much longer, to declare the city open since they would appreciate that Rome will be a vital link in our supply chain and in our administrative organisation when the fighting recedes north of that city.

I hope all this will give you the information you desire.

→ Political Section HAC SK

Please read and
then discuss with [unclear]

Yours ever 3878
James Gammell

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TO: FOR AFHQ: AM MEMBERS FOR BRANCH OFFICE IN WASH

FROM: WASHINGTON FOR AFHQ: AM MEMBERS FOR BRANCH OFFICE IN WASH

SUBJECT: WASH

RE: WASH

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1. Agree that Allies should not have to be shipped into WASH as you would not be. Consider the possible humanitarian and propaganda value of allowing them to be shipped into WASH as you would not be. Consider the possible humanitarian and propaganda value of allowing them to be shipped into WASH as you would not be.

2. During the period of the war, the Allies should not have to be shipped into WASH as you would not be. Consider the possible humanitarian and propaganda value of allowing them to be shipped into WASH as you would not be.

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FROM: AIR MINISTRY WHITEHALL

TO: FREEDOM AGENTS (REFRAN) BRITAIN WASHINGTON

REF NO. THIS MESSAGE: OZ 1836, 06 April 1944

COINSD 83.

1. On 26 March, Sir C. GOSBORNE suggested that a shipment of flour might be consigned to the Germans for distribution to population of ROMÉ as counter measure to German propaganda.

2. This proposal was turned down for following reasons:

(A) By supplying food ourselves, we might make things easier for Germans whose responsibility it is to see that population is fed.

(B) 1 shipment might not be sufficient and we might find ourselves obliged to send more.

(C) Shipments to ROMÉ now might upset arrangements for feeding population when we actually reach ROMÉ.

(D) We were not prepared to accept shipping commitment.

(E) Provision of food would relieve strain on enemy communications in ITALY which our plans are designed to disorganize.

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3. In JWS telegram No. 230 to Foreign Office, copy of which has been sent to MACMILLAN, OSBOURNE reports that HOLY SEE are endeavouring to obtain GERMAN sanction for acquisition of 2 or 3 Italian ships at GENOA which is to be loaded with flour available in NORTH ITALY and send to CIVITAVECCHIA or PIUMICINO consigned to Pope for population of ROME. He asks British and American assent to project and issue of navicerts and safe conduct.

4. In our view, military argument in 2(F) above applies equally to this new proposal. Would appreciate your views as to any objections to proposal from military aspect and difficulties in putting proposal into effect if it were approved.

ACTION: G-1

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FROM: AMSC

TO: SACMED

REFERENCE NO. THIS MESSAGE: 2940 (29437), 28 MAY 1944

28 MAY 1944

Following for General WILSON from Chief of Staff

1. AM Minister to HOLY SEE has reported to Foreign Office that a note has been received from VATICAN complaining of attacks on Vatican Lorry convoys carrying food to ROME. In particular, a convoy was attacked on about noon 25th April, at a spot called PONTE DEL CASTRO near village of CEROMA about 4 miles South West of CHIUSI. This convoy had been notified via AM Minister to HOLY SEE by VATICAN on 25th April. Time table of convoy was then given as being entered to FLORENCE on 27th April, homeward to ROME on 30th April. (Reference AX.837 of 30 April)

2. VATICAN note states that if as result of these attacks, the Lorry service in which the Vatican fleet plays a major role has to be suspended, famine and consequent rioting may be expected to break out in ROME since there is no other way of supplying the city with food.

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REFERENCE NO. THIS MESSAGE: 2440 (24437), 18 May 1954

3. HM Minister also reports that according to details published in *OSSERVATORE ROMANO* the convoy was sighted by 12 aircraft flying at height of about 1,000 metres, convoy then halted and aircraft after circling round convoy went away but presently returned and coming low to within few metres of ground machine gunned lorries for some 15 minutes. Visibility was excellent and no enemy vehicles in sight. All lorries were recognizable by their colouring in addition to which loader, control and miscellaneous vehicles were all flying Pontifical flags. Low height of aircraft enabled the numbers, 18, 42 and 64 on 3 of them to be distinguished, also markings of a white star on a greyish ground at about a metre from the tips of the wings. No personnel were injured but 1 lorry was destroyed by fire and 10 others damaged.

4. It is obviously of the highest importance that all possible steps, consistent with military necessity, should be taken to avoid attacks upon Vatican convoys conveying food to Rome.

5. We fully appreciate difficulties normally experienced in identifying convoys and the importance you stressed in your F 37454 of 25th April to Air Ministry of retaining freedom to attack all road transport in present situation. However, in view of political considerations involved, we hope that you will be able to ensure immunity of Vatican convoys if VATICAN give adequate notice in advance through British Legation as to route, timetable and composition of each convoy. Please state how much notice you will require and what facts must be provided.

6. Please reply urgently.

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ACTION: NAAP

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FROM: AIR MINISTRY WHITEHALL

TO : AFHQ REPEAT ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS MAIF

REF NO THIS MSG: AX 887, 30 April 1944

Personal for General WILSON repeated General BAKER
from CAS.

Pursuant to our AX 314, 24 April 1944, following
additional convoy movements of Vatican motor lorries have
been notified to us from Vatican Minister.

"Secretariat of State inform me that a convoy of
Vatican motor lorries will leave here early on Thursday,
27 April for FLORENCE and will pass through following
places: VETRALLA, VITERBO, MONTEFIASCONE, ORTUSO, CHIUSI,
SINALUPGA, MONTEVARCHI, SAN GIOVANNI, VALDERO. Convoy
will return by route on 30 April but Secretariat say there
may be some unavoidable last minute alterations in route
owing to traffic interruptions. I am asked to report
journeys with a view of avoidance of air attacks.

FOOTNOTE: AX 314-NC IN 14985 MAIF 24/4/44

ACTION : MAIF

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FROM: ACHAM, FROM MARSHALL
TO : JEREDON WILSON AND BAKER
REF NO THIS MESSAGE: VX 28652, 27 April 1942

Cite PHOTO PHASE and PHOTO.

Received by TITMANN official information from
VATICAN on 26 as follows:

Leaving VATICAN City for FLORENCE on 27 tomorrow
VATICAN auto convoy touching at VERRALLA CITTA VATICANO,
VITERBO, MONTEFIASCONE, ORVIETO, CHUSSI, SIALIUNGA,
MONTEVARCHI and SAGGIOVANNI VALDARNO and returning either
Saturday 29 or Sunday 30 by same itinerary.

Above information is furnished you at request of
TITMANN with view of preventing air attack.

Note: Has been relayed to MALE CABENTA.

ACTION: MASP

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INFORMATION: SCS G/3 HATO G-4 G-2 MMS CONC MED
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TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR MARSHALL REPEATED AIR MINISTRY
WHITEHALL FOR CAS AND HQ MAAF (CASERTA)

FROM: FREEDOM FROM: WILSON AND DEVEFS

REF NO: 7 37454

Reference AGWAR signal W 26347 24 April 1944 and WX 27171 of 24 April 1944, not to Air Ministry and Air Ministry signal AX 314 24 April 1944 not to let addressee, subject VATICAN WP convoys.

Due to impossibility of identifying such convoys no guarantee of immunity from air attack can be given. Must stress the importance of freedom to attack all road transport in present situation where we have cut rail communications in Central ITALY, and the enemy is dependent on WP movement of supplies from Northern ITALY.

ORIGINATOR: MAAF AUTH: M W G KNIGHT C/CAPT RAY

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FROM: FAIRBANKS FROM BOOKS

TO : BREEDON PERSONAL FOR GAMMEL

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: B12529, 24 April 1944

SLESSOR brings word of cable from MARSHALL for WILSON and DEVERS, uncertain number W8271, in which we are asked refrain bombing VATICAN MT convoys. SAC desires you answer in his and DEVERS name in sense, that owing to impossibility of identifying such convoys no guarantee can be given. Further invite attention to importance of free attack in present situation where we have our rail communications and enemy is dependent on MT movement of supplies from Northern ITALY.

New subject. SAC desires you arrange Force 163 for presentation of ground, air, and naval plans on Monday 1st May and try arrange for attendance of Admirals CUNNINGHAM and BENNETT. We will contact HARRIS.

W8271 NO LONGER IN AFTER NO FILES

ACTION: NAAP

INFORMATION: 908
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FROM: AIR MINISTRY WHITEHALL LONDON

TO: AFEC ALGIERS REED NAAP

REFERENCE NO. THIS MESSAGE: AX 314, 24 April 1914

Personal for General WILSON, repeated General BAKER,
From CAS.

Following signal has been received from British Minister
to VATICAN today, and is forwarded for such action as you can
take. "VATICAN inform us that a VATICAN lorry convoy will
leave VATICAN City April 24th for BERNI, SPOLTO, TREVISO and
FORDINO. The return journey will follow same route on April
25th or 26th. Another convoy will leave the VATICAN City
April 26th for VETALLA, VITERBO, MONTETASCONE, ORVETO,
CHIUSI, SINALUNGA, MONTEVARCHI, SAN GIOVANNI, VAIPIRETO and
FLORENCE. Return journey will be by same route on April 27th
or 28th. I am asked to report both journeys with a view to
avoidance of air attacks."

NOTE: HAS BEEN RELATED TO FAIRBAIRNS.

FOOTNOTE: ATTENTION IS INVITED TO MC IN 14862 21/4/14 NAAP

ACTION: NAAP

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INFORMATION: 303 3/4 DATE G-2 3-2 MSG CIRC 200 001
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FREEDOM FOR WILSON AND EARER

1 IS MESSAGE, WX 27171, 24 APRIL 1944

Cite PUBLIC PAIR and URGENT

Received information by TETRAH of 100000 from
1100, on 23rd as follows: VATICAN auto convoy will
leave 1100 tomorrow, from VATICAN CITY for FLORENCE touching
at PIACENZA and TREVI and returning the same day
along identical route.

Leaving VATICAN CITY for FLORENCE on 24th, 1944,
at 1100 VATICAN auto convoy touching at VITERBO, CIVITA
VETERBO, MONTAFIASCO, ORVETO, CHIANI, FIVOLEVA,
S. R. B. and SANGIOVANNI VALDARNO and returning the
same day, or Friday 25th, by same itinerary.

Above information is furnished you as request of
1100 in view of preventing air attack.

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FROM: AGWAR FROM MARSHALL

TO : FREEDON TO WILSON

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: W26347, 21 April 1944.

Cite PHCIC, FNAIR, FHGBI.

State Department has received urgent message
 from American Representative TITTMAN at the Vatican, as
 follows:

Informed officially today (20 April) that column
 of Vatican motor vehicles bearing the Vatican colors is
 scheduled to leave VATICAN CITY during the early hours of
 Saturday 22 April going to FLORENCE and using the VIA
 CASERTA. It will pass through VITERBO, ORVIEIO, CHIUSI,
 SINALUNGA, SANGIOVANNI, VALDARNO, FLORENCE. The return
 trip will use the same itinerary on Monday or Tuesday,
 the 24th or 25th of April. Please inform Allied Command
 with the view of preventing attack on convoy by air.

The above is furnished to you for your information.
HAS BEEN RELAYED TO HQ, MAAP

ACTION: MAAP

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13th. May, 1944.

MEMORANDUM;

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.
(ATTENTION: Chief of Staff
& Military Government Section)

1. Marshal Messe asked me yesterday whether the Allies agreed in principle to the two ships specially chartered by the Vatican to bring supplies to the Vatican being allowed to do so.

I told him that I was not entirely in the picture as regards this proposal but that before an agreement could be given, the Allied authorities must be given very full details of exactly what was proposed.

2. Messe also raised the question of special M.F. columns supplying the Vatican being attacked by our air forces.

He asked whether it might be possible to fix markings, and routes and times well in advance so as to avoid further incidents.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

COPY TO: Headquarters, A. A. I..

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

HQ AEC, APO 394

Sec'y Gen.

Rec'd 14 May 1944
by 978SECRET

Ref: 2123/USO.

12 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Economic Warfare Report.

TO : Chief Commissioner.
V.P. Economic Section.
SCAO, AMG 5 Army. R.C. Region IV.

The following extracts from Economic Warfare Report are of interest :

"ITEM 1.

13 April 1944. A civilian arriving from (German) occupied territory states that the food situation in the city of Rome has become noticeably worse. Prices on the black market have increased appreciably.

ITEM 2.

14 April 1944. Radio sources state that the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests of the Republican government has announced that commencing April 20, the individual bread ration will be increased 50 grams per day. Then the daily ration will be 200 grams for the normal consumer, 275 grams for children from 9 to 15 years of age, 375 grams for laborers and operators, 475 grams for the heaviest work. An improvement in the quality of the flour is also announced (reduction of milling percentage from 90% to 80%), and an increase of one kilogram per month in the basic ration of soup material.

In May, a new method of rationing for farm workers and their families will be put in effect. Instead of ration cards for bread and soup materials, each laborer will receive 32 kilograms of flour every two months, with 25 kilograms for each member of his family.

In May at Milan and Turin, ration messes will be established where members of the families of workmen will also be permitted to eat their meals. Meals at cost price will be permitted to be taken from the promises for home consumption.

The Ministry of the Republican Armed Forces has announced that 988 program of assistance extends to the following categories : 1. Families of men in the Armed Forces. 2. Families of prisoners, refugees and internees. 3. Families of soldiers in occupied territory. 4. Families of those killed in battle or deceased in service. 5. Families of wounded or invalid soldiers. A central Assistance office will be established in the Ministry of the Armed Forces with Assistance delegation attached to the provincial Military Commands. "

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M.S. Lutz
Executive Commissioner. 19

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9 May 44

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Your file No. 3711 dated 22 Apr 44. The statements contained in your letter have been the subject of careful examination and the following observations are brought to your notice.

All requests for the transfer to the Allied Armies of olive oil, sheep, goats and other necessary supplies are considered by my officers in the light of essential civilian needs. Only those which are essential and can be satisfied without undue hardship to your people are approved.

No such approval has been granted to the transfer of olive oil from Brindisi stocks and my Supply Officer at Brindisi has been advised accordingly.

You will appreciate the importance of providing fresh meat for the Allied Armies. Great care is taken by my officers to avoid undue depletion of the stocks of cattle, sheep and goats. They advise the purchasing officers of the Allied Armies of the quantities that may be purchased in any one area. Though the figures you give are not quite correct it is agreed that authority has been given for the purchase of 56,000 sheep and lambs over a period over three months. This allocation is not unreasonable.

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The shipment of sulphur to North Africa was urgently required in furtherance of the war effort. In return, a shipment of rock phosphates from North Africa, so necessary for agricultural purposes, is being brought back to Sicily.

You may rest assured, my dear Marshal, that the essential needs of your people will receive every possible consideration.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

S. E. Marshal Pietro Badoglio
Capo del Governo

This is prepared by Economic Section

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 185015Ref: 217/24/CA.6th May 1944.

SUBJECT: Regional Superintendency for Food Supply in Sicily.

TO : S. Excellency Marshal Pietro Badoglio,
Capo del Governo,
SALERNO.

1. I have to refer to your letter No. 2445 of 28th March in which you raised the question of the Superintendency for Food Supply in Sicily.
2. Whilst Sicily was under Allied Military Government, a Superintendent for Food Supply was appointed in the person of Signor Cammarata, formerly a Prefect in Sicily. This official worked under the authority of AMG officers and I think you will agree that the distribution of food in Sicily, largely due to Signor Cammarata's activities, was moderately successful.
3. When Sicily was handed back to the Italian Government it was arranged with the local Italian authorities that Signor Cammarata should continue his functions, taking his orders from the Italian Government. The High Commissioner confirmed this procedure and I understand is now considering whether any change is necessary. Colonel Hancock is in close contact with the High Commissioner on this particular subject and I think you can rest assured that the matter will be arranged to the best advantage of the population of Sicily.

HOWE MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant General,
Chief Commissioner.

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Office of Flag Officer,
Western Italy,
NAPLES.

28th May, 1944

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No. FOWIT 346.

FISHING IN AMALFI AREA

Thank you for your letter of the 17th.

Regarding the question of fishing in the Amalfi area, this has been very carefully considered and permission granted for fishing to be carried out throughout the night within two miles of the coast from a point two miles South of Salerno down to 39° 40' N, and during the day within 4 miles of the coast. I am anxious to keep the area North of Salerno as clear as possible as it is now used for exercises, and the relaxation of restrictions South of Salerno should enable the Amalfi fishermen to fish profitably in that area.

I have asked the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naples Area to contact you about the derequisitioning of the Cotoniera Meridionale.

/s/ illegible

COMMODORE I. M. PALMER, D.S.C., R.N.,
Naval Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission.

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EWS/hjp

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF COMMISSIONER, Rear Hq AEC. 4 May 1944.

To: Navy Sub-Commission, Rear Hq AEC.

1. The matter has been discussed with the Commander, Amphibious Training Group, U.S. Navy at Salerno, who states that it is not expected to conduct maneuvers in the vicinity of Analfi. In the event that maneuvers are to be conducted near Analfi, 48 hours notice could easily be given. So far as amphibious training is therefore concerned, it would appear possible to permit fishermen to operate at night subject to stoppage of activity upon notice from the Naval Authorities.

2. It is stated that during German occupation, fishermen were permitted to operate at night subject to the requirement that they extinguish all lights during an air raid alarm.

3. It is requested that PORT be requested to consider the present prohibition. If the prohibition is removed, it would greatly assist the food and economic situation generally in the Analfi area.

ELLEN W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

cc: Vice President
Economic Section

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1 May

SUBJECT: Night Fishing at Amalfi

TO : Economic Section (ATT: Capt. Washer)

1. Reference your query of this date regarding night fishing at Amalfi.
2. Lieutenant Commander B.C.F. Mulieri visited the Amalfi area to survey fishing needs and the situation in general. Found the following:
 - a. Fishermen very dissatisfied and in an uproar because prohibition of night fishing kept them idle. They are only equipped with night fishing gear (underwater light with net).
 - b. Daylight fishing is not productive since the best (and traditional) method of harvesting sardines, anchovies and etc., is by use of the lights.
 - c. Fishermen claim that they would not have to go far away from the beach to harvest the catch, if they were permitted to fish, 150 to 200 yards they could catch enough fish to satisfy their needs.
 - d. Since they cannot exercise their trade (at night), and cannot find other employment, the fishermen claim that they and their families are starving to death.
 - e. To date the Italian Captain of the Port, following orders received from Naval authorities, has kept them from fishing at night threatening the confiscation of their equipment. The fishermen, on the other hand, are threatening to go out at night and risk the consequences.
3. These facts were reported to proper Allied Naval authorities upon Lieutenant Commander Mulieri's return to Naples, and to the Agricultural and Fisheries officer at Salerno. The latter promised to visit the Amalfi area personally. Naval authorities reported the following:
 - a. That the Amalfi area is too close to the actual war zone to permit night fishing.
 - b. That there is an amphibian base near Salerno and that area in general is often used for maneuvers.
 - c. That night fishing will be permitted as soon as it is possible.

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Distribution:

1. Flag Officer, Western Italy (ATT: Lieut. McDonald, Port Security, Navy House).
2. Regional Commissioner, Region III (ATT: Capt. Stringer, Salerno)

W. H. HARTMAN
Major
Director,
Agriculture Sub-commission

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29 April 1944

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 22nd 1944, and referring to the food situation that has developed in the Province of Taranto due to lack of transportation. Supplies of food are available to distribute in accordance with the ration scale; as you have noted, in your letter however, the means of transportation are still inadequate.

The Allied Control Commission has held in readiness for distribution over the last month a number of new vehicles located at Corato. During this period negotiations have been carried on with a view to affecting an agreement for the release of these vehicles to your Government. Owing to delay in the proceedings, the Allied Control Commission has found it necessary in the interim to make arrangements with private companies in Region II, for the temporary operation and maintenance of said vehicles, until such time as your Government is prepared to institute the Road Haulage Consorzio that are under consideration. We do not feel that this temporary arrangement can be satisfactory and are urging your Government to conclude at the earliest possible time the agreement that we have proposed.

In the meantime, an officer has been dispatched to Taranto to make arrangements with an operating company in the area, for the temporary operation of 25 vehicles. You will appreciate that these trucks, which are irreplaceable, must be put in the hands of organizations or private companies that are capable of maintaining them properly and that we can not therefore allocate vehicles to Prefects or Communes. The arrangements made by the Allied Control Commission Officer should provide the relief for the Taranto area that you have requested in your letter.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

S. E. Marshal Pietro Badoglio
Capo del Governo

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28 April 1944

Subject: Naples - change of attitude towards the Allies.

To: General Officer Commanding in Chief, Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy, C. M. F.

1. I have before me a report from the Flag Officer, Western Italy headed "Naples - change of attitude towards the Allies," dated 17th April. The report deals entirely with the conditions of the civilian population, its treatment by the Allied authorities, its nourishment and its general condition. Attached to it is a further report from the United States Naval Intelligence Liaison Officer, POWIT, which deals with the same subject.

2. The care and feeding of the civilian population and in some parts of the territory, the government thereof, are the responsibility of the Allied Control Commission for which I am responsible to you. I fail to understand why the Flag Officer did not consult myself or my staff before committing to paper a report which is highly critical of the work of the Allied Control Commission. He might equally have attempted to learn some of the facts before reporting to his superior officer on a matter which is not directly his concern and certainly before distributing his report to other Naval authorities in the theatre.

3. The report shows up one side, and one side only, of the picture. Such a report could be written in the second phase of any occupied country. It is notorious that the initial enthusiasm of a population towards the Army which has liberated them diminishes if that Army remains in occupation of their country, particularly if operations do not progress with the rapidity anticipated.

4. Similarly it is inevitable that in a country, of which only a part is in occupation by our forces and in which economic conditions have been entirely dislocated and remain disrupted owing to the presence of large numbers of alien troops, a black market of serious proportions should arise.

5. The present ration issued to the population of Southern Italy is low, but I am satisfied that in relation to the world food and shipping situation it is a fair one and that the population is receiving a subsistence ration. The flag officer should know only too well that 4,16,000 tons of food have been imported into this country and distributed to the population since our occupation. He may say that most of this has found its way on to the black market. This is, however, not the case; the bulk of the food which finds its way on to the black market consists of naval and military rations pilfered by civilians and Allied personnel.

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Ltr to: 000.1, 28 Apr 44, continued:

6. The flag officer probably does not realize that when steps are taken to prevent food appearing on the black market, black market prices inevitably rise and that this is a sign of control rather than a sign of deterioration.

7. In the fifth paragraph of his report the Rear Admiral infers that humanitarian considerations are not taken into account in dealing with the civilian population. The inference is entirely false and I resent it.

8. No member of this Commission, least of all myself, can view the situation with complacency, but I think that you are probably satisfied that the condition of this population has improved considerably in the last three months.

9. I am sure that the flag officer would take the greatest exception if a responsible officer under your command wrote to you a highly critical report on the work of the Royal Navy in these waters and gave that report a wide distribution to other formations in this theatre. The work of this Commission is considerably hindered by the circulation of reports, uninformed, exaggerated and one sided, written by authorities whose responsibility lies in other directions and who do not take the trouble to refer their criticisms to those whose task it is to administer to the needs of the civil population, or consult them before committing their opinions to paper.

10. There is much to criticise in the administration of this territory; my staff and I are only too ready to discuss our problems with constructive critics and I would ask that representations should be made to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, that his officers should be invited to take this course rather than distribute ill-informed reports on matters which, although they may affect them indirectly, are not their responsibility.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner 3855

Refused
Capt. Stone
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Naval Sub-Commission

NO. 100, 100, 100
Recd 26 Apr 1945
by [signature]

Ref. X.157/44.

25th April 1944.

[Handwritten signature]
To : Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

[Handwritten signature]
Subject: NAPLES, -Change of attitude towards the Allies.

Report received from Flag Officer Western Italy,
No. FOWIT 123 dated 17th April 1944, is forwarded herewith.

[Handwritten signature]
COMMODORE.

Encl.1

[Handwritten note:]
Brieg. Lach
I can find nothing at all in these reports which sheds any new light on a situation which is one of simple multiplication of work by people who do not know the whole background.
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Office of Flag Officer,
Western Italy,
Naples.

17th April, 1944.

No. POWIT 123.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN.

(Copies to:- Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic & Liaison,
Comodore Palmer, Allied Control Commission,
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naples Area.)

NAPLES - CHANGE OF ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE ALLIES.

With reference to my letter No. POWIT 123 of 8th January, 1944, the attached report from the United States Naval Intelligence Liaison Officer is submitted.

2. My letter quoted was written mainly in respect of civilian labour employed by the Services but the broader aspect of the question of our treatment of the Italian civil population as a whole was also mooted.
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4. The following steps have been or are being taken to combat the present state of affairs:-

(a) Civilian rations for April have been announced in the paper as follows:-

200 grammes of bread daily (or 150 grammes of flour)
250 grammes of sugar
Olive-oil, 2 decilitres.
Dried peas and beans (400 grammes)
Soap, 100 grammes.

(b) A campaign against excessive prices is in afoot but this is understood to be carried out for the benefit of service personnel and no drop in the price of food (the main factor where the civilian is concerned) has yet been experienced.

NAPLES - CHANGE OF ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE ALLIES

(Flag Officer, Western Italy's No. POMIT 123 dated 17th April, 1944.)

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5. Apart from political and humanitarian considerations, it is felt that the present conditions under which the civilian population exist can only do harm to the allied cause. When black market prices reach higher figures each day and the people continue to be issued with little more than a small daily portion of the staff of life at a controlled price, active and loyal co-operation is hardly to be expected. To continue the policy of replacing service men and women power to the maximum extent by Italians will become progressively more difficult and ineffective unless the present state of civilian affairs is radically altered.

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15 March 1944.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

From: U.S. Naval Intelligence Liaison Officer, NWIT.
To: Officer-in-Charge, N.I.U., (ComNavNAW).

Subject: Situation Report Naples on the change in attitude towards
Allies.

1. This office has been in close touch with the attitude of the civilian population in Naples towards the Allies. An appreciable change has been noticed during the past months and after considerable discussion with leading civilians, the following conditions have been emphasized by them as to influencing the change in attitude.
2. Italian currency, which already has been devaluated, suffered a severe drop when American dollars and English pounds sterling appeared on the market. The general cost of living took an enormous rise, until it has reached its present inflated state. Living conditions were almost insupportable prior to Allied occupation, now for the middle and lower classes it is certainly desperate. The classes most stricken through all this are the general employees, professional people, small shop owners, persons living on pensions, and those who had been living on a desicret income. This is the tragic situation in which the innumerable unemployed find themselves; personal pride and honesty forbid them to engage in illicit transactions.
3. Prior to Allied occupation, there was a limited quantity of food available, but it was subjected to constant regulation. Each family could be sure of a fixed amount of macaroni, oil, sugar, meat, soap, bread, vegetables, cheese, ham, lard and preserves. The sick and old, women and children, and those whose work was of a particularly heavy nature received supplementary rations. The prices on all these products were controlled and within reach of the population. Many families had occasion to resort to the Black Market to increase their supply. After the Allied occupation the stores had little food to offer; hence the necessity of turning to the Black Market for food, and with it the consequent excessive rise in prices.

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MACARONI (poor quality)	-	Ricet 240 lire per kilo. White 280 lire per kilo.
PAGIONE	-	185 lire per kilo.
FLOUR	-	White 200 lire per kilo. Maize 150 lire per kilo. 80-90 lire per kilo.
BARLEY	-	125 lire per kilo.
CRICKPEAS	-	270 lire per kilo.
RICE	-	Beef, 280 lire per kilo. Pork, 300 lire per kilo.
MEAT	-	Horse, 240 lire per kilo. 280 lire per kilo. 240 lire per kilo. 300 lire per kilo. 40 lire per kilo. 80-90 lire per kilo. 550 lire each. 280 lire per kilo. 15 lire per kilo.
FISH	-	
OIL	-	
BUTTER	-	
POTATOES	-	
TOMATO SAUCE	-	
CHICKENS	-	
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BROCCOLI	-	10 lire per bunch
FENNEL	-	10 lire per kilo.
ORANGES	-	12 lire (poor grade) per kilo.
	-	16-18-20 (good grade) per kilo.
APPLES	-	22-24-26 lire per kilo.
TANGERINES	-	30-34 lire per kilo
BUTTERMILK	-	280 lire per kilo.
GRATING CHEESE	-	450 lire per kilo.
WINE	-	36-38-40 lire per litre
VINEGAR	-	35 lire per litre
CIGARETTES	-	50 lire per pack
BOX MATCHES	-	5 lire per box (wax) small.
	-	15 lire large box
LAUNDRY SOAP	-	150 lire per kilo.
HAND SOAP	-	24 lire per bar.

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8. In addition to privation there is an apparent moral degeneration among the lower classes. The speculators are injuring their own followers.

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with their contraband dealings. They see them furnishing the Allies with fraudulent goods alcoholic spirits which are sometimes treated with denatured alcohol; resorting to every low practice, exploiting every situation even to prostitution. Neither the Allies nor the local police have, until now, been able to stem such delinquency.

9. The people feel there is no representative authority towards whom they can turn for protection of their rights and their personal security. They are further incensed at the cases of violence and robbery sometimes committed by the military. As a comparison, they tell that the Germans, during the three-year period immediately preceding the Armistice, comported themselves most correctly, and not till after the declaration of the Armistice did they commit distasteful acts. Again they report that an extremely bad impression is created by the spectacle of drunken Allied troops. Troops in a drunken state are often to be seen during the early afternoon wandering about the streets of the city, molesting respectable women and provoking regrettable incidents. The people are consequently in a state of alarm. Such spectacles have made for a most unfavourable appraisal of Allied Forces and they criticize the Allied control and discipline. They add that for too long a time Naples has been suffering all the disadvantages of a zone of occupation, and has received none of the advantages. This malcontent is noticeably apparent.

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26 April 44.

SUBJECT: Ration Scale for Heavy Workers.

MEMO TO: Col. Adams.

1. Maj. Babcock (Labor) attended the Wages and Labour Control Committee AFIRB on 25th April.
2. The proposed rations scale submitted by ACC on 12th April was approved without any amendment.
3. Col. Lawler (Chairman) stated that he would inform Gen. Robertson of the necessity for immediate implementation of the scale. Major Babcock similarly would report through channels to Gen. Macfarlane so that the latter and Gen. Robertson could meet and arrange to give effect to the decision immediately. Col. Lawler agreed to request that a meeting of the full AFIRB be called immediately.
4. 8th Army took exception to the necessity for issuing the mid-shift meal, preferring issued of the constituent elements of the meal through normal civilian channels. 8th Army objection was overruled. Either the meal should be provided or the workers would not obtain the ration.
5. Some members of the committee wished to substitute "manual labor" for "lavori pesanti" but it was explained that there was a limitation to supplies that could be made available and no member could cite instances of workers who should receive extra food who were excluded by the qualification "lavori pesanti".
6. Major Babcock is attending another meeting of the Labor and Wages Control Committee at 0930 hours today. The main item on the agenda is the effect of Italian mobilization on the supply of labor for the armed forces. It appears that this is a matter which must later be discussed by the Chief Commissioner with the head of the Army Sub-commission and the Italian Government.
7. Major Babcock also reported that the committee would be discussing the mechanics for the supply of agricultural labor for Foggia and other provinces in relation to its adverse effect on the supply of labor for Apuglia and other provinces.

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G. M. SHARP, Major, R.A.,
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Col. Fisher / etc

24 April 1944

In acknowledging receipt of your letter of April 20th, may I say that black market control and the feeding of the civil population of Rome have both occupied the attention of the Commission ever since its reorganization last January. I should be glad to discuss these matters with you at any time and to take any collaborative action which may appear to be indicated.

EDMUND MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

Major General Arthur R. Wilson
Commanding General, P.B.S.
APO 782

*Copies of correspondence returned to
Col. Fisher for further action personally.
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20 April 1944

SUBJECT: Black Market

TO : Lieutenant General Noel Mason MacFarlane, Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U. S. Army

1. In order to evaluate what means and methods might be used to curtail or break the "black market" and to consider how much food should actually be stocked in the Naples Area for eventual reallocation to the Rome Area, it is requested that you call a meeting in the near future of the principal interested officers. In addition to yourself and the undersigned, I suggest that the following might be invited: Major General E. H. Robertson, Chief Administrative Officer, AAC (Adm Ech); the British Member of the Advisory Council, AAC; The Honorable Alexander Kirk, American Member, Advisory Council, AAC; Brigadier General Carl R. Gray, Director, Military Railway Service; Brigadier General Ralph Isbell, Commanding General, Metropolitan Area, PBS; Brigadier General Ralph Tate, G-4, Fifth Army; Colonel Robert H. Clarkson, Port Commandant, 6th Port; Colonel Lastayo, Transportation Officer, PBS.

2. With reference to the AAC stock pile of food, the following points must be taken into consideration:

a. The acute food situation among the civilian population of Naples.

b. The existence of a "black market" with such inflationary prices as to make it impossible for the ordinary working man to purchase food; and the relationship between wages and black market prices.

c. The tonnage and volume of supplies now present in the Naples area should be measured against that which can be moved by water, truck and rail during the first six months after Rome is captured.

(1) In this connection it is possible that there can be no movement by rail beyond Minturno for about six months after the capture of Rome because it is estimated that it will take 100 days to repair the rail-road and bridges.

(2) All truck transportation will of necessity have to be used for purely military purposes.

(3) Army tonnage estimates for water-bourn traffic indicate that the port capacity of Rome will be over-taxed for purely military purposes without much consideration for civilian supplies.

(4) It is recommended that means must be found to bring into Rome supplies for the civilian population; and it is believed that this tonnage must be water-bourn.

5. In view of the above, it would seem an unsound policy to continue to bring supplies into Naples Port when they will only have to be reloaded by some means of transport for Rome. This situation would indicate that consideration should be given to stock piling at some point or points in North Africa where the ports are not working to capacity and where water movement could be handled more expeditiously than from the already over-taxed port of Naples. Ports of Oran, Algiers, Bone, Philippeville, or finally Bizerte might be considered, although it is believed the first two are the best prepared and will continue to furnish the maximum capacity.

6. Wherefore it would seem that after evaluating the maximum tonnage which might be distributed from Naples, all food in excess of that amount should be released to the civilian population in the Naples area for the reasons set forth in paragraph 2.

ARTHUR R. WILSON
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding

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CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT

No. 3711/Pres. Cons.

My dear General MacFarlane:

I am advised:

- that the Allied Office for Civilian Supply at Brindisi has requested of the Prefect the urgent delivery of 1,500 quintals of comestible oil for the rearward of the Allied Army.
- that A.C.C. of Sardinia has asked of the High Commissioner the delivery of 56,000 lambs and 1,400 sheep per week for the feeding of Indian troops;

- that from Sicily, by order of the Allied Authorities, 24,000 quintals of sulphur have been obtained.

In this connection I believe necessary to call to your attention, my dear General, that requests and requisitions of this kind, effected by direct orders to outlying Italian Authorities, do not appear to me to be in line with the spirit of the Armistice clauses and the conditions of retrocession of the Provinces to the R. Government and, above all, they do not appear to take into consideration the grave difficulties of supply in which the liberated territory finds itself. These difficulties are quite well known to the Allies who do not fail, upon every occasion, to lend assistance to the Italian people, acquiring in this way always greater gratitude from the Nation.

I am forced to believe, however, dear General, that this ambiguity springs from the circumstances that some outlying Allied Authorities, in view of the relative abundance of some products in the respectively controlled regions, deem to be able to take away, without harm for the population, considerable quantities for military supply. Said authorities do not take into consideration, however, that in the present precarious situation the Italian agencies responsible for supplies have no other alternative to procure for the population goods which are deficient, but to effect barter between region and region where goods are relatively in excess of local consumption.

From this derives that only the central Authorities who gather relative data from all provinces can pronounce themselves on the real availability of a certain product, with respect to the minimum requirements of a consumption of all the liberated territory.

For instance I will say that in the Province of Brindisi there are immediately available for export only 693 quintals of oil, while there are no stocks of meat and pasta for the local population.

Shipment of the abovementioned considerably quantity of bovine cattle requested by the Allies in Sardinia, would bring about within a short time, the destruction of the entire relative stock there in existence, and would at any rate definitely compromise the possibility of procuring for the Island the goods which it requires, through barter of the eventual excess of cattle.

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HQ ACC, APO 394 :
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Furthermore, the above mentioned request does not take into consideration the fact that in all the liberated territory there exists a very serious deficiency of meat products.

A similar consideration exists for Sicilian sulphur, where the effects of the removal previously ordered by the Allies, will be perniciously felt in the agrarian cultivations for which the product was intended.

I, therefore, beg of you, my dear General, to examine the possibility of effecting revocation of the above mentioned orders and that similar requests in the future be made by the Allied authorities through the Control Commission, which on its part is in position to evaluate the suitability thereof even before submitting same to the study of the Central Italian Government.

I thank you in advance and extend to you my cordial greetings.

/s/ BADOGLIO

TO:
General Sir Noel M. MacFarlane
President of the Allied Control Commission
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Salerno, li 22 aprile 1944

N.3711/Pres. Cons.

25 Apr 1944
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Caro Generale Moe Forlano,

mi viene riferito:

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- che l'A.C.C. della Sardegna ha chiesto all'Alto Commissario la consegna di 56.000 agnelloni e di 1.400 pecore per settimana per l'alimentazione delle truppe indiane;
- che dalla Sicilia, per ordine di Autorità Alleate, sono stati prelevati 24.000 quintali di zolfo.

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tengono conto però che nell'attuale, precaria situazione, gli organi italiani responsabili degli approvvigionamenti non hanno altra alternativa per procurare alle popolazioni meri di cui difettano, se non quello di disporre il baratto tra regioni e regione di merci rispettivamente eccedenti il consumo locale.

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Le dirò, a titolo di esempio, che in provincia di Brindisi risultano immediatamente disponibili per l'esportazione soltanto 693 quintali di olio, mentre non si dispone di alcun quantitativo di carne e di pasta per la popolazione locale.

La consegna della cenatura rilevantissima quantità di bestiame ovino richiesta, poi, dagli Alleati alla Sardegna importerebbe, entro breve tempo, la distruzione di tutto il patrimonio relativo poi esistente, e, comunque, comprometterebbe definitivamente la possibilità di procurare all'Isola le merci di cui abbisogna, mediante il baratto della eventuale eccedenza di bestiame. La suddetta richiesta non tiene conto, inoltre, della circostanza che in tutto il territorio liberato appare gravissima la deficienza di prodotti alimentari.

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Le dirò, a titolo di esempio, che in provincia di Brindisi risultano immediatamente disponibili per l'esportazione soltanto 693 quintali di olio, mentre non si dispone di alcun quantitativo di carne e di pasta per la popolazione locale.

La consegna della censuata rilevantissima quantità di bestiame ovino richiesta, poi, dagli Alleati alla Sardegna importerebbe, entro breve tempo, la distruzione di tutto il patrimonio relativo poi esistente, e, comunque, comprometterebbe definitivamente la possibilità di procurare all'Isola le merci di cui abbisogna, mediante il baratto della eventuale eccedenza di bestiame. La suddetta richiesta non tiene conto, inoltre, della circostanza che in tutto il territorio liberato appare gravissima la deficienza di prodotti alimentari carni.

Analogamente vale per lo zolfo della Sicilia, ove gli effetti del prelievo già disposto dagli Alleati saranno perniciosamente risentiti dalle colture agrarie, alle quali il prodotto era destinato.

IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

La prego, pertanto, caro Generale di voler esaminare la possibilità di far revocare le disposizioni dianzi cen-
te e di voler disporre che richieste del genere siano per lo
avvenire avanzate dalle Autorità Alleate per il tramite del-
la Commissione di Controllo, che è in grado, dal canto suo,
di vagliarne l'opportunità anche prima di sottoporle all'es-
ame del Governo Centrale italiano.

La ringrazio sin da ora e Le porgo cordiali saluti.

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Ill.mo Sig. Generale

Sir Noel Mac Farlane

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Ill.mo Sig. Generale

Sir Noel W. Mac Farlane

Presidente della Commissione Alleata di Controllo

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

EMR/LOW/rj

22 April 1944

ACC/5300/10

SUBJECT: Supply of Controlled Materials
for Essential Needs.

TO : All concerned.

1. It is necessary that demands for "controlled" materials for essential civilian needs be properly routed so that this can be presented to the appropriate Committees of the Allied Forces Local Resources (Italian) Board, AFRL(1)B, at their monthly meetings for the allocation of materials. In order to avoid delays in procurement and to ensure proper channeling of demands, the procedure enumerated hereafter will provide the quickest and surest means of obtaining favourable consideration of the Board.

2. Controlled Materials.

a. A list of the materials now under the control of the various committees of the Allied Forces Local Resources (Italian) Board, is attached (Appendix A) and the Board's approval must be obtained before any such material can be used.

b. Materials not on this list, can be procured by civilians from any available sources without reference to the Board or this HQ.

3. Timber.

a. Timber is only controlled in the areas allocated to E.F.S. and Directorate of Works. This area covers the forest region of Cosenza, Gemigliatello and San Giovanni in Fiore district of Calabria and the Gargano Promontory, Foggia.

b. Timber in all other areas is not "controlled", with the exception of "Bulk Timber", i.e. over 6" x 6", which is controlled by AFACC, Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission and should, therefore, be applied for as for any other controlled material.

4. Initiation of Demands.

a. Civilian requirements should be presented to the local Social Supply Officer who will, after careful screening, fill out form ACC-WAT. No. 10

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- b. Materials not on this list, can be procured by civilians from any available sources without reference to the Board or this HQ.
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 - b. Timber in all other areas is not "controlled", with the exception of "Bulk Timber", i.e. over 6" x 6", which is controlled by HQ AOC, Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission and should, therefore, be applied for as for any other controlled material.

4. Initiation of Demands.

- a. Civilian requirements should be presented to the Local Special Supply Officer who will, after careful screening, fill out form AOC-MAT. No. 10 in triplicate for each commodity demanded, making certain that:-

- (1) No more material is requested than necessary for the approved purpose.
- (2) Full details of quantities, types, dimensions and other descriptive data of the material are given, in order that allocation from known stocks can be made. For example, wire or sheets should give type of metal, gauge or thickness, length or size, quantity, tonnage, etc.
- (3) Complete justification is given and the back of the form used for this purpose.
- (4) If known, the nearest source of supply is indicated.
- c. Where the need may cover a period of several months, the successive months' requirements should be filled in under para. 4 of the form. However,

of the desired materials.

2. Releases.

- a. Upon acceptance of the demand, Local Resources Section, HQ-ALC, issue release orders to Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission giving authority for procurement, sources, etc., notifying these sources at the same time that the material is available to the applicant. A time limit is usually set within which collection must be made or the release order becomes void.
- b. These Release Orders, (Form ACC-INT No. 11) are then forwarded by us to the Initiating Region, Sub-Commission or Agency, together with a copy of the original demand attached, or extracted therefrom.

By Command of Lieutenant General MASON MACFARLANE:

Mason MacFarlane

L. P. EVANS
Colonel,
Director, Industry & Commerce
Sub-Commission

Incl:

Form ACC-INT No. 10,
Appendix "A" (Schedule No. 1, AFTER (E) B).

DISTRIBUTION:

Economic Section			
All Sub-Commissions			
Regional Commissioner, Region 2,	Attention E & S Division		
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Rear H.Q. A.C.C., Salerno (Attention: Industry & Commerce).			

by Captain of Lieutenant General HESON MCFARLANE:

John P. Fidd
 P. W. P. EVANS
 Colonel,
 Director, Industry & Commerce
 Sub-Commission

Incl:

Form ACC-1417 No. 10.
 Appendix "A" (Schedule No. 1, AFTER (I) B).

DISTRIBUTION:

Executive Section			
All Sub-Commissions			
Regional Commissioner, Region 2, Attention E & S Division	"	"	"
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ALG 8th Army Rear	4,	"	"
Head Control Office	5,	"	"
Local Resources Section, H.Q., A.A.I. (Rear Area Ech).	7,	"	"
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Secretary-General

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

FMR/LCW/rj

22 April 1944

ACC/5300/IC

SUBJECT: Supply of Controlled Materials
for Essential Needs.

TO : All concerned.

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2. Controlled Materials.

a. A list of the materials now under the control of the various committees of the Allied Forces Local Resources (Italian) Board, is attached (Appendix A) and the Board's approval must be obtained before any such material can be used.

b. Materials not on this list, can be procured by civilians from any available sources without reference to the Board or this HQ.

3. Timber.

a. Timber is only controlled in the areas allocated to P.E.S. and Directorate of Works. This area covers the Forest region of Cosenza, Caviglietto and San Giovanni in Fiore district of Calabria and the Gargano Promontory, Foggia.

b. Timber in all other areas is not "controlled", with the exception of "Bulk Timber", i.e. over 6" x 6", which is controlled by HQ ACC, Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission and should, therefore, be applied for as for any other controlled material.

4. Initiation of Demands.

a. Civilian requirements should be presented to the local Supply Officer who will, after careful screening, fill out form ACC-MAT. No. 10

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4. Initiation of Boards.

- a. Civilian requirements should be presented to the local ³⁸³⁹Principal Supply Officer who will, after careful screening, fill out form AGC-MIT. No. 10 in triplicate for each commodity demanded, making certain that:-

- (1) No more material is requested than necessary for the approved purpose.
- (2) Full details of quantities, types, dimensions and other descriptive data of the material are given, in order that allocation from known stocks can be made. For example, wire or sheets should give type of metal, gauge or thickness, length or sizes, quantity, tonnage, etc.
- (3) Complete justification is given and the back of the form used for this purpose.
- (4) If known, the nearest source of supply is indicated.
- c. Where the need may over a period of several months, the successive months' requirements should be filled in under part. 4 of the form. However,

raw demands must be submitted each month. Where a demand has been denied or only partially granted by AFIR (I) B for reasons of temporary shortage of materials, this office will resubmit the following month.

d. Where application has been denied due to non-availability or for other reasons, demands will be returned through channels, with comments and recommendations.

e. Forms ACC-MAT No. 10 are available at Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission, HQ-ACC and will be sent on request.

5. Channel of Demand.

a. Provincial Supply Officers will forward demands to the Regional Supply Officer who, after scrutiny, will transmit demands to Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission, HQ-ACC, for collation and presentation to the appropriate committee of AFIR (I) B at its next meeting.

b. Civilians will not be sent personally nor will their letters be sent directly to HQ-ACC; to the Demand Control Office; or to the Local Resources Section, HQ-MAI.

c. Where a civilian is doing work for a Military Unit, he may request the Military Unit to obtain the required materials from stocks already allocated to the branch concerned, such as F.B.S., D.A.D.O.S., R.N., etc. Procurement will thus be expedited.

d. Demands for material for use by the Italian Army should be sent by Regional Supply Officers, to the Army Sub-Commission, Legione (Icces) for approval or comment; for the Italian Air Forces, to the Air Force Sub-Commission; and for the Italian Naval Forces, to the Naval Sub-Commission. These Sub-Commissions will forward the demands to Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission.

e. Demands for controlled materials must be in the hands of Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission by the 25th of each month.

f. Only exceptional emergency demands will be accepted by Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission for special consideration and reference to Local Resources Section, HQ-MAI, between regular meetings.

6. Demands by Sub-Commissions or other Agencies.

a. Sub-Commissions or other Agencies needing controlled materials for purposes outside the sphere of Provinces or Regions will submit their demands on Form ACC-MAT No. 10 in triplicate directly to Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission, in accordance with the procedure outlined above.

7. Demands for Uncontrolled Materials.

sent directly to HQ-MOC; to the Heavy Control Office; or to the Local Resources Section, HQ-MIL.

c. Where a civilian is doing work for a Military Unit, he may request the Military Unit to obtain the required materials from stocks already allocated to the branch concerned, such as F.B.S., D.A.D.O.S., F.N., etc. Procurement will thus be expedited.

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f. Only exceptional emergency demands will be accepted by Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission for special consideration and reference to Local Resources Section, HQ-MIL, between regular meetings.

6. Demands by Sub-Commissions or other agencies.

a. Sub-Commissions or other Agencies needing controlled materials for purposes outside the sphere of Provinces or Regions will submit their demands on Form AOC-MIT No. 10 in triplicate directly to Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission, in accordance with the procedure outlined above.

7. Demands for Uncontrolled Materials.

a. Where no sources can be located within the Region, requests for uncontrolled materials may be made directly upon other Regions where the material may be available.

b. Where it is known that wanted materials are not available in Italy, proper requisitions for import should be initiated.

c. If uncontrolled materials are unobtainable because the local sources have been blocked by Military, Form AOC-MIT No. 10 should be forwarded through channels to the Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission, giving the details of requirements and justification, the quantity available at the blocked source, location of sources and name of Unit concerned. Efforts will be then made to obtain release

of the desired materials.

8. Releases.

a. Upon acceptance of the demand, Local Resources Section, HQ-III, issue release orders to Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission giving authority for procurement, sources, etc., notifying these sources at the same time that the material is available to the applicant. A time limit is usually set within which collection must be made or the release order becomes void.

b. These Release Orders, (Form AGC-MIT No. 11) are then forwarded by us to the initiating Region, Sub-Commission or Agency, together with a copy of the original demand attached, or extracted therefrom.

By Command of Lieutenant General HANSON MACFARLANE:

John S. K. 10 dd
 J. P. EVANS
 Colonel,
 Director, Industry & Commerce
 Sub-Commission

Incl:

Form AGC-MIT No. 10.

Appendix "A" (Schedule No. 1, AFIR (I) B).

DISTRIBUTION:

Scenario Section

All Sub-Commissions

Regional Commissioner, Region 2, Attention E & S Division

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John P. Fidd
P. F. EVANS
Colonel
 Director, Industry & Commerce
 Sub-Commission

Incl:

Form AGC-MAT No. 10.
 Appendix "A" (Schedule No. 1, AFTR (I) B).

DISTRIBUTION:

Ecologic Section	
All Sub-Commissions	
Regional Commissioner, Region 2, Attention E & S Division	
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"	5,
"	7,
AG 5th Army Rear	
AG 8th Army Rear	
Head Control Office	
Local Resources Section, H.S., A.A.I. (Rear Arm Ech).	
Rear H.S. A.C.C., Salerno (Attention: Industry & Commerce).	

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

Date: _____

1. DEMAND FOR CONTROLLED MATERIALS.

2. AIC/ACC INFORMATION _____

3. COMMODITY DEMANDED _____

(Give particulars of specification on back of form)

4. QUANTITY REQUIRED: _____

(In metric tons or other suitable unit).

- (a) Single lot demand : _____
 (b) Next Month _____
 (c) Second Month _____
 (d) Third Month _____

5. JUSTIFICATION : (Detail this information on back of Form).

6. SOURCES OF SUPPLY (if known). Give particulars:-

(a) Has Material been located ?

(b) If locally - Where ?

(c) If anywhere in Liberated Italy (including Sicily & Sardinia) - Where ?

(d) If blocked, give names of establishment and military unit concerned, quantities available, etc:

7. ADDRESS FOR DELIVERY:

Consignee: _____

Address: _____

8. It is certified that these supplies and stores are required for (URGENT),
 (MORALE), (STOCK PILING) purposes. (Strike out words not applicable).

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(d) Third Month

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7. ADDRESS FOR DELIVERY:

Commissary:

Address

8. It is certified that these supplies and stores are required for (URGENT),
(NORMAL), (STOCK PILING) purposes. (Strike out words not applicable).
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Date:

Signature

Rank, Title, Office.

9. PERSONAL APPROVAL

Title

Date

FOR USE OF LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION (I & C SUB-COMMISSION).

AFR (E) B Release Order No.

Our Release Order No.

Date

Date

Remarks:

Form ACC-MAT No. 10.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CENTRAL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 374

APPENDIX "A"

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Ref. 403/5104/10

6 April 1944.

SCHEDULE No. 1, PART (I) B.

A. MATERIALS UNDER CONTROL OF ENGINEERING MATERIALS COMMITTEE, PART (I) B.

I. Metals: a. Ferrous (Iron and Steel)

1. Billets and Ingots
2. Cable and Wire
3. Machine and tool steel

b. Non-ferrous

- | | | |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 6. Aluminum | 10. Chromium | 14. Monel metal |
| 7. Antimony | 11. Lead | 15. Nickel |
| 8. Brass | 12. Pure Mercury | 16. Solder |
| 9. Copper | 13. Molybdenum | 17. Tin |

18. White metal for bearings

II. Timber

1. Standing Timber
2. Bulk Timber, over 6" x 6"
3. Constructional Timber, Smallest dimension 3" up to 6" x 6"
4. Structural material, " " under 3"
5. Logs
6. Plywood
7. Sleepers or RR Ties

III. Other Building Materials

- | | | |
|------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 1. Cement | 3. Paint. | 4. Pigments for paint |
| 2. Varnish | | |

IV. Electrical Materials

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Accumulators | 6. Insulators | 11. Switch gear |
| 2. Batteries | 7. Jointing Composition | 12. Transformers |
| 3. Copper and Aluminum Conductors | 8. Motors | 13. Transformer Oil |
| 4. Electric Light Bulbs | 9. Portable Generators | 14. Welding rods |
| 5. " " Light Fittings. | 10. Sulphuric Acid | 15. Wires and Cables |

V. Industrial Gases

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8. Brass
9. Copper

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V. Industrial Gases

1. Acetylene
4. Bottles and Containers.
2. Oxygen
3. Ammonia

VI. Miscellaneous

1. Caustic Soda.
- ~~2. Polishes~~

5. MATERIALS UNDER CONTROL OF MISCELLANEOUS PURCHASES COMMITTEE, AREA (I) H.

1. Hemp, Raw, Tow, & Manf'd.
2. Stationery and Office Paper
3. Leather and Leather articles, including belting.
4. Matches

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No. 3721/Pres. cons.

THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT

Salerno, 22 April 1944

Dear General:

On the 14th instant, I already had occasion to call to the attention of the Allied Control Commission the gravity of the food situation in Taranto Province due to lack of means of transportation.

Again today its prefect has sent me a telegram indicating the grave difficulties which he encounters in supplying with wheat and flour the capital and municipalities of the province.

I would therefore greatly appreciate, my dear General, if you will issue orders to the Allied Military Headquarters at Taranto, so that despatch of the twenty trucks already promised be speeded, due to the impelling food needs of that province.

I thank you very kindly, my dear General, and remain with cordial greetings.

/s/ BADOLIO

TO:
Lieut. General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane
Chief of the Allied Control Commission
Salerno

Economic Section

*Please take any action
that may be called for and
put me up a draft reply
to Badoglio*

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IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

25 Apr. 1944
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Salerno, li 22 aprile 1944

Caro Generale,

il 14 corrente ebbi già occasione di prospettare alla Commissione Alleata di Controllo la gravità della situazione alimentare della provincia di Taranto a motivo della mancanza di mezzi di trasporto.

Ancora oggi quel Prefetto mi telegrafa rappresentandomi le gravi difficoltà che egli incontra per poter rifornire di grano e di farina il capoluogo e i comuni della provincia.

Le sarei perciò molto grato, caro Generale, se Ella volesse impartire disposizioni al Comando Militare Alleato di Taranto affinché voglia affrettare la cessione dei venti autocarri già promessi per le impellenti necessità alimentari di quella provincia.

La ringrazio vivamente, caro Generale, e La prego di gradire i miei cordiali saluti.

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Al Signor

Lieut General Sir Noel Mason Mac Furlane
Capo della Commissione Alleata di Controllo

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HEADQUARTERS PANINULAR BASE SECTION

18 APRIL 1947

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ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : CG PHIBASE

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UNCLASSIFIED NEWS RELEASE PALERMO. BIG DRIVE AGAINST BLACK MARKET WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY IN STATEMENT ISSUED BY OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SICILY, MUROTTO. 1,250 QUINTALS OF OLIVE OIL, THAT WERE KEPT FOR SALE ON BLACK MARKET, HAVE BEEN SEIZED BY POLICE AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO POPULATION UNDER DIRECT CONTROL OF ALTO COMMISSARIATO, IT WAS DISCLOSED. STATEMENT ADDED THAT ALL LICENSED ARE BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM WHOLESALE AND RETAIL MERCHANTS, WHO HAVE HIDDEN FOOD STUFFS AND CAUSED SHORTAGE OF SAME PRODUCTS. ALL CAR PERMITS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY FROM SAME PEOPLE, TO AVOID ILLEGIT CIRCULATION OF FOOD PRODUCTS FOR BLACK MARKET PURPOSES ITEM.

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18 APR 1947

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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MGS: 561.1

4 April 1944

SUBJECT: Reply to letter of Signor Prunas to the Chief
of Staff, AFHQ, relative to food supply.

TO : Lt. Gen. Noel Mason MacFarlane,
Deputy President, ACC.

6 Apr 1944
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1. On 31 January under cover of letter reference MGS 091.33 there was sent to you a letter dated 29 January signed by the Chief of Staff, AFHQ, and addressed to Signor Prunas, Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Italian Government being a considered reply to a letter of 3 December addressed by him to the Chief of Staff concerning the food situation in Italy and this letter was transmitted by you to Signor Prunas.

2. The Chief of Staff has now received from Signor Prunas a letter dated February 19 (copy attached) in which he acknowledges receipt of the letter of 29 January and asks that the suggestions originally made by him may be reconsidered when feasible.

3. As you are in possession of the fullest details as to the local situation and are in close contact with Signor Prunas it is requested that you will keep in touch with him on the matter.

HENRY PARKMAN, JR.
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.
Acting Chief of Section

Incl:
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31 March 1944

Thank you for your letter No. 899 of 20th March 1944. I think you should know that the overall ration for the Italian people is as follows:

200 grams of bread
 8.5 grams of sugar per day
 250 grams dehydrated soup per head of population
 100 grams dried vegetables - peas per head of population) monthly

For the month of April, issues will be:

400 grams dried vegetables
 250 grams dehydrated soup
 400 grams M & V stew

In addition, an extra ration for the heavy workers is under consideration and has already been approved in certain provinces.

I agree that the calorific value of this ration is small but you know better than I to what extent the population can obtain supplementary food such as vegetables and nuts which are very high in calorific property. Vegetables and nuts which are very cheap can more than make up for all the calorific losses due to deficiencies in the other part of the ration.

You plead for importation of more food. I must point out to you, however, that while giving every consideration to this the Allied Nations must take the view that the remedy in part lies in the hands of the Italian people themselves. It is true that almost all the supplies in the Ammassi have been exhausted. It is equally true that the Italian producer has signally failed to take his quota to the Ammassi. There is, I believe, sufficient olive oil in occupied and liberated Italy to feed the whole population on an adequate ration. It has not been produced. It will be difficult to persuade the people of the Allied Nations to help a population which in this respect has failed collectively to help itself.

I must remind you that with the advent of the harvest imported supplies from abroad will decrease as this country will be expected to depend more and more upon its own resources. This is a question of agricultural production and distribution and it is the duty of the Italian Government to do everything possible to ensure maximum production of all foodstuffs, and their availability to the population.

S. E. Marshal Pietro Badoglio
 Capo Del Governo

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
 Lieutenant General
 Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
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Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 1 Apr 1944
By *[Signature]*

31 March 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : General MASON MACFARLANE.

Herewith comments on Marshal Badoglio's letter 26 March 1944.

1. The statement that "almost all supplies in the 'Anasssi' have been exhausted for some time" is probably correct with certain exception in surplus wheat provinces.

2. We do not agree that "food supply is now based almost exclusively on the ration distributed by the Allies." He has overlooked the fact that excessive retentions for both seed and food were held in possession of the agricultural producers and workers including the "gleaners" classification which is so broad as to take in large groups of the rural population. Also overlooked are the extensive supplies of pulses (lentils, beans, peas, etc.), nuts, wine, fruits (dried and fresh), milk, cheese and vegetables, also in coastal area increasing supplies of fish.

3. As regards the ration issue, advise that, although the bread ration is 200 grams there are other commodities issued, i.e. dried vegetables, cheese or meat, sugar, dehydrated soup, and olive oil.

4. In discussing the "nutrition of the Italian citizen" it is stated as 212 grams per day whereas the basic ration is 233 grams per day in March and in April will be 250 grams per day due to increases in issues of items other than flour. Further the supplementary ration for "heavy workers" is now an additional 200 grams per day of bread or flour equivalent (pasta).

5. The supplemental ration for heavy workers increases the calory value to 1036.

200 grams bread,	453 calories.
200 " " (supplemental)	453 " "
Miscellaneous items as in Para 3,	130 " "
	1036 " "

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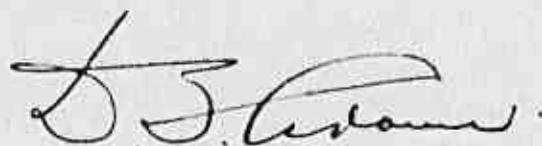
This 1036 calories is derived from imported supplies (except olive oil 49 calories) and does not include local supplies as indicated in Para 2. The general appearance of the population as a whole shows no indication of malnutrition.

6. Referring to his last paragraph, it is suggested that the Italian Government could augment the calory value to agricultural workers by the maximum exploitation of local resources of cheese, animal fats, dairy products and farinaceous foods which could be the subject of local rationing.

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7. We are at present issuing the maximum ration deemed compatible with the world wheat supply and shipping facilities. The CCS are much concerned over the large quantities of food supplies that have been already shipped into Italy and are strongly urging that Italy must not expect continuation of these imports after the coming harvest is available. It is, therefore, most important that Marshal Badoglio appreciate his great responsibility for the feeding of his people by insuring that the Governmental agencies concerned are properly organized and strengthened so that they can secure the maximum ammassing and control of the wheat crop.



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Colonel, C. E.
Executive Officer
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TRANSLATION

Salerno, 26 March 1944.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE GOVERNMENT

File No. 2445

My dear General MacFarlane:

The Allied Military Authorities have established on the 26th of January last in Sicily the Regional Superintendency for Food Supply of Sicily and adjacent islands, and by ordinance of February 8th last they have approved its set-up.

Successively and after February 11th last, date of return of Sicily under Italian Administration, the same Allied Military Authorities have delegated to the said superintendency the function of assignment and distribution within the Island of all products imported from abroad as well as collaboration in the economic field for putting into effect all matters in which the Regional Control Commission is interested.

The said office, which has established at Palermo a veritable Ministry with numerous provincial agencies under its jurisdiction, is not provided for under Italian administrative regulations and unnecessarily superimposes itself upon already existing agencies such as the Provincial Food Supply Sections and the Provincial Economy Councils. This, constituted by the Allied Military Authorities to meet specific, momentary local needs during the occupation, has no more reason for existence after February 11th last, at which time, based upon the agreements entered into, Italian legislation, administration and regulations were again put into effect in Sicily.

Therefore, while I reserve the right to take whatever measures of my Government, I ask you, my dear General, to kindly issue instructions to that effect also to the Regional Control Commission for Sicily.

With cordial greetings.

/s/ BADOGLIO

TO:
Lt. General Mason MAC FARLANE
Chief of the Allied Control Commission
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SECRET

Ref: 21/38/CA
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27 March 1941

Subject: Food Supplies - Rome

To: FOWIT

1. It is requested that approval may be given to send the 39 schooners now lying at BAIA, near Naples, loaded with some 2,000 tons of food up to ANZIO to discharge their cargo. This food is required to be held in readiness for civilian supply needs in ROME.

2. All arrangements in connection with this move have been made by this H.Q. and the approval of C.G. 5 Army has already been obtained to the reception of the food at ANZIO.

3. It is requested that an early answer may be given as it is desired to commence building up a stockpile there as soon as possible.

NOEL MASCH MACFARIANE
Lieutenant-General
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: HQ AAI (Admin Echo)
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AMG 5 Army (CAS)

Originated by P.C. 1 MG Section 3827

TRANSLATION

File No. 899

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT

Salerno, 26 March 1944

My dear General:

I submit to your benevolent study the very grave problem of food supply for the populations of the liberated territories. As you are aware, almost all supplies in the "Ammassi" have been exhausted for some time.

So that the food supply is now based almost exclusively on the ration distributed by the Allies.

Now, the food ration is composed of 200 grams of bread per day, or 150 grams of bread and 40 of flour or pasta. Besides, 100 grams per month of dry peas and 250 grams per month of vegetable flour are also distributed in many localities. (Only in a few localities the 100 grams of dry peas and the 250 grams of vegetable flour, instead of monthly, are distributed every ten days).

So that the nutrition of the Italian citizen in the liberated Provinces amounts to about 212 grams per day, a ration which, as I have said, can but with difficulty be complemented with other foodstuffs, but which is altogether insufficient, especially for the working classes, which must do the hard work of the fields.

This ration reduced to calories, we have from 500 to 540 calories per person, compared to the 3000-3200 necessary for the average person for light work, and 4000-5000 necessary for heavy work.

These figures, in the enormous gap between what is and what should be, are so painfully significant as to require no illustration on my part.

And as this situation is closely connected with agricultural production and social tranquillity, I make once again a warm appeal to you so that once again you will bring all your influence and friendship to bear on this problem which is not only Italian, but has similar importance also for the United Nations.

Very cordially yours,

/s/ BADOGLIO

To: General Noel Mason MacFarlane
Chief of the Allied Control Commission
Naples

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Col. Adam

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Ch. Adam of the Allied Control Commission

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IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

SALERNO, LI 26 MARZO 1944

CARO GENERALE,

SOTTOPONGO AL SUO BENEVOLO ESAME LA QUESTIONE MOLTO GRAVE DELL'ALIMENTAZIONE DELLE POPOLAZIONI NEI TERRITORI LIBERATI. COME LEI SA, QUASI TUTTI I GENERI CHE ERANO AGLI AMMASSI SONO DA TEMPO ESAURITI.

COSICCHÉ L'ALIMENTAZIONE SI BASA ORA QUASI ESCLUSIVAMENTE SULLA RAZIONE DISTRIBUITA DAGLI ALLEATI.

ORA LA RAZIONE ALIMENTARE È COMPOSTA DI 200 GRAMMI DI PANE AL GIORNO, OVVERO 150 GRAMMI DI PANE E 40 DI FARINA O DI PASTA. INOLTRE IN MOLTE LOCALITÀ VENGONO ANCHE DISTRIBUITI 100 GRAMMI AL MESE DI PISELLI SECCHI E 250 GRAMMI AL MESE DI FARINA DI LEGUMI. (SOLO IN POCHÉ LOCALITÀ I 100 GRAMMI DI PISELLI SECCHI E I 250 GRAMMI DI FARINA DI LEGUMI, ANZICHÉ MENSILMENTE VENGONO DISTRIBUITI A DECADI.)

SICCHÉ LA NUTRIZIONE DEL CITTADINO ITALIANO NELLE PROVINCE LIBERATE, VIENE AD ESSERE DI GRAMMI 212 CIRCA AL GIORNO, RAZIONE CHE, COME HO DETTO, PUÒ ESSERE DIFFICILMENTE COMPLETATA CON ALTRI GENERI, MA CHE COMUNQUE È DEL TUTTO INSUFFICIENTE, SPECIE PER LE CLASSI LAVORATRICI, CHE DEVONO AFFRONTARE I FATICOSI LAVORI DEI CAMPI.

RIDOTTA QUESTA RAZIONE A CALORIE, ABBIAMO DALLE 500 ALLE 540 CALORIE A PERSONA, DI FRONTE ALLE 3000-3200 NECESSARIE ALL'UOMO MEDIO PER UN LAVORO LEGGERO, ED ALLE 4000-5000 NECESSARIE PER LAVORI PESANTI. 3825

QUESTE CIFRE, NELL'ENORME DIVARIO TRA QUEL CHE SI HA E QUEL CHE SI DOVREBBE AVERE, SONO DOLOROSAMENTE COSÌ SIGNIFICATIVE, DA NON RICHIEDERE ALCUNA ILLUSTRAZIONE DA PARTE MIA.

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E POICHÉ LA QUESTIONE È STRETTAMENTE CONNESSA CON LA PRODUZIONE AGRICOLA E LA TRANQUILLITÀ SOCIALE, LE RIVOLGO UN NUOVO CALDO APPELLO PERCHÉ ANCORA UNA VOLTA ELLA PONGA TUTTA LA SUA INFLUENZA E LA SUA AMICIZIA PER QUESTO PROBLEMA CHE NON È SOLO ITALIANO, MA HA UGUALE IMPORTANZA ANCHE PER LE NAZIONI UNITE.

MOLTO CORDIALMENTE

Carlo Azeglio

AL SIGNOR GENERALE

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE

CAPO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

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Ref: 311/19/2A.

SUBJECT: Black Market Activities.

TO : Chief Commissioner.

16th March 1944.

1. I discussed the black market with Lt. Col. Poletti and Lieut. Carea who has an organisation of some 100 Italian and Allied personnel carrying on a campaign in Naples directed against the black market.

2. Our discussion elicited the opinion from Col. Poletti that 28% of all military supplies disembarked at Naples find their way into the black market: that this is the work of gangs but that in practically every case military personnel are implicated. In fact, without this complicity and without what must be universal carelessness on the part of guards, etc., this leakage could not go on.

3. These military supplies form the bulk of the black market in Naples. The rest is made up of flour and oil and other comestibles brought in from outside provinces, generally in military lorries.

4. Lieut. Carea is producing about 100 cases before special Summary Courts per diem: he has not yet got hold of a ring leader. He has, however, several of his staff working with the gangs and hopes to get one of the big shots who are unknown even to the ring leaders, in due course.

5. Colonel Poletti recommends that an immediate issue of a pasta ration of 50 grams per day and the release of olive oil on the free market, that is to say the abolition of the amasso system together with the provision of more civil transportation, would reduce black market in civil supplies to negligible proportions.

6. Military co-operation and the enforcement of military discipline is necessary to reduce the amount of military supplies finding their way to the black market.

7. We all agreed that publicity was necessary with regard to convictions and I have told Lieut. Carea that if he can succeed in getting one or two of the big shots I will see that the heaviest

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7. We all agreed that publicity was necessary with regard to convictions and I have told Lieut. Carea that if he can succeed in getting one or two of the big shots I will see that the heaviest sentences compatible with law is imposed.

8. Were it not for the extensive theft of military goods which have reached a really incredible figure, I should without any complacency say that the black market in Naples was about normal. Even six months after occupation the black market flourishes in inverse proportion to the food imported. We have not been able to import sufficient food to give an adequate ration. It is therefore necessary for the people to buy on what is called the black market but what in fact is the open market. The law of supply and demand forces prices up and inflation occurs. It is practically impossible in my experience to check that inflation by legislation. It can only be checked by increasing supplies both from without and within the country. I would go so far as to say that without the so called black market in ordinary commodities far more people in Naples would have gone hungry and perhaps starved. This is not to say that I am tolerant of existing conditions, particularly with regard to military stores, but I do believe that all that can be done to check black marketeers is being done at the moment and I am hopeful that the next week will see some results on a high level.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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No. 34 of Prot.

5 January 1944

To General Kenyon A. Joyce
Chief of the Allied Control Commission
Headquarters

Dear General Joyce:-

I am glad to learn that Allied Command has created in Naples a Central Economic Committee which has the task of fixing prices, and I am certain that in the future the collaboration of the government with the Committee will bear very good results.

In reference to Ordinances 16 and 17 relative to prices of wheat and oil mentioned in your letter of the 2nd inst., I hasten to point out that the increases allowed in the above ordinances were dictated by the necessity to make prices uniform among the various sections of the country, since in the four provinces under Italian control these prices were less than those allowed by Allied Forces in other zones of occupation.

This necessity, in regard to wheat, arose from the fact that, because the flour promised by the Allied Forces did not arrive, the government was obliged to squeeze internal resources to the utmost.

This obligation had been backed up by members of the Allied Control Commission who had strongly advised the enforcing of Ordinance No. 1 on the bestowal of wheat reserved to the families of farmers, which had been suspended through the deliberations of 2 December. The enforcement of the ordinance would not have had any effect at present if the price of wheat in the four provinces had remained below that of the adjacent provinces. And the provision of increase -- designed to stimulate delivery in the first days of January -- was made so as not to leave prices of other regions higher than in this zone.

In regard to oil, the new price may seem higher than that in the neighboring province of Matera, but the difference is certainly less than the difference in the quality of the oil obtained in adjacent regions. The increase was unavoidable and urgent in order to create the minimum necessary conditions to assure the functioning of the ammassi.

Immediate verbal information on the governmental provisions had been given to the Allied Commission experts, and, because we were ignorant of the existence of the Economic Committee of whom you speak, and in any event we were concerned to equalize internal prices with those fixed by Allied Force Commands, we believed that dispositions relative to these matters could be issued forthwith.

Under the present state of affairs it is impossible to abrogate ³⁸²² the above ordinances without compromising the prestige of the government, which has the responsibility of the solution of food needs in these provinces.

I renew my assurances to you that future increases in prices will be discussed with the Committee of Naples.

Very cordially,

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will be established in the Central Economic Committee under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer or his Deputy, responsible direct to this Headquarters. In addition to the Chairman, there will be one senior representative of the 15th Army Group and one senior representative to be designated jointly by the Allied Central Commission and the Headquarters. The representative of the 15th Army Group will be the executive vice-chairman. The vice chairman and the representative of the 15th Army Group will devote their full time to the work of the committee.

2. Such other personnel as may be required will be made available by the Allied Control Commission, the Headquarters and the 15th Army Group upon the request of the committee. Necessary vehicles and other equipment will also be provided by these three headquarters as requested by the committee.

3. The functions of the Central Economic Committee will be as follows:

- a. To determine the essential requirements of the civilian population.
- b. To control and allocate local resources of essential civilian supplies in coordination with the local resources (Italian) Board, and particularly to control the collection and distribution of wheat and olive oil.
- c. To coordinate the work of the ABC and representatives on committees and sub-committees of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board.
- d. To make necessary arrangements for the receipt, warehousing and distribution of supplies imported for the civilian population.
- e. 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.
- f. To establish such uniform or standard wage scales for civilian employment as may be considered necessary.
- g. To coordinate requests for transportation of civilian supplies by facilities under the control of the Allied Military Services. The internal transportation sub-committee will exercise such functions as may be delegated to it by the Central Economic Committee and shall be subject to its authority insofar as matters outside the jurisdiction of the ABC are concerned.
- h. To coordinate the use of motor and sea transportation under control of ABC and in the transportation of civilian supplies, including the requisitioning and pooling of civilian motor transport if this should be necessary.
- i. To undertake such additional functions as may be recommended by the Committee and approved by this Headquarters, or as assigned to it from time to time by this Headquarters.

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4. To facilitate the formulation of a comprehensive program for the distribution of essential civilian supplies, copies of all outstanding regulations for each area or region will be forwarded immediately by the responsible higher headquarters to the committee at FLADSO. All future regulations will be forwarded through the committee for concurrence or comment.
5. In the discharge of its responsibilities, the committee will make the maximum use of Italian governmental agencies, the existing machinery of AGO/ASG, and the facilities of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board. At an appropriate date to be determined by this headquarters, the functions of the Central Economic Committee will pass to the Allied Control Commission.
6. The representatives designated by AGO/ASG and AGO 14th Army Group will report to the chairman of the committee in RAPIDS as soon as possible and not later than 20 December 1943. Accommodations for the committee and attached personnel will be given priority over all other AGO/ASG personnel except those of Allied Military Government Region III.
7. Direct communication between the committee and AGO/ASG areas and regions on the mainland is authorized, but arrangements for such direct communication will be coordinated with the appropriate higher headquarters. Within the scope of its assigned functions, the decisions of the committee will be binding upon all AGO/ASG organizations on the mainland and its orders will be enforced by them.
8. Movement matters will be dealt with through local movement channels or coordinated with Movements, FLADSO, as directed by the Chairman.

CIVIL FOLD CONTROLLER (FPC/FMATH24U)

1. The situation in regard to supply and distribution of food for the Italian civil population is grave, and is liable, if unremedied, to have an adverse effect on our ability to conduct operations. It may be desirable in certain cases to accept some diversion of military transport and/or supplies in order to eliminate situations which would result in internal security commitments, rather than to allow such internal security commitments to arise. The primary interest of this headquarters, in meeting the minimum food requirements in ITALY is to avoid interference with military operations. It is an over-riding military consideration that the civil population be fed. In circumstances where this consideration involves direct interference with military build-up and maintenance, the decision of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 15th Army Group, will govern. Machinery for dealing with such matters is, therefore, being established immediately.

2. The machinery for the execution of this policy will be that of the Economic Committee established by Section 1, above, under the chairmanship of the Secretary Chief Administrative Officer, and Advanced Administrative School (FASIS).

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11 -- CIVIL FOOD CONTROLLER (ITALIAN MAINLAND)

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2. The machinery for the execution of this policy will be that of the Economic Committee established by Section 1, above, under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, AFM, Advanced Administrative Section (AFM/AS).

3. Colonel A. L. Buss, GSO, United States Army, is hereby appointed **3820** Vice-Chairman for food control and Civil Food Controller for the mainland **3818**.

4. The duties of the Civil Food Controller for the mainland of ITALY are:

- (A) To coordinate the requirements for foodstuffs for the civilian population and insure that these requirements are placed upon the headquarters through the approved channels.
- (B) To keep under constant supervision the food situation in the occupied portions of the mainland of ITALY.
- (C) To keep under constant supervision the status of the distributing agencies available for the distribution of the food stocks to civilian consumers.

- (2) To bring to the notice of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer at the earliest possible moment any situation which is likely to create a civilian food crisis which might be prejudicial to the conduct of military operations.

5. The Civil Food Controller shall consult with the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and a representative of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 15th Army Group, on all cases brought to notice under 4, d, above. If, as a result of this contact, it is considered that the situation brought to notice by the Civil Food Controller is in fact such as may prejudice military operations, then this situation will be brought to the notice of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 15th Army Group, and his directions obtained. The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, AIF, Advanced Administrative Echelon is hereby authorized to divert, under direction of the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 15th Army Group, the minimum army resources for the minimum time necessary to correct the situation under discussion. General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 15th Army Group, is authorized in his discretion to limit military operations for this period to such an extent as shall be deemed necessary by him to compensate for the diversion of the military resources in question.

By command of General CLARK, GOC:

T.M. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, United States Army,
Adjutant General.

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By command of General ELLIOTT:

T.J. DAVIS,
 Brigadier General, United States Army,
 Adjutant General.

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