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HARVEST, GRANAL DEL POPOLO
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HARVEST - GRANAI DEL POPOLO.

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SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
1) ES/10	Gen MacFarlane	17 April	Badoglio	No laws issued yet re Harvesting.
2) CC/P/217	"	22 "	Sforza	Price of wheat-new gov't must be consulted before deciding.
3) M 174	"	25 "	AFHQ, AAI	Impressed Badoglio with need for legislation & arrangements.
4) --	Birg Lush	8 May	CC	Price of wheat vexed problem.
5) --	Gen MacFarlane	5 "	PWB - Rayner	Badoglio's broadcast on harvest & amassi laws.
--	Mr. Rayner	9 "	CC	
6) M 193	Gen MacFarlane	12 "	AFHQ	Wheat price.
7) M 194	"	12 "	AFHQ	Must increase bread ration, etc.
8) M 196	"	12 "	AFHQ	Wheat price at amassi may be passed tomorrow by Italian Cabinet.
9) M 198	"	14 "	AFHQ	Ital Govt urging for higher price.
10) M 201	"	15 "	AFHQ	Wheat price established-Announcement by Govt after ACCs in AMG territory. Text of announcement.
11) M 202	"	15 "	AFHQ	
12) 1469	Badoglio	15 "	Gen MacFarlane	ACC forced price. Govt must now accept price set for Foggia.
13) F 46253	AFHQ	15 "	ACC	Re 6, 7 & 9. Consider sound decision to increase wheat price. AFHQ will not comment on actual price.
14) M 207	ACC	19 "	AFHQ	Appt Committee. It agrees to (7).
15) F 48858	AFHQ	20 "	ACC	Request views on ration card decrease, supplies needed, laborer ration
16) M 211	CC	22 "	AFHQ	Re 15. My views are...
17) M 218	CC (Lloyd)	31 "	RESMIN for Moyne	Lloyd asking Jackson come Naples.
18) 5645	Lloyd	31 "	Mideast-Jackson	Please come.
19) ES/41	Col Adams	6 June	Chief Commission	Wheat price shd not be changed.
1728	Badoglio	3 "	" "	Suggest premium.
20) --	Mr. Murray	9 "	---	Notes on grain collection in So. Italy.
21) 35 Misc.	" (MESC)	17 "	Gen MacFarlane	Has AFHQ approved rotg of officers fr Mideast for Harvest?
22) CC/P/404	Gen MacFarlane	19 "	Stone	Price of Wheat in Sicily. Re 19?
23) 203/CA	Birg Lush	28 "	A/CC	Wheat not coming in in Sicily.
--	Densmore	29 "	Stone	Suggest fertilizer as premium.
24) --	Grady	29 "	A/CC	Dangers of Bonus Payments.
25) --	Densmore	30 "	FRB - Bergin	Campaign in Dem-Liberal Press against amasso.
26) FRB/R25	FRB-Fielden	11 July	A/CC	Enforcement of Amasso in Sicily.
27) --	Bonomi	2 August	Stone	Naptha needed for threshing machines, Ascoli Piceno Region.
A/CC 400	Densmore	2 "	Economic Sec	
28) 203/CA	Birg Lush	7 Jul	A/CC	Inducement Scheme for Collection
29) FP/4107	Foggia Prov.	20 "	RC & MG Sec	Foggia Harvest. Record breaking-
199/301/CA	Ex Comm	1 Aug	HQ AAI	thanx to Ital Mil Assistance
30) 2092	Bonomi	3 "	Stone	Re 27. Also POL for Campobasso.
31) ES 12	Antolini	8 "	A/CC	Re 27. POL for threshing machines.

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IMPORTANT

FOR CAPT. STONE FROM GEN. BROWNING. REPLY YOUR 7175 OF 6 JULY NOT REPEAT
NOT TO ADD. FIRST. REPLY AAI/3072/A(0) OF 25 APRIL CONCERNING P.W.
P.W. RELEASED REVEAL STATUS OF ITALIAN SOLDIERS. PAROLED P.W. WOULD
HAVE NO (no) LEGAL STANDING AS MEMBERS ITALIAN ARMY. ITALIAN ARMY
CANNOT (cannot) ABSORB 7,000 REPEAT 7,000 MEN IN DIVISION IN SICILY
AS ARMY IS ALREADY OVER STRENGTH AND RATION POSITION FOR SABAUDA DIVIS-
ION IN SICILY TENSERIOUS. RATIONS FOR PRESENT STRENGTH IN SICILY WILL
LAST ONLY 5 DAYS AND TRANSHIPMENT IS NECESSARY FROM MAINLAND AS SHIPS
DESTINED SICILIAN PORTS HAVE NOT (not) ARRIVED. THEREFORE EVEN IF
7,000 (7,000) P.W. WERE RELEASED AND ABSORBED IN SABAUDA DIVISION
RATIONS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT AVAILABLE NOT. CONSIDER IMPRACTICABLE TO
ABSORB P.W. IN SABAUDA ALSO FROM STANDPOINT OF ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTY
AND PROVIDING WITH ARMS. SECOND. 2 BATTAL MANTOVA DIVISION IN CALABRIA
APPROXIMATELY 2,000 (2,000) STRENGTH CAN BE MADE READY IF ORDERED BY
17TH AI. THESE WOULD HAVE TO BE TRANSPORTED TO SICILY AND TRANSPORT
FOR RATIONS ON BASIS 24 (24) TONS PER 1000 (1000) MEN FOR 30 (30)
DAYS WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE PROVIDED

HEADQUARTERS
8 JUL 1944
A. C. C.

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ACTION - C A B R
INFO - CSO
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12 August 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

This is in reply to your two letters, August 2nd and 3rd, relative to requests for agricultural purposes. Petrol supplies for civilian uses in the forward provinces present one of the most difficult problems facing representatives of the Commission, due mainly to the destruction of transportation lines and transport.

An allocation of petroleum products for all purposes including agriculture has been made to each province and every endeavor is being made to deliver it there in spite of transportation difficulties.

Your letter of August 3rd referred to the supply of petroleum products for all agricultural regions. The Commission is cognizant of the situation and our representatives are putting forth every effort to assist with the harvest and sowing. Allocations of petroleum products are being made to the fullest extent that same can be made available. It would appear that some of the petrol is being used for non-essential purposes.

I agree with you that the harvest and the sowing is at this time one of the most important matters facing your government and the Commission. We will continue to do everything that is possible for us to do. In the final analysis, however, the success of the latter rests with your Government and the Italian people.

Excellent work on the amassing problem has been done by your Minister of Agriculture and others. The Minister's trips into the provinces, his speeches and his interest are having a good effect and I hope that similar activities can be extended in this and other fields by members of your government who can thereby get into touch with the responsible Italian provincial officials generally as well as with a wider public.

Again I want to assure you that we here in the Commission will do everything we can to help.

Yours very truly,

H. A. C. Sec'y Gen.

DISPATCHED

Date-Time 12 Aug 1944

Via 113

Initials JHR

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

ELDERY W. JONES
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief Commissioner

Political Section
cc: Economic Section
RCY 115
Admin. "

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Economic Section

11 August 4

Reference attached draft, your concurrence is requested.

*reply to Bonomi's No. 2099 of
3 Aug ref fuel for agricultural
purposes.*

J. A. QUAYLE,
Major,
PA to A/C.C.

Incl -
as above.

Hq ACC Sec'y Gen.
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Date-Time <i>11 Aug 1115</i>
Via <i>Msg</i>
Initials <i>AKR</i>

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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HQ ACC, APO 394
5385cc y Gen.
Rec'd 11 Aug 1944
By 28R
10 August 1944

IS/12

SUBJECT: POL for Threshing Machines.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner

1. Reference is your memorandum on above subject dated 9 AUG 44.
2. As pointed out in our IS/12 of 8 AUG 44, allocations are based on demands from the local ACC officers and the Italian Government and are checked against information available at HQ of previous issues of the Italian and German Governments.
3. Great care and trouble is taken by this HQ and by the Petroleum Section AFHQ in the making of allotments and getting the fuel to its destination.
4. It would seem that the Italian people and their Government are not sufficiently aware of the following facts:-
 - a. All POL has to be imported by the Allies.
 - b. There is a shortage of POL for the Allied Armies as well as for the Italian people.
 - c. There are grave difficulties of transportation.
5. At the present time the bulk of Petroleum products must come in at Bari and Naples and have to be transported thence by best available means to the forward areas. This long haul has strained transportation activities to the limit as not only has new transportation to be found for forward areas, but transportation has had to be withdrawn from the rear areas. Rail tank cars are taking much longer to make the round trip and the available containers in which most of the agricultural petroleum has to be packed are also in short supply.
6. New ports on both the East and West coasts are expected to be available for petroleum in the very near future and will materially assist by making available petroleum products further North. But, there will still

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be a problem of transportation from these ports to the many and often inaccessible inland areas where petroleum for agricultural purposes is required.

7. Everything is being, and will continue to be done, to treat sympathetically the requirements of petroleum for agricultural purposes and, to get the petroleum distributed.

Copy to:
Commerce Sub-Commission

A. G. ANTOLINI
Executive Director
Economic Section

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SUBJECT: Wheat Amassing

430 800000
11-420 Aug

Herewith latest information available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:-

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Region	Amassing in Quintals			
	Agric. S/C total estimate Jun 44	Reports from Regions	Date of Report	Percentage of total estimate
1	2,210,000	311,490	6 Aug	14
2	1,530,000	354,532	31 Jul	23
FOGGIA	1,590,000	648,789	29 Jul	41
3	350,000	26,831	2 Aug	8
4	1,400,000	110,487	4 Aug	8
5	2,550,000	20,497	22 Jul	1
6	430,000	108,757	5 Aug	24
7	280,000	89,500	5 Aug	30
8	1,000,000	20,289	22 Jul	2
	11,340,000	1,685,166		15

DISTRIBUTION: Acting Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Colonel Densmore, C.S.C. to A/Ch. Comm.

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430. Summary
 12-400 Agri. Program

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Available to Economic Section on amassing of wheat:-

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Wheat in Quintals

Reports from Regions	Date of Report	Percentage of total estimate	Normal Pre-war percentage by 31 Jul
311,490	6 Aug	14	16
354,532	31 Jul	23	21
648,783	29 Jul	41	21
26,831	2 Aug	8	21
110,487	4 Aug	8	32
20,497	22 Jul	1	32
108,757	5 Aug	24	12
89,500	5 Aug	30	21
20,289	22 Jul	2	32
1,685,166		15	24

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A.G. ANTOLINI
 Executive Director
 Economic Section

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Pol for Threshing Machines

FILE No.

TO: Economic Section

9 August

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Thanks for your letter ES/12, 8 August re POL for Threshing Machines.

For your information attached is copy of letter dated 3 August from H.E. Bonomi--same subject.

1 Incl-
as above.

Stone.

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Hq. A.C.C.	Secy Gen.
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Date	Time
9 Aug	1520
Via	msg.
Initials	U.R.R.

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Ref: 307

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APG 39A

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ES/12

8 Aug 44

SUBJECT: POL for Threshing Machines.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner, HQ A. C. C.

Reference your A/CC 400 dated 22 AUG 44. (27)

1. Petrol Supplies for civilian uses in the forward provinces presents one of the most difficult problems facing representatives of this Headquarters due mainly to the destruction of transportation lines and transport by enemy demolition.

2. An allocation of petroleum products for all purposes including agriculture has been made to Accoli Province and every endeavor is being made to get it there in spite of transportation difficulties.

3. Allocations are based on demands from the local A.C.C. officers and are checked against information available at HQ of previous issues of the Italian and German governments. We must, however, point out that the physical difficulty of getting the allocated quantities to their destination is at the present time straining the available transportation services to the limit.

A. G. AMOLINI
Executive Director,
Economic Section.

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Fias [Signature]

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THE PRESIDENT
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
N. 2099

NO. 391
Recd 5 Aug 1946
By 1946

Rome, 3rd August 1944

Dear Captain Stone,

After informing you yesterday of the necessity of providing the province of Ascoli Piceno with agricultural fuel, I want you now to note, considering other informations which have reached me, that the fuel question has assumed a much more general character, because the lack of it has been strongly felt in most agricultural regions.

In the province of Campo Basso, for instance, I have been told that the gathering of the wheat and the success of the granaries of the people were threatened by the lack of fuel.

Will you kindly have this problem examined under this new aspect, and let me know what can be done about it.

I remain, my dear Captain,

yours sincerely,

/s/ I. Bonomi

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

ROME

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C.M.C. Section
APO 354

Ref/199/301/CA

1 August 1944

SUBJECT : Italian Military Assistance for Harvesting.

TO : Mr. AAI (C)

1. Attached is copy of report from the provincial Commissioner FOGGIA.
2. We are very conscious of the assistance you have rendered in providing the Italian Army personnel for harvesting and as this report sets out the whole process of their employment very clearly it is thought that you might like to see a copy.
3. It is too early to have complete figures in the FOGGIA harvest but present indications are that it will be a record in the history of the Province.

M.S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For A/Chief Commissioner.

Copy to : A/Chief Commissioner
ISMA
Economic Section
P.O. Foggia
APO 10, DE AAI

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REF : 073/1197.

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SUBJECT : FOGGIA HARVEST.

TO : HQ ACC (PO & NG Sec)

FROM : ACC, FOGGIA PROVINCE.

1. The following is a brief summary of the operation of Italian Military Harvesters in this Province :-
2. In past years the Italian Government organised the immigration of Harvest workers into this Province on a large scale. The total numbers imported each year varied from 15 - 25,000. In 1943 it was 19,000.
3. This year's Harvest prospects were good (calling for more work), and it was known that the Allied Forces were employing up to 10,000 Harvest labourers on the Airfields. It looked as if there would be a shortage of at least 5,000 Harvest labourers this year. If this shortage were not met the effect would be to drive illegal wages to a high level and to drain the Allied Military Forces of their labour.
4. It was considered that the best solution would be to import Italian soldiers as agricultural harvesters and this procedure was in due course approved by A.A.I. and A.C.V.
5. The intention was to import serving soldiers, but at the last minute it was laid down that Congedanti (Time-expired soldiers), who were waiting at CASERINIA for return to their homes, should be used in the first place. It was realised that these men might be unwilling workers and that desertions might take place. But this had to be accepted.
6. M.M.F.A. supplied a staff and equipment for a "Military Harvest workers' Centre" in Foggia to arrange dispersal to farms and the complete procedure was laid on whereby the soldiers would be sent to their work and supplied with the proper documents for pay and rations.
7. It soon became obvious to civilian labour, farmers and political agitators in FOGGIA that the arrival of the soldiers was depressing wage levels. Political resistance began to make itself felt. For fear of the political consequences, farmers were inclined to refuse soldiers. Accordingly, Provincial Orders were issued compelling Communes to accommodate and support soldiers before they went to work and compelling all farmers to accept a minimum of 1 soldier per 10 Hectares for a period of 30 days. These Orders had the desired effect. Farmers had an alibi to cover them from political criticism and the soldiers were steadily absorbed.
8. It is estimated that at least 60% of the soldiers were placed at work at their farms within 24 hours of their arrival and, (with a few exceptions) the remaining 40% within a day or two.
9. The presence of the soldiers had a most marked and immediate effect. Farmers, who a few days before, had come to A.M.C. to complain that workmen were demanding Lit. 200 and Lit. 300 per day for the Harvest, returned to report that the same men had come back offering to work for the legal wage. It is believed

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some 50% of the soldiers had agricultural experience. Generally speaking, the farmers were well pleased with them. The P.A.P.L. of the Province reports that there has been practically no important drain on Military labour so far during the Harvest.

10. The soldiers have done a good work and their importation has been a marked success. The Italian Officers supplied by P.A.P.L. were first-class: they knew their jobs and got on with it.

11. The estimated requirements of soldiers was based on actual day to day figures for previous years. Normally, Harvest collection reaches a high peak at the end of July and the beginning of August, calling for a corresponding high peak in imported labour. This year sowing has not been accelerated by hot winds and progress has been much steadier. The peak in Harvest has not occurred, and the peak in labour requirements is also absent. Accordingly, it was possible to reduce the total requirements from 25,000 to 20,000 and to hold in reserve a No of 500 men at the FOGGIA Centre against emergencies. It can be said, therefore, that 25% of the soldiers actually imported found employment in the Province.

12. The problem of dispersal after Harvest work is proving complicated. This Headquarters had stated that Harvest workers were to serve a fixed period and accordingly arranged for their concentration and disposal in the order of arrival. This scheme had to be abandoned when A.A.L. ruled that all Convoys should be kept to last. A new scheme has been prepared, however, and provided that rail transport can be made available the concentration and movement of the serving soldiers should proceed without hitch. If there is any delay in providing transport there may be some difficulty in feeding and accommodating a great mass of idle soldiers without camping and cooking equipment.

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This Provincial A.C.C. and the Provincial Civil Administration are most grateful for the Military Harvest workers. They have solved a difficult problem; worked hardest getting the Harvest in; dugged back civil labour on the airfields, and kept down wage rates in a most satisfactory manner.

Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner,
A.C.C. FOGGIA PROVINCE.

Ref: 205/CA

7th July 1944

SUBJECT: Inducement ^A Schemes for Collection of Grain.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. If the inducement plan first recommended some months ago and endorsed by Regional Commissioners on May 30th is to be prosecuted, I recommend that it be carried out on the lines suggested by Mr. Vills.

2. As the remaining paragraphs of Vice President. Economic Section's memorandum are directed against such action, I submit my comments:-

(a) I do not agree with the Vice President's approach to the enforcement of law. Certainly we must do all we can to make the people respect the law (which incidentally is Italian law and not ACC law) but in a fairly long administrative experience I have always found that an appeal to the better senses of the people by making them realize that they have everything to gain by obeying the law. A better then resort to threats and indications of what will happen if the law is not observed. Moreover, I have tried the inducement plan with success elsewhere. The experiences of Colonel Walker, who has come from Syria to help us here, are that the use of force was not the best way to collect wheat but the employment of any means which would be likely to secure for the Government the goodwill of the peasants. The inducement scheme, in my opinion and in the enforcement of the law and a proper psychological approach to a peasant population is the need of manufactured articles. Has it been laid on earlier we might have had better initial results in Sicily.

(b) I do not consider that the inducement plan would establish a precedent for other collection programmes. Wheat and barley are the staple crops.

(c) Regional Commissioner cannot actively enforce penalties prescribed; he can only try to ensure that the Italian Government does so.

(d) If the island were under Allied Military Government, if there were Allied troops and police and officials in whom one had confidence in enforcing the law, then the use of the term "passyfoot" will regard to artificial aids for enforcing the law might be justified. In the circumstances I submit that it is not, and that every means to persuade farmers against evading the law and thus bringing it into contempt must be used before final application of force and penalties is employed.

(e) The lack of manufactured articles is a serious handicap. Have we ever asked for an increased allotment in order to launch an inducement plan? But I believe that we should attempt to make the plan work.

W.S.L.

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M.S.I.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Hq A.C.C. - Sec'y Gen.
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 Date-Time 2 Aug 1706
 Via SG Major
 Initials DFE

HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 APO 394

LDD/njp

REFERENCE SLIPFile: A/CC AOODate 2 August 1944

SUBJECT: ROL for threshing machines - Ascoli Piceno region
(Copy letter 2 August - Bonomi, attached)

FROM: Acting Chief Commissioner

TO

Administrative Section	War Materials Disposal Sub-Comm.
☒ Economic Section	Public Relations Branch
Political Section	Secretary General
Regional Control and Military Government Section	Chief Staff Officer
Air Sub-Commission	
Army Sub-Commission	
Communications Sub-Commission	
Navy Sub-Commission	
FOR:	
Acknowledgement	Information and Retention
☒ Appropriate Action as indicated *	Dispatch
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* Please take appropriate action and furnish Acting Chief Commissioner information upon which to base reply to attached letter.	
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Chief Staff Officer	

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

MC 47C. APO 374
353 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 2 Aug 1940
By WRR

Rome, August 2nd 1940

Dear Admiral Stone,

I have been informed that, not to lose the wheat crop of the Ascoli Piceno region, it would be necessary immediately to allot to the said province 3500 quintals of naphtha, needed for the functioning of the threshing-machines.

An important part of this crop could be used for the alimentation of the capital, it being five times what is needed by the province.

Will you kindly ask the competent commands to provide the province of Ascoli with the necessary fuel supply.

I will be very grateful to you if you will let me know what has been done.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ I. Bonomi

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Trans./Z.C.

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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

PRE/R25

11 July 1944

Subject: Granai del Popolo.

To: Acting Chief Commissioner,
Through Secretary General.

1. Reference paragraph 2 C, sub-para (v) of Appendix "A" to Executive Commissioner's 203/28/CA of 6 July 1944 on Enforcement of Grain Collection in Sicily.

2. A film has been made showing procedure and stressing necessity of harvest collection: Captain Howard Owen of PR Branch was detached to work on this film with IWB. The film is now being cut: Captain Owen has been sent to Sicily to assist in production of leaflets and posters and in organization of appeals. The Granai del Popolo campaign is being stressed in the radio programme "Italia Combattere" with special instructions on the hiding and protecting of grain in the north. A special Bolletino is being prepared to explain the campaign, and also reasons behind the fixed price which seems high to them, to farmers in the north. Partisans are being encouraged to take part in harvest work as soon as the battle has passed over their territory. Special articles are being procured from England and U. S. A., showing how farmers cooperate there.

/s/ Lionel Fielden,
/t/ LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

Pencil note:

"Good work"

EWS.

(C O P Y)

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Report by Italian officer

Public Relations Branch, Hq ACC
(Attention: Major Bergin)059428
1 JUL 1944
30 June 4

The following is from a report from a serving Italian officer whose information is considered reliable:

"A preliminary stage of this is clearly evidenced by the campaign conducted in the Democratico-Liberale press, directed to the land-owners and virtually advising them not to send the wheat harvest to the "amasso". These directives aim at causing civil disturbances on such a scale as to necessitate the calling in of the army to maintain public order and providing grounds for the Italian general staff in their demands for a military dictatorship."

The Acting Chief Commissioner requests information as to whether or not you have any knowledge or information with respect to such a campaign.

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
FA to A/CC

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

ECONOMIC SECTION

June 29th 1944

SUBJECT: Grain Harvesting and Bonus payments thereon:

A1923
30 JUL 1944

TO : Acting Chief Commissioners

To much emphasis cannot be placed on the dangers inherent in the payment of War Bonus and other suggested inducements to the Sicilian farmers to collect wheat.

1. The payment of Bonus or other inducements is emphatically an admission on the part of the Commission that it is administratively incompetent to enforce its own LAW.
2. The payment of Bonus or other inducements is glaringly establishing a precedent for all other "collective" programs now under consideration.
3. An inducement plan to wheat and barley retention card holders (in all liberated Italy) by distributing manufactured articles on a point priority basis, as suggested by the Regional Commissioners is attached. The Economic Section feels that in light of the very limited quantities of manufactured articles such as Textiles, shoes and fertilizers available to effectively follow through on an inducement plan, the psychological and material return will be negligible-hence its introduction to this end may weaken rather than strengthen our position by offsetting the direct emphasis reflected in points 1 & 2 above.

In light of this, I firmly believe the following steps must be taken:

- a) Issue a clear directive through directive the Italian Government to the Officials in Sicily that passive resistance on their part WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
- b) Issue a statement through the Italian Government to each comune in Sicily that NO MORE WHEAT WILL BE WITHCOMING TO ENTIRE ISLAND.
- c) Issue a declaration of severe penalties through the Italian Government and we must see to it that the Regional Commissioner ENFORCES them.
- d) Coordinate the press and Radio in hard hitting support.

These measures may appear harsh-they are not. In fact I feel certain that we will gain the respect of both the people and the Government if we take these steps. If we "jessyfoot" in this instance, our whole effort is jeopardized.

Henry F. Grady
Vice President
Economic Section

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Captain Stone;

I recall having seen a suggestion by some Italian that perhaps one of the ways to get the farmers to part with their wheat was to give them an incentive by making a certain amount of fertilizer available to them for each quintal of grain delivered.

I don't know what the fertilizer situation is but I do know that it is something desperately needed by farmers. This might be an idea in connection with this Sicilian problem.

/s/ L.D.D.

Note by Capt Stone;

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C O P Y

Ref: 203/CA28. June. 1944.

SUBJECT: Harvest - Sicily.

TO: Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. I sent Lieut. Colonel Shipp (Civil Affairs Branch) to Sicily. He has telephoned to say that the harvest is not coming into the granaries, only 230 tons have arrived to date. He regards the situation as serious and states that the reason the price is considered too low.

2. I have confidence in Lieut. Colonel Shipp's judgement which confirms your Regional Commissioner's considered opinion. And, after the impression which I gathered from this morning's conference, I feel bound to remind you again that the Chief Commissioner has committed himself to assistance in the way of a war bonus - certainly personally to Colonel Hancock. May I suggest, therefore, that before the proposal is rejected, which appears to be the present intention, Colonel Hancock should be given the opportunity of expressing his views to yourself and Vice President, Economic Section. I am not impressed by Musotto's declaration; he has an axe to grind with the Italian Government and the Allied Control Commission. I do not think that we should disregard the recommendation of the Regional Commissioner especially in light of Lieut. Colonel Shipp's report, without further discussion, e.g., at a Vice President's meeting.

/s/ M.S.L.

MSL/JC

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref. CC/P/404.

19th. June, 1944.

Reference attached memorandum from Economic Section regarding price of wheat in Sicily.

O.K.. I agree. But I suggest that we should, if possible, inform Regional Commissioner, Region I of the various benefits which are, I understand, being arranged for farmers who 'play ball' under a sort of 'points' system.

NOEL BASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Rear HQ, A.C.C..

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FOR GENERAL MACFARLANE FROM MURRAY, WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO KNOW
WHETHER PROPOSAL FOR RECRUITMENT OF HARVEST CONTROL OFFICERS IN
MIDDLE EAST HAS BEEN SANCTIONED BY FREEDOM. THINK WE COULD HELP
IF DIRECTIVE GIVEN IMMEDIATELY

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NOTES ON GRAIN COLLECTION IN SOUTHERN ITALY

These notes are made after discussion with Headquarters' officials of the Allied Control Commission in Naples and after visits to two of the chief grain producing areas, Foggia and Matera, between June 2nd and 7th. The short time available has made it impossible to deal with the problem in any detail but at the same time, preliminary observations indicated clearly that the problems involved in the Italian 'ammassi' were strikingly similar to those found in the Middle East countries, where various types of grain collection schemes, bringing in about 2½ million tons of grain a year, are now in their third year of operation. It is this similarity, rather than the results of so short a visit to Italy, which, it is hoped, may justify the putting forward of these views, the shortcomings of which may be only too apparent to those officials whose responsibility it is to run the scheme.

The reasons for building an official organization for the collection of crop harvests are as urgent in Italy as they were in the Middle East when the latter was a base of operations. Military expenditure, rising prices, speculation and hoarding form a sequence of factors which lead to a breakdown of the normal channels of food distribution; as a result, food shortages occur in the towns, black market food prices rise, demands for higher wages are inevitable and inflation follows. Not only do these events lead to insecurity in the base areas of military operations and along lines of communication, but they also involve increased military expenditure as wages and prices rise. Adequate bread supplies at controlled prices are the first step to stop inflation. Unless Italian crops are collected in order to feed the towns, the only alternative solution is heavier imports. This wastes not only shipping but also makes unnecessary calls on supplies of these foodstuffs such as wheat which are already inadequate to meet the growing commitments in Europe, India and elsewhere.

According to present estimates, this year's crops in Southern Italy are above average and the bulk of Italy's rationed bread requirements could be met from her own soil. But this depends on successful collection of the crops.

The progress since the beginning of April in the development of the necessary organization is most impressive; so much has been accomplished in a short space of time, that the failure to plan further in advance is all the more regrettable. The harvests are already coming in before preparations are complete.

The target for the collection of wheat from the 1944 harvest has been placed at about 700,000 tons or 43 per cent of the crop. ²⁰⁸¹ Previous collections averaged about 38 per cent, last year's about 20 per cent; of this quantity about 160,000 tons are to be collected in Foggia region and about 120,000 tons from the Matera region.

It will be a very great triumph for those who are operating the scheme if these figures are reached, since the difficulties to be overcome are numerous. Some of these are now beyond control, but there are two in particular which can be remedied and which may make a difference of as much as 200,000 - 300,000 tons of wheat - these are staff and transport. There were numerous other points, such as price policy, wages, workers rations, etc., which arose during discussion, but personnel and transport appear to outweigh the others to such an extent that the other issues are omitted from these notes.

Staff

At Headquarters and particularly in the provinces, there are insufficient personnel to work the scheme effectively. The existing staff must have been working full out to achieve what has been done already; had the staff been bigger, many of the initial delays which occurred might have been avoided. But the shortage of staff is going to become an increasing handicap as the work of organization changes to that of supervision in the field.

In Poggia, for example, which covers 650,000 acres, there are some 55,000 farmers scattered throughout 62 communes; each of these communes has a control committee responsible for grain collection; in addition there is a Provincial agricultural committee. The work of these committees has to be supervised. There are over 400 threshing machines and 170 mills to be watched and supervised; storage and transport for 160,000 tons have to be arranged; binder twine, sacks and fuel have to be supplied in the right place at the right time; decrees and ordinances have to be prepared and published. Time is limited. Yet practically all this has to be carried out by one supply officer and one agricultural officer in addition to their other duties. It is a physical impossibility to get around the area, particularly as they have only one car between them; a similar situation exists in Matera, according to information other areas are in the same predicament.

On the basis of middle east experience, the immediate provision of five supply officers in each of the two areas, Poggia and Matera, might be expected to make a difference of 75,000 - 100,000 tons of grain to be collected. This estimate is confirmed by competent authorities in Italy. These officers do not need to be agricultural experts; they can learn their job in a week or ten days. One of their main contributions would be to support the carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza in their supervision of threshing, grain transport and movement, storage, and milling. The success of the "ammassi" depends on these controls; the effectiveness of the work of the local officials depends in turn on the authority provided by the presence of Allied officers.

The presence of these ten officers in the field would not only ⁴⁰⁸⁰ wheat and shipping but would also reduce the number of officers necessary to supervise the storage, movement, and distribution of imported wheat.

In the Middle East, the services of such officers have been readily obtainable. M.E.S.C., through G.H.Q., M.E.F., have sent 50 to Syria, 25 to Persia and 15 to Bengal. At the present time, A.M. (HQ) Balkans has some twenty officers apprenticed to the cereals collection scheme in Syria and the Lebanon. It is suggested that A.M. Balkans be asked to post ten of their officers immediately to A.C.S. and that G.H.Q., M.E.F. be asked in consultation with M.E.S.C., to provide a further thirty officers, ten to replace those taken from AM Balkans and twenty for Italy. These officers have been drawn mainly from over-age groups.

The provision of these officers would not only assist in reaching the wheat target in Foggia and Matera, but they would then be available to assist in the control of the barley, pulse and olive oil crops. Moreover, they would be a useful reserve upon which to draw when the remaining areas of Italy are taken over.

It should be noted, however, that these officers would be useless if they are not provided with transport. It is suggested that small cars might be requisitioned from the civil market or from Army reserves. (These need not be new vehicles. The writer saw a field depot between Bisceglie and Catanzaro (Giuseppe Tufaro) with rows of small used vans, which looked like Austin tens, standing in the open. A proportion of these, if made serviceable, would do the job perfectly).

Transport

It was abundantly clear that road transport facilities are inadequate to cope with the supplies of grain which might otherwise be collected over the next four months. If the grain cannot be moved as it is collected, much of it will be lost.

Here again, conditions in Foggia may be cited to illustrate the seriousness of the position. At the present time, about 70 trucks are in the pool, of which about 50 are serviceable at any one time. Compare this number with estimated requirements. About 40 trucks will be needed in the rest of June to distribute the 25,000 soldier laborers which are being sent for the harvest. About 50 trucks are required continuously for the movement of harvest rations, binder twine, sacks, fuel etc. An additional 175 trucks will be required in July and 205 in August to move grain to the stores. Thus there is a peak demand of 315 3-ton trucks on the road daily in August against which only about 50 trucks are available. (Road surfaces would appear to permit the use of 10-tonners and trailers in most places).

A very similar position is met in the Matera region and, according to report, in other areas.

Even if trucks cannot be allocated permanently to this work, ⁴⁰⁷⁹ should be made available between July and the end of September, during which time about 75% of the total is collected. In the Middle East,

General Transport companies have been loaned for even so short a time as two to three weeks and the accumulated saving of grain has been very great.

Other bottlenecks exist - labor in some areas, supplies of binder twine in others, shortage of forams, backwardness of committees, difficulties about wages and prices, lack of fuel, insufficient sacks, and so on, as might be expected under a scheme which has been improvised rapidly. But it is greatly to the credit of A.C.C. that these are for the most part well on the way to solution.

But, firstly, more staff and, secondly, more transport must be forthcoming if the target of 700,000 tons is to be brought within sight. The former can be supplied from the Middle-East if A.F.H.Q. give the necessary directive; the latter, which is equally important, must be found elsewhere.

Organisation

Finally a most tentative suggestion is put forward in regard to the administration of the scheme as a whole. At the present time, the following organisations are the chief participants--the Agriculture Sub-Commission, the Food Sub-Commission, and the Transportation Sub-Commission of A.C.C., the Regional Commissioners of A.C.C., the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, and the Agricultural Consorzi--with the first named ministry responsible for the administration. This set-up appears to have certain disadvantages: firstly, the coordination of executive action, as distinct from the formulations of policy appears to be handicapped; secondly, a considerable part of the time of the very few agricultural and other experts in A.C.C., who are urgently required for technical work, is taken up by routine administration; thirdly, there is lack of a focusing point for contact between those in Headquarters and those responsible for the operation of the scheme in the provinces; fourthly, responsibility for executive action is widely dispersed; and fifthly, it does not appear to allow for the gradual assumption of full responsibility by the Italians and the release of British and American personnel.

An alternative form of organization would be to establish an AOC/Italian Agricultural Produce Control Board including in its terms of reference those crops and products (wheat, pulses, olive oil, wool, etc.) of which the output and marketing is to be controlled. This Board would consist of representatives of the various interested AOC Sub-Comm⁴⁰⁷⁸, of the Ministry of Agriculture and of the Consorzi.

Working under the direction of this Board would be an American or

British chief executive or manager, with an Italian as assistant or associate executive. This official would be responsible for the day to day working of the collection schemes, e.g., the issuing of directions, future plans and programs, arranging for the distribution of requirements such as twine, sacks, fuel, etc., passing back to the Board the views from the provinces and so forth.

Executive action by the manager would be achieved through the existing channels.

This set-up could also be used for the controlled distribution of agricultural requisites such as fertilizers, binder twine, pesticides, etc.

Such an arrangement might avoid most of the difficulties mentioned above. In addition, Middle East experience has shown that there are very distinct political and psychological advantages to be gained by removing the food control activities of the Allied Organization as far away as possible. The Farm Produce Control Board could be housed outside A.C.C., yet the interests of the Allies could be easily safeguarded in the constitution of the board itself.

*Originated by Mr.
Murray.*

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 Rec'd. 6 June 1130
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SUBJECT: Wheat Price

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. Ref. Marshal Badoglio's letter, File No. 1723, 3 Jun 44.
2. In my opinion your decision on the price of wheat was most wise and should not be changed. Obviously a premium as suggested would be nothing more or less than an increase in the price you have fixed.
3. For your information advise that a "points" system has ~~been~~ been established by which a producer will be credited with "points" for the amount of wheat per hectare he hands over to the Peoples Granary. Fertilizers will be sold to producers on the basis of the "points" they obtain. We hope to add other items to the supplies to be obtained in this way.

D. S. Adams
 D. S. ADAMS
 Colonel, C. E.
 Executive Officer
 Economic Section

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URGENT

To: Col. Adams 
Economic Section.

1. Attached is forwarded in accordance with
General Mason Mac Foulon's instruction

2. The Anti-Inflation Committee is absolutely
opposed to any increase in the wheat price either by
specific action or by payment of a premium.

J. J. Foulon
Lieut. Comdr. U.S. C.G.R.
Secretary

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TRANSLATION

File No. 1728

Salerno, 3 June 1944

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
OF MINISTERSTO: General Noel Mason MacFarlane
Chief of the Allied Control Commission
Naples

My dear General:

I have detailed information on the discontent arising from the wheat price. Certainly you also will have received similar information.

I permit myself to suggest a corrective. A premium might be established for every quintal of wheat delivered to the People's Granaries.

In substance, the price would be increased without making a specific declaration.

Very cordially,

/s/ Radogilo

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Inflation Committee
Economic Sectionfor earliest possible
comment please

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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO
DEI MINISTRI

HQ AGG. AIRC

3 June 44, 1700
By *[Signature]*

SALERNO, 3 GIUGNO 1944

AL SIGNOR GENERALE NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
CAPO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

N A P O L I

CARO GENERALE,

HO PARTICOLAREGGIATE INFORMAZIONI SUL MAL-
CONTENTO SOLLEVATO DAL PREZZO DEL GRANO. CERTAMEN-
TE ANCHE A LEI SARANNO GIUNTE ANALOGHE INFORMAZIO-
NI.

IO MI PERMETTO DI SUGGERIRE UN CORRETTIVO.
SI POTREBBE STABILIRE UN PREMIO PER OGNI QUINTALE
DI GRANO CONSEGNATO AI GRANAI DEL POPOLO.

IN SOSTANZA SI VERREBBE AD AUMENTARE IL
PREZZO SENZA FARE UNA SPECIFICA DICHIARAZIONE.

MOLTO CORDIALMENTE

[Signature]

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SECRETARY GENERAL'S OFFICE

31 MAY 1944

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MR. LLOYD

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FOLLOWING FOR JACKSON MIDDLE EAST SUPPLY CENTER FROM LLOYD PD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED HERE THAT ESSENTIAL CONDITION OF FIGHTING INFLATION IS MORE EFFECTIVE CEREALS COLLECTION SCHEME PD PARA TO MIDEAST FROM ACC MAIN SIGNED MACMILLANE PARA FORMER SYSTEM OF AMASSING WHICH IS IDENTIFIED WITH FASCISM AND NEVER COLLECTED MORE THAN THREE EIGHT PER CENT OF CROPS IS IN PROCESS OF REORGANIZATION AND WITHOUT MORE HELP FROM ALLIES THERE IS GRAVE RISK OF NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FAILING TO COLLECT CMA STORES AND DISTRIBUTE MAXIMUM SURPLUS FROM COMING HARVEST PD FORTUNATELY CROP PROSPECTS ARE EXCELLENT PD PARA PD PROBLEM IS NATURALLY RENDERED MORE CRITICAL AND URGENT BY IMPENDING LIBERATION OF ROME AND POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF GIVING ITS TWO MILLION INHABITANTS PARA PLUS UNKNOWN NUMBER OF REFUGEES PARA SOMETHING BETTER THAN THE STARVATION RATIONS THEY HAVE BEEN RECEIVING FROM GERMANS PD THIS WILL IMPOSE VERY SEVERE TAX ON TRANSPORT AND ON LIMITED PERSONNEL WITH NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE PD LOOMING FURTHER AHEAD IS NEED FOR EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL AND DETAILED ORGANIZATION OF CEREALS COLLECTION IN VALLEY OF PO WHEN NORTHERN ITALY IS FREED PD PARA SUCCESSFUL SCHEME ON OBOE CHARLIE PETER LINES BASED ON COOPERATION OF NEW ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WITH ALLIES WOULD SAVE LARGE AMOUNT OF SHIPPING CMA PROMOTE ECONOMIC STABILITY BEHIND ALLIED ARMIES AND SUPPLY VALUABLE EXPERIENCE FOR TACKLING SAME PROBLEM IN BELGIUMS AND ELSEWHERE PD PARA YOU ARE

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OUTGOING CABLE ACC MAIN 5645, cont'd.

URGENTLY REQUESTED TO FLY TO NAPLES FOR DISCUSSION OF PLANS AND POSSIBILITY OF
TEMPORARY LOAN OF PERSONNEL PD ALTERNATIVELY COULD MURPHY OR ALDRIDGE BE SPARED
FOR FEW DAYS

Contents & classification
authenticated by,

L. T. MONTANT, JR.
1st Lieut. AGD
Adjutant

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Mr. Lloyd
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OFFICE OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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GEN MACFARLANE

MIDEAST

FOLLOWING FOR LORD MOYNE PD LLOYD IS WIRING JACKSON ASKING HIM TO COME TO NAPLES
 FOR URGENT DISCUSSION OF CEREALS COLLECTION SCHEME AND POSSIBILITY OF LOANING
 PERSONNEL PD PAREN TO MIDEAST FOR MINISTER RESIDENT FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE
PERSONAL BRIEF I REGARD SUCCESS IN COLLECTING MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF BUMPER CROP AS
 MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO WAR EFFORT AND FEEDING OF ROME AND I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF
 YOU COULD SPARE JACKSON AND ^{slaw} ~~SLASH~~ OR MURRAY FOR FEW DAYS VISIT

Cy -
 Mr. Lloyd
 DCC.

HQ ACC, APO 321

Sect. 5, Gen.

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 ROBERT E. DOE
 Major, A.G.D.
 Secretary General

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GEN MACFARLANE (CHIEF COMM)

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GEN MACFARLANE

AFHQ

REFERENCE YOUR F FOUR EIGHT FIVE FIVE EIGHT OF TWO ZERO MAY PD PAREN TO AFHQ
TO SAC MED FOR MGS FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN BASIC PROPOSAL
IS THAT INCREASE OF RATION IS INDISPENSABLE ELEMENT IN WHOLE AMASSING AND PRICE
CONTROL PROGRAM PD PROPOSAL HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN PUT FORWARD MERELY ON FINANCIAL
GROUNDS PD FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS FROM SUPPLY POINT OF VIEW ONLY PD PROPOSAL IS
NOT RPT NOT DESIGNED TO INCREASE TOTAL CONSUMPTION OF BREAD PD ALTHOUGH RATION
IS TWO HUNDRED GRAMS THE AVERAGE URBAN CONSUMPTION OF BREAD FROM ALL SOURCES
IS ESTIMATED TO BE MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED GRAMS PD THEREFORE THE EFFECT OF
INCREASE IN RATION TO THREE HUNDRED GRAMS WILL BE DESIGNED TO REDUCE BLACK MARKET
DEMAND RATHER THAN TO INCREASE TOTAL CONSUMPTION OF WHEAT IN AREA PD YOUR
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INCREASE OF BASIC RATION ITSELF SHOULD ENSURE ATTAINMENT OF THIS OBJECTIVE BY
EASING ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES AND BY OBTAINING INCREASED COOPERATION OF
ITALIAN AUTHORITIES PD YOUR QUESTION TWO PD OUR ESTIMATED GOAL OF QUANTITY TO

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BE AMASSED IS SIX NINE THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO TONS CMA THREE EIGHT FIVE ZERO ZERO
 ZERO TONS ITALY CMA FIVE EIGHT ZERO ZERO ZERO SARDINIA CMA TWO FIVE ZERO ZERO
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 LEAKAGE TO BLACK MARKET EXCEPT FOR ILLICIT SALES IN BLACK MARKET OUT OF
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 WHICH IS NOW CONSIDERED AS CONSERVATIVE IN LIGHT OF PRESENT CROP CONDITIONS PD
 PARA YOUR QUESTION THREE PD IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE THE EXTENT QUANTITATIVELY
 BUT WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE EFFECT OF PRIOR ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE VERY
 SUBSTANTIAL AND INDEED INDISPENSABLE TO ATTAINING AMASSING GOAL OF SIX NINE
 THREE ZERO ZERO ZERO TONS PD PARA YOUR QUESTION FOUR PD I DO NOT CONSIDER
 ADJUSTMENT OF LABORERS RATION AS WORKABLE ALTERNATIVE TO GENERAL INCREASE IN
 BASIC RATION PD EVEN WITH PRESENT HEAVY WORKERS RATION THE GREAT DEMAND ON
 THE BLACK MARKET IS FOR WORKERS FAMILIES AND GENERAL PUBLIC PD PARA ON GENERAL
 QUESTION I REPEAT AGAIN OBJECT OF PROPOSAL IS TO OBTAIN LARGEST RESULTS FROM
 AMASSING AND THUS SAVE SHIPPING PD THE POLICY IS NOT TO ESTABLISH A BASIC
 RATION WHICH THERE IS NO REASONABLE PROSPECT OF MAINTAINING CMA BUT IF IN
 SPITE OF ALL EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM AMASSING CMA SUPPLIES PROVE INADEQUATE
 CMA BASIC RATION MAY HAVE TO BE REDUCED IN THE FUTURE AND SHOULD NOT RPT NOT
 BE REGARDED AS ABSOLUTELY IRREVOCABLE COMMITMENT PD IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR
 INSTRUCTIONS RATION INCREASE WILL NOT BE ANNOUNCED BUT I MUST EMPHASIZE URGENCY
 OF REACHING DECISION

Authenticated:

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 NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
 Lieutenant General
 Chief Commissioner

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Distribution:

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 Col Legg
 Lt Col. Lawler
 Col. Upjohn
 Col Foley
 Col Braggley-Smith
 Mr. Lloyd
 Mr. Glasser
 Capt Stone
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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INCOMING MESSAGE

Msg Center No. 12/21

Date/Time Rec'd: May 20 1955

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Date/Time Sent: May 20 1955

Precedence: PRIORITY

Reference Nr.: F 48558

From: SIGNED SACHED

Cite: MIMS

To: ACC MAIN FOR MACAPLANTE

Increase of bread ration receiving urgent consideration here. Refer M194 of 12 May and M207 of 19 May. Appreciate anti inflation aspect presented by new Committee and importance of move from Finance standpoint. However effect of increase on supply program less clear. Appreciate advice your supply experts based on close contact with conditions not known to us. Grateful therefore for explanation of facts or estimates possibly not available here which have led to view that necessary importations would probably not exceed amounts required under present ration. Specifically request your best judgment on following:

- (1) Actual likelihood of reduction of bread ration card holders to 65 per cent of population and estimated date at which this will become effective.
- (2) Tonnage of this years crop which will be amassed in ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA, respectively, under current program.
- (3) Extent to which amassing would be affected by prior announcement of increased ration.

- (4) Feasibility of adjustment of laborers ration as alternative to general increase to entire population. Since ration increase would amount to irrevocable commitment to population of all liberated ITALY which would have to be met by

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(4) Feasibility of adjustment of laborers ration as alternative to general increase to entire population. Since ration increase would amount to irrevocable commitment to population of all liberated ITALY which would have to be met by imports to extent that various programs fall short of estimates, announcement would not be made until effect on Theater supply position can be fully appraised.

Moreover increase to extent proposed would require prior approval by Combined ⁴⁰⁶⁷

Chiefs of Staff. Accordingly you are instructed not to announce increase, as suggested your M207 current.

DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: Deputy Chief Commissioner

INFO: Chief Commissioner Mr. Glasser
Col. Graftey-Smith Mr. Lloyd
Col. Foley
Lt Comdr Lawler
Col. Upjohn
Col. Fiske

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:: HQ ACC, APO 394 ::
:: Sec'y Gen ::
:: Rec'd 21 May 1050B ::
:: By H.D. ::
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GEN MACFARLANE (CHIEF COMM)

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CAPT. STONE

AFH.

I HAVE APPOINTED A SPECIAL COMMITTEE CALLED QUOTE ALLIED ANTI DASH INFLATION COMMITTEE UNQUOTE TO RECOMMEND ALL MEASURES TO COMBAT INFLATION TO CHAIRMAN CAPTAIN ELBERT F STONE CMA USNR PD MEMBERS CDR COLONEL A P GRAPPEY LASH SMITH CMA COLONEL E H FOLLY JR CMA MISTER F GLASSER CMA MISTER E M H LLOYD CMA COLONEL G UPJOHN CMA COLONEL H E FISKE PD PARK HARRIS TO AFH. FOR HQS CMA BRITISH MINISTER RESIDENT AND AMERICAN POLITICAL ADVISER FROM AGO IN AFH FROM MACFARLANE FEDERAL BUREAU AT ITS FIRST MEETING CMA THE COMMITTEE WAS STRONGLY OF THE OPINION THAT THE ACTION RECOMMENDED IN MY M ONE NINE FOUR OF ONE TWO MAY IS INDISPENSABLE TO CONTROL OF INFLATION PD IT RECOMMENDED TO ME THAT THE INCREASE IN THE BREAD RATION BE INTRODUCED SOONEST IN ORDER TO BREAK THE BLACK MARKET PRICE AND THEREBY ENCOURAGE THE AMASSING PD THE PRIVATE BIDDERS ABOUT JUNE FIRST PD PARK THE COMMITTEE ATTACHED PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO PREVENTING FURTHER RISE IN RAGES AS CENTRAL POINT OF ANTI INFLATION POLICY PD AT PRESENT RAGE BANNERS ARE COMPELLED TO BUY BLACK MARKET PRICES TO SUPPLEMENT RATION OF TWO HUNDRED GRAMS AND IF THIS CONTINUES IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO RESIST DEMANDS FOR INCREASED RAGES PD PARK

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W207, 19 May 1944, to ARH, (cont'd):

AS POINTED OUT IN TELEGRAM M ONE NINE FOUR IF BLACK MARKET IS BROKEN AND
 AMERICAN PROGRAM IS FULLY SUCCESSFUL CMA. DEFICIT REQUIREMENTS FOR WHEAT MAY
 NOT BE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED PD ON THE OTHER HAND CMA. IF RATION IS NOT INCREASED
 AND BLACK MARKET CONTINUES UNBROKEN CMA. THERE IS GRAVE RISK OF PARTIAL FAILURE
 IN AMERICAN PROGRAM WHICH WILL NECESSITATE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN WHEAT IMPORTS
 PD FARE IN VIEW OF THE URGENCY OF OPINION OF MY COMMITTEE CMA. UNLESS I
 RECEIVE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CONTRARY CMA. I PROPOSE TO ANNOUNCE WITHIN
 TEN DAYS THAT RATION WILL BE INCREASED TO THREE HUNDRED GRAMS AS OF JULY FIRST
 CMA. WHICH IS THE EARLIEST DATE THAT SUPPLIES IN SIGHT WILL PERMIT PD I HAVE
 NATURALLY DISCUSSED THE INFLATION DANGER WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE ITALIAN
 GOVERNMENT AND ALL REGARD AN INCREASE IN THE BREAD RATION AS A SIGN FOR SOM
 AMONG ANY PREVENTIVE MEASURES WHICH MAY BE TAKEN

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE /hd

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REF NO: F 46253

PREC : PRIORITY

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FROM : SIGNED CINC CITE FMGS

REC'D : MAY 16 0047

TO : AOC MAIN TO MACERLANE REPEAT HQ MAAF

Basis of your decision to increase wheat price considered sound (referring your M 193 and 194, 12 May and M 198 of 14 May) but in accordance Price Policy Directive of 12 May (file AG C91-1) this HQ will NOT comment on actual price selected but only on general policy. As to price of bread it is agreed that any material increase can await results of amassing program and success in making good an increased ration. Being considered is question of increasing bread ration.

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TRANSLATION

Salerno, 15 May 1944

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

File No. 1469

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

Dear General;

I take this occasion to refer to the discussion held between members of the Allied Control Commission and the Ministers of the Royal Italian Government with regard to the price of the wheat, in order to clarify with you a situation which does not appear well defined to me and which brings about rather serious inconveniences.

I must immediately affirm that both the Commission and the R. Government are equally interested so that the delivery of the grain to the granaries of the people be completely effected.

The new Ministry established by me put itself to the task immediately with a decisive will and with a solicitude which was not only recognized but publicly praised by the experts of the Allied Commission.

I, too, wanted to personally add my contribution with the message directed to the agriculturalists.

But it is evident that all these measures, although very useful, are merely complementary, because the basis of all is the price of the wheat.

Only a price truly remunerative is that which can give the certainty that all the agriculturalists fulfill their duty.

I believe that also you, dear General, will be of the same opinion, namely, that the price is the basis for the success or failure of the undertaking.

Now the Control Commission has definitely established a determined price, and to the request of the Minister of Finance as to whether this price must be considered obligatory by the Italian Government, has replied, "It is not imposed, we advise it; however, in the Province of Foggia which is subject to the Allied Administration, the price of wheat will be that established by us."

Now it is evident that in view of the fact that the Province of Foggia is one of the greatest producers of wheat, the Royal Government finds itself absolutely compelled to adopt the same price also in the other provinces, to avoid causes for serious discontent and possible disorders.

In conclusion and to be absolutely and dispassionately sincere, it is not the R. Government, but the Allied Control Commission which has assumed the real responsibility to establish the price and, in connection with what I have mentioned above, for the more or less complete success of the delivery of the grain to the people's granaries.

(1,69 fr Badoglio, pp 2)

Now it appears to me that if this is the real power of the Allied Control Commission, it would be necessary to state so openly and without finding recourse in procedures which only in appearance, but not in reality, effectively succeed in hiding the real truth in the matter.

In one word, and excuse me for my absolute frankness, it would be necessary that both the Commission and the Government assume openly the responsibilities of their actions.

The common undertaking would be greatly facilitated only by carrying the relationships of the Commission and the Government to a level of absolute truth and loyalty.

This is my specific opinion and that of all the members of the Government over which I have the honor to preside.

Accept my most cordial greetings, dear General.

/s/ BADIOGLIO

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION TODAY ANNOUNCED AT ONE FOUR ZERO ZERO
 HOURS QUOTE PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GENERAL WILSON AMERICAN POLITICAL
ADVISOR AND BRITISH RESIDENT M LISTER FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE
PERSONAL REFERENCE ACC MAIN MIKE TWO ZERO ONE MAY ONE FIVE PAREN
 THE PRICE OF WHEAT FOR THE ONE NINE FOUR FOUR CROP AT THE
 AMBASSI IN TERRITORY UNDER ABLE MIKE GEORGE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED
 AT ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO LIRE PER QUINTAL FOR HARD WHEAT AND NINE
 ZERO ZERO LIRE PER QUINTAL FOR SOFT WHEAT PD PARA IN THE MEAN-
 WHILE THE PRICE OF BREAD WILL NOT BE AFFECTED AS FOR BREAD DE-
 RIVED FROM THE ONE NINE FOUR FOUR WHEAT CROP THE PRICE WILL
 CONTINUE TO BE RIGIDLY CONTROLLED UNQUOTE PARA THIS WAS FOLLOWED
 BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT STATEMENT AT ONE FOUR THREE ZERO WHICH
 READS QUOTE IN ORDER TO ASSURE UNIFORMITY OF PRICES IN ALL LIB-
 ERATED ITALY CMA THE PRICE OF WHEAT FOR THE ONE NINE FOUR FOUR
 CROP IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AT ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO LIRE A QUINTAL
 FOR HARD WHEAT NINE ZERO ZERO LIRE A QUINTAL FOR SOFT WHEAT PARA
 IN THE MEANWHILE THE PRICE OF BREAD WILL NOT BE AFFECTED 4061

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BREAD DERIVED FROM THE NEW WHEAT CROP CMA THE PRICE WILL BE ONLY
MODERATELY INCREASED AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE RIGIDLY CONTROLLED
UNQUOTE

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General,
Chief Commissioner

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ITALIAN GOVERNMENT/THIS MORNING THAT PRICE OF WHEAT COULD BE
SET AT FIGURE ESTABLISHED SATURDAY AND TO ISSUE ITS ANNOUNCE-
MENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ABLD CHADIE CHARRIE ANNOUNCEMENT
FIXING PRICES IN ABLD MIKE GEORGE TERRITORY PD PARIN TO ABLD
FOR GENERAL WILSON AMERICAN POLITICAL ADVISOR AND BRITISH
RESIDENT MINISTER FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PARIN
BOTH TEXTS ARE CONTAINED IN MY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE, Lt. General
Chief Commissioner

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GEN MACFARLANE

A.P.H.Q.

AFTER YESTERDAY'S CABINET MEETING A DEPUTATION CONSISTING OF THE MINISTERS
 QUINTIERI CMA GULLO AND ALDISIO WITH UNDERSECRETARY BERGAMO CAME TO SEE ME
 IN NAPLES PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR MGS CMA BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER AND
AMERICAN POLITICAL ADVISER FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN
 THEY CAME TO URGE ME TO AGREE TO A HIGHER PRICE FOR AMMASSI WHEAT THAN I
 HAD GIVEN THEM ON WEDNESDAY PD THEY WERE PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO FIX A
 HIGHER PRICE FOR SICILY PD AFTER MORE THAN TWO HOURS OF DISCUSSION DURING
 WHICH THE ITALIANS FAILED TO PRODUCE ANY FRESH FACTS OR ARGUMENTS I TOLD
 THEM THAT I WAS NOT PREPARED TO MAKE ANY ALTERATION IN THE PRICE WHICH I
 HAD COMMUNICATED TO QUINTIERI AND BERGAMO VIDE MY TELEGRAM NUMBER NINE
 ONE NINE *Three* PD I TOLD THEM AGAIN THAT I EXPECTED THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
 TO ISSUE THESE PRICES IN A DECREE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT PD I
 ADDED THAT I WAS NOT PREPARED TO LET THIS PEND THEIR WEEKLY CABINETTING
 NEXT THURSDAY AND THAT THEY MUST IF NEED BE HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE
 PURPOSE SOONEST POSSIBLE

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Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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12th. May, 1944.

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GEN MACFARLANE

A.F.H.Q.

IN THE COURSE OF TODAY'S CONVERSATION BADOGLIO MENTIONED THE FOLLOWING POINTS PD ONE
PD PAREN TO ASK FOR MGB CMA BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER AND AMERICAN POLITICAL ADVISER
FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN HOWEVER MUCH SPORZA MAY CLAIM TO BE AN
ELDER STATESMAN WITHOUT ANY PARTY TIES CMA HE IS IN FACT VERY DEFINITELY THE LEADER
OF THE ACTION PARTY PD TWO PD BADOGLIO EXPECTS THE AMMASSI PRICE FOR WHEAT TO BE
PASSED BY THE CABINET AND ISSUED TOMORROW PD THREE PD THE EPURATION DECREE IS NOW
PRACTICALLY AGREED IN FINAL FORM AND WILL BECOME LAW AFTER SCRUTINY BY ACC PD FOUR PD
BADOGLIO NO LONGER PROPOSES TO REPLACE SANDALI AS AIR MINISTER BY PIACENTINI PD
~~SANDALI WILL REMAIN IN OFFICE UNLESS THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES DESIRE THAT A CHANGE BE~~
~~MADE~~

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

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12th. May, 1944.

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GEN MACFARLANE

A.F.H.Q.

SUBJECT PRICE OF WHEAT PD PARA TWO PD FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL
PARA PRICE TO BE PAID FOR WHEAT FOR THE COMING HARVEST DELIVERED AT ANGIASSI HAS
 BEEN SUBJECT OF MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BY MY ECONOMIC SECTION IN COLLABORATION
 WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PD THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSED TWELVEHUNDRED LIRE PER
 QUINPAL PD MY AGRICULTURAL SUBCOMMISSION AND MOST OF MY REGIONAL OFFICERS CONSIDERED
 THAT A PRICE OF LESS THAN ABOUT ONE THOUSAND LIRE WOULD FAIL TO PRODUCE THE GRAIN AT
 THE ANGIASSI PD MY FINANCE CMA LABOUR AND FOOD SUBCOMMISSIONS WERE IN FAVOUR OF A
 CONSIDERABLY LOWER FIGURE ALTHOUGH LABOUR AND FOOD WERE LARGELY INFLUENCED BY THE
 PROSPECT OF A SUBSTANTIAL RISE IN THE PRICE OF BREAD PD PARA TWO PD AFTER MUCH
 DELIBERATION I DECIDED THAT THE PRICE HIGH WE SHOULD RECOMMEND TO THE ITALIAN
 GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE NINEHUNDRED LIRE FOR SOFT WHEAT AND ONE THOUSAND FOR HARD WHEAT PD
 AFTER REACHING THIS DECISION I CONSULTED THE MEMBERS OF THE SUPPLY MISSION WHO ARE
 STILL HERE AND THEY GAVE MY DECISION THEIR APPROVAL PD PARA THREE PD I DISCUSSED
 THE QUESTION ON FIFTH INST WITH BAIOLIO CMA QUINCIERI CMA BERGAMO AND COLANINNO PD
 THE ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVES AGREED TO ACCEPT OUR FIGURE AS A UNIVERSAL RATE TO BE

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APPLIED THROUGHOUT ALLIED OCCUPIED ITALY AND THE ISLANDS PD PARA FOUR PD ALL CONCERNED
ARE AGREED THAT THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION OF RAISING THE PRICE OF BREAD IN THE MEANTIME
BY MORE THAN A VERY SMALL AMOUNT PD PRESENT PRICE IS THREE POINT SIX LIRE PER KILO AND
I DO NOT PROPOSE TO RAISE THIS TO MORE THAN FOUR POINT FIVE LIRE PER KILO PD THIS CAN
ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY INCREASING THE BREAD SUBSIDY SUBSTANTIALLY BUT I REGARD THIS AS
ESSENTIAL PD PARA FIVE PD THE ITALIAN CABINET MET YESTERDAY BUT ADJOURNED TILL TOMORROW
WITHOUT DEALING WITH THE BREAD PRICE QUESTION PD WE MAY ANTICIPATE THAT THEIR OFFICIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE ISSUED TOMORROW PD PARA SIX PD SEE MY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
TELEGRAM

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General
Chief Commissioner.

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PWB ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
PWB UNIT No. 8. APO 512

HQ ACC. APO

10 May 1130
By OFE

9th May, 1944

Dear General

I have delayed replying to your Minute of the 5th May about Marshal Badoglio's broadcast until I was able to give you details of what has been arranged.

The speech was recorded this morning and will be broadcast to-morrow at 8.15pm over the Naples-Bari network. It has also been sent by air to Palermo and will be put out from there at the same time. The Marshal has been informed of these arrangements.

yours sincerely

John Rayner

→ Lieut. General Noel Mason MacFarlane,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
Provincia Building,
N A P E S.

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MINUTE.

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MAY 31

TO: P. T. B.
(ATTENTION: Mr. Rayner.)

Badoglio read to me today a good broadcast on the harvest and the new Amasai laws which he is anxious to have relayed from Naples, and Bari and Palermo. He would like to make a recording and is prepared to make one any morning that suits. If you will get in touch with Montanari the latter can arrange a time with you.

2. I have suggested to Badoglio that he should use the term "people's granary" in talking of the Amasso and he is very pleased with the idea and will do so in his broadcast.

5th. May, 1944.

MONA HAZON BAZZARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.
Allied Control Commission.

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THE PRICE OF WHEAT.

1. The fixing of the price of wheat which is now in the hands of the Economic Section is a very vexed problem.
2. From the Regional point of view it was first raised at the Regional Commissioners' meeting when the recommendations of Regional Commissioners varied from L.800 to L.1500 per quintal. Since that time written and verbal recommendations have come in from several Regions varying from L.640 to L.1500 per quintal. Some of the recommendations come from Agricultural Officers, others from Regional Commissioners themselves.
3. In my opinion we could have provided ourselves with far more considered views at least two months ago. Regional Commissioners had been asked to put up their considered opinions after consultation with everyone concerned including, of course, Italians, so that the matter could be discussed at the Regional Commissioners' meeting with the knowledge of their views and the reasons supporting their views.
4. I believe the Agriculture Sub-Commission has held meetings with representatives from the field but I would like to stress that representatives in the field must be regarded as advisers to the Regional Commissioners and that in a vitally important matter such as the price of wheat in the Region, the Regional Commissioner's views should be sought and not those of his advisory staff.
5. It is too late now to get these views in writing but it will be necessary in the future to fix the price of other commodities and I suggest that an early start be made and that Regional Commissioners' be asked to study the question so that their recommendations may be at hand.
6. I would also urge that the same procedure be followed by other Sub-Commissions when matters of policy have to be decided. There is a tendency for Sub-Commissions to call in their representatives in the field and for the views of these meetings to be taken as Regional views on which action is taken and policies framed without reference to the Regional Commissioner who, because he has a more comprehensive view and responsibility, must always, with the advice of his technical officers, be in a better position to make recommendations and who is the representative in the field of the Chief Commissioner who ultimately has to make the decisions on matters of high policy.

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MEL/JR.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

(NOTE BY C.C.):

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I COULD NOT AGREE MORE.

CARRY ON.

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25th. April, 1944.

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FREEKON REPEATED HEADQUARTERS A.A.I.

I DERESSED BAIOGLIO AGAIN THIS MORNING WITH THE URGENT NEED FOR COMPLETING ALL ARRANGEMENTS AND THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMING HARVEST AND ITS DISTRIBUTION TO PAREN TO FREEDOM FOR MGS CMA BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTERS OFFICE AND AMERICAN POLITICAL ADVISER REPEATED HEADQUARTERS AAI FOR GENERAL ALEXANDER AND MACMILLAN FROM FATIMA FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN HE ASSURED ME THAT IN THIS CONNECTION HE HAD ALREADY SPOKEN STRONGLY TO THE NEW MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND THAT HE PROPOSED TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION VERY THOROUGHLY AT HIS FIRST CABINET MEETING TO IN THE MEANTIME HIS MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HAD HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION AND COLLABORATE WITH US WITH MAXIMUM VIGOUR TO HE HAS ASKED ME TO ATTEND A MEETING BETWEEN HIMSELF CMA LUCIFERO THE RETIRING MINISTER CMA AND GULLO THE NEW MINISTER

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Capt. Stone

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 NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
 Lieutenant-General,
 Chief Commissioner

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22nd. April, 1944.

← Pol. Sec. files
Your letter of 22nd. April.

There is no question of the price of wheat being decided without the new Government being consulted.

Count Carlo Sforza,
6, Via Carducci,
NAPLES.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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17 April 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : His Excellency, Marshal Badoglio

1. The Allied Control Commission is gravely concerned over the delays that have occurred in revising the legal basis for the organization for Italian agriculture. The harvest season is rapidly approaching. The Commission is convinced that further delay in providing for the amassing of wheat and barley and for the revision of the "Retention Law" will seriously jeopardize the supply of adequate food for the Italian population.

2. The supplies and shipping at the disposal of the United Nations will be increasingly required for the prosecution of the War and the allocation of tonnage for the purpose of feeding the civil population of Italy may have to be drastically curtailed. It is essential, therefore, that the total agricultural resources of Italy be effectively harnessed without delay. The presently liberated territory should normally be self-supporting with respect to food.

3. Although Your Excellency's Ministers have agreed with the Commission as to the need for new laws and regulations, no definitive action has yet been taken.

4. I consider this matter to be of such immediate importance that I must now ask Your Excellency to cause to be published at the earliest practicable date, and in any case not later than May 1, the requisite decrees and regulations to implement the agriculture program. Meanwhile I suggest that it would be most helpful if Your Excellency would issue a preliminary public statement announcing our joint plans, particularly with respect to the amassing of grain.

5. The salient features of the proposed plan of Agricultural organization as previously recommended to, and approved in substance by, the Ministry of Agriculture are set forth in the attached summary.

1-Incl.
Agricultural organization summary.

NOEL MASCH MACPARKANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

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SALIENT FEATURES OF AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS
TO BE COVERED BY DECREES AND REGULATIONS

A. Agriculture Control Machinery.

1. General.

The control of Agriculture in Italy will be vested by the Government solely in the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests. This means the abolition of all the Entis which previously exercised control over individual farm products and services; it means also the abolition of the Accertamenti Agricoli as such. Insofar as the services performed by these bodies were useful, they will in the future be carried out by the Ministry and its field staffs, the Compartmental and Provincial Inspectorates. The direct line of authority will run from the Ministry of Agriculture down through the Chief Compartmental Inspector and the Chief Provincial Inspector to the Communal office.

II. Amassing Control.

Three organizations will be closely involved in the amassing operation and it is necessary that they be activated now. They are (1) a unit to take the place of the former Accertamenti but directly under the control of the Compartmental and Provincial Inspectorates; (2) a Communal Committee to ensure complete amassing with justice to all; (3) the amassing section of the Consorzio Agrario.

B. Cereal Crops to be Amassed.

These will be wheat and barley. All available wheat and barley above authorized retentions must be amassed for use as human food.

C. Retentions for Seed.

Early wheat	- 1.80 quintals per hectare
Late Wheat	- 1.20 quintals per hectare
Barley for production as grain	- 1.50 quintals per hectare.

D. Retentions for Subsistence.

The persons entitled to subsistence retentions will be restricted to those who are employed full time on manual plus non-manual operators who personally and continuously attend to the management of cereal farms.

