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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
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30 December 1944

Press Release - Immediate

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Officials pointed out that, since the Allied Commission's function in Italian Government territory is "to give the devastated areas aid, is solely to advise and aid the local Italian authorities and not to exercise direct executive control, final solution of the problem will have to depend on the measure of support and energy given the program by the Italian people and officials themselves.

Extent of the help given the effected areas of Liguria, Procinone, Aquila, Givina, Pescara and others since the situation became acute six weeks ago includes the following.

FOOD - An improved special ration scale has been put into effect for all legitimate residents in devastated communes. Particular attention is given to nursing or pregnant mothers, and school-children. Powdered milk is issued on the basis of 50 grams per day to the unaffiliated 10 per cent of the population. 30 other mills have also been restored.

Details of the ration scale is that are as follows:

- Bread 200 grams a day
- Pasta or flour 10 grams a day
- Meat or meat and vegetable stew 400 grams a month
- Dried vegetables 400 grams a month
- Dehydrated soup 250 grams a month
- Sugar 125 grams a month
- Olive oil 300 grams a month

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CLOTHING - 100 tons of clothing obtained by the Byron Taylor Committee was brought from Naples by rail and road transport to warehouses in the Fermo-Maria and Abruzezi-Mare regions, of which 500 tons have already been distributed.

MARKETS - 40,000 blankets have been asked for by the Allied Commission from various sources. 10,000 have been approved from Allied sources and 4,000 delivered and distributed already to hospitals and priority users in the stricken

In addition, Italians are refusing to bar another 25,000 blankets from textile mills in the Fifth Army A&O area.

RESCUE - Three full-time teams of Allied officers are now working in the area exclusively on problems of relief while an Allied Commission headquarters coordinating staff has been established. A list of supplies from central military sources and existing stocks is being forwarded to prompt support of field requests through administrative channels.

ENERGY - Prevention against coal, fuel, and oil is being provided immediately through the issuance of 100,000 permits of heavy permits to cover holes in roofs and walls. Provision has already received 5,000 sq. ft. and about 25,000. Other permits have been distributed for hospitals sheets to all parts of the area.

WINE CLEARANCE - 70,000 wines have been cleared. Boots and clothing have been distributed by Italian mine clearing teams who have been given an emergency schedule. All together, there are 40 Italian Army companies, 230 trained workers and 135 students on the problem.

TELEPHONE - 30 per cent of all the bridges impeding communications with isolated communities have been repaired, cement and bricks having been made available from Allied sources.

TRANSPORT - One entire truck company has been assigned exclusively to the transport of necessary supplies for the area, speeding up the work of relief. Grain supplies are being moved rapidly from surplus to deficiency areas, as currently from stocks to other parts of the area.

CLINIC - Clinics or beds in all Allied Commission and A&O offices have been ordered to the Italian Government, to be picked up on demand, for improving hospitals in the hospitals of the area. The Italian Government likewise has ordered its departments to deliver 100,000 beds bags in demand to the General State Provveditorato for the area.

REPAIRS - The first consideration, officials said, was immediate, emergency shelter, especially since the very cold and snow which now has to be hurried against, prevented the starting of any extensive building program during these

few months. Details of a housing launch just published by the Italian Government will be published shortly so that all private householders with vermin-infested houses will know exactly the steps they must take to obtain aid and repairs of their damaged homes. An Allied housing expert has just completed a tour, advising householders on the quickest and most profitable way to collect immediate repairs.

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of field requests through our own channels.

**EMERGENCY REPAIR -** Protection against cold, wind, snow and rain is being provided in a makeshift way through the issuance of 10,000 square meters of heavy canvas to cover holes in roofs and walls. Provisions for canvas received 5,000 sq. m. and Chieti 25,000. Other canvas has been distributed to hospitals scattered to all parts of the area.

**WINE DEBARMENT -** 55,000 liters have been cleared. Boots and clothing have been distributed to Italian fire clearing squads who have been working in emergency schedules. All together, there are two Italian army companies, 230 trained workers and 120 specialists on the problem.

**TRUCKS -** 30 per cent of all the trucks engaged in communications with isolated communities have been repaired, cement and bricks having been made available from Allied sources.

**TRAINING -** One entire truck company has been assigned exclusively to the transport of necessary supplies for the areas, operating on the back of a lorry. Grain supplies are being moved rapidly from supplies to distribution areas, as currently from operate to other parts of the district.

**CLERY -** Discussions of level in the Allied Commission and AFG offices have been referred to the Italian Government, to be picked up on impact, for improving in the hospitals of the area. The Italian Government likewise has ordered its departments to deliver up fuel tank tops on demand to the General State Directorate for the area.

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Industries have been encouraged over the area in the areas, especially where bricks and tiles can be made. Steps are being taken to direct all cement output from non-military plants into factories for repair of homes in the area. A cement factory at Pescara, whose output will be enough to take care of almost half the demands of the devastated areas, is in

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Process of being activated.

The damage to be repaired varies, officials reported, from 5 to 60 per cent. In most cases, trees, trunks and foundations would be left and in many places the trunks and lumber are on the spot in the rubble and can be reused. The number of rooms damaged immediately repairable is estimated at 33,733.

Officials pointed out that the western section of the crisis around Lihavirina-Youhons are now in comparatively better condition than the Isagro River sector because of its central position between Rode and Tapiro, a route that is heavily traveled and hence has been improved through necessary use.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ref: AC/5000/6/Commerce

18 November 1944

SUBJECT: Controlled and Restricted non-subsistence materials.

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TO : Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour.

25 NOV 1944

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2. In order to make quite clear the difference between Controlled and Restricted materials, the official definitions are repeated below:

CONTROLLED items are those the allocation of which as between all consumers, military and civilian, must be made by the appropriate Local Resources Board, or by a duly authorised committee of that Board.

RESTRICTED items are those which can only be procured by the Allied and Co-belligerent forces after the essential needs of the Civilian population have been met. Available balances, within its territory, will be declared and allocated by the Board. Schedules of these items will be issued from time to time by this HQ.

3. For your guidance, a complete list of all Controlled and Restricted materials, as at 15 November 1944, is enclosed.

4. From this list it will be noted that certain articles will have to be deleted from Class I of the list sent out with your circular No. 10 of 21 October 1944. On the other hand, your Ministry may wish to retain control of some of these deleted items, in which case it would be necessary to transfer them to Para C, of the attached list. Please advise this Sub-Commission on this point, as soon as possible. 2173

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therefore, to control cement, which is not already under military control, it is suggested that "CEMENT and CEMENT FACTORIES not already under Military Control" should be placed in Para 0. of the attached list.

6. With regard to the Restricted Materials, these with the exception of matches have been placed on the Restricted List at the request of Industry Sub-Commission of this HQ. and the necessary instructions should be issued by your Ministry to ensure the "blocking" of all stocks and the reporting of availability. All releases of such materials must receive endorsement of approval from Industry Sub-Commission, before they become valid. With regard to matches, these are the subject of control by the State Monopoly and the appropriate Ministry. It is evident that Restricted Materials will have to form a separate category and it is recommended that this class should be referred to as RESTRICTED items.

7. As far as coal is concerned confirming the interview between Major Wood and Prof. Carbella on the 4 November 1944, this material forms the subject of a special control. Detailed instructions concerning the control of this material will reach your office direct from Industry Sub-Commission, Coal Division.

8. With reference to Newsprint and Printing Paper we refer to our letter AC/5066/Commerce, 9 November 1944 and the instructions contained therein.

9. All petroleum products (prodotti petroliferi e derivati) as well as Methane Gas are subject to special control and this letter does not, in any way, alter the provisions now in force.

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Encl: List referred to in para 3.

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APO 394  
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

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15 November 1944

A. - MATERIALS CONTROLLED BY AFIR(I)B.

(1) Materials under control of Engineering Materials Committee, AFIR(I)B.

I. Metals - Ferrous.

- 1. Cable & Wire.
- 2. Machine & Tool steel.
- 3. Structural Steel, sectional dimension exceeding 6".
- 4. Foundry Pig.

II. Metals - Non ferrous.

- 5. Brass, unfabricated.
- 6. Copper, unfabricated and scrap.
- 7. Chromium.
- 8. Lead in all forms.
- 9. Nickel.
- 10. Solder.
- 11. Tin.
- 12. White metal for bearings.

III. Timber.

- 13. Standing timber in the two areas reserved for British and American services in Calabria.
- 14. Plywood.

IV. Other Building Materials.

- 15. Paint.
- 16. Pigments for paint.
- 17. Varnish.
- 18. Linseed & Linseed Oil.

V. Electrical Materials.

- 19. Accumulators & Batteries.
- 20. Copper and Aluminium conductors.
- 21. Electric Light bulbs.
- 22. Electric Light fittings.

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- 23. Motors.
- 24. Portable generators.
- 25. Switch gear.
- 26. Transformers.
- 27. Welding rods.
- 28. Wires & Cables.

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VI. Industrial Gases & Chemicals.

- 29. Gas bottles and containers.
- 30. Ammonia.
- 31. Caustic Soda.
- 32. Calcium Carbide.
- 32a. Soda Ash.

(2) Materials under control of Miscellaneous Purposes Committee, AFM(I)B.

- 33. Hemp: raw, tow and manufactured (excluding binder twine & 3rd, 4th and 5th quality rope).
- 34. Leather and all leather articles.

B. - RESTRICTED MATERIALS, i.e. MATERIALS CONTROLLED WITH PRIORITY FOR CIVILIAN NEEDS.-

- 1. Matches.
- 2. Phosphate Rock.
- 3. Tanning Materials.
- 4. Cellulose for Paper-making.
- 5. Carbon Bisulphide.

C. - MATERIALS CONTROLLED BY THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE & LABOUR.

- 1. Greases for industrial purposes, excluding petroleum greases.
- 2. Solvents, excluding petroleum solvents.
- 3. Soap.
- 4. Scrap metals, except those non ferrous metals mentioned in para A sub-para VI.
- 5. Glass (sheet).
- 6. Artificial textiles fibres.
- 7. Yarn, cloth and other textile products.

Para C may be added to, from time to time, by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour in agreement with Commerce Sub-Commission HQ. AC.

D. - COAL: Subject to special existing control, which remains unaltered.  
P.O.L. (Petrol, Oil and Lubricants) - Subject to special existing control, which remains unaltered.

N.B. It is to be noted that this List refers only to non-subsistence materials.

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A. - PRODOTTI SOTTOPOSTI AL CONTROLLO DELL' AFIR(I)B.

(1) Prodotti sottoposti al controllo del "Engineering Materials Committee - AFIR(I)B."

I. Metalli ferrosi.

1. Funi e Fili.
2. Acciai speciali per macchine e utensili.
3. Acciaio profilato, sezione eccedente mm. 150.
4. Ghisa da fusione.

II. Metalli non ferrosi.

5. Ottone, non lavorato.
6. Rame, non lavorato e in rottami.
7. Oromo.
8. Piombo di ogni genere.
9. Nichel
10. Leghe per saldatura.
11. Stagno.
12. Metallo bianco per cuscinetti.

III. Legname.

13. Legname in piedi nelle due zone della Calabria riservate alle Forze Armate Britanniche e Americane.
14. Legno compensato.

IV. Altri materiali da costruzione.

15. Colori.
16. Pigmenti per colori.
17. Vernici.
18. Seme di Lino e Olio di Seme di Lino.

V. Materie Elettrici.

19. Accumulatori e Batterie.
20. Conduttori di rame e di alluminio.

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4. - PRODOTTI SOTTOPOSTI AL CONTROLLO DELL' AFPR(E)E.

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II. Metalli non ferrosi.

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- 6. Rame, non lavorato e in rottami.
- 7. Cromo.
- 8. Piombo di ogni genere.
- 9. Nichel
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V. Materiali elettrici.

- 19. Accumulatori e Batterie.
- 20. Conduttori di rame e di alluminio.
- 21. Lampadine.
- 22. Minuterie elettriche.
- 23. Motori.
- 24. Generatori Portatili.
- 25. Interruttori.
- 26. Trasformatori.
- 27. Barre per saldatura.
- 28. Fili e Cavi.



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VI. Gas Industriali e Prodotti Chimici.

- 29. Cilindri e Recipienti per Gas.
- 30. Ammoniaca.
- 31. Soda Caustica.
- 32. Carburio di Calcio
- 32A. Carbonato di Sodio (Soda Solvay).

(2) Prodotti sottoposti al controllo del "Miscellaneous Purposes Committee - APR(I)B."

- 33. Canape: greggia, stoppa e manufatti (escluso lo spago per mietitrici - legatrici e la 3<sup>a</sup>, 4<sup>a</sup>, e 5<sup>a</sup> qualità di corda).
- 34. Cuoi e tutti i manufatti di cuoio.

B. - PRODOTTI SOTTOPOSTI A CONTROLLO CONDIZIONATO (PRECEDENZA PER IL PAR-BISOGNO CIVILE ITALIANO).

- 1. Fiammiferi.
- 2. Fosfato di calcio.
- 3. Prodotti conciasati.
- 4. Cellulosa per carta.
- 5. Solfuro di carbonio.

C. - MATERIALE CONTROLLATO DAL MINISTERO DELL'INDUSTRIA, COMMERCIO E LAVORO.

- 1. Grassi per usi industriali, esclusi i prodotti petroliferi.
- 2. Solventi, esclusi i prodotti petroliferi.
- 3. Sapone.
- 4. Rottami metallici, eccettuati quelli di metalli non ferrosi, menzionati nel paragrafo A, sottoparagrafo n. II.
- 5. Vetri (lastre).
- 6. Fibre tessili artificiali.
- 7. Filati, tessuti ed altri prodotti tessili.

ATA

Il Paragrafo C possono essere aggiunti, di quando in quando, dal Ministero dell'Industria, Commercio e Lavoro, d'accordo con questa Sottocommissione del Commercio, altri prodotti.

D. - CARBONE: E' soggetto allo speciale controllo in atto, che non viene modificato.

P. O. I. (Prodotti petroliferi, Olii e Lubrificanti)

32. Carburio di Calcio  
32A. Carbonato di Sodio (Soda Solvay).

(2) Prodotti sottoposti al controllo del "Miscellaneous Purposes Committee - I.P.R.(I)E."

33. Canapa: greggia, stoppa e manufatti (escluso lo spago per mietitrici - legatrici e la 3°, 4°, e 5° qualità di corda).  
34. Cuoio e tutti i manufatti di cuoio.

B. - PRODOTTI SOTTOPOSTI A CONTROLLO CONDIZIONATO (PRECEDENZA PER IL FAR-BISOGNO CIVILE ITALIANO).

1. Piattini.
2. Fosfato di calcio.
3. Prodotti concianti.
4. Cellulosa per carta.
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P. O. L. (Prodotti petroliferi Olii e Lubrificanti): Sono soggetti allo speciale controllo in atto, che non viene modificato.

M. B. E' da notare che questo elenco concerne soltanto prodotti che non servono per l'alimentazione.

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COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION  
Availability Section

TEL: 478703

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Ref. AC/5032/Commerce

7 December 1944

SUBJECT: Essential Civilian Requirements.

TO : See Distribution.

1. A copy of a letter received from Allied Military Government, Toscana Region Industry & Commerce Division is attached for your information.

2. While this S/C is in a position to forward certain items for which there is a demand, it is felt that the list would be much more comprehensive should other Boards and Sub-Commission be invited to suggest their requirements within the limits as laid down in para 4 and 5 (c).

3. As this HQ. is desirous of dealing with this matter with some degree of urgency all suggestions and correspondence should be forwarded to reach this S/C by the 14 Dec. 1944.

For the Chief Commissioner:

*P. P. Evans*  
P. P. EVANS  
Colonel  
Director  
Commerce Sub-Commission

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29 November 1944

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SUBJECT: S.M.I. and others.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission, HQ, AG.

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(b) After submission of samples and/or quotations will official orders be placed by A.C. or individuals?

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6. Your general comments on the above are eagerly awaited.

Copy to: Industry S/C HQ.A.C.

(388) T. Drake, Major R.A.

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INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE DIVISION

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

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- 7 DIC. 1944 6 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Payment for Supplies.

TO: Lieut.-Col. Craig,  
Devasted Areas, Civil Affairs Section. ✓

1. With reference to our conversation of to-day I understand that canvas and other products obtained from the Amasso Regionale Canapa will be supplied direct by the Amasso Canapa to the Provincial authorities requiring them and that AC merely come into the picture in an advisory capacity and to render such assistance in the way of transport communications etc. as they can.
2. It is therefore agreed that the Amasso Regionale Canapa will be instructed to make out separate invoices for the deliveries to each Province. Until it has been ascertained from the Ministry of the Treasury whether these bills will be payable by the Prefects out of Provincial funds or whether they will be settled by some other Governmental agency, it is agreed that the Amasso should be instructed to send them to the Chief Accountant AC, who will forward them to the appropriate Italian agency for payment. Once it has been established which Italian agency will make payment, future bills should be sent direct thereto.

*W. J. Hawkins*  
Chief Accountant,  
For: Joint Directors,  
Finance Sub-Commission.

Copy to:  
Hemp Control Officer,  
Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission.

P. S. I understand from the Hemp Control Officer that he will be communicating with you with a view to arranging procedure in particular of your orders for the Amasso being sent to him so that he can expedite payment of the invoices.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION  
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AC/PH/ARI/4/3

5 December 1944

SUBJECT: - American Relief.

TO : - C.O.S., HQ, A.C.

1. With reference to your query as to how much of the work of the American Relief Committee has been coordinated with the devastated area organization, I am glad to be able to tell you that there is a complete coordination.
2. The American Relief Committee are making use of the machinery that has been set up by the devastated area organization for the distribution of clothing and Lt. Col. Craig is working in close contact with Mr. Howard Barr and myself in regard to all matters connected with the devastated area.
3. Actual distribution of clothing should take place in about a week's time. Transport has been arranged and unless something quite unforeseen occurs, everything should work smoothly.

*G.S. Parkinson*  
G.S. PARKINSON, Brigadier,  
Director,  
Public Health Sub-Commission.  
Liaison Officer between the Allied  
Commission and the National Agency  
for the Distribution of Relief Sup-  
plies in Italy.

Copy to: VP GA Sec.  
Lt. Col. Craig - Devastated Area. ✓

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Ref. 1/31a/GA

29th November, 1944.

My dear <sup>Mr</sup> Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter of the 21st November with regard to problems in the devastated areas.

I must first state that this problem is the responsibility of the Italian Government and I am disappointed at the progress which has been made by the Committee set up by you to handle this problem. My officers who attend the meetings in order to assist have reported to me that it is much too large as an operating committee, that it frequently discusses problems unconnected with the particular areas which have been devastated, that it seldom comes to a decision or formulates a plan except in the broadest outline, that its meetings are too infrequent (once a week), and of these many are cancelled at the last moment.

In view of the seriousness of the situation I have appointed two whole time liaison officers at this Headquarters to coordinate the provision of help and supplies, and there are a certain number of additional officers on temporary duty in the devastated areas to deal with local problems.

Provision by the Allies out of their military supplies on a large scale is out of the question; it will be impossible for instance to supply 75,000 blankets, though I am hopeful that some provision in this respect may be made.

Furthermore, there is no Allied Relief Agency which can undertake constructional work; this must be the responsibility of the Italian Government.

The situation is, I agree, most serious and I must urge on your Government a more energetic approach to this problem. Blankets can be requisitioned by Italian authorities in large towns, and relief committees for the collection of clothing could be set up in Rome, Naples and other large cities, and other efforts in this direction could be made by the Government.

In particular it is my opinion that such good would be done by the Council of Ministers would without further delay publish the decree which was before them on the 7th November making provision for individual repair of damaged houses.

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Yours very truly,

HILERY W. STONE,  
Commodore, USN.  
Chief Commissioner.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Office of the Chief Commissioner

Ref. H/31A/CR

25th November, 1944.

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Translated

The President of the Council of Ministers  
14391 65 ab

Received 1800 24/Nov. 3B

Rome, 21 November 1944

Dear Admiral,

The requests for help that the Government receives from the  
Chieti and Aquila provinces are getting more and more urgent, and the infor-  
mations we receive from these parts show the situation of the population to be  
alarming and unbearable; if this critical state of things goes on, the win-  
ter will be really tragical.

As you know, our damages have been much worse in these zones, for the  
fight has been longer.

More than 110,000 people are still without a roof, and without any pro-  
tection against the hardships of the season.

The facts that the bridges have been blown up makes it even more diffi-  
cult to bring supplies to the various centers where everything has been  
destroyed or lost, including this year's crops, which couldn't be gathered for  
the fields were full of mines.

A quick intervention to bring relief to the misery of this zone is there-  
fore necessary.

Nevertheless, as you well know, the means that the Government disposes  
of are inadequate for really efficacious assistance.

I ask the Minister of Public Works to see that the bridges should be  
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delay, and trusting in your kind comprehension, I take the liberty to ask  
you, my dear Admiral, to intervene by the competent offices, so that the  
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needs of the populations.

This Allied relief organization should build an adequate number of  
barracks, and distribute at least 75,000 blankets, and of whatever else might  
bring relief to the population.

Thank you for all you will be able to do. I remain,

Yours truly,  
/s/ E. Board

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Admiral Henry H. Stone  
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commissions  
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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers  
14291 (S) ab

Rome, 21 November 1944

Dear Admiral,

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Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commissions  
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Roma, 21 novembre 1944

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IL PRESIDENTE  
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI  
MINISTRO DELL'INTERNO

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Caro Ammiraglio,

Dalle Province di Chieti e di Aquila giungono al Governo sempre più accorate invocazioni di soccorso, mentre tutte le informazioni che di là pervengono sono concordi nel prospettare come allarmante ed insostenibile la situazione di quelle popolazioni, per le quali, durando l'attuale criticissimo stato di cose, si delinea un inverno veramente tragico.

Trattasi, come è noto, di zone in cui la furia devastatrice della guerra, più che altrove, ha incrudelito, anche perchè più aspra e più lunga è stata la lotta.

Ben centodiecimila persone si trovano tuttora senza tetto e senza alcuna protezione contro i rigori della cattiva stagione.

Il crollo dei ponti ha poi reso più difficile il rifornimento di vari centri, ove tutto è andato distrutto o perduto, non escluso il raccolto della annata, rimasto sui campi insidiati dalle mine.

Si rende perciò oltremodo necessario un sollecito intervento, allo scopo di alleviare nel miglior modo possibile l'estremo disagio di quelle plaghe.

Ma i mezzi a disposizione del Governo sono, com'è noto, inadeguati per una azione di soccorso di una certa efficacia.

Mentre interesse vivamente il Ministro dei Lavori Pubblici per il ripristino dei ponti e per l'esecuzione delle più urgenti riparazioni agli stabili danneggiati, fidando sul di Lei squisito senso di umana comprensione, mi permetto, caro Ammiraglio, di rivolgerLe un caldo appello ond' Ella voglia interporre i Suoi autorevoli uffici perchè da parte dei competenti Organi Alleati sia esaminata con ogni migliore disposizione la possibilità di venire incontro ai più impellenti bisogni delle popolazioni suddette.

Tale opera di soccorso delle Autorità Alleate si dovrebbe concretare

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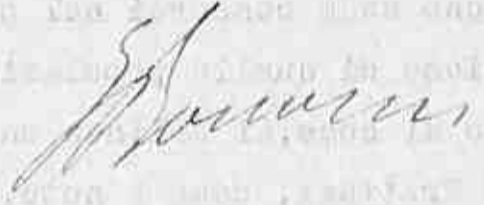
All' Ammiraglio ELLERY W. S T O N E  
Commissario Capo della Commissione Alleata  
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della Città di Berlino  
Ufficio di Berlino

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Notes of a Conference  
to Discuss Securing Salvage Clothing, etc.

14 Nov 44.

1. The following were represented: CA Section and the following Sub-Commissions or branches - Public Health, Public Safety, Displaced Persons and Repatriation, Commerce, Patriots, Devastated Areas and the British Red Cross.

2. Commerce informed the meeting that there was reason to suppose that very considerable quantities of salvage clothing was in fact available.

3. The following action was decided upon:

- a) That a Senior U.S. Officer should proceed to MIOUSA to request the issue of a direction to U.S. depots that AC should have prior claim on all salvage of clothing, boots, blankets, bedding, tentage, etc.
- b) That Land Forces be asked to agree a basis on which salvage clothing etc. should be allotted to rival necessities.
- c) That Sub-Commissions should submit estimates for their requirements to the 28 Feb 45 for an area not substantially greater than that at present held.

4. A further meeting could be called when action under 3 had been completed.

- DISTRIBUTION :
- Public Health S/C. (2)
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  - P. P. & R. S/C. (2)
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  - Devastated Areas, (2)
  - British Red Cross, (2)
  - VP (1)
  - File (2)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Civil Affairs Section  
APO 392

8 November 1944.

Ref: - 4/31.4/GA

SUBJECT: - Devastated Areas. Initial Information

TO: - E.C. Southern Region (6)  
F.C. Lazio-Umbria (6)  
S.C. Abruzzi-Marche (8)

1. An office has now been established at HQ AC to deal with the immediate problems of the Devastated Areas.
2. This office is working under the direction of D.C.O. G. Ga. Sec. and is located in Room 15 on the fifth floor of AC Building.
3. While it is appreciated to the full that action - and very quick action - is the only way by which the new office can justify its existence, it is essential that some information be requested from Regional Commissioners before action begins.
4. It is proposed to limit initial activities to the belt of country in which the opposing armies were static during the winter of 1943-4. It is felt that any other badly damaged area is sufficiently local to require no additional attention outside the Regional resources and normal channels. This means Lazio-Umbria, Abruzzi-Marche, and (possibly) Southern Region to a very limited extent. Should Regional Commissioners feel very strongly that other areas should be considered, they are of course at liberty to put forward proposals but priority will be given to the Winter Line.
5. The ~~approximate~~ pro-forma (see over) activity can start. For the sake of speed please make a first return of approximate accuracy, following up with a more concrete statement as soon as possible. It will be appreciated that this return will establish the limits of Devastated Area and enable an estimate to be made of that is required.
6. Once more it is requested that the first return be made as quickly as possible. If it only gives a rough summary it will help us enormously, details can follow.
7. All communications relating to this subject will be clearly marked in red "DEVASTATED AREA".

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*[Signature]*  
C.S. UPJOHN, Brig.  
VP CA Sec.  
E.O.O.S.

Copy to: E.O. Toscana Region. (5)  
Public Health S/C (2)

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Devastated Area Return

TO : H.C. Allied Commission  
Civil Affairs Section

- I. Name of Commune
- II. Total Normal Consumers
- III. Nursing and Pregnant Mothers, Infants C-3 (Numbers)
- IV. School Children (Numbers)
- V. Hospital Patients (Average Numbers)
- VI. Hospital Accomodation
- VII. Number of Doctors, Surgeons
- VIII. Ambulances
- IX. Number Roofless
- X. Houses which could be made inhabitable if improvised roofing material were available. State number of persons who could be so housed
- XI. Clothing required
- XII. Is the Commune likely to be isolated by bad weather or lack of bridges, etc. If so when
- XIII. Mines situation
- XIV. Fuel situation - wood, charcoal, Kerosene
- XV. Condition of water, electricity, Gas and milling facilities
- XVI. What AMG/ACC personnel have you available. Are they adequate?
- XVII. Roughly what transport is there? Can general needs be covered from one of your central pools?
- XVIII. A brief summary of any local resources or work in hand.

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