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REASONABLES ALLIED OPERATIONS
 100 34
 CIVIL AIRWAYS SERVICE

Ref: 100/34.5/21

0 Nov 45

STATION: International Agency Personnel

TO: 1. Riccardo Denton

Reference your ACR/474 of 2 Nov.

1 The following recommendations of certain Section have officers responsible for supervising operations in their own spheres, namely Agriculture, Commerce, Finance, Public Order, Transportation. The matters to which you refer are within their spheres and should be dealt with by them.

2 The aid of this Section should only be invoked when a question of principle is involved, as distinct from detail, or when it becomes necessary to take up on a higher level a matter which they have been unable to settle on their own, namely the Ministerial and Sectional Commission level.

3 It is quite open for those of course to press the appropriate Minister to investigate the boy personnel of the bodies mentioned in your letter. The action recently taken in connection with the General Agent in Disturbance because in that case it was alleged that the High Commission had intervened and this Section is of course the proper channel to have representations to the High Commission.

4 It is also pointed out, as your Section officers should have informed you, that Section proceedings cannot be completed in a matter of days; there is a procedure laid down by law which involves investigation, consideration of the evidence, preparation of charges, service of the charges, filing of an answer (for which a certain number of days is allowed) and submission to the Commission when the case has then to await its turn on the list for hearings. It would therefore be quite impossible to arrange for proceedings to be completed by the 15 Nov.

5 It is not considered however that this need cause any concern. The present Section law provides, as your Section officers should be able to inform you, that proceedings in all territory handed back to Italian Administration prior to 15 May 45 must be commenced before 15 Nov, and, regarding territory handed back thereafter, within six months of the date of the return of the territory to Italian administration. You can rest assured therefore that, so far as Italy to the line of Geneva, Arona, and, more inclusive is concerned, if proceedings are not commenced by 15 Nov none can thereafter

2. The aid of this action should only be invoked when a question of jurisdiction is involved, as distinct from details, or when it becomes necessary to take up on a higher level a matter which they have been unable to settle on their own, thereby the judicial and executive coordination level.

3. It is quite open for those officials to press the appropriate minister to investigate the key personnel of the bodies mentioned in your letter. The action is necessary in connection with the general ground in discharging the duties because in that case it was alleged that the High Office has had intervened and this action is of course the proper channel to make representations to the High Commission.

4. It is also pointed out, as your question officers should have indicated, that suspension proceedings cannot be completed in a matter of days; there is a procedure laid down by law which involves the attention, consideration of the evidence, presentation of charges, services of the charges, filing of an answer (for which a certain number of days is allowed) and submission to the Commission when the case has then to await the turn on the list for hearings. It would therefore be quite impossible to arrange for proceedings to be completed by the 15 May.

5. It is not considered however that this would cause any concern. The present suspension laws provide, as your question officers should be able to inform you, that proceedings in all territory handed back to Italian administration prior to 15 May 45 must be completed before 15 May, and a regular territory handed back thereafter, within six months of the date of the return of the territory to Italian administration. You can rest assured therefore that, so far as Italy to the line of Geneva, Geneva, Geneva, Geneva, Geneva, if proceedings are not completed by 15 May there can thereafter be considered so far as Italy and the rest of Europe is concerned, the final date for completing proceedings is the 31 May. In North Italy the final date will be six months after the handover.

6. If in any of these districts special action is required in any specific case, it is for the appropriate authorities to make representations to the Ministry concerned.

7. You will not doubt I have consistently referred to the present situation laws. I now have changing the whole procedure is said to be under consideration. This Commission has as yet seen no copy of the proposals and cannot say whether or not it will affect the point raised by your letter.

Copy to: Prod VC
Industry 4/C
Transportation 4/C
Finance 4/C
Agriculture 4/C

Mr. G. M. Jones
Vice President

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Ext. 262

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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AGR/171

2 November 1945

SUBJECT: Parastatal Agency Personnel

TO : Vice President, Civil Affairs Section

1. With reference to the exchange of correspondence between the Chief Commissioner and the Prime Minister (Chief Commissioner's letter 13018/F of 18 October 1945), epuration matters relating to personnel within the agencies designated to receive and acknowledge imported supplies warrant consideration. The agencies designated are parastatal agencies; hence, personnel at all levels are subject to epuration, differing in that regard from private agencies. Recently, action has been taken by the Minister of Agriculture which indicates that key personnel within the Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari may still be subject to epuration proceedings, personnel who have been extremely important in the program of handling and distribution of imported foodstuffs. (A decree requiring the suspension of four department heads was referred to in AGR/171 of 23 October, copy to Civil Affairs Section).

2. The necessity of epurating undesirable personnel is fully recognized. In view of the responsibility which must be assumed by the department heads and other key personnel in the Ufficio Carboni Italiani, Comitato Italiano Petroli and Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari, and like agencies, it is essential that action be taken by the Italian Government to insure that epuration is completed as soon as possible so that the supplying nations can be assured of a normal degree of stability in the operating agencies as soon as practicable. In that connection, it is difficult to reconcile epuration proceedings at this late date with responsibilities which have been delegated to these government-supervised agencies' personnel during the past fifteen months.

3. It is requested that consideration be given to the practicability of asking the Italian Government to investigate all such key employees of parastatal agencies with a view towards completing

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all epuration proceedings on or before 15 November 1945. Then the agencies, the Allied Commission, and the public, should be notified that parastatal agencies have been put in a position to carry out their duties without undue interference.

Harlan Cleveland
HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

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Food Sub-Commission
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Transportation Sub-Commission
Finance Sub-Commission
Agriculture Sub-Commission

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13018/7

10 October 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have your letter of 8 October 1945, advising that Istituto Nazionale per il Commercio Estero (INC) is to be the consignee for all supplies imported into Italy under the PMA 100 million dollar program. The Allied Commission will therefore expect INC to make all necessary arrangements for receiving, protecting, storing and distributing these supplies, either through its own organization or through sub-agents acceptable to the Italian Government.

In a letter dated 12 October 1945, copy attached, INC informed the Commission that until further notice the following agencies had been authorized to receive and acknowledge imports: solid fuel (coal), Ufficio Carboni Italiani; liquid fuels, Comitato Italiano Petroli; foodstuffs, Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari. The letter also informed that commencing 1 November 1945, INC itself would provide directly for receiving and acknowledging imports of foodstuffs.

This Commission assumes in respect to each Italian organization named as sub-agent that the following action will be taken by INC:

- a. Notification to the sub-agent of its appointment and the duration thereof.
- b. Specification of the powers and duties of the sub-agent (including authorization to sign bills of lading and out-turn reports).
- c. Arrangement to notify the sub-agent in advance of the arrival of ships through the INC Italian Liaison Officer.
- d. Provision directing the sub-agent to see that all incoming supplies are properly received, protected, stored and distributed.

The Allied Commission requests your confirmation that the foregoing action has been, or immediately will be, taken by INC. To effect smooth working arrangements INC, as well as the sub-agents, should communicate with U.S. War Shipping Administration who will give instructions relative to receiving cargoes and signing bills of lading and out-turn reports.

It is understood that discussions have recently been in progress regarding the possibility of Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari continuing to act as your receiving agent for foodstuffs and agricultural supplies. The Commission is hopeful that such action will be taken by the Italian Government. If a decision to this effect is reached by your Government, will you please inform the Commission so that appropriate action may be taken to establish liaison procedure with Federazione. 1025

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The outline of procedure appended to my letter of 28 September 1945, will continue to operate in respect to foodstuffs and miscellaneous supplies. Special arrangements, however, will have to be made for coal and petroleum products. ICH should notify Ufficio Carboni Italiani to communicate with Coal Division, Commerce Sub-Commission, AG, and Comitato Italiano Petroli with AFM Petroleum Section. The Allied military units named will inform the respective sub-agent of the requirements for receiving and reporting the particular commodity handled by the agent.

Very truly yours,

16/10/45 31000

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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TRANSLATION

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ISTITUTO NAZIONALE PER IL COMMERCIO ESTERO

N. 26775 HP R/Imp

Rome, 12 October 1943

SUBJECT : Receiving of Allied Supplies.

In reference to letter dated the 6th instant, addressed by the Italian Prime Minister to Rear Admiral Stone, we beg to inform you that until further notice, Istituto Nazionale per il Commercio Estero commits to the following agencies the receiving and the signing of receiving reports for the imported goods listed hereunder:

Solid Fuels - - - -	Ministero Carboni Italiani
Liquid Fuels - - - -	Comitato Italiano Petroli
Foodstuffs - - - -	Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari

We also inform you that commencing from 1st November 1943 ICE will provide directly for the receiving of imported foodstuffs and also for the issue of the relative receiving reports.

DEPARTMENT GENERAL

Signed by

Greys

Allied Commission,
Finance Sub-Commission,
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

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AGR/171

23 October 1945

SUBJECT: Suspension Pending Expiration

TO : Economic Section
Food Sub-Commission
Finance Sub-Commission
Civil Affairs Section

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1. Reference is made to the attached translation of letter received from the Federation of Consorzi Agrari.

2. The situation has arisen before, in regard to these individuals, but at no time has a case been proven warranting their expiration. There seems to be no justification for suspending them pending action this time - since three of the most important services performed by the Federation have been under the able charge of these men for a year or more.

3. Since the Minister of Agriculture only acts under the direction of the Expiration Commission, it seems somewhat inadequate to request his intervention. No capable replacements are at hand, nor will they become available. The action indicated will result in breaking up the work of the Federation, and require rather radical modifications in the current procedure of distribution of supplies. These are now handled by the Federation, but the Federation is composed of these men, and it is no longer reasonable to say that it is an anonymous body which can be maintained by casual and political appointees.

4. It is recommended that the matter be discussed with the High Commissioner for Expiration, by the Civil Affairs Section.

JAMES M. MERRITT
Director

Enclosure:

Translation ltr 23 Oct
from Federation

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Translation

Federation of Consorsì Agrari

Rome, 23 October 1945

To: Allied Commission, Agriculture Sub-Commission

By letter of yesterday's date the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests has advised this Federation that the Ministry of Agriculture, in accordance with the provisions of Article 22 of L.L.D. dated 27 July 1944, No. 159, paragraph 3, has directed the suspension from service, pending operation proceedings, the following Directors of this Federation:

Dr. Vittorio Sassiola, Head of the Grain Collection Service

Dr. Luigi Troini, Head of the Cereal, Flour and Pasta Distribution Service

Dr. Stefano Bonazzi, Head of the Produce Service "Fedesport"

Dr. Alberto Sbrighi, Head of the Office of Collateral Societies

Compliance with the above mentioned suspension prejudices the activity of this Federation, also in relation to functions which affect your Commission, and therefore this Federation is indicating the above for such action as your Commission will believe practicable.

The Commissioner of this Federation, who has already interested himself repeatedly in this matter, if asked, will furnish all of the data that your Commission may need.

Signed: Mag. Leonida Mizzi
Il Procuratore Generale

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Ext. 503

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ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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10 February 1945

SUBJECT : Epuration activities

12 FEB 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section Attention Col. White

1. With respect to the Istituto Centrale di Statistica, the Supply & Resources Division of this section now fulfills a function analogous to that of a Sub-Commission in relation to a Ministry. The Istituto is not attached to any ministry.

2. It is requested that one copy of all future bulletins, general letters and procedures, (material circulated to Sub-Commissions) be directed to the attention of K.E. Stauffer, Supply & Resources Division, Economic Section.

Harlan Cleveland
Harlan Cleveland
Executive Director

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