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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Date/Time of Origin: MAY 26/1310B

Message Centre No. E/2446
Date/Time Rec'd: MAY 26/1550B
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHAGE
TO: ALCOM

MAY 26 1945

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Reurad 8392. Authorise travel by air 27 May to UNITED KINGDOM for G. E. BARKER.
Charge cost of travel to British Government. Ensure that passport is up to date

ACTION

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ACTION : EX COMMISSIONER (2)

INFO : A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
ECOM SEC
INDUSTRY SC
FILE (2)
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26 MAY 1945
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24 May 1945

PRIORITY

IN CLEAR BY AIR MESSAGE TO

CONSIDERING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH DASH TALBOT

PAUSE TO AMIC FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE PM JUNE FROM HIS ALGER CITE

AMIC PAUSE

GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD AUTHORISE MISTER GEORGE DASH BARKER CMA

BRITISH CIVILIAN FROM MINISTRY OF SUPPLY ATTACHED INDUSTRY

SUBCOMMISSION TO RETURN TO BRITISH KINGDOM BY AIR ON WEDNESDAY

PRIORITY TO

GRATEFUL FOR SIGNAL YOUR AUTHORIZATION

Copy to:

Mr. Barker, Industry Sub-Com.

Office of Executive Commissioner

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M. Talbot

Lt. Col.
C.S.O.

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AA 25/5

Ref: 801/132/EC.

25 April 1945.

Chief Commissioner.

1. Lieut.Colonel ELLIS, who is visiting this theatre on general liaison duties from the War Office, discussed the following matters with me this morning:

- (a) Officials of British Ministry of Food and Supply.
Normally these officials are attached to the Allied Commission. For various reasons he regards the situation as slightly anomalous. He points out that when competitive buying as between British and American (Government) purchasers, is brought into force, it will be anomalous to have competition between officials all belonging to one Commission. He therefore suggests that these officials should be attached to the British Embassy and should receive their instructions for purchasing Italian exports through the Embassy (Commercial Counsellor). They would then use the Allied Commission for all further operations. The US is at present a relatively negligible purchaser but Lieut.Colonel Ellis suggests that the same procedure should be adopted if and when they come into the Italian export market and understands that Mr. Antolini agrees. I have asked him to clear the matter with the British Embassy before taking it further.
- (b) Coal from SARDINIA. Lieut.Colonel Ellis considers that the reduction in output is due, not so much to political or labour troubles, as to the action taken by AFHQ in the middle of last year in compulsorily reducing the output owing to the large stocks held at Sardinian ports. He points out that it is very difficult to increase output once a policy of reduction has been affected and labour has been laid off. He is against forcible measures to increase output and considers that it will gradually regain its old level.
- (c) Requisitioning of 361,000 tons of coal. He points out that there is some confusion as to the breakdown of the requisition for coal which has been included in Programme "A" (military needs). He points out that unless the breakdown is made clear, the Coal Control Commission, at

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(b) Coal from SARDINIA. Lieut. Colonel Ellis considers that the reduction in output is due, not so much to political or labour troubles, as to the action taken by ARHQ in the middle of last year in compulsorily reducing the output owing to the large stocks held at Sardinian ports. He points out that it is very difficult to increase output once a policy of reduction has been affected and labour has been laid off. He is against forcible measures to increase output and considers that it will gradually regain its old level.

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(d) Civilianisation of British Personnel. He agrees that it is most improbable that any but a negligible number of British civilians will be forthcoming. I have pointed out to him that it will be prudent, if not essential, that we should be able to offer civilian terms and conditions of service to British officers who might wish to remain, say on the Economic side of the Commission, or whatever may take its place after the end of hostilities. Otherwise we shall be faced with a civilian American team and a British military team, or more probably, no British at all. He has asked that this should be represented to the War Office and will follow it up on his return. I will address a letter to ARHQ for your approval.

M S LUSH

MSL/JG.

Copy to:

Economic Section.

Establishment Section.

P.R. Branch.

File 259/EC (Ref Para (a))

" 5010/EC (Ref Paras (b) and (c))

" 205/EC (Ref Para (d))

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Ref: 4320/51/008.

9 February 1945

SUBJECT : British Civilian Personnel.

TO : A/DCOS, Economic Section.

1. There are several civilian experts, notably on hemp, silk, and citrus products, who have been in Italy, attached to the Allied Commission but representing at the same time the Ministry of Supply, or the Ministry of Food in London.
2. It is desired to make it clear that this personnel is a part of the Allied Commission machinery, and that they are responsible to the Allied Commission in the same way as the employees of the U.S. Foreign Economic Administration who have been assigned for duty with the Allied Commission.
3. The statement in paragraph 2 will apply equally to any other British civilians who are assigned to the Allied Commission by Ministries of His Majesty's Government.
4. I attach terms of reference of these officials.

(1)

(Sgd) M. S. Lusk
 Brigadier, 2209
 Chief of Staff.

Copy to : Chief Commissioner } For
 Establish Section } information.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Rec'd 5th Feb 48
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Ref: ES/204

3 Feb 48

SUBJECT: British Civilian Personnel

TO : COS

1. As a result of a discussion in the last two COS meetings, we are attaching a memorandum for your signature which will have the effect of regularising the position of certain British civilians now on duty with the Allied Commission, Economic Section.

2. It is suggested that the handling of the relationships with British civilian personnel might be facilitated by the setting up of a central point of reference, in the Allied Commission and in London, for matters having to do with British civilians assigned to AC. At present, responsibility for recruitment lies with the several Ministries concerned and there appears to be no uniformity in the instructions under which such personnel operate when they get to Italy.

L. D. Densmore
L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, RA
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

Distribution:
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See (5)

COS

The above and atch'd files for your approval and signature.

5th Feb. 48

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Ref: 4502/108

21st November, 1944.

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When I saw the Minister of Food the other day we spoke of the difficulties which had been encountered by the presence of representatives from the Ministry of Food in this theatre without proper terms of reference. The Ministry unfortunately could not produce the terms of reference at the interview but have since sent them to me. I enclose a copy. My comments are as follows:-

1. There is and should be no Ministry of Food office in Sicily. The appointment should have been one of attachment to the Reserve Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission.
2. No comments on (1).
3. The instructions referred to in (2) should go through the Commission.
4. No comments on (3) or (4).

The last paragraph is the best but conflicts with (1). Mr. Graham clearly depended on the first paragraph, hence the difficulties.

M. S. LUSH

Colonel F.O. Drew,
Civil Affairs Branch,
38, Hyde Park Gate,
LONDON, S.W. 7.

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Telegrams: Foodkeeper, London
Telephone: WELbeck 5500

In reply quote reference:

M.O.F. Ref.

Your Reference



MINISTRY OF FOOD 2

PORTMAN COURT
PORTMAN SQUARE
LONDON, W.1

15/11/44

Dear Major Ellis

I spoke to Mr. [unclear] this morning & Mr. [unclear] agreed to see that Burgess last received the attached copy of Graham's letter of reference before he leaves the War Office at lunch time. I promised him that he got them most urgently.

Yours sincerely

Major Ellis
War Office
C. [unclear]

W. [unclear] 2206
[unclear] [unclear]

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INSTRUCTIONS

TO MR. J. GRAHAM, ON
HIS DUTIES TO BE PERFORMED AS HEAD OF
THE MINISTRY OF FOOD OFFICE IN SICILY

The purposes for which you have been appointed as Head of
the Ministry of Food Office in Sicily are:-

1. To advise A.C.C., M.E.D.B.O., and other official organisations on the Ministry of Food's requirements of the various foodstuffs and food products available for export from Italy and Sicily, e.g., the kinds, qualities, prices and degree of priority to be attached to each commodity.
2. To be empowered to place or confirm firm orders on behalf of the Ministry of Food in accordance with instructions given to you from time to time by the Ministry.
3. To ensure that the quality of each commodity exported to the United Kingdom conforms to Ministry of Food requirements and that the commodities are shipped in proper condition, having regard to the nature of the shipping space available and the expected length of voyage time.
4. To co-operate with technical experts who will be sent out by the Ministry from time to time as the need arises.
5. In general to supervise on behalf of the Ministry of Food the flow of food and food products from Italy and Sicily to the United Kingdom and to other destinations as may be decided, to keep all necessary records and to report to the Ministry of Food all these matters.

For the purpose of discharging the above duties you will work under the supervision and control of the Allied Control Commission. All communications will be addressed through the Allied Control

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Commission, with copies as required for the information of the Commission and A.F.H.Q., and you will keep the Commission fully posted as to the activities of your organization which is to be regarded as essentially part of the Allied Control Commission.

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