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Chief Consultant.

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Attached is submitted for your information/signature/approval.

The photograph is informative - we must
 send a full size copy to CES!

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H/President

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Ms/Sp/145

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To note ration in Torons of 50,000. Small
 Torons get less. 2103-VCC

TO : SAC, [redacted]

FROM : SAC, to Chief Commissioner.

1. Petition from Zagarolo Commune (folio 53) has produced report from S.C., Lazio-Liguria Region (folio 73 - 75) which reveals that the petition merely stated strongly a known position. No evidence of misadministration by Commissioner. Entirely a matter of general inadequate supply - Zagarolo no worse than elsewhere.
2. The photograph (folio 75) of Don ration for a day is surprising and of general interest. I agreed to R.C.'s suggestion to send it along.
3. Recommended that S.C. to Chief Commissioner see folio 73 - 76 for information. The petition itself is now with the S.C. Matter closed, unless further action and investigation is directed.

4 Dec. 45

Chief of Staff.

1. Reference 12 - 76. This began by a petition from the inhabitants of Zagarolo Commune to the Chief Commissioner early in December and forwarded to us for enquiry on 5 December 44. (Folio 26).
2. The first report submitted by the Regional Commissioner on 16 December (folio 62) was not quite full enough. Further details were asked for, as a result of which the present report is submitted.
3. In brief, Zagarolo gets 200 grammes of bread daily and the issue has been regular since July. As, however, they are a commune of under 50,000 they do not get ~~all~~ extras such as pasta, which are shown in the photograph attached to the Regional Commissioner's letter. It is admitted that this is a meagre ration. It is not possible, however, to increase it until the Combined Chiefs of Staff reply to the 300 gramme telegram.
4. I recommend that the report and photograph are shown to the Chief Commissioner and that no further action is then required.

W. Shipp

Lt. Col.,
C.S.C.

4 Dec. '45

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5 January 1945.

Lt. Col.,
C.S.O.
to C.O.S.

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TO: Political Section.

1. At folios 46 and 47 you will observe comment and a draft reply to the in connection with reports which were handed you by P.M.B. on the subject of Cement, Grapes, Sausage and Shrimp under 300 tons. The Commission suggests that this be requested in future to clear economic reports with this prior to publication. This seems to be a reasonable request but your comments are requested thereon as well as the issuance of the letter at folio 46.

Encl.
Copy of COS

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To: C.O.S.

The reports on the subjects mentioned in note 48 have not been published. The subjects were raised in the course of a P.M.B. meeting which was attended by Political Section who requested that the reports (based on unconfirmed information) be prepared for the information of, and possible investigation by, Economic Section.

The issuance of the letter at folio 46, in view of the above, seems unnecessary.

26 Nov. '44.

W. J. L. L.
Political Section.

C.S.O.: for concurrence with folios 61 for C.O.S. signature 19/11/44

W. J. L. L.

be view of 49 above, which has been reviewed by 4/11/44
reports are in fact not published I do not think it necessary to
send to. Please speak. W. J. L. L. 19/11/44

C.O.S.

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C.S.O.: for Chief Commissioner to see folios 68 in reply to folios 57 and 55 19/11/44

P.A. to C.C.

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C.S.O. for concurrence with folios 61 for C.O. Signature 29/11/44

Wynon Rividy

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Will discuss with Dillott, 11/9/44

C.O.

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C.S.O. for Chief Commissioner to see folios 68 in reply to folios 57 and 55 29/11/44

P.A. to C.C.

29/11/44

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30 is SCAT 8th army's reply ref OSS report.
Regarding his last para in my opinion the reaction
to the letter already written to AFHQ ~~must~~ should produce
the desired result.

EPH

1 agree pt diff reply

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36 in reply to 23. 20 20/10/44

I suggest that it is unsatisfactory to

degree that it is required in

withdrawal of the report as

Statement to the effect that the

reports in the views of anti Allied

persons and it is in fact untrue.

22 14/11

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I agree per draft 1/14

ELK

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degree that is required is a

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statement to the effect that the

report is the views of anti Allied

persons and is in fact untrue.

SB. 14/11

Agree but I do not think it worth pursuing.

14/11 Nov. 2

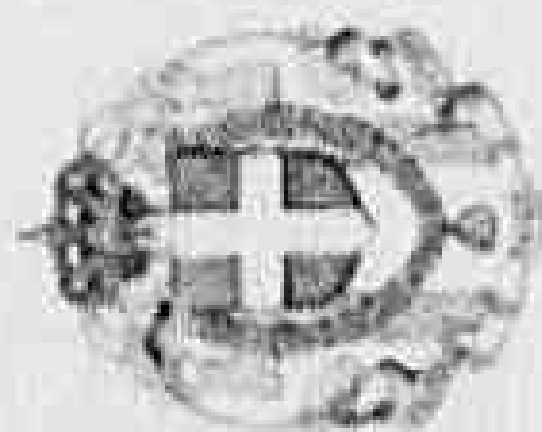
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ES 14/11

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Il Ministro Segretario di Stato

PER LE CORPORAZIONI

TO: Chief of Staff.

6.

1. The attached reports (4 copies) are forwarded, they have been received through Brig. Parkinson; in view of the fact that Judge MARCHESI is returning very soon to the U.S., you may wish to take up with Economic Section forthwith.

2. Reference Recommendation page 3.

No. 2

P.S. have always been and still are of the opinion that the restriction on movement should be removed, but A.A.I. have insisted on their retention. Movement of refugees would also become uncontrolled without restrictions.

No. 3.

Enquiries will be made into the proposal at No. 3.
An Italian Winter Relief Scheme is the first step that comes

to mind.

R.R. Cripps
Colonel.

8 October 44.

This refers to a letter of Director Public Health Sub-Commission which is on a Civil Affairs Section file.

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TO: Chief of Staff

Copies handed to:
A/GC
A/T/ Boon Section

R.R. Cripps
Colonel.

9 October 44.

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TO: Chief of Staff Officer.

Send these reports urgently to Region IV - ask for immediate consideration and reply to all points. Tell them that neither Barr nor M. were under our auspices - Find out under whose.

10 October 44.

M.S.L.

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Colonel.

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A/CC
A/VP Econ Section

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M. S. L.

Cos

At 10.00 in Cor Piletti's report

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Staff Officer to HCC

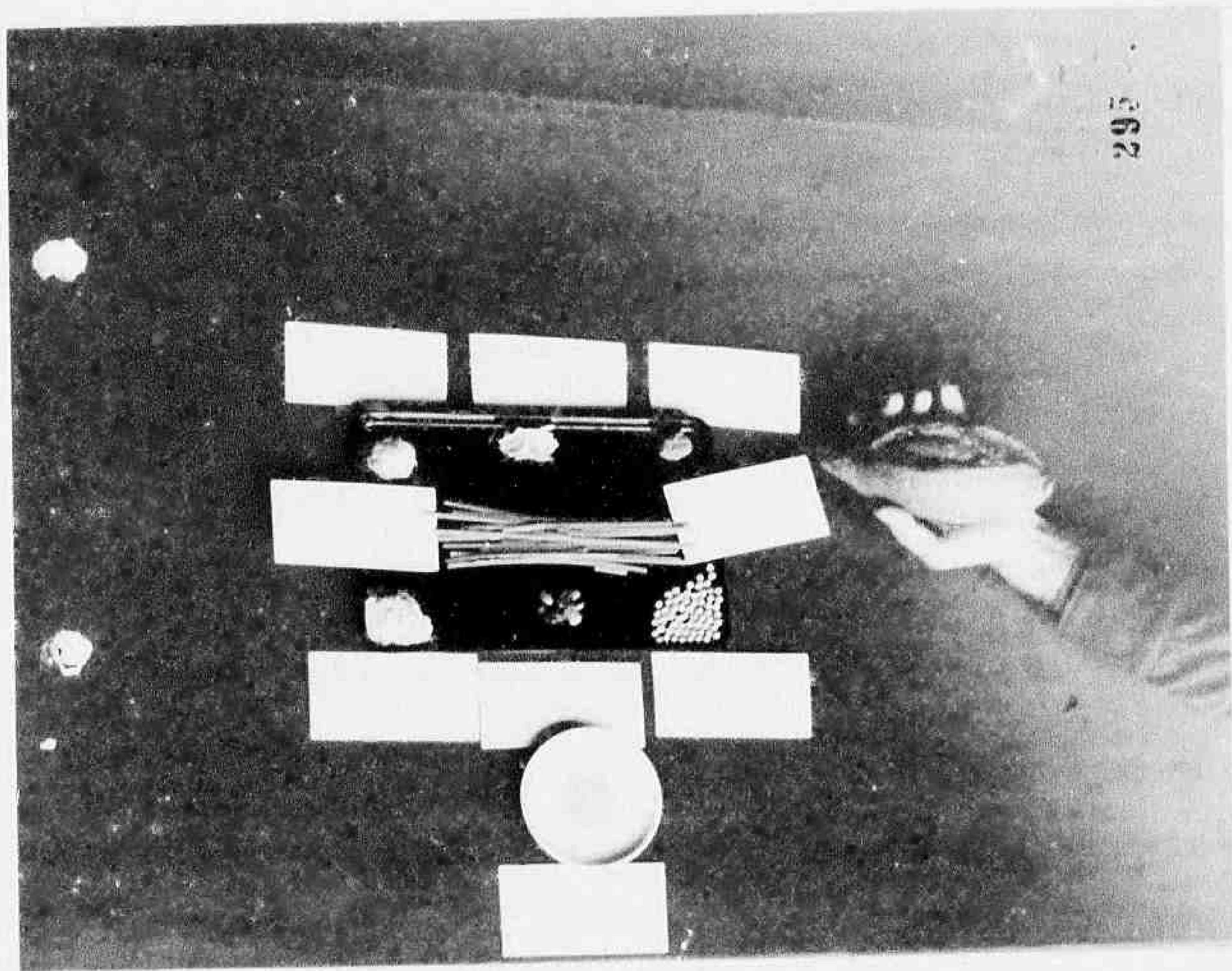
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Seen by HCC and submitted approved
12/10/44

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

Econ. Sec. 6441-

801 0-144 (74)

R/5969

28 December, 1944

SUBJECT: Petition of Zagarolo Commune.

TO : HQ. Allied Commission
Economic Section.

1. Reference your 801/ES dated 26 December, it is much regretted that our original reply was not satisfactory. It is hoped that the following additional remarks will clarify the position.

2. On receipt of your original letter the Provincial Commissioner was instructed to investigate the situation in the Commune. At the same time a check was made with the Director of Economics and Supply to compare the stated figures with the correct releases.

3. The Provincial Commissioner sent an Officer to Zagarolo immediately. His report, from enquiries made in the Commune itself, was that the actual facts were largely in accord with the petition. The part of the report in which this HQ was particularly interested was with regard to bread and, as you will have noticed, the distribution of 200 grams daily has been regular since July.

As Zagarolo does not come under the heading of a Commune with a population of 50,000 very little else has been released for distribution. Therefore the other points raised in the petition merely state a known position. Actually the enquiry in the Commune showed that they had received slightly more than was stated, but the amounts involved are so small that the differences can be ignored.

4. The Director of Economics and Supply confirmed that, except for the same very small differences, the quantities agreed with the releases.

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29 DEC 1944
A. G.

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5. Thus the only conclusion is that there is no evidence of maldistribution by the Consorzio. (Neither Allied Officers or Sepral are, of course, directly involved). It is entirely a question of inadequate supply.

6. This HQ is only too aware how the full ration, when seen in the form presented in the petition, can provide an unpleasant surprise. In this connection the attached photograph of a day's ration (Rome scale) may interest the Chief Commissioner. This photograph surprised many Officers who are dealing with this side of things daily. Zagaroio does not get this ration.

For the Regional Commissioner:

A. D. Bonham-Carter
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Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer

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Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

ES/ E.O1
Ext. 271

BDN/sam
January 2, 1945

SUBJECT: Petition of Tegarolo Commune

TO: Chief of Staff

1. With further reference to your letter 532/56/COS 4244, we have now received from the Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region, more complete information as regards the petition forwarded by the residents of Tegarolo Commune.

2. Memorandum and photograph are attached.

[Signature]
E.D. 1431, Major
Special Assistant to ABCOS
Economic Section

Encls. 1 photograph
1 memorandum

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFM JDA
Office of the Chief of Staff

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Tel. 451

22 December 1944

Ref. 532/71/DA.

SUBJECT: Petition of Saparulo Commune.
TO : Economic Section.

1. Reference your 5.01/44 of 16 Dec replying to our letter 532/76/DA of 6 Dec 1944.

2. I have been directed by the Chief of Staff to inform you that the Chief Commissioner is not satisfied with the Regional Commissioner's reply of 15 Dec. The petition is returned herewith and you will note that the four principal points of complaint have not been adequately answered. The statement "XX grows a day regularly since July otherwise correct" does not convey the answer as to whether or not this flour/bread actually was distributed to the people or turned over to COMAL for distribution.

3. Please give this matter further consideration and have prepared a more complete reply containing facts and conclusions for submission to the Chief of Staff.

JK
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Copy to: E.O. to Chief Commissioner.

Encl.: Petition
Translation of petition.

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JK

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel: 558

BDN/ram

8.01/ES

18 December 1944

SUBJECT: Petition of Zagarelo (Ref. 8101/ES) 19 DEC 1944
TO : The Chief of Staff 7 December 1944

- 65/62
1. There is returned herewith petition from above commune, accompanied by a statement as to conditions therein as reported by Regional Commissioner, Lazio Umbria Region.
 2. It is believed that this report accurately described the reasons which gave birth to the petition.

R. D. Nash
B. D. NASH, Maj., AUS
Chief, Adm. Div.
Economic Section

Attachment
Petition from Zagarelo Commune

see 71
see file 57
532/56/cos of 6 Dec refers

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel: 558

CWA/ram

3.20/ES

13 December 1944

16 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: PWB Reports on Cement, Grapes, Sansa and Ships

TO : COS ✓

1. Reference your 532/60/COS 9 December 1944.
2. The draft of the proposed letter to D.P.W.O. PWB has been revised and is attached herewith for approval.


A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

Attachment
Draft of letter

D R A F T

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SUBJECT: FWE Reports on Cement, Grapes, Sango, and Ships
under 300 tons.

TO : D.P.W.O.
Psychological Warfare Branch.

1. Reference is made to four reports prepared by
I. Gnudi, Head, Italian Affairs (Unit 9), FWE-Unit No. 12,
all under date of 23 October 1944 and entitled as above.
2. AG experts have submitted their comments on
these reports and from the copies of three ^{comments}~~commodities~~
attached, you will observe that his reports contain a number
of inaccuracies and are therefore misleading.
3. It is realized that the reports are not predicated
on investigated fact and it is therefore requested that
reports on economic subjects be cleared through this HQ
prior to distribution.

Brigadier
Chief of Staff

CC: DCOS Economic Section

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 451

3 December 1944

Ref. 532/60/008

SUBJECT: FSB Reports on Cement, Grapes, Beans and Ships.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Reference your 3.20/28 of 4 Dec.
2. The revised draft submitted by you has again been referred to Political Section for comment.
3. The point which Political Section made in the first instance still stands, namely that FSB assemble their reports on unconfirmed information and pass these to your Section for information and possible investigation. In these circumstances your draft would seem to take an unnecessarily strong line.
4. The suggestion is that you re-draft paras 2 and 3 of your letter in such a way that acknowledgment is taken of the fact that FSB reports are not predicated on investigated fact and for this reason you are requesting that economic subjects be cleared through this HQ prior to distribution.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel: 558

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4 December 1944

6 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: PWs Reports on Cement, Grapes, Beans and Snaps

TO : COS

1. Reference your 532/53/COS dated 29 November 1944.
2. Although the reports were not published in the wide sense of that term, they did in fact receive a limited distribution. In these circumstances it is therefore desired that the attached draft letter should be issued; a slight amendment to the draft has been made.

A. G. Antolini
A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

Attachment
Draft Letter

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Leon See

Draft letter to P.W.B.
(referred to in para 4 of
folio 60) returned to
Lieut ATKINS 11 Dec 44.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 735

Ref. 532/56/008

6 December 1944

SUBJECT: Petition.

TO : Economic Section.

1. The attached petition has been presented to the Chief Commissioner by representatives of the village of LAGAROLO (Iaxio-Subria Region).

2. Will you please take steps to have their complaints investigated with a view to finding out:-

- a) Whether their plight is the fault of maldistribution on the part of the Allied authorities or inefficiency on the part of the Nagral,
- b) Whether any steps can be taken urgently to help these people; or
- c) Whether they are so worse off than any other similar community in which case they would have to be referred to Mr. Myron Taylor's relief organization.

3. When your investigations are complete kindly submit your conclusions.

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Chief Staff 0286,
To the Chief of Staff.

BU 13 Dec
(10/12/44)

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ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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JAN 1945

5 December 1944

5 DEC 1944

To: Office of Chief of Staff, Jlg AS (Attn: Captain Morden)

1. The attached petition has been presented to the Chief Commissioner by representatives of the village of Magarolo.

2. Will you please investigate their complaints with a view to finding out:

a. Whether their plight is the fault of maldistribution on the part of the Allied authorities or inefficiency on the part of the locals,

b. Whether any steps can be taken urgently to help these people, or

c. Whether they are no worse off than any other similar community in which case they would have to be referred to Mrs. Morden Taylor's relief organization.

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J. A. Quays
J. A. QUAYS
Major, A. A.
Staff Officer to CE

To Commodore Stone:

In the name of the mothers and wives of the prisoners of war, and of the men who were taken away by the Nazi-fascists, the Gagarolo Section of the 'Unione Donne Italiane' asks the intervention of the Allied Command:

- (a) since September 1943, they are starving because the distribution of flour and bread was made irregularly and not every month. They never got any 'pasta' since September 1943, except for the 600gr. which were given again the last few days.
- (b) Soap has been lacking since October 1943; we were given 20 gr. a head last October.
- (c) Fat has been lacking since September 1943.
- (d) we got 100gr of potatoes, beans, and other vegetables, and sugar, and this was the whole year's ration.

How is it possible for a family to live when the father is a prisoner, and the mother gets a daily allotment of Lire 15, plus 2 Lire for each child?

They cannot buy in the black market for the prices are too high: 1 kg. of sugar cost 500 or 600 Lire (for sick children, rice and sugar are indispensable). 1 liter of oil was sold more than 900 Lire; a pair of children's shoes cost not less than 2000 Lire, as for clothes they may reach any prices, and yet winter is coming.

The women see their children starving and freezing. They ask for your intervention and help.

Association of Italian Women
Gagarolo Section

Gagarolo, 26 November 1944

trans. E.C.

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Tel. 451

4 December 1944

SUBJECT: Draft Letter to P.W.B.

TO : Economic Section
Attention: Lt. Atkins.

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As per your verbal request draft letter prepared by you
to PGB is returned herewith.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Tel: 478308

29 November 1944.

Ref: 532/53/COS

SUBJECT: PWB Reports on Cement, Grapes, Sarsa and Ships.

TO : ECOS, Economic Section.

1. Reference your 51/3.20 of 19 Nov 44 on above subject.
2. The Political Section advise that PWB did not publish the reports under discussion. In these circumstances the draft letter submitted by you cannot be issued.
3. Do you wish to request of PWB that they forward reports having a bearing on economic matters for checking by the Economic Section? If so, will you please re-draft your letter accordingly.

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[Handwritten signature]

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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29 November 1991

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The ration scale indicated in your letter is certainly desirable but its implementation depends ~~essentially~~ upon imports that may be sanctioned by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. We continue to press for larger imports.

The freeing of the market on other than basic foods is now contemplated by the Italian Government and is an important part of the plan submitted to the Italian Cabinet and ourselves by the new Italian Under Secretary for Food.

The comments on assessing technique are most interesting and will be studied by members of the Commission for possible implementation at an early date.

With renewed thanks for your suggestions and assurances that we are always glad to receive them and give them our fullest consideration.

Very truly yours

ALLRYN, STONE
Comodore, USN
Chief of Commission er

The Honorable Byron C. Taylor
The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
to His Holiness the Pope

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Dear Mr. Taylor:

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ELLERY W. STONE
Consul General, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Myron C. Taylor
The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
to His Holiness the Pope
2, Via Boncompagni
Rome

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

Tel: 478807

21 November 1944

Ref: 91-1/15/FOOD

SUBJECT: Food Situation

TO : Economics Section

FROM : Food Sub-Commission

1. The proposals contained in Mr. Taylor's letter of 11 November have been carefully examined and I should like to make the following comments.

2. It seems desirable, in view of the lack of enforcement of legal decrees possible under present conditions in Italy, to reduce compulsory collection of food products to a minimum. This minimum should, however, include barley which has been and can be used for mixing with wheat in the making of bread. In addition it is considered that control should be exercised over the collection and distribution of fresh milk.

3. The suggested scheme for wheat collection has much in its favour; it should encourage good farming and would lead to a greater flexibility in crop cultivation. On the face of it, however, it would seem to indicate a lower total of wheat available for general distribution, with a consequent ration reduction unless imports were increased. The latter seems difficult to guarantee in view of world shipping and wheat supply situation. There would of course be a certain amount of free wheat on the market, perhaps even a considerable quantity, but this, unless supplies were ample, would go to the highest bidder, and the lower wage-earning groups would be forced to rely upon their official ration. The whole proposal, however, will be the subject of further study by members of the Commission.

4. The leaving of all other products to private enterprise, with a consequent removing of all restrictions, would be eminently desirable if supply were in any degree equal to demand and if means of transport were ample and evenly distributed. As this is not a present case, it would seem that an undue proportion of food-stuffs would find their way into the hands of the rich, the producers and the owners or controllers of means of transport, while the 'underprivileged' would be unable to purchase in a market where prices would be far beyond their reach.

5. It therefore seems desirable to ensure a supply of commodities other than wheat, olive oil and sugar to all the consumer class, not necessarily by compulsory collection, but perhaps by means of State purchase, such as operates in other countries. Perishable foodstuffs, such as fruit and vegetables, of which there is a reasonable and sometimes ample supply, could certainly be left to private enterprise, as well as other food items such as poultry, eggs and fish.

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6. The suggested minimum daily ration is certainly a desideratum and, if it could be provided, would go a long way to solving Italy's food problem and would lessen the necessity for ensuring supplies of other commodities. It has to be pointed out, however, that to ensure a bread ration of 300 grams and a pasta ration of 70 grams would mean a monthly consumption in present liberated Italy of 200,000 tons of wheat per month. The total amount amassed this year will be only 1,000,000 tons equal to 5 months supply - thus seven months supply, or 1,400,000 tons of wheat would have to be imported. This, at the moment, or indeed for some time to come, is far beyond the present world availability of shipping in particular.

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7. It is not considered that any claim could be put forward for such greater use of means of transport which are mainly reserved for the armies, namely railways and trucks, until some considerable time after hostilities cease in this theater of war.

8. Discussions are at present taking place with the new Italian Under-Secretary of Food, with a view to promoting the flow of supplies, increasing their general availability and establishing as high a ration scale of basic commodities as is possible. The points contained in your letter will certainly be given fullest study during the course of these discussions.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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J. L. L. L.

Major L. L. L.

Acting Director, Food Sub-Commission

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For the Chief Commissioner:

[Signature]

J. BURR

Major JASG

Acting Director, Food Sub-Commission

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Tel: -497

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

FWT/bih

Ref: -ES/320

19 November 1944

22 NOV Recd

SUBJECT: PWB Reports on Cement, Grapes, Sansa, and Ships
under 300 tons.

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Reference your unnumbered letter dated 23 October 1944.
2. Comments on three of the reports prepared by PWB officer are attached. That on the report on "Ships under 300 tons" will follow.
3. From these comments, based on observations by experts of the three industries involved, it is clear that the author, I Gnudi, has blundered badly in his reports.
4. It is suggested that a letter on the lines of the attached draft be sent to PWB, drawing their attention to the inadvisability of publishing such reports without first checking the quoted facts with AC and inviting them to clear all such matter with AC before publication.

[Signature]
A. G. ANTOLINI
Deputy Chief of Staff,
Economic Section.

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Incl: Draft

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ECONOMIC SECTION

CWA/ram

Comments on Report made by Mr. D. Gnudi, Head Italian Affairs
(Unit 9) PWB dated 23 October 1944.

Cement

1. The inference is drawn that delays in restarting factories is due to authorities in Rome. Before drawing such an inference and giving it publicity, however limited, he should have taken more trouble to ascertain the correct state of affairs.
2. To obtain an output of 66,000 tons cement monthly, the following coal and power would be required monthly in addition to the necessary supplies of limestone and gypsum, plus transportation.

Coal	13000 tons month.
Electric Power	600000 KWH month.

3. Only when the above quantities are available, with the necessary transportation, can the full capacity of the plants be used.
4. It is noticed that the S/A Calce e Cemento, Callesferro plant is rated at 12000 tons monthly. This factory is so badly damaged that it will not be possible to produce half that quantity for some months.
5. Requests for an allocation of fuel, power, and transportation have been made for the plants at Guidoria and Collesferro. we are awaiting replies from the Italian Government in respect of the plants at Barletta and Tarento, the plant at Bagnoli can only produce lime, not cement, and that at Spoleto is working for the DDW.
6. The present well known situation regarding coal, electrical power, and transportation is the answer why the plants are not producing to their capacity.

ECONOMIC SECTION

CWA/ram

Comments on Report made by Mr. D. Gnudi, Head Italian Affairs
(Unit 9) PWA, dated 23 October 1944.

Grapes

1. This report is so full of statements apparently made without knowledge or thought of the facts that it presents a false picture of the situation.
2. AC have been, and will continue to advise and help the Italian Government in their efforts at reorganization, not only of the Southern part of Italy but all liberated Italy.
3. We well realize the parlous condition of the wine industry but the answer is Transportation. It is considered that the movement of food is of more importance than the movement of wine.
4. The conversion of wine into alcohol requires the use of fuel and the alcohol has to undergo a special purification process to eliminate all water before it can be used as a motor fuel. Such fuel is at present not available, neither does operable plant exist in liberated Italy.
5. Prior consultation with reliable technical personnel would have resulted in most of this report not being written.

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ECONOMIC SECTION

CWA/ram

Comments on Report made by Mr. D. Gnudi, Head Italian Affairs
(Unit 9) PWB, dated 23 October 1944.

Sansa

1. This report, while emphasizing the urgency of dealing with the olive oil crop, contains several errors. Economic Section is actively engaged in this problem, is prosecuting a program dealing with the Sansa crop so far as limitations of transportation and solvents permits, and is in possession of the facts relating to the present situation. The report is in no way helpful.
2. All olive oil extracted from sansa is not "a low quality oil used for making soap". Normally 50% to 60% of such oil is of "low acidity type" and finds its way into food channels, the remainder, 40% to 50% - "high acidity oil" is for soap manufacture.
3. The plant at Terni is not dismantled or destroyed. Of eight retorts, four are in order and four are under repair. Production with one retort of 135 tons of carbon bisulphide per month will commence as soon as electric power becomes available, and transportation problems incident to the movement of sulphur to the works is resolved. Subsequently, as power and sulphur supply is improved, it is intended to bring the plant to full productive capacity.
4. The plant at Siena lacks only sulphur, which is available in Ancona Province, not Sicily. Fall rains have interrupted road communications and all possible steps to remedy the situation are being taken.
5. A major point overlooked or not mentioned in the report is that calcium carbide is an essential raw material in the production of trielina. Electric power requirements for the production of carolids are so vast in relation to power availability that no program for its production in the near future can even be contemplated.
6. The lack of transportation is of course, a great handicap. In the absence of rail transportation it is computed that 1,000 three-ton lorries are required during the sansa collection season, i. e., usually from 15th November to 15th February.

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Vol. 451

Office of the Chief of Staff

Reports on Forest, Camps, Roads
& Ships under 300 Tons.

948/C.A.

25 Oct

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Memorandum Section.

1. The Chief of Staff has read the reports on the above subjects prepared by a Pol. Officer and forwarded to you by Political Section, under date of 24 Oct.
2. It is considered that these reports and their recommendations merit comments by your Section. Will you please prepare same.

C.O. Pol. Sect.

(returning Memoranda)

Office, Chief of Staff

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

Vol. 151

From: Office of the Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Attached Reports

FILE No.
85 Oct 1944

TO: Chief of Staff

The attached reports make brief and interesting statements on important industries.

Certain recommendations are made. I suggest calling on the Economic Section for their comments.

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I agree M/11/1

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24 Oct
Economic
Section
Distribution
Under the File

24 October 1944

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TO : Economic Section
FROM : Political Section

1. A P.W.B. Officer has recently been on a tour of Southern Italy and at suggestion of Political Section put down various points which had come to his notice during his journey. As a result he has written the attached four papers on:

- (1) Cement
- (2) Grapes
- (3) Banca
- (4) Italian Ships
Under 500 Tons.

2. You may wish to keep these papers. If so, may we see any comments.

H. A. Canada

Copy to: Chief of Staff
(PLEASE RETURN ATTACHED
MEMORANDUMS)

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The First Aide de Camp General of
H.M.S. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom

17/10/1914

Paris, 10 November 1914.

Dear Commodore Stone,

I got your letter of October 24th, and I thank
you very much in the case of H.M.S. the Lieutenant General of the King-
dom for the kind interest you have taken in organizing food supplies
for the provision of prisoners.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A. A. Infante

(Guillermo Adolfo Infante)

Commodore Henry Stone
Chief Commissioner of the
Allied Commission

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Enclosed to Lord Fe
Copy to N. L. L.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-3 Section
APO 912

Caps 3096
TRJ/1131r

G-3: 214.1

10 November 1944

14 NOV Recd

SUBJECT: Report from G.S.E.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 294

1. Reference is made to 114/305 of 25 October.
2. Your letter and the report were submitted to G-3 Special Ops who have made enquiries. Their report is as follows:-

The Basic Report was prepared to indicate the state of feeling and propaganda efforts of those persons in the Am-sona Province who are not in sympathy with Allied measures. It was so obvious that Allied Authorities would not tolerate or sustain the policies outlined in the report that no evaluation or interpretation was included.

However, in order to clarify any doubtful points, a letter explaining that this report was based on inspired or spontaneous rumors is being sent to all addressees of the original report.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-3:

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T. B. JACKSON
Lt. Colonel.

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JH/ea

8 November 1944

11.11.44

Ref: 40-5/21/1000

Dear General:

In reply to your letter of 30 October, will you please inform His Royal Highness that the Allied Commission is making every effort to ensure arrival of food in the province of Prosimone.

As you are aware, transport in the main bar to regular arrivals of supplies and recently, owing to heavy rains, we have had breakdowns of both rail and road services. All available means of transport are, however, being utilized.

Efficient internal distribution is necessary, even when supplies arrive in the province, and the most strenuous efforts on the part of the provincial and consumer authorities should be called for immediately.

Very truly yours

EWS

ALLAN H. BROWN
Commodore, RNVR
Acting Chief Commissioner

The First Aide de Camp General of
H.M.G. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom

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CWD
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In reply to your letter of 30 October, will you please inform His Royal Highness that the Allied Commission is making every effort to ensure arrival of food in the province of Frosinone.

As you are aware, transport is the main bar to regular arrivals of supplies and recently, owing to heavy rains, we have had breakdowns of both rail and road services. All available means of transport are, however, being utilized.

Sufficient internal distribution is necessary, even when supplies arrive in the province, and the most strenuous efforts on the part of the provincial and communal authorities should be called for immediately.

Very truly yours

EWS

MILLY J. STONE
Commodore, RNVR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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The First Aide de Camp General of
H.B.H. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom

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Headquarters,
Abruzzi-Savone Region,
Allied Commission,
ASR.

6 Nov 44.

9 NOV Recd.

Dear Sir,

I know that you have already dealt with the letter to which attached refers, but I think you will be interested to see Nichols' reaction to the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Keene

Lt Colonel C.W.I. SHEPP
HQ Allied Commission,
ASR.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG
ANCONA PROVINCE
ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION
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Subject: Provincial Administration.

To: HQ Abruzzi-Marche Region AMG/ACC.

Ref: ANO/N/64

From: P.C. ANCONA Province.

Date: 2 Nov 44.

9 NOV Recd

Ref confidential report No A2-212 dated 15 October 1944 from Office of Strategic Service (X-2 Branch - P Section).

I feel that I should have been consulted before such a letter was transmitted to addressees. No doubt Region HQ and AMG Eighth Army have the same feelings.

The letter calls for observations from me.

1 & 2. Political Manifesti, unauthorized publications, political propaganda, and meetings are being systematically suppressed by me in the Provinces of ANCONA and PESARO, without discrimination between parties.

3. I have dissolved all local Separation Committees. A Provincial Separation Committee has been established in each Province, and denunciations are forwarded through Giunta Comunale or the Police Agencies to these central Committees for their consideration and recommendation.

4. This is not fully understood, but there is no discrimination between political parties.

5. Avv. Oddo Marinelli was the nominee of the Committee of Liberation for Prefect of ANCONA. He was found unsuitable and was replaced by me as soon as a career Prefect was made available by the Interior Sub Commission. Request for replacement was made on 13 July, Dott Paterno reported from RIME to assume duties as Prefect on 24 August. Paterno was later replaced by General Pieche, another nominee of A.C. on the 28th September 1944.

It is true that General Pieche is "of the AMG Commissioner's liking".

No indignation on the part of the people has been noticed as a result of the replacement of Avv. Oddo Marinelli, except that of Marinelli himself, in fact the general feeling is one of satisfaction.

H. H. Nichols

H. H. NICHOLS,
Lieut. Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner,
ANCONA Province.

HHS/SM.

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Tel. 473201

Ref: 532/34/008

9 November 1944

SUBJECT: Reports from OSS.

TO : SCAG ADG 5th Army.

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1. With reference your letter 34/72 dated 4 November 44 I have not yet received a reply to my letter to AFHQ dated 25 October.

2. When I do I will let you know what action is indicated but I trust the result will be in line with the suggestion in para 4 of your letter.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
VIENNA 1945

Subject: Reports from U.S.S.

6/7/45

4 Nov 44

Office of the Chief of Staff,
H.Q., Allied Commission,
L.S.G. 39.

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1. Refers to your two letters of 29th October and 31st October, both on the above subject. I have just your two letters and that these reports be withdrawn.

2. The first report is completely contradictory in itself, as para 5 contradicts para 4.

3. Apart from the fact, however, that the reports are completely untrue, and as you say mischievous, I visa with grave concern that a Section of the Allied Forces should be allowed to write any reports on the political position. As I understand it, G.B.I. is the American counterpart of the Special Force in the British Army, which deals with the fighting patriots, and have nothing to do with political matters.

4. In addition to asking for the withdrawal of these reports, should not a letter be written to A.F.H.Q., and A.A.I. reporting that these gentlemen should abstain from writing further reports, since which they obviously know nothing.

Refuse

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.C. VIENNA 1945.

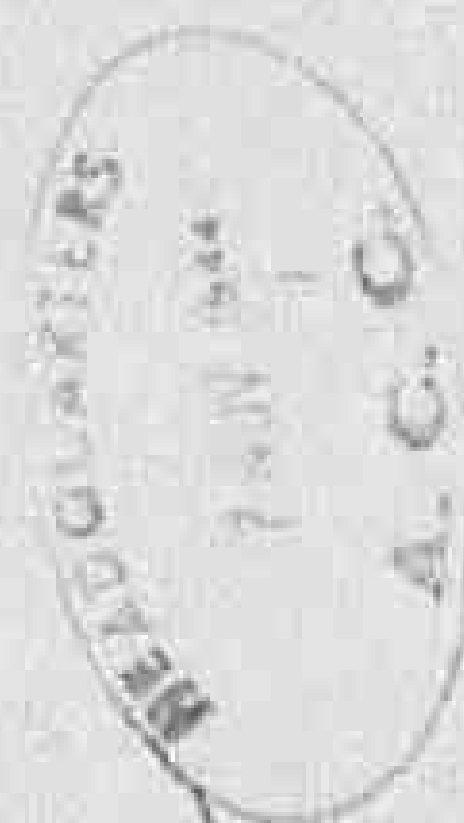
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1. Reference your two letters of 25th October and 31st October, both on the above subject. I hope that you have noted that those reports be withdrawn.
2. The first report is completely contradictory in itself, on para 5 contradicts para 4.
3. Apart from the fact, however, that the reports are completely untrue, and as you say mischievous, I view with grave concern that a Section of the Allied Forces should be allowed to write any reports on the political position. As I understand it, O.S.I. in the American counterpart of the Special Force in the British Army, which deals with the fighting patriots, and have nothing to do with political matters.
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Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
R.C., A.M.C. NORTH AMY.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

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Tel. No. 470730

2 November 1944

Ref : 332/03/19

SUBJECT: C.S. Report.

TO : A.F.M. G-5 Section.

1. I refer to my letter 332/03 of the 25th October.
I forward copy of another report from C.S.S. which has come to my notice.
2. Will you please request the originator of the report to withdraw the statement in the last paragraph.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Encl.

Cancel

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cover.

Please note a copy of
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In the circumstances
is further action considered
necessary?

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Office of the Chief of Staff

Food Supplies, Prosinone Province.

552/28/003

Economic Section

1 November 4

1. Attached hereto is a copy of a letter from Gen. Infante in which a complaint is made by the Lt. General of the Kingdom regarding food supplies for Prosinone Province.
2. Would you please look into this and prepare a letter in reply to Gen. Infante for the Acting Chief Commissioner's signature.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

B/Y/S/H
Hated P.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 632/27/205
3127/2000

31 October 1944

SUBJECT: C.S.S. Reports.

See by Lt Col Chapp
Cable

TO : HQAG, AGC 8 Army.

1. I forward for your information copy of a report dated 15th October which comments unfavourably in the last paragraph on the activities of 8 Army AGC personnel. You will notice that a copy of this report has been sent to London and Washington. It seems to me that the Army Commander would be interested to hear these criticisms of his staff officers from an independent and original source.

2. For your information I have already asked AFHQ that the report be withdrawn.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

See file 23 also
copy to Area VII Army

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AFG 554.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICE

IC2 Branch - P. Section

Report No. A2-212
15 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Communist-Socialist Manoeuvres.

1. There is a gradual increase in popular clamour for the quick and harsh punishment of the people responsible for the crimes and cruelties inflicted upon them by the Fascists in collaboration with the Germans, with the gradual liberation of the northern regions. This is due to the greater sacrifice suffered by the people of those regions. The example of Florence was already indicative of what public reaction would be further north, which is confirmed by the news from Romagna, Marche and upper Tuscany.

2. This general attitude of the public entails the tendency in political circles to concentrate all power and political initiatives including government functions in the hands of the Committee of Liberation, as the only national organisation functioning at the time of liberation.

3. Such a tendency appears to be strongly supported by Pietro Nenni and the Communists (see "AVANTI" and "UNITA" of the last few days) with a view to repeating the already attempted manoeuvre to determine a Cabinet crisis to be solved in favour of the extremist parties.

4. The Committees of Liberation in the front line regions are often dominated by the Communists because of the presence there of Garibaldi Brigades made of partisans under Communist control, regardless of their fighting value. On the other hand, the 8th Army authorities are paralysing the non-Communist left parties, thus creating a situation unfavourable to the authority of the BONOMI Cabinet.

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Translation

The First Aide de Camp General of
H.M. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom

1928A/3

Rome, 30 October 1914

Dear Commodore,

H.M. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom takes a great interest in the living conditions of the population of several municipalities of the province of Grosseto, where because of the destructions caused by the war, food supplies get only at intervals and in insufficient quantity.

The Food-submission of A.D. is making the necessary arrangements to supply the said province with rationed foodstuffs, and His Royal Highness wants me to ask you kindly to see that the supplies should arrive regularly and in sufficient quantity.

Thanking you in the name of His Royal Highness for your kind interest, I remain,

Yours truly,

(General Adolfo Infante)

/s/ A. Infante

Commodore Henry Stone
Chief Commissioner of the
Allied Commission
R. O. M. O.

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Trans. E.O.

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Roma, 30 OTT. 1944

IL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

Caro Comm. Gen.,

Sua Altezza Reale il Luogotenente Generale del Regno si interessa molto alle condizioni di vita delle popolazioni di parecchi comuni della provincia di Frosinone, dove il rifornimento dei viveri, in dipendenza anche delle distruzioni causate dalla guerra, è discontinuo ed insufficiente.

La Sottocommissione viveri dell'A.C. sta organizzando l'approvvigionamento dei generi contingenti per la suddetta provincia e l'Augusto Principe mi ha incaricato di rivolgerle preghiera affinché Ella voglia cortesemente interessarsi, per quanto possibile, che l'approvvigionamento stesso sia assicurato in modo sufficiente, possibilmente continuativo.

La ringrazio fin d'ora, in nome di Sua Altezza Reale, per il suo benevolo interessamento in proposito.

Con i miei migliori saluti.

(Generale Adolfo Infante)

A. Infante

Al Signor Commisario Ellery Stone
Vice Presidente della Commissione
Allesti

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
U.S. ARMY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Office of the Chief of Staff
U.S. ARMY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

15 October 1964.

Ref: 532/000.

SUBJECT: Report from P.S.C.

TO : 2 - 5 Section, A.P.M.C.

1. I enclose an undated report (if it is worthy of such a name) purporting to come from P.S.C. You will notice that it has been widely circulated.
2. I need hardly say that the report is a travesty of the truth, misleading and misleading.
3. I should be glad if instructions could be issued to have the report withdrawn. The facts can be ascertained from A.C.C. if required.

For the Acting Chief of Staff.

(SAC) M S LUSH

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to : V.P. Political Section
P.S.C.
Eight Army A.C.C.

Col.

I gave a copy of the
OSS report on ANCONA to
Col. French, who is going
to Ancona tomorrow. He
is doubtful about the
facts, and will let us
know by signal.

I suggest you hold
up the reply until you
hear from him. R

Agreed M (101)

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C.O.S.

1. Reference CSS report No. A2-212 of 15 Oct 44.
2. Col. French phoned from ANCONA to say that this report is a travesty of the facts with the possible exception of the last two lines of the last paragraph which he is investigating.

*Do you wish to hold up this letter pending further
report. Presumably I think you could do no harm in sending
it.*

W. Shipp

C.S.O.,
Office, Chief of Staff.

27 Oct 44.

*Issue. The Defect was chosen by
Local Gvt Sub Com & Ital Gvt.*

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PRB/R444

23 October 1946.

SUBJECT: ACG policies in the province of Angola.

To : Chief of Staff.

The attached report by OSS, which as you will see has gone to London, Washington, and Research & Analysis Branch, seems to call for some comment, clarification or defense on the part of ACG. You will remember that I have recently drawn attention to the high-handed behaviour of agencies such as the OSS.

Confidential
LIONEL FIELDER,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

APD 534

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
X - R Branch - F. Section

Report No. 12-212

15 October 1944.

SUBJECT: 1. 3. Policies in the Province of Ancona.

1. In the Province of Ancona and neighboring provinces A.M.G. systematically suppresses every political manifestation, press, propaganda and even private meeting suspected to be of an anti-monarchical character.

2. Newspapers, leaflets and posters which mention either the King or the monarchy are confiscated and the distributors arrested.

3. The Military Authorities, have dissolved all local Operation Commissions.

4. Political parties which abstain from anti-monarchical propaganda such as the Liberal, Christian-Democratic and Communist Parties may rely on A.M.G.'s support and help, while all circulation permits granted to all other parties are denied to the Action Party, only intransigent party on the Institutional question.

5. Because of this general A.M.G. policy in that region particularly noticeable in the Province of Ancona, Avv. Gode MARCHELLI of the Action Party who had become Prefect right after the liberation of Ancona on the unanimous designation of all parties, was obliged to resign after little over a month in office. He has been replaced by a Career Prefect, formerly Fascist, of the A.M.G. Commissioners' liking. This roused the indignation of the overwhelming majority of the people.

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28 October 1944

28 OCT Recd

Dear Mr. Taylor:

In reply to your letter of October 23 referring to milk distribution, the following replies have been obtained from the Supply Officer (Major Mason), LAZIO-UMBRIA Region.

(a) A monthly allocation of milk to the Italian authorities in each Province is made by the Supply Officer (through SEPRAL) sufficient for hospitals, nursing mothers and babies up to the age of three.

(b) SEPRAL is the distributing agency and it would appear that through a fault in distribution FRASCATI did not receive an allocation until August, when the Sindaco requested a supply.

(c) It was delivered to pharmacies in FRASCATI on 24 August.

(d) When AMG came to ROME, SEPRAL had in stock Italian tinned milk and it was from this that current deliveries were made, including the delivery to FRASCATI.

(e) The nuns at the Children's Home were advised by an AOC officer to make a request for the noon day meal at the beginning of October on the occasion of the visit of the Regional Officer to investigate this matter.

The nuns should have been notified by the Italian local authorities.

Yours sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Myron C. Taylor
The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
To His Holiness the Pope
P, Via Boncompagni
Rome

cc: Chief of Staff Section
1st Floor

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Major Quayle,

Reference letter from Mr. Myron C. Taylor dated 23 Oct 44, I have obtained from the Supply Officer (Maj. MASON), LAZIO-UMERIA Region, the following answers to the questions asked:

- (a) A monthly allocation of milk to each Province is made by the Supply Officer sufficient for hospitals, nursing mothers and babies up to the age of three.
- (b) SEPRAL is the distributing agency and it would appear that through a fault in distribution FRASCATI did not receive an allocation until August, when the Sindaco requested a Supply.
- (c) It was delivered to pharmacies in FRASCATI on 24 August.
- (d) When AMG came to ROME SEPRAL had in stock Italian tinned milk and it was from this that current deliveries were made, including the delivery to FRASCATI.
- (e) The nuns at the Children's Home were advised to make a request for the noon day meal at the beginning of October on the occasion of the visit of the Regional Officer to investigate this matter.

27 Oct 44.

E. Gordon
Captain.

THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA TO HIM HOLDING THE R.F.P.

October 23, 1944

Commodore Ellery F. Stone,
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

Dear Commodore Stone:

Thank you for your letter of October 20 in reference to the investigation of the milk distribution in Frascati. I would appreciate it if, however, you could give me the date of the delivery of milk tins to be sold in the pharmacies and the date milk was turned over to SPHAL. I would also like to know when the memo was advised to make a request for the authorized noon-day meal for the children to be submitted to the Sindaco.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter and believe me,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Myron C. Taylor
/t/ Myron C. Taylor

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20 October 1944

22 Oct Recd

My dear Mr. Taylor:

While he was here in Italy, Judge Marchisio paid a visit to Frascati, where he was very alarmed at being advised that Frascati had received absolutely no powdered milk since June. I have had this matter investigated, and I would now be most grateful if you would bring to Judge Marchisio's notice the following report of the ACC officer who made the investigation:

"Investigated the Frascati case, and report as follows:

1. The tins of milk were placed in pharmacies to be distributed on ration to sick children and nursing mothers at 23 lire per tin. SEPMIL, the Italian distribution agency, delivered the milk.
2. The nuns who operate the school have been advised to make a request for the authorized noon day meal for the children and submit it to the Sindaco. Up to the present the nuns had not made a request.
3. In view of my investigation, I believe the situation should improve. I shall keep in touch with it from time to time and take whatever action necessary to ameliorate the situation."

In addition to making clear to the nuns the procedure for obtaining the milk and mid-day meal for the children, the ACC officer is also looking into the question of their accommodation, which he considered unsatisfactory.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Honorable Myron C. Taylor
The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
To His Holiness The Pope
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAOS-THAI REGION
APO - 304

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12 October 1944

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SUBJECT: Mr. Barr's Report.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

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1. I am returning to you memorandum to Mr. Taylor from Mr. Barr dated October 4, 1944 concerning conditions in the southern provinces of Laos-Thai Region.



Charles Pollett
CHARLES POLLETT
COLONEL
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

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Mr. Barr's Report.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CMF
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 532/12/003.

14 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Reports by Judge Marchisio and Mr. Barr.

TO : Hon. Myron C. Taylor,
The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
to His Holiness The Pope,
2 Via Boncompagni, ROME.

I am directed by Acting Chief Commissioner to forward you
a copy of a letter from Regional Commissioner LADIO-UMBRIA Region for
your information.

For Acting Chief Commissioner.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Lazio-UMBRIA REGION
APO - 39h

R/2466

10 October 1944

SUBJECT: Observations on report of Mr. Barr APC and Judge Marchisio.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

1. A good part of the statements made in their report are accurate for the small region they saw. Conditions there are bad - very bad. An intelligent reader of their report will appreciate that one of the worst sections of liberated Italy cannot be used as a reflection of similar conditions in all of liberated Italy. Nor will the intelligent reader be misled by the implication in the opening sentence of the report that it "confines itself to the area in Italy released by the military to the Italian Government." Why don't they make a relative comparison of the badly hit area in Southern Frosinone with other provinces in liberated Italy?

2. Despite the obvious intent of the reporters to be accurate and objective and understanding of the many difficulties ever facing the administrator of civil affairs, the report of Mr. Barr and Judge Marchisio contains inaccuracies. Some months ago a special committee from the War Department came to Italy to make a report on food and clothing conditions. The Committee had limited time to devote to its inquiries and also lacked the day to day experience of wrestling with concrete obstacles. As a consequence, that committee suggested some steps - obvious to it - but which could not be effectuated. Moreover, that committee reached certain conclusions which were scarcely accurate.

3. No attempt will be made to explain at length the inaccuracies contained in the Barr-Marchisio report. Some will be merely referred to.

- a. the statement on the amount of bread given in September in Frosinone.
- b. the statements on widespread starvation in Frosinone Province this winter. These statements are not factual; they are opinions. I don't agree with them.
- c. paragraph 4 on page 2 with respect to the present rate of import of grain into Frosinone.
- d. the statements on the use of railway cars and Army trucks do not give the true picture.
- e. the discussion on passes and permits and "the market as generated by the Allied Control Commission" and "trade in a manner historically familiar to Italy" (page 3 of report) does not give the true picture.

h. Without continuing further I repeat that conditions in the Southern part of Frasinore are bad, very bad. We can use more meat and vegetable, sugar, dried vegetables, milk and even coffee. But where are they? We would also like to give 575 grams of pasta per week. Will the CCS send the grain from abroad. We can use plenty of tires, gasoline, blankets, mattresses, tents. We can use some Army trucks, particularly during the coming winter months.

CHARLES POLNETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CAF
Office of the Chief of Staff

URGENT

9 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Reports by Judge Marchiosi and Mr. Barr.

TO : Regional Commissioner, LADIS Region.

1. I forward two reports by the above-named gentlemen addressed to Mr. Myron Taylor, U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican. Judge Marchiosi and Mr. Barr are not accredited to the Allied Control Commission, but are the U.S. representatives of an Italian relief organization in the USA and are working under the auspices of Mr. Myron Taylor.
2. Would you please give this matter your immediate attention and reply fully to all points. It is believed that Judge Marchiosi is returning to the US on Wednesday and your reply should be in my hands so that I can give it to him before he leaves.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

COPY

October 4, 1944

TO: Mr. Taylor

FROM: Mr. Duff

Reference in this memo confines itself to the area in Italy released by the military to the Italian Government and does not refer to the contact zone or zone of communication.

As a result of observation of conditions in the area surrounding the former battle zone between the German and Italian lines, the following basic conditions seem to prevail:

A. Stock piles of basic necessary food supplies in the area are non-existent.

B. Daily importations of grain or flour, oil, meat, vegetables and milk are not at present adequate or have been adequate to meet the daily need of the area.

C. There is a complete absence of trade or movement on the part of the Italian merchants to areas of surplus.

Although the Allied Control Commission states that a grain ration of 160 grams or a bread ration of 200 grams, is being made for the population of the devastated area, the facts do not bear out this claim. During the month of September in the area covered by the province of Grosseto the average grain ration per person for the month was less than 40 grams. It is true that the Allied Control Commission issued a daily bread or grain ration of from 150 to 200 grams but only made the same ten days out of the thirty.

In the area controlled by the Commissioner of the devastated area, including the communities of Pontecorvo, Capraia, San Giovanni, Santa Lucia, Cassino and other communes and fractions, no bread or grain had been delivered or sold in the area for the seven-day period preceding August 29. In the month of September in this area one ration of meat, amounting to 200 grams, has been issued to the population. Less than a litre of oil per person has been issued during the month of September, and there was no supply of farina or feed concentrate. This area, the scene of complete destruction for months, has absolutely no resources for food as all fruit trees, farms and fields and live stock are completely destroyed. Likewise, the fields are strewn with thousands of mines, preventing

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over the use of grapes and herbs. A program of removal is underway but will take time. In addition to these factors, a portion of the devastated area is now completely isolated because of an absence of bridges and roads. The A.D.C. officers of provinces province in answer to direct questions gave the following:

1. To the question: "Will there be starvation this winter in province province", one officer answered as follows, "Wide-spread".

2. To the question: "Will there be death by starvation in province province this winter?", he answered, "I believe there will".

3. "Do you have any stock piles in the province to meet this?" - "No answer".

4. "Do you believe that if you had food at your present rate, you could build stock piles in time for this winter?" He stated that not only could he not build stock piles, his present rate of import permitted him a little more than 1/3 of the daily rationed food requirement.

5. When the A.D.C. officers were asked as to the solution, they stated that there was grain in Reggio, Perugia and Viterbo in surplus, but they have been unable to break the log jam to bring it to this devastated area. Both officers pointed out that empty trains passed almost daily through Viterbo-Perugia region and subsequently through the Stradone area, and they have found no way to have these empty trains carry wheat between the two places. Both officers stated that although they have some wheat in reports, if all the trains loaded continuously, they could not meet much more than the daily requirements, and at the present they cannot break the log jam to even use this transportation available to them. When asked what the situation would be and if they anticipated its improvement, they frankly stated that the situation would be hopeless unless there were drastic changes in the next two weeks. This observer stated that he had seen track movements going from the front past this area empty, and this observation indicated why these empty trains could not be runnelled through Perugia and Viterbo to pick up grain on their way to the rear area for wheat supplies. Both officers agreed that this was an obvious solution, and that also the use of the empty trains was an obvious solution. Further conferences were held with the sindaco of Stradone and the Commissioner of the devastated area. Both then said the situation was desperate, and they could see no solution unless the military met its obligations to the area. The Italian government with the problem in the area offered an additional solution - that the system of permits and passes be

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disposed with, permitting trade to resume its normal course. Italian goods are prevented from going into the areas of surplus and returning with this surplus on the basis that it will go into the black market. It is the view of this observer that a large proportion of this food will go into the black market; however, if trade is resumed and encouraged, increasing supplies will flow into the area, and, as the material becomes less scarce, prices will find a more intelligent level. All Italian goods are well-organized, well-run and reasonably adequately supplied under the black market. It is far more dependable, according to these sources, than the market as operated by the Allied Control Commission. It is the view of this observer that if all permits and passes were disposed with and trade -- in a manner substantially similar to Italy -- would be permitted to resume, with the competition afforded this market by the obligations of the Allied authorities being met, the situation in this area can be saved. This observer has been told that the middle class and the people of small and large savings have accumulated every resource and have sold all personal possessions and are completely without funds or employment. The only solution to this problem is:

1. That the stock piles in Syria, Vitreia and Tarsus be moved in sufficient quantities to the ready warehouses in the province; the piles in existence in the province, which have been reported and are not being used;
2. That permits and passes be disposed with and then immediately replaced;
3. That bedding and clothing be expedited to the area where more than 10,000 people are living in open fields without reasonable clothing and practically no bedding;
4. That tents be erected for the winter, the present number consisting of 30 tents being hardly sufficient for these thousands of people; according to reports additional tents are being ordered but will be insufficient;
5. That inasmuch as this is a critical area and no area of possible epidemic, at least one ambulance should be available in the province; at the present time there is no regular means of moving the ill or injured to the two red cross hospitals.

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. TACCHI

The memorandum of Mr. Carr under even date regarding the conditions in the area surrounding the former battlespace between the Gustave and the Hitler lines has been read by me and expresses accurately the situation there prevailing.

Supplementing it, I submit to your attention the fact that the Chief of Staff of the Second Section of the Allied Commission has informed me that there are 5,000,000 quintals of wheat in Foggia and the four surrounding provinces. As to this fact, there is no grain supply available in the territory above-described even though trains from the areas which are sources of supply are shuttling through the devastated areas empty. It is interesting to note also that requests to the Allied Commission to procure grain from the nearby cities of Viterbo and Perugia have been repeatedly made by the local AG officers without result.

In addition I have been informed by both civil and ecclesiastical authorities in the neighboring town of Frascati that there has been no milk (either powdered or canned) for infants since June, 1944, this despite several requests to the appropriate authority whose seat is in Rome.

Cases in which Italian refugees are centered in and about Rome indicate that the condition of women and children will be critical as the cold weather approaches in the sense that there is no heat, no light, few clothes and little bedclothing or furniture.

The situations described in Mr. Carr's report and here are similar to conditions prevailing in the areas where fighting occurred in other parts of Italy.

The opportunities of the populace to supplement rationed food exist in those metropolitan areas provided the people can meet the black market prices. The following is a survey of such prices in the city of Rome as of September 25 and 26, 1944:

	lire	per Kilogram
Fresh meat	300	"
Butter	300	"
Sugar	400	"
Salt	300	"
Coffee	1000	"
Fresh fruit	40	"
Dried fruit	250	"
Soap	300	"
Fresh fish	150	"
Salt fish	600	"
Rice	100	"
Wheat	100	"
Beans	100	"
Pasta	150	"
Macaroni	150	"
Shoe	150	"
Oil	500	per quart
Eggs	20 to 25	pieces

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Legend:

The average pay of an employee or laborer is approximately 30 to 70 Lira per day.

A kilo is approximately 2-1/3 pounds.

Regarding the efforts made to adjust at least to some small degree the question of transportation, your attention is drawn to the fact that Lt. Col. Martini advised that in February, 1944, he requested with ample documentation tires and batteries to activate some 4,000 Italian trucks. Nothing has resulted.

There is in Italy 35,000 tons of shipping consisting of vessels under 300 tons of which but 20,000 tons have been and are presently being used for military purposes. These ships are diesel-engined and have sails. They are available for the transportation of materials but several requests made to MMRS by the Italian shipping interests have resulted in no action. It might be added parenthetically that the use of these ships would employ some 100,000 persons between crew, chandlers, laborers, stevedores, etc.

Of interest may be the following. Originally the city of Rome normally used about 130,000 kw. At present there are terminals (on basis of coal produced energy - there being little or no coal in Italy) of only 30,000 kw. which originally were the emergency reserves for those motivated by water. As to this amount, much of the electricity is consumed by the Allies and therefore normal illumination is had but once in five days and for only a few hours. In order to produce sufficient electrical energy it would be necessary to have only five or six turbine-alternators or turbine-dynamos on a hydraulic basis of a capacity of approximately 8,000 kw. apiece. In addition there would be needed approximately 100 miles of copper or aluminum wire.

Thought should be given to the fact that it appears to be against the policy of both the American and English Governments to permit the free distribution of foodstuffs particularly flour and that relief, other than clothing and medicine, must be limited to special aid to the children and to the aged.

Also that the decision of AFHQ that materials for Italy can come only on Allied ships has resulted in three relief cargoes destined for Vatican City being detained in Spain, one since February 8, 1944.

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