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Chief Commissioner.

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Attached is submitted for your signature/information/approval.

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shall get no redress

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Ex Com.

The CC agrees with min 6 and directs that the report on this fire be passed on to AFHQ as a matter of official record.

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W. Stewart
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Ref: 3635/9/EO

25 August 1945

SUBJECT: Forest Fire at Grosseto

TO : G-5, AFHQ

1. As a matter of official record, enclosed is a copy of a cable received by this Headquarters from General Accame regarding a fire caused, according to him, by carelessness of American air personnel in Grosseto.

2. An investigation of this was ordered and a report submitted, copy of which is also enclosed.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. B. ARMOLDO
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Tel. 277

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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// August 1945

SUBJECT: Forest Fire at Grosseto

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TO : Executive Commissioner (2)

1. Reference is made to your request of 25 July, 1945, Ref: 3635/2/EC.

2. On 31 July Col. Inghellieri of the Royal Forestry Corps and Mr. Dickerman of the Agriculture Sub-Commission, accompanied by the Legion Commander of the RFC at Grosseto, visited the scene of the forest fire reported to you by Gen. Accame. Since no report has yet been received from the RFC, the following is a summary of Mr. Dickerman's observations.

3. The forest fire reported by Gen. Accame burned over an area of approximately 75 acres, about 50 of which were heavily timbered with pignoli pines of very high quality. Most of the remainder of the area was covered with pine reproduction. No buildings were destroyed and no cattle injured. The intensity of the fire was so great as to kill approximately 90 per cent of the large pignoli pines. All of the reproduction was killed. About 40 acres in the center of the burned tract belonged to Gen. Accame. His villa is located near the center of the tract. All of the trees in this area will probably die as a result of the fire. It was on the adjoining ownership where the fire started and, being less intense there, fewer of the trees were killed.

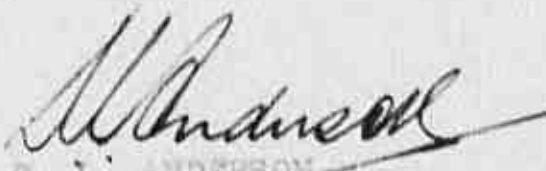
4. There are good indications that the fire originated at a refuse disposal dump where it is claimed the Air forces have been burning their refuse. A large pit had been excavated previously and the refuse placed in the pit and sprayed with gasoline. On the day of the fire it is reported that a stiff wind was blowing. When the Air Force personnel ignited the refuse early in the evening, the fire soon got beyond control and spread from the dump to the nearby woods. The men in charge of refuse burning, seeing that the fire was beyond control, called for the assistance of the RFC. It is reported that the Air Force personnel then left the scene

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of the fire. At least, they were not on hand when the Legion Commander of the RFC in Grosseto arrived with a crew of five men to put out the fire. With the assistance of five or six local people the fire was brought under control about 11 p.m. These are the facts recited by the RFC Legion Commander.

3. It is difficult to evaluate the damage because, although the trees which were killed have a salvage value if cut now for lumber, the most significant point will be the loss from the annual sale of pignoli. It was stated by the RFC Commander that the annual income from pignoli in this stand was approximately 20,000 lire prior to the war, which at present standards would be close to 100,000 lire. This income will be lost for a period of 30 years, the time required to replace the existing stand.


D. L. ANDERSON
Brigadier
Deputy Vice-President

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

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30 July 1945

SUBJECT: Forest Fire

TO : Ministry of Agriculture and Forests

1. Confirming our telephone conversation of 27 July with Col. Gangemi, the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission has requested that the fire which burned over 100 acres of pinewood in the vicinity of Grosseto be investigated.

2. Transportation arrangements have been made for a representative of your office and Mr. Dickerson of Agriculture Sub-Commission to conduct this investigation at Grosseto on 31 July.

3. A report from your office on the damage resulting from this fire will be appreciated.

J. M. Merritt
JAMES M. MERRITT
Director

Copy to:
Economic Section, Supply Division
Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 3635/2/EC

25 July 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Economic Section

1. Reference is made to cable from Castiglione della Pescaia to the Chief Commissioner, incoming reference F/452, 20 July 45, regarding a fire, said to have been caused by carelessness of American personnel in Grosseto, which spread through approximately 100 acres of pine woods causing severe damage to cattle and pine trees.

2. This telegram is signed by General Accame and the distribution was to Agriculture Subcommittee for action, information to Chief Commissioner, Economic Section, Public Safety Subcommittee, etc.

3. The Chief Commissioner wishes that this matter be investigated and it would be appreciated if proper action were taken and a report submitted to this office as soon as possible.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Exec. Comm. ³⁶³⁵
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I am sorry to inform you that due to the carelessness of American air personnel in GROSSETO, a fire was caused and spread through approximately 100 acres of pine wood area, causing severe damages to cattle and pinetrees. Best regards. General AQUARO.

M/C note:

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