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GUARDS FOR WAR MATERIALS, SUPPLIES &
WAREHOUSES, ETC.
OCT. 1945 - AUG. 1946

TO: Executive Commissioner

25 June 46

1. The attached letter with the note "MIA object" was sent after the Chief Commissioner's recent meeting and after I was assured that the letter had been shown to General Browning and it was agreeable to him in its present form.

2. As a matter of fact, the letter got very little reaction in AFHQ (having been carried down by hand) other than to send our emissary over to the British and American supply people.

3. I do not expect any further decision as requested in Para 7.

4. We held a meeting, copy of minutes attached, which bears on this subject and which meeting was in a way the outgrowth of the attached letter, file 48.

Charles W. Halloran
Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice President
9/11/46

*of folio 56. Paragraphs of interest
are marked. C.B. 1946*

C.S. 11.17

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Please see folio 59 for info. C.B. 2/47

63.

Ex Comm.

*Please see folio 62 re threat of WRAA
supplies. Folio 61 refers.*

D.G. W.P. 19/8 H.S. 19/8

17/19/8

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4. We held a meeting, copy of minutes attached, which bears on this subject and which meeting was in a way the outgrowth of the attached letter, file 43.

By folio 56. Passages of interest are marked. *Auty 1946* *W. H. H. 1946* *W. H. H. 1946* *W. H. H. 1946*

CSA. H.S. 217 ⁶⁰
Please see folio 59 for info. *Auty 47*

Ex Comm;
63.
See. Please see folio 62 re theft of WRAA
supplies. Folio 61 Expires. 19/8 H.S. 19/8
D. G. W. H. H. 19/8
W. H. H. 19/8

CSO: H. 3/6.

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Refer to EC; minute 38.

Prompt action was taken by Ecom. See in this matter.

my minute 37 is in error.

Letter at pp. 39-43, incl., show action taken on subject.

Letter at p. 44 is reply to G5's letter of May 9th (p. 35) and is the letter which

EC should see.

DDJ 3/6

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CSO: The EC should see the letter at p. 48 regarding the important question of guards for military deposits.

DDJ 2/16.

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Ex Comm.

4's 45-48 for inf. JH 2/16.

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V.P. Records.

WVJ 5/6

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CSO: The EC should see the letter at p 48 regarding the important question of guards for military deposit

WVJ will.

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Ex Comm.

4's 45-48 for inf. JHJ 22/6.

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V.P. Econ Sec.

It was ruled at the V.P. meeting that, that should be considered. Your letter at 42 presumably was correct. Prefer the "machine" but we should elaborate in Index is Subjective (with which I agree in part only.). Would you draft?

WVJ 22/6

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Ex. 100

are called for this file.

2. Pl. see p 22 & min 23 which give
the entire regarding Guards for OVR & A
supplies for Austin etc.
Shows to Ben Parsons.

188/20/3

File
25/3

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C.S.O. Folios 28-29 & 30 forwarded to you for
information. 17/4

18.45

C.S.O. Folio 32 for info
OVR + 15

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C.S.O. ~~Ex~~

Ref folios 35 & 36. Col. Webster informs
me a reply was drafted 27th May and
copy sent to this office. I haven't seen it,
but am trying to obtain another copy.

OVR 1/6

C.S.O. Folios 28-29 & 30 forward to you for
information. *11/14*

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C.S.O. Folio 32 for info
VSD +15

C.S.O.: ~~see~~ 37
Ref folios 25 + 36. Col. Webster informs
me a reply was drafted 27th May and
copy sent to this office. I haven't seen it,
but am trying to obtain another copy.

VSD 1/6

V.P. Econ Sec 38

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Page 35 was received on May 11.
No action here, as I understand, been

taken to reply although I know you have
the matter in hand. Will you let me know
draft reply, if only ad interim, today
11/13/6

Re: info
cso This info please see 8

12.

get info
30/12

10 info
info

15.

info
info

14 info info - is underest. was owing to shortage of arms C.S. etc will not cover the running of video prod.

info
31/12

19.

cso. Please see to do 18 for info.

This cable is being answered calling ATF's attention to our action at 8.12.17. We must wait for a reply from the prime minister before we can fully answer ATF's

info
31/12

info
31/12

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Mr. Thompson G-5 ATF's was notified by phone this date on 1st last reply to our letter at 3.12.17. info 20

info
31/12

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Further to Mr. M. ATF's was notified by telephone 23 Nov 1972 as follows
1. Even last was forwarding copies of PMA letter 520

to do 18 for info

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CSO. Please see to the 15 pm info.

This cable is being reviewed calling ATTC's attention to our action at 15:00. We must wait for a reply from the prime minister before we can fully answer ATTC.

MS. 613

MS
15/3/46

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Mr. Thompson 6:5 ATTC was notified by phone this date on 10th. Can't reply to our letter at 5:00. 12. 10th 12:00

MS
15/3/46

23

From letter to Min 21. ATTC was notified by telephone 23 Mon 12:00 as follows

1. From 1st was forwarding copies of PTC's letter. 5:20
2. The meeting at Venice in which 20 Mar 46, agreed to use the part of Trieste for handling supplies for Austria, Yugoslavia, Yugoslavia, and that Venice would be used in case of

Slowing down

3. That if Trieste was used, the use of able Italian personnel mentioned in PTC's letter at 5:20 would be unnecessary since Venezia Giulia was under ATTC and not 10th Govt. Therefore if Venice is used this problem again comes to the fore.

4. The Board of UNRRA Mission held a meeting at Trieste and in a cable to Washington London & Canada they recommended the use of armed foreign nationals to guard UNRRA goods from Trieste to their destination.

It was decided by phone that ATTC should make the final decision on Trieste.

MS
15/3/46

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT 13 CORPS

Office of the Senior Civil Affairs Officer

14th August 1946

Brigadier M.S. Lush,
Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission.

AUG 19 1946

Dear *Brigadier* →

Thank you for your D/O letter of 9th August, calling my attention to what you felt to be a discrepancy between the statement on page 5 of my monthly report for June and that on page 6 of Basic News of August 7th (press conference) with regard to pilferage of UNRRA goods in Trieste.

It would not be surprising if I should, in giving an opinion on some of these matters, be caught occasionally in an inconsistency. In this case, however, I do not think that I was. It is almost certainly true that during the period in question, some pilferage of UNRRA supplies did occur "nightly" or almost nightly, and that in spite of this fact, the total amount lost in this way was in fact "negligible".

I am grateful to you for having called these apparently conflicting statements to my attention.

Yours

Alfred C. Bowman
ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER.

Ref: 3639/EC

8 August 1946.

I have been comparing the statement reported to have been made by you at your Press Conference on 6 August relating to the pilferage of UNRRA goods in TRIESTE and the sentence in your Monthly Report for June referring to the nightly thefts of goods in the port area. The latter can be read to infer that something more than negligible pilferage has been going on and I thought I should draw your attention to the slight discrepancy.

M S 1438

Colonel Alfred C. Bowman,
Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
Allied Military Government,
Headquarters, 13 CORPS.

MSL/JG.

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See 7-62

3639 *59*
 Chief Disposals Officer (Italy)
 Ministry of Supply
 Surplus Stores Division
 British Embassy
 A.O.S.
 APO-113

1st July, 1945.

Reference to H.Q. Allied Commission's letter SS.1505/2 of 24 June 1945, minutes of a meeting held on the 24 June at 1000 hours on the subject of guards for ammunition depots.

Reference is made to page 2 para beginning at line 21. It is regretted that the information contained in this paragraph is inaccurate.

It has been learned since the meeting that one of the biggest British Ammunition depots, which Gen. Bernard, Director of U.L.S.E.R., informed us was already being guarded by Carabinieri, is, in fact, still in British possession and guarded by British military personnel. This is the British Ammunition depot at Bitonto near Bari, which will throw up an additional surplus of 100,000 tons of ammunition to be handed over to the Italian Government. (This work is now in progress and will require 750 Italian personnel as guards after the 15 July when the British Army vacates.)

The question of the provision of these guards has been discussed with Mr. De Marchi of A.T.A. who is taking up the matter with the Italian Government authorities concerned, and it is hoped that the problem will be solved without the necessity for a further conference.

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 J.V.F. Nicholson, Lt. Col.
 Disposals Officer,
 Chief Disposals Officer (Italy)

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 Mr. W.N. Woodall, Ministry of Supply
 Prof. Ernesto Rossi, President of A.R.A.S.
 Mr. De Marchi, A.R.A.S.

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HEADQUARTERS
ECONOMIC SECTION

3439 46
Econ Comm. 58

Ref: ES/15.05/2

28 June 1946

Reference is made to minutes of a meeting held 24 June (ES/15.05/2) at 10:00 hours by the Economic Section, Allied Commission, on the subject of supply of guards for ammunition deposits.

The last paragraph on Page 7 of the minutes, stating:

"Colonel Walton, in summarizing, stated that it was agreed the Aversa dump would be taken over on 5 July; that a decision with regard to the disposition of the air force bombs would be made by 5 July, and that immediately following this decision, and not later than 15 July, guards would be provided for the air force bomb depots,"

is modified by the following:

As regards the turning over and guarding of the deposit of airplane bombs, Prof. Rossi declares that it is not possible to accept any obligation until the Italian Government (that is: the Ministers he intends to consult) have taken the decision to accept or not the bombs in question.

This has been communicated by telephone to Colonel Blakeney, G-4, MTOUSA, who agrees that if the Italian Government does not want the air force bombs they will not be expected to furnish the guards. However, he still is of the opinion that assistance from the Italian Government in a disposal program, by dumping or otherwise, will be necessary.

CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice President

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U.N.R.R.A. (Attn: Mr. Harlan Cleveland)

Mr. Bombasse, Italian Liaison Officer, Allied Commission

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

G-5: 960.51

9 June 1946

SUBJECT: Guards on U.S. Surplus Property taken over by Italian Government.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 794.
(Attention: Economic Section).

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1. The information contained in your letter above subject, file RS/1505/2 dated 24 May is appreciated. Since our letter of 9 May, file G-5: 960.51 certain requirements have become more firm in the Naples area. By 15 June the PBS depots will contain only property belonging to the Italian Government, or property whose sale is being negotiated with the Italian Government, at which time the representatives of that government should assume full responsibility for guarding and protection. It is estimated that some 484 persons will be required for this purpose.

2. In addition, surplus property from the Naples Air Force General Depots is becoming the property of the Italian Government as shown.

- a. Ammunition at Acerra, Bari and Manfredonia will require approximately 178 persons.
- b. Depot No. 750 NAFGD, Naples available about 30 June; containing technical supplies will require approximately 56 persons.
- c. Depot No. 7 NAFGD, Naples available about 31 July will require approximately 75 persons.

3. To acquaint the proper officials with the situation, and particularly to secure release of U.S. personnel from depots available 15 June 46, representatives from G-4 and G-5 proceeded to Rome on 6 June. While it is hoped that their visit will iron out many of the questions, it is impracticable to maintain them there. It is feared that unless some agency on the spot remains

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pressure in this matter that progress will lag. To meet War Department directives it is mandatory that U.S. personnel be relieved immediately surplus property is sold. It is requested therefore that you maintain an active interest in the subject. Not only is it essential that US personnel shall be relieved at once from guarding property already sold to the Italian Government, but it is most desirable that the Italians assume responsibility for the security of property destined for sale to them, pending the formal transactions. Will you therefore supplement the negotiations already in hand for guarding property, by impressing upon the proper officials the desirability, both from the Italian and the US point of view, of placing Italian guards over all property destined for Italian ownership whether or not purchases have been finalized.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. HAMBLIN
Brigadier General, GSC.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

COPY TO:

G-4, MTO
OFLO
CO PBS

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TRANSLATION

E.S. file No.....

FROM :Azienda Rilievo Alienazione Residuati
(Surplus Material Disposal Agency)TO :Col. Walton W. Charles
Head of Economic Section
Allied Commission - Rome -THEIR FILE No:

1293/42

15 June 1946

SUBJECT:Guards for ammunition deposits
turned over to this Agency.

With reference to our conference with Col. Horn and the representatives of Captured Enemy Material Branch on the serious and urgent problem determined by the passage of Allied and captured enemy ammunition over to us, we enclose herewith the list of deposits hitherto taken over, showing the number of guards assigned to each.

As said before, the Government has very scanty resources in this field and is by no means in a position to safeguard the deposit from explosion.

At a meeting held yesterday, presided by the Minister of Home Affairs, between the War Minister, the representatives of the Departments concerned and the C. in C. of the Carabinieri the problem was examined and it was decided that Gen. Biglino should be entrusted with the task of organizing as speedily as possible a guard corps capable of carrying on with a minimum of security the service which has until now been organized by the Allied Authorities.

To begin with, however, we must ask you to suspend all further orders to take over deposits until we are in a position to guard them and handle the ammunition efficiently.

Moreover, we take the liberty of asking you to hold a meeting between representatives of all Allied Commands concerned, the Italian Home Office, War Department and this Agency to examine the problem. We feel sure you will understand the importance and gravity of this matter, which concerns not only Italy, and trust the Allied Commission will give us its support.

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Ernesto Rossi
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ref: ES/503

JUN 3 1946
31 May 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Government Take-Over of U.S.
Surplus Property.

TO : G-5 Section -
APO 512

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With reference to your G-5 960;51, dated 25 May 46,
you are notified that an answer on the subject was mailed on the
24th of May.

41 FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

Signature
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice President
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel AC
Acting Vice President

see M.H.H.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: ES/1505/2

29 May 1946

SUBJECT: Guards on U.S. Surplus Property
taken-over by Italian Government.

TO : Airacda Milano Alleanza Residua
Corso d'Italia, 25,
ROMA.

1. Allied Force Headquarters has drawn the attention of the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, to the present very unsatisfactory position with regard to the provision of guards on U.S. Surplus Property in course of being taken-over by you as agents of the Italian Government.

2. It is a matter of the greatest urgency that the Italian authorities should relieve the U.S. authorities of the duty of guarding surplus property which is awaiting take-over by you. We are informed that unless some relief is shortly forthcoming the U.S. military authorities will be under compulsion to make recommendations for other means of disposal.

3. It appears that at a meeting held on 21 April 1946 among representatives of the U.S. Army, EURMA, PIC and your agency, the Italian representatives stated that it was very difficult to obtain Italian guards. This is most certainly not the case. As long ago as 27 Dec 1945, the Italian War Ministry received authority to employ civilian armed guards to safeguard stocks of military and civil material handed over by the Allies to the Italian Government.

4. A letter has now been addressed to the Ministry of War pointing out the delay in the provision of these guards and urging them to meet your requirements on receipt from you of details of what you need.

5. Will you therefore please get immediately in touch with the Ministry of War and furnish them with full details of the guards you require and then pursue the matter with the utmost vigour.

(Signed)
CHARLES W. WALTON
CHIEF, E.C.
CHARLES E. WALTON
Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice President.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: ES/15.05/2

24 May 1946

JUN 3 1946

SUBJECT: Guards on U.S. Surplus Property
taken over by Italian Government.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

1. Reference your 960.52 of 9 May 1946
2. The Italian Ministry of War has authority to employ civilian armed guards for this purpose.
3. Letter, of which copies are attached for your information, have been sent to the Ministry of War and to ARAM urging them to take immediate steps to provide the Italian guards required.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

(Signed)
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice President
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel AC
Acting Vice President

Encl: Letter to the Ministry of War from
Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
Letter to A.R.A.R. from Economic Sect. A.C.
Letter to HQ. A.C. Economic Section from
Land Forces Sub-Com. (M.M.I.A.)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: ES/508

CGH/an

MEMO

16 May 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Government Take-Over of U.S. Surplus Property

JUN 3 1946

TO : M.W.I.A.

1. Attached hereto is a copy of a letter from G-5 Section, AFHQ, reference to the subject of Italian Government Take-Over of U.S. Surplus Property.
2. We would welcome suggestions from your Department as to how this problem may be solved and also to the availability for the use of the Carabinieri or the Italian Army for the guarding of these dumps.
3. Your comments on this subject would be appreciated as soon as possible as this is considered an urgent matter.

(Signed)
CH - S. W. WALTON
Colonel, A.C.
CHARLES F. WALTON
Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice President

1 Attachment: Letter from G-5 Section AFHQ to Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, dated 3 May 1946.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: ES/508

CGW/an

MEMO

16 May 1946

TO : Civil Affairs Section

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JUN 3 1946

1. Attached find a copy of a letter from AFHQ, G-5 Section, pertaining to the Italian Government take-over of U.S. surplus property.
2. We would request any suggestions you may have as to the solving of this problem, be sent to us as soon as possible as this is considered an urgent matter.

CH - S.W. WALTON

CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, AGC

Acting Vice President

- 1 Attachment - Letter from G-5 Section AFHQ, to Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, dated 3 May 1946.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
PO 512

G-5: 960.51

25 May 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Government Take-Over of U.S.
Surplus Property.

MAY 28 1946

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 794.

35.
An early reply to our letter reference 960.51 dated 9 May 1946
is requested, please.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

/s/ A.L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512
EC 35

O-5: 960.52

7 May 1946

MAY 11 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Government Take-Over of U.S. Surplus Property

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
APO 394

1. As you are aware large quantities of U.S. military items are being made available to the Italian Government. Due to the urgent necessity of redeployment, it is mandatory that the Italian Government shall relieve the U.S. authorities of the duty of guarding this property, which duty remains until the Italians can either guard or remove the property to their own areas of control. The Italian agency, ARAR, charged by the Italian authorities with taking over these military surpluses appears to be doing its utmost to meet the needs of the situation. The agency has however apparently been unable to convince the proper Italian Ministries of the magnitude and requirements of the situation, nor to impress them with the urgency thereof.

2. To secure more prompt action a meeting was held on 23 April 1946 among representatives of the U.S. Army, UNRRA, PIC and ARAR. The necessity for greater aid by the proper Ministry to ARAR was apparent. It was proposed to call another meeting with Ministerial representation. It is reported that both the U.S. Embassy and the Allied Commission stated that it was outside their respective provinces to assist in securing the necessary ministerial representation. It appears undesirable that the U.S. Army should make direct approach to the Italian Ministers, and cumbersome that recourse should have to be made through Washington agencies.

3. The question involved is largely one involving the placing of security guards on property available for take-over. Due to the shortage of U.S. guard personnel there is a considerable loss of property which property the Italians no doubt greatly desire. Further unless some relief is shortly forthcoming the U.S. military authorities will be under compulsion to make recommendations for other means of disposal. In addition, the quicker the property is taken over, the quicker real estate can be derequisitioned, the sooner a portion of the prisoners of war can be removed from Italy and the removal of U.S. military personnel from Italy can be completed.

4. Will you therefore use your good offices either to assure that some Ministry will assume paramount interest in the matter to hasten a solution of the problem, or alternatively will you arrange that Ministerial representatives may meet representatives of the interested United States agencies. No responsibility for the conduct or the agenda of the meeting will rest with you. Details of the problem are available from the Rome representative of the U.S. Foreign Liquidation Commission.

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5. In view of the importance of this problem, both to the United States authorities, and to the Italians, may it please be treated as one of urgency.

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Copy to:
and MTO

Ref: S/15.5/2

3 May 1946

MAY 3 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have been directed to inform your government of the desire of the Supreme Allied Commander to render all possible assistance to UNRRA in the security of its goods and supplies for other countries, while the goods are in, or crossing Italy. SACMED has enunciated a policy on "Guarding UNRRA Supplies" dated 9 April 46, copies of which are attached for your information.

The provisions of the policy covered in paras 1, 2 and 3a, as they concern that part of Italy under AMG control, appear to require no further action on your part.

Paras 3b and c are concerned with the similar guarding and moving of supplies in that part of Italy now under full control of your government. To these paragraphs I particularly invite your attention and further urge that your government extend all possible assistance to UNRRA. In accordance I inform you that it is the expectation of SACMED that the Italian Government will negotiate directly with UNRRA on such further provisions as may be necessary.

Very truly yours

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Doctor Alcide de Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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Copy to
to Gen
to Gen
Hanna

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MAR 28 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Re: 15/15.05/2

26 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Transit Guards for UNRRA Supplies
for Austria, Czechoslovakia and Jugoslavia.

TO : 3-5 AFHQ

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1. Reference is made to paragraph 3 of my letter
of 23 March, file 15/15.05/2 subject above.

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2. Enclosed for your information is a copy of a letter
received by Chief of UNRRA Italian Mission, from the UNRRA
Italian Delegation which discusses the problem of financing the
cost of transportation through Italy, of UNRRA supplies destin-
ed for countries other than Italy. Any further correspondence
reference this subject, which may become available to this of-
fice will be forwarded for information to 3-5 AFHQ.

CHARLES E. WALTON
Colonel AG
Acting Vice President

cc: UNRRA Italian Mission
Executive Commissioner.

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(MAJ) 15/15.05/3

Ref: 01648

Rome, 6th March 1946.

FROM: USMMA Italian Delegation
TO: Mr. E. E. Keeney
Chief of USMMA Italian Mission

SUBJECT: Goods in transit - Austria Czechoslovakia - Yugoslavia -
with ref. to letter of February 1946.

Dear Mr. Keeney,

I beg to refer to our conversation and -concerning
Czechoslovakia- to our letter dated 22 February with which I enclosed
cable no. 44/08358/11 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning
the transit of goods from Poland.

The Italian Government is happy that USMMA will use
Trieste and Venice harbours and examine the possibility of facilitating
the transit of goods in compliance with Para. 5(d) of the Supplementary
Agreement of January 1945.

We shall not be in a position to set down the final
prices concerning port and transit expenses until said expenses have
been ascertained.

Obviously Italy's economical conditions require that
any further burden on the State's balance should be avoided. Moreover
by granting the use of means which are insufficient to meet the needs
of our country we would act against the principle of rehabilitation.
Should this burden be very restricted, we would accept it as it has
been done previously by giving a free gift of salt.

It will be reasonable, on the other hand, to study
the way of refunding to our Government the Italian currency necessary
to meet the port and transit expenses for a/o goods. In order to have
sufficient grounds for our discussion I beg you to point out to us the
estimated amount of work and the expenses entailed by it, and to suggest
however, the means of refunding which should be examined by us.

We consider this transit for Czechoslovakia as a good
precedent. On the other hand we presume that similar chances may be of-
fered to us.

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In agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the officials concerned will be summoned to a meeting to examine this matter and therefore I beg you to forward to me a/s details as soon as possible.

THE PRESIDENT
(Mr. Lodovico Mantini)

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 15 March, 1946.

Dear Admiral,

With reference your letter dated February 28, 1946, RS/15.05/2 . regarding passage of merchandise sent to other countries by U.S.S.R.A. I inform you, confirming statement made by the President of the Italian Delegation to the Head of the Mission in Italy, with letter dated 6 March 1946, No. 016/68, that the Italian Government is examining the possibility of favouring the transit of merchandise applying to Art. 5 (d) of the supplementary Agreement of January 19, 1946.

You are aware, however, that in the present difficult economic and State budget conditions, the burden which this would bring about could not be assumed without adequate counter-protection, unless we were dealing with a small contribution compatible with the start of rehabilitation which inspires the beneficent activity of U.S.S.R.A. towards our Country.

With a view to examining the case on a concrete plain, the President of the Italian Delegation, with letter dated 6 March, 1946, asks the Head of the Italian Mission in Italy to inform him on the entity of the work, with the relative expense and the compensation which could be proposed in favour of our Country.

As soon as this information reaches us, it will be considered very carefully by the Italian Government.

Particular care will be taken, with able Italian personnel, to ensure the integrity of the merchandise which will be transported by the State Railway from the ports of debarkation to their ultimate destination, not counting on armed guards or agents of the countries receiving the said merchandise.

Believe me,

Yours truly,

(s) De Gasperi.

Admiral Hilary V. Stone

Chief Commissioner

Allied Commission, Rome.

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Please expedite reply ref our letter G - 5 : 092.5 - 2 dated 8 February 1946 and signal P 60984 dated 18 February " subject Transit Guards for UNHRA Supplies for Austria, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

As you are aware, of the various categories of supplies arriving in Italy under UNRRA auspices, there is that category of supplies in transit, arriving at Italian ports of entry and destined, by trans-shipment by rail, for UNRRA missions to other countries.

The question of arranging proper insurance for these supplies while in transit from their port of entry to their final destination is at present before this Headquarters.

Resolution of the problem entails consideration by your Government of the following principles:

- (a) The use of armed personnel of those nations to whom these supplies are being trans-shipped, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Austria, as transit guards from Italian ports of entry to their destination.
- (b) The assumption, by the Italian Government through the Italian State Railways, of financial responsibility for these supplies (i.e., the placing of the carriage of these goods on a normal commercial footing, with the I.S.R. accepting liability therefor as a common carrier) and with the Italian Government providing such guards as it deems necessary.
- (c) Under either of the above alternatives, the use of such nationals, unarmed and in a supervisory capacity, to accompany the shipments.

As I am instructed to obtain the views of your Government on this matter as soon as possible, I must ask that you treat this question as urgent and would greatly appreciate a reply from you at your earliest possible convenience.

Very truly yours,

Copy to: G-5 AFHQ
Chief Com.
Exec Comm.

(signed)
HILARY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME

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Please expedite reply reference our G-5092.3-2 of 8 February
Subject: Transit guards for UNRRA supplies for Austria,
Czechoslovakia and Jugoslavia.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

21 December 1945

REF : LB/3

SUBJECT : Arms for corps of warehouse watchmen

TO : HQ Allied Commission
for Civil Affairs Section

1. Pilfering of Allied foodstuffs imported for civilian consumption and raiding of warehouses of the *MEBERAZIONE CONSORZI AGHARI* and *CONSORZIO AGHARIO PROVINCIALI* by armed bands are reaching such proportions in BARI Province that special measures are being planned to protect the supplies.
2. Additional Carabinieri and Guardia di Pisanza and Questura Agents are being allocated to the task, but their numbers are not sufficient to provide adequate protection.
3. It is therefore proposed to form a special corps of warehouse watchmen to be recruited by the *CONSORZIO* concerned, from ex-soldiers and ex-Carabinieri carefully screened by the Questura.
4. The size of this Corps will be 200, of whom 100 will be on duty at any one time.
5. In view of the fact that the corps will have to deal with armed gangsters, it is desired to arm it with muskets or rifles. The Prefect of BARI is therefore asking application to "MINISTERO DEGLI INTERNI, Direzione Generale Pubblica Sicurezza, ROMA" for the allotment of 100 muskets or rifles from the Italian Army.

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6. It is planned to keep the weapons, when not in use, in a central armoury under control of the Carabinieri. Furthermore only men trained in the use of the rifle would be recruited.
7. The Commander 54 Area supports the plan provided the arrangements in para 6 above are carried out.
8. It would be much appreciated if HQ Allied Commission could lend support to the Prefect's request, and impress upon the Italian Authorities concerned the necessity for immediate action.

HSH/cb

John R. Bentley
for H. B. Bentley, Col.
Liaison Officer
AS BARI

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COPIES TO : Office of Executive Commissioner

: Economic Section

: Public Safety Sub Commission

: AC Transportation Section , BARI

: G 54 Area

: Prefect of BARI

: Dr. De Pascale, BARI.

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SUBJECT: Handling of Goods handed over to the Alien.

LAWD FORNARD SUB COM, A.S. (MIA).

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TO : Distra bulon

Ref your 270226/14 of 12 Nov 45.

1. I am in agreement with you on the necessity of guarding effectively the stores now being handed over to you but I am not authorized to discuss the question of placing or retaining under arms any personnel in excess of the 205, 030 authorized for the Italian Army (including U.S.S.), in MIA Directive No. 1 of 2 May 45.

2. Army however, have now given permission for the employment of civilian guards to safeguard the stores involved, with the following provisions:

- (a) That the number of guards so employed is kept to a minimum consistent with efficient guarding.
- (b) That guards carry arms only while they are on duty. That the arms with which guards are equipped do not exceed one .38 in. sm. cal. at any one time, and that these weapons are held in "point" stores.
- (c) That all guards wear some easily recognizable badge or insignia.
- (d) That the authority of these guards to make arrests or use their fire arms while on duty shall be clearly defined and confined to the general lines of that accorded to the Carabinieri. The general authority accorded to the Carabinieri is as follows:

(1) When Carabinieri and Civil Police are employed on properly constituted guards, patrols and sentries, on such duties as guarding dumps, property, buildings, etc. they may open fire on thieves or suspected thieves after direct challenge in the following circumstances:

- (1) Every attempt must have been made to apprehend the thief or suspected person.
- (2) There must be no other effective way of stopping that person.
- (3) There will be no following up in order to shoot

question of placing or retaining under arms any personnel in excess of the 205,000 authorized for the ITALIAN Army (encompassing C.I.M.B.), in Mella Directive No. 1 of 2 May 45.

2. Any however, have now given examination for the employment of civilian guards to maintain the peace involved, with the following provisions:

- (a) That the number of guards employed is kept to a minimum consistent with efficient guarding.
- (b) That guards carry arms only while they are on duty. That the arms with which guards are equipped do not exceed out of duty at any one time, and that these weapons are held as "hot" stores.
- (c) That all guards wear no easily recognizable badge or insignia.
- (d) That the authority of these guards to make arrests or use their live arms while on duty shall be clearly defined and conform to the general lines of that reported to the Government. The Government authority accorded to the G.B. is as follows:

(1) When Carabinieri and Civil Police are employed in properly constituted guards, patrols and sections, on such duties as guarding shops, property, buildings, etc., they may open fire on thieves or suspected thieves after a short challenge in the following circumstances:

- (1) Every attempt must have been made to apprehend the thief or suspected person.
- (2) There must be no other effective way of stopping that person.
- (3) There will be no following up in order to shoot beyond the immediate area to be guarded.

(4) When Carabinieri and Civil Police are employed on normal patrol and police duty, they may open fire only in the following circumstances:

- (1) When attacked by an armed Allied soldier in circumstances which render the use of firearms essential in self-defense.
- (2) When attacked by an unarmed Allied soldier in the street in of such a character that retreat is impossible and that resort to firearms is necessary to safeguard their lives.
- (3) When an armed Allied soldier is making an attack with firearms on a third party.

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(iii) Automatic fire will not be used. Automatic weapons capable of firing single shots may however be used as single-shot weapons.

(iv) In no circumstances will fire be opened against women members of the Allied Forces.

(e) That this HQ be kept informed for transmission to the Allied Commission, of the numbers, locations and types of weapons employed by such guards.

(f) That the arms with which such guards are equipped are supplied from ITALIAN resources, and that such guards are not equipped at the expense of the ITALIAN Army or Carabinieri.

(g) That BEFORE any such guards are actually on duty, this HQ is informed, for transmission to the Allied Commission, to AMHQ, and to all Allied Military personnel in the neighbourhood of the depots, of full details of the distinctive insignia adopted in accordance with sub para (c) above.

(h) That such guards will not go on duty until confirmation has been given to you by this HQ that all those mentioned in sub para () above have in fact been duly informed.

3. Your reply is awaited.

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L. Browning

Major General.
M. M. I. A.

To : Ministry of War.

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 ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 APO 312

15 December 1945

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SUBJECT: Use of Armed Civilian Guards for Italian Military and Civil Damage

TO: Chief Commissioner
 Allied Commission
 APO 394

1. Reference is made to AFHQ letter 50/47/2, dated 23 November 1945, subject: "Italian Guards for Damage of Equipment now being handed over to the Italian Government".

2. This headquarters approves the request by the Italian Ministry of War to employ civilian guards to safeguard the stocks of military and civil material now being handed over to the Italian Government, subject to the following conditions:

- That the number of guards so employed is kept to a minimum consistent with efficient guarding.
- That guards carry arms only while they are on duty. That the arms with which guards are equipped do not exceed one per man on duty at any one time, and that these weapons are held as "pool" stores.
- That all guards wear some easily recognizable badge or insignia.
- That the authority of these guards to make arrests or use their firearms while on duty shall be clearly defined and conform to the general lines of that accorded to the Carabinieri. (AFHQ letter AG-338.3 - C-0 of 8 May refers)
- That the Allied Commission be kept informed of the numbers, locations, and types of weapons employed by such guards.
- That the arms with which such guards are equipped are supplied from Italian resources; and that such guards are not equipped at the expense of the Italian Army or Carabinieri.
- In order that Allied Military personnel in the neighborhood of the stocks may be informed, please insure that AFHQ receives full details of such stocks. Insignia as may be adopted in accordance with paragraph 1c above and the scheme is implemented.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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EDWARD R. MORGAN
 Colonel, AGD
 Adjutant General

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21 November 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I refer to your letter of 18 October 1945 on the subject of guards for War Material Dumps.

The need for the provision of guards on these Dumps is well understood. It is regretted however that the employment of Carabinieri cannot be authorized, nor can the present strength of Carabinieri be increased for this purpose.

The General Officer Commanding Land Forces Sub-Commission has already replied to the Ministry of War agreeing to the employment of Italian troops for guard duty, provided such employment does not cause interference to training and reorganization. It is urged however that Territorial Commands be instructed to restrict their guard commitments to a minimum.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
GALLERIE S. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

Professor Ferruccio PARRI
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 3639/6/EC

26 October 1945

SUBJECT: Guards for War Material Dumps

TO : CA Section

1. Further to our letter 3639/5/EC dated 26 October 1945 on the above subject.

2. Enclosed is copy of letter dated 25 October 1945 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, passed to you for action.

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✓ Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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Received Public Safety
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APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 3639/5/EC

26 October 1945

SUBJECT: Guards for War Material Dumps

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. Reference is made to a letter on above subject from Professor Parri to Chief Commissioner dated 18 October 45 with following EC Distribution of 23 October 45:

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enclosing copies of letter n. 252/2 dated 16 October 45 from Command of CCRA to Public Safety S/C and letter Prot.n. 222629/11-227.5.2 dated 17 October 45 from Cabinet of War Department to Land Forces S/C.

2. The following minute on this letter has been received from Chief Commissioner and is passed to you for action:

"E.C. Personal. Another request for use of Italian troops. Please support. This is a reason why Parri considers himself under severe restriction by Armistice. S.W.S."

C. R. BRYANT
Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner



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Rome, 25 October, 1945

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

GABINETTO

Ufficio di Collegamento
con la C.A.

To : The kind attention of Brig. Lush
Subject : Custody of the War Materiel dumps.

1. The President of the Council of Ministers has written on the 18 inst. to the Chief Commissioner, begging him to back the requests presented by the Commanding General of the Royal Carabinieri and by the Minister of War in order to be authorized to retain 4.000 time expired Carabinieri and to use units of the army for the purpose of guarding the dumps of war materiel handed over by the Allies to the Italian Government.

2. The Ministry of Reconstruction, in agreement with the Prime Minister, has instructed me to warmly recommend to you the a/m issue and to

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underline the urgency of a favourable decision insofar as a certain amount of stealing of war materiel is already going on.

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

Rome, 15 October 1945

Dear Admiral,

As you know, the Italian Government is very much interested in obtaining surplus Allied and ex-German war material. Operations for the assignment of some camps are already taking place. However, the result which the Italian Government aims at, risks to be frustrated, because of the scarcity of our police forces, and the impossibility of using even a small part of these for anything except for public order, if there is no way of assuring the protection of the camps that have been ceded.

Unfortunately a large amount of property has already been stolen, to the great damage of national economy, for the stolen material is sold on the black market, thus causing regrettable speculations to take place.

To be able to dispose of a certain number of well armed guards, the High Command of the CO. GR. Corps and the War Department, in agreement with the Ministry for Reconstruction, sent requests, of which we enclose a copy, to the Public Safety and Land Forces sub-commissions.

I take the liberty of bringing such requests to your attention, my dear Admiral, requests which cannot be reduced, for they express the requirements of the Italian Government; I feel sure that you will understand the importance and urgency of the question. At the same time, I want to ask for your kind intervention with the Supreme Allied Commander, so that the Allied Military Authorities have the guard duty carried on, at least in the larger among the camps which are being ceded to the Government, this, till the above mentioned special units are formed.

Believe me,

Truly yours,

B. Farinacci Parri

Admiral Elsie W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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COMMAND OF THE CC.RR. - UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO

n. 2 R/2

Rome, 15 October 1945

Subject : personnel of the Corps, required for guard duty and vigilance of the depots of allied material to be ceded to the Italian Government.

To : public safety sub-commission

and
War Department (cab.)

R O M E

The Ministry for Reconstruction asked this Command for 4 thousand soldiers of the Corps, for watch duty and vigilance of the depots of materials which will be ceded to the Italian Government by the Allies.

The Command can only agree to the request on the following conditions:

1 - This personnel must be considered in surplus to the present force of the Corps, fixed to 65 thousand units (including the territory of the Trieste Legion) or 70 thousand men, should the request for an increase of 10 thousand soldiers be granted.

2 - The War Department must supply everything in the way of clothing, armament, outfit and food for the said personnel, as well as bedding, vehicles and billeting for the soldiers.

3 - The men must be taken from among the draftees and soldier who had been kept in service, that should now be discharged to keep the Corps within the limits fixed by the authorities concerned, and who have or shall express the wish to remain in service.

We beg this sub-commission to give its approval for the assignment of ² this personnel on the above mentioned conditions.

THE COMMANDING GENERAL

S. BRUNETTI BRUNETTI

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Translation

War Department
Cabinet

Rome, P.M. 5800 17 October 1945

Prot. n. 222629/II-227.5.2.

Subject : Surveillance of depots of materials

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission
A.G. (M.M.I.A.)

R o m e

As it is known, the Allied Authorities concerned informed beforehand the Italian Government that a large amount of surplus war material existing in various large depots, was to be ceded against payment.

The Ministry for Reconstruction pointed out that it was necessary to have such depots watched during the time which must elapse between the handing over of the depots and the selling of the materials to civilian industries.

Considering that this question is of great interest for national reconstruction, I suggest it would be advisable to have Army units as well as elements from the CC.RR. and R. Guardia di Finanza participate in the surveillance of the above mentioned depots.

I shall therefore be most grateful if this Mission gives permission to use, for this temporary service, units taken from the territorial brigades which are being formed, and, should the above mentioned depots be located in the neighbourhood of the garrisons of combat teams, also elements from the said teams.

I cannot at present specify exactly the number of men to be employed in this task, for the allied authorities haven't yet stated what depots are to be ceded. However, considering that the handing over may take place suddenly, it is necessary to have as soon as possible a permission on general principles, to be able to provide at once to the above mentioned requirements. Delay would imply robbery of material to the great prejudice of national economy.

THE MINISTER

S. JACINI

P.O.C.
CHIEF OF IING OFFICE
S. Lt. Col. Fausto Bonacci

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