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WARE HOUSES
NOV. 1944 - MAY 1945

EXTRACT - Minute 17 - File 826/EC.

C.S.O.

1. Write to AC L.O. acknowledging a useful report and encouraging him to tell us more about what is going on in the Island - administratively and politically: I want him to travel.
2. Tell Eoon Sec to take action and tell me what they are doing about Transportation and Warehousing.

M.B.L.
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C.S.O.

To be seen by Ex. Com (folio 23) in reply to questions raised in AC L.O. - Palermo - report for April - referred to in Ex Com min 21

Send to ARO. NY/20/4.

CSO: Plo see p 1. Serial follow Econ Sec
for action taken encl 17/11 EL 20/11

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Reorganization.

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20: C S O

1. Please see our folio 6. This crossed with a letter drawn for the Chief
Commissioner's signature which is attached hereto and flagged.

by Econ. Sec.

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Letter returned to S. D. W. Oir
for issue encl 6/12 EL 5/12

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Recovery

For C R E

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CSO: to see folio 17. The DCCAO drew our attention to this matter (see 15). Perhaps the COS may wish to see these folios 15-17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

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Ref: 4003/26/80

27 May 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Liaison Officer, Palermo, for April

TO : A.C. Liaison Officer, Palermo

Enclosed is a copy, for your information, of a letter from Economic Section addressed to the Executive Commissioner with references to points raised in your April Report.

A. B. ARNOLDE

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

1 Encl: Copy of ltr no. AC/510/56/TN 3 dtd 22 May 45

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info copy
on 5818 file

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

(23)

MJS/h.

Tel: 318

AG/510/56/TM 3

SUBJECT: Report of Liaison Officer,
Palermo for April.

22 May 1945

TO : Executive Commissioner

MAY 24 1945

(22)

1. Reference your letter 826/17/EC, dated 12th May 1945, covering points raised in the April Report of the Liaison Officer, Palermo.

2. Road Transport. The Istituto Nazionale Trasporti is being turned over to the Italian Government. All that is now necessary to complete this transaction is Italian Government signature for vehicles concerned.

3. Warehousing and Supply. The Arenella Warehouse (Dump No. 80), is not an A.C. operated warehouse. It is believed to be controlled by one of the Consorzi. Sgt. Cappadonna is representative of G-4, and has been sent to Sicily to supervise the movement of the 85,000 flour bags which are being lifted to Naples. This move will be completed by early June. Once this lift has been completed, he will be withdrawn. No doubt the instructions, which continue to arrive, are those issued from this HQ to the HQ Consorzi, some of which are possibly repeated by the HQ of the Consorzi to their local warehouses.

E. B. McKinley
E. B. McKINLEY,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Deputy Vice President

INFO COPY ON JSA/EC

See M. 5425
7 Feb 26

(Capt. H. H. H. H.)

Ref: 826/17/EC.

12 May 1945

SUBJECT : Report of Liaison Officer, Palermo, for April.
TO : Economic Section.

Reference Palermo Liaison Officer report for April copy of which was passed to you on 6 May.

1. The Executive Commissioner desires to be informed as to what action Economic Section is taking in respect to the transportation and warehousing problems as cited in the report.
2. For example, in paragraph 2b (4), Warehousing and Supply, the statement is made "but new instructions continue to arrive". Such action is not particularly indicative of rapid progress in the closing out of AC activities on the island.

Major L. W. STEARNS

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

INFO COPY ON 5812/EC

See H 21423

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Tel. 454

24 March 1945

Ref. 4023/20/TC.

SUBJECT: Guards at Ortona Railhead.

TO : Economic Section.

1. This office received a telephone call today from G-2 Office of HQ 2 District (Major Dwyer, telephone 66145 Ext. 41) relative to the withdrawal of military guards from the warehouses in the vicinity of the Ortona railhead.
2. They state that considerable AC supplies are yet stored there and inform us of this withdrawal of their guards so that we may make the necessary arrangements for the continued safeguarding of AC supplies so long as the need therefor remains.
3. They intend to withdraw the military guards on or about 1 April, and you are directed to take necessary action to safeguard AC supplies which may arrive and/or remain there after that date.

KJB
4 Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: R.C., Abruzzi-Marche Region
Civil Affairs Section.

31 APR 1945
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SUBJECT : Warehouse Requirements.

Headquarters
15 Army Group
Civil Affairs
Tel : Filpot 157

TO : Economic Section

DAO/L/7.3
25 Jan 45

JAN 28 1945

Reference conversation (Crooks-Klein-Thompson) and further to 4023/16/COS dated 16 Jan 45, it is requested that this Section be informed of any action taken to bid for warehouse space in Bologna, Modena, Reggio Emilia, Parma and Piacenza.

J. BRUCE THOMPSON
Lt. Colonel,
for DCCAO

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Copy to COS.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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20 January 45

JAN 20 1945

SUBJECT: Warehouse Space for Stockpiling

TO : OOS
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1. Reference your 4023/16/OOS of 16 Jan 45.
2. You may be sure that the matter of warehouse space for stockpiling for Northwest Italy is and has been receiving our urgent attention.

L. D. Denmore
L.D. DENMORE
Colonel, FA
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Econ Sec

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See Memo 18
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P.H. 11/22

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16 January 1945.

Ref: 4023/15/cos.

SUBJECT: Warehouse Space for Stock-Piling.

TO : DODS Roommate Section.

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1. Recent developments in planning for Northwest ITALY warrant that serious consideration be given to warehouse space required for future stock-piling with a view toward getting commitments from higher authority to cover our requirements at proper time.
2. Points for warehousing suggested by DODAS 15 Army Group to be considered are, besides BOLOGNA, such places as MODENA, PARMA, PLACENZA, and REGGIO (EMILIA). Other points are FORLI, CREMA, MANTOVA and RIMINI in Eighth Army area.
3. It is important to coordinate as best possible the needs for such space with the availability and the necessary placing of bids for same through our liaison with 15 Army Group.
4. Please have your staff and appropriate Sub-Commissions give this their urgent attention.

gck 3113
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Copy to: DODAS 15 Army Group.

*Copy filed on 4815/cos Ford District
503/cos Center NW Italy*

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Original letter
in file 534/14/105.

EXTRACT FROM MEMORANDUM TO COL. MONFORT, DCCAO,
FROM Lt.Col. BRUCE THOMPSON, ref DCCAO/4/7.3 of 16 Dec 44.

2. It is suggested that HQ Allied Commission make bids now for future warehouse accommodation in the towns of BOLOGNA, MODENA, REGGIO, PARMA and PIACENZA. It is not possible for Eighth Army and Emilia Region to make estimates, as supplies will probably be stored in these towns for Regions further North, and the towns will probably all be in Fifth Army territory. Eighth Army have bid for warehouse space in Ferrara - 3000 tons for local needs plus 10000 tons

for the supply of areas North.

3. Is a liaison officer being appointed to the District or Base Section which will administer to the ports of Venice and Trieste?

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Reference : 12/32/TN/H.

SUBJECT : Warehouse Requirements.

TO : H.C. AAI.

12 December 1944

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1. As you know the Commission has had a certain amount of difficulty in the past in securing proper warehouses and storage space for imported civil supplies in the various ports following their liberation. In part this may have been due to failure in bringing forward our specific requirements and making firm bids for space in good time.

2. To avoid a repetition of this, the Transportation S/C through shipment, Port A Warehouse Division has prepared specifications covering requirements in Genoa, Venice and Trieste. A list covering these is attached hereto.

3. In the past, premises have been frequently allotted to us which are only useful after considerable repairs to provide security as well as protection against the elements. AC/AMG has too often found itself assigned "warehouses" without adequate roofs, walls, floors, driveways, lights, (depots never close) etc. We have been left to make shift as best we could to secure the necessary repair materials.

4. I consider it of utmost importance that some arrangements be made with the Engineering and Quartermaster Branches of both Armies so that AC can not only draw essential material and equipment which cannot be obtained from local civilian sources, but can also secure physical assistance from Army sources in the way of bull dozers, air hammers, cement mixers, lorries to handle rubble, etc.

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5. It is impossible to say what materials and what quantity will be required, as this depends on the particular premises allocated. However, such items as the following are undoubtedly necessary: lumber, roofing paper, nails, electric wire, light bulbs.

6. Will you please give these matters consideration with the view toward getting a commitment to cover our requirements as described. The protection of stocks, which we are able to bring in to meet the anticipated demands in North Italy, is of the most vital importance.

M. J. L.
 Brigadier
 Chief of Staff

APPENDIX "A"

1. Requirements, VANCE for Warehouse Section, Shipment,
Port & Warehouse Division, Transportation Sub-Commission;

- a. location near dock area
- b. rail served, essential
- c. adequate ingress and egress for motor trucks
- d. good open storage space, enclosed by fences
or walls sufficient for 5,000 tons (approx-
imately 80,000 sq. ft.)
- e. good weather-proof inside storage space with
adequate loading and unloading facilities
sufficient for 20,000 tons (approximately
2,000,000 cubic feet).

APPENDIX "B"

1. Requirements, TRIESTE, for Warehouse Section, Shipment, Port & Warehouse Division, Transportation Sub-

Commission:

- a. Location near dock area
- b. rail served
- c. adequate ingress and egress for motor trucks
- d. good open storage space, enclosed by fences or walls sufficient for 2500 tons (approximately 40,000 sq. ft.)
- e. good weather-proof inside storage space with adequate loading and unloading facilities sufficient for 5,000 tons (approximately 500,000 cubic feet)

2. Requirements, AMG YUGOSLAVIA, for

- a. We are also in receipt of the following memorandum for Brigadier Forestier Walker dated 28 August 1944 "Trieste Warehouse Bidding please include for AMG Yugoslavia Warehouse for 30,000 tons and 5 officers with staff".

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APPENDIX "C".

1. Requirements, GENOA, for Warehouse Section,
Shipment, Port & Warehouse Division, Transportation

Sub-Commission:

- a. location (or locations) near dock area
- b. rail served-essential
- c. adequate ingress and egress, enclosed by
fences or walls, to accommodate 7,500 tons
(Approximately 120,000 sq. ft.)
- d. good weatherproof inside storage space with
adequate loading and unloading facilities
sufficient for 60,000 tons (approximately
6,000,000 cubic feet).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMBAND
AND JSA
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 451

30 November 1944

Ref. LORV/3/COS

SUBJECT: Warehouse Accommodation.

TO : Economic Section for Shipment, Port
and Warehouse Division.

1. Reference is made to your 2/6/11/44 of 27 Nov 44.
2. From your report it would appear that a timely job has been accomplished in bettering our warehousing position at Livorno.
3. As suggested in para 3 of your letter, steps should be taken to avoid re-occurrence of warehouse shortages and unless you have already done so, requirements should be placed in respect to Genoa, Venice etc. before the proper planning authorities forthwith.
4. To accomplish the above will you draw up the estimated requirements at northern ports in adequate detail and submit with a letter to the DCMG HQ JAI requesting that he bid for space.
5. Subject letter should be prepared for signature of the COS and presented on your file containing the supporting particulars.

encl.
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

see memo 9-10

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

RHE/er

Phone : 478700

Ref : 5/67/TN/W.

27 Nov 44

2 NOV Recd

SUBJECT : Warehouse Accommodation - Livorno (File N°4023/3/COG)

FROM : Shipment, Port & Warehouse Division

TO : Chief of Staff (thru channels)

1. Warehouse situation in Leghorn at present is under control. Sufficient accommodation is now available to handle tonnages expected in next short time. Further, it is anticipated that present roofing construction now in progress will provide accommodation for any anticipated receipts.

2. However, it may be profitable to review how the difficult situation arose. First, PBS Real Estate Dept. in Leghorn has persistently refused to recognize the demands of this office for appropriate space. Such demands were originally made when accommodation was both good and plentiful. Only after many requests was adequate quantity of space allocated, and this in such poor state of repair that much reconstruction was and still is necessary. Second, this office has no recognized source of supply for needed materials and tools for reconstruction and repair work. Various military formations of PBS have been helpful, as a matter of kindness, rather than as a matter of responsibility. Practically all help and materials were "scrounged". Despite efforts of Public Work & Utilities S/C to be of assistance, their aid was and is negligible. Third, the absence of a T/C and T/Z presents innumerable difficulties.

3. It is hoped some relief can be made available to

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27 Nov 44

28 NOV Recd

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3. It is hoped some relief can be made available to prevent similar occurrences in other ports when they are occupied.

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Robert H. Larkin
 ROBERT H. LARKIN

Capt. M.A.C.
 Shipment, Port & Whse. Div.

CVL 28/11

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re:
reference: DCCA/1/11/3: (5)

Sent to Transportation to coordinate
with Food. S/C & P.W.U. for app:
action.

Sent to Tn. S/C. 20/11/44

L/lt. Johnson T.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

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From: Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 451

SUBJECT: Warehouse Accommodation - LIVORNO.

FILE No. 4023/3/COS.

TO: Economic Section.

21 Nov 1944

1. A copy of a memo to you from the Civil Affairs Section HQ AAI, reference DCCA/1/11/3 on the above subject has been received.
2. A serious shortage of warehousing has developed in LIVORNO and a report from you as to steps taken to improve the situation and results obtained is requested by the COS.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 451

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Economic Section.

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COS. 3396HEADQUARTERS
17 NOV 1944

SUBJECT: Warehouse Accommodation.

Civil Affairs Section,
HQ Allied Armies in Italy.

Tel : MILPOF 35

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15 Nov 44

17 NOV Recd

TO : Economic Section, HQ AC.

- 1 In accordance with Col ADAMS verbal request I visited LIVORNO 13 Nov 44 to inspect warehouse accommodation.
- 2 Capt BOYD at present has four warehouses in operation containing about 15000 tons of supplies. He states that he can store under cover another 15000 tons due to arrive this month.
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- 4 I have spoken to Major LEE, Public Works officer of Region TOSCANA and he has sent an officer to LIVORNO to make an inspection. Major LEE has promised to do everything he can to help and will make a report on his findings. Please ask Public Works Sub-Commission to give him any help he may require.
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- 6 Capt BOYD is having trouble with clothing and medical attention for his Italian Guards. The DID will not issue clothing as they say the socks have already been issued to them. In the meantime the guards still have only winter clothing with no issue of greatcoats. Also there is no provision for medical attention. The British LI Regt will not attend to them (they are British Italians) as they have no stores issued for them. Meanwhile an interim arrangement has been made for them to be treated by the Americans. There is no hospital in LIVORNO where the Italian guards can be attended.

J. Brown - Lh any RPT

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Copy to: Chief Of Staff, Headquarters, Allied Commission.

DDCAO c/o Headquarters Allied Commission.

Regional Commissioner, TOSCANA Region.

Regional Engineer, TOSCANA Region.

Transportation Sub-Commission, HQ AC.

Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission HQ AC.

Captain BOYD, AC LIVORNO.

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J. Bruce Thompson, Lt Col RA
for DDCAO.

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