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CEMENT
MAY, JUNE 1945

Executive Commissioner.

To see folios 13 and 14 - replying to 11.

16 June 45.

C.S.O.

Miss Treva.

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Before putting up to ExCom.
 find out from Capt Arnold
 the result of today's meeting
 of Engineers' Technical Sub-
 Committee. E. 18/6

Capt Atkins. Economic Section.

We spoke. You agreed to find out tomorrow
 what decision had been arrived at in cement.

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19/6 3708

C.S.O.

See your note above:

Minutes of the Engineering Materials Committee at 173 in file 4008.

Find out from Capt.
the result of today's
of Engineers' Material Sub-
Committee. E. 18/6

Capt. Atkins. Geographic Section.
We spoke. You agreed to find out tomorrow
what decision had been arrived at re cement.

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19/6 3708

D.5.0. Ref your note above:

Minutes of the Engineering Materials Committee at 173 in file 4008.
Para 117 refers to the decontrolling of all commodities previously controlled
with the exception of those listed. Cement will be one of those released.
Understand that a letter is being sent today to the Executive Commissioner
informing him of the decision to release various commodities. Supply Div.
will inform AIG 5th Army when this letter has been received.

Ref. folio 13 - a cipher signal is being sent today.

21 June 45.

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Ref. folio 13 - a cipher signal is being sent today.

Capt. Atkins. Geographic Section.
Cement was seen 18. E. 9/7.

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Capt Hurdley

Pls see 1 and handle letter

delay.

See 3 - Capt.
Annoying to follow up.

5/5/45

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Let's. Checked again with Com but still inform me that a letter is being typed 0 will probably come down tomorrow

5/11/45

B.

Ex Com

Folios 2, 6 and 7 are for the information of the A/President.

Q- is in reply to Memo # 1.

12 May 1945.

(Rec'd 14 May)

Capt.

[Signature]
16 May.

Issue. 11/1/45

Ex-10. Checked again with Com but with inform in this a letter is being typed & will probably come down tomorrow.

Adm 11/15/45

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Ex Com
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Folios 2, 6 and 7 are for the information of the A/President.

Q- is in reply to Memo # 1.

12 May 1945.
(Rec'd 16th May)

Issue. Dr. Lyle 15/

Capt.

16 May.

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Adm 11/15/45
Folio 13 & 14 in reply to Folio 11

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Tel. 460

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 344
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ref. EB/4.07

14 June 1945

JUN 1 1945

SUBJECT: Cement and Tires, Freezing of

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Reference your 4040/11/EC, 5 June 1945.

2. The following information was obtained as a result of a follow up to AFLRS:

Cement

The cement in question was frozen by AMG Fifth Army. This would be the normal procedure in connection with controlled items. The question of continued control over certain items, including cement, will be discussed at the next meeting of the Engineering Materials Sub-Committee to be held 18 June. In the event of any change affecting cement, AMG Fifth Army will be advised. Commerce S/C representative will push this matter personally.

Bricks (See 13)

The freezing of bricks must have been done on special order of Fifth Army. Bricks are not a controlled item. A cable has been sent by this headquarters asking when bricks will be released.

Tires

Orders were given by AFHQ to freeze tires in order to prevent dissipation in the black market.

AFLRS have requested Fifth Army to unfreeze the tires in question provided necessary control on distribution has been arranged through AMG Piemonte Region. No reply has yet been received by AFLRS from Fifth Army.

Attached cable was sent by this headquarters requesting Fifth Army cooperation in continuing tire production.

Charles W. Walton

CHARLES W. WALTON

Colonel

Chief, Supply Division

ACTION ON 4413/EC

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G. H. H. See

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(Encs. Attached)

AMG FIVE ARMY

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14 June 1945

ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

SUBJECT IS BRICKS PD

PAREN TO AMG FIVE ARMY FROM HQ ALCON CITE AGOCE PAREN

PLEASE INFORM THIS HQ QUEEN WHEN IT IS EXPECTED THAT THOSE FROZEN IN
PIEMONTE REGION WILL BE RELEASED

COPY TO: Economic Section.

Commerce Subcommittee
478703

(Capt. G.A.F. Rethy)

NICHOLAS PEGHINO
CWO, USA,
Asst. Adjutant. 3765

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FOR ACTION

/ AMG FIFTH ARMY RPTD FOR INFO AFHQ GEORGE DASH FIVE SECTION
AND REGIONAL COMMISSIONER PIERMONTE REGION ALCOM

9489

10 June 1945

ROUTINE

SECRET PD

IT IS REPORTED THAT FIFTH ARMY HAVE FROZEN RUBBER STOCKS

MICHELIN WORKS TURIN PD

PAREN TO FOR ACTION AMG FIFTH ARMY RPTD FOR INFO AFHQ GEORGE
DASH FIVE SECTION AND REGIONAL COMMISSIONER PIERMONTE REGION
ALCOM FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACECO PAREN

IT IS MOST DESIRABLE THAT MICHELIN SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE
TIRES FOR TRUCKS AND CARS STILL BEING MANUFACTURED BY FIATS PD
REQUEST YOUR COOPERATION PD

Copy to:
Executive Commissioner

ECONOMIC SECTION

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D.L.ANDERSON, Brig.
Deputy Vice President

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO, USA
Assistant Adj.

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Ref: 4040/11/EC.

5 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Cement and Tyres, Freezing of.

TO : A/VP, Economic Section (2).

I telephoned the following two messages to AFLES on my return from MILAN last evening. Please follow up and let me know what happens:

Cement.

There exists 60,000 tons of cement in Piacenza Region. These have been frozen by order of 5th Army. Please arrange release and allow Region and all Northern Regions to allocate. Bricks also are frozen.

Tyres.

By your signal 7494 351/2 of 25 May, all Michelin production is frozen. This has resulted in anomaly of FIAT producing 10 trucks a day which cannot be put into operation owing to lack of tyres. You will realize urgent need of transportation for civil supplies. Please arrange to unfreeze sufficient tyres for trucks completed and for future production in order that (a) production of trucks continues and so prevent unemployment; (b) employment of trucks can be effected in order that food may be distributed. They will, of course, be placed in truck pools and controlled by AEM.

MEL/JG.

(SAC) E. TALBOT Lt Col.

for Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: File 4413/EC.

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Noted

Ref: 4040/10/30.

18. May 1945.

MEMORANDUM

TO : Acting President.

In reply to your memo of 3rd May on the subject of cement, the following information has been prepared by the Economic Section:

1. Apart from the recently liberated territory cement is in production at ten plants, one in Sicily and nine on the mainland.
2. Of those on the mainland, four are controlled by this Headquarters, three by D.E.P. & S. and two by C.E.P.B.S. The one in Sicily is controlled by the Italian High Commissioner for Sicily, its total production being necessary for the needs of the Island.
3. On the mainland, due to demands by the Services being heavy in proportion to the production, the allocation of cement was placed under the control of the Allied Forces Local Resources (Italian) Board for three months as from 1 April 1945.
4. For April, the first month of the operation of this control, it was estimated that the total production from all the nine plants in operation would amount to 42,000 tons, out of which AC was to receive an allocation of 5,447 tons.
5. The actual production for that month, however, proved to be 31,500 tons, of which AC received an amended allocation of 3,447 tons. This was distributed as follows:

Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission.....	750 tons
Transportation Sub-Commission.....	760 "
AMG, 8th Army.....	200 "
Industry Sub-Commission.....	37 "
Ministry of I.C. & L.....	700 "
Ministry of Public Works.....	1000 "

6. The production for May is estimated at 45,900 tons of which AC have been allotted 11,200 tons and this will be distributed as follows: (Source of production shown at head of table).

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Colle- ferro	Guido- nile	Civita- vechia	Memo- poli	Modu- gno	Tar- auto	Total
1800	3800	1000	2000	1800	800	11200

(Balance due from
April requirements).

Public Works Sub-Com (Electrical Div).	250	-	-	-	-	250
Transportation Sub-Com.	200	900	-	250	-	1350
Umbria-Marche Region.	-	-	-	500	-	500
Miscellaneous	600	-	-	-	-	600

May Allocations:

8th Army AMD	200	-	-	-	-	200
Public Works Sub-Com (Electrical Div).	-	750	-	250	-	1000
Transportation Sub-Com	-	1845	-	500	355	2700
Toscana Region and Port Construction Office	-	-	1000	-	-	1000
Umbria-Marche Region	-	-	-	200	-	200
Ministry of Public Works	550	-	-	300	150	1000
Ministry of I.C.L.	-	305	-	-	1295	1600
	1800	3800	1000	2000	1800	11200

7. The production for June is estimated at 43,500 tons and the allocation will be made at the forthcoming meeting of the Engineering Materials Committee of the AFIR(I) Board on 15th May.

8. The demands made each month by AC which include those made by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour and the Ministry of Public Works, average 100,000 tons.

9. In liberated Italy, up to Florence, the current prices charged for cement vary from 300 lire to 330 lire per quintal, ex-factory, less bags. These prices are fixed by the various Chambers of Commerce. In this connection it is interesting to note that the prices fixed by the AC Price Committee are as follows:

Cement packed in paper bags, bulk price - 62.50 lire ql.
Cement packed in cloth bags, bulk price - 70 lire ql.

Public Works Sub-Comm (Electrical Div.)	-	750	-	250	-	-	1000
Transportation Sub-Comm	-	1845	-	500	355	-	2700
Toscana Region and Port Construction Office	-	-	1000	-	-	-	1000
Umbria-Marche Region	-	-	-	200	-	800	1000
Ministry of Public Works	550	-	-	300	450	-	1000
Ministry of I.O.L.	-	305	-	-	1295	-	1600
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7. The production for June is estimated at 43,500 tons and the allocation will be made at the forthcoming meeting of the Engineering Materials Committee of the AFIR(I) Board on 16th May.

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9. In liberated Italy, up to Florence, the current prices charged for cement vary from 300 lire to 350 lire per quintal, ex-factory, less bags. These prices are fixed by the various Chambers of Commerce. In this connection it is interesting to note that the prices fixed by the AC Price Committee are as follows:

Cement packed in paper bags, bulk price - 62.50 lire ql.

Cement packed in cloth bags, bulk price - 70 lire ql.

10. The present cement situation in the recently liberated N. Italy is not yet known. Prior to the war this territory was responsible for the greater part of the country's production, the 57 plants in this area having an annual output of 4,300,000 tons. It is understood that in 1944 the price of cement in N. Italy was 34 lire per quintal.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
KILBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel. Ext. 546

FCVH/lc

Ref. AC/5150/Commerce

11 May 1945

SUBJECT: Cement.

TO : Executive Commissioner HQ AC

Reference your 4040/3/EC dated 6 May 1945.

1. Apart from the recently liberated territory cement is in production at ten plants, one in Sicily and nine on the Mainland.

2. Of those on the mainland four are controlled by this Headquarters, three by D.E.P. & S. and two by C.E.P.B.S. The one in Sicily is controlled by the Italian High Commissioner for Sicily, its total production being necessary for the needs of the Island.

3. On the mainland, due to demands by the Services being heavy in proportion to the production, the allocation of cement was placed under the control of the A.F.L.R.(I)B., for three months as from 1 April 1945.

4. For April, the first month of the operation of this control, it was estimated that the total production from all the nine plants in operation would amount to 42000 tons out of which A.C. was to receive an allocation of 5447 tons.

5. The actual production for that month, however, proved to be 31,500 tons of which A.C. received an amended allocation of 3447 tons. This was distributed as follows:

P.W. & U. S/C.	750 Tons.	INDUSTRY S/C	37 Tons
TRANSPORTATION S/C	760 "	MINISTRY OF I.C. & L.	700 "
A.M.G. 8th ARMY	200 "	MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS	1000 "

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6. The production for May is estimated at 45,900 tons of which A.C. have been allocated 11,200 tons and this will be distributed as follows: (Source of production shown at head of table)

	Colle-ferro	Guidonia	Civita-vecchia	Mono-poli	Modugno	Taranto
(Balance due from April requirements)	1800	3800	1000	2000	1800	800
P.W. & U. S/C Electrical Div.	250					
Transportation S/C	200	900		250		250
Umbria Marche Region						1350
Miscellaneous	600			500		500
						600
(May Allocations)						
8th Army A.M.G.	200					
P.W. & U. S/C Electrical Division		750				200
Transportation S/C.		1845		250		1000
Toscana Region and Port Construction Office.				500	355	2700
Umbria Marche Region			1000			1000
Ministry of P.Works	550			200		800
Ministry of I.C.L.		305		300	150	1000
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					1295	1600
						11200

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Cement packed in paper bags, bulk price 62,50 lire ql.

Cement packed in cloth bags, bulk price 70 lire quintal.

10. The present cement situation in the recently liberated Northern Italy is not yet known. Prior to the war this territory was responsible for the greater part of the country's production, the 57 plants in this area having an annual output of 4,300,000 tons. It is understood that in 1944 the price of cement in Northern Italy was 35 lire quintal.


E. B. McKINLEY
Brigadier General U.S.A.
Deputy Vice President
Economic Section.

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Ref: 4040/3/ND.

6 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Cement.

TO : Vice President, Economic Section (2).

1. The Acting President has asked that a note be prepared for him by your Section on the question of:

- (a) the supply of cement for civilian use in Italy, including semi-military work such as bridge building;
- (b) the price of cement currently charged.

2. Please arrange for this to be submitted, through this office, without delay.

(Sgd) J.A. Quayle, Major
for Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the President
APO 394

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To: The Chief Commissioner.
From: Mr. Macmillan.

I would be very grateful if you could have
a note prepared for me by the Economic Section on the
question of -

- (a) the supply of cement for civilian use in
Italy, including semi-military work such
as bridge building;
- (b) the price ~~structure~~ of cement currently
charged.

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3rd May, 1945.

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