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Chief Commissioner.

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P59.

Attached is submitted for your signature, information/approval.

MS/11/8.

AUG 11 1998

Noted by CC *[Signature]*

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CSO, Letter at p. 87 for CC.
509 11/15

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 C/L
 Handed to me by Col
 Put on file.
 Cowper. S.S. 2913.

6:23

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C.S.O.
 Folios 68+69 passed to you for info
 LK 27/3.

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Ex Comm.

- 1) At 1st 68-69 is a report from CLO NAPLES in Agriculture, crop prospects for 1946.
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Ex Comm. 77
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CSO.

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CSO file to be ⁸⁰ 4/4 ✓
 Copy of 68-69 to Warren and acknowledge ^{by} ^{agreed} ^{to} ^{collect} ^{1/4}
 with thanks to the CLO for a interesting report.

2. The "sizeable increase" is dependent on rain
 which seems as far away as in February.

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CSE

Follow thru of place on the

Econ Sec. & ref at

11/18/55

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Executive Committee

Reference min 63. Econ Sec. has passed case at face
62 & good for action. I have been informed verbally
that the following action is planned. - (a) to supply the needs
of Bengal by transfer of stocks from other regions. (b) the use
of coal will be used as a basis for a signal to C.C.S. ~~62~~
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monthly when shipments as requested is a record ^{enter} ~~min 63~~
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Econ Sec. & refal

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The use of forthcoming assets.

W. 13/4

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Mentor. Spoke to

W. 13/4

MINUTES EXTRACTED FROM FILE 840/EC

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Executive Commissioner

Please see Livorno Zone report at 3.5h

A most cheerful and interesting report.

/s/ D.LL 22/7

Miss Llewellyn

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I should like Ag Sub Com to take action on the two points raised in para D - the medzedria and fish and let me know results.

see

/s/ MSL 25/7

8xline

~~230~~

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Ref. Min. 56 please see 57 & 59.

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10.8.45

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Leland P. Aporthos (L.O. to C.C.)

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Please see this file for further

information

Letter to L.H.

C80 to Bureau

6/7/45

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Wharfedale. Minister of the Royal House informed,
pointing out non advisability to support all cases.

Aporthos H. Comdr, RNR,
L.O. to C.C.

C.S.O.

18 seen by Capt. Crandall. PA. 7/5. H.

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~~Chief~~ Executive Commissioner.

These note folios 28 & 29. I believe the bl. ones
he intended in seeing folio 28 as stated by Brig. Anderson.

W.H. Anderson

Si 25/6

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Chief Commissioner

Please see Page 23. Would you regard this as an Allied
Commission appeal to you as Joint Chairman of the A.F.L.R.D. and
in concert with General Robertson direct that sufficient power be
distributed to the Crotone fertilizer plant to make it effective.

12/3-
10/8/45

777L

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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30. June. 45

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F.L. ~~Frank~~ McKibben
or ~~Barry~~ Anderson ~~should~~ Take necessary
steps ~~in my name~~ ^{as it is necessary} to prevent power shut-off.

~~Chief~~ Executive Commission

Please note files 28 & 29. I believe that the work is intended in seeing files 28 as stated by Biggs.

John S. [unclear]

Ed 25/6

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Chief Commissioner

Please see Page 28. Would you regard this as an allied Commission appeal to you as Joint Chairman of the A.F.I.P.P. and in concert with General Robertson direct that sufficient power be distributed to the Grotz fertilizer plant to make it effective.

12/15-
11/3/45

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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30 June 45

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F.C. ~~General~~ *McKendry*
or *Butz* ~~Robertson~~ *should take necessary*
as it relates
steps like my name, to prevent power shut-off.

*Ed
cc*

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V.P. Economic Section

Please see Chief Commissioner's minute 32
and take the necessary action.

Ed 25/6

C.S.O.

To Executive Commission

5/7/45

Seen Sec:

Please see Exa Comm Annex 3

below.

Original letter ES/10.04 dated 2 Mar 45
(with your file copies) is returned for dispatch.

Please return file to this office as
soon as possible.

Jeffively
Hasek.

2 Mar 45.

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CSO: For Ex. Comm. to see folio 11.

~~For Ex. Comm. to see~~ folio 12

JEK 2/3 2/3

CSO (for Major Stearns).

Page 1 is clearly a case when you could have 618.
sent the letter dated 24 to Econ Sec for their direction.
Please do so.

Page 2 is a matter on which A.P. Econ Sec should
be consulted. Please do so - send another time
and another time - send another paper to me

Please return file to the office as
soon as possible.

2 Mar 45.

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WV 3/3

MINUTE SHEET

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23 February 1945

TO THE ACTING VICE PRESIDENT:

The attached letter for the Chief Commissioner's signature has been cleared with Industry, Agriculture and Transportation Sub-Commissions. Clearances are attached to the file copy for your information.

Harlan Cleveland
HARLAN CLEVELAND
Executive Director
Economic Section

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26 February 45

TO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
THROUGH: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

1. For signature of Chief Commissioner please.
2. See Tab #1.

Edward B. McKinley
EDWARD B. MCKINLEY
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

Recd 1/3/45 in Ex Com. Office
St 1/3/45.

A/VP Sec. Sec.

Cleared by Ex Di. 23/2

Recd by me 1/3.

HW
1/3

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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Ref: PS/8.16

17 June 1946
Tel: 20444

JUN 20 1946

SUBJECT: Theft of Timber.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
Office of the Executive Commissioner.

1. Further to your letter No. 4202/EC dated 29 April
1946 and my reply thereto No. PS/8.16 of 27 May 1946.

2. I now enclose reports from the S.I.B. and Military
Police relative to the above, for your information.

J. A. C. PENNYCUICK
Colonel,
Chief Liaison Officer,
Allied Commission,
Naples Liaison Group.

GWB/tp.

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ROYAL AIR FORCE POLICE,
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH,
NAPLES

To:

Command Provost Marshal,
R.A.F., HEB/ME, M.E.F.

Subject:

Theft of timber from private forest owned by BARONESSA
BARACCIO, Cancellio.

Origin:

Letter received from P.S. Liaison Officer A.C. Naples,
dated 25th May 1946.

Observations:

On the 3rd June 1946 at 10.00 hours in consequence of the above mentioned letter received from P.S. Liaison Officer A.C. Naples, dated 25th May 1946, and attachments marked "A", "B", "C", "D", "E" and "F" respectively, I proceeded in company with Cpl. GREEN R., R.A.F. Police, to No.3 Sub Depot, No.114 H.U. On arrival I contacted Sgt ORCILL A., N.C.O. i/c R.A.F. Police, No.3 Sub Depot who stated that he had already carried out an investigation into this matter in company with L/Cpl JOHNSON J., C.M.F. From him it was learned that F/Sgt STREET, N.C.O. i/c Discipline, No.3 Sub Depot, had been responsible for giving the instructions to German Prisoners of War to go out and get timber for the purpose of making trellis work around the Sergeant's Mess and the beer garden.

I then interviewed F/Sgt STREET, he stated that during the months of February and March 1946, he had given instructions to a German Prisoner of War named, REINER Otto, who is employed in the capacity of a carpenter at No.3 Sub Depot, to go out and get some timber for use on the camp. He went onto say that the above mentioned German Prisoner supplied the timber, but he, F/Sgt STREET did not know from what source he had obtained the timber from. When questioned regarding who went with the German Prisoners of War to get the timber, he replied that as far as he knew there were no R.A.F. personnel and the entire matter was left in the hands of REINER Otto.

I interrogated the German Prisoner of War named, REINER Otto, with the aid of an interpreter, and from him it was learned that he had received instructions from F/Sgt STREET to go out and get timber for the purpose of making trellis work around the Sergeant's Mess and the beer garden.

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I interrogated the German Prisoner of War named, REINZE Otto, with the aid of an interpreter, and from him it was learned that he had received instructions from P/Sgt STREET to go with a Yugoslav guard in a vehicle, to the surrounding hills and get some timber suitable for trellis work. He went into the hills surrounding the camp, and saw Italian civilians cutting down small tree saplings, he, REINZE also cut down about 50 or 60 of these saplings, placed them on the vehicle and returned to No.3 Sub Depot. He did this on three other occasions and on the fourth time he was stopped after cutting down 20 trees by an Italian civilian, who informed him that the trees were privately owned, but if he wanted any similar pieces of timber, he could obtain them through him in the village of Cancellio. REINZE returned to No.3 Sub Depot and informed P/Sgt STREET of the incident. The number of trees conveyed by REINZE Otto, to No.3 Sub Depot, No. 114 M.U. was between 350 and 400

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Enquiries were made at No.3 Sub Depot in an effort to trace the Yugoslav guards who went with REINCE to get the timber, but with a negative result, this being due to the fact that P/SGT STREET or REINCE did not know the name of the Yugoslav and they could not recognise him again.

In the Field.
6.6.46.

.....(sgt).P.Hollisapn..... Cpl.
R.A.F. Police, No.11 Flight, Naples.

.....F/Lt.
D.A.P.M., R.A.F. Naples.

Approved:

.....W/c
Wing Commander,
D.F.M., R.A.F., C.M.F.

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C O P Y

MILITARY POLICE REPORT

The OFFICER COMMANDING,
111 PROVOST COMPANY.

Ref. 111/PRC/'E'

Sir,

Reference the attached correspondence I have to report that at NAPLES on the 23 MAY 1946 about 1000 hrs, accompanied by V. Brig. P.S. GIACCHINO Michele and an official interpreter, I proceeded to the TOWN MAJOR's Office, NOLA regarding a civilian complain of removal of private property by German POWs.

On my arrival I contacted Sgt. CROCKE, N.C.C. i/c TOWN MAJOR's Office, I informed him I was making enquiries concerning the alleged removal of 1,000 trees from private land owned by Baronessa BARACCO, CANCELLO. Sgt. CROCKE then stated that the TOWN MAJOR had received a letter from the FOREST WARDEN namely GIAMMATEI Giacchino, of the land owned by Baronessa BARACCO, CANCELLO, to the effect that a W.D. DODGE 3 TCN No. 91042675 has been seen leaving the forest laden with trees, another civilian named TRINCHILLO Giuseppe had also witnessed the incident. I then obtained the address of the a/n two civilians which was as follows: VILLA BARACCO, CANCELLO.

Acting on this information I proceeded to CANCELLO where I contacted GIAMMATEO Giacchino and TRINCHILLO Giuseppe, through the medium of the official interpreter, I questioned them regarding the alleged removal of the trees. I then obtained a statement from TRINCHILLO Giuseppe, and from further information supplied, I accompanied TRINCHILLO Giuseppe to the British Camp where the trees were alleged to have been taken.

On arrival at this Camp I ascertained the Unit to be 114 MAINTENANCE UNIT, No. 3 SUB DEPOT, R.A.F. CANCELLO. I then contacted Sgt. CROGILL, NCO i/c REGIMENTAL POLICE at the a/m Unit, I asked him if he could give me any information regarding the alleged removal of trees from private land owned by Baronessa BARACCO in the CANCELLO area, and if a W.D. DODGE 3 TCN, No. 91042675 was on charge to his Unit. Sgt. CROGILL replied that the a/m vehicle was on charge to his unit and it was used as SANITARY TRUCK and that it had been used on frequent occasions by German POWs. A considerable quantity of wood had been brought into the Camp and used for making rustic fences for the Officers Mess, Serge Mess and round the BEER garden, but he was unable to state where the wood had come from, and who had authorized the removal of the trees.

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As this investigations obviously concern R.A.F. personnel, I respectfully suggest that this investigation be completed by the R.A.F. POLICE.

Attachments: Statement by TRINCHILLO Giuseppe.

NAPLES

24th MAY 46

(signed) W.J. JOHNSON
14829494 W. JOHNSON L/Cpl (ASG/52)
111 Pro. Coy. C.M. Police

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EC 96

COPY

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy
Rome, Italy

May 27, 1946

Dear Admiral Stone:

This Embassy has received from Michelina Piano, Via Jovara 99, Casaglio, a communication relative to the use of land now under control of the American Army. As this question falls under the jurisdiction of the Allied Commission, the letter, which has not been acknowledged, is being referred to you.

Very truly yours,

/s/ David McK. Key
Charge d'Affaires a.i.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission,
Rome.

Enclosure:
Letter from Michelina Piano

EC DIST - 5 June.

ACTION: ECON SEC 612

INFO - CC

- EC -

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(APT DR 9) 666

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2.16

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Translation

TO : The American Embassy,
ROME.

FROM: Micheline FIARO,
Via Tevere 79,
CASA GIOVE.

In Casagiove, a village near Caserta there is a piece of land (about 25 bushels) which was occupied by the Allied troops and is now free. This area which is suitable for the cultivation of wheat and Indian corn, would give food not only to the writer but also to many other people, but it is not possible to use it. This refusal was given by an American Major WHITE of the 31st Signal Service Group for unknown reasons. I bring this matter before your attention in order that you may request the superiors of the said Signal Group to be more humane towards the suffering Italian people.

Sgd. Micheline Fiara

9 May 1946.

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HEADQUARTERS

NAPLES LIAISON GROUP

ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 794

Ref: PS/S.16

27 May 1946

Tel: 20444

SUBJECT: Theft of timber.

MAY 31 1946

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
Office of the Executive Commissioner.

1. Reference your letter No.4202/EC dated 29 April 1946.

2. It would appear that the theft of timber mentioned in your letter comes within the jurisdiction of the R.A.F. Police and a copy of all correspondence and report has been forwarded by the A.P.M. HQ Naples Area to the D.A.P.M. R.A.F. Naples.

3. D.A.P.M. R.A.F. has been notified to inform us as soon as investigations have been completed.

J.A.C. PENNYCUICK

Colonel,

Chief Liaison Officer,

Naples Liaison Group,

Allied Commission.

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J.A.C. PENNYQUICK
Colonel,
Chief Liaison Officer,
Naples Liaison Group,
Allied Commission.

AZ/jag.

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[Signature]
(CRITK)

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APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref : 133/29/83

21 May 1946

SUBJECT: Agricultural Production.

TO : G.I.C. Naples Liaison Group.

1. Reference your letter HEB/3/372 dated 3 May 46 regarding agricultural production in Southern Italy.

2. The following comments are made by the Agricultural officer this HQ regarding your statement that grain production in the Province of Catanzaro could be greatly increased by converting the area now in vineyards to the production of cereal crops:

(a) Cereal crops, principally wheat are now planted on a large portion of the present vineyard and orchard area, being sown between the grape vines and the olive and fruit trees, hence the elimination of the vineyard would result in only a slight increase in the wheat acreage.

(b) 86% of the farms of Catanzaro Province are 5 hectares or less in area; consequently it is necessary that the entire production area be planted with crops which have a high monetary value per acre, to insure a subsistence level of living for the farmer and his family. Wheat ordinarily is one of the lowest income crops per acre; 5 hectares of wheat would, at normal prices, provide far too little income, necessitating a huge programme of public relief for the farmers of Catanzaro Province.

(c) The topography of Catanzaro is very rough, varying from steeply rolling to very mountainous, yet in 1938 96.3% of the total area was classed as "productive" of which 41.6% was used for cereal crops, either alone or in combination with vineyards and orchards. The tillage of such a high slope indicates that many very steep slopes are cultivated, with the result that an enormous amount of erosion occurs.

(d) In view of the a/m facts good farming practice would favour growing very much less rather than more grain in all of Calabria, but especially in Catanzaro which is more mountainous than Cosenza or Reggio.

(e) The yield of wheat predicted by the Prefect of Catanzaro is believed to be too conservative as it is considerably below the ten year average for that Province, but it is approximately the figure used by the Istituto Centrale di Statistica del Regno d'Italia in estimating the wheat production

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of Italy for 1946. However, crop conditions have improved noticeably since the original estimate was made and a considerably higher production is now expected in practically every Province.

(f) The following are the average wheat yields of Catanzaro Province:

	<u>CATANZARO</u>	<u>COSENZA</u>	<u>REGGIO</u>
Average 1923-28	9.7	8.5	5.5
" 1929	14.6	12.2	8.6
" 1936	9.2	10.9	5.8
" 1937	11.8	11.5	7.0
" 1938	14.9	12.8	6.5
" 1944	9.4	8.0	5.2
" 1945	7.6	4.4	4.5

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

/s/ M.S. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Food & Agricultural S/C.

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Ref: 4202/91/ED

23 May 1946.

SUBJECT: Theft of Timber.

TO : A.C., Chief Liaison Officer,
Naples.

8H

Ref my letter 4202/ED dated 29 April regarding the theft of timber from the Baronessa Barracco, I would be grateful if you could inform me of the action taken so that I may reply to the Baronessa.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

A. W. Knisely.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: ES/10 02/6

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MEMO

16 May 1946

SUBJECT: Timber, Adm. Memo No 8

MAY 16 1946

TO : Chief Commissioner

I am informed by AFHQ that Admin. Memo No 8, AFHQ, is being revised to limit timber (controlled item) operations to taking 1000 tons a month from North Italy (Udine). Being a controlled item the regulation provides for satisfaction of military needs before civilian needs are met.

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

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

Copy to EC

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Ref. : 4202/89/ED

14 May 1946.

My Dear

I have now learnt that the export of timber from the Gambia by A.F.H.Q. has now dropped from 10,000 to 1,000 tons per month and that all this is being taken from State-owned mills.

If this is the case, I presume that you do not wish any further action taken with regard to No. 2 Forestry Group.

Yours sincerely,

A. W. Knisely.

Lt. Col. H.N. Bright, M.B.E.
P.O. Uaine Province,
AMG Udine.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: Es/10.02/0

10 May 1946

SUBJECT: Timber Requisitions in Italy.

MAY 10 1946

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. Present requirements for Italian timber are limited to a British Army requirement of 1,000 tons a month as against former requirements of 10,000 to 12,000 tons a month. The harvesting is done in Udine and the timber obtained through State-owned mills.

2. None of the timber is exported as lumber although some goes out as crates. The balance is used for local repairs of barracks, hutments, etc.

3. The provisions of Administrative Memorandum No. 8, AFHQ, are limited to a change in the "restricted list". Timber was and is a controlled item. In view of the marked reduction in requirements and that standing timber is not a restricted item, I suggest no action on the matter at this time.

Charles W. Walton
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, AC
Acting Vice President

Encl. (1)

Report from Agric. Br. 7/5/46

See Min 88-89

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(CAPT DR 9) 1558
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RRS/cc

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
FOOD & AGRICULTURE BRANCH

TEL. 263

7 May 1946

REF. AGR.9.00

MEMO TO: A.V.P. Economic Section

SUBJECT: Procurement of timber in Udine.

1. Administrative Memo No. 8 AFHQ applies only to Restricted Items of Supply; hence procurement procedures for standing timber, which is a controlled item, are still governed by para 4, AFHQ Administrative Memo No. 54, 1945 which is quoted below:

"Any known stocks of controlled items will be made available by the appropriate Ministry of the Italian Government to meet the needs of the US/Br Military Services."

2. Appendix A, Administrative Memo No. 54 lists the controlled items as follows:

- a. Standing timber in the 2 areas reserved for British Services in Calabria.
- b. Timber in the province of Udine lying to the north of Udine, plus the area enclosed by map references B 8460 - B 7360 - B 8080 - C 0380 (Sheet 3 Italy Road Map 1/200000), subject to local industry being maintained.

3. Recently conferences have been held between representatives of AFHQ and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests which have resulted in:

- a. The release of the areas in Calabria
- b. The reduction of cuttings in the Udine area to 60% a maximum of 1000 tons of sawed lumber for month.

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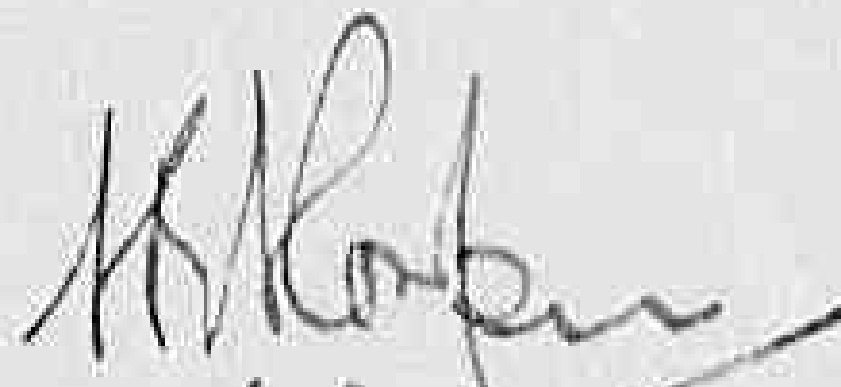
(In the past it has run as high as 12000 tons per month.)

c. The transfer of part of the cuttings to Belluno Province in case the required timber cannot be obtained in Udine without serious damage to the local timber resources.

4. Payment for timber has been made by the receiving Military at the rate of 3850 lire per cubic meter. Since this price is considerably below cost of production, contractors have obtained the promise of the Italian Government to reimburse them at the rate of 2150 lire (6000-3850) for all lumber delivered up to include 30 April 1946. However no such payments have been made to date.

5. New agreements recently made between AFHQ and Italian Authorities provide that the price of lumber after 30 April shall be 10000 lire per cubic meter (plus a 4 per cent tax) paid to the contractors upon delivery from a 50000000 lire fund deposited by the Ministry of the Treasury in the Bank of Udine.

6. The above method of payment was made necessary by the fact that contractors had exhausted their cash resources and could no longer pay for labor and other expenses of operation.



V.R.A. Cowper
Lt. Colonel
Director Food and
Agriculture Branch

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Ref: 4202/EC

29 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Theft of Timber.

TO : H.Q., Chief Liaison Officer, Naples.

With reference to the attached extract of a letter from the Baronessa Barracco regarding the taking away, without proper requisition, of 1000 trees.

I would be grateful if you would investigate this matter with a view to putting a stop to any possible repetition of such actions.

For the Chief Commissioner,

A. W. Knisely.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Town Major, NOLA.

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TO : Allied Commission
Rome

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I would be very grateful to hear from you what can be done and how we can defend ourselves from continual and organised robbery.

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*Rome
18/4/46*

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Friday the 19th

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Many wishes for order! and please
excuse my bothering you -

Believe me yours ever

Bonanza Bonaccio -

Ref: 4202/81/BC

5 April 1946

SUBJECT: Agriculture.

TO : C.L.O. Naples Liaison Group.

1. Your interesting report on the agricultural situation in Southern Italy is acknowledged with thanks.

2. It is to be hoped that rain, which would appear to be the chief factor in ensuring a good crop, is forthcoming.

G. McMaster

Chief Staff Officer
to the Acting Chief Commissioner,

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CROP OUTLOOK FOR 1946

25 March 1946

While it is too early to predict 1946 crop yields with any degree of accuracy, all factors indicate that the coming harvests will be much more plentiful than those of 1945.

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Barley	236	237	.4	
Oats	437	440	.6	
Rice	97	130	34.0	
Corn	1,307	1,301	-.5	
Sugar Beet	29	102	251.7	
Hemp	62	74	19.3	
Flax	12	15	25.0	
Cotton	14	19	35.7	
Horsebeans	378	424	12.2	
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Tomatoes	57	71	24.6	

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(H. H.) (CSO)

Fair weather conditions which have prevailed during the past fall and winter have been unusual favorable for the performing of field work, so that plowing, spreading of farm manures, spraying off fruit trees and repair of drainage and irrigation ditches and other farm work is further advanced than as normal for this time of year.

d. Fertilizers: the fertilizer supply though far from adequate, is much better than a year ago.

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c. "	13,500	"	UNRRA	- -
d. "	10,000	UK	"	- -

These imported supplies are being supplemented by considerable amounts of ammonia sulphate, ammonia nitrate and Calcium cyanide produced by Italian fertilizer manufacturers. Plants damaged by the war are being repaired and should be able to produce many thousand tons of nitrogenous fertilizers during the last half of the present calendar year, provided sufficient coal and water for power is available to permit continuous operations.

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warehouses throughout the country, but especially in Sardinia.

(3) Potash. Steps have been initiated to secure 4,400 tons of sulphate of potash (60% K₂O) from France, but it is too early to predict the success which will result therefrom.

(4) Prices of fertilizers manufactured in Italy have been fixed by the Interministerial Price Committee as follows for unpacked materials:

(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	20-21%	£. 1,200 per qt.
Ca (NO ₃) ₂	13-14%	" 960 "
" "	15.5%	" 1,103 "
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e. Insecticides: 20,000 tons of blister copper imported from the United States are being processed into Copper Sulphate by Italian Industries. Also considerable quantities of copper obtained locally from salvaging war materials is being used for the same purpose.

there is also the possibility of imports of several thousand tons of copper sulphate by UNRRA. Consequently there should be plenty of this spray material for essential needs throughout 1946.

A world shortage of tobacco extract has caused some concern. The local Tobacco Monopoly has been instructed by the Ministry of Agriculture to utilize all materials available for the production of nicotine extracts. Supplies on hand have been distributed, 5 tons being allotted to Venezia Giulia.

An attempt is being made by UNRRA to secure the importation of several tons of quassia wood from Central American Countries to be used in the manufacture of tobacco extracts substitutes.

Four hundred tons of oil emulsion and 216 tons of calcium cyanide have been received from abroad for the use of orchardists in insect control.

Ample supplies of carbon bisulphide, cryolite, copper oxichloride and other common spray materials are available to Italian orchardists from domestic manufacturers.

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- g. Machinery and Power: a shortage of work animals and machinery to perform the necessary field work is reported to exist in approximately one third of the provinces. However, as stated above, favorable weather during the past winter has resulted in many fields being worked much earlier than usual, and future workloads of animals and machines should be correspondingly lighter. Since the end of the war 46358 horses and mules captured from the German Army or declared surplus by the Allied forces have been transferred to the

Italian Government for distribution to farmers. The majority of them animals have been allotted to Northern provinces where the shortage for work stock is most serious. The recent importation and distribution of 667 farm-tractors, 197 ploughs and 840 boxes of spare parts should relieve the power and machinery shortage to some extent. Some 600 mowers, 500 binders and 270 plows are on requisition and should be received in time to be put to use this spring.

h. Farm Labor: ample labor to perform the necessary farm work is available in all provinces, while in some an over supply is reported. Present laws which compel farm operators to employ stated numbers of laborers on farms of different sizes and types impose a financial handicap on many farmers but insure the performance of farm operations in time.

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ESTIMATED PRODUCTION IN ITALY
AS OF 15 JANUARY 1946

Products	Average Yield estimated		1945 Production (m. tons.)	1946 Estimated Production (m. tons.)	Percent increase in 1946
	last 10 years average	1945			
Wheat ⁺	1.45	0.94	4,206,333	5,600,000	33
Rye ⁺	1.38	0.84	78,944	118,000	49
Barley ⁺	1.00	0.53	124,239	200,000	61
Oats ⁺	1.15	0.58	254,379	510,000	100
Corn	1.78	1.08	1,415,822	2,200,000	55
Rice	4.86	4.49	415,460	500,000	20
Horse Beans ⁺	.73	0.29	111,566	230,000	106
Dried Beans	.28	0.10	49,983	110,000	120
Lentils	-	0.21	4,518	10,000	121
Chickling vetch	-	0.19	2,079	4,200	102
Vetch	-	0.33	4,012	10,700	167
Chickpeas	-	0.14	13,372	32,200	141
Dried peas	-	0.36	8,152	12,900	58
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Lupines	+	0.38	17,546	28,197	61
Tomatoes	-	9.37	536,026	917,500	75
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FISHING INDUSTRY

Remarkable progress has been made in rehabilitating the fishery industry. The winter catch has averaged approximately quintals of fresh fish weekly while during the coming summer it is expected to be fully double this amount. Consequently future supplies should be sufficient to make fish available to the public at substantially lower prices than those now prevailing.

Three hundred tons of imported cotton had now been made into twine for nets and additional imports of cotton for the same purpose are expected in the near future. 500 tons of coir yarn have been requested for making the special nets required in tuna fishing.

The release by the Ministry of Marine of trawlers for ocean fishing should result in increased supplies of both frozen and fresh fish, since some of these trawlers are fitted with refrigerator equipment.

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Central	830	346	135	94	1405	
Southern	603	400	30	48	1143	
Insular	1050	135	153	200	1538	
Total	4500	2056	671	627	7854	

The plan to establish new nurseries to provide young trees for future use is being handicapped by a scarcity of seeds. Thus far only 60 pounds of Douglas Fir seed has been definitely located.

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HEADQUARTERS
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23 March, 1946

Ref : ILC/4/73

SUBJECT : Agriculture.

TO : A.C. HQ. (Attn.: Executive Commissioner).

1. In accordance with your instructions I have had enquiries made and have supplemented them with personal observation as regards the position of agriculture and crop prospects for this year.
2. Summarising reports for Campania and Calabria, the position at present is as follows:
 - (a) Of the nine Provinces, namely Naples, Avellino, Caserta and Salerno import grain in normal years, Benevento is generally self-supporting while Campobasso is a grain producing province which generally has a surplus to export. In the South Catanzaro produces grain, but Cosenza and Reggio di Calabria, particularly the latter, depend on grain brought in from elsewhere.

(b) The area sown with wheat, barley, oats is approximately back to normal, that is much the same as in 1939.

(c) Crops are likely to be below normal because of lack of fertilizers. 15% less than usual has been suggested as a likely figure.

(d) March rains have been adequate and have been general over Central and South West Italy. They appear also to be holding well. The main exception is Naples province itself, where only 80 mm. of rain have been recorded so far with a normal for the whole month of 170 mm. February was also a very dry month in and near Naples with less than 1/5th of the normal rain fall.

(e) It is early still to give forecasts as to whether the crops will be good or not, but a yield of up to 14 quintals to the hectare in Naples is still possible with 40 to 42 in southern provinces. This represents 6 to 8 cwt per acre and is not particularly good by English standards.

(f) Possible dangers are: Rust disease in wheat which develops in May if the season turns out to be cloudy and hot and scorching hot winds which are apt to occur in the first half of June and scorch the wheat ears just as they are ripening.

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1. In accordance with your instructions I have had enquiries made and have supplemented them with personal observation as regards the position of agriculture and crop prospects for this year.

2. Summarising reports for Campania and Calabria, the position at present is as follows:

(a) Of the nine Provinces, namely Naples, Avellino, Caserta and Salerno import grain in normal years, Benevento is generally self-supporting while Campobasso is a grain producing province which generally has a surplus to export. In the South Catanzaro produces grain, but Cosenza and Reggio di Calabria, particularly the latter, depend on grain brought in from elsewhere.

(b) The area sown with wheat, barley, oats is approximately back to normal, that is much the same as in 1939.

(c) Crops are likely to be below normal because of lack of fertilizers. 15% less than usual has been suggested as a likely figure.

(d) March rains have been adequate and have been general over Central and South West Italy. They appear also to be holding well. The main exception is Naples province itself, where only 90 mm. of rain have been recorded so far with a normal for the whole month of 170 mm. February was also a very dry month in and near Naples with less than 1/5th of the normal rain fall.

(e) It is early still to give forecasts as to whether the crops will be good or not, but a yield of up to 14 quintals to the hectare in Naples is still possible with 10 to 12 in southern provinces. This represents 6 to 8 cwt per acre and is not particularly good by English standards.

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3. The main needs are fertilizers:- Nitrate of soda and lime and Sulphate of ammonia. These fertilizers are required in greater quantity in Northern and Central Italy i.e. they are less necessary as the zone become more arid and where ploughing is kept shallow. A figure of 2 cwt to the hectare of fertilizer is quoted as a Naples requirement but in the South it would be 1/4 of this.

4. In addition to normal cereal crops the vegetables in Naples Province are coming in well. Vines require Copper Sulphate, and orange and lemon plantations require and insecticide known as Wolk and American product. It is too early to make any comment on the olive crop.

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Dairy farming seems to be confined with areas where Citrus fruit is grown e.g. Sorrento and Reggio di Calabria or where mountain grass, oats and leaves are available as feed to the animals.

There is a demand for oil cake and concentrated foods for the cows to supplement the rather poor diet of leaves from citrus trees, olives etc. Losses in animals are put as high as 60% of normal herds through war action and also excessive killing of animals for meat.

6.

Unfortunately statistics promised to me have not yet materialized (we have statistics for Naples Province only in fair details), and the above report is submitted as the result of personal contacts and observation by myself and Officers sent out to the Provinces so as not to wait indefinitely. It is presumed, however, that Italian Statistics of areas sown etc. may be already available at Rome.

Signed: J.A.C. PATTERICK

Colonel

Chief Liaison Officer
Naples Liaison Group
Allied Commission.

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ECAN SECTION (2) ACTION
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Ref: 4202/EC.

6 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Fertiliser.

TO : A/VP, Economic Section.
UNRRA MISSION, Italy.

I forward below for your information an extract from a DO report received by the Executive Commissioner from the Allied Commission Chief Liaison Officer in NAPLES:

"In NAPLES area they are asking for nearly a quintal of fertiliser (sulphate of ammonium) per acre that is 2 to 3 quintals per hectare, but in the South and at PUGLIA where the area is sufficient to allow for rotation of crops, far less fertiliser will be necessary. Seed grain at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a quintal per acre is allowed but the crops have been only $\frac{4}{5}$ quintals to the acre. I think you will be advised that a far greater return should have been received in spite of the drought last year and I am suspicious of the annual figures."

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Major, R.A.,
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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ROUGH TRANSLATION

Rome, October 5th, 1945

001-9 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

the Minister of Agriculture has informed me that, on the initiative of the Allied Governments, a meeting will take place in Brussels on October 9th, where the European Countries' needs of agricultural seeds will be examined in view of the forthcoming spring planting season. The Allied Governments have invited a representative of the Allied Commission to participate in said meeting on behalf of Italy.

I do not try to conceal my disappointment over the fact that, in a question so important for the Italian agricultural recovery, we are not consented to directly represent our interests. Without mentioning that there is an Italian diplomatic mission in Brussels, Italian public opinion would certainly have considered it as being more appropriate that Italian technical experts present and discuss directly our needs.

However, whatever care and diligence the Allied Commission's representative could use in supporting our interests, and in spite of the fact that all necessary data have been furnished him by our Ministry of Agriculture, it is obvious that there may be variations in such data, over which discussions will arise and decisions will be consequently taken.

Therefore, I shall appreciate it greatly if, at last, one expert of the Ministry of Agriculture is authorized to join the Allied Commission Delegate. I have asked said Ministry to submit to the Allied Commission such request, which I warmly recommend to your consideration.

I deem it advisable to add that, under the circumstances, our Administrations can but reserve their approval, as far as they are concerned, of the points that may be discussed in their absence, also in relation to the procedure for the payment of the seeds in question.

Please accept, dear Admiral Stone, the expression of my friendliest feelings,

(Signed) DE GASPERI

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Info : Chief Commr
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
FOOD SUB-COMMISSION

Tel. 478807

4 October 1945

Ref. 40-17/29/FOOD

OCT - 6 1945

SUBJECT : Grain and Flour Stock Position
TO : Economic Section

1. Further to this office message 5345 dated 14 September 1945 to HQ AMG Venezia Region, copy to you.

2. Reply from HQ AMG Venezia Region shows that as at 15 September 45 there were on hand in that Region sufficient stocks of cereals (grain, corn, and old rice) to maintain all the provinces, subject to inter-provincial transfers, for 75 days. The position is therefore secure until at least Christmas if further grain and new rice unshipping is taken into consideration.

(S) Frank E. Toscani

FRANK E. TOSCANI
Lt.Col., F.A.
Director, Food Sub-Commission

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FROM : ECON SEC

TO : EXEC COM (see Cape White)

Message to COM, TABBY 150

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Arising from cable R12/FOOD/158/11
of 13 Sept 45 and 5345 of 14 Sept
about which you asked this office
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IMPORTANT

From: AMB VENEZUELA REGION

To: ALCON AGPOD INFO ALCON NORTH WILAN AMB TREVISO

SEP 11 1945

UNCLASSIFIED.

Subject is damage to crops VENEZUELA. Due to unprecedented hailstorms the following damage is reported. Wheat 50000, maize 200,000, fodder 300,000 destroyed all quintals. Suggest following displacements be made available earliest moment. Pending thorough investigation 2000 wheat, 50000 maize, 50000 fodder all quintals. Food situation will be serious in few days.

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PLANT

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called Venez. waiting for report
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wheat. Best to come from indl
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(CSO) (ASD)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

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AGR/875

9 August 1945

SUBJECT: Land Tenure

AUG 10 1945

TO : Mr. C. D. Mallaby
Villa Poggio Pinci
Asciano
Siena

1. This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 12 July 1945 in regard to the mezzadria and threshing situation in Siena, addressed to the Chief Commissioner, and referred to this Sub-Commission for reply.

2. At the present time the capacity of Allied Commission with respect to the Italian Government is merely advisory on such matters, since they relate to Italian law, and must be handled by Italian courts, etc. Therefore, it is impossible to take direct action with respect to solving the present problem with which you are confronted. However, we do appreciate hearing from you in order to obtain a clear understanding of what is actually happening in the provinces under Italian jurisdiction, and we will bear in mind your points when discussing land tenure with the Italian Government.

Distribution:
Executive Commissioner

James M. Merritt
JAMES M. MERRITT
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

AGR/875

8 August 1945

AUG 9 1945

SUBJECT: Division of Produce between
Proprietors and Peasants

TO : Executive Commissioner

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1. Reference is made to 4202/54/EC of 30 July 1945, with which para. d of AMG Livorno Zone report covering period from 19-30 June was forwarded for appropriate action.

2. In the above mentioned para. d, it is reported that "some crops have been endangered throughout Tuscany resulting from the agitation of the Camera del Lavoro to change the previously accepted 50-50 distribution of farm income proprietors and operators." This refers to the mezzadria problems.

3. The mezzadria system is one of partnership operation of land, on a long-established 50-50 basis. This season there has been a great deal of controversy regarding share tenancy, due to the short crop and continued agitation by various political parties. Throughout the month of July the matter received careful attention from the Minister of Agriculture, who made a trip to Sicily and another to Bologna and Milan, and several members of his staff. In discussing the matter with the Minister on 17 July, he expressed the desire to settle the current disputes by collective agreements sponsored by the Prefects concerned, since the contracts vary from place to place. Comparable action was taken in 1920 when the yield was likewise much less than normal.

4. While land tenure contracts in Italy have certain undesirable characteristics, they can be properly modified only by people fully conversant with the Italian law and custom, and it was therefore considered advisable for Allied Commission representatives to refrain from direct recommendations regarding changes in the contracts.

5. As soon as the grain has been harvested and divided, there is a noticeable reduction in the agitation over these contracts. Whether or not this will continue is not clear, since certain of the organizations active in the agitation for change have expressed their desire to get a larger share of the income from the farm for the peasants. However, it now seems possible that the agitation will largely be confined to harvest time, when the peasants have to make considerable expenditure for harvest labor, and when there is a considerable quantity of produce to be divided.

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6. Accordingly, the Tuscany situation has received consideration by the Ministry, and by this Sub-Commission insofar as practicable, as a part of the over-all land tenure problem.

J. M. Merritt
JAMES M. MERRITT
Director

Distribution:
Economic Section

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Ref : 4202/54/EO.

Tel : 735

30 July 1945

SUBJECT : Livorno Zone report covering period from 19-30 June.
TO : Economic Section (Attention: Agriculture S/O).

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The Executive Commissioner directs that the points raised in para D of the above mentioned report, on the subject of negotiations between proprietors and peasants and on the restrictions placed on fishing boat facilities, should be taken up and the action taken reported to this office.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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Monthly Report - JUNE 1945

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LIVORNO Zone

" D. AGRICULTURE AND FISHING :

Lack of needed rainfall will, of course, detrimentally effect the crops, and is justifiably causing worry and distress.

Some crops have been endangered throughout TUSCANY resulting from the agitation of the Camera del Lavoro to change the previously accepted 50-50 distribution of farm income between proprietors and operators.

While, for some time, it did look as though this serious controversy would reach a critical stage, constant negotiation arranged by the Prefects, and with the aid of this H.Q. and the various C.L.N. appears to have brought about some temporary understanding which should save the crops and prevent possible disorder. In some instances a straight division of 60-40 in favor of the peasants has been agreed to; in others the peasants will receive 50% the proprietor 40%, while 10% will be held in escrow pending a review of the matter at Rome level. In some instances there has been an impasse, while in others the peasants have agreed to continue on the centuries old formula.

This problem should indeed receive the priority attention of both the Italian Ministry and the A.C. Sub- Commission.

Fish seem to be plentiful in the sea but too scarce on the markets. The LIVORNO Area is handicapped for a plentiful fish supply because of the restrictions placed on fishing boat landing facilities by the H.M. Royal Navy.

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Ref: 4202/53/EC

30 July 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Economic Section

1. Enclosed is another letter from C. D. Mallaby, regarding the problems encountered by landowners, to which are attached various newspaper clippings.

2. Please note the Chief Commissioner's memorandum attached to this correspondence and take appropriate action.

A. E. ARNOLDY

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

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23 July 1945

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SUBJECT: Tractors for Agriculture

TO : Orfanotrofio Agricolo Maschile
Vigna Pia
Via Portuense, 343 - Roma (143)

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1. Your inquiry on the above subject has been brought to the attention of the Agriculture Sub-Commission.

2. Presently there are no new tractors for Agriculture that are available for sale in Central or Southern Italy.

3. A limited number of new tractors are programmed for delivery to Italy during the second half of 1945. These will be distributed to provinces on an allocation plan worked out by the Ministry of Agriculture based on needs arising from war damage and normal depreciation. Application for procurement of these tractors must be made and justified to the Provincial Ispettorati of Agriculture, who will have authority for final distribution within each province.

6. No other means of securing agricultural tractors are available at the moment.

J. M. Merritt
JAMES M. MERRITT
Director

Copy to:
Executive Commissioner
Economic Section,
Attention: Supply Division

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Ext 451

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Ref: 4202/51/EO

23 July 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Economic Section (Attention: Agriculture Subcommittee)

The enclosed correspondence, which deals with contracts of Mezzadria, is returned to your office for retention in view of the fact that your draft of General Order 50 regarding this subject has already gone in to the Chief Commissioner's Office for approval and signature.

A. S. ARNOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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- Ltr fr Legal S/c, AO/4005/L, 10 July 45
- Ltr fr Agric S/c, AQH/875, 30 June 45
- Ltr fr Col Behrens, 28 June 45
- Ltr fr Mr. Mallaby, June 45
- Cy of telegram fr Camera Confederale del Lavoro,
Florence, 18 June, PR No. 32/4
- Ltr fr Mr. Mallaby, 24 June 45
- Paper on "Defense of Mezzadria" from Umberto Misuri

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Ref: 4202/EC

21 July 45

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Economic Section

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1. Enclosed is a letter from a Mr. G. D. Mallahy of Villa Poggio Pinci, Asciano (Siena), with reference to difficulties farm owners are having with farm workers' union organizations.

2. This particular letter, which deals with demands with respect to the harvesting of corn, is sent to you for whatever action your Section may deem appropriate.

A. B. ARNOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Vigna Pia Boy's Orphanage
Via Portuense, 343, Rome

Rome, 18-7-1945 JUL 20 1945

Dear Admiral,

trusting in your kindness, I take the liberty of writing
consequently.

Our Institute belongs to the Religious Congregation of the Holy Family which
aims at founding orphanages exclusively concerned with agriculture as can be seen
from the enclosed booklet.

This Rome orphanage houses about 70 boys, a third of whom are kept free of
charge; the land amounts to 18 hect. and the work is done by the Brothers, each
of whom is in charge of a certain number of orphans who are taught agriculture.
Because of the size of the land, ploughing with oxen is a great waste of time and
not very profitable. Besides, it is an old fashioned system which is not popular
with young people and makes them give up agriculture which they consider to be
inferior to other works where machinery exercises its fascination.

For these reasons, the undersigned, Director of the orphanage and Vicar General
of the Congregation wants to buy a good tractor and a small truck for the require-
ments of the farm which he is managing and to get supplies for the orphanage.

Nowadays it is difficult to find these engines are difficult to find, and
the Institute which is poor can hardly afford the expense. The undersigned knows
that the 'Consorzio Attrezzature Edilizie' whose seat is with the Associazione
Costruttori, in via Regina Elena, has contacted the Allied Authorities to obtain
machinery and equipment for building purposes. Tractors are mentioned on the list.

Would it be possible for our Institute which is highly deserving to obtain
an identical allotment, and be allowed to purchase directly the two above mentioned
engines, or at least, to be allowed to purchase a tractor from the Consorzio
Attrezzature Edilizie, for the same prices as the member of the Consorzium?

The undersigned also knows that the Allies have generously given some vehicles
to charitable Institutions like ours. It would be much easier to take care of all
these unfortunate children if we could dispose of a rapid and powerful means of
transport, and such an allotment would greatly help our miserable budget.

Trusting in your kindness, I remain, my dear Admiral,

EC LIST - 19 JULY 45

Sincerely yours,

Action: ECON SEC 21

The Director

INFO: Chief Commr

S. P. Leonardo Gusatti.

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Ref: 4202/45/EG

11 July 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Economic Section

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1. Enclosed is a letter from the Confederazione Italiana degli Agricoltori and a copy of a memorandum which this organization wrote to the President of the Council of Ministers and the Minister of the Interior referring to present condition existing in agricultural areas.
2. This is passed to you for whatever action you deem necessary.

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A B ARNOLD
Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner CAPT

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CONFEDERAZIONE ITALIANA DEGLI AGRICOLTORI¹⁷

C O N F I D A

N. di Prot. 2740

Risponde a

Oggetto:

Roma, June 26, 1945

Plazza di Manlio Gattorio, 115 - Tel. 61603 - 60787

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H.E.
Admiral Edgar Ellery Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
in Italy
Rome

The Italian Confederation of Agriculturists begs leave to submit to Your Excellency a copy of the Memorandum that it presented yesterday to the head of the Italian Government. So much for Your Excellency's knowledge, especially as regards the zone of the Country still under the control of the Allied Commission.

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Admiral Stone

General Secretary

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CONFEDERAZIONE ITALIANA DEGLI AGRICOLTORI

C O N F I D A

N. d. Prot. 2610

Risposta a

Oggetto:

Roma, June 25, 1945

Platz di Mezza Citerio, 115 - Tel. 51803 - 50787

MEMORANDUM
for H.E. the President of the Council of Ministers and Minister of the Interior.

I - An extremely serious situation, especially as regards public order, has arisen in very important agricultural zones where the typical moyety profit sharing system prevails. While the situation in its apparent causes, is absurd its effects on production are very damaging.

It is a situation, in fact, that is in open contradiction to the particularly favourable economic conditions in which farmers find themselves as compared with all the other categories of manual and intellectual labourers, because existing agreements have made it possible for them to get remarkably high returns and to put aside enormous savings, not only as a result of the moyety sharing of products, but also of the ingent profits that farmers get out of small zootechnical breedings, truck farming and other sources from which they draw considerable advantages.

If, on the other hand, one considers the owners' income on which weigh very heavy taxes, administration expenses for the re-building of houses and plants (charged solely to the owners now and bound to become even heavier in the future) one will easily see that the returns that at the present stage of apparent moyety sharing of products ("apparent", because the owner's share is already reduced by the amounts that the farmer appropriates for his own livestock breedings, family needs, etc.) are considerably lower than the share of the farmer. It follows that, if the demands that the moyety profit sharing system be so changed as to reduce the owner's share of the products coming to him to 40, 35 or even 30 per cent, the owner's income would be so reduced as to force him to recur to other forms of contract: in other words the moyety profit sharing system would be abolished.

This would affect the agricultural classes both from the economic and the social point of view, because the moyety profit sharing system is the germinal cell of a widespread, solid rural middle class and a highly efficacious stimulus to the spread of small property.

II - From the juridical viewpoint, it may be remarked that a decree of Minister of Agriculture dated April 5 1945 and bearing the number 1573 established that all moyety profit sharing contracts were prolonged until one year after the cessation of the war and that until then the contract must be adhered to as established by its terms and by law.

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The important modifications to the essential conditions that constitute the foundation of the prolonged contract are therefore in open contradiction with the letter and the spirit of the decree mentioned above, which evidently aimed at avoiding the danger that, in this particularly critical moment, existing contractual agreements be upset: nay, it aimed at insuring the maintenance of such contracts in their present form until one year after the cessation of the state of war.

The agriculturist's organisations, on the basis of the terms of the decree issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, have declared and declare that they cannot comply with requests that are inspired solely by political ends to be attained with openly revolutionary methods and that aim at prejudicing the state of fact on which only the legislative organs will eventually have the authority to make a decision.

At the same time the Agriculturists' organisations are ready to discuss all such questions of detail that do not affect the essence of the novelty profit sharing system and are in relation to the exceptional contingencies created by the war.

But in order that this discussion may be usefully undertaken and may lead to equitable results, it is absolutely necessary that it may develop in an atmosphere entirely free from any illegal compulsion whatever.

It is just on this point that this Confederation respectfully calls the particular attention of H.E. the Minister of the Interior.

In the province of Sienna and, in an even more serious form, in the province of Emilia, at Bologna, Ravenna, Forlì, etc., the violences of the Chambers of Labour = contrary to the will of the farmers themselves who understand very well that the fight started apparently in their favour is in effect against them = are accompanied by acts that are in open contrast with every fundamental principle of civil intercourse.

Thus, in some zones especially, has been created an atmosphere of incubus and authentic terror.

Armed gangs have extorted ingent ransoms from agriculturists (in some single case, the extortion has amounted to several millions); not a few landowners and their land agents have been barbarously killed; whosoever refuses to subscribe to the impositions exposes himself to mortal reprisals.

From many signs and concrete facts that have already happened, it clearly appears that this intolerable situation is growing more serious. In fact, on the occasion of the already initiated threshing, farmers are imposed an arbitrary sharing of products. Moreover, from the zones chosen as points of departure, this artificial agitation tends to spread very rapidly to all the others.

The members of the Italian Confederation of Agriculturists, after listening in the last few days to the vows and implorations of its adherents, more in the quality of Italian citizens than in that of agriculturists, address to Your Excellency a warm very urgent appeal to put a stop to a situation that may lead to irreparable consequences.

This Confederation asks nothing more than the observance of the ⁵⁷³tree of the Minister of Agriculture mentioned above, and that discussions on the questions that have been called to the attention of Your Excellency be carried on in that atmosphere of order and legality that are absolutely indispensable if the productive function is to be usefully done in a moment in which the moral and material reconstruction of the Country depends mainly on it.

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This Confederation asks nothing more than the observance of the ⁵⁷²free of the Minister of Agriculture mentioned above, and that discussions on the questions that have been called to the attention of Your Excellency be carried on in that atmosphere of order and legality that are absolutely indispensable if the productive function is to be usefully done in a moment in which the moral and material reconstruction of the Country depends mainly on it.

Attilio Cavallotti

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Tel. 489081,
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

AGR/341

8 July 1945

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SUBJECT: Agricultural Organizations in North Italy
TO : Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region

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1. Reference is made to your letter LR/AGR/1.11 of 28 June, subject as above, passed to this Sub-Commission for action.
2. All communications from the Ministry of Agriculture to its subordinate offices in AMG territory are transmitted by the Agriculture Sub-Commission to the Regional Commissioner concerned for the attention of the Regional Agricultural Officer. So far as we are aware, there is no reason for evasion of this understanding which has been in force throughout the period of operation of the Ministry of Agriculture in Rome.
3. In general, the same cooperation has been obtained when individuals representing the Ministry of Agriculture travel in AMG areas. However, since restrictions on travel have been removed, it is not practicable for the Sub-Commission to guarantee that no unauthorized persons will enter AMG areas and attempt to speak for the Ministry of Agriculture, or other agencies of that type. All organizations desiring to send representatives into AMG areas are instructed to have those representatives report to the regional headquarters concerned.
4. Instances where unauthorized persons have entered AMG areas should be reported to this Sub-Commission so that specific action can be taken to correct the agency concerned.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:

J. M. Merritt
JAMES M. MERRITT
Director

Distribution:

Executive Commissioner
Economic Section
EC, Lombardia Region,
Attn: Agricultural Officer
AMG 5th Army

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Ref. AC/5557/END

7 July 1945

JUL 7 1945

SUBJECT: Power Crotone

TO : Allied Force Local Resources Section
Rome Area Allied Command

ALRED - Rome 15 200000

1. Reference is your LRS/215B/165 dated 27 June 1945.

2. The Allied Commission representative at the Electric Power Committee meeting did not agree to the ruling of the Committee that Crotone be disconnected the 30th June, and requested that the matter be referred to the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board.

3. In the meantime, I do not agree that the physical conditions warrant any action until the Board's decision is given and must insist that the plant be NOT disconnected.

4. The solution of the problem is to connect Central and Southern Italy for which only one thing is requisite - Transport.

[s] Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Joint Chairman
Allied Force Local
Resources (Italian) Board

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Office of the Deputy Regional Commissioner.

4th July, 1945.

PR/DRC/041

JUL 5 1945

SUBJECT:- Agricultural Machines.

TO :- Executive Commissioner (B)
HQ. Allied Commission.

ATTENTION:- Lt-Col. Talbot.

Reference attached correspondence.

Enclosed is a report from the C.A.O., Turin. Sig. Lorenzo Bava has been informed that he must make his application through the proper channels.

For the REGIONAL COMMISSIONER.

J. G. Selby
J. G. SELBY.
Colonel.
Deputy Regional Commissioner.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

CITY () TORINO

PR/DR. 043.1 dated 25 June

Subject

MUNICIPIO DI TORINO
PALAZZO CIVICO

Office of the Deputy
Regional Commissioner

Date 2/7/45

File W.R.T. 100/832

Investigation of Lorenzo BAVA has disclosed he is employed as a mechanic at Zenith Radio Manufacturing Company.

He does not own a farm and is not engaged in Agriculture business. Information ^{from} for the Molinette hospital disclosed approximately four blood transfusions.

W.R. THOMPSON

1st. LT, C.A.O. Turin.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

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From: L.O. to C.C.

SUBJECT: Request for agricultural
machines.

TO: Lt Col. Talbot

FILE No. 133

16 June 1945

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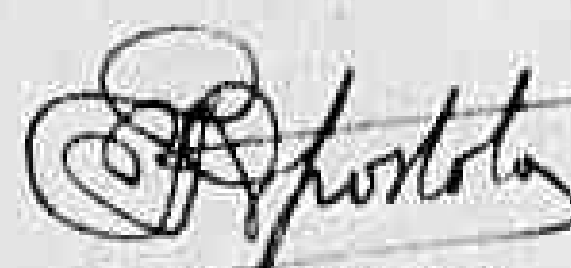
Dear Colonel

1 - Enclosed herein is an application sent to this office by the Minister of the Royal House, by command of H R H the Lieutenant General. It is filed by Mr. Lorenzo Bava of Turin and addressed to the Executive Commissioner.

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2 - It will be appreciated if you will support it and forward to the competent office, asking same to inform me as to results, so as I will be able to pass the information on to Marquis Lucifero.

Thank you


P. APOSTOLO
Lt Comdr, RNR,
L.O. to C.C.

Numero 28-5-1945

Il commissario esecutivo della commissione Affari di controllo

Il sottoscritto Bara Loreuro di Leaucho e di Maria
Montagnino nato a Torino il 16.5.1903 abitante in 700
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di sangue gruppo 1-0

Domanda

al rispettivo Commissariato per ottenere l'assegnazione
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Bara Loreuro

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mi firmo - Volontario donatore di sangue

Bara Lorenzo

Str. Bertolla 128 Torino

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Ref: 4202/PO

5 July 1945

SUBJECT: Agricultural Organisations in North Italy

TO : Economic Section

1 Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Hq AMG Lombardia Region, reference LR/AGR/1.11, dated 28 June.

2 Your attention is drawn to paragraphs 2 and 3, and it would be appreciated if you would take appropriate action.

3. Please advise this office when this has been done.

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1 Incl:
as above

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

Copy of Econ Section's
Agriculture/ DGR/341 of 8th July
is on its way to us. This answers
Lombardia Region's letter at 2.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394

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Ex Banner (35)

28 June, 1945

Ref: LR/AGR/1.11

JUL 3 - 1945

Subject: Agricultural organizations in North Italy.

To: Executive Commissioner A.C. H.Q.

1. Reference is made to Economic Section Directive AGR/341 dated 23 June 1945.

2. It is requested that, for the purpose of adequate A.M.G. screening, referred to in para 4 of a/m directive, all communications addressed by Italian Central Agricultural Offices in Rome to subordinate offices in this Region, be channelled through this Headquarters.

3. It is recommended that it be stressed to all such organizations that their representatives proceeding into this territory be furnished with the appropriate authority to undertake business within this Region on behalf of the body which they represent, duly endorsed by A.C. H.Q. Although this procedure is understood in A.M.G., it would appear that many Italian Agencies are unaware of it, since several cases have occurred recently of, apparently, unauthorized persons coming into this Region with a view to undertaking reorganizational duties in connection with agricultural agencies.

For the Regional Commissioner

A. N. Hancock Col

A.N. HANCOCK
COLONEL

DEPUTY REGIONAL COMMISSIONER 563

Copies to:

Economic Section A.C. H.Q.
Agriculture Sub-Commission A.C. H.Q.
A.M.G. - 5th Army.

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(CAP. ARNOLDY)

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ADQUINTHS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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23 June 1945

JUL 3 - 1945

SUBJECT: Agricultural Organizations in the North

TO : SCAG. XIII Corps
Regional Commissioners - Venezia and Emilia Regions;
Liguria, Lombardia and Piemonte
Regions, through AMG 5th Army

1. Agricultural organizations, legally under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture, have been operating in the North through provisional central offices since the area was cut off from central offices in Rome. Certain questions have arisen from time to time as to the advisability of continuing these offices on an operational basis.

2. With the grain harvest at hand, and other seasonal agricultural activities to be carried out, including the distribution of imported agricultural supplies, it is now advisable to clarify the operating procedure of essential organizations such as the Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari, and their subordinate provincial organizations.

3. As they are basically technical and service organizations, they should revert to the direction of the head offices in Rome in order to achieve the necessary operating efficiency. Accordingly, such provisional offices of the Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari as may have been established in the North under Republican Fascist Government should cease to operate on or before 1 July, and liquidation must proceed as rapidly as possible.

4. This will necessitate the issuance of all directives from their central offices in Rome to subordinate offices in AMG territory, as has been the procedure in AMG areas in Southern Italy. To such extent as is required for AMG supervision, the directives should be screened by the Regional Headquarters concerned.

5. Comparable action should be taken in regard to other agricultural organizations, in instances where such provisional offices still remain between the normal head office and its subordinate branches.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:

E. B. McKinley
E. B. McKINLEY
Brigadier General, USA

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By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:

Distribution:

AMG 5th Army

AMG 8th Army

Economic Section

Agriculture Sub-Commission

Finance Sub-Commission

Attn: Chief Accountant

Transportation Sub-Commission

Industry Sub-Commission

Commerce Sub-Commission

Regional Agricultural Officers

E. B. McKINLEY
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Vice President

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see file 35

(AMG 5th Army)

Executive Commissioner

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The attached is being
presented to Gen Robinson
by Sheldon today.

I think the Chief
Commissioner should know
about it.

W. H. Anderson
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See M. 30
to 3563
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AIDE MEMOIRE TO

COL. SHELDON

A.F.L.R.S.

Ref.AC/5557/IND

24 June 1945

Grotone Fertiliser Plant

JUN 25 1945

1. Reference the objection I voiced at yesterday's meeting of the Electric Power Committee, the Fertiliser position in Italy is as follows :

Pre-war production programme

Phosphates	1,000,000	Tons	
Nitrogenous	288,000	"	(In tons of nitrogen)

Production
Present Position

Phosphates	NIL	
Nitrogenous	16,000	Tons

2. Phosphate production depends on imports of phosphate rock from North Africa and some is now on the way. Nitrogenous fertilisers are produced in several ways. In pre-war days 70,000 tons per annum were produced without coal and were completely indigenous. The present production is obtained in this way :

3. It is proposed to shut down the Grotone plant which is now producing 6,200 tons per annum of nitrogenous fertilisers. The following reasons were advanced : -

- a) There will probably be a shortage of water (energy) towards the end of the year.
- b) There is a shortage of power (generating capacity) and new military loads for new camps etc. cannot be accepted unless there is a corresponding reduction elsewhere. 562

4. The Allied Commission makes an emphatic protest on the following grounds :

- a) The shortage of fertilisers is one of the reasons for the poor grain crop of the present year and 2,000,000 tons of additional grain will have to be imported.

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- b) If fertiliser availability is not increased more imports will be required next year.
- c) This directly reduces the eastern war effort by reduction of shipping.
- d) The lack of electric power in Southern Italy can be remedied by connecting it to Central Italy. There is only one essential lacking to effect this, that is transport.
- e) The production of fertilisers at Crotone is being stopped to provide amenities for troops, and it is maintained that a decision to this effect must be made at a much higher level than the Electric Power Committee of the Local Resources Board.



D. L. ANDERSON
Brigadier,
Deputy Vice-President
Allied Commission.

Copy to : -

Executive Commissioner ✓
Acting V.P. Economic Section
Public Works & Utilities S/C

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 324
ECONOMIC SECTIONSen. Captain Aksholty
may want to see this
on his return.

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AGR/409.1B

18 June 1945

JUN 20 1945

SUBJECT: Timber Harvesting Operations for Military Requirements

TO: AFHQ G-5 Section

1. Reports received indicate that harvest operations are continuing in the Calabrian forests, and in the timber areas of Toscana, to meet military requirements. In this connection, it is understood that considerable quantities of timber are required for crating of equipment in the redeployment program, as opposed to the utilization during operations in Italy for construction essential to military operations.

2. The timber requirements during the operational period have placed a heavy strain on Italy's limited resources, and as these resources have been carefully hoarded throughout the years by carefully distributed cutting, and utilization of timber that can be thinned from many forests, it is extremely urgent that these practices be resumed at the earliest possible date in order to conserve the productivity of the forests.

3. It is requested that special consideration be given to the practicability of fullest reliance upon the guidance of Italian forest officials in the procurement of timber necessary for the redeployment program, and a directive be published prohibiting cutting which is destructive under the Italian forest program, except in cases of urgent operational necessity, with adequate opportunity for arbitration of differences of opinion which may arise.

4. Furthermore, the utilization of requisitioned civilian transport in military operations of this nature should be considered as an allied problem, for urgent operational requirements have taken such a high percentage of the civilian transport in certain areas of Calabria (32 out of 42 six-ton lorries in Cosenza Province) that the movement of civilian supplies is handicapped to a degree which may be unwarranted in the redeployment program.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

(sgd) E. B. McKinley

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E. B. MCKINLEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Acting Vice President -
Economic Section

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Distribution:Executive Commissioner
Col. J. A. Pennycook, HQ Staff,
Naples Com.
HQ, Toscana Region
Economic Section
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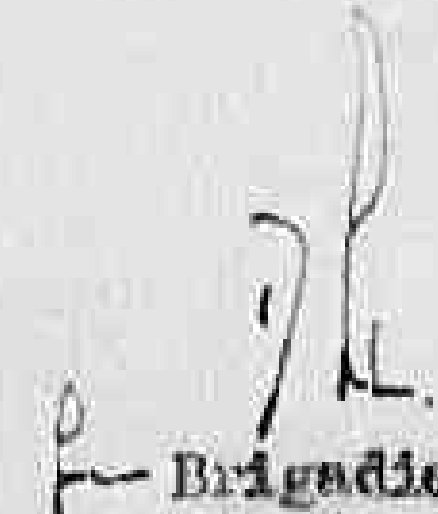
Tel: 478201

20 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Correspondence.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Piemonte Region.

The attached correspondence is sent to you for appropriate action.


Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl:

ltr fr L.O. to O.C. dtd 16 June 45
No. 133.
ltr fr LORENZO BAVA, dtd 20 May 45.

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting held on 8 June 1945.

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JUN 20 1945

Agricultural Policy for North.

CA Sec said there had been signals sent by Venezia Regions asking for the Amassing Decree to be implemented. CA Sec pointed out that decrees could not be implemented in one AMG Region alone. Ex C said that what RCs wanted was an Agricultural policy - either General Order No. 40 or the implementation of the Italian Amassing decree. Econ Sec to take action.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION FOR
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

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ADP/711.7

23 May 1945

SUBJECT: Locusts

TO : APIC, G-5 Section (Attention: Lt. Col. Gracie-Johnson)

MAY 23 1945

1. Reference your telephone call 21 May to this office and your signal FX 79926 of 22 May 1945.
2. Sodium arsenite is usually used in the preparation of poison bait in the control of locusts in Italy.
3. Fifty tons of sodium arsenite were requested in Requisition No. MGS 213 QM submitted 20 September 1944 with delivery requested during December-January, and at the latest 1 February 1945.
4. It was necessary to substitute white arsenic because sodium arsenite was unavailable (Ref. your A-4, 13 February 1945, subject - Pesticides for Italy).
5. In your A-4, 15 May 1945, Para 2, Sub-para. (b) is given the present status of hoped-for imports of white arsenic. From this there is no reason to believe that any white arsenic will be in Italian ports for the period 5 to 14 June.
6. All domestic supplies and remaining imported supplies of sodium arsenite have long since been exhausted.
7. The Agriculture Sub-Commission and the Italian Ministry of Agriculture are aware of the infestations of locusts and the damage they are doing in Sardinia, Sicily and various areas on the mainland. There is very little that can be done to effectively control these pests until the arrival of the requisitioned white arsenic. It is indeed unfortunate that such delays have been encountered. Anything that can be done to hasten delivery of this requisition will greatly aid in alleviating the damage that these locusts are causing.
8. The Ministry of Agriculture states that through the Osservatorio Fitopatologico di Portici (Naples) they are using a limited amount of substitute materials. In many areas the Ministry is advocating and supervising the use of collection tents and various burning devices as a means of control, none of which are as effective as the use of poison bait which prevents locusts getting out of the area of initial infestation. Many of the mechanical means of control tend to spread the locusts in the hopper stage.

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9. In general we have attempted to assist the Italian Government in accepting their responsibilities for South Italy territory, and while the Agriculture Sub-Commission is willing to assist in every way possible, we do not have a qualified officer available at this time. In the absence of the necessary poison materials the Ministry's personnel must make the decisions as to possible alternative methods of eradication in that area under their jurisdiction.

10. The Ministry of Agriculture has designated Prof. Silvestri, Facolta d'Agraria Osservatorio Fitopatologico di Portici (Naples) as their representative in charge of the problem in that area several days ago.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Leland G. Albaugh
LELAND G. ALBAUGH
Director

Distribution:

Economic Section

Attn: Gen. McKinley

✓ Brig. M. S. Lush

AIDCM, Naples

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AGP/711.3

5 May 1945

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Your letter of 26 April 1945, N. 33101/3.1.1., relative to copper sulphate is at hand. As you are aware, the Allied Commission representatives have been working very closely with officials in the Ministry of Agriculture in the distribution of imported agricultural supplies and domestic supplies, in accordance with allocations prepared by the Ministry of Agriculture in October 1944, and issued in the printed booklet, "1944-45 Production Program for Italian Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries."

Insecticides are distributed through the Consorzi Agrari, in accordance with allocations made by the Provincial Inspectors of Agriculture and the Communal Committees. Since the imports were much greater than any possible domestic production during the first half of this year, it was agreed by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Agriculture Sub-Commission that all domestic commercial production would be included in the agreed upon plan for allocation and distribution.

A conference of representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Federation of Consorzi Agrari, Montecatini Company, Industry Sub-Commission and Agriculture Sub-Commission was held on 3 May with the following agreement:

1. All supplies of copper sulphate produced by Montecatini Company from shell casings or other types of copper (except copper utensils) will be handed over to the Consorzi Agrari for distribution in the regular channels provided for in agreement between the Allied Commission and the Ministry of Agriculture. At the present time, this amounts to some 280 tons of copper sulphate on hand, in addition to current production.
2. Copper sulphate produced from copper utensils sent to the Montecatini plant by organized groups of farmers will be delivered to such organized groups for distribution against the individual allocations of each farmer involved.

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These arrangements are in accordance with previous plans prepared jointly by Allied Commission and Italian Government representatives and seem to provide for as fair a distribution of the very limited supplies of copper sulphate as possible.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

Distribution:

Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Economic Section
Agriculture Sub-Commission

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
N. 33101/3.1.1.

Rome, 25 April 1945

APR 27 REC'D

Dear Admiral Stone,

among the diseases which afflict our vineyards, 'peronospora' as you know, destroys the production, and also prejudices the production of the following years.

The only means to save this important patrimony of the Italian agriculture is to make timely and abundant besprinklings and pulverizations of copper sulphate.

As the national market is absolutely without it, the Italian Agricultural Federation made an agreement with the Montecchini Co which would supply this product by handing the fragments of metallic copper owned by the agriculturists. The fragments would be handed over to the pegnoli plants (Naples), of the Montecchini, and they would get in exchange the amount of copper sulphate which can be got out of them.

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The agreement however, had no practical result as yet, for on February 16th, the Commissioner for the Southern region informed the Montecchini Co that all the copper sulphate produced in the pegnoli plant had to remain blocked because of orders from the Agriculture sub-commission of the Allied Commission.

The action taken with the competent offices of the A.C. didn't have the desired effect.

The season for the anti-cryptogam campaign is getting near, and I therefore take the liberty of drawing your kind attention on a question which is very urgent and most important for our agriculture.

Trusting in your comprehension for the requirements of the economic life of the country, I thank you, and I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours very truly,

S. I. Ponomi

Admiral Henry W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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INFO: Chief Comm
Exec Comm
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25 April 1945.

Dear Sir:

APR 27 REC'D

Mr. Nelson C. Brown, Chief of the Division of Forestry in the Agriculture Sub-Commission of this Commission, is leaving shortly for Washington. He has completed a long range forestry planning program for Italy.

We would like very much to have his report mimeographed or printed and given wide distribution to those agencies who may be interested in it in the United States, and we would also like to have a number of copies sent to us.

This program has been adopted by the Director General of Forestry as well as the Minister of Agriculture.

You may be interested to know that a plan has been suggested by Mr. Brown to establish the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Forest by the Italian Government somewhere in Italy, to be planted with both Italian and American species of trees. This has also been approved by the Minister of Agriculture and Forests and Director General of Forestry.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Major General John H. Hildring, U.S. Army,
Director, Civil Affairs Division,
War Department,
Washington, D.C.

cc: Executive Comm'n
Mr. Brown, Chief Forestry Div.
Agriculture Subcommission
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel. 451

8 March 1945

Ref. 4202/16/EC

SUBJECT: Agriculture - Seed Potatoes.

TO : V.P., Economic Section.

1. Reference our 4202/15/EC of 6 Mar inclosing two letters from Regional Commissioner, Abruzzi Marche Region.
2. This Office has just received this date a copy of your letter to Abruzzi Marche Region reference ES/10.04 of 7 Mar covering the matter of the requested and recommended interview.
3. It is noted that basic letter was attached to this copy of your above letter - evidently inadvertently as this letter was directed to you for your consideration and appropriate action.
4. It is noted that only Agricultural Sub Commission has received a copy of this letter from Abruzzi Marche.

[Signature]
4 Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl.

Original copy of Abruzzi Marche Region's
letter reference RS/515/74/1 of 1 Mar 45.

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APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ref: ES/10.04

7 March 1945

SUBJECT: Request for interview
TO : Abruzzi Marche Region.

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1. Reference is your RS/Agri/Reps , 2 March 1945.
2. Brigadier Lush would be very pleased to grant this interview, but asks that Lt. Col. Middlewood approach Mr. Allbaugh so that the matter may be fully discussed in the Economic Section before it is submitted to him.

ROBERT E. DOR,
Major, AGD,
Chief, Adm. & Persn. Div.
Economic Section

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C. J. MACNAMARA, Capt. P.C.
Ec. Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A/C 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel. 451

6 March 1945

Ref. 4202/15/EC

SUBJECT: Agriculture - Seed Potatoes.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Inclosed correspondence from Abruzzi Marche Region is forwarded for your consideration and appropriate action.

2. The matter of request for interview with the Executive Commissioner may be channelled through the Agricultural Sub Commission.

4 Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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To : HQ AC (Attention Brigadier Lush).

From : HQ AMG/AC Abruzzi Marche Region.

Subject: Request for Interview.

Ref : R5/AGRIC/REPS.

Date : 1 March 1945.

1. Lieut. Colonel Middlewood, my Agriculture Officer, is much disturbed over Agriculture generally in Italy, and he has asked me if he might see you and put his case to you.

2. I have discussed matters with him many times and he is genuinely anxious concerning the inflationary tendency of certain decrees issued by, and actions taken by, the Italian Government.

3. I think it is right that he should see you and I shall be grateful if you will give him an interview.

Perhaps your P.A. would phone a time.

C.H.A. FRENCH
Colonel
Regional Commissioner.

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To : HQ AC (Attention Brigadier M.S. Lush).

From : HQ AMG/AC Abruzzi Marche Region.

Subject: R5/515/74/1.

Date : 1 March 1945.

1. As you know Decree No. -- dated 24 February 1945 blocks potatoes for seed at 16 lire per kilo until 31 March 1945, in Aquila Province.
2. Both myself and my Agriculture Officer have made the strongest efforts to keep the price of potatoes in this Region at an economical level and we have both set our faces resolutely against a higher price than 7.20 lire per kilo for seed, which according to all the statistics we could find gives the farmer a most handsome profit. Our efforts, however, have been defeated. First of all by a weak Prefect who has all along adopted an attitude in the farmers' favour vis a vis ourselves. Matters were further complicated by Allied officers from other Regions and not working under the Agriculture Officer of this Region, issuing conflicting orders and making promises to farmers directly contrary to the policy of this Region. In fact, in one case confiscated trucks and persons under arrest for transporting potatoes without permission were released by officers from other Regions without any reference to this HQ. Before fixing the price of 7.20 lire per kilo for seed at the potato conference held in Rome everyone concerned was consulted. The Inspector of Agriculture, all the Sindacii of the Avezzano Area, and many farmers. All agreed that the price proposed was sufficient to allow a good margin of profit. Despite this the Italian Ministry has now issued instructions to the Prefect to put up the price of seed potatoes to 16 lire per kilo, and to reimburse those farmers who have already amassed at the agreed legal price of 7.20. This decision was made on February 22nd at a meeting at which representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Agriculture Sub Commission, and members of the Lazio Umbria Region were present. I must confess to considerable surprise that the officers of this Region - the Region directly concerned - were not asked to be present or consulted.
3. I fear there will be reactions. Already the olive crop producers consider that if the potato growers are, by decree, to receive twice the price of wheat for their crop, they see no reason why they should not receive a similar increase.
4. The normal crop of potatoes produces ten times the quantity per acre than is produced for a similar acreage of wheat. It is therefore obvious that farmers will take advantage of the decreed price of potatoes to plant an excessive acreage of potatoes.
5. Such decrees as these are throwing out of gear the entire agricultural economy in the country. I am sure you will agree that if this kind of thing continues there must be the most disastrous results for the country economically.
6. I understand that, at home, our own farmers are forced to put down a certain number of acres to potatoes, and, moreover, are compelled to sell them to the Government at the equivalent of 2 lire per kilo. I further understand that a large number of these potatoes will be sent out here for seed, and if this be true it seems the greatest injustice that farmers at home should subsidise the farmers out there. I am sure you will agree that if this kind of thing continues there must be the most disastrous results for the country economically.

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C.H.A. PRETCH
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Regional Commissioner.

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Ref: ES/10.04

2 March 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

In reply to your letter No. 62 of 19 January 1945, I am pleased to be able to assure you that the Allied Commission is fully alive to the necessity for the greatest possible production of Superphosphate Fertiliser in Italy. Since the first days of the liberation of Italy, as you doubtless know, no efforts have been spared to assist in increasing the supply of this important material.

One of the chief limiting factors, as you point out in your letter, has been the provision of shipping tonnage for transporting phosphate rock from North Africa. All possible shipping space has of course been required for the purpose of bringing to Italy arms and ammunition for the defeat of the enemy. Despite the heavy burden of military traffic, however, the military authorities have gone far towards granting a high priority for transportation of phosphate rock as a result of the persistent urging of this Commission.

The effect of this urging can be seen in the following table, which shows the rapid rise in the rate of phosphate rock importation from North Africa:

<u>Month.</u>	<u>Tonnage of Phosphate Rock Imported.</u>	<u>Index Number.</u>
1944 - August	4,200 tons (est.)	100
September	--	--
October	10,000 "	240
November	11,000 "	260
December	18,000 "	430
1945 - January	24,000 "	560
February	28,000 " (est.)	660

With regard to your Excellency's comments on the advisability of using schooners and light-draft vessels, it should be noted that as many schooners as possible have been diverted to this service. Actually most of the fertilizer plants are served through ports accessible to ships of substantial tonnage.

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For your information, we are attaching three tabulations on superphosphate production. Appendix "A" shows the current status of all fertilizer plants in liberated Italy. Attached, as Appendix "B", is a statement of phosphate rock requirements for the period March - December 1945, provision having already been made for the month of February. (Bids for transportation of these quantities have been lodged).

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Appendix "C" shows the estimated production of superphosphate fertiliser for liberated Italy. It will be seen that, apart from the plants still occupied by military units, every plant capable of operating has been considered and provision for it made.

May I repeat my assurance that the Allied Commission will continue its interest and active collaboration in helping your Government in reactivating this fundamental industry.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LUSH

✓ JERRY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

Attachments:
Appendices "A", "B" and "C".

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February 1945

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

As indicated in your letter N. 62 of 19 January 1945 the Economic Section of the Commission is working on the problem of obtaining fertilizer, especially phosphate rock. One of the weekly sessions held by the Vice President of the Economic Section with the Government Inter-Ministerial Committee for Reconstruction was devoted to this matter.

I have requested the Economic Section to direct the Agriculture Sub-Commission to make a full report to the Minister of Agriculture setting forth the progress that has been made.

The Commission realizes the seriousness of the fertilizer problem and we will do everything we can to help the Government solve it.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

cc: Agriculture Sub-Commission

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Translation

The President of the Council
of Ministers
n. 62

Rome, 19 January 1945

Dear Admiral,

at the meeting of January 11th 1945 with the Chiefs of the competent Allied Sub-Commissions, the Interministerial Committee for Reconstruction has examined the problem of supplying the phosphorites which are necessary to produce the phosphates used for manuring during the Spring and autumn seasons.

The problem is serious and urgent; the lack of manuring would prejudice the 1946 crops, with an obvious effect on the food situation of 1947.

I therefore want to draw your personal attention on the question, the solution of which requires the increase of the shipping used to transport phosphorites from Tunisia.

The committee for reconstruction stressed the fact that it would be better to use ships of small tonnage for these transports, for they can reach more easily all the harbours which are in the neighbourhood of the plants where the raw material gets worked.

I beg you, my dear Admiral to inform the competent organs, so that the agricultural productions may get the necessary amount of fertilizer.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

S. I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Economic Sec

Please prepare letter for signature of Chief Commr.
Capt. E. S. Norden

May Q Economic Sec will prepare reply to this for CC. sig
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Capt. E. S. Norden

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7 December 1944

Ref: 4202/373

SUBJECT: Claim for Compensation for War Damage.

TO : Economic Section.

1. The attached original and copy of translation of a letter from Cav. Mfr. A. Gonnelli dated 1 December 1944, addressed to the Chief Commissioner, is forwarded for attention.

2. It is suggested you pass this on to Lusio-Urbia Negri to write a reply.

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Bridgman,
Chief of Staff.

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7 December 1944

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Rome, 1 December 1944

To Commodore Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

I am a farmer, and I rent two farms in Doganella di
Vico, Municipality of Cisterna, Province of Littoria, and
and a small farm in Rome, Via Latina, 74.

Because of the battle round Cisterna which lasted
six months, I lost my cattle, and the equipment etc was
damaged; the damages amount to about three millions four
hundred thousand lire; I made a request for an indemnity
which didn't bring any result till now.

As I had no cattle left to prepare the soil for the
sowing, I had to buy a tractor (Fiat 30 HP), and a plough,
thus spending another half million.

Trusting in your comprehension and collaboration for
the rehabilitation of agriculture, I ask:
a) to be paid without delay the indemnity for war damages;
b) to have the expenses for the tractor etc. paid back
c) to be given cattle, in quantity corresponding to what
I lost, in possible conditions.

I remain,

Yours truly,

/s/ A. Gonelli

Env. Off. Alfredo Gonelli
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1. QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

19.03/ES

6 December 1944

8 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: Pumps for Bonifiche

TO : FILES

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1. Requisition. A requisition is to be drawn up for transmission through AMHQ as a Category "A" procurement item.

a. The specifications are being drawn up by the PW & U S/C including references to conversations on this subject held by Col. Jenny when he was in Washington.

b. The justification is being prepared by the Agriculture S/C, drawing in material to be prepared by the Public Health S/C, and including any justification from an industrial angle to be secured by Agriculture from the Industry S/C. A working meeting, to wind up this job, is to be held 0900 hours, Thursday 7 Dec, in Col. Jenny's office. The finished requisition will then be submitted to the Economic Section.

2. General Division of Responsibility. It was agreed among the Public Health S/C, the PW & U S/C, the Agriculture S/C, and the Economic Section that the Agriculture S/C should be the "spearhead" for all activities connected with the Bonifiche. It will be the responsibility of the Agriculture S/C to coordinate the activities of other Sub-Commissions in connection with the Bonifiche, both in the regions and at headquarters.

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17 October 1944

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SUBJECT : Sale of Salvage Horses and Mules to Italian Government

TO : HQ PBS, Salvage and Reclamation Division, APO 782,
Attn: Col. *Eia*

1. Reference conversation in Naples: Col. Gibney, Col. *Eia*, PBS, Major Andrews, Agriculture Sub-Commission; Captain Keim, Lazio Region, Agricultural Officer.

2. In order to assure that animals discarded by the Army which might be utilized on farms may be sold to farmers, thus supplementing the drastic shortage of draft power for farm work, it is agreed that the following procedure will be tried out in the disposition of such animals as the U.S. Army in this theatre finds unfit for military use.

a. When the Remount Station advises Salvage that animals are ready for disposition, Salvage will notify ACC Agriculture Sub-Commission the locations of the animals and the approximate date of the proposed sale.

b. ACC Agriculture Sub-Commission will notify the Region in which the sale is to be held and other Regions concerned of the date of the sale and the livestock to be sold.

3. The following general procedure has been proposed and approved by the Italian Minister of Agriculture for the disposition of the horses to Italian farmers.

a. An Italian committee from the Province of Region concerned will be formed and authorized to purchase these Army animals for re-sale to Italian farmers.

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This committee will be appointed and cleared thru proper Italian and Allied officials in Region concerned.

- b. This committee, an AGO representative, and the Army Salvage officer will agree on a general price for all animals and the committee will buy the lot at an agreed price.
 - c. Animals will be shipped to provinces where there is a deficit of work stock and sold to individual farmers who first must have a certification as to their need of horses.
 - d. The farmer will sign a contract of purchase preventing him from disposing of the animal without consent of the Italian Provincial Inspectorate of Agriculture for a period of two years.
4. Military authorities agree to contact Regional Allied Agricultural Officers at least 10 days in advance of the time sales are to be made.
5. The above procedure will prevent discarded Army animals which might be utilized for farm power from being sold as meat animals into the black market at exorbitant prices.
6. It is recognized that the depletion of farm draft power is one of the most serious obstacles to the planting of the 1945 crops and the release of these animals under the above conditions will go far toward alleviating critical situations in areas of Central Italy where animal draft power is almost non-existent.

FOR THE ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER

A.G. ANTONINI
Executive Director
Economic Section

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