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FOOD SITUATION, SICILY
DEC. 1944 - JULY 1945

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For info please see file 113

AD-27/7

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103.

Action Taken on 3618/COS 155/30/100

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W. C. Smith
To see

30/11

CAS should see

31/12

seen G. P. L.

2/1/45

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CAS should

To see 102

See

1/1/45

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(SEE - SEE 104 ABOVE)

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C50: i) See note at bottom of folio 107, regarding proposed COS's reply to Brig. Carr on the new station scale. Perhaps he has replied on another file, tho' I have not seen it.

2) to see folio 109 for information on past and future planned discharge of grain at Sicilian Ports.

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COS

See 109/12 - re Sicilian grain. RC. seems

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Tel. 478204

26 July 1945

Ref. 91-1/ /FOOD

SUBJECT: Food for Sicily

TO : Lt. Col. Edward MORTON, Liaison Officer
Office of A. C. Liaison Officer

NR/EC

1. Reference is made to memorandum from the A. C. Liaison Officer NOB Navy 157, reference FD/5 dated 12 July 1945.

2. The substance of the letter from the High Commissioner for Sicily is noted and appreciated. Opportunities should be taken to indicate to the High Commissioner for Sicily the reasons for the very favorable stock situation is due to the arrival of a backlog of grain ships in a comparatively short period of time and that the tempo of imports will decrease considerably from August onward.

3. The effects of the dry weather on cereal production in Sicily is fully appreciated, but further imports of grain will be based on present stocks and an assessment of the present harvest yield. The Island will be expected to deliver to the Amassi a minimum of 92,000 tons of wheat and 22,000 tons of barley from the current harvest.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

E. Talbot

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✓ Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

28/7.

See M 114

(CARL ARNOLD)

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

OFFICE: REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
PHONE: 15555 EXT 1

FILE: RC/433

SUBJECT: grain for sicily

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
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CofS. (112)
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26 Jan 1945

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With reference to my RC/433 of 19 JAN 45 regarding the grain situation in Sicily, I have since received a copy of AFHQ G-5 section letter MCS/C-7 of 20 JAN 45 with particulars regarding the importation of grain into Sicily during the Maintenance Period 26 Jan - 4 Feb 1945.

This Headquarters has also received a visit by a representative of the Food Subcommittee your Headquarters who has confirmed that wheat and barley can be expected to cover this island approximately for the month of February.

M. Carr
M. CARR

Brigadier
Regional Commissioner

Copies TO: Vice President Economic Section
Food Subcommittee

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No reply required
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 INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

LDD/

SUBJECT: Grain Situation - Sicily

FILE No. 10.03/ES

TO : CHIEF OF STAFF

30 January 1945

JAN 31 1945

1. Reference attached 4-2/89, Food, 30 January, above subject.
2. Note para 2 a, which shows tonnage discharge December and January.
3. Reference para 2 b which indicates the planned diversions for balance of January and up to 14 February.
4. In the absence of instructions from your office to the contrary the diversions indicated above will be made.

L. D. Dinsmore

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L. D. DINSMORE

Colonel, F. A.

Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

cc: Food S/C

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

RGL/ml

Tel: 584

30 January 1945

Ref: 40-2/89/FOOD

SUBJECT: Grain situation Sicily

FROM : Food Sub-Commission

TO : Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Economic Section

1. Reference is your 10.03/43 dated 27 January 1945.
2. The following figures show tonnages of wheat and barley
(a) already discharged in Sicilian ports:

SHIP	DATE ARRIVAL	PORT	WHEAT TONS	BARLEY TONS
FORT BRAUSEJOUR	13 Dec	Palermo	3500	
SAMFRED	23 Dec	Catania/Palermo	8201	
SAMOLAND	8 Jan	Palermo/Messina	6773	
SANDARLING	13 Jan	Messina	1270	
JONIAN	15 Dec	Catania		6211
Total DISCHARGED			19744	6211

- (b) planned diversions showing advised arrival period:

JOHN QUICK	31 Jan/4 Feb	Palermo	8755	
CLYDE DUNNING	" "	Messina	4000	
SAM ROSS HEAD	" "	Messina/Palermo		7513
JOHN RANDALL *	10 Feb/14 Feb	Catania	4000	
WILLIAM BLOXHAM *	" "	Palermo	8000	
Total PLANNED			24755	7513

* Estimated tonnages only

3. Proposed programme of cereal imports for March thru June:
28,000 tons wheat or wheat equivalent monthly.

W.J. LING
Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

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FILE:RC/453

19 Jan 1945

SUBJECT: Grain situation in Sicily

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
ROME

With reference to your 4206/100/COS of 27 DEC 44, I am still without any definite information as to the present grain import policy for SICILY.

18000 tons of wheat has already been discharged and 6000 tons is now being discharged. This will carry the island beyond the date of 25 JAN given in my RC/453 of 20 DEC 44 but the reserves in hand are so small that I am anxious to have some information as to future shipments.

I have, however, advised the local authorities that issues of pasta should be renewed in the case of Palermo province (including the city of Palermo) which has had a pasta ration only up to the end of September 44. It seemed to me highly desirable that, if possible, pasta should be available during the winter months.

About three weeks ago I was given a personal message from the Director of Food Subcommission by a Mr. MacDonell of the Transportation Subcommission who arrived in this island. This message was to the effect that grain supplies for Sicily were assured, that Mr. MacDonell was unable to bring a copy of the official signal on the subject but that I should receive a signal in a very few days time, and that a representative of the Food Subcommission would be visiting Regional Headquarters very shortly. This was about three weeks ago and no information has yet come to hand.

I appreciate the difficulties of the situation but in view of the short period covered by existing stocks of grain I should be glad to know what is the present position as regards future policy.

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Regional Commissioner

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M. CARR
Brigadier
Regional Commissioner

Copies TO:

Vice President Economic Section
Food Subcommission

see Minute 108
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24 JAN 45

Spota Cox Decided to delay in
reply *via* *300 Gen* *later* *in* *10 days*
clearer *8/24/1* *By 1 week* *34/1*

Translation

The President of the Council of
Ministers

N. 21995/11217.0.2

Rome, 31 December 1944

JAN - 4 1945

Dear Admiral,

I have received your letter N. 21995/0/2
of December 15th about the wheat situation of Sicily,
and I want to thank you for the interest you took in
the matter and for the gratifying assurances you gave
me.

I remain,

Yours truly,

S. I. ROBERT

Admiral Henry W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
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A.C. Distribution

Chief Commissioner
CO's —

Economic Sec
Food

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4206
 ALLIED COMMISSION
 SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
 APO 394

FILE:RC/201

28 Dec 1944

30 DEC 1944

My dear Lucy,

I was very glad to receive your 4205/COS of 21 DEC - mails have been very slow recently as your letter only reached me yesterday, 27 December. I note all that you say about the 300-gram ration scale and that further directions must be awaited before any final plan can be put into execution.

I trust that by now your Headquarters has received my official letter RC/453 of 20 DEC on the grain situation in which it was stated that it is estimated that this island has sufficient grain to maintain itself until 25 January but not on a full 300-gram ration scale. I trust however that this more favourable date will not mean that there will be any undue delay in reaching a decision or making arrangements for the future.

I know you will appreciate that when there is no cushion and there is a complete lack of suitable rolling stock and a marginal allowance of coal and petrol, if ships arrive at the last moment well-ordered and economical discharge and distribution of grain becomes most difficult.

In view of the uncertainty as to the future the High Commissioner agreed that existing stocks should be released in General on the basis of a total 200-gram ration scale and I propose not to advise any change in this arrangement until the situation is really clear. I feel, however, that this ration deficiency in bread plus pasta might prove to be an underlying cause to any further unrest that might occur and I should therefore be very glad to have, as early as possible, an official decision as to what the final ration scale is to be for Sicily or a demi-official word from you that the situation is sufficiently clear for this island to revert to the full ration scale. Some grain is still being amassed but the amount is small and I do not know how long it will last.

I am using the present situation to get out of the alimentary ration authorities a really tight figure as to the amount of grain required to feed the island in relation to whatever ration scale may be decided on. I am also using it to induce the withdrawal of more ration cards from producers.

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As regards the recent disturbances in Sicily I trust that by now your Headquarters has received:-

- 14 RC/000.5 of 20 DEC - Final report on Catania disturbances.
- 14 RC/000.5 of 20 DEC - General report on disturbances.
- 14 RC/000.5 of 23 DEC - Report on Alcamo disorders.

I should particularly like you to see the Alcamo report because I consider that the basic reason for this disturbance was grain and bread shortage. Information has since come to hand that at 8 other places scattered over the Island the demonstrations were against grain shortage or amassing.

see Minutes 103 to 105.

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As regards reinforcements, an Alpini Unit approximately 550 strong to reinforce the carabinieri and 200 of the expected 300 carabinieri have already arrived. An additional public safety officer has also arrived and is doing duty at Provincial Headquarters Eastern Sicily where for some little time we have had no Public Safety representative.

The situation here is calm at the moment. As I have stated in my recent reports, I consider that serious disorders would occur if the bread situation in the Island became worse than it is at present and if, concurrently, the call-up was continuing and being enforced. If the bread position is assured then I feel that some disorder might occur only in connection with the call-up. I understand that the results to date have been very meagre only some one thousand men out of the eight thousand due to present themselves before Christmas having left the Island for their training centre. I understand that steps are now being taken to round up defaulters and the next few days should show what effect this is likely to have. I have not heard yet whether the original program under which the call-up of the remaining 12,000 was to take place in the first weeks of January is to be adhered to and whether the rounding up of defaulters is to run concurrently or whether some postponement is to take place.

Yours sincerely
M Carr

M. CARR
Brigadier
Regional Commissioner

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ACTION COPY ON FILE 4476/100
INFO COPY ON FILE 4476/100 (CIVILIAN DISTURBANCES)

Brigadier M.S. Lush C.B.E. M.C.
Chief of Staff
Headquarters Allied Commission
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