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MULES & HORSES
NOV. 1944 - MAR. 1946

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C.S.O. Attached letter for signature.
Reference Min 39. Does the action in this letter represent a change in policy concerning matters of this type? Previously, informal notes such as Adde-Memoirs have been referred to the appropriate sub commission for action.

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My H. This should have gone for action
to the SIC concerned. H.S. 8/2
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Ex Com Office

Understand that the present position re Polo Ponies is that Gen de Panta has reconsidered his request at folio 44, as this was based on wrong information received from Italian sources. After conversations with Colonel Fiske and Admiral Warren he agreed to write another letter to MMIA cancelling 44, & the letter is awaited. The matter has not been handled over yet.

For your information these Polo Ponies are kept at the expense of the officers playing them, who have had C&HQ permission to buy forage or repayment from No 1 Field Remount Depot, & after this closes, from 199 D/B Rome. The ponies are in constant use by other EM/OCs - Adde-Memoirs - AC, and are no expense whatever to the Italian Post.

Admiral Warren should be contacted if any more difficulties arise.

9/14/46

H.K. J. J. J.
Major
C. Sec

My Stearns.

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19 OCT 1930

Please note folio 19 in accordance with request in folio 16 for a letter to Army.

ASD 17/45

Thank you, CC will want to see the reply that is received.

R.W. Stearns
Maj. Gen.

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Ben Sec

For action & report plan

FOUO 27.000, 12

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ASD. Please see 531+32 on C/S action on osts for race horses in Milan. I hardly think 527 requires a reply in as much as Col Snapp contacted General Heydemann at Milan.

Steph 1363
24/1/46

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Ex. Comm.

In view of para 5 of 532 do you wish to write Gen. Heydemann again at this stage?

Ben Sec

For action & report plan

FOUO 27.02.86, 12

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230. Please see S 31+32 on E/S action on oats for rare horses in Milan. I hardly think S 27 requires a reply in as much as Col Snapp contacted General Heydemann at Milan.

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Ex. Comm.

In view of para 5 of S 32 do you mind to write Gen. Heydemann again at this stage?

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200 Fols 37 is the reply to your letter at S 36

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Aug 44.

Your remarks at 38 are obvious. Please state some action. H.S. 6/2

Econ Sec:

- 1) Your attention is invited to the MMIA problem shown in folio ⁶~~40~~.
- 2) Please obtain comments from your appropriate S/C regarding the request contained in para 1 and reply by minute hereon as to action being taken.

See reply to MMIA at 48.

20 Mar 45

JLB
Major

wait results from 65-

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Subject: Italian Army Property.

APR 4 1946

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC
(MMIA)

Q.240

31 March 1946.

TO : AC
for Executive Commissioner.

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1. Reference is made to your 4211/43/EC of 26 March 1946, subject "Polo Horses".
2. It is regretted that the Italian Ministry of War must now re-possess these animals for their own purposes.
3. The Ministry of War is being advised to take over the animals in situ, on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. If you desire to send an AC representative, will you please advise this Sub Commission.
4. May notices be placed in the AC Daily Bulletin that these horses are no longer available to Allied Officers for riding.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: Ministry of War (Veterinary Inspectorate letter 719/ip 1 of 12 March 1946 refers)

Col. P. Ridley. 478 428.
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[Signature]
(CAPT K)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIC

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 4211/43/EO

26 March 1946

SUBJECT: Polo horses.

TO : Land Forces S/C, AG.

1. Reference your letter dated 22 March 1946 on the above subject.
2. Capt. Barnes presently employed by the POL Division USMRA was contacted. It is his desire that Col. Lecchio telephone him in regard to this matter since the horses were procured with the understanding that they may remain with the A.C. indefinitely.

For the Chief Commissioner,

SRH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Subject: Italian Army Property.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC
(M.M.I.A.)

Q. 240

22 March 1946.

TO : AC
for Executive Commissioner

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Reference attached correspondence.

May it be stated what has become of the twelve horses
and when and where they may be returned to the War Ministry.

Robert H. Bar
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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TRANSLATION

(COPY)

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FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR

REF: 719/IPI

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE 12/3/46

SUBJECT : Polo Horses.

We are anxious to revive the National Equestrian Contests and maintain the high reputation of the Italian Army in this respect.

Among other activities is Polo, which has always been enthusiastically practiced by a number of army officers.

In view of the next seasons Polo competitions, and the future Olympic Games, it will be necessary to have a certain number of polo horses available for training.

Concerning the above, I ask your Mission to kindly examine the possibility of returning the inspectorate the twelve horses releases temporarily to the Allied Command on 12 Oct 1945, through a receipt (in our possession) signed by Cavalry Capt Geo.W.BARNES, Staff Officer, Est.Sec.A.C., copy attached.

Signed : Egisto Del Panta

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Si ricevono in temporanea consegna i dodici cavalli corrispondenti alle
 cole sottosegnate dal Ministero della Guerra - Ispettorato Generale del Servizio
 Ippico e Veterinario (Centro Rifornimento Quadrupedi del Lazio):

A054 - 1H30 - S223 - 42B6 - H868 - 403G - CH90 - S199 - 1H03 - 8H04 - 7H93.-

Roma, 11, 12/10/1945

Per copia conforme



IL TENENTE COLONNELLO ADDETTO
 (Reggimento di Cavalleria)

[Handwritten signature]

F.to GEO. W. BARNES III 441
 Capt. Cavalry
 Staff Officer
 Est. Sec. A.C.

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Ref: 4211/40/EC

8 February 1946

SUBJECT: Horses for Agriculture.

TO : Ministero degli Affari Esteri.

1. I refer to your AIDE-MEMOIRE of 25 January 1946.
2. The procedure for the distribution of Allied surplus horses is that this headquarters will notify the Minister of Agriculture as they become available so that he may appoint an agent to receive them for the Italian Government.
3. The transfer of surplus horses however is now practically completed, and current deliveries are limited to small groups of animals which have become surplus through the inactivation of small units and of animals which fall below military standards.
4. The allocation and distribution of horses is the responsibility of the Italian Government and it is recommended that this matter be brought to the attention of the Minister of Agriculture.

For the Chief Commissioner,

M. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FOOD & AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

CONFIDENTIAL

AGR/850

20 January 1946

SUBJECT: Horses for Agriculture.

FEB 5 1946

TO : Executive Commissioner AC.
~~Attn: Major Smith.~~

1. Reference attached letter from the Ministero degli Affari Esteri, the procedure in distributing surplus horses is to notify the Minister of Agriculture of the number of animals available and to request that an agent be appointed to receive them for the Italian Government.

2. The allocation and distribution of the animals is now the prerogative of the Italian Government, although occasionally recommendations are made to the Ministry of Agriculture based on acute shortages reported to this office by AC. officers in the field.

3. The transfer of surplus horses is now practically completed, current deliveries being limited to small groups of animals which have become surplus through the inactivation of small units and animals falling below military standards.

W. J. Legg
W. J. LEGG
Director

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(MAJ H.)

See M. 38-39 & F. 40

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MEMORANDUM

TO : Food Agriculture Sub-Commission.

26. January 46.

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The attached aide-memoire dated 25 January 46 from the Ministero degli Affari Esteri has been passed to this office by our Liaison Officer with the Ministry.

Will you please let us have your opinion on this matter so that the required information may be given.

J.H.S.

Chief Staff Officer
to the Executive Commissioner.

See 37 1353

(M.D.H.)

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

Ufficio di Collegamento con la C.A.

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Rome, 25 January 1946

AIDE-MEMOIRE

The Allied Commission - Food Agriculture Sub-Commission - with a letter "AGR 834 Cavalli" dated December, 4th, 1945, signed "J.M. Merritt, Director", addressed to the Ministry of Agriculture, has assigned 40 horses, selling them at a very favorable price, to the farmers of the Marche region, who has suffered heavy losses because of the war.

The distribution of the horses, entrusted to the "Ospedale Veterinario" of Jesi, took place during the month of December and satisfied only a very small number of the peasants who had requested a horse and who themselves in a difficult situation (about 1000), as the need for horses to be used for agricultural purposes is very great in that part of Italy.

Would it be possible for the Allied Commission to assign to the farmers of the Marche region another lot of as many horses as possible at the same conditions?

It is felt that the agricultural situation there would be improved very much by such a measure.

The Ministry of Agriculture would be ready to make an official request, if the Allied Commission agrees on principle and is in a position to provide the horses.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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ECONOMIC SECTION

AGR/881

24 January 1946

SUBJECT: Race Horses at Milan

JAN 25 1946

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Reference your letter 4211/EC above subject, dated 11 December, 1945, an officer of the Food & Agriculture Sub-Commission, AC., visited Milan on 8 January, and conferred with General Heydeman about the difficulty which the members of the Milan Jockey Club are having in securing feed for their horses. No material change in the situation has occurred since 15 November, 1945, the date on which General Heydeman wrote to the British Embassy.
2. Oats are available in the province of Vercelli (a few miles west of Milan) but the price asked is considered by most race horse owners to be too high. However, the prevailing price (approximately 6,000 lire per quintal) is being paid by carters who do public hauling in and around Milan. These cart horses are in good thrifty condition, and have the appearance of being reasonably well fed.
3. General Heydeman stated that American and British interests had been attempting to buy a few of the best Italian horses for export, and that he had advised the owners to accept the offers on the condition that half of the purchase price be in cash and the balance in oats delivered at Genova, but that the owners were reluctant to part with these valuable animals. However, it is feared that the plan would involve a number of complications which would require too much time to iron out to afford relief before the next oat harvest, which will be in July.
4. The Food & Agriculture officer also visited two large race horse breeders near Bologna on 12 January, and found their horses to be in reasonably good condition. Both breeders had been buying small quantities of oats at current prices.
5. General Heydeman again expressed his belief that if the matter were presented to the Italian Government, emphasizing the large revenue derived by the Government from the totalisator, some action might be taken by the Government to make oats available to these race horses at a reasonable price. In accordance with the General's wishes,

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arrangements have been made for an interview with Prof. De Simone, Livestock Specialist of the Ministry of Agriculture & Forests, as soon as he returns to Rome, during which the matter will be presented. However, in view of the Government's failure to provide oats for the stallions in the Government owned Stallion Depots, effective action by the Italian Government is not anticipated.

Harlan Cleveland
HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIC

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 4211/80

11 December 1945

SUBJECT: Horses

TO : Economic Section

The attached copy of letter received from Maj. General
CA Heydeman, OB, MC, HQ No.2 District, reference CC/1 dated 15
November is passed to you for action and report please.

SIMEON R. HOLMES

Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 4211/28/EC

8. December 1945.

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Hepkinson has passed your letter 00/1 of 15 November to me. I have asked our Economic Section to take the matter up with the Italian Government here.

(Sga). M. S. LUSH

Major-General C.A. Hoydeman, CB, MC,
General Officer Commanding,
Headquarters,
No.2 District.

MSL/JG.

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FROM: Maj Gen CA HEYDEMAN, CB, MC.

HQ No. 2 District, CMF.

15th November, 1945.

CC/L.

Dear Hopkinson,

I write to ask if you can be of any assistance in the following matter. I am sure that any help that you can give will be most gratefully received.

There are at present in and around MILAN about 2500 thoroughbred horses. Some are in training, others are in stud farms and are of various ages. If I am to believe the members of the MILAN Jockey Club, there is at present available less than one month's oats for these animals. Accordingly, it appears that speculators have brought up all available oats in GROSSETO and LOMBARDO Provinces and are withholding them from public sale. Those who are prepared to sell ask between 5000 and 6000 lira per quintal as against the pre-war price of 35 to 40 lira per quintal. The Jockey Club say that the owners are prepared to pay up to 3000 lira per quintal, but cannot exceed this sum.

It appears that it would be very bad policy on the part of the Italian Government not to assist the owners of these thoroughbred horses to get oats. I know that many British owners are prepared to pay large sums of money for some of the stallions and racehorses in this country and I should estimate the value of the blood stock round MILAN to be worth several million pounds sterling. If these horses are allowed to be slaughtered or sold for hacking or light draft purposes, the Italian Government will lose a valuable source of income. In addition, there will be a large number of men out of employment and I presume the money that they will lose from the tax on the totalisator and bookmakers will be considerable.

From what I have been told, some owners are even prepared to exchange some of their horses with England or other countries for oats. It is difficult to estimate the exact quantity of oats required for the next 6 months, but the estimate I have been given is somewhere between 2000 and 4000 tons. From all aspects it would appear to me to be most injudicious to allow racing and the rearing of thoroughbreds in Italy to have to stop. The Jockey Club think oats are available in N. AFRICA.

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Yours sincerely
him. 29.

See Folio 27-30.

(Carl Hydenman)

H. HOPKINSON, Esq.,
Resident Minister,
British Embassy,
ROME.

Ext 451

ABA/sl 26

Ref: 4211/26/EO

10 September 1945

SUBJECT: Disposition of Horses and Mules
TO : Economic Section

Will you please inform this office if you have received a reply to your letter AGR/SS1 of 10 July, subject as above, addressed to AFHQ, G-5 Section?

A. B. ARNDLY.

✓ Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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AGR/661

28 August 1945

SUBJECT: Disposition of Horses and Mules

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section

1. Reference is made to letter AGR/661 of 10 July 1945, subject as above, addressed to AFHQ, G-5 Section. May we please have a reply.

For the Chief Commissioner:

(Signed)
E. B. MCKINLEY
Brigadier General, U.S. Army
Acting Vice President, Supply Division
Chief

cc: Executive Commissioner
Economic Section
Agriculture Sub-Commission

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(CAR ARNOLDY) *CA*

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From: AMG LIGURIA REGION SIGNED CRAWFORD
To: HQ ALCON CITE AGRO INFO AMG LOMBARDIA FINESTRE VLERIE REGIONS FOR AGRICULTURE OFFICER

(23) HEADQUARTERS
3 AUG 1945
A. C.

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Your 2878 captured horse.

Para 1. Recommendations are those put forward by Regional Agricultural Conference MILAN July 2. Agree action before AMG withdrawn.

Para 2. Average price being agreed at 20000 lire suggest Italian Government agree resale price not to exceed average 20000 plus expenses.

Para 3. Suggest possible black market meat sales to be avoided by definite instructions regarding slaughter certificates to all veterinaries through Ministry of Interior and orders to all police bodies and prefects. End signed CRAWFORD.

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FOR ACTION AFHQ G. FIVE SECTION RPTD AMO PIEMONTE REGION AMO LOMBARDIA REGION
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AGRICULTURE OFFICERS

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31 July 1945

ROUTINE

AUG 2 1945

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SUBJECT IS CAPTURED HORSES PD

PARA ONE PD PROPOSE SALE OF ENEMY CAPTURED HORSES TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR RESALE
TO ITALIAN FARMERS PD RECOMMEND THAT DECISION SHOULD BE REACHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
TO ENABLE TRANSACTION TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE AMG IS WITHDRAWN FROM NORTHERN ITALY PD
PAKEN TO FOR ACTION AFHQ G. FIVE SECTION RPTD AMO PIEMONTE REGION AMO LOMBARDIA REGION
LIGURIA REGION AMO VENEZIA REGION AMO EMILIA REGION SCAD VENEZIA GIULIA REGION FOR
AGRICULTURE OFFICERS FROM HQ AIGOM CITE AGRI. PAKEN

PARA TWO PD AS REGARDS PRICE ALLIED COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THE AVERAGE PRICE TO BE
PAID BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT EXCEED TWENTY THOUSAND LIRE PD THIS PRICE
BASED ON REPORT QUALITY OF ANIMALS IS CONSIDERED FAIR FOR ANIMALS TO BE USED FOR
DRAFT WORK PD A HIGHER PRICE WOULD ENCOURAGE SALE BY FARMERS TO BLACK MARKET FOR MEAT PD

Copy to:

Executive Commissioner
War Materials Disposal S/C
Finance S/C
Agriculture S/C

Economic Section

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Col. C.W. WALTON
Chief Supply Division

(Capt. Arnold)

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Nov. 14. - ASHP reported gain
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Spoke Econ. Section who
Says AFHQ has not yet replied
A follow up has been sent to AFHQ
have sent interim reply 7/8 1341
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Ref: 4211/22/EO

20 July 1945

SUBJECT: Disposition of Horses and Mules

TO : Economic Section

1. Reference is made to your letter AGR/881, of 10 July 45, regarding the above subject, addressed to AFHQ, G-5 Section.

2. The Chief Commissioner is very much interested in this subject, and it would be appreciated if a copy of AFHQ's reply be sent to this office when received.

AALEARNOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Tel. 469081,
Ext. 262HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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AGR/881

10 July 1945

SUBJECT: Disposition of Horses and Mules

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TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section

1. Reference is made to the attached copy of a letter written to the Chief Commissioner by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It is recommended that fullest consideration be given to the requirements of the Italian Government, in the disposal of surplus draft animals, in view of the urgent need for increasing the food production of the country.

2. Military operations in Italy have seriously depleted the population of draft animals, with large numbers of horses requisitioned by the Germans in Northern Italy, and large numbers of mules procured from the farms in Southern Italy by the Allied Forces. The situation in Northern Italy is being corrected to some degree by the return to the farms of a considerable portion of the draft animals taken away - by distributing captured animals. However, the population of mules in Central and Southern Italy is reduced by approximately 10,000 animals, and Sicily has lost an additional 10,000, and as yet no action has been taken to replace these animals, nor has the draft power situation been corrected by making available tractors. As a result, the tillage of the land is inefficient, and production of essential foodstuffs is proportionately affected.

3. The Greek Ambassador has transmitted to the Allied Commission copy of letter 2416 of 9 June 1945, addressed to Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, requesting that Greece be given preferential consideration over Italy in the disposal of surplus livestock. Since the need in Italy is critical, and since the deficiency in food production continues to necessitate large imports, it is recommended that all possible steps be taken to see that the Italian Government bids on these animals are given preferential consideration over all other countries.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

(sgd) E. B. McKinley

E. B. McKINLEY
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Vice PresidentEnclosure:
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Executive Commissioner
Economic Section
Agriculture Sub-Commission

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

Rome, July 3, 1945

Dear Admiral,

Information has reached me that several thousand mules and horses - partly former German booty of war, partly handed over to the Allied authorities by the Italian Government and partly of American source - are at present available in the hands of the Allied authorities.

I hasten to submit to your consideration the extreme necessity that said mules and horses be possibly placed at the disposal of the Italian Government, and beg to emphasize the benefit which would ensue for our economic reconstruction, which is today seriously hampered, as you know, by the shortage of cattle in general, and of beasts of draught in particular.

I thank you sincerely for the kind action you will deem fit to take in the matter.

Yours,

(sgd) ?

Rear Admiral Hilary W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Rome

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Ext 451

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Ref: 4211/17/EC

5 July 1945

SUBJECT: Horses and Mules

TO : Economic Section

1. Enclosed is a copy of a letter written to the Chief Commissioner by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. The Chief Commissioner desires that this letter be brought to the attention (by letter) of AFHQ, recommending that all possible steps be taken to see that the Italian Government bids on these animals be given preferential consideration over all other countries, particularly the Greeks.

3. It would be appreciated if you will send a copy of your letter to AFHQ to this office.

1 Incl:
as above

(Sgd) ARNOLDY, Capt.
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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Ex. Com. (Col Talbot)

The CC. desires that this ltr
be brought to the attention of
(by ltr) to AFHQ recommending
that all possible steps
be taken to see that
the citation Gov't bids on
these animals be given
preferential consideration
over all other countries
particularly the Greeks.

[Signature]

3 July.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Rome, July, 3rd. 1945

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Rear Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner

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ECONOMIC SECTION

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18 June 1945

JUN 20 1945

SUBJECT: Selling price of derequisitioned horses
TO : The Ministry of Agriculture

The price of horses and mules is at present being considered by the Agriculture Sub-Commission and the military authorities. The suggestions contained in your letter of 5 June will be taken into account and you will be informed after a decision is reached.

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

Copy to:
Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 4816/17/EC

15 June 1945

SUBJECT: Mules

TO : Economic Section

1. Enclosed is a copy of a letter written by the Greek Ambassador to Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander (ref. No. 2416, dated 9 June 45) regarding the availability of approximately 10,000 mules in Greece formerly belonging to the Allied Armies in Italy.

2. The Chief Commissioner, who received a copy of this letter, has noted that "if Italian mules, they should stay here." Undoubtedly G-5, AFHQ, will refer this matter to the Allied Commission and this is therefore passed for your attention with the request that this office be informed of any developments in the event this matter is referred to your Section by G-5.

A. B. ARNOLDY.

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✓ Chief Staff Officer.
To Executive Commissioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Rome, 6th June 1945.

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I have the honour to inform you that my Government have brought to my knowledge that they have of late been informed by the UNRRA services in Greece that 10,000 mules, formerly belonging to the Allied Armies in Italy, are now available in this theater, and that the present cost of a mule in good condition lies between 400 and 600 dollars.

Following instructions from my Government, I hasten to address to you this letter and warmly beg you to take the necessary action in order that the total number of the above animals be granted to Greece who has absolute need of them, in view of the fact that, as it is known, ~~as a~~ result of the war, the livestock capital of the Country has been ~~completely~~ destroyed.

According to information of the Greek Government, the Italians are themselves interested in having the said animals granted to them. I do not know if this information is accurate but I have no doubt either that, owing to Greece's quality as an ally and to her imperative needs, she will be given preference.

I would be very grateful if you would kindly give a prompt solution to this matter, bearing in mind the so urgent needs of Greek livestock which has been almost totally destroyed.

Thanking you in anticipation,

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G. MARTINIS
ambassador.

Fiel Marshal The Honorable
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cc → See 114 Rome, 9th June 1945.

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Translation

Ministry of Agriculture

V Division
n. 10234

Rome, 5 June 1945

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To Admiral Stone
Allied Commission
R o m eSubject: cession prices of derequisitioned horses.

As you know, a plan for the cession at a favour price to the farmers whose livestock had been damaged by war of the horses derequisitioned by the Allied Military Command, had been drafted in agreement with this Commission.

Up to now, the said horses have been ceded by the Command at the average price of Lire 17.500 and 22.500 respectively for mules and horses discarded by the American army, and Lire 20.000 for the horses discarded by the British Army; the amount is paid by the institutions entrusted with the operation by this Ministry to a special account, for a future settling of the financial relations between the Allied Commission and the Allied Government.

The above mentioned average prices, plus the expenses for taking care of, feeding, etc. the quadrupeds during the period going from the date when they are taken in charge to the date when they are allotted, have proved satisfactory, so that up to now, the breeders have been satisfied with the allotments.

However, we have been informed that the said prices would rise to Lire 50.000 per head, for the horses which are being allotted in Sicily, and for other groups to be destined to Puglia and other Regions, this because of the fact that they are no longer discarded quadrupeds, but in very good form.

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On this subject, we point out that, as the decrease in the prices of the free market has already been felt for cattle, because of the general situation as well as because of the scarcity of fodder, the said average price of Lire 50.000 plus expenses would no longer be convenient for the farmers, even if the quadrupeds were better than the ones which have formerly been distributed.

On the contrary, for the allotments to come, this price should not exceed Lire 35.000, if the animals are truly very good from the point of view

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of size, lack of defects, age, and appears to be well-fed; this is more or less the double of the price asked for discarded horses.

Considering this, I want to draw your attention on this question which I hope may be solved in the sense we wish, to enable this Ministry to meet the most urgent requirements of the farmers of the areas which have been most damaged by war.

Considering that in Puglia more horses are shortly to be delivered by the Allied Authorities, I should like to know without delay what you have decided..

Thanking you, I remain,

Sincerely yours.

THE MINISTER

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

AGR/393.0

27 March 1945

SUBJECT: Requisitioning Animals in Sicily
TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission

1. Reference is made to your letter Q/18 of 17 March 1945, subject as above, requesting that instructions be issued to afford the utmost assistance to No. 3 Remount Purchasing Commission in their activities in Sicily.

2. Recognizing the importance of the procurement of remounts, the Agriculture Sub-Commission has recently prepared and submitted to AFHQ data as to the population of mules requesting that information be supplied as to the purchase program in prospect, so that steps can be taken to enlist the active assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture and its provincial Ispettorati Agrari. Upon receipt of reply to that letter, further action can be taken, but no Allied Commission personnel is available in Sicily to enter into the matter directly.

3. In the meantime, however, it is presumed that the No. 3 Remount Purchasing Commission can continue to requisition remounts.

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A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

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Subject: Requisitioning Animals in Sicily.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/18

17 Mar 1945

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To: HQ Allied Commission
(for Executive Commissioner)

1. It is requested that instructions be issued to afford the utmost assistance to No. 3 Remount Purchasing Commission in their activities in Sicily.
2. The provision of remounts for the Italian Mule Coys now formed is of great importance and some difficulty is anticipated in maintaining the necessary rate of intake.
3. Reports indicate that this is being accentuated by the purchase of horses in Sicily by civilians for export to the mainland.

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R. A. CURTIS, Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: A.F.H.Q. (your AFHQ/3310/Q(Maint) of 12 Mar refers)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel: 451

19 February 1945

Ref: 801/107/EC

SUBJECT: Visit of Colonel Plunkett, AFHQ.

TO : VP, Economic Section.

1. Colonel Plunkett from AFHQ will be visiting this Hq tomorrow and wishes to be able to see Brig. Gen. McKinley and Colonel Densmore sometime in the afternoon suitable to them.
2. He will also be interested in seeing any other officers of the Economic Section or dependent Sub-Commissions on the subject of mule and horse stocks and planning therefor in Northern Italy.

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4 Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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23 November 1944

SUBJECT: Remounts - Requisitioning of Mules in Sicily
26 NOV Recd

TO : AFHQ, G-5

1. Reference your two letters G-5: 454.2 dated 7 and 19 November 1944 and enclosures.
2. The AC Agricultural officer in Sicily has been instructed to cooperate with and to give all possible assistance to the Military Remount Purchasing Commission in making arrangements for requisition centers and in determining the number of animals available.
3. Your papers are returned herewith.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

CC: COS - Your 4818/5
COS of 21 Nov. refers

Enc. Q (Maint.) letters 5 and 18
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Economic Section.

Tel : 451

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1. Reference your Agr/393.0 of 15 November concerning the above.
2. The file and relevant papers were passed to you so that you could take over the whole matter. I would be grateful therefore if, as well as having taken the necessary action, you would reply suitably to AFHQ (G-5 Section) letter, Ref. G-5: 454.2 dated 7th Nov.

H.M.

f Chief Staff Officer,

To the Chief of Staff.

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Tel. 262
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15 November 1944

19 NOV Recd

SUBJECT: Remounts - Requisitioning of Mules in Sicily

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Reference 998/ /COS dated 13 November, G-5: 454.2 dated 7 November, and AFHQ/3510/4 (Meint) dated 5 November with Appendix A.

2. While there is a great need for animal power to maintain maximum agricultural production, we are sure that the Agricultural Officer in Sicily will work with the Military Remount Purchasing Commission to secure necessary animals to meet Army needs which are most important to the winning of the war.

3. We are writing Capt. Pike, Agricultural Officer, to work with any Remount Purchasing Commission sent to the Island. Undoubtedly, they will be able to determine the number of mules and requisitioning centers which Sicily should furnish.

[Signature]
A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

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Remounts - Requisitioning of mules
in Sicily.

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Economic Section

1. The attached memo from AFHQ (G-5 Section) of 7 November, No. 454.2 enclosing AFHQ/3310/1 (Paint) dated 5th November on the above subject, is forwarded to you for necessary action.
2. This matter was originally handled by R.C. & M.G. Section and Enclosures 1, and 12 to 20 of File 391/CA (ES/27B) now in your possession refer. Enclosure 20 is flagged at "A".

For
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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