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: Executive Commissioner

- 1. Reference your letter 4214/EC dated 28 February 1946, above subject, the undersigned agrees with the statement contained in the monthly report of the AMI, Venezia Giulia in regard to the ammasing of agricultural products barvested in 1946.
- 2. The ammassing program of the Italy during 1945 was in general unsuccessful and resulted in the receipt of only a small percentage of the amounts which should have been delivered.
- 3. Since no penalities were meeted out to those who ignored the laws in 1945, an even larger number of violators is certain in 1948.
- 4. Any attempt to enforce unpopular laws and degrees in the disputed Zona of Venezia Giulia will almost certainly give rise to local political disturbances.
- 5. The plan of Ammassing which the Italian Government has proposed for 1946 is unworkable and economically unsound and it will be to the advantage the Allied Forces to have as little to do with it as possible.

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Lt. Colonel Director Food and Agriculture Branch

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6 March 46

SUBJECT: Forestry, Venezia Giulia.

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: Economic Section . TO

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- Reference is made to memorandum 4214/EC of Feb 28 from the Executive Commissioner concerning an extract from the Venezia Giulia A.M.G. monthly report.
- Large areas in Venezia Giulia especially the hills adjacent to Trieste, are better suited to timber production than to farming and hence forestry projects have been emphasized in the agriculture rehabilitation program. Prior to the war many of the areas scheduled for reforestation were covered with trees but with the lack of fuel in Trieste in 1944-45 the forests were cut indiscriminately and are now badly in need of new plantings. These forests not only served in the past as a source of timber for Trieste but did much to prevent floods and to ameliorate the bors.
- The program as outlined is probably more than can be accomplished this spring que mainly to the shortage of trees for reforestation. As an alternative it has been recommended that new forest nurseries be developed in Trieste, Gorizia and Caporetto. These nurseries must be completed before a large scale reforestation program can be successfully carried out in Venezia Giulia. Concurrently, plans must be laid for collecting for seed for fall planting. It has also been recommended that more attention to be given to a program for constructing dams and terraces on the denuded areas to prevent soil erosion.
- An infestation of tent caterpillars which was most serious in Udine last summer has spread to Venezia Giulia and is causing serious damage to pine and larch plantations. Although spraying with DDT in an oil suspension as a control measure is more or less an experimental project plans to use 5 tons of DDT and 100 tons of diesel oil. All arrangements for obtaining these supplies have been made by A.M.C. All Corps; 7 0

For the Director

And ROSCOE SNAPP Lt. Col Agriculture Officer.

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28 February 1946

SUBJECT: Amassing.

TO : Boonomic Section.

1. Below is an extract from the monthly report for January from A.W.G. Venezia Giulia.

"No more forced laws for VENEZIA GIVLIA are being considered, since voluntary amassing at economic prices has proved more natiofactory."

2. The Executive Commissioner desires a report on this statement, with comments.

Chief Staff Officer to Executive Commissioner

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February 1946.

SIBJECT: Forestry.

TO

Economic Section (for Agriculture & Food S/0).

1. The Executive Commissioner would like to have your views on the extract below from the monthly report for January from AMG Venezia Giulia.

"Forestry -

The formation of the new Forestry Corps under the tutelage of the VENEZIA GIULTA malice Force has been published in the Gazette and is now merating under legal status instead of acting de facto as a mere subsidiary body under less formal authority. This has greatly raised the morale of the Corps and extensive plans are getting under way not only for better protection of the standing woods, but for several referestation projects.

A project for the Commune of TRIESTS has been set up, employing 5,000 people and covering three months of work. The 250,000 small trees in the Bazovitza nurseries will be used first, and the larger nursery stook will be utilized in parks and Communal recreation centres in the city itself. Two million trees have been requested for immediate delivery through the Forestry service in RUME, and an extensive planting stock in the future.

The experiments with DDT against the Tent Caterpillar or Processionaria worm have proved successful and five tons of the insecticide, and sufficient gasoil to make efficient apray have been requested from the proper producement agencies.

Much enthusiasm is being shown by the forestry experts and agriculturalists at the possibility of eliminating this devastating post, and at costs a more fraction of the inefficient controls previously employed. As soon as the necessary supplies arrive, organized teams of workers will cover the forests to work on this extermination project."

Ent 844/EC.

For the Chief Commissioner,

B SAMPSOM Brigadier Executive Commissioner

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- 1. One month ago, when I was in Rome, Major GARGTUIO, Chief Fisheries Officer, Agriculture Sub/Commission, A.C. H.Q., agreed to send us two carloads of fisheries supplies, forthwith. Owing to their non-arrival, Captain Weil was instructed to look into the matter during his recent visit to Rome.
- 2. Captain Weil Reports the Major Cargiulo refused to despatch these supplies lest they get into the hands of the Yugoslavs, as it is said in the papers that Tito is about to take over the Territory. This despite a clear understanding between Cargiulo and myself that the supplies were to be shipped to me and billed to A.M.C. Venezia Giulia.
- 3. This is typical of the general attitude of other areas toward venezia Giulia in the matter of supplies. Agriculture S/C has given us generous releases, but every obstacle is put in the way of our taking delivery; 22,1500 qls of corn from Conselve and 2500 qls of molasses from Rovigo, released nearly 3 months ago.

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