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DISTRIBUTION OF CLOTHING
DEC. 1944 - FEB. 1946

Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your ~~signature~~
information

Intending

P78

11/2/84

DEC 17 REC'D

Noted by CC [Signature]

82

A/ESO J.S. 2411

7988 for info: Ex C's action at 81

AB 28/1

85

PA to Ex Comm

1500

*Ref phone conversation J/El. Carls. - Braybrooke.
The signal referred to is at 84.*

AB 6/2

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eso - J.S. 116

86

There pen pushing in minute 86 Capt Braybrooke

DEC 17 1960

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Noted by CC [signature]

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Also J.S. Hall

7988 for info: Ex C's action at 81

AB 28/1

83

PA to Ex Comm

1503

Ref phone conversation 4/46. C. L. C. - Braybrooke.

The signal referred to is at 84.

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6/2

CSC - J.S. Hall

86

More few pushing in minute 86. Capt Braybrooke
duty is to initiate action but just pass on paper

From p 83 it is clear that C. L. C. DeSweeney called
& made the request passed on in p 81. ~~Keep~~ ^{will} ~~Braybrooke~~
Capt Braybrooke drafts a letter to the C. L. in form
him of p 84. - action in 6/2/46. ^{see 87}

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62.
Capt. 3 - P. 63 - Lanks - follow up with
Econ. Sec.

10/11

65
Note spoke Econ who are following up
vigorously. 208, 10/11

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Ex. 1000
CSC See Maj. Scott's memo at 66
in partial explanation of the hold
up on subject matter of 63. 207, 10/11

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Copies to R C S Ligne
Lombardy

10/21/51

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Ex. 1000
CSC Your attention is invited to 70-78 concerning
release of blocked goods and station measures
for contact. 5/11/45
13/12/45

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Note Spoke here who are following up vigorously.

208 13/10

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Ex. 100.

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See Mr. Scott's memo at 66 in partial explanation of the hold up on subject matter 57-63.

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Copies to R C S Linc
Lombardy

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Ex. 100. Your attention is invited to 70-78 concerning release of blocked goods and station measures for control.

208 13/12/65

208 14/12

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Executive Commission

1. Action on this matter lies solely with the Industrial Council in Milan.
2. The Chairman of this Council is Minister Franchi.
3. The question was discussed with Minister Franchi at a meeting which the writer had with him on the 12th Sept. He promised action.
4. It was further discussed with Col. Flandrini when he visited here on Sept. 17th. His advice was asked as to how the release could be speeded up. He said only by pushing Franchi. He took the memo at 10.30 by back to Milan with him so that his successor would know of it.
5. You will see that the period between the dates does not indicate inaction.

WV (25/9)

24/9.

W. H. H. H. H.
Bip.

Economic Section:

51
See 48
Your attention is directed to page 3 of the No. 2 District Weekly Intelligence Summary dated 21 August 45, in particular to paragraphs 2 and 3 regarding the release of blocked consumer goods.

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Your attention is also called to minute 10, from the Chief Commissioner, which says: "Please request Economic Section to get this stuff released."

It is therefore requested that you take the necessary action and inform the Executive Commissioner's Office of the steps taken by you in implementing minute number 10. (50)

10 Sept 45
Office of Exec Commr

J. H. Munn
enc.

13-53

Re: File 607/EC, HQ 2 Dist. Weekly Intelligence Summary 21 Aug 45

Production

TO: ~~Executive~~ Division E/S (See 48)

1. See para 2 on page 3, "Release of Blocked Goods".
2. Please provide necessary action and indicate by minute hereon action taken.

E. B. McKinley

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

11 Sept 45

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Office of the Executive Commissioner:

Reference Minutes 52 and 53, see folio 54 opposite for action taken.

W. L. Anderson

W. L. ANDERSON
Brigadier
Deputy Vice-President

20 Sept 45

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TO: ~~Exec~~ minute 55. Folio 54 is action on
min. 52 and 53. Nine days elapsed ~~since~~

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14 See cc's to with 14

John M. ...

Sept 45
Office of Exec Comm

13 (52)

Re: File 607/EC, HQ 2 Dist. Weekly Intelligence Summary 21 Aug 45

Production

TO: ~~Supply~~ Division E/S

(See 48)

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Acting Vice President

11 Sept 45

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Office of the Executive Commissioner:

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all handwritten

D. L. ANDERSON
Brigadier
Deputy Vice-President

20 Sept 45

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TO: ~~C.S.O.~~ By minute 55. Folio 54 is action on
min. 52 and 53. Five days elapsed ~~before~~

Emil 2019

Li 219.

*At see cc' with
also.*

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V.P. Econ Sec.

*Can we speed up action in such matter
It has taken 10 days to pass an instruction
to a sub commission*

Not fails

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For info please find it
Car 12/9

John to be interviewed & see
the report. It can go over V.P.'s
signature. 12/18.

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Extract of Minutes from File 607/EC.

Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your information.

Page 2 Para 4 only.

50
MSL 23/8.

Executive Commissioner.

Please request Eoon Sect to get this stuff released.

ETS.

51
Capt Amuly
Cci have it to 10 per to 4 am
in water & with you all please
(File 607/EC). 12/19

TO: C S O

Points raised in folios 8-10.

1. desire revision of priority principle to Salvage Clothing disposal.
2. at present, all goes to Land Forces S/C, - then what they don't want goes to Commerce S/C for distribution amongst Italian agencies.
3. following classes of Italian agencies in need:
 - a) Police Forces other than Carabinieri
 - b) Genuine fighting Patriots.
 - c) Employees of Mil. Rvy. Serv., Public Health & P.W. & U. workers, miners, etc.
 - d) homeless in devastated areas
 - e) hospitals for destitute
 - f) displaced persons and refugees.
4. The new basis recommended is in para 4, folio 7.
5. This proposal has been written to C-5 AFHQ for their views prior to preparing a more detailed plan.

14 Dec 44.

Thanks 4-15 1942

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May. Riv. Ex cellent report. Can you get another copy to the Provision Board file?

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Thank you 12/12

[Signature]
Major

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May. Riv. 12/12

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HEAD JARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 4.09 EC

6 February 1946

SUBJECT: ENDSI Relief Trucks.

TO : Foreign Representative of American Relief for Italy.

Reference telephone conversation Col. J. McSweeney - Capt. Braybrooke.

Herewith a copy of the signal BA/58 received from AMG Udine on the above subject.

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CAPT. BRAYBROOKE

Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

see M.86

Original passed to Col McSweeney

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Exp. Command

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: **NA/58**

Date/Time of Origin: **170000Z**

Message Centre No: **048705**

Date Time Rec'd: **051000Z**

Precedence: **ROUTINE**

FROM: **HQ AMC UDINE PROVINCE**

TO : **HQ ALCON DITO REAR 13 CORPS**

UNCLASSIFIED

REF ID: A637 OF 28 JANUARY.

NO ORIENTATION FROM Q NOV 13 CORPS PROVIDING LESS THAN 50 VEH. IF OVER THIS
NUMBER AUTHORITY IS NECESSARY FROM YOUR LOCAL MOV AUTHORITY.

AC INST

ACTION: **EX COMAR (2)**

INFO: **CHIEF COMAR**

FILE (2)

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See M-85486

HEADQUARTERS

5 FEB 1946

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Message Centre No: 6705
Date Time Rec'd: 051000A
Precedence: ROUTINE

Date/Time of Origin: 17001540A
FROM: HQ AIG UDINE PROVINCE
TO : HQ AIGOM INFO REAR 13 CORPS

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See M. 85486

AFRICAN QUARTERS
15 FEB 1946

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Feb

JAN 28 1946

Colonel John McSweeney

Deputy to Mr Myron Taylor, Personal Representative of the
President of the United States to His Holiness

and

Foreign Representative of American Relief for Italy.

ADDRESS 6 Via Luculla, ROME.

Telephone 478314.

*Called to see L. Com. re permission
to send relief trucks to V.G.*

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File Super
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HQ AJCOM

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AMG UDINE PROVINCE

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YOUR UNCLE DOG ITFM SLASH PETER CHARLIE SLASH ONE THREE OF
ONE EIGHT JANUARY TO COLONEL MICKSWERNY PD EASY NAN DOG SUGAR
ITEM PREPARED TO SEND TRUCKS WITH RELIEF SUPPLIES THIS WEEK PD
CONFIRM NO OBJECTION FROM THIRTEEN CORPS AND THAT MOVEMENT WILL
BE PERMITTED

See M. 82

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PRIORITY

Ex. Commissioner

See 84

J. P. CARLISLE

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PA to Ex. Com.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE

79

Subject: E.N.D.S.I. Welfare.

UDI/PC/13

To : Col. J. MC SWEENEY
Deputy to Mr. Myron Taylor and
Foreign Representative American
Relief for Italy, ROME.

18 Jan 46.

JAN 28 1946

From : Provincial Commissioner,
Udine Province.

1. It is requested that any E.N.D.S.I. clothing and comforts available be distributed in this Province, particularly in devastated areas.
2. It will be greatly appreciated if E.N.D.S.I. would send a representative to make further investigations as to the requirements.

(Sgd) F. J. RUSSI, MC
Major
Deputy Provincial Commissioner.

Copy to: Welfare Officer, UDINE.

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see
M. 82
F. 81

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

GC/al

Tel. 550

// December 1945

Ref. ES/7.17

DEC 12 1945

SUBJECT : Release of Blocked Goods.
TO : The Executive Commissioner.

1. The attached translation of a letter from Dr. Lombardo, Undersecretary for Industry, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, is enclosed for your information, together with Circular C.67 dated 11 October 1945.
2. The Circular unblocks consumer goods in Italy with the exception of a certain quantity.
3. Until September 13 all textiles were blocked and supposed to be kept at the disposal of the Italian Government.
4. By Circular 13 September all stocks have been unblocked with the exception of 75 kilos per loom and 600 grams per spindle, that the industrialists have to deliver to the Ministry of Industry and to the C.I.A.I. For these quantities a low price has been established.
5. These goods are in fact in process of distribution; Circular C.67 establishes rules under which this distribution will be made. The attached Circular considers also the functioning of several Commissions established with the purpose of allocating, textiles to the poorest classes and for taking care that the goods do not finish on the black market.
6. It is regretted that the attached translation was not forwarded previously but the Italian version did not come into the hands of Industry Department until 21 November 1945 and the translation on 26 November 1945.

Incl.:
Translation ltr. from
Dr. Lombardo
Circular C.67

for HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President
Economic Section.

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Copy to:-
Industry & Utilities S/C.

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See M. 79. 80.

(MAJH)

COPY

TRANSLATION

Ministry of Industry and Commerce

19 October 1945

Dear Major:

I am sending you a copy of a circular transmitted by the Ministries to all interested agencies, containing regulations covering the distribution of textile products and clothing included in the quotas which industrial and wholesale textile merchandising and garment-making firms have placed at the disposal of the Ministry itself at a fixed price with the object of providing for the needs of those classes which are suffering the greatest economic distress.

The bases on which distribution will be effected are fixed in the attached circular, which provides not only preparatory work to be undertaken by central as well as field commissions, but which also assigns to the same powers of supervision, control, price fixing and other functions which will furnish guarantees for an equitable allocation of such products to the distributing organs and a like equitable allocation to the needy classes.

With regard to the distribution of garments of Allied origin, it has not been considered desirable to make use of the normal commercial channels in order to avoid difficulties arising out of the fact that the sale price of such garments would be increased by the percentage exacted by merchants to cover their work as middlemen. This conclusion has been reached because the distribution of the garments mentioned above is eminently of a relief nature for the benefit of the classes which are in a particularly unfortunate economic condition. There are also entire groups (those from devastated areas, the homeless, refugees, orphans, etc.) to whom these goods should be ceded gratuitously, for which the expense should be borne by the agencies which will undertake its distribution (Ministry of Post-War Aid, relief institutions, welfare organizations, etc.).

The aforesaid clothing will be therefore distributed through organizations which offer the highest guarantee that the goods will effectively reach those designated classes of people, for example the Italian Feminine Committee and Union of Italian Women, will undertake to distribute house to house small garments for babies, while sheeting, blankets and nurses' uniforms for hospitals will be allocated by the High Commissioner for Health and Hygiene.

Clothing and footwear will be assigned to the Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications which have depending upon them a not inconsiderable mass of personnel which, inasmuch as it is called upon to carry on its work out-of-doors, is obliged to consume the greater quantity of shoes and clothing and which is, in most cases, in a truly piteous state.

For the laboring masses who work in factories, distribution might be entrusted to the factories or concerns themselves which, through company commissaries, could guarantee the detailed phase of the distribution process and the effective disposal of the products to workmen really in need.

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Once the requirements of the classes listed, through the organizations best qualified for the purpose, have been satisfied, it is considered that any possible excess could be released for general consumption, favoring those classes most in need, through cooperatives and other organisms which, by the nature of their work, would give complete assurance of an equitable distribution to those of their members who are deserving of assistance.

With this system, clothing and footwear from Allied sources will not only be allocated with greater certainty to those classes whom it is desired to assist, but will also be disposed of in cases where the recipient will be required to pay for them (employees of the Ministries of Transport and Telecommunications and laborers) at the basic price without any increase.

Cordially,

/s/ I. M. Lombardo
I. M. LOMBARDO

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COPY

TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY & COMMERCE
General Direction of Internal Commerce
Industrial Commission Service, Rome

11 October 1945

No. 8566

Circular C.67

SUBJECT : Unblocking and distribution of textile products and clothing

TO : Provincial Offices of Commerce and Industry
Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, Sicily
Copy to: High Commissariat for Sicily
" " " Sardinia

Prefect

Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture
Industrial Committee for Fibres and Textiles
Ente for Textiles (Ente del Tessile Nazionale)
General Direction for Industry and Mines

It is known that through the Ministerial Decrees of 17 Sept. 45 (Published in the Gazzetta Ufficiale of 19 Sept. 45 No. 112) the application of the Ministerial Decree of 21 Oct. 1924 on the reporting and blocking of industrial products insofar as thread, textiles and other textile products and the corresponding manufactures into garments is concerned, was suspended.

This regulation provides for the cessation of all blocking restrictions on the above mentioned products, with certain exceptions, and is made subject to the placing at the disposal of this Ministry by industrial and wholesale commercial textile and garment-manufacturing concerns of a designated quota of goods which the undersigned will undertake to allocate to the civil population at controlled prices. This refers in the main to textiles produced by the cotton and wool industry, artificial textile fibres as well as knitted goods, hosiery, finished garments and blankets.

Such allocation will be effected in conformity with the following regulations :

1. There is established under this Ministry a Central Commission for the distribution of such textile quotas composed of :

- 1 representative of the Ministry of the Interior;
- 1 representative of the Ministry of Post-War Aid;
- 1 representative of the High Commissioner for Public Health and Hygiene;
- 3 representatives of the General Labor Confederation;
- 1 representative of the Textile Industries;
- 1 representative of the wholesale textile and garment trade;
- 1 representative of the retail textile and garment trade;
- 2 representatives of cooperative organizations;
- 1 representative of the National Textile Office;
- 2 representatives of this Ministry;
- 1 representative for the Direction of Industry and Mines and 1 for internal commerce, respectively.

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The Central Commission has the responsibility for fixing the general bases for the dividing up and distribution of the goods and for deciding to which categories of consumers allocation shall be made. It shall decide likewise with regard to any possible questions, disputes or claims which may arise from any phase of distribution.

2. Under each provincial office for industry and commerce there shall be set up a provincial commission presided over by the Prefect or his representative and composed of :

1. representative of the Provincial Office for Commerce and Industry;
- 2 representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, of which 1 shall be from Industry and the other from Commerce (the latter shall be particularly conversant with textile and garment trade);
- 2 representatives of the Chamber of Labor;
- 2 representatives of cooperative organizations;
- 1 representative of the independent agriculturists.

Insofar as the provinces of Naples and Florence are concerned, the local representative of the National Textile Office shall likewise be included in the Provincial Commission.

3. The Provincial Commission has the responsibility for :

- a. To supervise organizations in the distribution of textile provinces at the provincial seat, making certain that such distribution is made for the benefit of the classes having the right to receive allocations and to the extent that it shall deem fit in conformity with the general regulations which will be issued by the Central Commission;
- b. fix local prices for sale to the consumer, taking into account the advice of the Provincial Price Committee in order to make possible the reimbursement of the cost of distribution and accessory expenditures;
- c. to provide for special Purchase Tickets which are to be issued to those individuals by name for whom allocations are made;
- d. to gather monthly statistical data with regard to the quality (weight, lengths, of pieces) of goods withdrawn during the month in the province from the various distributors, communicating such data not later than 10th of the following month to this Ministry;
- e. to communicate to this Ministry before the 15th of each month for statistical control a recapitulation of the purchase tickets used by the assignees.

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4. Distribution within the sphere of each province shall be entrusted by the Provincial Commission to cooperatives, factory commissaries, communal offices and to merchants who possess business permits for retail trade in textile products and garments. The Provincial Commission is responsible for seeing that such distributors possess the following qualifications:

- a. that they are organized for distribution;
- b. that they give assurance of complete commercial and moral integrity;
- c. that they are possessed of the necessary financial means in order to acquire the goods;
- d. that they accept the control of the communal subcommissions set up for the purpose.

The Provincial Commission will make public announcement indicating designated distributors, the quantities of textile products allocated and the corresponding retail prices.

If within 8 days of the publication of the aforesaid notice the Prefect of the province has not received documentary and well-founded complaints sufficient to justify the suspension of his decree, the allocations made shall take immediate effect.

5. In every commune there shall be appointed one or more subcommissions for the issuance of purchase tickets.

The aforesaid subcommission shall be composed of at least 3 members:

- 1 representative of the Commune, who shall sit as president;
- 1 representative of the Chamber of Labor or one Communal Labor Union delegate;
- 1 representative of the textile retail trade or of the cooperatives.

6. Subcommissions have the responsibility for:

- a. approving the demands for allocation which must be accompanied by a document proving that the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications to enable him to receive an allocation;
- b. of issuing 15 days prior to the date of arrival of the merchandise in the individual commune the purchase tickets. The issuance will be effected upon presentation by the applicants of their individual ration cards valid for the four-month period November 1945-February 1946. The card shall be stamped on the back and the serial number, date of issuance, etc., thereof shall be copied onto the purchase ticket. The ticket, which is to be issued in the name of the applicant, can be used only once and is valid for only a specified distributor. It will contain a statement of the types of products (with the corresponding amounts)

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among which the recipient will have the right to choose the appropriate ration (for example, one length of cloth sufficient for a suit or a given number of stockings, etc.). It is obvious that choice will be possible only up to the point where each type is no longer available.

The tickets are non-transferable and must be used within 45 days of the date of issuance. For a period of 30 days after the expiration of the validity of the tickets, the distributors must hold merchandise which has not been withdrawn by beneficiaries at the disposal of the Provincial Commission which may effect the assignment thereof to agencies or persons of the classes having the right to allocation. When such period has elapsed without the Commission having made allocations, distributors shall have the right to sell the merchandise to the public at prices already established by the Provincial Price Committee ;

- c. to maintain strict control of the operations of distributors, making certain that they are in conformity with the regulations for their control;
 - d. to transmit to the Provincial Commissions before the expiration of the first 10 days of each month a recapitulation of the purchase tickets which have been used.
7. Distributors shall maintain posted for public inspection a schedule showing the quantity, quality and sales price of the merchandise assigned to them.

They shall take up the purchase tickets from the beneficiaries making purchases and affix a stamp on the back of their ration cards in order to indicate that the merchandise has been delivered.

The tickets which have been withdrawn shall be then cancelled by the distributors with their own stamp and forwarded, within the first 5 days of each month to the appropriate communal subcommission.

8. The provincial offices of industry and commerce will undertake with the greatest possible speed to set up the organization provided for by the above regulations and report that fact to this Ministry.

There will be communicated at the earliest possible date, on the basis of the decisions of the separate subcommissions, the types and qualities of products assigned to each province and the criteria to be followed in the distribution of the same.

/s/ Minister Gronchi

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COPY

TRANSLATION

SUBJECT : Unblocking and Distribution of Textile Products
and Clothing

TO : Provincial Office of Industry
and Commerce for (Sicily)
Chamber of Commerce, Industry
and Agriculture

Copy to: Prefect
Industrial Committee of Fibres
and Industrial Textiles.

1. Reference is made to the circular No. C.67 of 11/10/45 on the above subject.
2. The quota of textile products assigned to that province is about Kg. _____, listed under the various classifications as follows:
3. In conformity with the directive drawn up by the Central Commission, the distribution of the above indicated products must be effected on the basis of criteria which the provincial commission will consider most appropriate to the neediest consumer in the following classes: State and parastatal employees and those of public or local agencies, private workers, persons on pension, workmen and laborers on wages in general, refugees, the homeless, partisans, displaced persons both military and civil and unspecified agencies and persons who are in great need.

It is understood that the persons belonging to two or more of the above mentioned classes may take advantage of only one single allocation (it is for that purpose that the stamping of the ration card is required.)
4. That office will advise most urgently:
 - a. the procedure which will be adopted in the province for withdrawal from the furnishers of the merchandise allocated;
 - b. which agencies or private firms will be entrusted with withdrawing the merchandise;
 - c. what arrangements will be made for financing (it should be noted that payment must be made in cash upon withdrawal);
 - d. the plan for the distribution of the goods.
5. In order to obtain the list of the names of furnishers of the goods and the price, contact must be made with the Comitato Fibre ed Industrie Tessili, Via Meravigli 2, Milan (Tel. 85443, 17251-2). In order to facilitate the drawing up of the plan for financing, it may be stated that the average price franco factory may vary about lire _____ per kilogram.

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6. Agencies and firms entrusted with withdrawing the merchandise must, upon the arrival thereof in the provincial headquarters, notify the provincial commission, which will undertake to divide it among the communes of the provinces, giving the latter 30 days' time in which to withdraw the same. After the expiration of a later period of 30 days without the goods having been withdrawn by the Commission to which it has been assigned, the provincial commission will notify to this Ministry the quantities of products not withdrawn in order that it may dispose of them.

/s/ THE MINISTER

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Ref: LAC/69/10

23 November 1968

SUBJECT: New distribution of imported clothing

TO : RO Liguria Region
RO Lombardia Region

1. Reference signal 1009 of 9 Nov 68, Liguria Region from Leds to RO Alps, (copy attached for information of Lombardia Region.)

2. The attached copy of a memo from Coordination, Supply Group, to Economic Section partially explains the delay in this matter and is forwarded to you for information.

C. R. BRAYBROOK

Deputy
Executive Secretary

Copy to:

Room Sec.
Commodore S/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: ES/5.00

13 November 1945

MEMORANDUM:

NOV 19 1945

SUBJECT : Non-distribution of Imported Clothing
TO : Mr. Cleveland
Mr. Felton

I saw Minister Gronchi at noon yesterday, referring to the correspondence on this matter, particularly to Gen. McKinley's letter of 13 October, to all of which we have had no replies. He called in Tani and Rosetti (Commercio Interno) and proceeded to lay the blame on them and on the Interministerial Committee for letting the thing slide along. He claimed never to have seen the General's letter and from a search of files on the spot it developed that there was at least one draft letter from the Ministry to us, which he had not got around to signing, answering a previous query of ours in August. In any event, I reiterated our arguments based on pilferage, bad press for the Government, and effect on UNRRA's chances of getting more of similar supplies for Italy, to all of which he agreed.

He promised that the program would be sent to us Thursday and the clothing etc. would without fail begin to move out of the warehouses by the end of this week, and he authorized me to inform Mr. Cleveland to that effect on his behalf.

(Sgd.) W. E. Scotten
W. E. SCOTTEN
Major, MIS

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see M67-68
See 69

(CAPT GRAYBROOK)

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AMB LIGURIA REGION FROM LUSM

HQ ALCOM CITE ACBCC

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The continued retention in warehouses at GENOA of a very large quantity of clothing etc. imported by Allies in July was subject of letter LIG/COM/7 of September 18 from LIGURIA COMMERCE DIVISION copy to COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION. I know that you are pressing Italian Government to arrange distribution but it is essential that something should be done before AMB hands over to get these stocks into the hands of the population before the winter and to reduce the considerable risks of pilfering which ^{we} are now facing. Suggest this be handled at highest level. End.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 4409/62/50

15 November 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Blocked Goods

TO : Industry and Commerce Division

1. Reference your ES/7.17 of 20 September, and your ES/7.17 of 27 October 1945.

2. Will you please obtain the information in para 2 of your letter of 27 October 1945 as soon as possible, as this office requested on 10 September that you take steps to get these consumer goods released, and no progress appears as yet to have been made.

(Sgt) B. SAMPSON

Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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Ref. ES/7.17

27 October 1945

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SUBJECT: Release of Blocked Goods
TO : Industry Sub-Commission
FROM : Economic Section. *54*

1. Reference our letter ES/7.17 dated the 20th September.
2. May this office be informed of any progress made by the Industrial Council of Northern Italy on the release of blocked consumer goods.

/S/ A. H. SULLIVAN

A. H. SULLIVAN
Director
Industry & Commerce Division.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 4409/60/EO

12 October 45

SUBJECT: Release of Blocked Goods
TO : Production Division, Economic Section

1. Ref. your ES/7.17 of 20 September to Industry Subcommittee.
2. Follow-up was requested orally on 4 October. No reply has been received.
3. Since this office originally requested on 10 September that you take steps to get these consumer goods released, will you please take all further necessary steps, advising this office, in the interim, of the status.

H. M. WHITE

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Ref. AC/5134/R/Commerce

28 September 1945

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Dear Sig. Aldisio:

I have received your letter dated 5 September 1945 and fully appreciate your desire to alleviate the clothing situation of the poor classes in Sicily.

In view of the fact that matters appertaining to the control of the textile industry are now the responsibility of the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce, I am forwarding a copy of your letter to Prof. Giovanni Gronchi, Minister of Industry and Commerce, with the request that your local situation be reviewed and that every possible assistance be rendered through the medium of the facilities at the disposal of your Government.

I would also suggest that you approach either through the Italian Government or direct such organizations as UNRRA, ENDSI and ARC with an appeal to them to alleviate the conditions of the Sicilians as reported by you. I am sending copy of this correspondence to these organizations.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

Sig. Salvatore Aldisio,
High Commissioner for Sicily,
Palermo.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION
PRODUCTION DIVISION

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Ref. ES/7/7

20 September 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Blocked Goods

TO : Industry Sub-Commission

1. The Chief Commissioner has ordered that the blocked consumer goods in Northern Italy should be released as early as may be possible.
2. Will you therefore please take this matter up with the Industrial Council of Northern Italy and request them to accelerate action in this matter, reporting progress made to the Economic Section.

D. L. ANDERSON, Brigadier.

D. L. ANDERSON
Brigadier
Deputy Vice-President

Copy to:
Executive Commissioner
Northern Office, Milan.

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EXTRACT from 2 District Weekly Intelligence Summary, Number 10, Hq 2 District, General Staff Intelligence, CMF, ref. GSI/2355, dated 21 Aug 1945, classified "Secret"

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(a) Release of blocked goods

After prolonged negotiations between the Federation of Industrialists and the Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro (CGIL) in MILAN an accord in principle has been reached to release 22 million kilos of textile products suitable for wearing apparel and 10 million pairs of footwear, these articles to be at the disposal of the Camere del Lavoro and the Camere di Commercio. It is proposed to distribute these goods throughout Italy at controlled prices yet to be fixed. Precise method of distribution has not yet been settled although it will probably take the form of issue against coupons to be given out by the Camere del Lavoro and Camere di Commercio.

The Camere del Lavoro wish to reserve the lion's share of these releases for distribution to industrial workers, the issue of coupons to be made through co-operatives. On the other hand the authorities responsible for getting in and amassing the harvest wish to reserve a large share of the available goods for distribution to farm-workers as premiums for crops turned in to the Amassi on the basis of so many coupons of textiles (each worth one or more kilos) for so many quintals of crops turned in. The CGIL take strong exception to this on the grounds that it will put into the hands of the farm-workers a number of coupons far in excess of their actual requirements and lead inevitably to black-market dealings.

The total amount of textiles of all types in the hands of manufacturers and wholesalers is estimated by the CGIL to be upwards of 80 million kilos. The accord between the manufacturers' and the workers' organizations allows for the difference between the 22 million kilos to be reserved for distribution by the workers' organizations to be marketed freely.

Before practical effect can be given to this accord three important factors have yet to be resolved, namely:

- (i) The basic price at which the 22 million kilos will be sold by the manufacturers to the CGIL. The latter have proposed a price 2½ times higher than the controlled prices obtaining in April 45 whereas the manufacturers are sticking out for a price 5 to 7 times higher.
- (ii) The time limit within which the actual delivery of the 22 million kilos of textiles is to be made.
- (iii) The quality of the goods which the CGIL insist must be up to certain standards.

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As mentioned above the actual physical details of distribution of these goods once they are available have also yet to be worked out including the printing of coupons and the form these are to take.

It would seem sanguine to anticipate a delay of less than several months before either textiles or footwear get into the actual physical possession of the population, although discussions on the outstanding points are now proceeding.

Apart from the 22 million kilos there is considerable difference of opinion as to what will happen in practice to the balance of the textiles and footwear estimated to exist in North Italy. On the one hand it is thought that with the continuing uncertainty as to the future value of the currency, manufacturers and merchants may still be unwilling to market what they regard as real wealth only to obtain in exchange paper of hypothetical or unpredictable value, particularly if there is no possibility of obtaining or of renewing stocks of raw materials. On the other hand if the importation of raw materials becomes less of a prospect than a reality goods will find their way on to the market and prices are likely to find their level.

The importance of the problem of a rapid release of blocked consumer goods, foremost amongst which are articles of clothing can hardly be over-emphasised. This thorny subject has been ventilated widely in the press in Northern Italy during recent weeks.

There is no doubt that the continued holding up of the distribution of such stocks of consumer goods as exist in the country is a factor that makes for unrest. It would be a pity if theoretical considerations of distributive justice were to continue to hold up the actual getting into the hands of the consumer of the goods he so badly needs. Not only are some industries being held up because workers are inadequately clad or shod (e.g. the lignite miners cannot work in flooded workings without proper boots), but farmers are becoming increasingly unwilling to exchange their crops for paper with which they can buy little or nothing and are increasingly demanding to barter against consumer goods of which they also stand in real need.

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The High Commissioner

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5 September 1945

SEP 14 1945

To the Head of the Allied Commission
Admiral Stone

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The position of the Sicilian population for what concerns clothing is well known; it is easy to realize by visiting the towns and villages of the island where the majority of the inhabitants are wearing the last rags left to them; in fact, ever since 1940, the island hasn't received a yard of Italian textile, except for a few stocks imported underhand by speculators and sold at fantastic prices.

The discontent of the population is very great; the political parties and the Committees for Liberation have several times expressed their regret for this state of things, the more so as cotton is produced by the work of the Sicilian peasants.

Because of the just and insistent protests of the working masses, I decided to have the meager stocks of the former harvests (about 4,000 qts) woven in Val di Susa on account of this High Commissariat. The material thus produced will be distributed to the poorest classes of the population at a small price.

Considering that textiles are still blocked in North Italy, I should like the Allied Commission to assure me that the manufactured materials will freely return to Sicily, before sending the above mentioned amount of cotton.

I trust in your agreement which would greatly facilitate this action which, when carried out, is greatly to benefit the poor classes of the Island.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

G. Aldisio

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Special Materials Section

Ref. AC/5065/Commerce
Tel. 489.081
Ext. 266

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19 March 1945

SUBJECT : Blankets

TO : A.C. Priorities Board, Economic Section

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1. The blanket situation may be summarized as follows:

A. 1,558,212 blankets from U.S. sources were made available to A.F.H.Q. for the entire Mediterranean theatre.

B. Originally the Italian portion of this total amount was to be 180,000.

C. Because of the critical need for blankets in the devastated areas, for the refugee camps, and for North Italy operations, A.F.H.Q. was asked to reconsider this allocation. The following quantities were asked for:

100,000 - Devastated areas

200,000 - Refugee camps

250,000 - North Italy

550,000 - Total

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D. A.F.H.Q. approved this request and the total of 550,000 blankets was made available in the following way:

- 180,000 original allocation and called forward for shipment on 5 January

- 320,000 diverted from the Balkans allocation

- 50,000 diverted from the allocation for Austria.

550,000 Total

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E. The 320,000 blankets diverted from the Balkans have arrived in Naples and are at present stored in that city; 180,000 have been called forward for shipment from U.S.; no further information has been received on 50,000 blankets to be diverted from Austria.

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2. This Sub-Commission requests the Priorities Board to set up a schedule of allocation on these items particularly in regards the 320,000 blankets now in Naples.

A. The following demands for blankets have been made on this Sub-Commission:

- Public Health Sub-Commission	200,000
- Displaced Persons Sub-Commission	106,000
- Public Safety Sub-Commission	46,200
- Patriots Branch	20,000
	372,200
- In addition blankets borrowed by Devastated Areas on 6 December must be repaid	3,880
	376,080
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B. Public Health Sub-Commission needs 200,000 blankets for "immediate use in hospitals, orphanages and other institutions where in some instances women and children are sleeping on tile floors". It is also understood by this Sub-Commission that if these blankets were made available to Public Health Sub-Commission they will be distributed in conjunction with ENDSI distribution so that overlapping will not ensue.

C. Displaced Persons Sub-Commission has need of 100,000 blankets for displaced Allied Nationals; 6,000 for use of the British Red Cross, 8th Army.

D. Public Safety Sub-Commission will divide its demand for blankets as follows:

- Agents Public Security	10,000
- Vigili Fuoco	16,000
- Finance Guards	5,000
- Forest Guards	4,000
- Prison Guards	10,000
- Railway Guards (Sicily)	1,200
Total	46,200
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E. The 20,000 blankets requested by Patriots Branch is the estimated need which must be met in operations in Northern Italy.

F. It is understood that the need for blankets in the Devastated Areas has been just about met in view of the fact that in recent weeks 40,000 blankets have been obtained from the textile mills of Prato.

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3. This Sub-Commission suggests that the following allocation schedule be considered by the Priorities Board:

A. The blankets should be put to immediate use. Demands for blankets for future operations like that of the Patriots Branch should not be considered; such demands can be taken care of from 180,000 blankets already called forward for shipment from U. S. and 50,000 to be diverted from Austria.

B. The balance of the demands should be fulfilled on a pro-rata basis after the loan of 3,880 blankets is repaid thus:

Unit	% of Total	No. of blankets to be received
Public Health S/C.	57.8 %	182,717
Displaced Persons S/C.	28.9 %	91,359
Public Safety S/C.	13.3 %	42,044
	100.0 %	316,120
		3,880
Total		320,000
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W.F. EVANS
Colonel-Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

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QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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Ext: 503
Ref: ES/5.10

18 March 1945

MAR 19 1945

SUBJECT: Salvage Clothing & Shoes Allocations.

ATTACHES: Report on allocation up to 1st March 1945
c.c. AC/5134/Commerce S/C letter of 6 March 1945

TO : Mr Antolini
Col. Cripps.
Maj. Talbot ✓
Mr Cleveland

1. It is suggested that AC Priorities Board in the meeting of 20 March should consider the following points indicated in the attachments hereto:

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Subject to
Maj. Talbot's
letter of 6 March*
- a) Should the present 40 % allocation to the AC Sub-Commissions be allocated to the Italian Government? If so, should it be divided among several Ministries or should the Government be asked to establish a central allocating body to handle the entire 40%? Should the allocation be final, "without strings attached" or does AC have an interest in assuring certain allocations or that the Government follow some certain allocating formula?
 - b) Allocating to military organizations on the basis of heavy workers is reported to be satisfactory. The Board might consider the same basis for the Patriots Branch, Public Safety S/C, Mine Clearance Squads, Communications S/C, Regions and all Economic Section Sub-Commissions.
 - c) It is apparent that total allocations made do not follow closely the percentages established by the Board, mainly because of allocations made prior to the formation of the Board. For example Military Organizations have received 28 % of the shoes instead of 60 %. The Board might consider modifying allocations for the purpose of bringing all organizations into line (over a period of time) with the percentages established for them.
 - d) The Board might consider setting a date after which no allocations of winter clothing will be made. The purpose of such an action would be to accumulate heavy clothing for next fall when events may have changed the desirable pattern of distribution.
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K.E. Stauffer
Secretary
AC Priorities Board.

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 AREA QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO 394
 COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
 Special Material Section.

Ref. A.C. 5134/Commerce
 Tel 439081
 Ext 265

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6 March 1945

SUBJECT: Distribution of repaired Army Clothing

TO : Economic Section. 38

1. Attached please find a table showing allocations of repaired clothing and shoes made by this Sub-Commission since 15 January under the terms of the distribution schedule laid down by Economic Section.

2. The operations of the past few weeks have shown that certain problems of allocation have still to be met as there are several groups of workers which are not to date entitled to receive clothing and yet are felt to be deserving of the same.

3. It will be recalled that the total availability by the terms of the distribution schedule was divided into two parts; 60% allocation to essential workers of the Allied Forces on a pro-rata basis, and 40% to be allocated to A.C. Agencies. The 60% allocation to essential workers should be continued without question as the several agencies receiving repaired clothing have expressed satisfaction with the quantities being received and it is felt that we should continue to support the war effort by making clothing available to these vital employees.

4. The 40% allocated to A.C. agencies, however, is in need of reconsideration. Previously it has been divided as follows:

- 28 % Civil Affairs Sections; distribution to be determined by CEO of the section among Patriots, Displaced Persons, and Public Safety Sub-Commission.
- 12 % Economic Section; 45 % to Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission, 45 % to Transportation Sub-Commission, 10% Reserve.

5. The experience of the past month has shown that certain other important groups must be considered for allocations; among these are tele-communication workers, miners in the coal mines of Sardinia and the sulphur mines of Sicily, and employees of such important firms as the large caustic soda plant near Lathorn, to which A.F.E.C. has given a high priority rating.

6. Therefore this Sub-Commission recommends that since the overwhelming majority of persons which should receive clothing from the 40% of availability are of direct interest to the Italian Government- the police forces, miners, Communication workers, public works & Utilities employees, etc.- and since they all have representatives in the Italian Government- the Ministries of Industry, Commerce

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-12 % Economic Section; 45 % to Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission, 45 % to Transportation Sub-Commission, 10% Reserve.

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a)- The 40% of availability would be consigned directly to the Ministry in Naples and the garments would be placed in Government warehouses in that city. Releases and distribution would be made by the Ufficio Provinciale on the orders of the Ministry in Rome.

b)- All agencies desiring clothing would address their demands to the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor. Sub-Commissions particularly interested in procuring clothing would place their requests through their counterpart in the Italian Government; i.e. Communications Sub-Commission through the Ministry of Communications.

c)- All financial arrangements in regards payment for these items would be made and carried out by the Italian Government.

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7. In the light of this proposed revision in the method of distributing repaired clothing and shoes which should be made as soon as possible, in order that urgent demands for clothing may be met, this Sub-Commission requests that a meeting of the A.C. Priorities Board be called at as early a date as possible.

for the Chief Commissioner

N.P. THOMAS
Colonel - Director
Commonwealth Sub-Commission

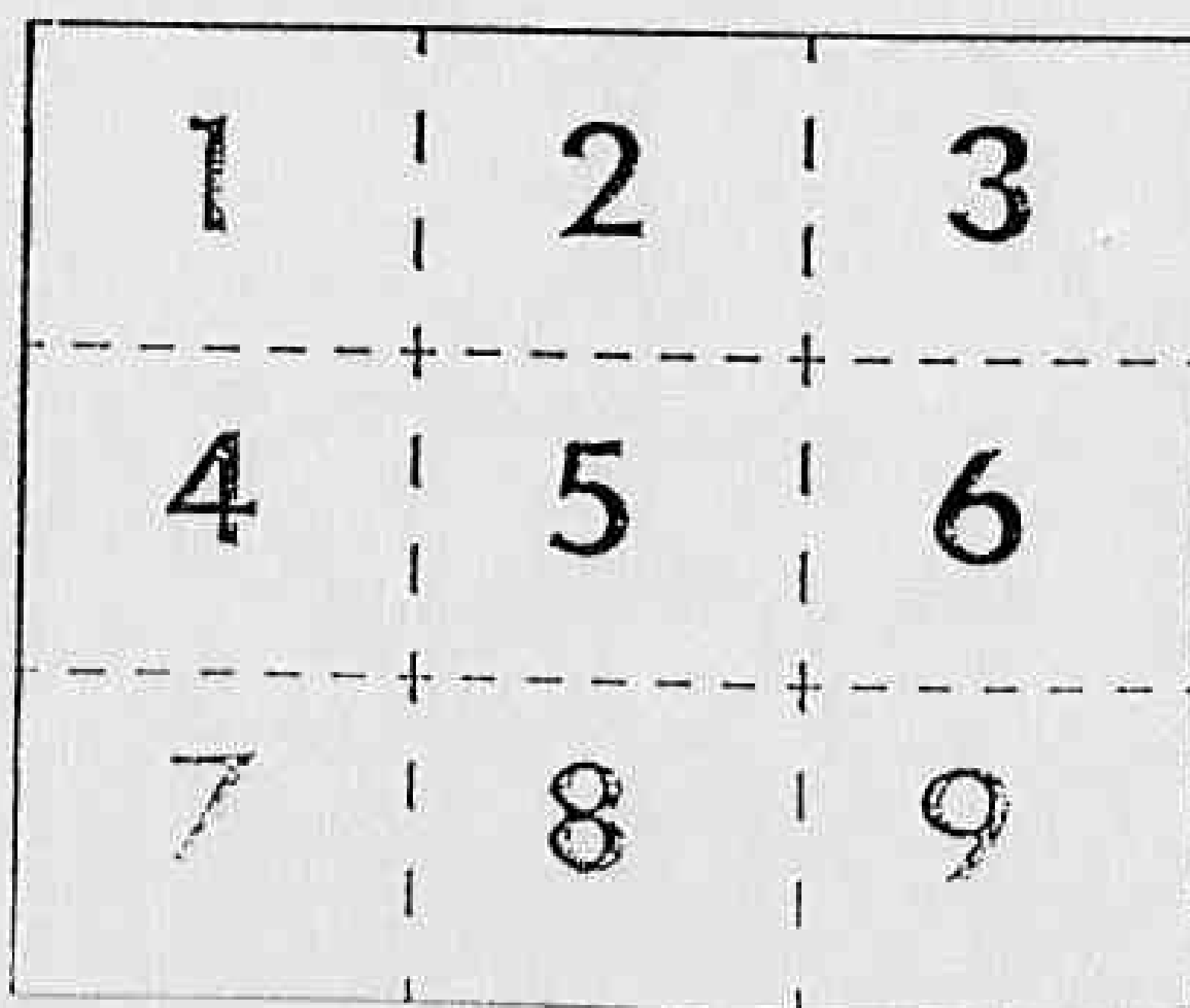
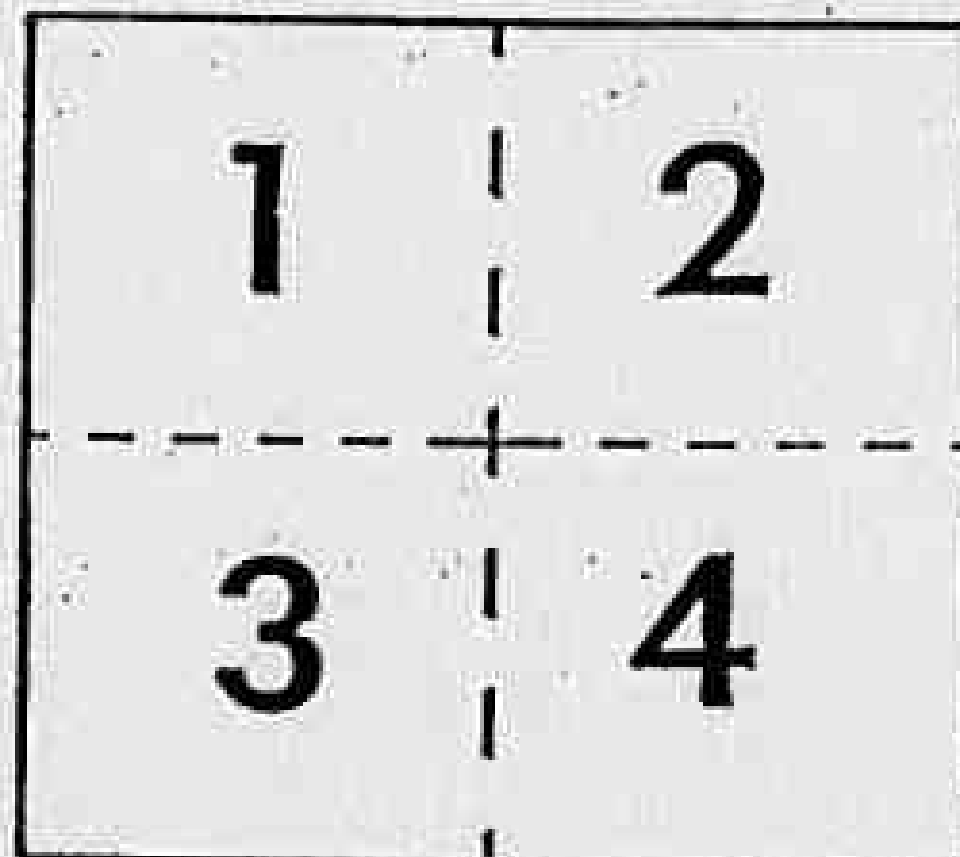
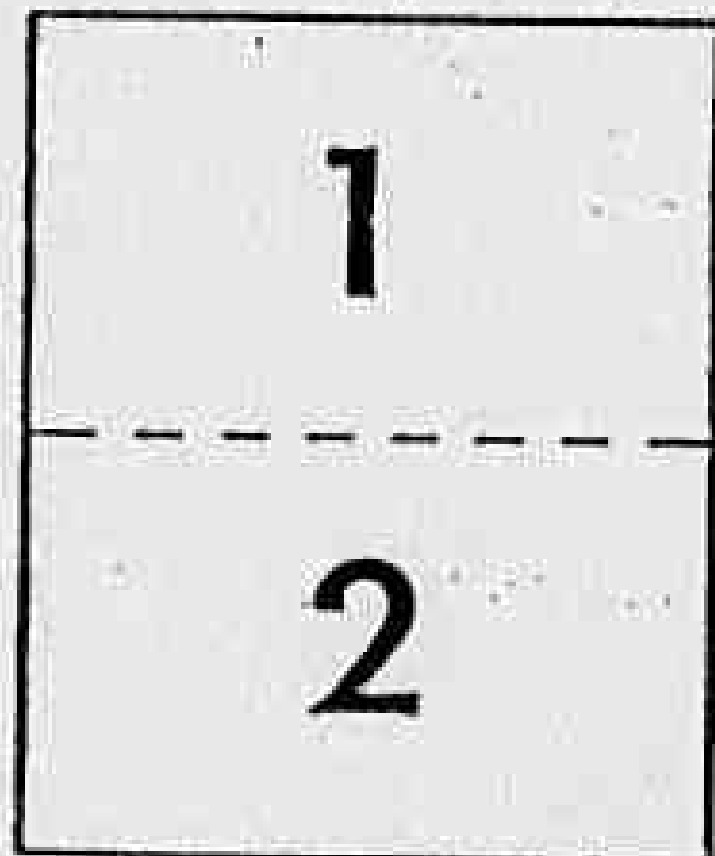
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SALVAGE CLOTHING ALLOCATIONS - 2

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January	637	1,168	264	42	311	49	408	414	903
February	-	545	250	3	189	652	151	5	195
Transportation S/C	554	1,567	445	45	500	701	559	419	1,098
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January	554	1,022	195	42	311	49	408	414	903
February	-	545	250	3	189	652	151	5	195
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January	1,191	2,190	459	84	622	98	816	828	1,806
February	-	1,090	500	6	378	1,304	302	10	390
Communications S/C	139	378	111	10	112	167	193	160	294
Previous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January	139	258	55	9	70	22	160	159	251
February	-	120	56	1	42	145	33	1	43
Miscellaneous	1,500	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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January	11,791	22,639	4,759	775	5,876	1,930	14,173	13,395	21,029
February	1,851	12,771	4,157	272	5,100	11,107	3,185	171	2,753

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11	49	408	414	903	115	-	319	235	-	1,057	-	5,922
89	652	151	5	195	-	-	146	183	-	308	240	2,867
00	701	559	419	1,098	115	-	465	418	-	1,541	240	8,667
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22	98	816	828	1,806	230	-	638	470	-	1,290	-	10,722
8	1,304	302	10	390	-	-	292	366	-	616	480	5,734
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2	145	33	1	43	-	-	32	49	-	69	54	636
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,650	-	19,650
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,650	-	19,650
-	13,037	17,358	13,566	23,782	5,330	196	9,357	7,700	100	132,988	3,528	324,933
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	115,000	-	143,000
-	1,930	14,173	13,395	21,029	5,267	149	5,898	4,330	100	12,020	-	124,131
-	11,107	3,185	171	2,753	63	47	3,459	3,370	-	5,968	3,528	57,802

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SALVAGE CLOTHING ALLOCATIONS

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<u>Field Jackets</u>	<u>Under Shirts W.</u>	<u>Under Shirts G.</u>	<u>Drawers W.</u>	<u>Drawers G.</u>	<u>Blankets</u>	<u>Socks</u>	<u>Gloves</u>	<u>Pajamas</u>	<u>Shoes</u>	<u>Caps</u>	<u>Total</u>
1.195	1.969	1.587	2.531	667	-	755	665	-	1.319	355	16.032
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
230	1.743	1.500	2.238	667	-	536	397	-	898	-	11.882
965	226	7	293	-	-	219	268	-	421	355	4.150
4.287	6.676	5.452	7.802	2.344	-	2.636	2.407	-	4.720	1.281	55.370
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
808	5.873	5.426	7.762	2.344	-	1.859	1.373	-	3.213	-	41.405
3.479	803	26	40	-	-	777	1.034	-	1.507	1.281	13.965
1.979	1.721	1.443	3.452	366	114	1.400	1.239	-	7.031	675	32.353
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.500	-	8.500
144	1.294	1.429	2.900	366	90	987	728	-	1.723	-	15.925
1.835	427	14	552	-	24	413	511	-	808	675	7.928
363	134	3	108	-	-	81	101	-	515	134	3.943
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	351	-	2.319
363	134	3	108	-	-	81	101	-	164	134	1.624
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	344	-	1.184
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	234	-	880
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110	-	304
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	172	-	595
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-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	117	-	443
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	-	152
657	164	21	202	11	-	287	274	-	836	225	5.711
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51	80	17	29	11	-	157	100	-	549	-	3.106
606	84	4	173	-	-	130	174	-	287	225	2.605
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Navy S/C (26,500)	580	1,573	340	47	494	657	164	21	202
Previous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January	580	1,065	97	44	326	51	80	17	29
February	-	508	243	3	168	606	84	4	173
Adriatic Depot (5,000)	135	379	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Previous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January	135	252	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	-	127	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.Q. AAI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Previous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry of War (Transp)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Previous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AMG - 5th Army	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Previous	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
AMG- 8th Army	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Previous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL - MILITARY	14,117	27,101	5,669	498	5,617	8,481	10,664	8,506	14,095
Previous	7,000	7,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January	7,117	14,053	2,891	465	3,517	1,233	8,990	8,452	12,929
February	-	6,048	2,778	33	2,100	7,248	1,674	54	1,166
Patriots Branch	40	1,270	40	15	680	310	110	-	140
Previous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January	40	40	40	-	40	-	-	-	-
February	-	1,230	-	15	640	310	110	-	140
Public Safety S/C	4,500	4,958	285	-	280	620	1,939	2,061	4,826
Previous	3,500	3,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January	-	-	285	-	-	-	1,719	2,061	4,536
February	1,000	1,458	-	-	280	620	220	-	290
Displaced Persons S/C	1,371	4,414	553	217	1,087	1,805	2,544	1,811	1,945
Previous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January	520	2,189	553	-	27	325	2,093	1,811	1,364
February	851	2,225	-	217	1,060	1,480	451	-	581
Mine Clearance Squads	933	600	823	-	600	-	395	106	143
Previous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January	933	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	-	600	823	-	600	-	395	106	143
Public Health S/C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Previous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil Affairs Section	1,851	3,909	476	217	1,600	252	395	81	143
Previous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January	1,851	3,909	476	217	1,600	252	395	81	143
TOTAL - CIVIL AFFAIRS	8,695	15,151	2,177	449	4,247	2,987	5,383	4,062	7,197
Previous	3,500	3,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January	3,344	6,138	1,354	217	1,667	577	4,207	3,956	6,043
February	1,851	5,513	823	232	2,580	2,410	1,176	106	1,154

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-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	127	-	514	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72	-	199	
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7	8,481	10,664	8,506	14,095	3,388	114	5,159	4,686	-	37,336	2,670	148,101
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,700	-	40,700
7	1,233	8,990	8,452	12,929	3,388	90	3,539	2,598	-	7,212	-	76,474
0	7,248	1,674	54	1,166	-	24	1,620	2,088	-	3,424	2,670	30,927
0	310	110	-	140	-	-	959	-	-	407	-	3,971
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0	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	-	-	-	-	240
0	310	110	-	140	-	-	879	-	-	407	-	3,731
0	620	1,939	2,064	4,826	540	-	1,022	1,598	-	15,564	-	38,196
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,150	-	19,150
-	-	1,719	2,064	4,536	540	-	802	722	-	2,414	-	13,082
0	620	220	-	290	-	-	220	876	-	1,000	-	5,964
7	1,805	2,544	1,811	1,945	994	-	416	-	100	452	324	18,033
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-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,150	-	24,150
-	577	4,207	3,956	6,043	1,587	59	1,651	1,212	100	3,366	-	35,478
-	2,410	1,176	106	1,154	63	23	1,515	876	-	1,859	324	20,505

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

13657/F/A

9 March 1945

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SUBJECT : Release and Distribution of Army Garments
repaired by Allied Commission.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Under existing arrangements salvaged army garments are being repaired and dyed in the Naples area under the supervision of the Allied Commission.
2. The purpose of this memorandum is to establish uniform procedure for the receipt, distribution, and accounting for garments allocated to Allied Army units.

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4. The receiving Army unit will give the Commerce Officer of Southern Region a receiving report which shall show the name of the Army unit, the specific type of garment, the number, the price, and the value.

5. The receiving report will be prepared and signed in quadruplicate by the Officer or his designee taking the goods. AC Commerce Officer will distribute the copies as follows:

- a) Retain original,
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6. AC Commerce Officer will not require payment in advance for the garments, but will maintain accounts receivable for all amounts due to be paid by each Allied Army unit showing the respective Allied Officer signing for such garments.
7. The account for each Army unit and officer shall be charged with the value in lire of the garments as shown on the receiving report, and shall be credited with payments made to the AC Commerce Officer, Southern Region.

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see M37. [Signature]

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8. Prices to be charged in the field for the garments will be in accordance with the scale of prices which will be notified to the AC Commerce Officer by the Commerce Sub-Commission, and which will be the same prices as shown on the receiving reports.
9. Payment will be made to the AC Commerce Officer Southern Region and will not be paid into accounts in the name of the Allied Financial Agency with local banks. Where convenient payment will be made in cash (which will generally apply to Naples and vicinity). Where not convenient funds should be remitted through ordinary army financial channels but if this is impracticable or inconvenient they may be remitted by an ordinary vaglia bancario, or cambiale, or by assegno circolare drawn in favour of AC Commerce Officer Southern Region; all these may be obtained at any bank.
10. All garments should be distributed within 30 days after release by AC Commerce Officer. It is not required that the Allied Officer distributing the garments shall make payment to the AC Commerce Officer as each collection is effected in the field. If small he may accumulate such collections and make semi-monthly remittances on the 15th and on the last day of the month.
11. Attention is invited to the requirement that Allied Officers in the field are not authorized to release garments on credit to consignees. Collections must be made by them at the time the garments are sold. Each Allied Officer receiving garments for resale will be held responsible to make payments to the AC Commerce Officer.
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- (b) Poundage of rags classified as to wool and cotton received from (1) US Army, and (2) British Army.
- (c) Number of garments repaired by classes, as above.
- (d) Number of garments unrepairable by classes, and corresponding weight in rags.
- (e) Number of garments sold by classes.
- (f) Poundage of rags sold by classes.

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- (g) Number of garments issued free by classes.
- (h) Losses if any of garments and/or rags by classes.
- (i) Inventory on hand of garments and rags by classes.

II Sales Schedule

- (a) Number and value of garments by classes sold.
- (b) Poundage and value of rags by classes sold.
- (c) Total Sales.

III Accounts Receivable Schedule

- (a) Total sales prior months.
- (b) Total sales current month.
- (c) Total sales to date.
- (d) Collections prior months.
- (e) Collections current month.
- (f) Accounts Receivable (to be classified according to Army Unit).

14. The AC Commerce Officer shall deposit all sums received into the Banca d'Italia for credit to 101 account of Allied Financial Agency.

W. J. Harkness, Jr.
Chief Accountant,
for Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission

Distribution : All Regional Commissioners,
S.C.A.O. AMG 5 and 8 Army,
Regional Supply Accountants,
Regional Supply Officers,
Commerce Sub-Commission (50 copies).

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

02 1630 A

TO (FOR ACTION): FREEDOM

FEB 1 1945

REF NO: Q/CS/35

RESTRICTED

FOR Q/AE (.) REFERENCE BY AQ2701 30 Jan (.) FROM FEB 44 TO JAN 45 THE
FOLLOWING IS REPORTED BY SET 808 (.) BRITISH BOOTS ISSUED AS FOLLOWS
COMMA TO AG FOR CIVIL USE TWO HUNDRED AND SEVEN THOUSAND COMMA TO MMIA
CONTROL ONE HUNDRED AND ~~TWENTY~~ TWENTY NINE THOUSAND COMMA DIRECT TO
ITALIAN ARMED FORCES AND OTHER ODD UNITS ON FREEDOM ORDERS AND NOT
RPT NOT THROUGH MMIA TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND INCLUDING THIRTEEN THOUSAND
EIGHT HUNDRED DIRECT TO 42 GROUP PIONEER CORPS (.) AM TAKING ALL STEPS
NECESSARY
TO ~~RECOVER~~ MAXIMUM AMOUNT HANDED TO ALCON

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LETTER 1215/PAT of 29 Jan 45.

"Clothing for Patriots."

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2. Knickerbocker 1900

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel. 461

WPE/jfl

Ref. AC/5134/Commerce

January 1945

JAN 23 1945

SUBJECT: Clothing for Civilians

TO : A. P. H.
A.P.O. 512

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3. Civilians working in exposed places for the Allied Military Forces have preference over others and, in order to ensure fair distribution, within the limits imposed by the small amount of salvaged clothing available to A.C., the A.C. Priorities Board determines the amount of clothing to be distributed in relation to availability and to the number of outdoor civilian workers employed by each service unit.

4. Close liaison is maintained with M.V.I.A. and collection and utilization is promptly dealt with.

5. In reply to your para. 7), the following information is submitted:

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cotton clothing	149,587	" "
Mixed materials	60,089	" "
Salvage clothing	71,650	Br.
S.D. blouses	6,310	
S.D. trousers	6,700 pairs	
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The amounts of salvaged clothing available for distribution as on January 17th are as follows:

Blouses	1696
Trousers	3628
Shirts, wool	1900
Overcoats	88
Field jackets	1030
Undershirts, wool	6633
" , cotton	5736
Drawers, wool	4320
Drawers, cotton	3149

(all above items are patched clothes.)

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see Minutes 31832
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The A.C. priorities board has determined that 60% of availability should be allocated to the outdoor civilian workers of the Allied Forces, the remaining 40% to A.C. For Patriots, Displaced Persons, Refugees, Public Works & Utilities, Security Police, Fire Brigades, repatriated P.O.W.s, and a small percentage for emergency purposes.

b) It is not possible to indicate accurately the amounts that will be available per week as this is entirely dependent on the amount and condition of the salvage clothing and rags made available to M.W.I.A.

An approximate guess would be:

Trousers	3,000
Blouses	1,000
Overcoats	300
Drawers, cotton	8,000
" " , wool	4,000
" " , short	2,000
Undershirts, cotton	5,000
" " , wool	8,000
Shirts, wool	5,000
Socks	3,000
Mackinaws	300

The intended distribution will be in strict relation to availability, bios, and number of outdoor workers employed by each Service unit.

c) The amount of cloth and clothing held in shops is negligible. The display of expensive materials in a shop window is generally the entire stock of the store and the prohibitive price is a reflection of the scarcity of the fabrics which in any case are not suitable material for garments for heavy workers.

d) Clothing and shoes for essential civilian needs were requisitioned from sources outside the theatre in the first half of last year, but no advice has been received of any shipment excepting some considerable quantity of composition soles and heels. These, on arrival, will enable the number of repaired salvage shoes to be stepped up to some 8 to 10,000 per week. **1865**

A shipment of some 250,000 pairs of canvas shoes was received during November. This lot was handed over to the Italian Government for distribution in view of its urgent appeal for footwear for Italian civilians.

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Socks	5.000
Mackinaws	300

The intended distribution will be in strict relation to availability, class, and number of outdoor work employed by each service unit.

c) The amount of cloth and clothing held in stocks is negligible. The display of expensive materials in a shop window is generally the entire stock of the store and the prohibitive price is a reflection of the scarcity of the fabrics which in any case are not suitable material for garments for heavy workers.

6. Clothing and shoes for essential civilian needs were requisitioned from sources outside the theatre in the first half of last year, but no advice has been received of any shipment excepting some considerable quantity of composition soles and heels. These, on arrival, will enable the number of repaired salvage shoes to be stepped up to some 8 to 10,000 per week.

A shipment of some 250,000 pairs of service shoes was received during November. This lot was handed over to the Italian Government for distribution in view of its urgent appeal for footwear for Italian civilians.

7. Internal availability is practically non-existent at the moment as most of the clothing industry is situated in the North of Italy. Some textile mills for the production of woollen materials exist in the Prato area and efforts are being made to get them gradually back into production. The 18,000 tons of woollen and cotton wools available in Turkey are being requisitioned for reprocessing into cloth at these mills.

8. The number of civilians on outdoor work employed by the Armed Forces is, according to the figures furnished to us by the Labour Committee of A.I.L.E.S., as follows:

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P.B.S.	40.000
(B) Directorate of Labour	140.000
A.A.F.	15.000
5th Army	10.00
Military Railway S.	75.000
R.A.F.	5.000
Replacement Command	1.500
Royal Navy Western	13.000
" Eastern	10.000
U. S. Navy	5.500
Adriatic Depot	5.000
	<u>315.000</u>

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For the Chief Commissioner:

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L. D. DENSMORE
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S: 30 January 1945

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 420/027 GDS-O

10 January 1945

SUBJECT: Clothing for Civilians

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Attached is letter, Headquarters Army Air Force Service Command, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, file AG 400.3591, dated 2 December 1944, with 1st indorsement thereto.

2. It is urgently desired that immediate action be taken by you to insure that maximum quantities of salvage clothes are cannibalized, dyed, repaired and issued to Italian civilians and patriots.

3. Every effort should be taken to insure maximum amounts are made available to patriots in forward areas and to civilians working in exposed places for the Allied Military Forces.

4. Close liaison with Military Mission to the Italian Army is necessary to effect immediate collection and utilization of salvage clothes made available through that organization.

5. It is noted in this respect that you are now considering whether a portion of 18,000 tons woolen and cotton rags available in Turkey are required for reprocessing in Italy into cloth.

6. It is further noted that substantial quantities of clothing and cloth are displayed and offered for sale in shops throughout Italy at prohibitive prices.

7. It is requested that this headquarters be informed:
a. The amounts of salvage clothes and rags available to the Allied Commission for reprocessing into serviceable clothes.
b. The amounts expected to be available per week, and the intended distribution.
c. Steps being taken to increase the distribution of clothes held in private stocks.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

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/s/ Jack Carter
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Ltr HQ AAFSC/MTO, file AG
400.3591, subj: Clothing for
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HEADQUARTERS
ARMY AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
APO 526

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In reply:
Refer to AG 400.3591

2 December 1944

SUBJECT: Clothing for Civilians.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Mediterranean
Theater of Operations, APO 650, U. S. Army.

1. In accordance with this Headquarters' understanding of the prescribed policy, civilian labor is being utilized in substitution for military labor to the fullest extent possible. However, difficulties have been encountered and are becoming more acute with the onset of winter weather in securing adequate civilian labor for the reason that the civilians do not have and are unable to secure proper clothing to permit them to perform the duties which must be imposed upon them.

2. Request has been made upon the Allied Commission to have necessary clothing made available for purchase by the civilians. This request has not been acted upon favorably to date and no firm assurance has been received as to the time, if any, when sufficient clothing can be made available. After careful survey, it has been concluded that lack of clothing will result in a material reduction in the availability of civilian labor.

3. This Command presently employs 28,347 civilian laborers. Considered as the minimum necessary additional clothing required for them are the following:

Shoes	11,053
Trousers	10,940
Service coats or field jackets	10,981
Overcoats	2,000

4. It is recommended that a request be presented to the Commanding General, MTOUSA to authorize supply of these items U. S. stocks to civilian employees. Present instructions with respect to salvage clothing are to the effect that all such clothing must be returned to Base Section or Base Depot stocks for use either for the Italian military or for turn-over to the Allied Commission for distribution. As stated above, requests made to the Allied Commission have not received favorable action to date.

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(Ltr to CG, AAFMTO, dtd 2 Dec '44, file AG 400.3591, subj:
"Clothing for Civilians").

(Sgd.) THOMAS M. LOWE,
Colonel, Air Corps
Deputy Chief of Staff

5. In the event authority cannot be secured to issue items as above to Italian civilians for the duration of their employment with this Command, it is requested that action be taken with Allied Force Headquarters recommending arrangements be effected with the Allied Commission whereby civilian employees may be granted the necessary priorities to enable them to purchase minimum essential items of clothing in order that they may properly discharge the duties of their employment with this Command.

For the Commanding General:

(Sgd) W. P. BROWNE,
Lt. Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS AAF/MTO, APO 650, U. S. Army, 8 Dec 1944

TO: Commander-in-Chief, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512,
U. S. Army.

1. Your attention is invited to paragraph 2 of basic letter.
2. It is requested that the Allied Commission be directed to give priority in the sale or issue of clothing to Italian civilians who are employed by the Armed Forces.

For the Commanding General.

(Sgd.) THOMAS M. LOWE,
Colonel, Air Corps,
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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Extract of Minutes of Chief of Staff's Meeting 16 January 1945.

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Greatcoats at Salvage Depot. IWD Sub-Commission reported there were 35,000 greatcoats lying rotting at a salvage depot in Naples because the responsibility for disinfection was in dispute. ODS directed Land Forces Sub-Commission to take over these greatcoats and arrange with Public Health Sub-Commission to have them disinfected.

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SUBJECT: Clothing and Equipment Available to ALCOM.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOM (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15/11
26 December 1944.

29 DEC 1944

TO : Commerce Sub Commission, ALCOM.

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1. Attached at Appendix "A" is a list of items of clothing and equipment now available to ALCOM in Italian Repair Depot No. 1750 Via Ponta Frances 31, Naples. These items are in addition to those previously reported to you as being available for collection for ALCOM.
2. Your representative should contact MMIA LO Naples, Rm. 84, 4th Floor, Provincia Bldg., Naples, Telephone No. 53622, and arrange for withdrawal of these materials.
3. Prompt action in collecting above material will be appreciated.

/s/ Geo. A. Shipley
t/ GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission

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Chief Commissioner, AC.

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APPENDIX "A" to letter dated 26 December 1944, Subject-
Clothing and Equipment Available to ALCOM.

1. Items of clothing and equipment available on 13 December 1944. All items listed hereunder are in addition to clothing and equipment previously reported as being available.

2. American Items of Clothing and Equipment.

a. Items listed by pieces.

Shirts, Wool	-	63
Trousers, Wool	-	23
Drawers, Cotton	-	3,501
Undershirts, Cotton	-	291
Overcoats	-	4

3. English Items of Clothing and Equipment.

a. Items listed by pieces.

Blouses, B.D. Wool	-	472
Trousers, Wool	-	927

b. Items listed by weight

Rags (Miscellaneous Clothing Salvage)	-	14 tons
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Special Materials Section

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LVRW/FZ

Ref.AC/5156/Commerce
Tel. 478.192

27 December 1944

SUBJECT : Allocation of Repaired Shoes

TO : Office of the Chief of Staff

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1. Reference your 4402/1/COS of 5 December, your 4402/3/COS of 9 December and our AC/5156/Commerce of 7 December 1944.

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2. Attached please find copy of a complete report on repaired clothing and shoes submitted to the Economic Section by this Sub-Commission. It is felt that this gives as clear a picture as possible of the current situation in regards the re-processing and distribution of these items.

3. It is realized, however, that complete details of allocation schedules are not contained therein but at the moment the personnel of the Disposal Committee has not been selected. The appointment of these members and the actual functioning of the group awaits the arrival of the first availability lists.

4. The Office of the Chief of Staff will be informed of all future developments.

For the Chief Commissioner

W.P. Evans

W.P. EVANS
Colonel-Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

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Copy to: Economic Section
(attn. Major Nash)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
COMMISSION SUB-COMMISSION
Special Materials Section

Ref. AC/5114/Commerce
Tel. 478.152

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27 December 1944

SUBJECT : Report on Salvaged Clothing

TO : Economic Section

Introduction. - The object of this review of the salvaged clothing situation is to acquaint the Economic Section and other interested agencies with steps that have been taken and those envisaged for the future.

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After conferences with the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour it was decided that since the larger part of the salvaged items were available in Naples, the Ufficio Provinciale in that city should undertake the job. Instructions were given by the Ministry to the director of that office to begin operations and particularly to find a warehouse and take possession of the items available. MIA was pressed for warehouse space since they were holding all the salvage for AC and if action was not immediate would be forced to dispose of these items in another way.

Two weeks elapsed in which the Ufficio Provinciale was unable to make any progress owing to the inability to find premises, transport, or repairing facilities. The director of

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this Sub-Commission then proceeded to Naples.

On arrival it was apparent that if the army clothing was to be reprocessed by the Italian Government it would be available only after many months had elapsed. Further it became obvious that the distribution of the repaired items was of paramount interest to the authorities and that AG agencies in the end could have expected but a fraction of the reprocessed garments.

It was therefore decided that the entire operational process of dyeing and repairing and the allocation of completed items must come under the immediate control of Commerce Sub-Commission AG. The urgency of the demand for clothing by the different Sub-Commissions of AG and Allied agencies necessitated prompt action.

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2. To date the following steps have been taken:

- A) A warehouse has been requisitioned in Naples where salvaged clothing has been collected from MIA for sorting and distribution to contractors for repair.
- B) The first contract for repairing has been completed with the firm of P. & A. Sagnolmo with fixed prices and a guaranteed daily output of 2,000 pieces.
- C) Further contractors have been approached with a view to taking on work and more contracts should be placed shortly. Also AFHQ has been contacted with a view to gaining authority to have work placed with the "C" Clothing Factory in Naples operated by DADS and also the 557 R.A.S., E.S.S.
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E) Dyes have been allocated to the Manifatture Cotoniere Meridionali and sample garments have been submitted to this firm for costings for dyeing prior to drawing up a contract.

(1) It is felt that if a bottleneck exists in the entire operation it will be due to the lack of efficient dyeing facilities which are very scarce in liberated Italy.

F) The question of the repair of shoes is distinct from that of clothing. A system of operation which has been emi-

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Recently successful has been in force for some months in Naples whereby all salvaged shoes available to AC have been turned over to the Firm Note. These are repaired by this firm and a weekly return of availabilities forwarded to the AC Office in Southern Region. As of 1 December the supervision of this operation rests with the Ufficio Provinciale in Naples. However all allocation of repaired shoes is reserved to AC.

3. The procedure of allocation:

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F) Scrap rags left over from the reprocessing operation will be separated as to whether they are cotton or wool, baled, and turned over to the Ufficio Provinciale (since they are already the property of the Italian Government) and allocated to the textile industry of Prato or to the paper mills.

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B) It is further hoped that it may be possible when the organization is functioning properly to transfer the supervision of the same to the Italian Government reserving the right of allocation to the Disposal Committee of AC.

For the Chief Commissioner

Copies to:

- AFHQ - G-5 (with covering letter)
- Office of the Chief of Staff (with covering letter)
- Industry Sub-Commission
- Regional Commissioner, Southern Region - Commerce Sub-Section, Maj. Birt

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref. AG/5134/Commerce
Tel. 478.192

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26 December 1944

25 DEC 1944

SUBJECT : Collection and Repair of Salvaged Army Clothing

TO : Cooperativa di Lavoro fra Partigiani e Patrioti
d'Italia - Largo Tassoni n. 323, ROMA

1. Reference your letter n. 0346 of 25 November 1944.

2. In reference to para. 3 of your a/m letter the following survey of the salvaged clothing situation is submitted:

a. All clothing not considered usable by the Allied Forces is consigned to the Italian Army by order of the Allied Authorities. In turn, it is sorted and that which is not deemed useful by the Italian Armed Forces is transferred to the Allied Commission.

b. This stock is repaired and dyed in plants in the Naples area which are under the direct control of the Commerce Sub-Commission, A.C.

c. Allocation of the repaired items is made by a Disposal Committee comprised of members of all Sub-Commissions interested in obtaining clothing for distribution to refugees displaced persons, partisans, civilian employees of the Allied Forces, etc.

d. Salvaged rags are sold to the textile industry under the supervision of the Industry Sub-Commission.

3. Thus, since the entire management of salvaged clothing is handled by the Commerce Sub-Commission, it would appear impossible to sell any of these items to your organization. However, if repaired and dyed clothing ready for immediate use is needed, a demand submitted to the Commerce Sub-Commission will be forwarded to the Disposal Committee for consideration.

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Tel: 470005

Ref. 4/37.5/CA

9th December, 1944.
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SUBJECT: Disposal of Salvaged Clothing Derived from British and American Armed Forces.

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section.

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1. This Commission has under review the question of the distribution of salvaged clothing (including boots, blankets, and such like articles) which is derived from the British and American Commands in Italy.

Under the present directives issued by AFHQ all such salvaged clothing, not required by the Allies themselves either for use in this theatre or elsewhere, is offered to the Land Forces Sub-Commission for repair and distribution to the Italian Armed Forces, and all such clothing as is not required for that purpose is handed over to the Commerce Sub-Commission for distribution amongst other Italian agencies. (see AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 36 dated 4th September, and AFHQ letter Ref. AFHQ/23/SAL/222 dated 27th November, 1944).

Under this system the Italian armed forces have a complete priority in the use of salvaged clothing and it is this principle which this Commission desires to have reviewed.

2. In addition to the needs of the Italian armed forces there are the following important classes in desperate need of clothing, boots, and blankets, namely:

- (a) the Police Forces (other than the Carabinieri who are at present clothed as part of the Italian Army);
- (b) genuine fighting Patriots who come through the lines semi-clothed;
- (c) agricultural and heavy workers (including employees of the Military Railway Service, Public Health workers, workers in the mines, and workers on public utility projects);
- (d) homeless persons in war devastated areas such as Cassino;
- (e) hospitals and infirmaries for the destitute;
- (f) displaced persons and refugees.

3. It is the opinion of this Commission that the classes enumerated above are deserving of further consideration in the distribution of clothing than they have hitherto received and that they should receive a higher priority than under the present system, by which, in fact, a comparatively small quantity is made available.

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For instance it cannot seriously be maintained that an Italian soldier doing port labourer's work in one of the ports is doing work more essential in the interests of the war effort than a captain in one of the Police Forces, and charged with the maintenance of law and order, or than an agricultural or heavy worker who may also be engaged on port labour. Furthermore, Patriots are frequently used by the Armed Forces for considerable periods and their clothing during and after the battle is a matter of military necessity. It is also a matter of military necessity to prevent disease and unrest and accordingly the needs of hospitals, refugees, and displaced persons, and persons in devastated areas cannot in principle be wholly subordinated to the needs of the Italian armed forces.

4. This Commission therefore recommends that salvaged clothing be dealt with on a different basis as follows:

- (a) All such clothing will be offered in the first place to the Commission and not to any one of its Sub-Commissions.
- (b) A Salvaged Clothing Disposal Group to be set up by this Commission will meet at regular intervals, probably once a week, to consider the types and qualities of available clothing and their allocation between the respective interests concerned.

It is not thought possible to lay down a comprehensive priority list for much must depend on the character and type of clothing offered at any given moment. It is obvious, however, that the needs of the Italian combat forces must have priority. Subject to that it is thought that the respective priorities of the Italian non-combat forces, Patriots, Police, and other bodies and interests mentioned above must be determined at each meeting in the light of requirements and availability, and probably a percentage distribution would be made.

- (c) The salvaged clothing allotted to the Italian army would continue to be repaired in Italian army factories under the supervision of the Land Forces Sub-Commission.

The clothing not so required will be repaired by the Italian Government in civilian workshops under the general supervision of the Commerce Sub-Commission, and distributed by the Government in accordance with the orders issued by the Disposal Group. In practice such Disposal Group may be a Sub-Committee of the larger Disposal Review Committee which is now being set up by this Commission.

5. The lack of clothing, boots, and blankets, for the classes mentioned in para 2 is causing this Commission serious concern and it is felt that a distribution of clothing on the lines above indicated will not only go a long way to promoting the efficiency and morale of the Police and agricultural and heavy workers, so essential in the interests of the war effort, but will go far to prevent disease and unrest amongst the other classes mentioned.

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and at the same time can be made without impairing the efficiency of the Italian armed forces.

6. Your approval to the above proposals is therefore requested, when a more detailed plan can be prepared.

/s/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE,
Commander USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

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Tel. 451

9 December 1944

SUBJECT: Allocation of Repaired Shoes.

TO : Economic Section. (6)

1. The original inquiry, reference 4402/1/COS of 5 Dec on the above subject has been replied to direct by Commerce S/C - reference AC/5130/Commerce dated 7 Dec.

2. The information submitted indicates that the present system of allocating repaired shoes is now being changed but is still in a formative state. This important matter should be dealt with promptly and the COS directs that a completed report be forwarded.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Special Materials Section

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LVRW/FZ

Ref. AC/5130/Commerce
Tel. 478.192

7 December 1944

SUBJECT : Allocation of Repaired Shoes.

TO : Office of the Chief of Staff (7)

1. Reference your 4402/I/COS of 5 December 1944.
2. The problem of allocating repaired shoes and repaired clothing is now under discussion and a new system is being worked out. The main points are as follows:
 - a. All repairing will be done under the Supervision of the Italian Government, specifically, the Ufficio Provinciale del Commercio e dell'Industria in Naples.
 - b. Fortnightly the Ufficio Provinciale will forward a report of available items for distribution to this Sub-Commission. 3
 - c. This list will be considered by a committee, which is to be formed, which will include members of all Sub-Commissions and agencies interested in salvaged clothing, such as Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission, Public Health, Devastated Areas, etc. An allocation schedule will be made up by this group.
3. It is felt that this new system will prove to be far more efficient and equitable than any used in the past.

For the Chief Commissioner

for
W.P. EVANS 1847
Colonel-Director
Commerce Sub-Commission
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W.P. Evans

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Copy to: Economic Section

Attached papers produced at
a meeting held on 4. Dec
with COS, CA Sec, Econ Sec &
L.F. S/C to determine the
priorities for distribution of
clothing in Italy.

J. L. Gillard
7/12

CA Sec brought these papers to the
meeting *J. L. Gillard*
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ITEMS PASSED TO A.C. FOR CIVIL USE

8 DEC 1944

Items	Quantity		Place	Date Offered	Date Taken Over
	Lbs.	Pieces			
Boots	2,385	prs	Naples	5 Oct. 1944	1 Nov. (collected)
Boots	1,100	prs	Bari	5 Oct. 1944	1 Nov. (collected)
Caps, Wool	5,605		Naples	27 Oct. 1944	27 Oct.
Shirts, Wool	4,452		Naples	27 Oct. 1944	27 Oct.
Shirts, Cotton	606		Naples	27 Oct. 1944	27 Oct.
Undershirts, cotton	1,626		Naples	27 Oct. 1944	27 Oct.
Undershirts, wool	1,338		Naples	27 Oct. 1944	27 Oct.
Drawers, cotton	2,374		Naples	27 Oct. 1944	27 Oct.
Drawers, wool	1,438		Naples	27 Oct. 1944	27 Oct.
Trousers, wool	609		Naples	27 Oct. 1944	27 Oct.
Trousers, cotton	180		Naples	27 Oct. 1944	27 Oct.
Towels	105		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Caps, wool	5,605		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Blankets	201		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Gloves, wool	1,400		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Gloves, leather	3,200		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Suits, HBT	3,795		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Coats, fatigue	2,475		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Trousers, fatigue	7,790		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
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Trousers, wool	1,509		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Trousers, cotton	180		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Shirts, wool	340		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Trousers, wool	325		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Bags, barracks	935		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Trousers, fatigue	505		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Blouses, HBT	230		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Suits, HBT	165		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Caps, fatigue	430		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Raincoats	205		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Field Jackets	710		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Gloves, wool	70		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Gloves, leather	430		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Socks, wool	540		Naples	7 Nov. 1944	7 Nov.
Blouses, Battledress	3,310		Bari	9 Nov. 1944	Not Known
Trousers, Battledress	5,870		Bari	9 Nov. 1944	Not Known
Trousers, Battledress	3,000		Bari	22 Nov. 1944	22 Nov.
Blouses, Battledress	3,000		Bari	22 Nov. 1944	22 Nov.
Overcoats	340		Bari	22 Nov. 1944	22 Nov.
Towels	40		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Shirts, wool	300		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Undershirts, cotton	1,600		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Trousers, wool	4,289		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Trousers, cotton	216		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	

Items	Quantity		Place	Date Offered	Date Taken Over
	Lbs	Pieces			
Overcoats		140	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Jackets, Field		1,130	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Mackinaws		22	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Helmet Liners		1,720	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
<u>WOOL</u>					
Caps		135	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Socks	24,141		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Overcoats		2,700	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Blankets		232	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Shirts		3,930	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Pullovers		193	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Jackets, Field	20,315		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Gloves		935	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Coats		525	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Drawers		365	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Undershirts		1,540	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Trousers, lined		75	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Trousers	10,160		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Mackinaws		79	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
<u>COTTON</u>					
Caps, fatigue		1,715	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Caps		140	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Straps for canvas					
leggings		180	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Cartridge Belts	14,336		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Comforters		85	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Covers for pick-axe		77	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Covers, blankets		116	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Covers		827	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Ties		2,295	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Coats, fatigue		1,809	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Gloves		170	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Leggings	11,988		Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Undershirts		730	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Drawers		905	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Trousers, fatigue		3,415	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Canteen covers		1,432	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Barracks Bags		2,916	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Suspender Straps, web		815	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Suits, HBT		9,848	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Shelter Halves		450	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Canvas Field Bag		8,219	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Mosquito Netting		6,010	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Trousers		105	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Leather, straps, various		46,663	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Gloves, leather		1,880	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Raincoats		75	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Blouses, wool		2,475	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Trousers, wool		4,536	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
Socks, cotton		255	Naples	28 Nov. 1944	
<u>TOTAL</u>	187,666	91,795			

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Tel : 451

Ref: 4402/1/COS.

5 December 44.

SUBJECT : Allocation of Repaired Shoes - for month of October.

TO : Economic Section for Commerce Sub-Commission.

1. Reference para 3 sub-heading (iii) "Textiles, Shoes and Clothing" from the October Monthly Report of Commerce Sub-Commission.
2. The question is raised as to whether the allocation of repaired shoes are being made on an equitable and efficient basis. Can you please say whether the procedure which you established and on which reports are submitted through Region and Sub-Section, is working satisfactorily.

Capt Olen

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Copy to : 4403/308.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 4/37.5/CA

1 Dec 44
2 Dec 44

SUBJECT: Distribution of Clothing.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

- 1 The Civil Affairs and Economic Sections of this Commission have under consideration distribution of Allied military salvaged clothing, including boots and blankets amongst various classes of the Italian populace.

Apart from the necessity for providing as large a quantity of clothing as possible for the Italian population as a whole there are certain classes to whom it has been agreed priority should be given. These classes are briefly as follows: for use in hospitals and infirmaries for the destitute; for the use of Police Forces (other than the Carabinieri); for homeless people in war devastated areas such as Cassino; for genuine fighting patriots who come through the lines semi-clothed; for repatriated persons and refugees, and for agricultural and heavy workers.

- 2 Formerly considerable quantities of salvage clothing, boots and so forth, were made available to the Commerce Sub-Commission for distribution, and as an example, by August last no less than 6,000 pairs of boots per week were being repaired and made available for the Italian populace and the special classes mentioned above.

- 3 By AFHQ Memorandum No. 36 of the 4th September it was provided that all salvaged clothing and boots should be delivered direct to Italian military repair installations as designated by you, and only clothing and boots not suitable for the Italian army would be made available for the purposes of the Commerce Sub-Commission. The result has been to cut down to a nominal figure the amount of clothing and boots which has been available for civilian distribution.

- 4 The Chief Commissioner is of the opinion that policy in this respect requires reconsideration. He considers that a certain proportion of all salvaged clothing and boots should be made available for the purposes of civilian distribution and that the Italian Army should not have complete priority.

The question arises, therefore, as to what proportion should be made available for the Italian Army and what for civilian distribution, and for the purpose of discussing this question I am calling a meeting of heads of the Civil Affairs and Economic Sections and War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission on Monday, 4 Dec 44 at 0900 hrs and it is requested

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5 For your information the question of proportionate distribution between the various special classes set out in para 1 has already been under discussion between the Sub-Commissions concerned.

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M.S. LUNA, BRIS.
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Copy to: Economic Section, (3).
Civil Affairs Section (3).
War Materials Disposal S/C. (1)

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