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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Economic Section

WMD/83/97

22 December 1945

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My dear Mr. Minister:

I acknowledge receipt of your Prot. 02/9299 dated 12 December 45.

The action taken by A.M.C. Venezia Region regarding the tobacco was undertaken because details to hand showed the merchandise to fall within the definition of war booty in that it formally belonged to the German Administration, as stated in AMG (Venezia Region) letter XXII/BEL/SP/799 dated 15 November 45 addressed to Direction General of the State Monopoly.

It has been requested that the fullest details regarding the origin of this tobacco be forwarded to this HQ to enable further investigation of this matter.

Yours very truly,

(SIGNED)

NORMAN P. SMITH

Major, VGD

CHARLES W. WALTON

Colonel, AC

Supply Group, Chief

Mr. M. Scoccimarro
Minister of Finance
Italian Government
Rome

Copy to:
Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
AMG Venezia Region (attn. Maj. T.G. Brennan)
Finance S/C (your 13032/F dtd. 17 Dec. 45 refers).

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Translation

The Minister of Finance

Prot. n. 62/9299

12 Dec. 1945

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Admiral Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
Rome

Subject : Italian Kentucky tobacco left by the Germans, the payment of which has been requested by the Monopoly.

According to informations which I received from the Administration of the State Monopoly, I take the liberty of bringing the following facts to your attention.

In a letter dated November 15th, of which we hereby enclose a copy (encl. n. 1) the Allied Military Government of the Belluno Province ordered to stock in the Venezia Tobacco Factory 29.161 tons of tobacco leaves, for which it gave an invoice amounting to L. 587.394, 15, stating that the payment must take place according to the procedure established in the letter A.C. 3863/163 Log. O, para 9 A, dated June 22nd, 1945, of which a copy is also enclosed (encl. n. 2)

We point out that this is Kentucky tobacco, produced in Italy, which had been taken by the Germans and left behind when they withdrew from Northern Italy.

As you are aware, there is a regime of monopoly in our country, according to which raw and cultivated tobacco, produced and manufactured by us, belongs to the Administration of the State Monopoly exclusively. It seems therefore impossible to ask for the payment of tobacco which is de jure the property of the Italian State; this also because in its raw state, it has already been paid to the farmers.

As there have been similar cases in which provincial Allied Commands or offices fixed the price and asked the Monopoly to pay for tobacco leaves of which they were somehow in possession, I deem it advisable to bring this matter to your attention, trusting you will issue whatever orders you consider fit to the provincial Command of Belluno, for what concerns this case, and also, on general principles, to all offices and Commands depending from you.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

S. Scoccimarro

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Translation

BELLUNO PROVINCE
Venezia Region
Allied Military Government
A.M.G. 394

15 November 1945

To : Direction General of the State Monopoly
Piazza Bastari, 11 - Rome

Ref. : RAIL/BEI/SP/190

Subject : Raw tobacco, Zanatelli barracks, Feltre (Belluno)

We inform you that in accordance with the orders we received from H.Q. Allied Commission (Captured Enemy Material Section) G-5 Fifth Army, the following items have been withdrawn from the Zanatelli barracks at Feltre and sent to the Venice Tobacco Manufacture during the last ten days:

118 (one hundred and eighteen) Barrels and 3 (three) cases of raw tobacco to be used in the manufacturing.

Such tobacco formerly belonged to the German Administration and has been sold by this Allied Command to the Administration of the State Monopoly.

The payment of the said tobacco must take place according to the procedure established and confirmed by the letter AC 3863/163 LG - 0 9 K, dated June 22nd, 1945 (of which we enclose a copy).

The net weight of the said tobacco amounts to tons 29.161.

The price of the said packages, based on the price of raw tobacco, in package, Kentucky brand, of 1943, II category, including the extra-price, amounts to L. 2350 for 0/2, at L. 1800. For N/I equal to an average price of L. 2015 for the net weight of 1 quintal.

The expenses for the repairing of the barrels and cases will be charged to the State Monopoly.

The Allied Command begs the Direction General to have the payment made to the A.M.G. FINANCE OFFICE, BELLUNO, through the channel of the local Trento or Belluno Monopoly Office. We enclose the invoice.

Enclosures:

1 copy of the minute
1 invoice (2 copies)
1 order of payment

A. Thomas G. Brennan
MAJOR T.G. BRENNAN
Provincial Commissioner
Belluno Province

Copies to :
Provincial Commissioner
Finance Office A.M.G. Belluno
Local Monopoly Office
Venice Tobacco Manufacture
Belluno Monopoly Office
G.M. Section 5th Army Bolzano

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