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FOOD
OCT. 1944 - OCT. 1945

C.S.O.

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For info please see folios 96 & answer at p. 99

CDW 30/7

SH 10/1/45

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Noted B/L 15/8.
 M.

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You might like to see 107 for information

13.8.45

21/4/8

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Exp. Com.

For info - files 107 and 108
 19/8 1945

CSO

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~~Ex. Committee~~

New designations for parts of Italy will have to be decided upon. It is all liberated now.

To see folios 74-5 for Food Stock Positions as of 1 April.

- 1) 2 to 3 months supply on hand as wheat equivalent for "liberated" Italy (south of Appennines). Other items are in lesser supply, but in "safe" amounts.
- 2) Quantities on hand for North Italy amount to 1-month's supply; except wheat and flour, which are sufficient for 2 months on 100 grain ration basis.

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See. I believe as long as you and HC would be interested in folio 78. Suggest to see it. *CSO 2/10/45* - Yes please do. *20/3/5*

Food Sp. *Att. as long*

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The results will be followed. *20/3/5*

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Food Lt. Att. Askey

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2/13/5 (Sum by 184410V)

9d

Re file 93 please see files 84, 85, 86 & 90 & 92. I spoke to Con last yesterday & suggested that they confirm to 24 min. I hope officers the year of file 93 & complete action. (see addendum of 93)

Thanks 2/13/5

TO: A/Ex. Commissioner.

- 1) As a result of Chief Commissioner's memo of 19 April (folio 63), Econ Sec has rendered a report on the quality of bread in Rome Area (folio 67).
- 2) Corrective action as to quality of barley has been previously taken - see para 3 of report.
- 3) Corrective action by the Italian Government to encourage good bread making has been recommended to the High Commissioner for Food by our Food S/C.

20 April 45.

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Major

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So to cc

67 in Econ Sec's reply to
CC's note at 63.

5/21/4
Re recommended made in P 4503
4 of 65 (10 April) should be
followed by. S.

70 Prepare letter to Prince Doria along lines of
folio 67

W a 23/4.

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May Review in letter draft.

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CC's note at 63.

Si 21/4
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followed by Si.

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Ind cc 23/4.

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May Rivis / M Submit to me a better draft.
in accordance with CC's instructions
above Si 23/4.

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So to cc

For signature of CC - vide cc's
instructions to above Si 23/4.

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56.

CSO: 1) Food Stock Position as of 1 Feb 45 (folio 55).

A. Liberated Italy:

"Stocks on hand" fell off slightly from those of last month.

"Stocks en route" 2202 tons sugar which will improve position of that item over last month.

A little less than 2 months' supply will be in stock by 20 Mar, but by 15 May, expect to have 3 months' supply of wheat/barley.

B. Northern Italy:

Stock-piling shows improvement over last month's position in fats. 2 months' supply overall.

2) Stock Disposition (see folio 54)

Improvement in 8th Army areas stocks at some expense to those in 5 Army area. Several items of imported supplies increased in Southern Region.

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3 Mar 45.

Wm K. G.

Si 4/3.

gfs
Major

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62.

C.S.O.

1) Food Stock Position as of 1 March 45 (folio 61).

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"Stocks on hand" are less than those shown on last month's position, but they do show better than one month's supply on all items, - on the wheat/barley item, they show a good two month's stock.

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Memorandum

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B. Northern Italy:

A good two-months stock-pile is on hand in all items except sugar. The 80,000 tons total stock of wheat and flour assures a 200 gram bread ration.

2) Stock Disposition (see folio 60).

Several items of imported supplies show increases in Southern Region area while sum total of all imported supplies improved. Local production in Consorzio Warehouses fell off from last month's totals a bit.

6 April 45.

JRS
Major
PA *JRS* Cap.

TO: C O S

31.

1. A request was made to the Econ Sec (Food S/C) for a statement as to the food position in terms of consumption, stocks on hand and replenishments on route. A statement along these lines has been furnished at folio 30, dividing area between Liberated Italy and the City of Rome and estimates for North Italy.

2. It is believed that this report gives a graphic picture of the situation and, if you wish, we may ask for a re-statement periodically.

3. A further statement of food stock disposition is at folio 29.

28 Nov 44

Good. I should like this monthly

DS/28/21

encl
Captainev 23/12
Noted J.

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COS: folios 33 and 34 show food stock position as of 1 Dec. see minutes above. Jett 1/1/45

There is approximately 2 months supply of all commodities except in N. Italy where you will see the policy now is to let it take care of itself after the first impact.

2. As p 33. is the distribution, which is satisfactory. 4497 2/1

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C80 I do not understand a rate at for

of 34.

DS/445

TO: C S O Ref 34

37.

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MS/445

TO: C30

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3. To the stockpile figure of 20,844 (flour) can be added the en route figure of 22,611 (flour) totalling 49,425. I have been informed this date that the Dec. stock-piling estimates have been achieved in general.

4. It is being assumed that North Italy, after initial emergency issues, will be able to feed itself generally as it has done in past.

4 Jan 45

Cof

Above confirmed with Col Legg, who says that imports are

all arranged for with Cos. in LAC 911 - under a phased programme.

2. I recommend no further action on 38.

Acknowledged by 9 agree MS/41/45/ 571

EU 23/12

Noted G.

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COS

To see 1.

See 10/10.

COS has been in front
CAS & SC see are dealing with 11/10

Chief Staff Officer to see folio in 11

encl 23/10

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C.S.O.: Reply to query by C of S on 8 is
submitted on 13

encl 24/10
see: see 25/10

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C.S.O.: To see P 22. This is in
rebuttal to argument which grew out of
issue of P 17

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encl 22/11

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COS

To see 17 and 22, with reference to para of para

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24/10

I should like to see SCATO VIII Army about

see.

25/22/11.

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No action: M (25/11)

per. 25/11

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Tel: 220

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22 AUGUST 1945

AUG 23 1945

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Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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Rear Admiral, USN
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Naples.

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CAPT ARKONDI

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22 August 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Reference your letter dated 9th August 1945, concerning the movement of the balance of the 1944 wine crop from Southern Italy, in readiness for this year's wine harvest.

This urgent problem has been the subject of continual study on the part of Food and Transportation Sub-Commissions, in conjunction with your Ministries of Food and Transportation.

Relative the reported 175,000 tons of last year's wine on hand awaiting transportation at the end of July '45, shipping bids were accepted totalling 24,700 tons for movement in August and bids for 40,000 tons in September have been received. It is expected that the railways will move at least 30,000 tons during the months of August and September. As I see the problem, this leaves a balance of 80,000 tons for which additional transportation is required.

Dealing first with the railways, agreement has been reached with the military authorities whereby, with immediate effect, a daily train of wine in cistern wagons will operate from Southern Italy to Northwest Italy, via Bologna and Piacenza. Your Ministries of Food and Transport have already been informed by Transportation Sub-Commission of this additional facility. These trains are in addition to the movement of wine in barrels in Italian Government territory, at the discretion of the Minister of Food, within the tonnage it is possible to allocate for the movement of non-rationed food-stuffs. It has not been possible to secure agreement to loading all military wagons returning empty to the North, as this would delay the turn-round of wagons, already in short supply, and seriously affect the military program.

My representative personally discussed the question of additional shipping with the Allied shipping authorities on 14th August and, in spite of recent unfortunate experiences, these

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authorities will make every effort to produce the sea transportation required.

Shipping allocated to the movement of wine has, unfortunately, not been used to the full recently. During the month of July, 3,000 tons of schooner lift allocated to wine was not used for wine, due to non-availability of cargo. Other traffic was conveyed. Further difficulties have already been experienced this month at Brindisi. S.S. "TAUTRA" was programmed to lift part cargo of wine (400 tons) but, after being delayed four days, was forced to sail without cargo as wine was not available. S.S. "GULLA" was to ship 800 tons of wine, but cargo was immediately off-loaded due to the poor quality of the barrels, most of which were unfit for any sea journey and some of which collapsed when stored. S.S. "MARINE CALLOS" was scheduled to lift 600 tons of wine, but in view of the difficulties experienced by S.S. "GULLA", the military would not permit this ship to carry part cargo of wine.

You may rest assured that this problem will receive every consideration from this Headquarters, but I should be grateful if you could impress on all concerned the seriousness of waste of shipping space. I would be glad if you could verify the location and tonnage which will be outstanding at 31 August '45. I feel it may be found that the tonnage actually available for transportation may be somewhat less, and it is essential that no unnecessary bids are made for shipping.

I should be grateful if you would also take appropriate action to ensure that cargoes are always available for shipment and that all barrels are in a sufficiently sound condition to permit transportation by sea.

In view of the efforts which the Allied shipping authorities are making to solve this problem, I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Gibson-Graham, Chairman of the Mediterranean Shipping Board.

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Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Economic Section

Tel: 415

14 August 45

Ref: 15.60/ES

AUG 15 1945

SUBJECT: Movement of Wine.

TO : Chief Commissioner.

1. With reference to the Prime Minister's letter of 9 August 1945 (your copy attached), the Transportation Sub-Commission is giving this question careful consideration.

2. On the rail side, they have already found it possible to improve facilities in agreement with AFHQ. Surplus wine rail tankers are being worked from the North and it is expected the Italians will shortly be able to operate daily trains of rail tankers from Southern Italy to Northwest Italy via Bologna and Piacenza.

3. The Deputy Director and other representatives of Transportation Sub-Commission are attending the weekly meeting of MEDBO at AFHQ on Tuesday 14 August. The question of additional shipping will be discussed in detail with the Allied Shipping Authorities. It is most unlikely that the Prime Minister's request will be met in full, but every effort is being made to insure that not only will the August and September programs be met in full, but that additional shipping is allocated to the movement of wine. 4492

4. A letter in reply to the Prime Minister will be submitted for your approval and signature within a few days.

FOR THE ACTING VICE PRESIDENT :

L.D. DENSMORE
Colonel, FA
Chief Staff Officer

1 Incl:
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Copy to : Supply Division
Transportation S/O

(ORIGINAL PASSED FOR CC FILES)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Ref: P8 AC

8 August 1945

SUBJECT: Food for AUSTRIA

AUG 12 1945

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Economic Section)

1. I have just returned from SALZBURG where I attended a meeting called by Maj. General HILDRING, C.A.D., W.D.

2. Due to various conditions food supplies for the U.S. zone in AUSTRIA were not called forward promptly for the months of September, October, November. It is just possible that these supplies may not come forward in time to meet the acute requirements of the civil population during that period. Should this prove to be the case, USFA expressed a desire to borrow against replacement, a maximum of 12,000 tons of wheat per month or a total of 36,000 tons. This is in addition to the tonnage just negotiated with this headquarters. I told the meeting that I did not have the right to commit the Allied Commission to such an advance as the wheat in question was not purchased through military sources but through FEA channels. General HILDRING stated that he would discuss this with ELAC upon his return to the U.S. You may, therefore, expect to hear more about this proposed advance.

3. Should agreement be reached by you with the proper authorities it is probable that the wheat would be consigned to North West European ports for shipment over USFET L. of C. If their rail facilities are unable to carry this burden initially it was understood that G-4, USFET, would correspond direct with G-4, AFHQ, to make arrangements that would be mutually satisfactory and which would probably result in this tonnage being carried North from the Port of GENOA.

4. The above was written as information only and is subject to a direct proposal being put to the Allied Commission by the proper USFA or USFET authorities, or it may come as a directive from the War Department.

5. For your further information USFET is making available as an advance some 34,000 tons of wheat, or equivalent, and other items totalling approximately 20,000 tons in addition to the indicated request on the Allied Commission.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

/s/ J. E. BUTTERWORTH
/t/ J. E. BUTTERWORTH
Colonel, G.S.C.

Chief, Economics & Supply Division

Copy to: G-4, AFHQ

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Economic Section

9 August 1945

AUG 11 1945

American Embassy, London

TO: Winant FROM: Kirk FOR: Stone

FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE COMBINED WORKING PARTY ON
EUROPEAN FOOD SUPPLIES PROPOSE MR. RUDDERHAM (BRITISH CIVILIAN)
DEPUTY DIRECTOR AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION, OR AS ALTERNATE
MR. PURGALOW (FEA CIVILIAN) AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION. NO
REPRESENTATIVE FOOD SUB-COMMISSION IS AVAILABLE, HENCE AGRICULTURE
SUB-COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE PRINTED ON FOOD. COLONEL
LEGG, DIRECTOR FOOD SUB-COMMISSION TO BE INVALIDED HOME ARRIVING
LONDON 22 OR 23 AUGUST. HE BELIEVES HE WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND
CONFERENCES AND IS EXTREMELY WELL QUALIFIED. SERVICES OF INDIVIDUALS
SHOULD NOT EXCEED TEN DAYS. REGRET MAJOR CASE AND CAPTAIN KOEHLER
ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

APPROVED:

MILERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
CHIEF COMMISSIONER

MISS D.L.)

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

URGENT

Rome, 9 August 1945

AUG 10 1945

Dear Admiral,

the situation of the southern provinces which produce a large quantity of wine is getting very serious and causes great preoccupations to the Government. We are on the eve of the new wine harvest, and the producers of the southern provinces haven't yet been able to get rid of last year's wine because of the lack of transport. This will make it necessary either to throw away the wine of last year, or to sacrifice the new grapes harvest. In either case, the wine producing regions will suffer great damage, and this is already causing considerable unrest.

From a communication of the Ministry for Alimentation, it appears that the southern provinces ought to be able to sell and transport, during the months of August and September (i.e. before the new wine harvest) 175 tons of wine (Puglia 100 thousand, Sicily 50 thousand, Calabria 25 thousand), of which 115 thousand by sea and 30 thousand by railway. Unfortunately, the allied authorities cannot supply such a volume of transport and granted shipping for 36 thousand tons in August, (including the best Sicilian wine) and 40 thousand in September, besides a weekly train leaving from Puglia. With such a rhythm of transport, about 100 thousand tons of wine run the risk of remaining unsold and having to be destroyed.

Italian and Allied experts who met during the last few days agreed that to solve the problem, the Allies should grant at once and temporarily only, an extra shipping for 100 thousand tons, for the months of August and September respectively. The Allied military authorities should also allow the military trains that come full from the north towards the southern harbors and go back empty to be loaded with wine barrels. This would delay the circulation of the carriages of twenty four hours for the loading and twenty four hours for the unloading, but, in compensation, it would assure the transport of an important amount of wine. The authorization to add to the military trains a certain number of tank cars might also be useful.

Faced with such difficulties, I cannot but appeal to the spirit of comprehension you always showed for our main problems. Only your quick intervention with the transportation sub-commission will make the solution of this question possible: i.e. obtain an extra tonnage of 100 thousand tons, and the use of all cars for military traffic which go back north empty.

Trusting on your kind interest, on which I count so much in this difficult period, I remain,

Truly yours,

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner - A.C.
Rome

E. C. 301 - 10 AUG 5. Ferruccio Parri

Admiral Stone
10 AUG 1945
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SEE F. 110
trans. o/c

See 112

(MISS D.L.)

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7 August 1945.

MEMO TO: Economic Section.
Attn: Colonel L.D. Denamore.

Will you please draft telegram in the Admiral's name replying to the attached. Telegram should go through Embassy channels. The Chief Commissioner would like to meet the wishes of the Embassy as far as possible.

M. S. LUCH

MSL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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(MISS D.L.)

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C O P Y.

LONDON
(by teletype from Ampolad,
Caserta)

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August 4, 1945

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August 4, 5.30 pm.

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For Admiral Stone.

Embassy would appreciate services qualified officer from Food and Agriculture Section, ACC, in London for week or more during month of August for purpose consultations with Combined Working Party on European Food Supplies. Major Clayton Case or Captain Harold Koehler suggested as likely possibilities if available. Can you please check with appropriate authorities and advise availability. Such officer coming should bring latest estimates, expected crops and livestock production and utilisation 1945 harvest year in Italy and figures on actual and planned food imports.

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WINANT

See Form
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

ECONOMIC SECTION

Our Ref :- AC/660/81/Tn.3.

30. July 1945

SUBJECT :- Wine for Lombardia.

JUL 30 1945

TO :- Regional Commissioner,
Lombardia Region

1. Reference your letter R/O305 dated 19 July.

2. This Headquarters is aware of the wine shortage in the North. Until 7 July through rail connections from South to North did not exist, and since that date the Bologna-Verona connection has been sufficient only for military needs plus a small quantity of the most essential civilian supplies. Due to the heavy military commitments it is not likely that any additional civilian supplies will be accepted.

3. With regard to transportation by sea, heavy calls have been made on shipping for the coastwise movement to Northern Ports of rationed supplies; and ships that might otherwise have carried wine have been diverted to that use. However, the movement of wine to the North by sea is now beginning. The S.S. 'Itu' has been nominated to load 1500 tons in Sicily for Savona on 30 July, and 8800 tons for Savona/Genoa have been included in the August Shipping programme. Of this quantity about 5000 tons are scheduled for Lombardia.

4. The ban on road transportation of wine was made because of the shortage of tyres, fuel etc. In addition, lifting the ban would subject the road movement of essential supplies, such as wheat, to the competition of the prosperous wine trade, and serious difficulties might result. In view of the long distance of Lombardia Region from the heavy exporting areas (Apulia and Sicily) it does not seem that

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see 17100

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone :-

(Signed)
CHARLES W. WALTON

Col
E. Black Supply Division
Brigadier General U.S.A.
Acting Vice President.

Copy to: Ex Comm
(Ref 4202/97/EC)
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Ext 451

ABA/el

Ref: 4802/98/EO

25 July 1945

MEMORANDUM;

TO : Economic Section

1. Reference is made to a letter R/0305 dated 19 July from Hq AMG Lombardia Region to Brigadier General McKinley, Acting Vice President of the Economic Section, regarding the situation in Lombardia with respect to wine.

2. It would be appreciated if the Executive Commissioner's Office were informed as to what action has been taken with respect to this letter.

A. E. ARNOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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see 99 p/v

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Noted

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Ex. Comm R 91

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394

JUL 22 1945

R/0311

20 July 1945

MEMORANDUM:

JUL 23 1945

TO : Executive Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Commission

Enclosed, for your information, is a copy of a letter regarding wine
addressed to Brigadier General McKinley.

21 JUL 1945

Charles Politti
CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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W. G. (Capt. RANCHOY)

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A TRUE COPY

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394

R/0305

19 July 1945

Brigadier General McKinley
Acting Vice President
Economic Section
Headquarters, Allied Commission

Dear General McKinley

The situation in Lombardy with respect to wine has been and continues to be deplorable. Wine is an essential food for the Italians and the price that they are made to pay for wine is disgustingly high. I recommend that some drastic steps be taken by the Allied Commission and the Italian Government to get some wine up into this area, especially since we know that Sicily and the southern part of continental Italy have large surpluses.

In connection with the general problem, may I also point out that the present restriction on the transport of wine by truck has not been and is not enforceable. One need only take a trip from the North to Rome to see scores of trucks loaded with wine. The more restrictions that are imposed, the more chance for corruption. Some time ago, I argued that wine should not be regulated and controlled and that AG HQ officers, with whom I discussed the the problem, modify the proposal to control it. I think it is right that wine should not be controlled. However, we still need transport control on it which is impossible to administer and which serves only to breed corruption and to increase the price.

I hope that AG HQ, with the Italian Government, will be able to arrange in the immediate future for a good many schooners of wine to come up North. The Italians will manage to unload the wine even though they can't use Genoa.

Yours sincerely

/s/ Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Tel : 478204

14 July 1945

JUL 18 1945

Ref : 10-32/3/FOOD

SUBJECT : Conference on Food Problems

TO : Ministero degli Affari Esteri

1. Reference is made to this office memorandum 10-32/108/FOOD dated 5 July 1945.

2. A reply has been received from the Minister (Commercial) British Embassy, Rome, a copy of which has already been sent direct to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the 25 June 1945.

4. It is greatly regretted that the opportunity for the Italian Government to attend this conference has been missed.

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W.B. MCKINLEY
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Vice President

Copies to:
Executive Commissioner
Economic Section

(LIFE ADJUDICATORY)

P.A.
W.B. McKinley
JUL 18 1945

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

ROME.

246/10/45.C.D.

9th July 1945.

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To: The Executive Commissioner,
H/Q Allied Commission, Rome.

From: The Minister (Commercial), British Embassy,
Rome.

Subject: Conference on Food Problems.

1. Please refer to your letter 10-32/107/FOOD dated 5th July.

2. The meetings of Allied Food and Agricultural Ministers were held in London on June 14th and 15th.

3. A request for Italian Government representation at these meetings was addressed to this Embassy by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but was received too late for any effective action to be taken as the meetings were then already in session. A reply to this request was sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the 25th June in a Note Verbale, a copy of which is enclosed. (92)

4. A copy of the Minutes of the Conference was sent by this Embassy to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the 29th June.

cc List - 11 July 45

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British Embassy,
ROME.

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N.V.No.156.
246/5/45.C.D.

25th June 1945.

NOTE VERBALE

His Majesty's Embassy presents its compliments to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, with reference to the latter's Note Verbale No. 42/09245/64 of the 11th June, have the honour to state that the meetings of Allied Ministers of Food and Agriculture were held in London on the 14th and 15th June and have already been concluded.

Although Italy was not represented at these meetings, His Majesty's Government are well aware of the country's food needs, to which due consideration is being given.

With regard to the contribution which, according to the Royal Ministry's Note, Italy can supply in the form of food products rich in vitamins, His Majesty's Government would be interested to receive particulars.

His Majesty's Embassy hope to receive shortly a record of the proceedings of the London meeting. If this is received a copy will be shown to the Royal Ministry should they so desire.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AGO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

5. July 1945

Ref: 10-32/107/FOOD

SUBJECT: Conference on Food Problems

JUL 5 1945

TO : The British Embassy *Rome, Italy*

1. It is understood that the British Government has called a conference of interested Western European nations, which will meet in London in the near future for the study of food problems.

2. It is considered that the Italian Government has a considerable interest in the agenda of this proposed conference, as besides being an importing nation of certain types of basic foodstuffs, Italy may also be in a position to contribute to the food economy of Europe by the export of valuable foods such as citrus fruits and rice. 4473 4479

3. It is, therefore, recommended that an official delegation be sent from Italy to be present at this conference, or at least that the Italian Government be allowed to send official observers.

For the Chief Commissioner:

E. Talbot

✓ Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

5 July 1945

JUL 6 1945

Ref. 10-32/108/FOOD

SUBJECT: Conference on Food Problems.

TO : Ministero degli Affari Esteri.

1. We have to refer to your memorandum No. 6/1702/774 of 14 June, 1945, on the above subject.

2. A letter has been sent to the British Embassy recommending that your request that Italy be represented at the forth-coming conference on food problems should be favourably considered.

(sgd) E. B. McKinley

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E. B. MCKINLEY
Brigadier General, USA.
Acting Vice President

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Executive Commissioner

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(Capt. McKinley)

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ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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5 July 1945

Ref: 10-32/107 /FOOD

SUBJECT: Conference on Food Problems

TO : The British Embassy , Rome, Italy

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For the Chief Commissioner:

(Sgd) E. Talbot. L. L. L.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 4802/88/EC

28 June 1945

SUBJECT: Food Conference

TO : Economic Section

1. Reference is made to our 4802/84/EC of 23 June 45 regarding the wish of the Italian Government to be represented at the coming Food Conference in London.

2. It would be appreciated if you would inform this office what action is being taken in reference to para 3 of our memorandum.

AD Annally

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 4802/84/EC

23 June 1945

SUBJECT: Food Conference

TO : Economic Section

1. Enclosed is a memorandum from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 6/1702/77¹ of 14 June, and a copy of a Note Verbale No. 42/9246 of 11 June to the British Embassy.

2. In the Note Verbale the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs requests that consideration be given to the possibility of the Italian Government being represented at the Food Conference to be held in London in the near future, and in their memorandum to the Allied Commission they ask that their request be supported by the Commission.

3. It would be appreciated if the Economic Section would consider this request and if you agree please prepare a letter for the Executive Commissioner's signature, to the British Embassy recommending that Italy be represented at this conference and at the same time draft a suitable reply to the Italian Government forwarding a copy of your letter to this office.

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A. B. ARNOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer.
To Executive Commissioner.

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C O P Y

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

Translated Copy
42/9246

NOTE VERBALE

The Italian Government have the honour to draw the British Embassy's attention to the following question.

The Italian Government understand that the British Government have called a conference for the study of food problems, which will meet at London in the near future.

As the British Embassy are aware, the food problems are, in this period of Italian life, among the most important and serious. Italy therefore is very interested in following the study of these problems, in order to solve, with the aid of the Allies, her own difficulties.

The conference will also envisage the best means to increase the production of foodstuffs, and as the increase in production is certainly the best way to reach a favourable solution of the question, Italy earnestly wishes to be able to attend the Conference.

The Italian Government wish furthermore, to point out that Italy must not be considered only as a Country which has need of importing foodstuffs, but also as a Country capable of exporting foodstuffs rich in vitamins, which constitute an indispensable factor in the alimentary economy of other Countries.

If the industrial production has been seriously impaired owing to the war, the same fortunately cannot be said of the agricultural production.

On the ground of the aforesaid considerations, the Italian Government trust that the request addressed by them to the British Government, will be considered as fully warranted and that Italy will be admitted to attend the Conference with an official delegation or, at least, with some observers.

The Italian Government hope to receive a favourable answer on the matter.

Rome, 11 June 1945

C O P Y

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

6/1702/774

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Food problems Conference

1. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs beg to draw the Allied Commission's attention to the Note Verbale a translated copy of which is herewith enclosed, addressed to the British Embassy on June 11th and containing a request that Italy be admitted to take part in the conference on food problems which, it is reputed, will be held at London in the near future.
2. The Italian Government venture to trust that the Allied Commission, who well know the importance and gravity of the food problem in the present phase of Italian economic life, will support the Italian request with the proper Allied Authorities.

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Rome, 14 June 1945

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Ref: 70-19/ /FOOD

28 May 1945.

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Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of 16 May in regard to the salt situation in Toscana.

As you so rightly observe, salt is an important item in the human diet, and we have taken pains to meet the needs of the Italian people. Although salt is abundant in Italy, it is largely concentrated at a few points (Sicily, Sardinia and Foggia Province) and its distribution requires considerable transportation, which has been the crux of the whole problem.

We have been fairly successful in meeting the salt needs of liberated Italy in the last six months. The salt imports by sea in April were as follows:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Tons</u>	
Sardinia and Sicily	Naples	3,358	} 4472
Sardinia	Civitavecchia	8,405	
	(For Lazio/Umbria area)		
Foggia Province	Ancona	867	
Sardinia	Leghorn	738	

Considerable amounts were also moved by rail from Foggia Province in all directions.

As a result of these increased movements, it has been possible to enable a distribution of salt at the rate of 300 grams per capita per month, plus additional allocations for special purposes, in contrast to the 100 grams per capita per month which was the average amount available in the few months following upon our entry into Italy.

Toscana Region, to which you specifically refer, is one of the few areas with a considerable local production of about 800 tons per

The Honorable Myron C. Taylor,
Personal Representative of the President
of the United States to His Holiness The Pope,
2 Via Boncompagni,
Rome.

(Capt. Arnold)

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M. C. Taylor

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month and the supply to Toscana is supplemented by imports from Sardinia. A ship with 750 tons arrived there four days ago.

Although the basic needs of salt for Italy are being met, more salt can be put to good use, and you may rest assured that we will make every effort to make it as abundant as the transportation difficulties will permit.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

SUBJECT: Salt Supply for Northern Italy

FILE No. 4802/EC

TO: Food Sub-Commission

19 May 1945

1. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Honorable Myron C. Taylor with reference to supplies of salt for the north.

2. It would be appreciated if you would take the necessary action on this matter and prepare a reply for the Chief Commissioner's signature.

Chief Staff Officer
to the Executive Commissioner

Encl: Copy of ltr fr Mr. Taylor dtd 16 May 1945.

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THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO HIS HOLINESS THE POPE

May 16, 1945

Dear Admiral Stone:

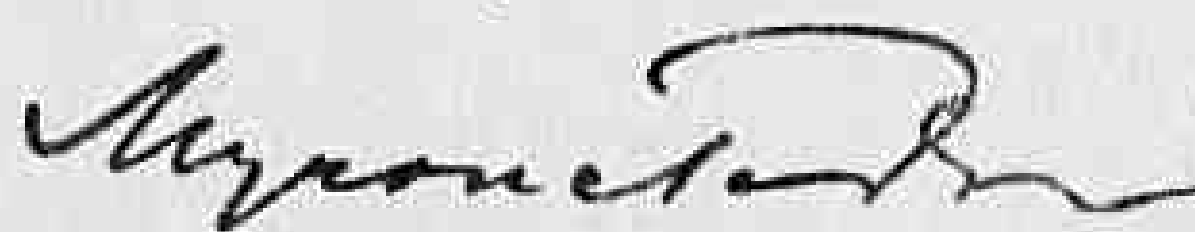
In my recent visit to Tuscany I was made aware of the fact that one of the most scarce articles of diet is common table salt which seems strange in view of the supplies which exist in Sicily and elsewhere. It seems to impress the people as having an influence on the health of the community, and I have suggested that a very favorable reaction would follow if salt were made plentiful and cheap as it should be.

In an historical sense salt has been a problem in many countries, sometimes even leading to tremendously long caravans being organized to bring it into scarce localities. With us in America, with such plentiful supplies, I do not suppose the value of salt impresses us very much. Nevertheless it seems to be a very important food element.

I am sure your wand can bring plenty into the land of scarcity without very much effort. I hope that you will promptly make use of it.

Sincerely yours,

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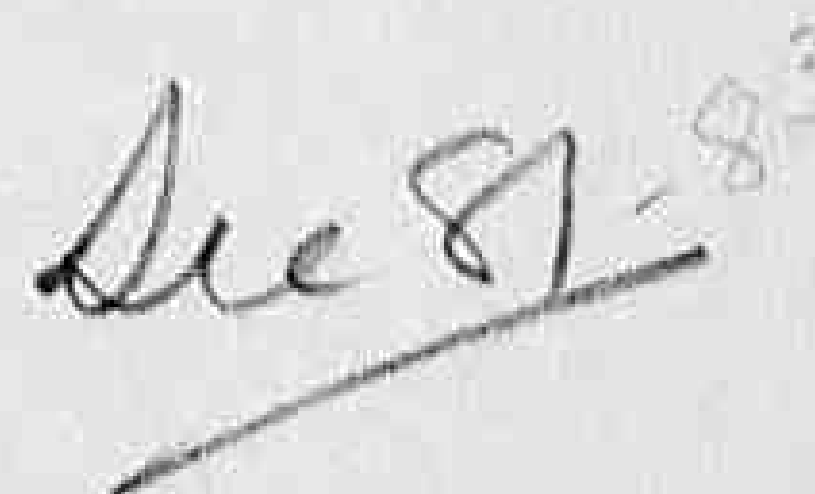


Myron C. Taylor

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.


(CARY ARNOLD)

Letter written by Gen. Sec
& Mr. Taylor
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IL SINDACO

Rome, 15 May 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

I thank you for your letter of April 25, 1945 reporting the results of the enquiry, by the Food Sub Commission, on the particularly bad quality of the bread latterly sold in Rome.

This city, for several, more or less plausible reasons, has always been noted for the deficient baking of its bread, but lately it has surpassed all previous standards and this has been attributed to the poor quality of the flower and especially to the mixing, with it of bad barley.

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Such hypothesis seemed confirmed by the similarly deficient baking obtained under the direct control of Government and Municipal experts.

At any rate, the Prefetto has now ordered that the owners or lessees of bakeries producing bread not in accordance with standing regulations, shall have their licence withdrawn while the running of the bakery will be carried out by a Commissario named by the Prefetto among a list of experts presented by the Comune.

This scheme is going to be tried on a small scale, at first, to watch results and, if successful it will be extended in the hope that, ultimately, the regular bakers may be induced to produce better bread in their own interest.

Yours sincerely

(CAPT. ARNOLD)
Rear Admiral ELLERY W. STONE
Chief Commissioner Allied Commission
Via Vittorio Veneto
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Following information received through 55 Area in TRIESTE.

Begins. Local produce availabilities eggs stated to be unlimited fish mainly small types in good supply, vegetables very limited. Following stock discovered with civilian firms, marmalade 100000 kgs, fish paste 80000 kgs, olive oil 8000 kg **4467**
tomato puree 30000 kgs (ends). **9468**

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(CAPT HENOLDY)
(MISS HEWELLYN)

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Tel: 478807

Ref: 62-1/55/FOOD

SUBJECT: Food Stock Position - 1 April 1945

FROM : Food Sub-Commission

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner

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2 May 1945

LIBERATED ITALY

Wheat Local	270,163	STOCKS	STOCK IN ROUTE	ESTIMATED MONTHLY
Wheat Imported	11,477	Tons	APRIL	CONSUMPTION
Barley	26,020			
Wheat Equivalent		303,331	105,912	154,777
Flour		16,047	-	3,713
Soup		7,735	680	1,117 (1)
Milk		2,501	4,457	-
Powd. Eggs		-	570 (2)	597
Meat Products		3,851	363 + 75 (3)	3,124
Dried Veg.		3,082	-	2,926
Sugar		1,930	4,135	

- (1) Based on 2% of population at 50 grams per day.
- (2) Powdered Eggs equivalent to 1710 tons meat.
- (3) Fish arrivals equivalent to same weight of meat.

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FOOD STOCK POSITION: Ceylon.~~SECRET~~MONTH ITALY

STOCKS TONS		STOCK IN HOUSE IN APRIL		ESTIMATED MONTHLY CONSUMPTION WHEN FULLY LIBERATED		
Wheat Local	30,000	-	-	(1)	38,950	Wheat & Flour from Imports #
Flour	50,000	8,690	-	(2)	2,086	
Soup	4,174	3,217	-		1,946	
Milk	2,916	4,189	-		1,543	
Meat Products	2,046	2,023	-		-	
Powdered Eggs	-	884	-		1,669	
Dried Veg.	2,340	-	-		2,767	
Sugar	2,767	3,742	-		2,181	
Fats	6,693	355	-			

- (1)* Wheat for 100 grams of bread. 44,520 tons.
 Wheat for 200 grams of bread. 80,136 tons.
 Wheat for 300 grams of bread. 127,730 tons.
 (2) Based on 6% of population at 50 grams per day.

Distribution:

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W. J. Lezz

Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

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OFFICERS ARMY ABLE MIKE GEORGES WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOOD SUBCOMMISSION
WILL BE HELD IN FLORENCE SATURDAY APRIL TWO ONE AT ABLE MIKE GEORGE
FIVE ARMY HEADQUARTERS PD TIME WILL BE NOTIFIED LATER PD ALL CONCERNED
REQUESTED TO ATTEND

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

VRAC/LDD/es

Ref. 52-6/75/FOOD
8.10/ES

20 April 1945

SUBJECT: Bread

TO : Chief Commissioner (Through A/Executive Commissioner)

1. This is in connection with memorandum dated 19 April 45 from the Chief Commissioner relative to conference with Prince Doris, Mayor of Rome, on quality of bread baked in Rome.

2. The whole question of bread making has been given the most careful thought and consideration by Food Sub-Commission for some time, and it is the considered opinion of those Officers who have been handling this matter that the indifferent bread being sold to the public was due to 3 main causes:

- (a) The bad quality of Barley being received from abroad.
- (b) Bad milling.
- (c) Bad baking.

3. With regard to (a), this is clearly an AC responsibility and as soon as complaints of the quality of Barley were received and investigated, the following steps were taken:

(i) Complaints were made to AFHQ and were quoted in LAC Airgram dated 28 January addressed to Combined Civil Affairs Committee.

(ii) Milling ratio of Barley was reduced from 75% to 63%.

(iii) As an extra concession to Rome, the mixture of Barley flour was reduced from 20% to 15%, making the wheat content of bread flour 85%.

(iv) New arrivals of Barley have been examined and are at present being analyzed. As soon as full report is received, A.F.H.Q. will be informed.

It is considered that any lack of quality in the barley has been fully offset by the reduction in milling ratio and in the percentage of barley flour used in Rome.

4. With regard to (b) and (c), this is entirely an Italian Government responsibility and the High Commissioner for Food was urged to take action on this matter. As a result experiments

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were carried out under the supervision of the Istituto di Sanita' at which a representative of Food Sub-Commission was present. Copy of report on this experiment and the comments and recommendations of Food Sub-Commission are attached.

5. It is not of course known if these experiments are the same as those referred to by H. E. the Mayor of Rome, but it will be seen from the report that during this particular experiment no barley flour was used at all, and the bad quality of the bread was attributed solely to bad baking.

6. An additional cause for the unpalatable quality of bread is the fact that although salt was made available to bakers by the Salt Monopoly, it was discovered that the bulk of this salt was being sold on the black market, and as a result the Monopoly withheld the allocation.

7. It cannot be too strongly urged that the recommendations as made in para 4 of Food Sub-Commission's letter 71-1/125/FOOD dated 14 April 1945 should be implemented by the Italian Authorities forthwith.

For the Acting Vice President:

L. D. Densmore

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, F. A.
Chief Staff Officer
Economic Section

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- #1 - Copy ltr Ref 71-1/125/FOOD, dtd 14 Apr 45
#2 - Copy Ltr Prot. No. 1060 ch3 dtd 5 Apr 45

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QUANTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Food Sub-Commission

VRAC/Lg

Ref. 71-1/125/FOOD

14 April 1945

SUBJECT: Demonstration on breadmaking

TO : H.E. Gino Bargami
High Commissioner for Food
Via Sallustiana 10

1. Attached is copy of report of Istituto Superiore di Sanita' forwarded by the Prefect of Rome on the experiments carried out at the Palombi & De Angelis bakery on March 1945.
2. As this office is obviously concerned that imported foodstuffs should be put to the best possible use and that the population should get the full benefit of them, the following comments are made:
3. This report appears to be far from satisfactory and it would seem that some confusion has arisen over the analysis of the samples. The fact that bread baked quickly at a high temperature has less humidity than that baked more slowly and at a lower temperature does not seem consistent, especially as during the experiment it was intended to prove the reverse, i.e. that the indifferent quality of the bread was in fact due to too rapid baking at a high temperature.
4. It is recommended therefore that a permanent Commission be set up to control bakeries and encourage good breadmaking by all possible means. Regulations on baking should be issued and any infringement severely punished.
5. Finally it would be appreciated if this office could be informed of any measures taken.

W.J. LING

Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministero dell' Interno - Istituto Superiore di Sanita'

TO : Prefettura di Roma

5 April 1945

REF : Prot. No. 1060 Ch. 3

During the investigation conducted in the Palombi & De Angelis bakery of Viale Giappone 2 by a Commission appointed by the Prefect, the representative of this Institution ascertained the following:

The bakery has a very good equipment, and the mixing of the dough is effected according to rule, but the most important operation, that of baking, is defective. The bread, in fact, is baked at a temperature a little too high and is not kept in the oven long enough for the bread to lose a sufficient quantity of water. The last lot to be baked was put into the oven insufficiently heated and too low a temperature, and the bread was left there for a considerable period. An exact control of the temperature of the oven could not be made, as the pyrometre was broken.

As a result of this irregular baking the bread is badly baked. The water content of the bread is on an average 33.43% for the bread in the first batch and 33.86% for the second. These figures exceed considerably the maximum of 31% laid down by present ruling. This limit is in itself high for the mixture now produced.

The quality of the flour was relatively good, in view of the high milling percentage, as can be seen from the following results of analysis:

Water	15.30%
to 100 parts of dry substance	
Ashes	1.51
Cellulose	1.86
Dry Glutine	12.42

The quality of the glutine is good. The flour was not mixed.

It is pointed out in conclusion that the bread produced in the above mentioned bakery, although made with fairly good flour is of bad quality due to an excessive water content.

The Palombi & De Angelis bakery has previously given cause for complaint and the analyses of samples drawn therefrom have on more than one occasion shown up the bad methods of baking.

THE DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Signed) MAROTTA

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19 April 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Acting Vice President, Economic Section. APR 19 REC'D

1. In a meeting which I had yesterday with Prince Doria, Mayor of Rome, he informed me that a commission appointed to investigate the poor quality of bread baked in Rome has reported -- after sample bakings made under its direct supervision -- that the primary cause for the unsatisfactory bread is the poor quality of barley being mixed with the wheat flour. He is informed, but can not vouch for the accuracy of the report, that barley received from the Mid-East had actually been rejected as being unfit for consumption by animals. He reports that samples of barley taken at Civitavecchia after unloading were reported as worn-eaten and moist.

2. If these statements are correct, it seems to me that corrective steps should be taken at once.

3. Will you please advise me on the facts.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Executive Comm'r.

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(Mrs. Rivers)

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

Tel: 478807

Ref: 62-1/53/FOOD

SUBJECT: Food Stock Position - 1 March 1945

FROM : Food Sub-Commission

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner

4 April 1945

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LIBERATED ITALY

	Estimated Monthly Consumption Tons	Stock on Hand	Stock In Route March	Approx. Terminal Date
Soup	3,159 551	4,172 411	0	15 April
M & V	2,650 729	3,710 235	* 546	20 April
Dried Veg.	2,593 531	3,142 307	0	6 April
Sugar	2,601 325	2,895 0	482	10 April
Wheat & Barley)	144,723 10,054	399,190 6,871	65,371	6 June

NORTH ITALY

	Estimated Monthly Consumption	Stockpile	Stockpile En Route March
Fats	2,181	4,852	1,258
Soup	2,086	4,700	-
M & V	1,543	1,800	1,525
Dried Veg.	1,669	3,000	-
Sugar	2,767	3,200	-
Wheat & Flour from Imports	38,950	45,000	-

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LIBERATED ITALY

	Estimated Monthly Consumption Tons	Stock on Hand	Stock In Route March	Approx. Terminal Date
Soup	Liberated Italy Rome 3,159 551	4,172 411	0	15 April
M & V	Liberated Italy Rome 2,650 729	3,710 235	* 546	20 April
Dried Veg.	Liberated Italy Rome 2,593 531	3,142 307	0	6 April
Sugar	Liberated Italy Rome 2,601 325	2,895 0	482	10 April
Wheat & Barley)	Liberated Italy Rome 144,723 10,054	399,190 6,871	65,371	6 June

NORTH ITALY

	Estimated Monthly Consumption	Stockpile	Stockpile En Route March
Fats	2,181	4,852	1,258
Soup	2,086	4,700	-
M & V	1,543	1,800	1,525
Dried Veg.	1,669	3,000	-
Sugar	2,767	3,200	-
Wheat & Flour from Imports	38,950	45,000	-
Wheat for 100 grams of Bread	44,520)		
Wheat for 200 grams of Bread	80,136)		
Wheat for 300 grams of Bread	127,730)		
		80,000	

* Fish arrivals of 546 tons equivalent to 858 tons meat.

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SECRETSTOCK DISPOSITION - 1 MARCH 45

IMPORTED SUPPLIES	8th Army	5th Army	Sicily	Sard- inia	Southern Italy	Umbria & Lazio	Marche- Abruzzi & Molise
FLOUR	2,145	1,662	-	-	22,295 +	726	11,815
WHEAT	-	-	-	2,620	27,018 +	7,662	-
BARLEY	-	-	-	-	8,331 +	1,996	-
SOUP	146	243	384	271	4,477	849	1,947
MILK POWD.	65	217	71	-	2,392 +	79	504
MILK EVAP.	115	1	-	-	241	156	24
MEAT	109	204	-	114	1,163	143	257
M & V	246	40	-	-	1,859	336	358
DRIED VEG.	544	723	-	124	1,457	541	811
SUGAR	390	151	-	155	3,167 +	143	671
SOAP	84	81	34	-	397	16	78
FATS	905	54	-	-	2,508	-	581
<u>LOCAL PRODUCE:</u> (Consorzio Agrario Warehouses)							
WHEAT			4906.7 -	1969.6 -	57244.8 -	56348.8 -	145099.6 -
BARLEY			693.2 -	1443.5 -	14866.3 -	661.5	1035.4
CORN			4.7	146.6	1608.9	669.2	3082.6
OATS			75.	31.2	5710.	530.7	468.9
RYE			15.2	-	279.	66.	0.4
BEANS (Fave)			167.3	72.4	3194.7	25.7	62.9
BEANS (Fagioli)			12.6	9.3	45.5	5.1	8.1
CHICK-PEAS			103.2	326.2	380.1	1.8	9.1
PEAS			3.	188.7	472.6	-	-
LENTILS			3.	15.5	261.2	-	-

Distribution: AFHQ, G-5 Section (2)
 Economic Section (1)
 G-5 Sect. 15th Army Group (1)
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ABBoy 1272 Ext.



From Colonel C.F.H. Brazier
The War Office,

1. el Victoria,
Northumberland Avenue,
London, W.C.2.

16 March, 1945.

Your reference

MAR 20 1945

Dear

Brigadier,

Many thanks for your letter to me of March 3rd on civilian food distribution in calorie values. The particulars are most valuable, and are set out in a form which makes them a welcome addition to our records on the general situation in Italy.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely

Clifford Brazier

Brigadier Lush, *132, inc.*
Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

Ref: RS/S.01

3 March 1945

MAR 3 - 1945

My Dear BRADY

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Colonel Shipp passed on to me your request for more details on the civilian food distribution in calories, i.e. from rations, local produce, black market, etc.

The attached tables give the caloric values of food distribution in Italy. The following remarks are in explanation of the information shown therein:

Column "A" - The decreases in caloric value between August '44 and January '45, is due to miscellaneous foods, e.g. dried vegetables, dehydrated soup, E & B stew and meat, being in increasingly short supply, i.e., at Naples from 900 in July '44 to 865 in January '45 and at Rome, from 690 in July '44 to 653 in January '45.

The difference between Southern and Central Italy is accounted for by the bread/pasta ration being 300 grams in the South and 200 in Central Italy. As from 1st of March '45, the ration will be equalized at 300 grams throughout Liberated Italy.

Column "B" - The figures are based on the official intake of local produce into the cities mentioned. It would be almost impossible to ascertain the distribution in rural areas where food is home-grown or marketed locally in very small quantities by family producers. 500/600 calories in rural areas and 400/500 in towns, population 10,000 to 40,000, would be conservative figures.

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Column "C" - Here again similar difficulties arise. Estimates based on knowledge of conditions in "normal" rural areas as against "devastated", and on the existing situation, are given in column "D". They would also, of course, vary by district.

The caloric values of additional rations for various classes of heavy workers etc., are also shown.

M. S. LUSH

Col. C.C.H. Brazier

D.D.E. (L.T.)

War Office

Northumberland Avenue

London, W.C.

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FOA DISTRIBUTION IN ITALY IN CALOR

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NORMAL CONSUMERS

DATE		Daily Calories obtained from			Estimated Other sources Black Market as per letter. "D"
		Food Against Ration Cards "A"	Survey Un-controlled Food "B"	Survey Other Sources (Black Market) "C"	
Jan. 1945	South Italy: Towns (Naples) 50,000 & up	865	x	x	350/400
July 1944	Naples	900	724	376	-
Jan. 1945	South Italy Rural	852	x	x	800/1000
	Central Italy: Towns (ROME) 50,000 & up	653	Aug. 1944 130 Jan. 1945 265	x	300/350
	Central Italy Rural	640	x	x	500/600
	Florence City	670	x	x	400/500

x No records

ADDITIONAL TO NORMAL CONSUMER FEEDING

DATE			CALORIES
Jan. 1945	Heavy Workers Wholly for Armed Forces	South	644
	Heavy Workers Partly for Armed Forces	South	359
	Heavy workers wholly for Armed Forces	Central	860
	Heavy workers Partly for Armed Forces	Central	590
	Heavy Workers not for Armed Forces	Rome Only	175
		Heavy	408
		Heavy	642

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		Heavy	642
	Public Assistance Feeding	Rome	375
	Devastated Areas Collective Feeding		303

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

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Tel: 476807

1 March 1945

Ref: 62-1/49/FOOD

SUBJECT: Food Stock Position 1 February 1945

FROM : Food Sub-Commission

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner

MAR 2 - 1945

LIBERATED ITALY

	Estimated Monthly Consumption Tons	Stock on Hand	Stock En Route February	Apprx. Terminal Date
Soup	3,159 551	5,174 565	0	20 March
M & V	2,650 729	4,091 48	* 513	27 March
Dried Veg.	2,593 531	3,964 897	0	15 March
Sugar	2,601 325	2,393 78	2202	20 March
Wheat & Berley)	144,723 10,054	423,811 11,221	123,118	15 May

NORTH ITALY

	Estimated Monthly Consumption	Stockpile Route January
Fats	1558	5300 1199
Soup	1482	4700 0
M & V	3273	1800 4453
Dried Veg.	1189	3000 0
Sugar	1968	3200 0
Wheat & Flour from Imports	38,950	0
Wheat & Flour Total	124,000	35,000

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Dried Veg.	1189	3000	0
Sugar	1966	3200	0
Wheat & Flour from Imports	38,950	45,000	0
Wheat & Flour Total	124,000	35,000	0

* Fish issued at ration 200 grams meat equals
114 grams of fish or 900 tons meat equivalent.

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STOCK DISPOSITION - 1 FEBRUARY 1945

IMPORTED SUPPLIES	8th Army	5th Army	Sicily	Sardinia	Southern	Lazio & Umbria	Marche-Abruzzi & Molise
FLOUR	2225	2345		1099	13,635	944	3,099
WHEAT					17,538	11,302	
BARLEY			778	470	6,675	254	1,765
SOUP	156	325	101		4,247	1,273	476
MILK COND.	62	36	39		1,864	167	56
MILK S.P.	128	1		114	255	162	150
MEAT	132	337			1,397	158	456
M & V	258			220	1,812	224	836
DRIED VEG.	510	516		91	1,134	1,273	1,147
SUGAR	202	178	134		2,568	437	3
SOAP	100	87			529	34	1,13
FATS	201	25			2,207		
<u>LOCAL PRODUCE:</u>							
<u>(Consorzio Agrario Warehouses)</u>							
WHEAT			7,595	3,707	74,642	67,637	160,98
BARLEY			1,186	1,712	18,684	878	1,01
CORN			5	145	1,582	512	2,60
OATS			108	53	6,376	587	14
RYE			11	-	281	63	6
BEA (Fave)			276	74	3,474	26	
BEANS (Fagoli)			21	9	71	6	
CHICK PEAS			325	296	370	2	
PEAS			15	189	475	1	
LENTALS			21	16	260	-	

Distribution: AFHQ, G-5 Section
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10 February 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A.C.C. 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel: 515

Ref: 43-1/45/FOOD

SUBJECT: Food Scale for Collective Feeding

TO : Regional Commissioner,
(Attn: Regional &
Provincial
Supply Officers)

Sicilian Region
Sardinian Region
Southern Region
Lazio-Umbria Region
Abruzzi-Marche Region
Pescara Region
SOAO 5th Army Area

Emilia Region
Liguria Region
Piemonte Region
Lombardia Region
Venetia Region
SOAO 5th Army Area

1. Based on the present supply situation and availabilities of miscellaneous foodstuffs, a scale has been agreed for the provision of rationed and controlled foodstuffs to agencies for communal feeding such as:

Industrial Messes (Mense Aziendale)
Enti Convivenza Assistanti
Ufficio Assistenza Convivenza Vaticano
Circolo St. Pietro
Circolo St. Pietro Gestione Centri Riccio,
etc., etc.

2. Until further notice the scale will be:

Pasta	40 grams	
Dehydrated Soup	20 "	
Dried Vegetables	20 "	
Olive Oil	5 "	
Salt	5 "	
Tomato Paste	5 "	
	<u>95</u>	

per meal per portion per day
(Where available to Sopral)

Ration Coupons will not be surrendered.

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3. The scale will be adopted for all collective or communal feeding by the above and similar agencies which are established at the present time, and for all new facilities subsequently established where the need of such facilities is recommended by competent authorities to, and approved on behalf of the Italian High Commissioner for Food, by Sopral.

By command of Rear Admiral GRUBB:

E. B. MCKILLEY

Colonel, U.S.A.

10 : Regional Commissioner,
 (Attn: Regional &
 Provincial
 Supply Officers)

Emilia Region
 Liguria Region
 Piemonte Region
 Lombardia Region
 Venetia Region

3040 5th Army AGO

1. Based on the present supply situation and availabilities of miscellaneous foodstuffs, a scale has been agreed for the provision of rationed and controlled foodstuffs to agencies for communal feeding such as:

Industrial Masses (Unione Aziendale)
 Enti Convivenza Assistenza
 Ufficio Assistenza Convivenza Vaticane
 Circolo St. Pietro
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By command of Rear Admiral Stone:

[Signature]
 U. S. MCKINLEY
 Brigadier General, U.S.A.
 Acting Vice President
 ADVANCED SECTION

Distribution:

- Chief of Staff
- Civil Affairs Section
- Economic Section
- Finance Sub-Commission
- Hq. Commandant
- Labor Sub-Commission
- Local Government Sub-Commission
- Public Health Sub-Commission
- UNRRA
- 15th Army Group, G-5 Section (Lt. Col. Stewart)
- High Commissioner for Food

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ref : ES/500

9 Feb 45

SUBJECT : Letter from your Chief Staff Officer.

TO : COS.

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1. Reference attached except, dated 2 Feb 45 (4404/COS) from letter received from Col. Shipp from London.
2. We are already planning to resubmit a clothing requisition, in line with the definition of Category "A" given in the new directive. We now have available a much better program than the original LAC aigrams 7 and 32. This program is to be sent to AFHQ in a few days.
3. Referring to the tonnage figures (MEG 362) for Category "B" supplies there is nobody that knows better than we that they are simply a shot in the dark. We do not know why Troopers wanted the figures, but we were directed by AFHQ to produce a guess, and we produced a guess, at the same time stating that the figures were not to be taken too seriously. Naturally, now that the new directive has been received, a number of the items originally included in our Category "B" statement (the "Summary of Essential Italian Imports"), given to Mitchell and Marris, will now be able to be included in Category "A".
4. On Sardinian coal mines, the only way in which London might be able to help at this point will be to speed up deliveries on coal mining supplies. The deliveries on all of our requisitions, especially those allocated to be supplied from the U.K., have been extremely slow. We do not know what kind of "report on the general situation" Mr. Stopford wants; we have kept G-5 informed quite fully of developments on the Sardinian coal mines, and we assume that they in turn have kept London informed. Unless some more specific idea can be given therefore, we are inclined not to produce a general report on the general coal mines as a result of this informal request.
5. The last para, dealing with a request by Col. Brazier, has been transmitted to the Food Sub-Commission for their information and appropriate action.

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HARLAN CLEVELAND
Executive Director
Economic Section

Copies to: 5010/COS
4802/COS

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Ref: 4820/51/COS.

9 February 1945.

SUBJECT: British Civilian Personnel.

TO : A/DCOS, Economic Section.

259/COS refer.

1. There are several civilian experts, notably on hemp, silk, and citrus products, who have been in Italy, attached to the Allied Commission, but representing at the same time the Ministry of Supply, or the Ministry of Food in London.

2. It is desired to make it clear that this personnel is a part of the Allied Commission machinery, and that they are responsible to the Allied Commission in the same way as the employees of the U.S. Foreign Economic Administration who have been assigned for duty with the Allied Commission.

3. The statement in paragraph 2 will apply equally to any other British civilians who are assigned to the Allied Commission by Ministries of His Majesty's Government.

4. I attach terms of reference of these officials.

file 259/COS

M. S. LUSH

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MSL/JC.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.Copy to: Chief Commissioner } For
Establishment Section } information.

Copy to file 259/COS

NOTE: Any further Action on this should
be taken on file 259/COS - 'Attached Civilian
Experts'.

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Ref: 4404/COS

2 February 1945.

TO : DCOS, Economic Sec.

I am directed by the Chief of Staff to forward you (given below) extract from a letter he has received from his Chief Staff Officer who has recently been visiting the War Office in London:

1404
COS { "I saw Mr. Harden, whom you may remember. He came to Italy last October or November. He said that A.C. should re-submit their clothing requisition for Southern Italy which was first sent in May 1944. LAC Airgrams 7 and 32 refer. He said that Washington are ignoring the first one for Southern Italy and that the new requisition must be based on the category A standard of disease and unrest with no mention of anti-inflation.

Mr. Harden also wanted to know unofficially whether the figures put in by us in the GEN-MEG series (MEG 362 refers) for Category B civilian supplies were based on any papers to show how the figures were arrived at. Mr. Harden was of the opinion that the bulk of the tonnage put in should have come under category A, for example, 450,000 tons of chemicals, 293,000 tons of coal and 161,000 tons of miscellaneous processed goods.

5010
COS { Mr. Stopford has heard that the Sardinian coal production might be stepped up. He would like to know if there is any direction in which he can help. For instance, if any personnel were required he would try and produce them. I told him that as far as I know the main difficulty was lack of miners and that we were trying to produce them; he would, however, like a report on the general situation as soon as possible.

Colonel Brazier made one request. He would like from Colonel Legg a little more detail on the food distribution in calories, for instance, how many does the average man get from his rations, how much is it estimated that he buys in the black market, how much does he get from local produce, etc. This is required in order to answer possible Parliamentary questions. He also warned us that the Ministry of Food were proposing to send a representative to Italy in the shape of a Food Attache to the Embassy in Rome. He told me unofficially that C.A. were against it but the Foreign Office were pressing. I said that I did not see how this representative could do any harm."

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/s/ P. RUSSELL

PA to COS.

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From: AFHQ SIGNED SIGNED SITE: PHONG
FOR KPEPA
To: PHENASE, INFO: ALCON.

JAN 27 1945

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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ALCON aware of situation TOSCANA Area. Understand reduction in meat ration only due to shortage in that item as advised by CCS. Every effort is being made to provide substitutions such as fish and dehydrated eggs within availability.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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Info: A/President
Chief Commissioner
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24 JAN 1945
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Tel: 478807

Ref: 62-1/46 /FOOD

SUBJECT: Food Stock Position 1 January 1945

FROM : Food Sub-Commission

TO : Office of the Chief of Staff

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24 January 1945

JAN 26 1945

LIBERATED ITALY

	Estimated Monthly Consumption Tons	Stock on Hand	Stocks en Route January	Approx. Terminal Date
Soup	3,159 551	6,135 194	86	1 March
M & V	2,650 729	7,145	-	15 April
Dried Veg.	2,593 531	6,285 1,033	-	15 March
Sugar	2,601 525	3,642 5	-	12 Feb.
Wheat & Barley)	144,723 10,054	496,981 8,430	61,250	1 May

NORTH ITALY

	Estimated Monthly Consumption	Stockpile	Stockpiles en Route January
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Soup	1,482	4,700	-
M & V	3,273	1,800	-4445
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Sugar	1,968	3,200	-
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* Based on an appreciation of the civil commitment in Northwest Italy extended to entire North Italy.

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see Article 47.

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STOCK DISPOSITION 1 ^{January} ~~December~~

IMPORTED SUPPLIES	8th Army	5th Army	Sicily	Sardinia	44 Southern	Umbria & Lazio	Marche Abruzzo Molise
FLOUR	1,201	1,620	37	-	2,089	2,652	2,741
WHEAT	-	-	6	1,889	8,846	9,441	-
BARLEY	-	-	-	-	15,518	1,413	-
SOUP	169	247	781	560	6,004	660	970
MILK POWD.	16	43	101	-	924	243	270
MILK EVAP.	24	1	39	50	266	180	60
MEAT	156	96	117	161	3,036	155	150
M & V	297	32	318	-	2,511	290	420
DRY VEG.	574	258	31	284	2,538	1,627	740
SUGAR	279	61	464	-	4,292	113	480
SOAP	112	65	134	-	471	106	30
FATS	-	-	-	-	3,142	3	610
LOCAL PRODUCE: (Consorzio Agrario warehouses)							
WHEAT			13,399.6	4,509.2	89,895.2	84,591.4	183,090
BARLEY			1,866.2	2,033.2	21,017.7	841.1	770
CORN			4.1	408.8	1,367.4	359.5	1,170
OATS			135.4	33-	6,955.4	769.8	275
RYE			9.7	-	284-	56.5	-
BEANS (Fava)			618.7	58.1	3,799.4	21.7	430
BEANS (Fagoli)			18.3	8.9	63.4	8.9	30
CHICK PEAS			430.4	228-	361.3	1.7	50
PEAS			15-	113.5	476.5	0.3	-
LENTIS							

Distribution:

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STOCK DISPOSITION 1 ^{January} ~~December~~

Tons

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8th Army	5th Army	Sicily	Sardinia	55th Southern	Umbria & Lazio	Marche & Abruzzi Molise	Tuscany	Emilia	TOTAL
3,201	1,620	37	-	9,089	2,652	2,743	28,737		48,079
-	-	6	1,889	8,846	9,441		17		20,199
-	-	-	-	15,518	1,413	-	-		16,931
169	247	781	560	6,004	660	976	1,438		10,835
16	43	101	-	924	243	270	312		1,909
24	1	39	50	266	180	65	34		659
156	96	117	161	3,036	155	154	548		4,423
297	32	318	-	2,511	290	426	648		4,522
574	258	31	284	2,538	1,627	746	3,227		9,285
279	61	464	-	4,292	113	488	1,145		6,842
112	65	134	-	471	106	39	137		1,064
-	-	-	-	3,142	3	618	634		4,397
		13,399.6	4,509.2	89,895.2	84,591.4	183,091.3	97,206.5	4,089.3	476,782.5
		1,866.2	2,033.2	21,017.7	841.1	777.7	1,219.6	111.3	27,866.8
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		135.4	33-	6,955.4	769.8	275.2	4,007.5	-	12,176.2
		9.7	-	284-	56.5	-	36.8	-	387.-
		618.7	58.1	3,799.4	21.7	43.	8.6	-	4,549.5
		18.3	8.9	63.4	8.9	2.9	41.	-	143.7
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W. J. EGG

Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

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17 January 1945.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of January 11th enclosing a copy of your letter to Field Marshal Alexander on the subject of left-over food from Army messes.

For your information, the U.S. Navy is following the procedure which you recommend at virtually all of their bases in this theater.

Very sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Hon. Myron C. Taylor,
Personal Representative of the
President of the United States
to His Holiness the Pope,
2 Via Boncompagni,
Rome.

cc: C/S ✓

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2 Via Boncompagni

Rome, January 11, 1945.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Chief Allied Commission
Rome.

Dear Admiral Stone:

I am sending herewith copy of a letter dated January 11, 1945
which I am addressing to Field Marshal Alexander on the subject of
left-over food from Army Messes.

Sincerely yours,

Myron C. Taylor

Personal Representative of the
President of the United States

to His Holiness the Pope

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Enclosure:

Copy of letter
January 11, 1945
to Field Marshal
Alexander

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2 Via Boncompagni

Rome, January 11, 1945.

Dear Field Marshal Alexander:

I would like to attract your attention to the following matter:

In this period of food shortage in Italy, and with respect to the area released to the Italian Government and outside of that in which the Allied Military Government are active, it is emphasized to me from many quarters including those of the army, that there is much waste of what is described as "left-overs" from army messes. I believe a confusion of mind exists over the meaning of "left-overs" and that if it were cleared up a useful service to the community could be made effective to the credit of the military organizations in the area in question.

Left-overs in the sense in which charitably inclined people regard it does not mean garbage which is appropriately destroyed and not allowed for human consumption, but there is always, we are told, some other food left in the baking tins and pots which items are entirely safe and desirable for human consumption. If every mess were obliged to make available to institutions foods that are surplus and left over, and if the definition of the term were clearly stated, it would be very helpful to these institutions which house many children and a small number of adults who are suffering from a shortage of food. Such institutions could apply to the Welfare Offices and directed to the messes in their neighborhoods to request this service and that military transport might be used for delivery. Of course, records would be kept to protect the arrangement with such institutions and to eliminate duplicate demands.

In appealing to you for a revision of this regulation in a time of emergency, I realize that the subject has been discussed quite generally, but I believe in your wisdom and charitable tendencies you might find a basis for a simple, effective readjustment of this matter. In this hope, believe me

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Sincerely yours,

Myron C. Taylor
Personal Representative of the
President of the United States
to His Holiness the Pope

Field Marshal Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander
Supreme Allied Commander in Chief
Mediterranean Theater
Caserta.

4802/41/COS.

6th January 1945.

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Thank you for your letter of 26 December 1944.
Things have been going smoothly in this particular respect in
Ballyva. I am most grateful for your help.

I agree that no further action on my letter is
required at the moment.

M. S. LUSH

Colonel F. G. Drew,
C.A.2(b)
The War Office,
Hotel Victoria,
Northumberland Avenue,
London, W.C.2.

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Northumberland Avenue,
London, W.2.

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28th December, 1944.

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C.A.2.(b) B.M./158

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My Dear *Lush*

With reference to your letter 4802/003 of 21st November in which you gave your comments on instructions issued by the Ministry of Food to their representative in Italy, there would appear to be some misunderstanding regarding this matter.

2. The proposal for a Ministry of Food Office in Sicily was submitted to A.P.H.Q. and Washington who both approved and I understand that the Commerce Sub-commission were consulted by A.P.H.Q. and were anxious for the establishment of this office.

3. The instructions referred to in para. 2 of the Terms of Reference do in fact go through the War Office A.P.H.Q. and I understand through the Allied Commission. There have been one or two cases where the Ministry of Food have corresponded direct in error but they fully understand that they are not entitled to do this.

Their representative cannot place orders except after allocation to them by the Allied Commission and this is fully understood by them.

4. The last paragraph of the Terms of Reference puts the office under the full control of the Allied Commission and it has been clearly explained to Mr. Graham that he is an official of the Commission.

5. I do not propose to take any action on your letter at the moment but should your difficulties in this

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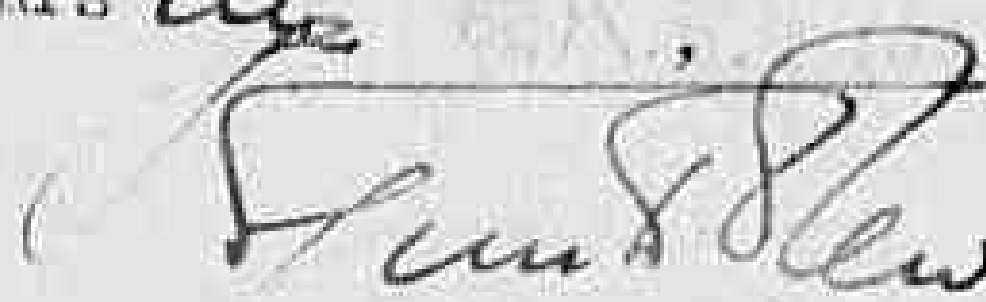
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connection continue I will of course take the matter
up with the Ministry of Food.

Yours

Aye



(Sgd.) F. G. Drew

Brigadier M. S. Lush, C.B.E., M.C.,
Headquarters Allied Commission.

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

DEC/81

29 December 1944

3 DEC 1944

Tel: 478807

Ref: 62-1/42/FOOD

SUBJECT: Red Stock Position 1 December 1944

FROM : Food Sub-Commission

TO : Office of the Chief of Staff

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LIBERATED ITALY

	Estimated Monthly Consumption <u>Tons</u>	Stock on Hand	*Stocks on Route <u>December</u>
Soup	Liberated Italy Rome 3,568 560	7,639 81	-
M & V	Liberated Italy Rome 2,633 727	7,978 263	10
Dried Veg.	Liberated Italy Rome 2,825 547	8,365 177	-
Sugar	Liberated Italy Rome 2,413 282	1,498 22	5,557
Wheat & Barley)	Liberated Italy Rome 138,000 10,800	552,260 2,600	55,758

NORTH ITALY

	<u>Estimated *</u> <u>Monthly Consumption</u>	<u>Stockpile</u>	<u>Stockpile</u> <u>Route D</u>
Soup	1482	199	4,429
M & V	3,273	1,800	-
Dried Vegetables	1,189	3,000	-
Sugar	1,968	221	2,479
Wheat & Flour on Imports**	38,950		
Wheat & Flour Total **	124,000	20,814	28,611

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Wheat & Flour Total **	124,000	-	-
Fats	1,558	-	4,302

* Based on appreciation of the Civil Commitment in North West Italy extended to entire North Italy.

** North Italy production to take care of reduced general issues at first. No additional imports planned for North Italy after initial emergency issues.

*** Meat or meat substitutes.

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STOCK DISPOSITION 1 DECEMBER

IMPORTED SUPPLIES	8th Army	5th Army	Sicily	Sardinia	Southern	Lazio-Umbria	Marche-Abruzzi
FLOUR	2,627	1,990	37	-	42	2,132	1,654
WHEAT	-	-	6	-	18,178	2,636	-
SOUP	169	30	784	624	4,890	579	695
MILK POWDERED	34	55	101	50	374	301	251
MILK EVAPORATED	40	7	39	-	357	51	78
MEAT	141	15	102	181	2,164	195	93
M & V	322	57	370	-	5,161	401	515
DRIED VEGETABLES	509	426	31	309	5,179	542	407
EGG	221	-	565	-	580	185	114
SOAP	98	42	134	-	829	141	120
BARLEY	-	-	-	-	3,740	-	-
LOCAL PRODUCE: (Consorzio Agrario Warehouses)							
WHEAT	-	-	24,989	5,561	102,209	96,365	194,765
BARLEY	-	-	3,756	2,472	22,841	812	635
CORN	-	-	8	407	1,176	256	616
OATS	-	-	121	8	8,811	908	276
RYE	-	-	2	-	270	50	-
BEANS (Fava)	-	-	482	46	4,502	15	40
BEANS (Fagoli)	-	-	11	7	58	6	2
CHICK PEAS	-	-	393	134	415	-	4
PEAS	-	-	1	48	476	-	-
TOTALS	-	-	25	-	313	-	-

Distribution: AFHQ, G-5 Section
Economic Section
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Col. Legg
Maj. Durie
Lt. Berizzi
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W. J. Legg
W. J. LEGG
Colonel
Director, Food Sub-Com

STOCK DISPOSITION - DECEMBER

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8th Army	5th Army	Sicily	Sardinia	Southern	Lazio-Umbria	Marche-Abruzzi	Tuscany	TOTAL
2,627	1,990	37	-	42	2,132	1,654	18,238	26,720
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40	7	39	-	357	51	78	5	577
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322	57	370	-	5,161	401	515	24	6,850
509	426	31	309	5,179	542	407	3,962	11,365
221	-	565	-	580	185	114	54	1,719
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-	-	8	407	1,176	256	616	407	2,870
-	-	121	8	8,811	908	276	4,087	14,211
-	-	2	-	270	50	-	34	356
-	-	482	46	4,502	15	40	-	5,085
-	-	11	7	58	6	2	23	107
-	-	393	134	415	-	4	3	949
-	-	1	48	476	-	-	-	525
-	-	25	-	313	-	-	-	338

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Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

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24 December 1944.

Ref/A802/32/CCS.

SUBJECT: Food Position as of Dec.1st, 1944, Report of.

TO : Economic Section.

1. It is desired that a statement in terms of food consumption, stocks on hand, and replenishments (en route etc), broken down into areas: Liberated Italy, Rome Area and also estimated quantities for Northern Italy, be sent to this office to state position as of 1 Dec 44.

2. This could be in the form of an inter-office memo, as was done in Food Subcommittee's memo dated 26 Nov, stating Food Stock position and Stock Disposition, both as of 1 Nov 44.

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JOS. C. RIVELY

Chief Staff Officer, 4435
To the Chief of Staff.

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

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26 November 1944

Tel: 470807

Ref: 62-1/38/FOOD

SUBJECT: Food Stock Position November 1, 1944

FROM : Food Sub-Commission

TO : Office of the Chief of Staff

1.

LIBERATED ITALY

	Monthly Consumption Tons	Stock on Hand	* Stocks en Route Nov. & Dec.
Soup Liberated Italy	4210	8810	-
Rome	900	533	-
M & V Liberated Italy	2633	11352	-
Rome	704	376	-
Dried Veg. Liberated Italy	4071	7997	-
Rome	1076	977	-
Sugar Liberated Italy	2413	741	6400
Rome	203	58	-
Wheat & Barley) Liberated Italy	120000	630,427	150,000
Rome	10800	2,325	-

NORTH ITALYESTIMATED MONTHLY CONSUMPTION

	(A) Special Classes and General Issue to Towns over 50,000	(B) Special Classes Only	Stockpiles	Stockpiles en route November & December
Soup	3,548	2,086	360	6,954
M & V	2,756	417	1,967	-
Dried Veg.	3,590	1,251	4,596	599
Sugar	- ***	130	830	2,700
Wheat & Flour	124,000**	-	9,613	46,000

* Includes all known arrivals, unloadings and October backlogs.

** Entire ration card population plus Supplementaries.

*** North Italian production to take care of general issues. No imports planned for North Italy after initial emergency issues.

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STOCK DISTRIBUTION - NOVEMBER

IMPORTED SUPPLIES	8th ARMY	5th ARMY	Sicily	Sardinia	South- ern	Umbria- Lazio	Marche Ab- ruze-Molise	Tuscany	TOTAL
FLOUR	1971	2303	38		2116	765	2460	2879	12,532
BAGGED WHEAT	-	-	6		16,197	1,788	2	-	17,993
BULK	-	-	-		5,901	672	78	-	6,651
SOUP	167	44	1,378	856	5,543	744	538	-	9,270
PASTA	-	-	-		2,002	-	-	-	2,002
POWD. MILK	41	102	43		165	275	100	-	726
SWAP. MILK	42	-	12		293	45	39	-	431
CHEESE	-	-	-		-	-	18	-	18
MEAT	149	-	381	1,956	2,425	154	253	-	5,318
DRYED VEG.	474	347	35	355	6,342	1,165	439	3,437	12,594
SUGAR	77	-	1,042		350	90	12	-	1,571
SOAP	45	30	134		528	132	40	-	909
M & V	240	93	732		6,271	416	249	-	8,001
FISH	-	-	-		-	251	-	-	251
OLIVE OIL	2	9	-		-	2	37	1	51
RICE	-	-	-		-	23	-	-	23
LOCAL PRODUCE									
WHEAT									576,734
ORZO									34,140
GRANTUOCO									1,395.1
AVENA									15,665.8
SEGALE									282.3
FAVAs									5,215.6
FAGIOLI									79.2
CICI									531.-
PISELLI									497.7
Lenticchie (Lentils)									346.6

Distribution: Economic Section
G-5, AFHQ
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J. MARLE
Major, RASC

Acting Director, Food Sub-Commission

Folios 26-28

Letter 4802/ces of 21 Nov 44 - Reps of H. of Ford.

" Ministry of Ford to Maj. Eller of 15/11/44.

Above transferred to file 259/ces. 4432

J. Middleton
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
Economic Section

Tel: 478807

Ref: 43-1/104/FOOD

SUBJECT: Ration Scales

TO : D.C.C.A.O., Civil Affairs Section
Headquarters, A.A.I.

18 November 1944

19 NOV Recd

1. Reference your D2240/4/6A dated 10 November 1944.

2. There has been no order issued by this Headquarters that grain will be issued generally for a long period, as it was thought that there was complete comprehension that the Italian system was based upon a total amassing b. distribution of daily bread upon a ration card basis.

3. Ancona was occupied in late July. During the last week in September a Food Sub-Commission officer on tour was casually informed by an outsider that a general distribution of wheat had taken place. AMG 8th Army was asked verbally to enquire into it and report. Later it was believed that a similar distribution had taken place in Pesaro and as a result of this a signal was sent asking if these issues had been made and requesting a report. It was only following upon this that any notification by letter came to this Headquarters. Exception had been strongly enough indicated in the signal and the fact is that the action had been taken long before the official notification was sent in reply to our signal.

4. Copies of correspondence are attached to give you the picture of events.

5. The explanation given on 7 October was accepted but it was felt that the general issues involved of reference to this H.Q. should be incorporated in a letter to all Regions, as other cases of unilateral action had been reported at the same time. The inclusion of the chief cases in one letter to all Regions was considered to be necessary in order to indicate what seemed to be a tendency growing to dangerous proportions.

6. The normal prerogative of senior officers to exercise initiative in dealing with special cases in the public interest is not challenged. What was stipulated was a reference back where possible and in both of these cases it is contended that reference back was possible. No serious further deterioration of grain could have taken place during the time required to signal particulars back here and get consent.

Ref: 478807

18 November 1944

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RATON SCALAS: Cont'

7. It may finally be pointed out that representations have been made by the Italian Government to this Headquarters on the issues in Ancona and Pesaro and they are seriously disturbed about them.

For the Chief Commissioner:


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

Copy to:

Chief of Staff

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FOOD SUB COMMISSION

~~SECRET PD~~ PAREN TO ANG EIGHT ARMY MAIN FROM ACC MAIN FROM LEGS
 SIGNED STONE PAREN SUBJECT BREAD RATION PD REPORTED THAT ISSUE
 AUTHORIZED BY PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER ANCONA AND PESSARO DASH
 URBINO OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY KILOGRAMS GRAIN TO ALL REPEAT ALL
 INHABITANTS OF TWO PROVINCES AS INDIVIDUAL RATIONS FOR YEAR PD
 IMMEDIATE REPLY REQUESTED IF THIS CORRECT PD IF CORRECT REPORT
 ABLE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH UNAUTHORIZED ISSUE MADE BAKER STEPS
 TAKEN TO REMEDY SITUATION CHARLIE STEPS TAKEN TO PREVENT RECURRENCE

PD

L.T. MONTANT, JR
 1ST LT. ADJ
 ADJUTANT

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO : HQ ACC

FROM : AMG MAIN 8TH ARMY

REF. N°. N 605

DATE & TIME OF ORIGIN Oct. 042100A

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

N. 23/05

PRECEDENCE : ROUTINE

~~SECRET~~. REF YOUR 4252 DATED 3RD OCT. REF ANCONA ORIGINALLY ISSUED BY GERMANS AND CONTINUED BY PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER AND STOPPED BY THIS HQ 7th SEPT. POSITION ANCONA STILL BEING DISCUSSED HERE. REGARDING PESARO AUTHORIZED BY THIS HQ AND LETTER SENT TO YOU TO-DAY .

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HQ AUG

Rear EIGHT ARMY

SUBJECT : Rationing

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TO : Executive Commissioner's Branch
 HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 Economic Section
 HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 Regional Commissioner
 Region V, AQUILA
PC ANCONA-PESARO Province

7 Oct 44

1. In view of the special conditions prevailing in the Province of PESARO, I have, at the instance of the Provincial Commissioner, recently authorized the distribution of 100 Kg of grain per head of consuming (i.e. non-producer) population of that province. This is intended as one year's supply in lieu of 200 grams of bread daily. Ration cards are being withdrawn and milling tickets will be substituted.

2. My reason for this decision was the large measure of destruction wrought in this province in the preparation and of operation against the Gothic Line. Large quantities of grain have lain unthreshed in the fields and have been seriously affected by rain and insects. The Consorzio Agrario has, owing to military operations, neither the space, insecticide nor the transport to cope with this situation.

3. It was therefore, considered that the best hope of saving a large portion of the crop lay in allowing individual to draw their own allotments immediately, thus becoming responsible for transporting, drying and storing it safely.

4. The figure of 100 Kg per head was chosen on the advice of local agricultural officials on the grounds that the extremely poor quality of the crop rendered such a quantity necessary to produce the desired equivalent of flour and bread.

(Sgd)

P.C. BENTON JONES

Lt.Col. RA

SO (1)

for Group Captain

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Lt.Col. RA

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for Group Captain

Officer Commanding

ANG WIGHT ARMY

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
A.P.O. 394

COPIES

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Tel : 761

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ACC/43-1/FOOD

SUBJECT : Rationing Policy

14 October 1944

TO : Economic Section

1. Reference attached letter from AMG 5th Army explaining the distribution of 100 Kg of grain per head to the consuming population of the Province of Pesaro.

2. This Sub-Commission regards this action as a grave breach of rationing policy and as one likely to have serious repercussions in neighbouring grain producing areas. It has to be noted that in the adjacent Province of Ancona an issue of 130 Kg of grain per head was being made at any rate up to September 7. The explanation given in this case was that the issue happened to be authorized by the Germans prior to entering of Allied Troops, and that the Provincial Commissioner decided to carry on with the distribution.

3. Experience has shown that whatever the reason is which might have prompted such decisions they are in fact extremely difficult to administer and are sources of potential trouble. In Matera last autumn the same idea was adopted. Peasants in August or September had received the full year's quota of grain and were complaining to the authorities by late winter and early spring that they had no grain left. The only obvious solution was to issue them with ration cards to prevent unrest and possible distress.

4. Whatever the cogency of the of the reasons for authorizing this universal issue of grain, there can be no justification whatsoever for the amounts that were in fact issued. An issue of 100 Kg of bread per head is equivalent to a daily bread ration of 400 grams up to next August, even allowing for a diminution in the normal milling ration.

W.I. LEGG
Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

SUBJECT : Rationing Policy

TO : Economic Section

14 October 1944

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1. Reference attached letter from AMG 3th Army explaining the distribution of 100 Kg of grain per head to the consuming population of the Province of Pesaro.

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W.J. LEGG

Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

ACC/43-1/FOOD

SUBJECT : Rationing Policy

21 October 1944

TO : Economic Section

FROM : FOOD SUB COMMISSION

May this Office be informed of action taken with respect to the unauthorized issues of wheat made in Ancona and Pesaro-Urbino Province. Letter OA/83 of 7 October from AMG 8th Army and this Office letter 43-1/FOOD of 14 October refer.

J. INRIE
Major
Food Sub-Commission

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTS

Prot N. 8265 Posiz. 14 B.1

Rome 31 Oct.44

SUBJECT : Distribution of Grain to the Civil Population of the Provinces of Pesaro Urbino and Ancona.

TO : Allied Commission, Agriculture Sub-Commission (copies to Alimentation Section, Rome; and Italian Federation of Consorzi Agrari, Rome)

This Ministry has been informed that the Allied Military Commands in agreement with the R. Inspectorate and the Provincial Sections of Agriculture have authorized the distribution of 100-130 Kg. per person (non-producers) of wheat for the civil population.

This Ministry, through considering the important reasons that may have persuaded the Allied Authorities to take such action, is of the opinion that it would be better be observe the rules of the amassing in order not to cause infractions and evasions from the public granaries.

The Minister 4425
Fausto Gullo

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HQ ALLIED COMMISSION FOR FOOD SUBCOMMISSION

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HQ SOUTHERN REGION AG

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NOV 100937A

RESTRICTED. BARI informs that 48000 quintals barley at MATERA going bad.
Please forward instructions.

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ACTION : Food S/O 2
INFO : A/OC
Econ Sec
Agrio S/O
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TO: Lt Col. Shipp.

Economic Section advised that Italian Government have issued instructions to Consorzi Agrarii and Regions have been advised fully as to necessity for prompt milling of barley and the percentage thereof be included in flour mix.

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It is considered that Southern Region having full knowledge of the action to be taken and which should be taken by their **Bari** representative are referring a Regional matter to these HQ via the above signal. Major Imrie is preparing a suitable signal in reply, the gist of which will be to tell Southern Region to get on with responsibility which is theirs.

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Brig. Lush:

Original is en route thro
channels - not too rapidly, I fear.
Wentworth has copy & I have asked him
to press for favorable action at once.

In light of present prospects this
matter becomes of paramount importance.

Can you add your support?

Col. Effel

He pleads - no action
Col G

Marshall
19 Oct.

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

16 October 1944

SUBJECT: Rations for Certain Italian Civilians Employed by AMG/ACC.

TO : Headquarters, ACC., APO 394
att: Establishments Office

1. Application is hereby made for authority to draw U.S. Army rations for issue, on payment, to certain essential civilian employees of Piemonte Region, estimated number not in excess of 25 exclusive of drivers hired in terms of AMG Fifth Army letter, Ref. 54/9 dated 23 September 1944.

2. References:

- (a) AFHQ ADV ADM REGULATION Admin. Instruction No. 24, dated 24 January 1944, amendment No. 7.
- (b) HQ AAF, GPO No. 252 dated 1 September 1944.
- (c) NATUSA Circular No. 14 of 1944.

3. Facts:

- (a) It is conceded that the number of officers and EM/AM's available for assignment to Piemonte Region will be insufficient for proper administration of the Region and that use must be made of civilian employees to the fullest extent.
- (b) It is important that upon first moving into the Region the personnel shall, so far as possible, constitute a smooth working team of individuals who understand their duties and are dependable and competent.
- (c) Experience has shown that hiring Italian personnel on the spot for positions of trust and confidence and in the confusion of occupying new territory, results in the employment of persons who are unworthy and use their positions for their own aggrandizement. The people learn this long before AMG does and the result is a lack of confidence in the good faith and competence of AMG.
- (d) A majority of the officers occupying important posts in Piemonte Region have had over a years experience in AMG and many of them acquired as assistants civilians who have been screened and trained and have proven themselves competent and dependable and who are familiar with AMG procedure and work.
- (e) Certain of such employees, in the discharge of their duties will be required to travel within the Region involving overnight detention at places where it is impracticable for them to obtain meals. At present there is no authority to pay for subsistence or lodging of such employees under such circumstances.
- (f) Assembling and moving such personnel into the Region, will

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separate them from their homes and, until sufficient time has elapsed to enable them to fit into the normal life of the community, the problem of food and shelter will be the same as though they were travelling.

(g) The civilian ration cards are not valid outside the area of issue and it may be assumed that civilian food supplies will be insufficient, and especially for strangers difficult to obtain.

(h) Even if obtainable the cost of food and lodgings under such circumstances would exceed the wages paid to the employees.

(i) It is likely that for some time Piemonte Region will not be within reasonable reach of British Supply Depots.

4. The references quoted in para 1 of this letter state conditions under which Army rations may be drawn without previous higher authority and specify types of civilian employees thereby covered. In the case of British Army rations authority is vested in District Commanders. In the case of US Army rations for the type of employee referred to in this letter, special authority by HQ, NATOUSA is necessary in accordance with Netouse Circular No. 14.

5. Authority if granted as requested in para. 2 will be exercised under the following conditions:

(a) Appropriate deductions will be made from wages in accordance with existing and future directions in regard thereto.

(b) Ration cards will be withdrawn covering food items issued whether the cards are valid or not.

(c) The issue of Army rations will not carry any entitlement to free issue or purchase from Neafi, E.F.D. or F.X.

(d) The period for which authority to draw such rations is sought will not exceed a date which is three months after occupation of the Region.

(e) The issue of rations will not extend to persons who may be employed on the spot after arrival in the Region and whose duties do not involve leaving their place of residence.

6. Favorable consideration of this application is urgently requested in view of the acute operational staffing problem now encountered and which is likely to be aggravated upon arrival in the Region.

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ROBERT P. MARSHALL,
Colonel, FA.,
Regional Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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43-1/39/FOOD

SUBJECT: Ration Scales

TO : Regional Commissioners, All Regions
SCAG's AMG 6th Army, AMG 5th Army

27 October 1944

28 OCT Recd

1. The following grave breaches of rationing procedure have come to light during the last month.

- a. Issue of 150 Kg. grain per capita to the population of Ancona Province.
- b. Issue of 100 Kg. Grain per capita to the population of Pesaro-Urbino Province.
- c. The issue of pasta in the Provinces of Siena and Grosseto in addition to the authorized ration of 200 grams per head daily.
- d. The issue of 4 Kg. grain in Teramo Province to satisfy public clamour for increased rations.
- e. The issue of 27.4 Kg. of grain to the population in Orvieto in August and September.
- f. The issue of dried vegetables in the Province of Lecce during September contrary to prevailing Rationing instructions.

2. Special circumstances may have permitted these serious breaches of the rationing policy instanced above. It must be noted, however, that special circumstances, if they occur, must be referred to this Headquarters for decision before independent action can be taken by Regional, Provincial or Army MG HQ. The records of Italy is a national problem; a problem which rises far above the immediate needs of any particular Province or town. This problem can only be solved by adopting a uniform policy throughout the country. Unilateral actions such as those quoted above, cause serious dislocation in the general scheme for feeding Italy and just lead to discontent on the part of the Provinces who correctly abide strictly with the rationing regulations laid down.

3. Regional Commissioners and S. O. A. On Armies will ensure that the officers under their command co-operate by contraventions of present rationing policy immediately. These contraventions represent, in fact, serious breaches of discipline and neglect on the part of the officers responsible; they must cease. Any Regional Commissioners will take disciplinary action in the event of repetition.

- a. Issue of 130 Kg. grain per capita to the population of Ancona Province.
- b. Issue of 100 Kg. Grain per capita to the population of Pesaro-Urbino Province.
- c. The issue of Pasta in the Provinces of Siena and Grosseto in addition to the authorized ration of 300 grams per head daily.
- d. The issue of 4 Kg. grain in Teramo Province to satisfy public clamour for increased rations.
- e. The issue of 27.4 Kg. of grain to the population in Orvieto in August and September.
- f. The issue of dried vegetables in the Province of Lecce during the summer contrary to prevailing rationing instructions.

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3. Regional Commissioners and S. C. A. De Armiis will ensure that the officers under their commands correct any contraventions of present rationing policy immediately. These contraventions represent, in fact, serious breaches of discipline and reflect on the part of the officers responsible; they must cease! and Regional Commissioners will take disciplinary action in the event of repetition.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
A.P.O. 394

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Tel: 761

20 October 1944

ACC/91-1/FOOD

SUBJECT: Veneto Province

23 OCT Recd

TO : Chief Staff Officer
To Chief of Staff

1. In the Food Sub-Commission's estimate of the food situation north of the Pisa-Rimini line, the following facts were considered:

a. The average yearly production in northern Italy was estimated at 30,000,000 quintals.

b. The average yearly amount to be turned in to the Amassi 18,000,000 quintals. This is 60% of the production.

c. It was also estimated that there would be a 50% loss in the amount to be amassed due to war conditions or 9,000,000 quintals or 30% of the total production.

2. In the muster report, there is only one concrete estimate of the food situation. (Sitrep No. 18 of 12 October).

a. The production estimated in Padua was 1200,000 quintals.

b. The amount to be amassed was 500,000 quintals or 42%.

c. It was stated that that 150,000 quintals were being taken away. This would leave 350,000 quintals to be amassed or 29% of the total production.

3. Therefore it is felt that there has been no material alteration in the food situation as previously considered.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

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

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16 October 1944

17 OCT Recd

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Reference is made to your letter of 3 October 1944, N-2620, relative to the price of wheat in north Italy.

At a joint conference held 26 September, attended by Allied Control Commission Officials and Representatives from two Italian Government Ministries (Treasury and Agriculture), it was pointed out that certain commitments had been made to the wheat growers in the area north of the Pisa-Rimini line.

These commitments were made through propaganda circulars sown from the air and by broadcasts over the radio, in which the national price of 900 lire for soft wheat and 1,000 lire for hard wheat per quintal was promised to all growers who would withhold their crop from the enemy. It is understood, of course, that this price prevails for only the best grades of wheat. We feel obligated to keep this promise to the northern Italian farmers. Every quintal of wheat that is amassed makes possible a more equitable distribution of this vital food product during the oncoming winter so fraught with dangers of dearth of all food supplies.

We are reliably informed that those Italian farmers who withheld their grain from the enemy, did so generally by keeping it in field shocks. These producers will receive on the average, not more than, 500 to 600 lire per quintal because the unthreshed grain has deteriorated from exposure to the weather.

Even though the legal national price is considered too high in some quarters when applied to north Italy, in view of the circumstances if the price were fixed at any lower levels, we might totally discourage amassing of the supply, and thus, indirectly create a black market which would initiate a price movement inherently more inflationary than the legal national base price for wheat.

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It is, therefore, concluded on the one hand, that the policy established will not seriously effect treasury expenditures in comparison with a more normal harvest situation, and on the other hand, the patriotic farmers in the north will be justly rewarded for the risks they have taken in defying the Socialist Italian Republic and the Nazi army.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) Ellery W. Stone

Ellery W. Stone
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

H. E. Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
Rome, Italy

Prepared by:
Henry H. Bakken
Staff Officer
Economic Section

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Chief of Staff Section.

Veneto Province.

Economic Section

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16 October

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1. We are informed by Adv H. AAI that a serious food shortage is predicted in VENETO Province upon arrival of the Allies due to transfer of stocks to Germany.
2. Would you please let us have an appreciation on the food situation in the above-named area as called from MUSTER reports.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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130 Oct 4414

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Ask Econ Sec.
to give appreciation
as called from
Nuclear Reports
in food situation
in NW Reg. Dec 40
Should see MS/1012

Capt. order

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Shapiro wants to see
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of Econ. Mission
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Ref 3(b)

You might wish to
mention today at

VP's meeting

The Section has not
seen and it is the
first real information
has seen on these lines

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Extract from Special Ops Sitrep No. 36 dated
6 Oct 44 from Adv Hq AAI.

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RESTRICTED. FOGGIA quantities conferred to 30 September hardwheat 633136 softwheat
608467 oats 131839 barley 128762 beans 36451 quintals.

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CONFIDENTIAL. On 6 Oct demonstration of some hundreds of Florentines mostly women took place before Prefettura to protest against insufficiency of food in particular bread. Gathering was apparently spontaneous and was eventually dispersed peacefully. FLORENCE has been receiving 200 grammes bread daily and full ration scale of miscellaneous items except olive oil was issued for October. In order to help alleviate undoubted hardship that exists trucks are being diverted from building up grain reserve to bringing in more fruit and vegetables. It is recommended that issue of past ration minimum of 500 grammes weekly be considered without delay. Draw your attention to lack of harmony between facts described and announcement in Stars and Stripes of same date that substantial increases in food for ITALY are promised by President ROOSEVELT. This undoubtedly, as usual, be made subject of German radio propaganda.



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