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FOOD, IMPORTS
JULY 1944 - JAN. 1946

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FILMED AS FOUND
IN COLLECTION

Chief Commissioner.

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Then been expecting 198-99 for some time.
 This file alone bears out the really scandalous
 misstatement. We must (in fact) a careful
 telegram which I suggest should be addressed
 KAFHQ (demanding inward transmission to CCS)
 copies to Embassy reflecting the KARA telegram
 & enforcing the facts and the record of our
 attempts to overcome the shortage.

MS/10/2.

FEB 7 - 1953

09/10

EC I quite agree. Would like to see
 reply today. But pls see me first.

711

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PR/ [unclear] & CD Dalton if we can [unclear]

misstatement. We must (re)far a careful
telegram which I suggest should be addressed
to AFHQ (demanding correct transmission to CCS)
experts Embassy respecting the AAAA telegram
& exposing the facts and the record of our
attempts to overcome the sabotage.

MS/6/12.

FEH 7-1000

29/10

EL I quite agree. Would like to see
reply today. But pls see me first.

7/11

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PK/ Ask Mr Legg & Mr Dalton if we can have

17/11/12.

reply today.

14/1

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626

To Ex Com & re files & then 82

2/1/85

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Re files & then 82 - files will be located and selected
the appropriate material in files & also other material
supplied if need 2 copies discuss & correct. As to para
5 of file 82 - he feels no action is necessary at the time.
This for your info.

2/1/85

11/17

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Ex Com - Jul. 88-9 for info

8/1/85

91

Next V.P. meeting

FC 4/11

✓ end

End 3/11

File for change attend

not 8/1/85

1/1/85

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supplies if used & copies delivered & stored. As to price
5 2 folios or - to feel no action is necessary at the time.
This for your info.

200/1/12

11/17

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Ex Com - Tol. 88-9 for info

Emad 2/11

SS/3/11

91.

Next V.P.s. machine

FC 4/4

✓ GMD

Blue for volume extends

new Xplo also.

1/10/33

93

Ex. Com.

650 Hae. 445 of HOC 442 (Sols 94) for info.

FWT 27/12

SWT 27/12/40

FWT 5/1

97
c/o. Please see Sols 95 for info.

Ex Com.

100

650 Sols 95-99. very interesting Vol. 6/2

SWT 27/12/40

SWT 27/12/40

63.

CSO

- 1) Cereal Shipment Deficiencies to see at folio 62 for information. The C.C. may wish to see, if he has not already seen. This puts us on record at G-5.
- 2) This concerns stepping up the volume of such imports to the deficiency areas of the south to avert a crisis in the present bread ration there by end of April.

6 April 45

PA *pphedy*
ma 5/10
cap

64.

May in Steamer

Ha CC and A/Ss Sec- 62?

L 9/4.

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CSO

*Re-min 64 - No. - if was intended to show the file as soon as AFHQ's reply is received. *pphedy* 10 Apr.*

66.

APR 10 1945

So to CC

I think CC should see 62 to which we submit a reply.

67

*Noted *Wid* CC*

1/4

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Major Stewart

Has CC and A/Scc seen 62?

4/9/4.

65

CSO

Re-min 64- No? - if was intended to show the file as soon as AFHQ's reply is received. *Feb 10 Apr.*

APR 10 1954

66

So to CC

I think CC should see 62 to which we submit a reply.

67 Si 11/4

11/4

Noted End

CC

68

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A/Scc To write 62 - seen by cc vide 67-11/4

4/4 note. 2 ⁶⁹

Si 11/4

A/Ex. C.:

Fl. 53 = 4.53

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1) These letters are presented for the signature of the Chief Commissioner addressed to AFHQ, G-5.

2) They concern AFHQ granting approval for:

a) Italian Commercial Attache to Italian Legation at Berne to proceed to Switzerland to conduct import negotiations with the Swiss.

Fl. 55 b) Import program of Salted Fish from Spain to Italy, payment therefor to be in lire to be used in Italy only. See para 4 of letter to be signed for inquiry as to port facilities, etc. to be granted Spanish vessels, or the less likely alternative of using Allied tonnage.

Fl. 54 c) Import program of meat and fats from Argentina, payment to be thru a credit on an existing blocked account out of a past sale of Italian ships to Argentina. See para 4 of letter to be signed for inquiry as to port facilities, etc. to be granted Argentine vessels or neutral ships hired by the Argentines.

3) Recommend that these letters be signed.

JCH
Major

30 Mar 45

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TO: Political Advisers:

Will you please pass judgment on these letters by minute hereon.

30 Mar 45

JCH
Major

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Off. Ex. Comm.

I have no comments.

So [initials]

[Signature]
(A. S. HALFORD)
Asst. Political Adviser

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A/Ex. C.

Mr. Halford states he is sure his colleague, ^{DOLLING} ~~Mr. Halford~~ will not have any adverse comments to make either. Mr. ^{DOLLING} ~~Halford~~ is not available so I refer these on for C. C. signature.

20/3 To CC for signature. 2

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signed 21/3 JCH

JCH
30/3

TO: WOO

See folio 46 for Report of proposed Cereal Shipments to Italy
for Feb 1945 for information. 46

14 Feb 45

138,352 tons
and we want 94000
in 300 barrels.

Jeff
Major.

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Patience!

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Sum by cc and cos. 17 1/2

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COS: to see p. 32, 33, 1 for overall food situation info. JCB 23/11/80

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COS Pl. See LAC 911 at 34.

Si 26/12.

37
Tel. dated Dec 22. Recd Dec 23
Submitted to myself + Food Sec Com Dec 27.

Why? 38
Spoke Col. pr. Y 25/11

39
COS: for COS to see Food LAC 967 folios 39-40 JCB 20/11

40
Find out whether Econ Sec (Food) after

in any way with figs. 41
25/1/80

42
Econ. det: May these figures on Food be compared with those in
Food Sec. and commented upon please JCB 25/1/80

Pl. See LAC 911 at 34.

Si 26/12

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Td. data Dec 22. Reed Dec 23

Submitted to myself & Food Sec. Com Dec 27.

Why?

38

DS (23/12)

Spoke Col.

pa.

Y 28/12

COS

41.

COS: for COS to see Food LAC 967 folios 39-40 JCR 24/1

(42)

Si 23/11

CSC Find out whether Econ Sec (Food) agree

in any way with figures.

DS 23/12

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Econ. let: May these figures on Food be compared with those in

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Food Sec file and commented upon please JCR 25/1,

To. Office J.C.S.

Figures in fo. 40 were given to AFSA. by oral letter;

Not to be

See Dec. 21/12/11

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SSO: for COS to see minute 44 reference his minute 42. JCR 26/1

DS 26/11

H 11/11

L. M. M. M. M.

Chief Staff Officer

Polio 2 for information. Does Chief of Staff wish to see?

17 Oct 44

Capt. C. R. ODEN
Capt.

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OIS.

A/CC has marked 7 for you to see. It seems to me a very muddled document.

18 Oct 44

W. L. SHIPP
C.S.O.

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Letter to issue. (- see file 11)

18 Oct 44

M. S. LUSH

Action by Econ Sec. - *by*

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cos: Reo see p. 14, 15

copy 4/11

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ESO: On p 21 Begins report of Col Legg on his recent visit to Washington. ~~423~~ *423* ~~over~~ showing itemized list of imported supplies is at p 18. *copy 7/12*

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4/OC has marked 7 for you to see. It seems to me a very muddled document.

18 Oct 44

W. L. SHIPP
C.S.O.

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Letter to issue. (- see file 11)

18 Oct 44

M. S. LUSH

Action by Econ Sec. - *by* *10/12/44*

COS: Plo 17 see P. 14, 15

encl 4/11

W. L. Shipp

ESO: On P 21 Origins report of Col Lugg on his recent visit to Washington. *4/11/44*
Showing identified lines of imported supplies is on P 18. *encl 7/12*

W. L. Shipp

Col

W.

To see Col Lugg's brief report on his visit to Washington. *10/12*
Thank you.

W. L. Shipp

C50: To read folio 26. also for COS to see. *10/12*
Col Lush 26. 15/12/44

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Rec'd UN/Rome 2.2.1946 Time 10:00

Action Chief of Mission
Bureau of R & A (3) —
Subject S/Z/007
Info Chief of Mission (2)
Bureau of R & A (2)
Bureau of R & A Hq.
Cable Contr 1

FROM: WASHINGTON
TO : UNRRA ROME NO. 1300

1.2.1946 Time 11:00

1300 ROME REPEATED LONDON 12 PRESIDENT SUBJECT STATE DEPARTMENT MESSAGE NO. 57 FROM US POLITICAL ADVISER CASERTA DATED 14 JANUARY, REPEATED AS 49 TO ROME.

1. UNRRA DISCLAIMS ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR DETERIORATING ITALIAN GRAIN SITUATION PRIOR TO FEBRUARY ARRIVALS, RESPONSIBILITY WAS ALLIED COMMISSIONS WHO UNFORTUNATELY UNDERESTIMATED GRAIN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS BASED ON OVERESTIMATION OF 1945 HARVEST. ALLIED COMMISSION ONLY ATTEMPTED TO INCREASE

(CINJH)

See M. 101. 102. 103. ~~104~~

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Copy to Hq

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WHEAT IMPORT SUBSTANTIALLY BEGINNING WITH DECEMBER SHIPMENTS
AT WHICH TIME WHEAT SUPPLY SITUATION HAD ALREADY BECOME VERY
TIGHT.

2. OUTLOOK FOR FEBRUARY SHIPMENTS OF BREAD CEREALS VERY TIGHT.
140 1945 2 UNRA HAS RECEIVED FROM ALLOCATING AUTHORITIES OF
VARIOUS EXPORTING COUNTRIES ONLY SUFFICIENT BREAD CEREALS
AND OATS TO FURNISH AVERAGE OF 55 PERCENT OF COMBINED

JANUARY FEBRUARY SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL UNRA COUNTRIES

3. INsofar AS LOCAL SITUATION BOGOTA MAY BE PARTICULARLY
ACUTE ASSUME MISSION WILL TAKE WHATEVER STEPS POSSIBLE TO
EQUALIZE RATION WITH OTHER REGIONS.

4. WE SHALL KEEP YOU ADVISED DEVELOPMENTS.

ndg*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Economic Section

Ref. 15/2002

3 January 1946

SUBJECT: Report to Chief Commissioner on Wheat

TO : Acting Vice President

1. The following was transmitted to the Chief Commissioner in response to Lt. Col. Stearns' telephone call:

- (a) Washington has notified us that the FEA short shipments of wheat-flour will be made up.
- (b) The FEA wheat-flour short shipment as of December 31 (in wheat equivalent is 339,755 metric tons).

2. The above figure was arrived at as follows:

Wheat shortage	310,521 tons
Wheat equivalent (flour 24,764 tons)	29,234 "
Total	339,755 "

3. While the FEA deficit figure 339,755 is not entirely in accordance with the figures I have computed, it must be admitted that my figures may include a considerable quantity of IT wheat-flour. My figures are:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Loadings</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
Wheat 641,000	473,000	168,000
Flour 106,000	14,500	91,500

In terms of wheat equivalent the deficit above would consist of

Wheat	168,000
Wheat equivalent (91,500 flour)	125,000
Total shortage (Signed)	293,000

CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, AC
Chief, Supply Group

cc: Lt. Col. Stearns
Requisition Branch
Food & Agri. E/O

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See n. 97

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MESSAGE

TO: FOR ACTION AGAIN FOR CCE FOR CCEC FOR CLC RPTD WARD (LONDON) FOR
CABINET SECRETARIAT LTD AFHQ FRODO

Ref. No: 9622

23 December 1945

DEC 27 1945

PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED.

This is MOC 422.

1. Subject is shortfall of wheat in Italy.
2. Owing to shortfall of actual wheat arrivals for period September through December 1945 total estimate wheat stocks on December 31 will be 210,000 tons. This is practically all indigenous and three quarters of it concentrated in four regions. These, Marche 57,000 tons Umbria 27,000 tons, Emilia 48,000 tons, Toscana 26,000 tons.
3. On present basis consumption, Toscana stocks will be exhausted by end of January, Emilia by Mid March, Umbria by the end of July, Marche by the end of August. Thus it is only practicable to move limited quantities from Marche and Umbria to deficient areas, and this movement can only be effected within the limits of Italian transport facilities. Every effort being made to hasten provincial transfers but total amount which can and should be moved is small fraction of total requirements.
4. Total indigenous availabilities represents theoretical twenty one days stocks in hand, but owing to considerations quoted above, practicable availabilities to keep ration going not considered to be 50% of foregoing stocks. Therefore, whole of south Italy, the islands and greater part of northern Italy now dependent on imported wheat and are existing on day to day basis for the grain and pasta ration. Examples of these deficient areas: inclusive of all arrivals up to January 2, wheat supplies on present ration basis will be exhausted by the end of the first week in January in Liguria, Lombardia, Lazio, Sicily, Campania.

SPK
27/12/45

(ADVANCE COPY SENT TO RE)

(con't HOC 422)

Pasta ration already in arrears in Puglia and Naples.

5. Recommendation has been made to Italian Government, to suspend Pasta ration south Italy, Liguria, Veneto, Sicily and Sardinia. This in order to insure continuance at least of the Bread ration. Arrivals of six extra ships in addition to those presently signalled may avert this. Request urgently if diversion of these from other theaters possible.

6. Your figures phone conversation refers, cumulative December backlog by January 1 of 149,000 tons wheat plus 91,500 tons flour at American extraction rate agreed, but recommend Italian extraction rate of 90% be used. Cannot agree your figures of September through December loadings but will await cable to attempt reconciliation.

Office of Origin: Supply Group

Authenticated:

Tel. No. 546

G.J. LEONE

Originator's Signature: C.W. WALTON, Col.
Chief, Supply Group

CWO US.

Asst. Dir.

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ACTION DIRECTION: Econ Sec 18
(CSG (6))
(Supply Group)
(Program Br.)
(Requisition Br (3)

INFO: Chief Commissioner
Exec Comm 2
CC Br. Hsb
CA US Bsb
WSA Rome
MWH
File

ADVANCE COPIES TO: Commerce SC 2
Finance SC
Food Agric SC 2
Ind Utilities SC 2
Coal Division
Tr SC 2

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Economic Section

AGR/71
Ref: ES/

30 November 1945

SUBJECT: Wheat Imports
TO : Executive Commissioner

DEC 10 1945

1. Imports of 2,309,000 metric tons of wheat requested in MCC Airgram 119 for the 12 months August 1945 to July 1946 are approximately 10 per cent larger than the average wheat imports into Italy in the five-year period 1926 through 1930 but are less than the quantities of wheat actually imported in each of the three years 1926 through 1928. In the period 1926-30 when wheat imports averaged 2,101,000 metric tons, Italian wheat production fluctuated around 6,070,000 tons per year. The quantity available for human consumption, after allowance of 900,000 tons for seed, averaged 7,271,000 tons. In contrast, the present request for imports plus the exceptionally small harvest of 1945 will provide only 5,643,000 tons for human consumption during 1945-46. This results in a 22 per cent decrease in the overall availability of wheat. The quantity available per capita drops from 180 kilograms in 1926-30 period to 123 kilograms per person in the current year. A detailed comparison is set out below:

Availability of wheat in 1945 compared with the 1926-30 average (in metric tons)

	5-year average 1926 thru 1930	Estimate for 1945	% change from 5-yr. avg. to 1945
Production	6,070,000	4,224,000	- 30
Less seed	900,000	890,000	- 1
Net for human consumption	5,170,000	3,334,000	- 35
Imports	2,101,000	2,309,000	+ 10
Total available for food	7,271,000	5,643,000	- 22

EX COMARS NOTE ON ECONOMIC FILE - TO BE INCLUDED IN 1946
MONTHLY REPORT.

(MMA) H. SPK
10/12/45 H.D. P.A.

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Executive Commissioner

November 1945

2. After 1930 wheat production was increased by high pressure methods and an artificially high price. Imports were held down by means of a tariff to an average of 538,000 metric tons in the period 1931 through 1939. The effort to make Italy as nearly self sufficient was uneconomic. The decrease in imports was not offset by the increase in production so that the quantities available for consumption declined, and the cost of wheat in Italy was approximately double the world price. In the disastrous crop year of 1936 when wheat production dropped to 6,112,000 metric tons imports rose to 1,583,000 tons despite official controls. This is further evidence that with the 1945 wheat harvest falling to 4,224,000 metric tons, a minimum of 2,309,000 tons must be imported.

3. The need for wheat is made more urgent by the shortage of other foods. Reduction in the means of production (machinery, fertilizer, etc.) during the war combined with the severe drought in the current year has reduced the availability of food other than wheat by at least one third as compared with the pre-war average. The quantity of sugar refined in 1945 will not exceed 5 per cent of the average output in the earlier period. The shortage of transportation together with high prices results in an abnormally bad distribution of the reduced food supply. This situation makes it imperative that wheat be imported in sufficient quantities to maintain the present bread ration.

Charles W. Walton
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, A.C.
Chief, Supply Group

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Economic Section

ES/2113
Tel: 550

HC/so

1 Nov. '45
NOV 2 1945

SUBJECT: Loans of Grain

TO : The Chief Commissioner
(Thru' Executive Commissioner)

1. I think you will be interested in the attached note which reflects the position with respect to outstanding loans of grain.

Harlan Cleveland
HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

1 Incl: Per para. 1

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Note to Mr. Cleveland

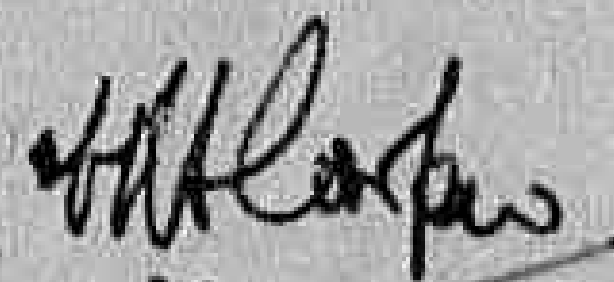
1 November 1945

Subject: Loans of Grain

1. The present position with regard to the various loans now outstanding is as follows:

- AUSTRIA - 17,000 tons to U.S. Zone to be repaid this month;
25,000 " to British Zone, of this 17,000 tons already repaid, the balance to be taken from a ship being diverted for this purpose in the course of the next week.
- MALTA - 500 tons outstanding - AFHQ have requested Malta to agree to withhold this amount from a ship which is being part unloaded in an Italian port this month.

2. All outstanding loans should therefore have been repaid by the end of November.



V.R.A. COOPER
Major
Acting Director, Food Sub-Commission

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PROGRAM FOR WHEAT IMPORTS

	<u>EIA Program</u>	<u>From Argentina</u>	<u>Additional being requested in 1961</u>
Oct. loadings	150	0	0
Nov. "	100	50	125
Dec. "	100	50	200 plus

over by RC
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Emilio 2/11

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION
SUPPLY DIVISION

Ref. 21.03/ES

28 June 1945

JUN 29 1945

SUBJECT : Outlook for Imported Food

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. In reference to your questions raised in the meeting of 26 June 1945, concerning the outlook for imported food, the attached letter from Food Sub-Commission is forwarded to you.

2. In connection with the question raised in the last paragraph of the attached letter, the following extract from the USIS Special New Bulletin of 26 June 1945 is quoted as an indication of the current provisions for continued responsibility for the Italian program after 1 September 1945.

WASHINGTON, June 26 - The United States House of Representatives Appropriations Committee voted yesterday to permit the continued use of funds for U.S. forces in Italy for the rest of this year.

The Foreign Economic Administration, which will make the funds available to army authorities in Italy, said the appropriation was substantial."

Charles W. Walton
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel
Chief, Supply Division.

Ex Com has seen
& discussed it with

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Food Sub-Commission

26 June, 1945

Tel: 478506

Ref: 21-2/15 /FOOD

SUBJECT: Outlook for Imported Food.

TO : The Executive Commissioner,
(THRU: Supply Division, Economic Section)

1. The following is the latest information from G-5, AFHQ, with regard to imported supplies:

Following are allocations for September arrival: as follows (in metric tons):

ITEM	REQUIREMENT	AMOUNT ALLOCATED	PROCUREMENT RESPONSIBILITY
Wheat	37,000	37,000 (Note A)	UNITED STATES
Soup dehydrated	7,656	7,656	UNITED STATES
Milk evaporated	4,654	3,937 (Note B)	UNITED STATES
Milk dry skim	3,495	3,495	UNITED STATES
Coffee	233	233	UNITED STATES

(A) If 1,814 tons wheat and 930 tons barley allocated out of PERSIAN GULF in CAL 1370 has been received or will be received September arrival, call forward should be reduced accordingly.

(B) No further availability anticipated through October arrival.

Balance of outstanding requirements awaiting further supply advice.

2. Requisitions have been submitted for October requirements, but no information as to allocation has yet been received.

3. Wheat stocks which will be on hand as of 31 July should enable Italy to carry on through October, despite low harvest expectations.

4. Requisitions for increased wheat imports for a period from November, 1945, onwards are now being prepared in the light of new agricultural forecast of harvest. These will be in the neighbourhood of 100,000 tons monthly.

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5. This Sub-Commission has no information as to who will finance imports after August loadings. As procurement normally takes three months from the date of advice to the date of arrival of foodstuffs in the country, it is considered that, if the Italian Government are to be made responsible, they should be informed at the earliest possible moment. //

James H. L.

W.J. LEOG

Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION (21)
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: U. S. Embassy's Note Verbale
of 9 June 1945.

FILE NO.

TO : The Office of the Chief
Commissioner
PT

16 June 1945

22 JUN 1945

1. The information contained in the above-mentioned
Note Verbale has been noted for reference by the Finance
Sub-Commission and Commerce Sub-Commission.

2. The subject letter is returned for your files.

Charles W. Walton
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel
Chief, Supply Division
Economic Section

Attachment
PA [initials]

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11 June 1945.

JUN 14 1945

Referred to Col. Finance
Memorandum, 11 June 45
s/c, E.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 10 June,
enclosing a copy of a Note Verbale which is being
transmitted to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Af-
fairs in connection with the importation of meats
and fats from Argentina.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Hon. Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

cc: Ex. Commr

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(CAP. ARNOLOV)

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Rome, Italy.
June 10, 1945.

Personal and Confidential.

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Dear Admiral Stone:

There is enclosed for your information a copy of a Note Verbale which is being transmitted to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in response to a Note dated March 17, 1945 received from that Ministry expressing the Italian Government's desire to import certain quantities of meats and fats from Argentina and requesting that the Embassy exercise its good offices with the United States Government in this connection, and especially for obtaining the unblocking of funds owned in Argentina derived from the sale of Italian ships. The Ministry's note was duly reported by the Embassy to the State Department, and the enclosed note is based on the Department's reply.

Sincerely yours,

A. Kah.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
R o m e.

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No: 125.

NOTE YERBALA.

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, in response to the Ministry's Note Verbale No. 41/03497/76 dated March 17, 1946 with respect to the proposed importation by Italy of meats and fats from Argentina, has the honor to set forth in the numbered paragraphs below certain views which the Department of State at Washington has communicated to the Embassy in this connection:

- 1) There is no objection by the Department to purchases from Argentina of food supplies or direct negotiations between neutral governments or other

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following

To the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

Rome.

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procedure:

a) The Combined Boards will maintain overall control over products on the reserved commodity list. With respect to such commodities, requirements should be submitted to Combined Boards by Italian Government indicating preference as to supply source. Submission for the present period should be through AC and

CLAG (S).

b) The Italian Government may deal directly with other governments in connection with items not on reserved commodity lists, AC being kept informed.

c) In making any purchases the statutory and proclaimed lists should be observed by Italian Government.

d) Shipping facilities must be obtained

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CLAC (S).

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c) In making any purchases the statutory and
proclaimed lists should be observed by Italian Govern-

ment.

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d) Shipping facilities must be obtained
through Combined Shipping authorities, except in the case
of imports from countries not in the Allied pool, as,
for example, Portugal, Turkey, Spain. Argentine ships
while not actually allocated are equally controlled in
effect by Combined Authorities through indirect methods.

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It is expected, therefore, that in allocating shipping space for Italian imports shipping authorities would take into account any diversion of Argentine ships to the Argentine-Italian run from service for the Allies.

The matter of navicerts is incidental to the allocation of vessels and if shipping is allocated will follow relatively automatically.

2) For determining for what purposes its assets will be used, the Italian Government is primarily responsible, except that assets should not be extravagantly used or in a manner detrimental to interests of the Allies. In the case of Argentina, funds proceeding from the sale of Italian ships were blocked in pursuance of a resolution of the Inter-American Financial and Economic Advisory Commission, and there is no objection by the Department to the unfreezing of the funds in 1912

question held in Argentina resolution from the

take into account any diversion of Argentine ships to the Argentine-Italian run from service for the Allies.

The matter of navicerts is incidental to the allocation of vessels and if shipping is allocated will follow relatively automatically.

2) For determining for what purposes its assets will be used, the Italian Government is primarily responsible, except that assets should not be extravagantly used or in a manner detrimental to interests of the Allies. In the case of Argentina, funds proceeding from the sale of Italian ships were blocked in pursuance of a resolution of the Inter-American Financial and Economic Advisory Commission, and there is no objection by the Department to the unfreezing of the funds in 1942 question held in Argentina resulting from the ship transaction. It is felt, however, that with respect to this transaction the United States should not be a moving party and the best procedure would be for the

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Italian Government directly to approach the Argentine Government. It would appear under Resolution IX of the Mexico Conference that such funds may be released by Argentina to Italy without further consultation. Although it may be felt by Argentina that since the original transaction was one which the Inter-American Financial and Economic Advisory Commission approved, the present proposal should be brought to their attention also. The United States Government has no objection to the unfreezing, and in case the matter should be raised in the Inter-American Financial and Economic Advisory Commission, the unfreezing of funds would be supported by the United States.

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June 9, 1945.

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21 May 1943

MAY 22 REC'D

My dear Minister:

I thank you for your letter of the 2nd of May with regard to the 100,000 metric tons of wheat donated by the Argentine Government to Italy.

I am sorry that there would appear to have been a delay in arranging for the transfer of this wheat to Italy, but, as you will be the first to appreciate, considerable difficulties have to be overcome.

The matter is now being dealt with direct between this Headquarters and Washington; a further signal was dispatched 12 May and it is hoped that a decision may be reached as a result thereof.

Very truly yours,

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

M. E. De Gasperi
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Rome

CC: Food S/G
Transportation S/G
Economic Section - Attn: F.W. Tooby, Maj.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

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14 May 1945

SUBJECT: Shipment of Wheat from Argentina to Italy

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner, Hq A.C.
(Attention: Capt. Arnoldy) (72)

MAY 14 RECD

It is now a week since you requested the Economic Section to submit a letter for the signature of the Chief Commissioner on the above subject (ref: 4805/72/EC). I should be grateful to know what progress is being made.

J. A. Quayle
J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

*May 12 send letter
Complete Now
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(Capt Arnoldy)

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Tel: 289.

Ref: 4805/72/ED.

7 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Shipment of Wheat from ARGENTINA to ITALY.

TO : Economic Section. (2)

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1. Reference attached letter, 44/06488/ED dated 2 May 45, from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and accompanying memorandum. — 70

2. Please submit, through this office, reply for signature of the Chief Commissioner.

Capt Annally
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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

Ref: 66282/11.

RMSL 2 May 1945.

Dear Admiral,

I have the pleasure of sending you copy of a Memorandum forwarded to the Allied Commission, through the ordinary channels, concerning the shipment of a lot of 100,000 metric tons of wheat, recently donated to Italy by the Argentine Government.

In view of the importance of the question in the present circumstances, I beg to enlist your kind assistance in the matter, trusting the competent Allied authorities will see fit to consider the possibility of granting, at their earliest convenience, the necessary shipping space.

With anticipated thanks, believe me, dear Admiral,

Yours very sincerely,

(signed) ? ?

Admiral Hilary W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
H.C., Allied Commission,
RMSL.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

URGENT

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Shipment from Argentina to Italy of 100,000 metric tons of wheat.

1. - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs des to inform the Allied Commission that the Argentine Government has recently assigned to Italy - as token of friendship to the Italian people - a lot of 100,000 metric tons of wheat.
2. - The lot will be put at the disposal of the Italian Government in the port of Buenos Aires.
3. - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would therefore be very grateful if the Allied Commission - taking in consideration the importance in the present circumstances of the shipment to Italy of said lot - would kindly approach the competent Allied Authorities with a view to obtaining that the adequate transport facilities be provided at the port of Buenos Aires.

Rome, May 2nd, 1945



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Rome, May 2nd, 1945



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3 April, 1945

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Tel: 476607

Ref: 21-3/72 /FOOD

SUBJECT: Cereal shipments.

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section.

1. This Headquarters is profoundly disturbed at the present indications of arrivals of cereal ships during April.

2. One hundred thousand tons of grain has been the agreed call forward for the months of March and April, and eighty-four thousand tons is the minimum amount of grain that must arrive to ensure the continuance of the present bread ration, even allowing for extra internal movement of local stocks that can take place.

3. During March the wheat equivalent of cereal and flour arrivals was 89,200 tons; this represents a deficiency of 10,800 tons over the agreed call forward. Excess imports during February allowed us to meet this deficiency with no trouble, but on present indications given by your advice, the deficiency of arrivals in April will be considerably greater, and will present a grave feeding problem by the end of the month.

4. Your advice indicate the following cereal arrivals:

	Wheat	Flour	Barley
US 77	5,750 tons		
US 78		8,184 tons	7,803 tons
US 79	13,564 "		
US 80	15,823 "		
US 81	6,400 "		6,273 "
US 82		Nil	
US 83		No present firm information	

This represents a total over a thirty-five day period of 41,537 tons of wheat, 13,976 tons of barley, 8,450 tons of flour or 62,140 tons of wheat equivalent.

5. It will be seen that the deficiency in March and April arrivals will have reached serious proportions by the end of April. It is, therefore, requested that if possible a ship be diverted from elsewhere for arrival in US 82.

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6. We also wish to point out that a minimum of 5 cereal ships will be necessary for UNHCR to ensure the smooth functioning of the present bread ration over large parts of Southern Italy and the Islands.

For the Chief Commissioner,

(Sgd) A. G. Antolini

A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice-President
Economic Section

Copy to:

Executive Commissioner
Economic Section

APPROVED:

W. J. L. 1900
W. J. L. 1900, Colonel
Director, Food Sub-Commission

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31 March 1945

SUBJECT: Imports to Italy from Switzerland

MAR 31 1945

TO : AFHQ, G-5

1. The Interministerial Committee for Reconstruction of the Italian Government has been gathering information on the above subject. It is of the opinion that considerable food, medicines, and machinery urgently needed by the Italian people can be obtained from Switzerland at an early date.

2. Mr. Francesco La Francesca has recently been appointed Commercial Attache to the Italian Legation in Berne, Switzerland. The Committee has requested that authority be granted to Mr. La Francesca to proceed to Berne immediately so that he may conduct negotiations to obtain the desired imports from Switzerland.

3. It is recommended that the requested authority be granted.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

APPROVED:

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Acting Vice President
Economic Section

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31 March 1945

SUBJECT: Importation of Salted Fish from Spain to Italy.

MAR 31 1945

TO : AFHQ, G-5

1. The Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Italian Government, and the Italian Food High Commissioner have been conducting negotiations on the above subject with proprietors of Spanish fishing industries who are of Italian origin but who are now residing in Spain.

2. The salted fish which it is desired to import consists of from five hundred to one thousand tons of anchovies.

3. It is proposed to make payment in lire to be utilized exclusively in Italy. No exportation of goods, or transfer of currency from Italy is contemplated.

4. Information is desired by the Italian Government as to whether the necessary Navicerte and port facilities at Italian ports will be granted to Spanish vessels, or in the alternative whether Allied tonnage will be allocated or the required authority be granted to utilize Italian vessels.

5. The Minister of Foreign Affairs states that the matter is urgent as the offer of the Spanish firms must be accepted promptly as all present stocks must be disposed of before the commencement of the new fishing season.

6. It is recommended that the program be approved in principle, and that the Allied Commission be authorized to advise the Italian Government to conclude arrangements with the Spanish firms, and then to submit applications for permits for specific Spanish vessels to sail and arrive at stated times.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Mediterranean Shipping Board.

APPROVED: *[Signature]*

A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

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MAR 31 1945

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31 March 1945

SUBJECT: Food Imports to Italy from Argentina.

TO : AFHQ, G-5

1. The Italian High Commissioner for Food has been conducting negotiations on the above subject with the Commercial Attache of the Argentine Republic.

2. The food commodities which it is desired to import are principally meats and fats. The meats are to be in quantities not exceeding a maximum of 2000 tons of frozen meat or in lieu thereof a corresponding quantity of the following items: bacon, ham and salt pork in wooden boxes, meats in tins and lard or salted butter in barrels. The type of transport available would determine which of these commodities would be imported.

3. Payment is proposed through a credit guaranteed by an existing blocked account arising out of a past sale of Italian ships. Purchases are to be made by the High Commissioner for Food through commercial firms, the High Commissioner being responsible for distribution.

4. Information is desired by the High Commissioner as to whether the necessary Navicerts and port facilities at Italian ports will be granted to Argentine ships, or in the alternative to neutral ships hired by the Argentine exporters.

5. It is recommended that the program be approved in principle, and that the Allied Commission be authorized to advise the Italian Government to conclude arrangements with the Commercial Attache of the Argentine Republic, and then to submit applications for permits for specific vessels to sail and arrive at stated times.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Mediterranean Shipping
Board

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Acting Vice President
Economic Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner.

Ref: 4805/53/EC.

1 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Food Imports.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn: G-5 Section.

1. During discussions with Heads of various Sub-Commissions last month the Acting President was struck by representations made to him by the Director of the Food Sub-Commission on the lack of firmness in the programme of deliveries of food. He instanced the irregular arrivals and delays in berthing and discharging of ships, and the discrepancies between planned shipments and actual arrivals.

2. The Acting President realizes that these facts have been brought to your notice and that you are in complete sympathy with the views of this Commission. These were represented to you in my letter 4807/79/GOS of 12 December 1944. I feel, therefore, you would be interested to have further examples of this uncertainty and irregularities and I therefore send you the attached memorandum by Colonel Legg. Two months to discharge a sugar ship; six weeks to move and discharge a meat ship; it seems a long time even when one takes into consideration the congestion at the ports. It not only holds up the distribution of food in a hungry country but it seems a most appalling waste of shipping.

For the Chief Commissioner.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Acting President

TO : Allied Forces Headquarters.
 Attn: G-5 Section.

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M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
 Executive Commissioner.

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TO:- Chief Commissioner.

FROM:- Mr Macmillan.

COPY TO:- Chief of Staff. ✓

24th February, 1945.

FEB 25 1945

When I received the Heads of the various Sub-Commissions last month I was struck by what Colonel Legg of the Food Sub-Commission said to me about the lack of firmness of the programme of deliveries of food.

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2. Colonel Legg gave me a memorandum (copy of which is attached) indicating some of the problems arising out of
- (A) the irregular arrivals and delays in berthing and discharging of ships;
 - (B) the discrepancies between planned shipments and actual arrivals.

3. Of course I know that A.P.H.Q. are of the same opinion. Time and time again I have heard complaints down there about this irregularity but I suggest that it would not do any harm to press the point with them.

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A.P.O. 394.
Food Sub-Commission

21 January 1945.

1. Uncertainties and irregularities of Ship movements and unloadings.

With the arrival of the first sugar ship in October for several months on the mainland, it had been hoped to assure a distribution of the sugar ration to all parts of Italy during November. This was not everywhere possible, however, because of the delays experienced in unloading the ship. It arrived in Naples on 16 October; it discharged approximately 1,000 tons on 23 November; was then moved to a Northern port to ensure supplies in that area, but did not complete the discharging there until well into December.

Another illustration of delay in movement follows:

A coaster was loaded with a cargo of meat products from stockpiles in the Heel to supply Northern Tuscany area. It left a Heel port on October 21 and was reported in Naples Bay on November 1. Left Naples November 18. Arrived Northern port November 23, and did not finish off loading by the end of the month.

2. Uncertainties of arrivals of Foodstuffs into Italy.(a) December Grain Situation.

During December wheat ship arrivals were one in the first convoy period, one in the second and four in the third. Thus there was an overall shortage of two ships and irregular spacing of arrivals, causing near-crises in the bread supply of several regions and emergency adjustments having to be made.

(b) Table below shows comparison between planned shipments for January and actual arrivals.

	<u>Fish</u> <u>Tons</u>	<u>Dried Eggs</u> <u>Tons</u>	<u>Milk</u> <u>Tons</u>	<u>Fats</u> <u>Tons</u>	<u>Sugar</u> <u>Tons</u>	<u>Wheat</u> <u>Tons</u>
Supplies actually called forward	916	300	3995	2250	2700	94.00
Actual arrivals	-	-	1129	149	-	50.700(a)

(a) includes wheat equivalent of 1 barley ship.

(SIGNED) W.J. LEOG. Colonel,
Director, Food Sub-Commission.

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SECRET**INTER OFFICE MEMO**

13 February, 1945

Tel. 478807
Ref: 21-2/30/FOOD

SUBJECT: Cereal Programme. - February, 1945.

FROM : Food Sub-Commission.

TO : Economic Section.

FEB 14 1945

1. Reference our 21-2/144/FOOD dated 25 January, 1945, following is a revised and complete list of all cereal shipments advised for February, 1945.

Maintenance Period	CONVOY NO.	Ship	Wheat	Barley	Flour
26 Jan. to 4 Feb.	UGS 66	NATHAN HALE	8686		
	UGS 67	J. QUICK	8755		
	UGS 67	E.O. OTIS	5059		2764
	UGS 67	DULLEY HUGHES	8596		
	UGS 67	C.A. DUNNING	7933		
	UGS 67	GEORGE HALE		7712	
5 Feb. to 14 Feb.	UGS 68	W. HUME	8689		
	UGS 68	NEWTON BAKER			7940
	UGS 68	E. SPARROW	8008		
	UGS 68	C. HARNETT			402
	UGS 68	LOSSIRANK		4145	
	UGS 68	GULL ROSS REID		7513	
	UGS 69	W. WILKIE	7876		
	UGS 69	J. OLNAD	8515		
	UGS 69	J. RANDALL	8161		
	UGS 69	J. SARGENT	3397		
	UGS 69	J. PARKER	8429		
	UGS 69	J. MURRILL			71
	UGS 69	PALYER	1227		
15 Feb. to 24 Feb.	UGS 70	SAM. ASHE	7282		
	UGS 70	H. BINNEY			809
	UGS 70	CLAN MORRIS		3582	
	UGS 71	B. HERTCH			123
		TOTALS:	100,613	22,952	17,129

All figures in D.W.L. tons.

Total wheat equivalent of above tonnage

138,352

W.J. LIND
Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

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JAN 28 1945

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Italian supplementary feeding requirements for the months indicated below, in metric tons per month. This is LAC 967.

AREA	MEAL APRIL-JUNE	DRIED VEGETABLES APRIL-JUNE	MEAT APRIL-JUNE
MAINLAND NORTH	NIL	9700	3000
MAINLAND SOUTH	4560	2620	3220
SICILY	1050	NIL	NIL
SARDINIA	430	NIL	NIL
Total	5910	12320	6220

1. Sugar ration intended to provide 8 grams per day for 100 percent of population. Owing to enemy destruction of processing plants in liberated ITALY there is no local production. On basis of present imports ration is only 4 grams per capita per day for population MAINLAND SOUTH and islands. This amount is considered insufficient as sugar is basic component of ration and the resultant deficiency can not be compensated for by other food items as all are in short supply. Requirements for North will be advised when further information is available. Dates not desired in substitution of present approved arrivals 2,700 tons (CAL 591 refers). If allocation of 5,910 tons approved, dates can be accepted as equivalent of 85 percent sugar.

2. Dried vegetables. See para 3D, LAC 709. Now apparent that indigenous resources not sufficient to meet essential requirements. Stocks of dried vegetables both imported and amassed in liberated ITALY will be exhausted by end April. Imports into liberated ITALY for issue to persons in categories listed below are absolutely essential, and are

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based on sliding ration from 100 grams per day to hospitals to 20 grams per day in devastated areas.

CATEGORY	NUMBER OF PERSONS	TONS
Hospitals	185000	560
Police	105000	160
Prisoners	55000	145
Refugees	50000	140
School children	855000	1165
Communal feeding	380000	270
Devastated Areas	250000	150
Miscellaneous (Allied Natives)	10000	10
Total	-	2620

The north supplies of all locally grown dried vegetables will be exhausted by 1 April except for quantities held by producers for own consumption. Requirements of 9.740 tons provide average issue of 50 grams per day to 2,000,000 persons in categories above, and 20 grams per day to 11,000,000 persons. The latter number includes 2,000,000 rural persons not producing dried vegetables or whose supplies will be exhausted by 1 April.

Soup dehydrated (see LAC 861). Require in south is average issue of 50 grams per day. to categories in para 2 above. Northern requirements are for, ~~the~~ ration to an estimated 2,000,000 people of like classification.

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Requirement for pulses subject to ~~the~~ cancellation if supply is found to be available north.

Please advise approval and allocation.

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This is LAG 911.

Wheat for ITALY. CAL 1040 refers. All figures in thousands of
net metric tons.

1. Changed conditions and course of operations have necessitated
revision of all previous estimates. New estimates, basis of calculation
and assumptions made are set out in detail below.

2. Basic feeding requirements. Feeding requirements are 309 per
month for whole of Italian territory. This is 143 north of present
line, 130 liberated mainland, 28 SICILY, 8 SARDINIA. Basis is:

- a. 300 gram basic bread ration.
- b. Overall allowance of 8 percent for supplemental feeding.
- c. Nation card population 35300000 which is 78 percent of
total population.

3. Stock position 31 December. Total stocks 554, of which 50
flour saved out of November/December shipments and specially placed
as stockpile for emergency movement north.

4. Assumptions as to the north.

a. No indigenous stocks as of 1 March.

B. 50 stockpile should take care of January ~~489~~ February
developments in the north. 100 will be light, which
can be accepted and distributed in March. April, May

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and June will require 119 each and consider this can be handled. Balance of 24 each April, May, June, will move north from stocks in para three. Reductions will be made at once March thru June if assumption (A) is proved incorrect, or if entry BC No PIC is delayed beyond phasing shown para 6.

5. Revised estimates. Based on paras 1 and 3. Tabulate in eight columns:

AREA	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL
Mainland north	-	50	100	143	143	143	579
Mainland south	130	130	130	130	130	130	780
Sicily	20	20	20	20	20	20	160
Sardinia	8	8	8	8	8	8	60
Total	166	216	266	309	309	309	1575
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stocks	72	122	72	96	96	96	554
Imports	94	94	194	213	213	213	1021

Stocks shown para two are not very fluid(?). Inland

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and Coastal transportation is serious limiting factor by maximum consumption these stocks will be at rate shown, the greater part being set off against present liberated mainland in special plans made to move extra 50 in February. Discrepancy revealed your para 1 therefore artificial.

6. Discharge areas for imports. Tabulate in eight columns:

AREA	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	TOTAL
Mainland north	-	-	100	119	119	119	457
Mainland south	58	58	58	58	58	58	348
SICILY	28	28	28	28	28	28	168
SARDINIA	8	8	8	8	8	8	46
TOTAL:	<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>1021</u>
				GRAND TOTAL		1021	

7. Consider your para 3 covered above.

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17 DEC. 1944

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PARA ONE PD FROM INFORMATION GIVEN TO DIRECTOR FOOD SUB COMMISSION BY GEORGE DASH FIVE IT APPEARS THAT SHIPPING PROGRAM FOR WHEAT IMPORTS FOR JANUARY WILL BE REDUCED FROM ONE HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND TONS REQUISITIONED AND NINETY TWO THOUSAND TONS NOTIFIED TO FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND TONS ACTUAL PD IN ORDER MAINTAIN THE RATION ON THE PRESENT BASIS OF THREE HUNDRED SOUTH AND TWO HUNDRED NORTH EIGHTY FOUR THOUSAND TONS ARE NEEDED PD BY DEPLETING ALL STOCKS AT PORT AREAS WHERE IMPORTS ARE REQUIRED THREE THOUSAND TONS CAN BE FOUND PD THE BALANCE OF TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND TONS MUST BE MOVED FROM THE SURPLUS AREAS IN ABRUZZI PD IN ORDER TO MOVE THIS FOLLOWING ARE NECESSARY: ABLE PD THREE GEORGE TARE COMPANIES FOR ONE MONTH COMMENCING FORTHWITH TO LIFT GRAIN FROM PRODUCING AREAS IN ABRUZZI TO ANCONA PD THESE CANNOT BE PROVIDED FROM OUR OWN RESOURCES PD BAKER PD LOADING FACILITIES AT ANCONA EIGHT HUNDRED TONS PER DAY PD CHARLIE PD ONE SHIP OF EIGHT THOUSAND TONS TO LEAVE ANCONA EVERY TENTH DAY FROM FIRST JANUARY TO CARRY WHEAT TO BARI CMA NABLES PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM HQ ALCOM FROM ANTOLINI SIGNED STONE PAREN

PARA TWO PD EVEN THIS MOVEMENT IS PROBLEMATIC AND DEPENDS ON WEATHER CMA STATE OF ROADS AND TROOP MOVEMENTS IN ALREADY CONGESTED AREA PD UNLESS THESE TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND TONS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE TWO PORTS MENTIONED THE RATION WILL HAVE TO BE EQUALIZED AT TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE GRAMS FROM FIRST JANUARY PD PLEASE INSTRUCT URGENTLY PD

COPY TO:

Chief of Staff
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N. W. DRAGNETT
MAJOR, AGD
ADJUTANT

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

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16 December 1944

MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Emergency--January Wheat Shipments

1. At 1600 hours, 16 December 1944, the Chief of Staff called me into his office. I briefly reviewed the situation with respect to possible 26,000 ton deficit in January shipments.

2. I informed the Chief of Staff that at 1600 hours we had not received final estimate of situation from Transportation S/C, which we were expecting momentarily.

3. The Chief of Staff suggested that he had prepared draft of proposed cable to AFHQ which he will send to Colonel Legg, who will please coordinate with Mr. Taylor. If the proposed telegram reflects the considered judgment of Food and Transportation S/Cs based on the informal information that January shipments will run between 50/60,000 tons, it is requested that the draft telegram be approved or corrected and that Colonel Legg take same to the Chief of Staff for final dispatch.

4. It is urgent that this matter be cleared up prior to Chief of Staff's departure from the office this evening.

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, FA, CGO
Economic Section

cc: Col. Legg
Mr. Taylor

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

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Tel: 584

15 December 1944

Ref: 21-2/ /FOOD

SUBJECT: Shipping Situation January 1945

FROM : Director, Food Sub-Commission

TO : Mr. Antolini,
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Economic Section

1. Attached is an appendix indicating the status of Civilian Supplies during the month of January 1945. This information was supplied by A.F.M.Q. as a reliable forecast of actual arrivals in Italian ports.

2. It will be noted that the arrivals fall short actual requirements in the amount of 26,000 tons. The only way to maintain the bread ration at its present level in occupied Italy, Sicily and Sardinia is to transport this amount of wheat from Ancona/Ancona surpluses. If this is found not to be possible, the bread ration will have to be adjusted to an overall level of 220 gram.

3. Transportation Sub-Commission are now investigating the possibility of rail and coastwise movement, but have indicated that the transportation commitment is beyond the resources available particularly in regard to truck movement from the interior to the port of Ancona.

For the Chief Commissioner:

W.J. Lee
W.J. Lee
Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

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A telegram was sent

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SHIPPING SITUATION JANUARY

	<u>17-26 Dec.</u>	<u>27 Dec-5 Jan.</u>	<u>6-15 Jan</u>	<u>16-25 Jan</u>
NAPLES	8000	8300	8000	8000*
BARI	7600	8000	-	8000*
SICILY	8300	•	•	•
SARDINIA	-	8000	-	-
REGGIO/C.	7500	-	-	7500*

* Required but not yet firm.

(1) Required to maintain ration to 16 January 44 - 17000 tons

(2) This available in Ancona/Macerata

(3) To move $\frac{1}{2}$ to Bari $\frac{1}{2}$ to Naples and divert two ships to Sicily

(4) Ships required 16-25 Jan:

1 Naples	}	= 34,000 tons
1 Bari		
1 Sicily		
1 Reggio/Crotone		

(5) Possible arrivals will be 3 ships of 25000 tons
Possible extra deficiency by Jan. 25 - 9000 tons, also to be moved from Ancona/Macerata to Naples or Bari.

(6) Possible total deficiency in South Italy and Sicily 26,000 tons.

(7) Conclusions either (a) 26,000 tons grain should be moved as indicated above.
or (b) ration in South should be reduced to 220 gr. per day.

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Tel: 584

Ref: 21-2/70/FOOD

12 December 1944

SUBJECT: A.C. Estimates of Subsistence Requirements 1 Jan. thru 30 June 1945

FROM : Director, Food Sub-Commission

TO : Acting Vice President, Economic Section

1. In connection with your visit to Washington will you please take up with International Division, U.S. War Department, the question of Dried Vegetables and Sugar in accordance with the following memorandum.

2. Dried Vegetables.

First information essential with respect to A.C. estimates for Dried Vegetables. Memorandum WDM, OIA dated 10th of October 44 for Commanding General A.S.F. for attention International Division refers.

14. Vegetables, Dried. Regardless of the impracticability of collecting local olive production, it is recommended that only a minimum stockpile of some 10,000 metric tons be held for the South to be used in the large cities of Central Italy. Indigenous production, while not being assessed under controlled conditions, is of such a surplus nature that an adequate supply should reach the market except in a few large population centers.

15. From an agricultural as well as a relief feeding standpoint, a dried vegetable ration in the North is appropriate. However, the area is a rich producer of spring green vegetables. For that reason as well as because resumption of any South-North trade on the peninsula will bring pulses from the South, planning for only four months of imports is recommended. Requirements for the North on that basis becomes 38,440 metric tons instead of 67,660. It should also be noted that Italian annual imports averaged 27,000 metric tons from 1933 thru 1937.

Prior to leaving Washington the International Division and Lt. Col. Lewis, AFM, intimated assuredly that above commodity would be planned in accordance with above quoted memorandum. I desire to emphasize the necessity for supplies of Dried Vegetables which are urgently needed for Naples, Rome, Florence for Hospital and special classes. Present stocks for Italy South will be completely exhausted by 1st January.

3. Sugar.

My final discussions with Lt. Col. Lewis and Lt. Col. Peters on the 30th of October confirmed acceptance of A.C. Sugar estimates. This was confirmed in a telephone conversation with Lt. Col. Lewis and Official 188, G. on the 30th of October.

FROM : Director, Food Sub-Commission
TO : Acting Vice President, Economic Section

1. In connection with your visit to Washington will you please take up with International Division, U.S. War Department, the question of dried vegetables and sugar in accordance with the following memoranda.

2. Dried Vegetables.

From information essential with respect to A.C. estimates for Dried Vegetables. Memorandum WDM 014 dated 10th of October 14 for Commanding General A.S.F. for attention International Division refers.

11. Vegetables, dried. Regardless of the inaccessibility of collecting local pulse production, it is recommended that only a minimum stockpile of some 10,000 metric tons be held for the South to be used in the large cities of Central Italy. Indigenous production, while not being assessed under controlled conditions, is of such a surplus nature that an adequate supply should reach the market except in a few large population centers.

15. From an agricultural as well as a relief feeding standpoint, a dried vegetable ration in the North is appropriate. However, the area is a rich producer of spring grown vegetables. For that reason as well as because resumption of any South-North trade on the peninsula will bring pulses from the South, planning for only four months of imports is recommended. Requirements for the North on that basis become 52,440 metric tons instead of 87,660. It should also be noted that Italian annual imports averaged 27,000 metric tons from 1933 thru 1937.

Prior to leaving Washington the International Division and Lt. Col. Lewis, Army, intimated assuredly that above commodity would be planned in accordance with above quoted memorandum. I desire to emphasize the necessity for supplies of Dried Vegetables which are urgently needed for Naples, Rome, Florence for November and special classes. Present stocks for Italy South will be completely exhausted by Mid-January.

3. Sugar.

My final discussions with Lt. Col. Lewis and Lt. Col. Waters on the 30th of October confirmed acceptance of A.C. Sugar estimates. This was confirmed in a telephone conversation with Lt. Col. Lewis and Officer [unclear] on the 30th of October.

4. Six weeks have elapsed without any indication to A.F.H.Q. of authority

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to call forward supplies in accordance with the foregoing. This delay is seriously interfering with the current program and the future planning for South and North-West Italy.

5. Rehydrated Soup.

The demand for Rehydrated Soup in Central Italy is constant both for emergency feeding and for special classes and it is agreed to receive up to 10,000 tons of this commodity in lieu of Dried Vegetables. This aspect was discussed with C.C.A.C. (International Division) and it is understood that surplus stocks are currently available.

6. Will you please press this matter with all vigor and reiterate the statements I have already made of the importance and urgency of these items in our Overall Program.

For the Chief Commissioner:

W. J. ...
V. J. ...
Colonel
Director, Food Sub-Commission

Copy to: Chief of Staff

A. F. B. A.

International Division, U.S. War Department

Mr. Antolini (2)

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6. Will you please press this matter with all vigor and reiterate the statements I have already made of the importance and urgency of these items in our Overall Program.

For the Chief Commissioner:

W. L. Carr
Colonel
Director, Food Sub-Commission

Copy to: Chief of Staff

A. F. H. Q.
International Division, U.S. War Department
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REPORT COVERING SALIENT POINTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS WITH
AFHQ, U.S. WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON AND WAR OFFICE
LONDON, CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION WITH RESPECT TO A.C.
FOOD ESTIMATES FOR SUBSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL
ITALY, SICILY AND SARDINIA FOR THE PERIOD JAN. THRU
JUNE 1945.

1. Since AFHQ approval of the estimates was a pre-requisite to the visit to Washington and London, four days were spent in discussions with AQMG, G-4, and G-5 at AFHQ. With one exception, namely the AC estimates for Sugar, the estimates in general were approved.

2. On arrival in Washington on 28 September terms of reference prepared by AFHQ were filed with Civil Affairs Division, US War Department. Following a series of preliminary discussions the first meeting proper was held on the 29th of September. The following were present:

Col. Butterworth	representing A.F.H.Q.
Lt. Col. Lewis	"
Col. Magaw	" British Army Staff
Maj. Waldergrave	" " "
Col. Legg	" Allied Commission
Maj. Tolman	" " "
Lt. Col. Walters	" International Division/CCAC
Lt. Col. Campbell	" Office of the QMG ASF

The trend of the discussions which followed clearly indicated stern opposition to the program. There were three main reasons:

- a. The Civil Affairs Committee supply report;
- b. The presence of two members of this Committee;
- c. Apparent antipathy to the Italian program due to the lack of current factual information of the conditions in Rome and recently liberated areas.

The estimates and justification were subject to close analysis and were debated in considerable detail. The outcome was:

- (1) On the British side the estimates would be further reviewed with US Departments and transmitted to London for consideration and comment and subsequently co-ordinated with US War Department;

(ii) on the U.S. side, the representative of the QMG would complete his study of the estimates and prepare a memorandum for the International Division and CCAC;

(iii) AC representative would be available for discussion with U.S. and British Staffs in this work.

3. Informal discussions followed with:

a. U.S. State Department including Director, European Affairs,

b. British Embassy Staff,

c. F.E.A.,

d. U.S. Department of Agriculture.

As a result of numerous informal discussions with the International Division less rigid attitude was apparent and subsequent discussions proceeded on a better note.

4. The Departments enumerated in para 3 were appreciative of the current factual information and reports conveyed by AC representatives in bringing these Departments up to date with the Italian situation. The memorandum referred to in para 2 was presented on the 12th of October and concessions on the AC estimates were approved. For example, an amount of 68,000 tons of pulses, always a contentious item, and which were excluded from previous programs, had been approved and AC estimates with respect to meat.

5. Further discussions resulted in acceptance of AC estimates for milk which have since been confirmed in LAC 966.

6. There was considerable opposition to the AC sugar estimates and AC produced in justification comparative ration scales for other theatres and what appeared on the surface, discrimination. This argument coupled with dietetic necessity for a minimum sugar ration of 250 grams per capita, compared with the present ration of 125 grams per capita, proved conclusive and resulted in ultimate acceptance.

7. From a supply standpoint wheat estimates were accepted for Mainland south of the Rimini-Pisa Line and Sardinia and will be programmed to maintain the 300 grams bread ration or equivalent. Estimates for Sicily were challenged in the light of Sacmed's memorandum dated the 24th of November to CCS. It was observed that wheat requirements for Sicily would have to be met from Mainland shipments. Estimate requirements for north of Rimini-Pisa are subject to speculation (a) the demand on shipping tonnage and (b) the unknown situation in unoccupied Italy. Discussions between Washington and London were still proceeding when Col. Legg concluded his mission on 21 November 1944. On this date agreement had been reached with respect to the establishment of 300 grams bread ration for presently occupied Italy south of Rimini-Pisa Line and formal approval was only a matter of procedure. The maximum quantity of wheat/flour which can be imported into Italy on the basis of present Shipping Program (Jan. thru June 1945) are 107,000 tons per month. This program will probably have to accept deficits in the light of shipping difficulties. London has requested a firm program from

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Washington excluding any proviso in respect to probable deficits.

8. The visit and presentation of AC estimates presented a set of problems and circumstances which could neither be anticipated nor foreseen. The atmosphere in the War Department was much disturbed by reports and Press publicity prior to the arrival of AC representatives. Planning Staffs in Washington and London were strongly of opinion that a periodical visit in connection with long term subsistence estimates would be both desirable and advantageous.

For the Chief Commissioner:



W. J. LEGG

Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

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RESULTS OF MISSION - MED SUPPLIES 1 JANUARY - 30 JUNE 1945

	Forecast received from AFHQ			AC Estimates Presented By Mission			Now Accepted			Net	
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	N.	S.	T.	N.	S.	T.	N.	S.	T.		
WHEAT	450,000	150,000	600,000	882,000	420,000	1,302,000	222,000	420,000	(a) 642,000	22,000	- 51%
DRIED VEG.	-	-	-	67,660	48,210	135,870	58,440	10,000	(b) 68,440	5,440	ALL
SUGAR	2,700	16,200	18,900	16,200	35,460	51,660	2,700	35,460	(c) 38,160	-	--
MILK	4,860	4,800	9,660	2,850	21,120	23,970	2,850	21,120	23,970	2010	- 41%
MEAT	-	-	-	10,980	9,180	20,160	10,980	9,180	20,160	10,980	ALL
FATS	13,500	-	13,500	13,500	-	13,500	13,500	-	13,500	-	-

- (a) Schedule of 107,000 tons per month not specifically earmarked for areas of North or South but requirements of remainder will be stockpiled for North.
- (b) U.S. War Dept. (International Div.) has agreed to supply amounts shown per memo SPORQ 014 of 10 October 1944 International Division. Confirmation and phasing awaited.
- (c) Signal WX 65237 of 18 November 1944 approves 16,200 tons for South but AC estimates agreed in final conversation and office of GMD, ASF. Confirmation and phasing awaited.

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3 Dec. 44

RESULTS OF MISSION - IMMEDIATE SUPPLIES 1 JANUARY - 30 JUNE 1945

From	AG Estimates Presented By Mission			Now Accepted			NET RESULTS - INCREASES AND DECREASES					
							N.		S.		T.	
	T.	N.	S.	T.	N.	S.	Tons	%	Tons	%	Tons	%
600,000	882,000	420,000	1,302,000	222,000	420,000	642,000	222,000	- 51%	270,000	+ 180%	42,000	+ 7%
-	87,660	48,210	135,870	58,440	10,000	68,440	58,440	ALL	10,000	ALL	68,440	+ ALL
18,900	16,200	35,460	51,660	2,700	35,460	38,160	-	--	19,260	+ 11%	19,260	+ 102%
9,660	2,850	21,120	23,970	2,850	21,120	23,970	2,850	- 41%	16,320	+ 340%	14,310	+ 148%
-	10,980	9,180	20,160	10,980	9,180	20,160	10,980	ALL	9,180	ALL	20,160	ALL
13,500	13,500	-	13,500	13,500	-	13,500	-	-	-	-	-	-

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12 Nov. 44.

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HQ A.C.G. ECONOMIC SECTION

3 Jul 44
(Date)

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Considering your FX-49293, 20th October, reference, shortage in shipping for UGS 60, 61 and 62 convoys.

Starting with the allocation of 105 ships to this Theater for loading both Army and civil supplies an effort has been made to adjust the cargo to the available shipping in such manner as to produce the fewest and least serious repercussions.

It is estimated that 15 ships in addition to those being supplied by the British are required to lift essential minimum civil supplies. This shipping will provide barely sufficient wheat and flour to maintain a 340-gram bread ration in the liberated portion of ITALY, to move 5 ships loads of Balkan Aid and to provide half the estimated requirement of wheat and flour for Southern FRANCE. It is intended to defer until later all shipment from the UNITED STATES of bulk commodities to SICILY, SARDINIA and the BALKANS. It is emphasized that the reduced relief shipments will bring into the Theater only the barest necessities. It may be expected that food riots will result if collapse occurs in North ITALY.

In effecting the adjustment of civil supplies it was considered economical to divert to NORTH AFRICA 20,000 tons of barley scheduled for December shipment to ITALY from IRAQ in British shipping. Barley is used 100 percent for food in NORTH AFRICA in feeding the Arab population, who eat the entire grain, whereas in diluting flour for the Italians there is a loss of 25 percent as against wheat. Shipment of wheat set up for ITALY compensates for the diversion of the barley. In view of this agreed diversion of barley to NORTH AFRICA it is requested that wheat shipments to NORTH AFRICA for December arrival be reduced correspondingly and the shipping thus released be used for lifting civil supplies to ITALY thereby reducing the demand upon Army allocated shipping from 15 to 12 ships.

With an eye to the reduction of Theater stocks during the past months, requisitions for supplies have been restricted to those required for current maintenance and to sustain reserves at the authorized minimum. Notwithstanding that precaution the shortage of shipping has resulted in a backlog of unshipped

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supplies at NYFE which when added to the supplies requisitioned for December arrival aggregate 1220237 ship tons. Of the 105 ships allotted this Theater 93 will be available to lift these supplies. At the estimated rate of 8000 measurement tons per ship, 744000 tons will be delivered leaving a backlog of 470000 tons of military supplies destined for this Theater at PEMBAK. This amounts to about 20 days of supply for this Theater.

After deferring those supplies the delay in shipment of which can more readily be accepted such as packing and crating materials for redeployment, PX resale items, and lumber for the winterization program, it is also necessary to defer approximately 40000 tons of critical major items of equipment including tactical and general purpose vehicles which are in short supply.

It is requested that a substantial increase be made in the shipping allotted this Theater for December arrival to insure against civil disturbances and to assure no lessening of the military effort due to lack of essential supplies.

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ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

Tel: 761

ACC/21-2 /FOOD

26 October 1944

INTER OFFICE MEMO

28 OCT Recd

SUBJECT: Investigation Report

TO : Political Section

1. Reference your memorandum of 21 October 1944 on the subject of imports of wheat into Sicily.
2. Sicily during the last four years has never amassed sufficient wheat to cover the needs of the population on a 300 gram bread ration basis. The quantities amassed, however, have always been low compared with the total harvest.
3. The estimate of selfsufficiency of grain in Sicily was made on a 200 gram bread ration basis. As a result of the increase of the ration to the equivalent of 300 gram, and a lowering of the estimated amass to 200,000 tons, it was realized that imports of grain into Sicily would be necessary by February 1945. These estimates which include a figure of 8,000 tons for February and 29,000 tons per month subsequently were included in the figures recently presented to Washington by Brig. Gen. O'Dwyer and Col. Legg.

A.G.A.
A.G. ANTOLINI
Acting Head
Economic Section

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What reports for Sicily.
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26 Oct

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I refer to letter No. A/CC 400-2 (4805-13) of the 23rd of October from Acting Chief Commissioner.

Would you please arrange for the survey mentioned in para 3 of this letter to be made as soon as possible and forward it to me?

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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A/CC 400-2

23 October 1944

SUBJECT: Wheat imports for Sicily.

TO : Chief of Staff, HQ ACC

1. At my meeting with High Commissioner Aldisio on October 19th, I anticipated my letter to the Prime Minister by telling Aldisio that in the face of this year's harvest of between six and seven million quintals the Allies would not be justified in importing further wheat into Sicily and that it was up to the Government to ensure equitable distribution of the total wheat available on the island.

2. In the course of our discussion, Aldisio stated that contrary to Allied belief, Sicily is not self-supporting on wheat and was not in past years. I asked him if he could prove this statement statistically and he promised to forward such figures promptly, but to date they have not been received.

3. In the meantime I should like you to have a survey of this question made by the Economic Section (Food Sub Commission) as to Sicily's past record on wheat imports, possibly thru the Italian Office of Statistics and Supply Information.

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Economic Section

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 4802/16/GCS.

19th October 1944.

SUBJECT: Food Imports.

TO : G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q.

1. On 29 September GCS sent you their OAL 84) containing information as to the import programme which was vital to us. On 11 October you forwarded this information as a result of receipt of the minutes of the VP's meeting of 3 October. This information reached here (your P-8 of 11 October) on 17 October.

2. I would ask to be kept constantly and rapidly informed of supplies expected or promised - as a matter of routine.

M. S. LUSH

MSL/JG.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff,
for Acting Chief Commissioner.

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H.Q. A.C.C. ECONOMIC SECTION

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11 October 1944

SUBJECT: Wheat/Flour, Nov/Dec.

17 OCT Recd

MEMO TO: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: Mr. Antolini)

Ref: Par 3 Minutes V.P. meeting 3 Oct.

1. CCAC has approved requests for Nov/Dec, subject only to shipping availability. Extract from CAL 813, 29 Sept follows:

- a. "November. Already set up 27,000 tons bagged wheat and 20,000 tons barley. Total equivalent to 43,000 tons wheat. Of this amount 25,000 tons is for South, 18,000 tons for North. In addition for North 20,000 tons flour from Mideast and 25,000 tons flour and 7,000 tons bagged wheat from U.S. will be shipped.
This may be wheat.
 - b. December. Shipments already set up include only 20,000 tons barley equivalent to 16,000 tons wheat. This is for South. In addition requirements approved include for South 9,000 tons wheat and for North 50,000 tons wheat and 22,500 tons flour. Can you accept bulk wheat in December?
 - c. Statements in a. and b. of "shipments already set up" supersede all advices in previous cables.
 - d. 70,000 tons wheat/flour Nov requirement and 72,500 tons wheat/flour Dec requirement, all for North, are approved to provide against contingencies. If these do not arise, any unused portion of the wheat/flour will be warehoused as part of MTO stockpile."
2. Extract from CAL 830, 3 Oct gives this further information:
 - a. November. In 4 ships UGS 59 - 25,000 tons flour, 7,000 tons bagged wheat.
 - b. December. Availability of wheat/flour assured. Shipping not yet firm but probable. Early reply on bulk wheat requested. (this was answered in LAC

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11 October 1944

17 OCT Recd

SUBJECT: Wheat/Flour, Nov/Dec.

MEMO TO: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: Mr. Antolini)

Ref: Per 3 Minutes V.P. meeting 3 Oct.

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b. December. Shipments already set up include only 20,000 tons barley equivalent to 15,000 tons wheat. This is for South. In addition requirements approved include for South 9,000 tons wheat and for North 50,000 tons wheat and 22,500 tons flour. Can you accept bulk wheat in December?

c. Statements in a. and b. of "shipments already set up" superseded all advices in previous cables.

d. 70,000 tons wheat/flour Nov requirement and 72,500 tons wheat/flour Dec requirement, all for North, are approved to provide against contingencies. If these do not arise, any unused portion of the wheat/flour will be warehoused as part of MTO stockpile."

2. Extract from CAL 830, 3 Oct gives this further information:

a. November. In 4 ships UGS 59 - 25,000 tons flour, 7,000 tons bagged wheat.

b. December. Availability of wheat/flour assured. Shipping not yet firm but probable. Early reply on bulk wheat requested. (this was answered in LAC 726, 6 Oct).

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3. Tried to reach you by phone this morning but wires were out of order.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

/s/ J. E. Butterworth

J. E. BUTTERWORTH
Colonel, Infantry
Economics & Supply Division

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
C. E. F.

Office of the Chief of Staff.

Ref: 4705/4/COS.

3rd October 1944.

SUBJECT: Wheat Situation.

TO : Deputy Chief of Staff,
Economic Section.

1. I refer to your memorandum on the wheat situation dated 30th September.
2. I think that we should submit to AFHQ a full picture showing the programme and the implementation thereof, of food imports, in order that they, AFI and the Northern Regions may have a complete picture of the situation and the shortages expected.
3. Can you give me the necessary data?

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(Sgd) M. S. Lusk

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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MEMORANDUM re WHEAT SITUATION

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner

1. Col. Legg was informed at AFHQ during a recent visit that out of the November planned shipments of wheat, approximately 40,000 tons only of mixed wheat and barley would actually be forthcoming.

2. September planned shipments were 43,500 tons
actual arrivals 34,874 tons
October planned shipments are 43,500 tons
arrival scheduled 36,117 tons wheat

A.C. AVTOLINI
Acting Head
Economic Section

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
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29 September 1944

Tel. 478-807

ACC/21-2/FOOD

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section
(Attn.: Major Stewart)

The attached programme of foodstuffs to be imported into Italy as set up by AFHQ is forwarded (telephone conversation Stewart-Marie refers). These quantities may not, however, arrive e.g. information already has been supplied that in November probably only about 40,000 tons grain will be available.

FOR THE ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

W.J. LEGG
Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

What is the
REAL situation? This
is obviously agreed.
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Extract from estimates provided by AFHQ

Expected Imports of Food - 1 July 44 - 30 June 45.

A. MAINLAND OF ITALY

	Programme (Metric tons, net)	Allocation Requested (a) (Metric tons net)					Probable Request (Metric tons)
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	
Wheat	43,500		100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Sugar	2,000		4,700	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Milk, dried	600		1,410	1,410	1,410	1,410	1,410
Vegetables, dry	4,950(e)		(f)	(f)	-	-	-
Soup, dehydrated	-		6,000	-	-	-	-
Meat, stews, etc.	-		-	-	-	-	-
Fats	-		2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250
Fish, dried salt	850		-	-	-	-	-
Total	51,900		114,360	1,05,660	105,660	105,660	105,660

B. SICILY

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sugar	500	500	500	500	500	500
Milk, dry	150	150	150	150	150	150
Total	650	650	650	650	650	650

B. SARDINIA

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sugar	150	200	200	200	200	200
Milk, dried	45	50	50	50	50	50
Vegetables, dry	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	195	250	250	250	250	250

(a) Requests for allocations beginning November 1944 include amounts required for the area North of Pisa-Rimini. Such requirements are monthly, wheat 75,000, milk (dry) 810 and fats 2,250. In addition 30-day stockpile has been requested - sugar 2,700, soup (dehy) 6,000 and vegetables (dry) 6,800.

(e) For use North of Pisa-Rimini line.

(f) Original request cancelled by LAC 553.

Prepared by: No
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600	1,410	1,410	1,410	1,410	1,410	1,410
4,950(e)	(f)	(f)	-	-	-	-
-	6,000	-	-	-	-	-
-	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250
850	-	-	-	-	-	-
51,900	114,360	1,05,660	105,660	105,660	105,660	105,660

B. SICILY

Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
-	-	-	-	-	-
500	500	500	500	500	500
150	150	150	150	150	150
650	650	650	650	650	650

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-	-	-	-	-	-
150	200	200	200	200	200
45	50	50	50	50	50
195	250	250	250	250	250

Imports beginning November 1944 include amounts required for the area North of Pisa-Rimini line. Monthly, wheat 75,000, milk (dry) 810 and fats 2,250. In addition 30-day stockpiles have wheat 2,700, soup (dry) 6,000 and vegetables (dry) 6,800. North of Pisa-Rimini line. Controlled by LAC 553.

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G-5, AFHQ. 25 August 1944.

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