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CSO.

Please see signal from boy ones
at 98. Rf is at folio 97. *Auth 29/8*

100.

Chief Commissioner.

97-98 are

~~interviews~~ submitted for your ~~signature~~
information

McCan Buy
Ad Ex Comm.

29/7/46

W 387.

101.

VP Executive Section.

*May we have your comments on
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*S. McWhorter of Fund Rts.
Office of the Executive Commissioner.*

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1 August 1946

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2. I feel that the matter about which the CLO wrote is an Italian Government affair.

Charles W. White

Colonel, A.C.
A/VP, Economic Section

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Not quite what I expected. W. L.

8.28

Executive Commission

Reference Minute 90.

The situation is, of course, farcical. The High Commissioner for Sardinia has managed to instal himself in a position in which he systematically ignores all decrees, orders and directives if they do not suit him. When Prefects all over the Kingdom were giving trouble by putting blocks and restrictions on non-rationed foodstuffs, Sardinia was one of the worst offenders and although the various decrees and orders issued by the Government did bring the Prefects on the mainland to heel, General Pinna has continued to flout the law. So far as the Ministry of Food was concerned, and this of course applies to the present High Commissariat, the attitude adopted is that it is useless to attempt coercion. When this particular case was brought to my attention by the Air Force Sub-Commission, I thought that a direct order from the Prime Minister himself might have the desired effect, (see enclosures 66, 68 and 69) but it appears that General Pinna is prepared to ignore even this. My own personal view is that for the sake of his own amour-propre, the Prime Minister cannot very well allow matters to rest as they are.

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C.W.D.

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Ex Comm.

Reference minute 94.

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Reference minute 94. Letter in C.C.'s
Signatures in passed to you for approval.
may original draft be returned to
Food & Agric. please.

C.W.W. 5/31/46 83

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Executive Commissioner

Reference minute 83, I am informed that after a certain number of discussions at UNHRA HQ, the two Officers from ACAERIT Vienna returned to Austria with the suggestion from UNHRA that they should find out the exact position with regard to stocks and forward loadings and then, if necessary, communicate again with UNHRA Italy who have promised to assist in every way possible, should the need arise.

Charles W. Walter
Colonel,
A/VP Economic Section *M. 1715*

16 May 1946 *V.P. Com Sec*
Please inform G.S. M. 1715

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Executive Commissioner. M. 1715.

*Reference minute 85. Return to
at June 87 (WW)*

Refined & approved by (SP)

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*Lt Col Cooper
T.N. action*

view 22/5

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A/V.P.

Please see minute 93

W. 17/5

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Chief Commissioner.

1. On May 3 there arrived three officers from the British element of the Allied Commission in VIENNA, bearing a draft telegram purporting to emanate from General WINTERGOTT to General DUFF which you will find on Page 70. Two of the officers concerned had served in this Commission and alleged that they knew quite a lot about the food situation in ITALY and could lead the Allied authorities or UNRRA to stockpiles in the MACERATA-ANCONA area.

2. Colonel PARSONS of G-5 rang up and asked me to give them all facilities. To him I answered and to others I directed that this was a matter entirely for UNRRA and the Italian Government and that the facilities provided by the Commission would be restricted to transport, food and accommodation. The rest of the story can be found on Pages 72, 73 and 75.

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7 May 46.

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Executive Commissioner.

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1 81 for info. H.I. 115

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V.P. Econ Sec.

Please let me know the sequel.

MSL 14/15

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Ex Comm.

76.

4's 70-75 gives the full story of
the Boston food situation as it stands
at present. We have still not received
the original of the signal at 470. I have
asked G-5 for a copy.

To you with G-5 to have copies of signals
at 72 & 73 + memo at 74/5. J.S. 6/15.

bld

These notes filed to

also by per

PA
10 May

MINUTES SUBMITTED FROM FILE 152/80.

C.S.O.

Ref folio 32

To Eoon See for action and report - informing Venezia Region.

M.S.L.
17/5

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C.S.O.

Please see 35.

32. 33. 4 34. 10 p.p.

C.S.O.

Ref. folio 32, 33, 34 + 36. See Summary, deliver as an accompanying action & should wait for definite order if any. Said notes, however, were discussed at P.P. meeting.

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M.S.L.
17/5

C.20.

Please see 35.

Pages ~~32, 33, 34~~ 32, 33, 34. ~~35~~ refer.

21/5/55

C.50

~~38~~ 38
32, 33, 34 & 36.

Ref. files ~~32, 33, 34~~ has Summary, details or
an anticipated action & others wait. for definite orders if any.
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22/5/55

~~39~~ 39

Capt. Amador.

Ref ~~38~~ 38. Notes - but I will
still like to have Col Hoff's reaction
to the last line of ~~38~~ 34.

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C.6

Col. Hoff will when I checked. stated when he was asked what. He
could have found for Austria - it was agreed that would be done. Found he already
then shipped the Major Reg. - also has been requested to increase amount
to be loaned. - When first for Austria reached they - state loaned will be
repaid from shipment arriving. Col Hoff felt it is only just that and have
to make. (He refers you with 39).

22/5/55

ES: 13
 CSO: Res see proposal at 10, 9 & 8.

Another copy already folded to be sent from AF Per. auth 17/11

15. IL 24/11
 CSO: see folio 14, having in mind food situation in Liphorn, etc. IL 13/11

Col. Ref 14.
 Did you give approval for the request in para 3? IL 14/11

No. This is a matter of Policy A. and IL

- (a) should have been referred to C.C.
- (b) The letter should not have gone out over signature of a S.C. Com.
- (c) The matter should be brought at a COS meeting

IL 15/11 17/11/11

19.
 Matter in 17 (See 14) brought up
 at COS meeting 16/11. Decided sent
 will see later. When matter ready to 14,
 the matter will be cleared through
 COS.

IL 16/11.
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Payin Remy, ... on chair planning

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19.

Matter in 17 (Sec 16) brought up
at COS meeting 16/1. Dear Sam sent
will see this. When Nixon reply to 14,
the matter will be cleared then

COS.

17/1/51.

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Major Ruxley keeps an eye on above policy.

CSO: to see folio 21: answer to folio 18 re: folio 14. will follow up. 17/1/51

17/1/51

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Reference 24. Information passed by telephone today to Col. JACKLING, G-5,
who asked that no further publicity should be given. Copy passed to RMO.

19 January 1945.

Major E. Talbot

4815
ALLIED COMMISSION
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE BRANCH
APO 794

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3 August, 1946

MEMORANDUM

AUG 8 1946

SUBJECT: The Italian Food Situation

1. WHEAT, BREAD AND PASTA.

The wheat situation in Italy on August 1, 1946 was the most favorable that has been experienced in a long time. Supplies of wheat on hand are over a million and a half tons and are sufficient to support the present daily ration of 250 grams of bread and the monthly ration of 2000 grams of pasta for the next four months. If the estimate of the ministry of Agriculture that only 60% of the total wheat to be amassed has been delivered, is correct, present bread and pasta rations can be maintained until 15 Feb., 1947 without further wheat imports. However, UNRRA's import program calls for 550,000 tons of wheat during the remainder of 1946, which, if received, will support the ration for an additional 45 days or until April 1, 1947.

The above figures do not take into account the expected collections of maize, barley, rye and rice, all of which wheat substitutes should extend the period of apparent cereal coverage to at least 1 May, 1947, leaving only the months of May and June of next year unprovided for.

That the Italian Government considers the future wheat outlook reasonably good is indicated by:

- (a) the restoration of the 2000 grams pasta ration on 1 July.
- (b) the increase of the bread ration to 250 grams on 10 July.
- (c) the authorization for Prefects to reduce the milling ratio from 91 to 85 accompanied by a reduction in the bread ration from 250 to 235 grams, if in the judgment of the Prefects the local food situation warrants such a change.

This last action of the Government has been vigorously opposed by the Food Officer of UNRRA, largely because it is likely to give exporting countries the impression that the "quantity" needs of the country have been met and hence, attention can now be centered on the improvement of "quality".

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(WTR)

Seen by E.C. 8/48

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2. SUGAR

Prospects of a large amount of domestic sugar are so good that UNRRA has discontinued its imports with July shipments. During August the sugar ration will be 200 grams per month, or double the issues authorized since 1 March. Present plans call for a further increase to 300 grams on 1 Sept., half of which will be new domestic sugar manufactured from beets now being lifted in southern beet growing provinces. It is expected that domestic production will be sufficient to sustain the ration at 300 grams per month after 1 October.

3. FATS

The present supply of oils and fats is very low, but prospect is bright for a good production of olive oil this fall. There is already some talk that oil will be "free" when the new production becomes available, but this the governmental food officials vigorously deny.

4. MINOR RATION CHANGES

Among the actions taken by the High Commissioner of Food to provide more and better food for certain needy classes of consumers are the following:

(a) The release of 200 tons of sugar for the manufacture of 2000 tons of infant-food for artificially fed babies.

(b) The authorization of special allotments of powdered milk, dried vegetables, preserved meats, dried soup and powdered eggs for summer colonies (camps) for children.

(c) New ration scales for TB patients in hospitals.

(d) The allocation to pasta manufacturers of quotas of a special pasta ration for children.

(e) Substantial improvement in the ration scale authorized for crews of merchant ships.

5. GENERAL FOOD ITEMS

Fresh vegetables and fruits are everywhere abundant and constitute a large percentage of the daily ration of all classes of consumers. Potatoes are very plentiful and may be had for from 12 to 17 lire a kilo in most cities. Milk is now "free" in a number of large cities, including Rome. Meat, butter and cheese remain scarce and are very high priced.

Rescoe R. Shapp
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Lt. Col., FA
Food and Agricultural
Branch

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Office I.C.T.
Bologna

27th July '46

JUL 31 1946

Subject: SUPPLIES OF FOOD IN ITALY.To: Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission.
(Italy).

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Before proceeding, however, it must be made clear that I have served in grain producing areas, viz:- Province of Lucca, Sicily, Province of Agrigento, Sicily, Provinces of Pisa, Modena (all as Provincial Commissioner) and Emilia Region, as Chief Liaison Officer, for the past twelve months, and my views must be, to some extent, influenced by this.

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2. The figures given by the Italian Government Departments are probably accurate as they have

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them, but they refer only to the grain amassed and the amounts retained by the producers as their ration and for seed. It is understood that these figures are based primarily on estimates formed early in the year by U.P.S.E.I. on figures submitted by the farmers, and afterwards supported by a weak control of the work of threshing.

It is obvious, therefore, that farmers are going to underestimate their probable crops, and afterwards keep their actual crop figures down to that figure and even lower if possible. Further, private hand threshing can be carried on without detection in the remote country areas and there can be little or no control over this, despite decrees which should cause all threshing to be done under supervision.

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Large quantities of grain were sold openly at farms, and on one occasion the writer took action against a farmer who, one evening, sold one truck-load and 5 cart-loads.

At Pisa in 1944, owing to a breakdown in transport, Army supplies of flour were not available, and the town officials were very worried because it was impossible to distribute the bread ration. The people themselves, how-

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ever, were not concerned, as apparently they had ample private supplies.

In Emilia Region, probably the heaviest producing region in Italy, it has been a general boast that, even when the Germans were in control, there was always plenty of food.

During the period this year when the pasta was discontinued, pasta was available, and openly displayed in shop windows. White bread was on sale, and the flour products available in restaurants were enormous.

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mind that the standard of living in Italy has always been different to that in Great Britain.

One more point must be made; that is, if Italy has got to depend on her own resources and upon what she can buy in world markets after the end of this year - she certainly will have to sooner or later - a great propaganda drive should be started immediately to bring home to all the people, particularly those in the producer areas, the gravity of the world food situation, that shortages will face all countries during the coming winter and spring and finally, that unless each and everyone does his share and bears his or her own personal sacrifices, then, while a few will live well, many will face hardship and privation. It should be pointed out that shortages of food lead inevitably to misery and eventually disorder. Further, it is obviously impossible that people can remain on the same diet that they did before the war, and a change in such a diet must be faced up to in order to conserve grain supplies, e.g. some substitute could be found for some of the enormous amounts of pasta eaten in this country.

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4815 Telegram No. 1212 of 22nd July addressed by
Foreign Office to Rome. Repeated to Washington.

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Your telegram No. 1087.

Increase in bread ration from its previous low level is of course a matter for the Italian Govt., but we hope in taking this decision they have borne in mind the continuance of wheat shortage and difficulties of supply. The possibility of increasing ration was mentioned to us last week by Italian Counsellor with a view to enlisting our support. We replied by referring to world shortage and difficulties of other countries, and informed the Counsellor that if this step would involve further imports the Italian Govt. would have to make their case for increased requirements before I.E.P.C. We would instruct our representatives on that body to consider the matter in the light of available supplies and needs of other countries as well as those of Italy. The Italian Govt. have however apparently gone ahead without waiting to be assured of supplies and consequences must now be on their own head.

2. The possibility of raising extraction rate is however another matter. As the Italian Govt. know, the extraction rate in the U.K. is 90% and U.K. has made considerable sacrifices to help needy European countries of which Italy is one. Any reduction by the Italians of extraction rate at this time would cause great ill feeling in this country. Already the knowledge that white bread is sold in Italy based on reports from British troops and returned visitors has given rise to strong feeling in this country where only 90% extraction flour and bread are available. The Italian Govt. was represented at E.E.C. Cereal Conference held in London in April and they had a member on E.E.C.E. delegation to F.A.O. meeting at Washington in May. They must be fully aware of resolutions of both these conferences on maintenance of a high extraction rate and on maximum use of cereals for human beings instead of animals. It may be that new Italian harvest has improved their prospects but in the light of continuing world cereal shortage and the fact that Italy is receiving assistance from UNRRA it is their duty to do all they can to reduce their demands on world supplies. Please therefore make vigorous representations to the Italian Govt. to refrain from this step at this time which could only cause the worst possible impression. We are speaking to UNRRA here on these lines and hope they will take a similar line to Mr. Keeny.

B/A
MJI
VLL

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3. June 1946

Ref. 51-20/FA

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I would again draw your attention to the situation with regard to the movement of non-rationed foodstuffs from Sardinia.

You were good enough to instruct General Pinna at my request to remove all blocks and restrictions on the movement of non-rationed food, and as a result of this the Air Force Sub-Commission arranged for air transport to be sent to Sardinia to bring back fish and other commodities for distribution by the Vatican Relief Organizations.

Despite your implicit instructions, however, General Pinna refused to allow any food to leave the Island with the result that the aircraft had to return empty. Furthermore, the Vatican Authorities now feel that owing to the obstructive attitude being adopted by General Pinna, they should drop the whole project as they do not wish to be concerned with any political implications.

I am at a loss to understand the attitude of General Pinna in this matter and I feel that these facts should be brought to your attention as it seems to me most unfortunate that the excellent project initiated by the Vatican, supported by your High Commissioner for Food and sponsored by the Air Force Sub-Commission of this HQ should go by default owing to the apparent total disregard of the laws of the land and your direct instructions.

Very truly yours

M. S. LUSH
Brigadier
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner

Ugo de Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers
in Government.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER, THROUGH EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER,
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

DATE: 23RD MAY, 1946.

REF: AFSC/354/5/1/OTC.

MAY 24 1946

TRANSPORTATION OF NON-RATIONED FOODSTUFFS
ROME - SARDINIA.

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2. The agreement between the Vatican Relief and the Air Ministry was drawn up in January this year and submitted to the Air Minister for final approval; after a delay of two months and acting under your instructions I asked the Air Minister to contact the Transport Ministry. The Transport Minister was out of Rome, which meant a further delay as no-one else could give a simple opinion. On the 13th April the Air Minister informed me that the service would be initiated, knowing full well that the High Commissioner of Sardinia would not allow the transport of non-rationed foodstuffs.

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4. It was, therefore, arranged for the first aircraft to begin the service on the 8th May 1946, and the Italian Air Ministry and Vatican Relief were informed accordingly. The aircraft returned empty on the following day, as the High Commissioner would not allow foodstuffs out of the island. He informed the Vatican Relief Representative he would be willing to allow the exportation, providing 30% of the quantity to be exported remained blocked in Sardinia for an unlimited time at the disposition of the High Commissioner.

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*see additional note
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San P. Puma

I.E. MOORE,
AIR VICE-MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref. 4815/32/EG.

17 May 1946

SUBJECT : Austrian Food Situation
TO : G-5 Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.
(Attn: Col. F.G.A. Parsons).

MAY 18 1946

1. Further to 4815/77/EG dated 7 May 1946, it now transpires that the two Officers from ACABRIT Austria have returned to Vienna.

2. While they were in Rome, they had a number of discussions with UNRRA Officials who advised them to return to Austria, find out the exact position with regard to stocks and forward loadings and then, if necessary, approach UNRRA Italy again who promised to assist in every way possible, should the need arise.

For the Chief Commissioner :

(Signed)

CHARLES W. WALTON

Colonel, A.C.

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Acting Vice President

Approved :

V.H.A. COWYER
Lt. Colonel

Director, Food & Agriculture Branch

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ACABBIT VIENNA

ALCOM HOME

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RESTRICTED:

Following for BUCH . AGA. Ref your 2572 to 2100B 4th May
ECHE Vienna propose to take up offer to discuss assistance by Italy to Austria
in present emergency. Considered it would not be desirable for you to attend
unless invited. Agree your attending discussions 8 May. Presume you and Penning
can make own arrangements for return.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

CONFIDENTIAL.

Ref: 4815/71/EG.

7 May 1946.

SUBJECT: Austrian Food Situation.

TO : G-5 Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.
(Attn: Col. F.C.A. Parsons).

Attached for your information are copies of signal
No. 2871 of 4 May 46 from Mr. Pudelowski to UNRRA VIENNA and
signal No. 2872 dated 4 May 46 from Major Burch to ACOMET VIENNA,
together with copy of aide-memoire dated 6 May 46 from Director,
Food & Agriculture Branch, Economic Section, Allied Commission.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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APO 794
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Ref. 90-6/FA

6 May 1946

AIDE MEMOIRE

TO : Executive Commissioner
through A/VP Economic Section

SUBJECT : Austrian Food Situation

1. On Saturday morning, May 4th, C.S.O. Executive Commissioner's office showed me a draft signal from General Winterton to General Duff which had been brought in by two Officers of the Allied Commission Austria.

2. As a result of this, having obtained the Executive Commissioner's ruling on what action Alcom was to take in the matter, I went to a meeting at UNRRA Italy Headquarters at which Mr. Keeny presided, Col. Legg, Chief of the Sub-Bureau of Relief Supply, two Officers from AC Austria, Major Burch and Major Denning, and a representative from UNRRA Austria were also present.

3. Mr Keeny stated that UNRRA Italy took considerable exception to the method in which this matter had been handled. He was most strongly opposed to Officers from AC Austria touring this country, both from political reasons and from the fact that he considered this to be a reflexion on his own organization. UNRRA Italy were fully aware of the situation here and he was convinced that the information brought in by the Officers from Austria was now completely out of date. Furthermore, if any grain was in fact still hidden in the Ancona and Macerata areas, it would be highly undesirable at this juncture to move this grain to Austria.

Having made this protest, he went on to say, however, that it was not to be understood that UNRRA Italy were not prepared to help the situation in Austria in every practical way possible, and he instructed Col. Legg to examine the situation with Maj. Denning and Maj. Burch and with the representative of UNRRA Austria. He threw out two possible suggestions for assisting the situation : one was the possibility of obtaining a considerable quantity of surplus American Army rations, which were known to be available at Leghorn, and the second suggestion was that 2,000 tons of maize which had been offered to UNRRA Italy by Venezia Giulia might be diverted to Austria.

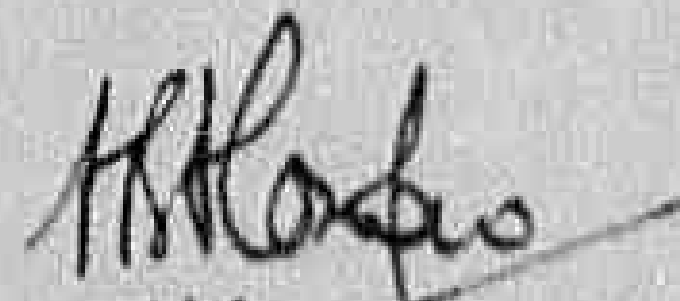
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4. It transpired that none of the Austrian representatives was aware of the precise stock situation in Austria and none of them knew what May loadings of imported grain were likely to be. As a first step Mr Keeny instructed Col. Legg to have telephone calls put through to Vienna and Washington to find out the precise situation, Mr Keeny's feeling being that it was not nearly as bad as the draft signal from General Winterton would lead one to believe. Mr Keeny's feeling, in which Col. Legg concurred, was that there might possibly be a gap of some 10 days or a fortnight after May 31st (up to which time the Austrians are covered) when something would have to be done in the way of diverting UNRRA Italy ships on loan to Austria to tide over a temporary crisis, but he refused to believe that no provision had been made for June arrivals whatever.

5. I stated that Allied Commission's position was that this was considered to be a matter for UNRRA Italy, the Italian Government and Austria, but that we were, of course, prepared to assist domestically in the way of transport, rations, office facilities, billets and so on.

6. Both Maj. Burch and Maj. Denning were at pains to point out that they were an agricultural mission rather than a food mission and that they both felt that their journey to Italy was justified because of their very great experience in crop collection and local knowledge of the country, and they felt that they could be of assistance both to the Italian Government and to UNRRA Italy in locating hidden stocks of grain. If these stocks were brought to light, their mission would be accomplished and the allocation of them would be a matter for higher authority to decide.



V.R.A. COWPER

Lt. Colonel

Director, Food & Agriculture Branch

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4 May 1946 1825

FROM: FUDAKOWSKI, UNRRA ROME

TO (FOR ACTION) UNRRA VIENNA

Ref. No. 2871.

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1. Assigned mission not successful. KERNY stated Italian Mission fully aware of position in ITALY and considered suggested field investigation by military personnel unnecessary and undesirable. Italian Government recently agreed to collect further 150,000 tons grain. Maintenance of 200 gram bread ration depends on the reasonable success of this operation.
2. Otherwise KERNY willing to discuss Austrian food difficulties and to negotiate any measures that could be taken by UNRRA Mission to assist us in temporary crisis. KERNY mentioned possibility getting release American military reserve 10 in 1 rations approximately 10,000 tons stored LIVORNO and 2,000 tons maize offered by Military Government from VENEZIA GIULIA. He also might be willing to discuss diversion of shipped consignments as temporary emergency measure pending success latest grain collection ITALY.
3. I suggest sending immediately to ROME authorized representative with latest information food position AUSTRIA. Expected May allocation and loadings actual stock position and all rationing data are required. Without such information I am unable to start discussion. Awaiting further instructions.

FUDAKOWSKI.

Precedence: IMMEDIATE.

(sgd) J. Fudakowski.

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COPY OF OUTGOING MESSAGE.

FROM: MAJOR BURCH ACA

4 May 1946 1825

TO (FOR ACTION) AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC DIVISION FOR SOUTH AM

Ref No. 2872
1. Returned Arrived ROME Evening 3rd. Plane left, required elsewhere.

Contacted ALCOM and UNRRA. Brigadier LUSH stated crop collection supervision function UNRRA ITALY Mission but offered personal transport and other assistance.

2. KEENEY, Chief UNRRA Mission, stated his officials fully aware of position in ITALY and Italian Government had recently agreed collect further 150,000 tons grain. Maintenance of 200 gram bread ration depends on reasonable success of this operation. He considered ground inspection as proposed with military personnel unnecessary and undesirable. He suggested information in our hands be discussed with Colonel LEGG, Chief Sub-Bureau Relief Supply and further action by letter if necessary.

3. KEENEY stated he would be willing discuss any measures by UNRRA ITALY to assist AUSTRIA to tide over a temporary crisis and mentioned several possibilities. MUDAKOWSKI will if possible telephone UNRRA VIENNA to-day full details and suggest food official fly down earliest with details latest food position.

4. Do you desire also to send representative to attend negotiations?

5. Have been invited attend discussions on 8 May on crop collection plan for 1946 harvest with Dr. MURRAY, former Director, Food Division, Middle East Supply Centre. Suggest my attendance desirable - will return immediately after unless other instructions received.

6. This telegram agreed with Colonel LEGG.

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M : ACABRIT VIENNA

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SECRET

Personal from General WINTERTON for General DUFF.

1. Food situation in Austria is extremely grave and crisis may well develop early in June if not before. In spite of efforts by Occupying Powers and by UNRRA, stocks and supplies coming forward are quite inadequate to maintain for more than a few weeks even Belsen standard of rations.

2. To the astonishment of all concerned, an offer of foodstuffs from Italy has recently reached UNRRA Vienna. This leads us to hope that there may be other undisclosed supplies in Italy.

3. At the time of the first occupation of Austria, considerable quantities of urgently required bread grains were collected and shipped from the ANCONA/MACERATA area. An expert, then in Military Government, who knows the district well, and who was there as recently as last summer, considers that there may well be comparatively important amounts of wheat which, owing to difficulties of transport, may not yet have been moved to consumers.

4. The position in Austria is so critical that I hope you will accept a visit by this Officer, accompanied by an UNRRA representative and a representative of our Economic Division, who is an authority on collection and movement of grains, to investigate the position on the spot. In view of extreme urgency, and anticipating your concurrence, I am sending them forward by special Aircraft to Rome where they will contact ALCOM and UNRRA Italy.

5. I should be grateful for the whole weight of your influence with ALCOM and UNRRA Italy in securing permission to establish the posts by local investigation, and for your assistance in providing transport and other facilities.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

24 April 1946

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Dear General,

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With reference to the letter 51-20/FA addressed to me on April 4 by Admiral Stone regarding the opportunity of regulating free trade of non-rationed foodstuffs from Sardinia, I can assure you that I have already approached the High Commissioner to the effect that all blocks put on the movement of the above mentioned commodities be removed at once.

(Sgd) DE GASPERI

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Ref. 51-20/FA

17 April 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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On April 4th Admiral Stone wrote to you under reference 92-1/FA on the subject of bringing fish from Sardinia to the Mainland for distribution to special classes and invited your help in the matter.

I should be grateful if you would let me know if the High Commissioner for Sardinia has now removed all blocks and restrictions he may have placed on the movement of non-rationed foodstuffs.

Very truly yours

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

Copy to: G. C. M.
G. C. M.

Approved

V.R.A. Cowper

V.R.A. COWPER
Lt. Colonel

Director, Food & Agr. Branch

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
ROME

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner

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Ref. 92-7/PA

4 April 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

An agreement has been reached between the Italian Air Ministry and the Vatican Relief Committee in conjunction with the Air Force Sub-Commission of this HQ to transport by air from Sardinia fresh fish and other non-rationed foodstuffs for distribution to special needy classes by the Vatican Relief Organizations.

This excellent project is at the moment being balked by the High Commissioner of Sardinia who refuses to allow these foodstuffs to leave the Island, unless goods are given in exchange.

You will recall that the Italian Government very wisely decided to suppress this invidious form of barter and by Decree Law 347 dated 19 October 1944 such arbitrary action by High Commissioners and Prefects was made illegal. Furthermore by Disposizioni N.2 dated 19 June 1945 of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests it was made very clear that movement of non-rationed foodstuffs should be free and unrestricted in every way.

I should be grateful therefore if you would call General Pinna's attention to these facts and instruct him to remove any blocks or restrictions that he may have placed on the movement of unrationed foodstuffs in order that the agreement referred to may be implemented.

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Dr. Alcide de Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government,
ROME

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: ES/1.19

30 March 1946

MEMO

SUBJECT: Italian delegates at the London
Cereal Conference - Apr. 2-6

TO : Executive Commissioner.

The Italian Government is sending the following
personnel to the London Cereal Conference Apr. 2-6

Dr. Bergami - Alto Commissario per l'Igiene e Sanità
Prof. Albertario - Dir. Generale Ministero Agricoltura
e Foreste.
Comm. de Marzi - Dir. Generale dell'Alto Commissariato
dell'Alimentazione.

The Government is preparing answers to a questionnaire,
copy to come to AC.

Charles W. Walton
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel AC
Acting Vice President

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With the compliments of

His Majesty's Ambassador at Rome.

For information.

The Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

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British Embassy,

Rome.

22nd March, 1946.

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MAR 26 1946

The British Embassy presents its compliments to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has the honour, under instructions from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to transmit herewith a copy of a communication which has been addressed to the Italian Diplomatic Representative in London. This communication, which was sent on behalf of the Government represented on the Emergency Economic Committee for Europe, is an invitation to the Italian Government to be represented at a special Conference of Ministers of Food and Agriculture which is to be held in London on April 3rd to April 6th. His Majesty's Government hope that, notwithstanding the unavoidably short notice, which is regretted, the Italian Government will be able to accept the invitation and to send representatives. It is understood that all except two of the Governments listed in the second sentence of paragraph 6. of the invitation will be sending one or more Ministers.

2. In case of acceptance of the invitation by the Italian Government, the British Embassy would be grateful if the following information could be provided urgently for transmission to London:-

- a) Number of delegates of ministerial rank.
- b) Number of officials.
- c) Number of secretarial staff, stating the number of women in each category and indicating the anticipated date of arrival in order that accommodation may be reserved.

In this connection it should be mentioned that it may be necessary to call a "committee of officials" to hold its first meeting on the afternoon of Tuesday April 2nd, and that it may also be necessary to hold the final meeting of the Conference on the afternoon of Saturday April 6th. It is suggested, for guidance, that three officials should be sufficient to accompany the mission, one of whom would advise the delegates in the main Conference and the other two for the official committee and other work. In case of need this number could be supplemented from the staff of the Italian diplomatic mission in London.

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Palazzo Chigi,
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EMERGENCY ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR EUROPE,

17/12, Carlton House Terrace,

London, S. W. 1.

I have the honour to inform you that the Governments represented on the Emergency Economic Committee for Europe are sponsoring a special Conference of Ministers of Food and Agriculture to be held in London on 3rd to 6th April, 1946. The Conference is being called to discuss the immediate European aspect of the critical world cereal situation which was emphasised in the resolution adopted by the Assembly of the United Nations on 14th February urging "all Governments and peoples to take immediate and drastic action, both directly and through the international organisations concerned, to conserve supplies by securing adequate collection of crops from the producers, by saving food and avoiding waste, and to ensure the maximum production of grain in the coming harvest".

2. This Conference, covering immediate regional problems, has been planned, after consultation with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation, as a forerunner of the World Conference on the Food Situation for 1946/47 which that Organisation has announced its intention of convening in a few months time.

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a) To consider action which could be taken during the remainder of 1945/47 cereal year to maximise the remainder of wheat and coarse grains for human consumption in Europe and when necessary to restrict consumption by livestock.

b) To consider any further action which might be taken immediately to increase production of grain and related crops in the 1946 harvest, with particular reference to cultivation requisites (including fertilisers), harvest requisites and the farm labour situation.

c) To give general consideration to the probable situation after the next harvest in order to provide guidance for decisions which must be made immediately affecting the 1946/47 consumption year and the 1947 authorised planting programme.

4. It is also proposed that the opportunity should be taken to obtain the views of those attending the conference with regard to the commodities and materials for which some form of international machinery for determining requirements and planning distribution should be maintained.

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6. Invitations to the London Conference in April have already been sent to the following international organizations:- the Combined Food Board, the United Nations Economic and Social Council, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation, and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, the Ministers of Food and Agriculture of the following Governments which are members or observers of the E.E.C.E. have been invited: Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America. Invitations have also been sent to the Ministers of

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Byelo-Russia, Poland, the Ukraine, the U.S.S.R. and Yugoslavia, The French, United Kingdom, United States and U.S.S.R. Authorities have been asked to arrange for the representation of their respective elements of the Control Council for Germany and the U.S.S.R. has been asked to arrange representation of the Control Commission in Bulgaria.

7. Having regard to the nature of the Conference as described in paragraphs 1 - 5 above: to the wide humanitarian objectives to which it will be directed; and to the need of considering European food problems on as broad a basis as possible, the Governments represented on the E.E.C.E. feel that it is highly desirable to secure, if possible, the participation of other European Governments in the conference.

8. Accordingly I have the honour, on behalf of the Governments represented on the E.E.C.E., to request you to convey urgently to your Governments an invitation for your Ministers of Food and Agriculture to attend the conference in London on the 3rd to the 6th April.

9. This invitation is also to be extended to the Governments of Austria,aire, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, and Switzerland.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
FOOD SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel : 761

Ref : 91-1/27/ FOOD

1 November 945

SUBJECT : Shortage of grain and flour
in Apulia and Lucania

TO : AC. Liaison Officer, Bari

1. Reference your LB/12 of 26 October 945.

2. The grain position in Apulia and Lucania is well known here, and various emergency measures, including the railing of flour ex Naples Warehouse to Bari and the early release of flour ex Military stocks in exchange for barley, were taken by this Sub-Commission to meet the most pressing need in Bari itself.

3. The ships to which you refer were actually intended for Austria maintenance, but were notified in error to this Sub-Commission as being for Italy. Accordingly, "diversions" to certain Italian ports (incl. Bari) in accordance with the then existing stock position were given by this Sub-Commission. Ultimately it was discovered that an error had been made, and AFHQ diverted them to ports for Austria. As a result, emergency measures, similar to those referred to above in connection with Bari, had to be taken to meet the situation in various other parts of Italy.

4. So tight is the overall cereal position in Italy, except in the two areas with large surplus (Emilia and Marche) that, when a ship is signalled, the greatest care has to be taken to ascertain where the greatest need exists before diverting it.

5. Large imports of grain are therefore required not only in Apulia, Lucania during the next three weeks, but also in many other parts. You can, however, rest assured that, pending the arrival of the larger quantities of imported grain now requested to meet the increased deficit (arising from the very great reduction in amassing estimate of all cereals except rice), the regions you mention will continue to receive, from time to time, their equitable share of the total imported wheat availability.

V.R.A. CONFER
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Acting Director, Food Sub-Commission

Copy to: Executive Commissioner
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HQ 52 Area Q
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 ALLIED COMMISSION
 LIAISON OFFICE
 BARI

26 October 1945

REF : LB/12

SUBJECT : Shortage of grain and flour
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TO : HQ Allied Commission
 Economic Sub Commission

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 : Food Sub Commission
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 : HQ 52 Area "Q"
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 : Dr. Pascale, Ispettore Regionale Apulia and Lucania
 Ministero Alimentazione

H.S. HARTLEY, Col.
 Liaison Officer AC BARI

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
FOOD SUB COMMISSION

JL/et

Tel : 478204

1 July 1945

Ref : 94-13/94 /FOOD

JUL 2 1945

SUBJECT : Rice Distribution

TO : Regional Commissioners: AMG Emilia Region
(Attn: Regional Food Officers)
AMG Liguria Region
AMG Lombardia Region
AMG Piemonte Region
AMG Venetie Region
SCAO XIII Corps

1. The attached rice distribution plan is forwarded for action by all concerned.

2. Quantities authorized to be moved in accordance with the plan are inclusive of all quantities of rice that have been moved since 1 June. All allocations of rice issued prior to 1 June will be regarded as cancelled.

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6. Rice is a valuable food, in short supply, and present information of stocks indicates that the old season rice will not be sufficient to last until the new production is available. Regions are, therefore, requested to instruct all provinces:

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By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

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W. J. LEOG
Colonel

Director, Food Sub Commission

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(Rear Admiral)

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Executive Commissioner
Food Sub Commission Adv
Hth Commissioner for Food

QUANTITIES OF RICE STILL TO BE MOVED ON THE 1ST
OF JUNE 1945 - DISTRIBUTED BETWEEN THE EXPORTING
PROVINCES.

ALLOTTEE PROVINCES	VERCELLI (e)	NOVARA (f)	PAVIA (g)	MANTOVA (h)	MILANO (m)
Aosta	18,000	-	-	-	-
Asti	6,000	-	-	-	-
Cuneo	1,000	-	-	-	-
Torino	44,000	-	-	-	-
Liguria	9,000	-	9,000	-	-
Bergamo	2,700	-	17,000	-	-
Brescia	5,000	-	7,000	-	-
Como	13,500	2,100	8,000	-	-
Cremona	-	-	-	4,100	-
Milano	27,000	1,000	50,000	-	15,000
Sondrio	1,000	1,880	2,200	-	-
Varese	8,000	-	18,000	-	-
Bolzano	-	-	-	2,000	-
Trento	-	-	2,400	-	-
Belluno	-	-	3,000	-	-
Padova	4,000	-	-	-	-
Treviso	3,000	-	-	-	-
Udine	5,600	-	620	-	-
Venezia	-	-	6,000	-	-
Verona	-	-	770	-	-
Vicenza	-	-	4,100	-	-
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NOTES:

- (1) All quantities in quintals.
- (2) Amounts of rice include all rough rice which has yet to be milled.
- (3) Alessandria, Novara, Vercelli, Mantova, Pavia, Rovigo, Bologna, Ferrara, Modena, will draw amounts in accordance with ration scale from their own stocks.

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

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Tel: 594

Ref: 92-1/20/FOOD

SUBJECT: Movement of Foodstuffs

23 June 1945
JUN 25 1945

TO : AMG Liguria Region
AMG Emilia Region
AMG Piemonte Region
AMG Lombardia Region
AMG Venetie Region
(Attn: Regional Food Officers)

SCAO XIII Corps
AMG 5th Army
AMG IV Corps
AMG 6th Army

1. Insofar as the requiring of permits to move foodstuffs is concerned, the movement of all food products between AMG Regions and Provinces in North Italy, and between the latter and territories already returned to the Italian Administration, will be free, except for the following products:

- a. Wheat, maize, barley, rye.
- b. Flour products, pasta or other products of the above cereals.
- c. Rice and its products.
- d. All oils for food, butter and pig fats.
- e. Animals for slaughter, fresh meat, preserved meats (excluding poultry and game).
- f. Milk or cheese products and other food products of milk.
- g. Salt.
- h. Sugar.
- i. All imported foodstuffs.
- j. Tomato paste, jam.

2. Movement of the above-mentioned foodstuffs produced in North Italy will be made solely in accordance with plans issued under the authority of the Food Sub-Commission.

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AMG Piemonte Region
AMG Lombardia Region
AMG Venezia Region
(Attn: Regional
Food Officers)

AMG IV Corps
AMG 8th Army

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2. Movement of the above-mentioned foodstuffs produced in North Italy will be made solely in accordance with plans issued under the authority of the Food Sub-Commission.

3. Movement of the above-mentioned foodstuffs produced in territory under Italian administration will be made solely in accordance with plans issued under the authority of the Italian High Commissioner for Food in conjunction with the Food Sub-Commission.

4. No organization in AMG territory may grant permits to move foodstuffs in contradiction of the above rules

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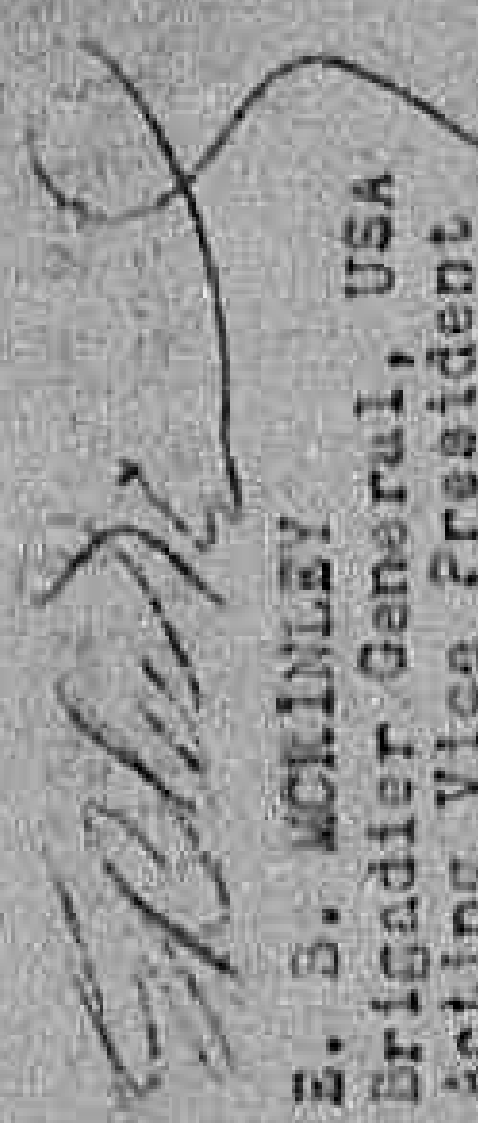
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MOVEMENT OF FOODSTUFFS: Cont'd.

5. Movement of the foodstuffs mentioned in para one will not apply to the movement by producers of the quota of products which are due to them, provided they are in possession of the regular documents authorizing their retention of such quotas.

6. The contents of the above paragraphs does NOT preclude the imposition of any transient controls that may be laid down from time to time, e.g. the establishing of a bidding system for rail movements or the laying down of priorities for rail or road movements.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:


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

Copies to:

Hq. 15th Army Group (G-5)
Office of Executive Commissioner
Economic Section (E)
Agriculture Sub-Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission
High Commissioner for Food (2)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Economic Section
Supply Division

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Ref: ES/15.05

6 June 1945

SUBJECT: Supplies to Lombardia Region JUN 8 1945

TO: Executive Commissioner
(Att: Capt. Arnoldy)

1. Reference your memo 4815/47/EC of 4 June 1945, requesting action taken by Economic Section on above matter.

2. Attached hereto is a copy of a cable sent from TN S/C answering Col. Poletti's letter of 18 May 1945.

Charles W. Walton
Charles W. Walton
Colonel
Deputy Chief

1 Encl: Cable 8753 of 30 May 1945

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see 17.50
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(Capt. Arnoldy)

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10: REGIONAL COMMISSIONER LOMBARDIA REGION FOR ACTION

ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP FOR INFO

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FROM: TRANSPORTATION SC

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NICHOLAS FIONBINO
CWO U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

SUBJECT: Supplies to Lombardia Region

FILE No. 4805/47/10

TO : Economic Section

4 June 1945

1. Reference is made to a letter dated 13 May 1945, reference no. R/0042, from HQ. AM, Lombardia Region regarding the above subject; the original of which was sent to your Section for action.

2. The Executive Commissioner instructs me to inform him as to what action has been taken in this matter and it would, therefore, be appreciated if you would inform this office accordingly.

A. B. ARNOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM
ECONOMIC SECTION

CEH/es
Tel 415

7.06/ES

31 May 1945

JUN 1 1945

SUBJECT: Loan of Supplies to Austria.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

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1. Reference your 132/355/EC of 19 May and memorandum, this office, file 7.06/ES of 21 May.

2. Please note 1st Ind. to attached letter of 24 May. It is assumed that this fulfills your request for necessary action.

For the Acting Vice President:

*attached placed in file as
received previously
see file 41.*

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CECIL B. HIGHLAND, JR.
Captain, Infantry
Staff Officer
Economic Section

1 Incl - as per para 2.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Office of the Executive Commissioner

SUBJECT: Outgoing cable No. 8393, to 15th Army ⁴² ~~Group~~ ^{1815/23}
Group, from A.C. Transportation, con-
cerning shortage of food stuffs in Bo-
logna. 31 May 1945 194

TO

Office of the Chief Commissioner
Attn: Maj. L.W. Stearns ⁴³

1. Reference your memo of 26 May 1945 regarding the above subject.
2. Economic Section informs me that 8,000 gallons of gasoline have been allocated and that 240 trucks are now rolling.
3. This I believe answers cable 8393. ~~Follow-up~~

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Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

LWS/hjp

26 May 1945

TO: Executive Commissioner, Hq A.C.

MAY 27 1945

The Chief Commissioner directs that you immediately follow up and report what action and progress, if any, has been made in the following cables:

ACTION 3215/EC Incoming E/2405, dated 26 May, from IV Corps, on subject of implementation of G.O. #41

3201/EC Incoming E/2307, dated 25 May, from LOCC, on disbandment of Partisan formations in N.W. Italy (VERY IMPORTANT)

42 Outgoing cable #8393, to 15th Army Group, from AC Transportation, concerning shortage of food stuffs in Bologna

By all signs on file with this note!

L. W. Stearns
L. W. STEARNS
Major, A.G.D.
A/Staff Officer to CC

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101 15 ARMY GROUP FIVE ARMY ACTION AND EMILIA REGION AFHQ (Info)

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24 May 45

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COPY TO ECONOMIC SECTION (FOR MR ANTOLINI)
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From: TRANSPORTATION SC -

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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24 May 1945

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SUBJECT: Loan of Supplies to Austria
TO : Supply Division.

1. Reference attached TOP SECRET papers.
 - a) Message 77553 of 18 May
 - b) Message M 1015 - 16 May
 - c) Memorandum Food S/C to Mr. Antolini.

2. May this matter receive appropriate action, please.

L. D. Densmore
L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, FA
Chief Staff Officer

cc to
Executive Commissioner.

To: Colonel Danamore

1. It is assumed that your para 2 above directs planning action.
2. Significant are the facts that the messages cited in paras. 1(a) and (b) above are informatory, and that you, on 21 May, asked the Executive Commissioner for further instructions on action desired on these information messages.
3. The report from Food S/C for A/VP indicates the awareness of that S/C of the problem of loans to Austria and the fact that Food S/C is taking action.

C.W.W.
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel
Deputy Chief,
Supply Division

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO - 394

R/0042

18 May 1945

SUBJECT : Transporting Supplies to Lombardia.

MAY 22 1945

TO : Executive Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Commission

1. Our plan for transporting supplies to Lombardia is briefly as follows :

a. A big warehouse has been set up at Cremona which is being operated by Lombardia Regional personnel. Through this warehouse will also clear part of the food for Piemonte. From this warehouse we can distribute to all provinces except Pavia and Mantova by rail. About a thousand tons a day has to be brought into Cremona. We have the capacity to receive it.

b. 300 tons will be brought from Forli to Cremona by Fifth Army transport. Fifth Army informs us that it cannot assume any further burden. This leaves us 700 tons which Lombardia Region itself must transport from Forli where AMG supplies are and/or from Rovigo where there are Italian grain supplies. Lombardia Region does not possess civilian transport to undertake such long trips. We have asked IV Corps to give us some assistance. In addition, we would appreciate AG HQ considering whether they could send us one or two Italian truck companies which could operate between Cremona and Forli and Rovigo.

see #76 kg
CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

EC DIST - 22 MAY 45

ACTION: ECONSEC
INFO: EX CONNR

(CAPT ARNOLDY)

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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM
ECONOMIC SECTION

7.06/ES

21 May 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

MAY 21 RECD

Reference your 152/355/EC of 19 May 1945.

1. Copy of reference cables have been given to Supply Division (Brig. General McKinley), Food Sub-Commission, Transportation Sub-Commission, for information and guidance with respect to future directed action.
2. It will be appreciated if information can be given as to what other action the Economic Section is expected to take on these information cables?

L. D. Densmore
L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, F. A.
Executive Director
Economic Section

See M. 38,39
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Tel: 735

Ref: 152/355/EC

19 May 1945.

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SUBJECT: Military Government Staff (AUSTRIA) Signal M.1015
of 16 May and AMHQ PX 77553 of 18 May on Refugees.

TO : V.P., Economic Section.

Reference the above signals the Executive Commissioner directs
that you will take action and report what steps you have taken.
VENETIE Region should be informed of the action taken and a copy of
the communication should be sent to this office.

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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FROM MAIN 8 ARMY FROM MIL GOVT STAFF (ARISTIA)

TO MEMBERS FOR G-5 SECTION (FOR ACTION)

RE: ALONG FOR ACTION, PAKIA FOR VIKARIA SECTION AND FOR HIG CODE (FOR INFORMATION)

Ref. No. M.1015.

THREAT.

FIRST. PRESENT AND FUTURE MAINTENANCE CONCERNS WILL PROBABLY MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE AND UNDERTAKE ANY FURTHER CIVILIAN SUPPLYING NOT PROVIDED IN H.W. ITALY. THIS PARTICULARLY MEANS TO UNDER PROVIDE. IT BELONGS THEREFORE ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR VIKARIA SECTION WILL HAVE TO BE MET IN LOCAL TRANSPORT AND ANY TRANSPORT THAT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE BY ALLIED COUNTRIES MUST.

SECOND. ARISTIA FLOOD SITUATION REGARDING AVAILABILITY IN PRESENT BEING OCCUPIED HERE IS ALREADY SERIOUS. BY ORDER OF 14 MAY REPORTS REPORT FROM MY LIAISON OFFICER WHO HAS CONTACTED AMERICAN FORCES ARE THAT SUPPLY POSITION THERE AREA NO BETTER IF NOT WORSE. HAVE NO EXACT INFORMATION ON NUMBER AND THE CURRENT COUNT ON ANY ALLOCATION FROM THAT QUARTER. HOWEVER ARISTIA IS BEING CUT OFF MINIMUM TO SUPPORT DISTRICT. DISCONTINUING AND REMOVAL OF RELIEF FOOD BY JUGOSLAVS IN CANTONING OVER WHICH IMPOSSIBLE AT PRESENT KEEP CONTROL AND DEFEND RESOURCES.

THIRD. PRESENT POSITION RESOURCES AS FAR AS CAN BE ASCERTAINED AS FOLLOWS. MILITARY MATERIALITY UP TO 15000. CIVILIAN ARMY YTD SLAVES 65000 TOTAL 90000. POSSIBLY CORRUPT FURTHER ARMY YTD SLAVES 40000 POSSIBLY ARRIVAL ORIGIN CIVILIANS 20000. WILL BE DISCONTINUED HERE THERE SITUATION IN ARISTIA THEREFORE MAY BE FORCED EVACUATE TO ITALY WHERE FOOD AVAILABLE OR CAN BE BRUGHT IN. ALTERNATIVE FOOD RICE OR HAN OVER TO JUGOSLAVIA ARMY YTD SLAVES WITH STANDING IS IN CLEAR. BY ORDER OF 14 MAY REPORTS SERIOUS. ITALY THEREFORE MAY BE FORCED TAKING 130000 REFUGES WITH POSSIBILITY 200000 ADDITIONAL.

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RE DISTRIBUTION - 18 MAY 45

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H.W. & I.P. S/O
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File 2216/20

(ACTION COPY 152/EC)

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Original's Reference: CAS493

Date/Time of Origin: MAY 061340B

FROM: 15 ARMY GHP

TO: 5 ARMY G-5 FOR HUME INFO ALCOM

Message Centre No: 3/9854
Date Time Recd: MAY 061445B
Precedence: ROUTINE

MAY 7th RECD

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INFO - ACTION

Ref para 5 your Sitrep 5 May.

Why is there food distribution problem. As clearly indicated all directives this is a military responsibility. Has military transport been refused for distribution civil supplies if so where and when. Reports reaching this Hq indicate food abundant ALTO ADICE. What mountainous areas short.

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Date Time Recd: MAY 061445H
Precedence: ROUTINE

Date-time of Origin: MAY 061340B

FROM: 15 ARMY GTC
TO: 5 ARMY G-5 FOR HUPP INFO ALCON

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MAY 1945

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: 6811
Date/Time of Origin: MAY

Message Centre No: 149779
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 060900Z
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: G-5 FOR HQHQ CITE 115
TO: HL ALONG RPT HQ 15 ARMY GROUP FOR G-5



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Reference on 5 Army Group signal GAS our 78, following is situation report as of midnight 4/5 May.

1. In all 3 cities military government has been established. CGM are well organized, running details of local administration efficiently and anxious to cooperate with AMG.
2. Partisans now disarmed in GENOVA but still in operational use in MILAN and TURIN. In MILAN disarmament will take place shortly.
3. Local utilities running normally and MILAN has exportable surplus of electric power. Communications have suffered little damage: all tramways and a few railroad trains are running.
4. Industry undamaged and factories working normally but difficulties will arise when present raw material stocks are exhausted. Wage structure is extremely complicated by variations in special bonuses, grants etcetera, but the general level appears to be around two thirds of that in southern ITALY. Prices of manufactured goods are high and are at present thought to be about 75% of those in southern ITALY.
5. North of ALESSANDRIA there is abundant food except in mountainous areas. There is a distribution problem. Food for GENOVA is being sent in up LIGURIAN coast. Some imported food has also been sent to TURIN.

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6. First echelon of COHR totalling 3100 have now been delivered to their destinations.

7. General HUME has visited all 3 cities but at present time the complete lack of communications makes it impossible submit accurate regular reports on GENOVA and TURIN.

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EXTRACT FROM THE STARS AND STRIPES
DATED Sat, Jan 20, 1945

Snow-bound Italian Town Fed From Air.

Maaf Headquarters, Jan 19 - Italian crews of the Balkan Air Force, flying their own SM-82 aircraft, succeeded yesterday in dropping flour to the snow-bound mountain village of Castel del Sangro, near Cassino.

Previous efforts to drop supplies to the Italian village, which is inaccessible by ground, were unsuccessful.

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Extract from letter AFSC/INT/37 dated 20 Jan 45
from Air Forces Sub-Commission.

16 Jan.

4 S.82s attempted to drop 8,000 Kg. of flour to
CASTEL DI SANDRO, but did not succeed owing to bad
weather conditions.

18 Jan.

4 S.82s succeeded in dropping supplies to the civil
population in CASTEL DI SANDRO. 8,000 Kg. of flour were
dropped.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 4815/24/008

Inter Office Memo.

19 January 1945.

Subject: Flour dropped on Castel di Sangro.

To: Air Forces Sub Commission.

Food Sub Commission has informed this office that 10 tons of flour were dropped by four planes at noon yesterday on Castel di Sangro.

(Sgt.) E. TALBOT,
Major.
for Colonel,
Chief Staff Officer.

Copy to: PRO (Note:- AFHQ, G-5 have asked us to give the maximum publicity to the above).

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APD 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

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Telephone message from Colonel French.

The town of Castel del Sangro is out of rations and is entirely out off. They cannot even reach the town by mule but are still trying. It is a town of 5000 people and it is believed that they have been out of flour for a week. They have had two people from the town on skis which is the only way they have been able to get out. They are still trying to get through to the town but the matter is very urgent and he suggests the possibility of dropping supplies by air, if possible tomorrow. Can we do anything?

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1700 hrs 12/1/45.

Range Wm (Capt. ROYCE (A/S/C) who is trying to get
MAF (ops) to act. 1700 hrs 12/1

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Tel : 451

16 Jan 1945

Ref : 4023/16/003.

SUBJECT : Warehouse Space for Stock-Piling.

TO : DCOB Economic Section.

1. Recent developments in planning for Northwest ITALY warrant that serious consideration be given to warehouse space required for future stock-piling with a view toward getting commitments from higher authority to cover our requirements at proper time.
2. Points for warehousing suggested by DCCAO 15 Army Group to be considered are, besides BOLOGNA, such places as MODENA, PARMA, PIACENZA and REGGIO (EMILIA). Other points are FORLI, CESTNA, FERRARA and RIMINI in Eighth Army Area.
3. It is important to coordinate as best possible the needs for such space with the availability and the necessary placing of bids for same through our liaison with 15 Army Group.
4. Please have your staff and appropriate Sub-Commissions give this their urgent attention.

Copy to : DCCAO 15 Army Group.

filed on 4815/005 *For Dist.*
503/003 *Cal. HH Italy*

WOS. C. RIVELY
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Ram, Col Haff who says 10 tons of flour
will feed them for 10 days - that he
can provide that most easily at
Foppa. W/c Royce informed.

1730 hrs 14/1/45.

Ram, Col Haff 1845 who promised
to fix an aeroplane:

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filed on 4.8.15/cos Fred D...
503/cos E. H. H. H.

WOS. C. Ray...
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Stockpile for Northern Italy

FILE No. 8.03/ES

TO : Chief of Staff (14) (18)

17 January 1945

JAN 17 1945

1. Reference your 4815/18COS 15 Jan 45, above subject, relative 21-2/125/FOOD dated 12 Jan 45.

2. This is to confirm report made at COS's meeting 16 Jan 45 that upon receipt of reply from G-5, AFHQ and before stocks indicated are used, the matter will be cleared with COS.

L. D. DENSMORE

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Colonel, F A

Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

cc: Food S/C

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Ref: 4815/18/C.S.

Ext: 388.

15 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Stockpile for Northern Italy.

TO : DCS, Economic Section.

1. I am instructed by the Chief of Staff to refer to Food Sub-Commission's letter dated 12 January, reference 21-2/125/FOOD and to say that this letter should not have gone out over the signature of the Director of Food Sub-Commission. 14

2. The matter is one of high policy and I am directed to tell you to bring it up at to-morrow's Chief of Staff's meeting.

N. J. Talbot

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.C. 394
Food Sub-Commission

12 January, 1945

JAN 13 1945

Tel: 47887

Ref: 21-2/125 /FOOD

SUBJECT: stockpile for Northern Italy.

TO : AFHQ, G-5.
Economics & Supply Division.

1. stocks of certain items such as dehydrated soup and dried vegetables are becoming too low to permit the continuance of present special ration scales for hospitals, police, etc., beyond a very limited period, probably not beyond the end of February.
2. These scales can be continued, and the special feeding of devastated areas maintained, only by using some of the supplies that are at present stockpiled for ultimate consumption in Northern Italy, pending the receipt of further supplies which have already been requisitioned and approved.
3. It is, therefore, requested that authority be given for the use of certain quantities of the stocks indicated as being available for the North as of December 31, 1944, these supplies to be replaced if future scales of imports permit.

For the Chief Commissioner:

W. J. ...

W. J. ...
Colonel

Director Food Sub-Commission

Copy to:

Economic Section
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 451

15 November 1944

Ref. 4815/6 /003.

SUBJECT: Compulsory Food Pools.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Attached hereto is a letter from Mr. Myron C. Taylor to Chief Commissioner outlining a scheme of his own for relieving the difficulties of the food situation in Italy. You will also find attached an interim reply thereto by the Chief Commissioner.

2. Will you please examine this proposal and after you have formulated an opinion will you draft a reply for the Chief Commissioner's signature.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Copies filed on:- 4814
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Copy to: Major Quayle.

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ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO JAQ/dfo

From: Office of the Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Relief of the Food Situation in Italy

FILE No. CC 950

13 November 1944

15 NOV Recd

TO: Office of the Chief of Staff
Attention: Captain Oden

Attached find letter and memorandum from Mr. Myron C. Taylor. Please pass to Economic Section for examination and comments, asking them to draft a reply for the Chief Commissioner's signature in line with my letter of acknowledgement, copy of which is also attached. Chief Commissioner

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

2 copies of Incl.

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AMERICAN RELIEF FOR ITALY, INC.

Office of Foreign Representative
2, Via Roncompagni

Rome, November 11, 1944

Dear Commodore Stone:

Enclosed herewith, for your information, is a prepared statement presenting a point of view in respect to the control of essential food products as a basis for future action in order to assure maximum production and equality of distribution in Italy. This paper results from contact with the relief problem and its relation to the existing policy of control of free movement between the various communes and the Provinces within the released portion of the country.

So many complaints about the existing situation came to me and so annoyed me by their apparent unfairness that during the past several months and from time to time, I discussed the matter with Colonel Poletti and others. These discussions led to the development of the point of view described in the attached paper which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Myron C. Taylor
/t/ MYRON C. TAYLOR

Commodore Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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November 9, 1944.

Memorandum presented by H. E. Myron C. Taylor, of a suggested plan to relieve the difficulties of the food situation in Italy.

It would appear desirable that the system of compulsory food pools should be confined only to wheat (and not to other cereals) and to olive oil. All other products should be granted immediate free trade--special protection being reserved solely for livestock resources.

Suitable provisions should be adopted to ensure to each person everywhere the following daily rations:

bread	300
pasta (macaroni)	70
olive oil	10
sugar	15

The absolute availability everywhere of such quantities should be the essential basis for the civilian food supply, which ought to be made possible through every means, including, if necessary, the imports into Italy and the transportation and the distribution by means which are otherwise reserved by the armies, namely railways and trucks.

All other products should be left to private enterprise of production transportation and sale. The outcome of this would certainly have the effect of imposing ceiling prices through free trade and competition. No restrictions should be imposed on the transfer of these goods from provinces to province, nor should their entry into large cities or general public markets be restricted, regardless of the origin of the goods or the means of transportation.

With regard to the control of these compulsory food pools, which would be limited to wheat and olive oil, careful consideration should be given to the following special project conceived by an expert:

All farm owners should be obliged to contribute to the wheat pools a given quantity per hectare of their property (1 hectare = 10,000 square meters, or 2,471 acres), it being understood that the only exception would apply to the impervious zones of the mountains. The amount to be contributed by hectare would vary according to the output of any particular zone and, therefore, it would not need to be uniform.

Failure to contribute to these compulsory wheat pools should involve financial penalties or taxes on an increasing scale and even the confiscation of the land. At the same time, farm owners might be allowed to retain their wheat supplies and to deal therein on a free basis with the understanding that each farmer, in case he does not wish to produce the required quantity of wheat, might purchase it and contribute it in his name to the

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The price of wheat available in this pool might be fixed at a special level or reduced through adequate contributions in such a manner as to include eventually any fiscal obligation attached to the estate, thereby simplifying the complex system of taxation.

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The country would thus be able to rely upon a fixed availability of wheat and would have at its disposal the necessary quantities to tide over the total requirements, even through imports from abroad.

The flexibility which such a system would ensure would give the best impulse to other agricultural activities whose output could thereby reach a level which would be in line with its cost.

With regard to the olive oil pools, the production of the product could be easily controlled through a rigorous supervision of each establishment where olive oil is produced, and the provisions which are in force now for food pools could be left as they are now.

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13 November 1944

Dear Mr. Taylor:

This is to thank you for your letter of November 11th and for your memorandum on the relief of the food situation in Italy. I am having your proposals carefully examined and will write you a full reply in the shortest possible time.

Sincerely,

MILMRY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel : 378

9 November 44

AC/TM/R/27

SUBJECT : Supply Problem - 5th Army area

To : Office of the Chief of Staff
Att: Chief Staff Office.

1. Reference the Chief of Staff letter 4810/71/OOS of 1 November 44.
2. Attached please find a copy of instructions which have gone out regarding the reorganization of 1000 G.T. Coy and the 2nd and 3rd Truck Coys.
3. This matter has been fully discussed with Lt. Colonel Toscani, AMG, 5th Army and he is satisfied that these new arrangements will meet the problems.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner

A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Head,
Economic Section.

ACTION COPY 11.7.45 580/cas

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
LFO 394

JHE/hgd
Nov. 7, 1944

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SUBJECT : Re-Allocation of 1000 Gen. Transportation
Coy (Italian)

TO : AMG 5th Army (for attention Lt.Col. Toscani)

1. Reference verbal arrangements made between Lt.Col. Toscani - Lt.Col. Bordas on Sunday 5th Nov. the following moves will take place forthwith:

e) H.Q. and 2 Platoons 1000 Gen. Tpt. Coy (Italian) will move to Leghorn, and will operate according to demands submitted by the Warehousing Officer in Leghorn (Capt. Boyd).

b) Remaining 2 Platoons 1000 Gen. Tpt. Coy will remain in Florence and operate according to demands submitted by Lt.Col. Toscani.

c) 2nd and 3rd Q.M. Truck Coys are attached to AMG 5th Army and will operate under instructions received from Lt.Col. Toscani. They will move to locations laid down by AMG 5th Army.

2. AMG 5th Army will be responsible for both the grain and charcoal haul from Spina to Florence.

3. Should the Warehousing Officer at Leghorn not require all the transport available as in para 1 (a), the remainder will be free for use by Toscani Region, who should submit their requests for transport to the O.C. 1000 Gen. Tpt. Coy.

4. It is understood that when Florence is handed over to Toscana Region, the 2 Platoons of 1000 Gen. Tpt. Coy will remain in Florence and revert to Regional Control.

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Copies to:

R.C. Toscana Region (for Major Sowers)

C.C. 1000 Gen. Tpt. Coy (Italian)

C.C. No. 1 Q.M. Truck Bn.

Civil Affairs Section III (for Capt. Linsworth).
Officer in charge Warehousing Leghorn (Capt. Boyd)
Provincial Commissioner Leghorn.

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Colonel, C.I.
Director In. Sub-Comm.

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HQ ACC FOR ECONOMICS SUB-COMMISSION ATTENTION ANTOLINI

AMG 5 ARMY SIGNED TOSCANI

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NR 2327

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RESTRICTED. Must again bring to your attention seriousness of food situation due to delay in arrival of promised transport. Firstly, 100 gram bread ration in PISTOLA Province and VIAREGGIO causing continued hardship and unrest. Secondly, insufficient grain being hauled into LUCCA and PISTOLA which are deficiency provinces. Thirdly, contemplated fortnightly issue 300 grams pasta/flour will put additional strain on already inadequate transportation. Please cable earliest date where additional transport company will be available for assignment to us. Cite our 486.

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HQ AOC FOR ECONOMIC SC FOR ANTOLINI

AMG 5 ARMY FOR HUMB

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SECRET. Delivery of foodstuffs is subject. Condition of road 65 and 12 very bad. Result is our Bedford trucks being denied use of those main roads because they are blocking military traffic. Food deliveries to forward areas now practically at standstill. Request immediate assignment of at least 20 GMC 6 by 6 trucks for most forward area deliveries. Please cable reply as matter is urgent. CITE OUR 485

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Food SC (2)
In SC
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AOC rptd AOC MAIN FOR STONE, INFO, AAI : CG 5 ARMY, CG 8 ARMY

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SECRET. 1. Ref AOC 5145 of 22 October. Confirming conversation ANTOLINI/BUTTERWORTH 21 October no objection this HQ to proposed fortnightly issue of 500 grams pasta/flour to area indicated.

2. Trucks. 104 GT Coy available 0001 hours 26 October. Available date of second GT Coy now organizing will follow. 100 US trucks delivered. Balance 150 US trucks available 15 Nov. Above delays due to operational priority for trucks to AAI and FSS, for 5 Army haulage.

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SECRET PARA ONE PD IN ORDER TO MEET SITUATIONS THROUGHOUT AREA NORTH OF GARIGLIANO AS DESCRIBED BY COMMANDING GENERAL FIVE ARMY IN HIS SIX THREE FIVE FIVE OF ONE NINE OCTOBER PD I SUGGEST IMMEDIATE FORTNIGHTLY ISSUE OF THREE ZERO ZERO GRAMS PASTA OR FLOUR THROUGHOUT ITALY NORTH OF THE NORTHERN BOUNDARIES OF NAPLES SLANT CAMPOBASSO PROVINCES WHICH IS PRESENT LIMIT OF THE HIGHER BREAD PASTA RATION PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR SACRED INFO C IN C AAI CMA CG FIFTH AND EIGHTH ARMIES FROM HQ ACC FROM STONE PAREN THIS WOULD BE A PRELIMINARY STEP TO RAISING TO THREE ZERO ZERO GRAM LEVEL AS ALREADY PROPOSED TO CHARLIE CHARLIE SUGAR BY YOU PD GRATEFUL APPROVAL SO THAT FIRST ISSUE CAN BE MADE ON OR ABOUT FOUR NOVEMBER PD

PARA TWO PD REFERENCE FIVE ZERO ZERO TRUCKS AUTHORIZED BY YOUR HQ ON ONE THREE SEPTEMBER REFERENCE AFHQ SLANT EIGHT ZERO SEVEN ZERO SLANT QUEEN ABLE EASY FOR ACC PD ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE WITH AFHQ CALLING FOR ASSIGNMENT TO ACC OF TWO GEORGE TAKE COYS AND TWO FIVE ZERO TRUCKS TOGETHER WITH EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL IN CONNECTION WITH ACTIVATION OF ADDITIONAL QUEEN COYS PD TO DATE NO REPEAT NO GEORGE TAKE COYS HAVE REPORTED PD ONLY ONE ZERO ZERO TRUCKS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED PD UNLESS YOUR COMMITMENT IS COMPLIED WITH IMMEDIATELY WE WILL HAVE EXTREME DIFFICULTY IN EVEN TRANSPORTING ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES REQUIRED TO INCREASE THE RATION AS INDICATED ABOVE AND IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS REFERRED TO IN REFERENCE MESSAGE PD

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