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SUPPLIES FOR MALTA
NOV. 1944 - JAN. 1945

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Major Talbot: folio 20-22 rec'd. today from [redacted] which makes our info. fairly complete and up-to-date on airport program to Malta. See request in par. 4 folios 22 to AFHQ JCR 2/1/66

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CSO: for COS to see folio 24. folio 22 refers. JCR 12/1/66

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Cos

24 from Lt. General [redacted]

No action necessary

LS 15/1 10/15/66

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EOS: Pls see p. 5. This is in reply to
 your letter p. 4. ent 29/11

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 Draft letter to Lt Gen. qd7. Policy expenditure
 we can do. DR/29/11 - see file (S)

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E.S.O.: Pls see signals corp 7 & 10,
~~EOS~~ ent 2/12

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C50: to see folio 14 for info as to Export program for Malta. get 23/11

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Chief of Staff.

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120 tons	Oranges,
20 tons	Tangerines,
5 tons	Lemons,
5 tons	Grapes/fruit
400 tons	Chestnuts,
200 tons	Almonds, (without shell)
100 tons	Pilberts,
100 tons	Walnuts,
500 tons	Cottonseed.

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Above from either Italy or Sicily.

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100 tons	Alcohol

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~~C.S.O.~~: Plo see signals on p 7 & 10.

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- 50 tons Olives
- 5 tons Citric Acid
- 3,000 tons Wine

Major,
 Office, Chief of Staff.

28 Dec. 44.

18.

C.S.O. We have better write some explanation

to the Lt. Gov. in view of p. 8. MS (2/12)

C.S. D.O. to Lt. Gov. Submitted for his signature 2/12



LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

MALTA, 8th January, 1945.

JAN 13 1945

My dear Sir

Very many thanks for your letter
4819/19/COS of the 29th December. We are very
pleased with the recent decisions regarding the
export to Malta of fruit, nuts, cotton seed, etc.

Yours sincerely

David Campbell

Brigadier M.S. Lusa, CBE.,
Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394.

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(see M 26)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Foreign Trade Section

Tels.: 478900
478487
489081 Ext. 611

HAG/30

12 December 1944

Ref. AC/5127/3/Commerce

SUBJECT: Export to Malta

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section

JAN - 4 1945
Brees reference
ac/5127/3/Comm

1. We refer to your letters M. 15 of the 15 November and M.15 of the 24 November.

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5. The prospective program for Malta is contained in our signals 6536 of 16 Nov. and 7613 of 5 Dec., and is attached to this letter in summarised form.

6. Will you please approach Troopers and the Governor of Malta for the information asked for in par. 4 above?

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

2 enclosures

Copy to : Economic Section

Finance Sub-Commission (Attn. Chief Accountant).

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SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES PURCHASED IN ITALY AND SICILY

FOR EXPORT TO MALTA FROM 'D' DAY TO 1 NOV. 1944 -

COMMODITY	TOTAL AMOUNT PURCHASED FOR EXPORT	TOTAL COST (LIRE)	AVERAGE PRICE (LIRE)
ALMONDS	455,278 kilos	10,885,066	24 per kilo
APRICOTS	1,245 kilos	43,575	35 per kilo
ALCOHOL	10,130 litres	807,000	80 per litre
SALTED ANCHOVIES	36,089 kilos	3,969,790	110 per kilo
BROOMS	49,939 pieces	409,451	8 per piece
BEEHIVES WITH BEES	50 pieces	81,250	200 per piece
CARUBS	3,406,311 kilos	18,868,371	5.60 per kilo
COTTONSEED	2,287,295 kilos	14,781,379	6.40 per kilo
CANARY SEED	80,518 kilos	2,411,550	30 per kilo
CAPERS	81 kilos	4,050	50 per kilo
CHEESE	77,534 kilos	10,965,565	140 per kilo
COBES	106,500 pieces	149,725	1.40 per piece
SLAB CORC	49,949 kilos	402,180	7 per kilo
COAL	200 baskets	16,000	80 per basket
CHERRIES	359 kilos	14,360	40 per kilo
CHALK-PLASTIC	20 tons	19,000	0.95 per kilo
CORBELLI (fruit basket)	1,365 baskets	121,640	80 per piece
CHRISTMAS SPROUTS	1,000 bundles	72,700	72.70 per bundle
CITRIC ACID	8 tons	720,000	90 per kilo
SALTED FISH	22,550 kilos	375,670	17 per kilo
FRUIT TREES (ungrafted)	25,200 pieces	67,833	1.50 per piece
GRAPEFRUIT	6,506 kilos	130,150	20 per kilo
GINNCO IN BUNDLES			
(for fruit basket)	1,090 kilos	59,950	50 per kilo
HAZEL NUTS	428,394 kilos	10,687,906	25 per kilo
LEMONS	447,929 kilos	1,848,336	4 per kilo
LEMON OIL	490,65 kilos	122,896	400 per kilo
LOCUST BEANS	1,417 kilos	11,330	8 per kilo
MEDLARS	18,200 kilos	98,180	5 per kilo
MANDARINES	204,720 kilos	1,755,333	8.50 per kilo
MUSTARD	8,500 kilos	340,000	40 per kilo
ORANGES	5,692,785 kilos	47,017,910	8.40 per kilo
OLIVES	785,041 kilos	23,814,617	30.50 per kilo
PEPPY	6,926 kilos	356,390	40 per kilo
PISTACCHIO NUTS	7,400 kilos	738,000	100 per kilo
PUMICE STONE	22,200 kilos	235,400	10 per kilo
SULPHUR	9,250 kilos	28,310	3 per kilo
SEEDS - FLOWER AND VEGE- TABLES			
SUTLAC	8 kilos	16,292	200 per kilo
SUSAMO	100 kilos	1,800	18 per kilo
	500 kilos	32,500	65 per kilo
	45 tons	31,500	700 per ton

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CAPERS	51 kilos	4,050	50	per kilo
CHEESE	77,634 kilos	10,955,566	140	per kilo
COINS	108,500 pieces	149,725	1,40	per piece
SLAB CORC	49,949 kilos	402,180	7	per kilo
COAL	200 baskets	16,000	80	per basket
CHERRIES	359 kilos	14,360	40	per kilo
CHALK-PLASTIC	20 tons	19,000	0,95	per kilo
CORBELLI (fruit basket)	1,366 baskets	121,840	80	per piece
CHESTNUT SPROUTS	1,000 bundles	72,700	72,70	per bundle
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SARDINES	15,963 kilos	1,595,300	100	per kilo
TUNNY	3,802 kilos	367,415	100	per kilo
VINEGAR	100 litres	1,700	17	per litre
WINES	6,072,866 kilos	74,885,645	12	per kilo
TOTALS :	20,797 tons	226,590,616	lire	

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EXPORT TO MALTAAPPROVED PROGRAM SIX MONTHS, 1 DECEMBER 1944 TO 1 JUNE 1945FOR IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT -

Chestnuts	400 Tons
Almonds (shelled)	20 "
Filberts	100 "
Walnuts	100 "
Cottonseed	500 "

FOR WEEKLY SHIPMENT -

Oranges	120 Tons
Tangerines	20 "
Lemons	5 "
Grape Fruit	5 "

FOR SHIPMENT OVER SIX MONTHS

Pietra Cesso	30 Tons
Alcohol	100 "
Vinegar	30 "
Olives (During April/May 1945)	50 "
Citric Acid	5 "
Wine	3000 "

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Ref: 4819/15/013

29 December 1944.

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I am so glad that we have been able to help in this way, and I can assure you that the Economic Section of the Command are keeping a very careful watch, and that Malta will be given a high priority as and when export surpluses develop.

M. S. LUSH

His Honor Mount Governor
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C. - Ind. 5.5. (Col. Evans correspondence)

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Disc 13 and 14 refer
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Foreign Trade Section

Tels : 478900
478487
489081 Ext. 641

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20 December 1944

22 DEC 1944

Ref. AQ/5127/3/Commerce

SUBJECT : Exports to Malta

TO : Economic Section

1. With reference to the attached memo 4819/13/COS of 8 December, we refer you to our AQ/5127/3/Commerce of the 12 December addressed to AFHQ, G-3 Section, copy to you.

2. Our a/m letter has attached a preliminary program of authorized exports to Malta and these include 500 tons cottonseed. The recommendations in par. 3 of COS letter will be observed.

W. F. Evans
W. F. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

Encl: Memorandum from the Office of the Chief of Staff
dated 8 Dec. 1944 -

Copy to: Chief of Staff -

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMON SUB-COMMISSION
Foreign Trade Section

Tels : 478900
478487
489081 Ext. 611

HAG/66

12 December 1944

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TO : AFHQ, C-5 Section

*Cross references
are on AQ/5127/3/Commerce*

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For the Chief Commissioner :

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W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

Copy to : Economic Section
Finance Sub-Commission (Attn. Chief Accountant)

Ref/4319/13/008.

Tel : 451

3 Dec 1944

SUBJECT : Supplies for Malta.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Food Sub-Commission are aware that Malta has made recent application for food supplies from both the Italian mainland and Sicily. Your reference 92-2/38/Food refers to certain of these applications. 5
2. Under date of 1 December the COS addressed a letter to the Lt. Governor of Malta in which he pointed out that no surpluses were at present available for export but Malta's difficulties would be borne in mind and allocations considered as and when surpluses appeared. 8
3. Under date of 6 December a signal C/3001 was forwarded by the Governor of Malta requesting allocation of 600 tons of surplus cotton seed in Sicily. The decision in this case will be taken through your Section. However, the COS directs that a watching brief be maintained so that Malta may be given a high priority when export surpluses develop and that their difficult supply position be given continuous consideration. 12

JCB
4 Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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DEC 061000

C/3081
DEC 061055
IMMEDIATE

FROM: GOVERNOR MALTA

TO: HQ AG INFO TO AFHQ, AFHQ, JAC, AG EXPORTS PALERMO

7 DEC 1944

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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IN CLEAR.

Reference my C/3081 of 20 November. Have ascertained that there is an exportable surplus of cottonseed in SICILY available for export to MALTA. Sicilian authorities in PALERMO are reluctant to state quantity or price. In view of depletion local fodder stocks request action to release 500 tons for immediate shipment.

Your signal F 50899 of 1 December noted Governor MALTA

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HEADQUARTERS
22 DEC 1944
A. C.

LIST

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FROM: AMHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHOENIX, PHOENIX

TO: RAC FOR AFIRS RELATED FOR INFORMATION TO AICOM

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ROUTINE

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

2 DEC 1944

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A. C. C.

RESTRICTED.

Italian exports to MALTA. It is noted in your LRS/206/13 of 24 November that you advise MALTA that all demands for Italian exports must be referred to C-3 AFHQ. Please be advised that we have authorized AC to deal directly with GOVERNOR MALTA.

Signal COSUR/5182 of 26 November from GOVERNOR MALTA requests export allocation from AFIRS. Exports must at present be arranged between governments to insure governmental policies are not abrogated and that proper financial arrangements are made. AC acts for Italian Government in such matters. Furthermore shipping is arranged by AC.

It is confirmed that planned exports to MALTA must be presented by AC to AFIRS for concurrence. We are signaling GOVERNOR MALTA requesting arrangements for exports be made directly with AC who will coordinate with AFIRS.

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2 DEC 1944

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EX 6089A
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FROM: APTA HUSBAND & CHILDREN CENTER, 20000, WASHINGTON
TO: GOVERNMENT BUREAU, 10000, 10000, 10000

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CONCLUSION

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Reference: APLER signal 186/286/11

Exports from Italy to USSR. Reference: APLER signal 186/286/11

of 24 November and your signal to APLER 3182 of 20 November.

Request all arrangements for Italian exports to USSR be made

directly with AC information copies Ital to APLER and APLER RAO.

AC will coordinate your requirements with APLER concern 5-4.

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Experts from ITALY to SALVO. Reference AFHS signal 103/206/13 of 24 November and your signal to AFHS 00000/5182 of 20 November. Request all arrangements for Italian experts to SALVO be made directly with AG information copies Ital to AFHS and AFHS MAIL. AG will coordinate your requirements with AFHS security 2-4.

DISTRIBUTION

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[Handwritten signature]

Ref. 4319/3/003.

1 December 1944

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A study has been made to see what might be done to meet the problems mentioned in your letter of 11 Nov 44.

I regret to say that the large food deficit in Italy will not justify any allocation of food stuffs to Malta at this time.

As regards Sicily I believe it is the intent that Malta will have priority over other users in allocations of any surpluses declared there. Unfortunately surpluses of horse beans and other items quoted by Mr. Melmoth have not been declared and therefore can not be allocated.

There would appear to be no immediate prospects of surpluses for Malta at this time but your difficulties will be borne in mind and allocations considered as and when surpluses appear.

I am sorry to fail you but we are awfully short of food

M. S. LUCH

His Honor Lieut. Governor
D.C. Campbell, Esq.
Malta

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel: 478807

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92-2/38/FOOD

23 November 1944

2 NOV Recd

SUBJECT: Supplies for Malta

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Reference your 4819/3/COS of 17 November and attached correspondence, the following comments are submitted.

a. The fact that takings by Malta from Mainland stocks would increase our large food deficit by only a small amount is hardly a sufficient argument to justify any agreement being given to any allocation of foodstuffs from the Mainland.

b. With regard to Sicily, Malta appears to be arguing that it should have equal claims with the Sicilian population on any Sicilian produce. I think the correct interpretation of Para 8 of A. A. I. Admin. Instr. No. 8 of 20 March 1944 is that Malta's claims will have priority over other users in allocation of any surpluses declared in Sicily.

c. Surpluses of horsebeans and other items quoted have not been declared and therefore cannot be allocated to Malta.

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29/11

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

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Ref:

4819/3/003

17 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Supplies for MALTA.

TO : DCS Economic Section.

1. I forward letter from the Lieut.-Governor of MALTA together with a note written by Mr. Malmuth, on the question of supplies required in MALTA.

2. It would appear that the Government of MALTA bases its request on AAI Administrative Instruction No. 8, para 8. This would mean that application would be made to the Local Resources Board for allocation of surplus, if any, in Sicily, but I very much doubt if the Local Resources Board would give approval.

MSL/JG.

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18/11

MS *Smith*
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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LIEUTENANT - GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Malta, 11th November, 1944

My dear Lush,

We are having very great difficulty in obtaining our requirements of horse beans which, as you are probably aware, are necessary for the maintenance of our supplies of goats milk and cows' milk.

In previous years Egypt was our main source of supply but this year we have been unable to obtain an export permit from the Egyptian Authorities. I am aware of the difficulties of obtaining supplies from Italy but this is a matter of such great importance to us that I have asked Mr. Melmoth, the bearer of this letter, and one of our principal supply officers, to explain the position to you fully in the hope that you may be able to help us to tide over a very difficult period. You will see from correspondence which Mr. Melmoth will show you that it may be possible for us to obtain Egyptian supplies from the 1945 crop but at the moment our stocks are likely to run out before these can arrive and at present we have no prospects of augmenting them.

I have also asked Mr. Melmoth to enquire about the prospects of importing fresh eggs from Italy or Sicily. As a result of the siege our poultry population is much below normal and it is difficult to obtain fodder to maintain it at its present strength much less increase it. As a consequence the demand for eggs is very much greater than the supply and exorbitant prices are being charged by the poultry keepers which are out of all proportion to the actual costs of production. The importation of fresh eggs at reasonable prices would bring down the price to its proper level and would be of the greatest benefit to the general economics of the whole Island. Again Mr. Melmoth will be able to explain the full implications of the shortage of eggs, should you wish him to do so.

I am sorry to bother you with these matters but I know you will understand my anxiety about them. You may be sure that any help you are able to give us will be most greatly appreciated.

Yours

D.C. CAUGHELL

Brigadier M.S. Lush,
H.Q. Allied Control Commission,
C.M.F.

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Yours

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D.C. CAMPBELL

Brigadier M.S. Lush,
R.Q. Allied Control Commission,
C.M.F.

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SUPPLIES TO MALTA

I have seen Major Inrie who has seen the Lt. Governor's letter of the 11th November.

2. The position would seem to be in respect of horsebeans.

- a) That 6000 tons are held for consumption in Italy and represent an insignificant proportion of the local requirements.
- b) That there is no declared surplus of horsebeans in Sicily. In fact we have been offered supplies at a high price (which we are prepared to pay) but it is understood that the Commission would not permit this.
- c) Our requirements are:

Maximum	6000	tons
Minimum	2500	tons.
- d) Suggestions:
 - i) Allocate proportion of stocks in Italy - it will make very little difference to the per capita ration because it is already very small.
 - ii) Permit purchases to be made in Sicily at the market price.

3. A similar position exists in respect of the following items:

Cheese
Chestnuts
Salted fish
Olive oil.

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4. It would seem to be desirable for an authoritative interpretation of AFHQ AAI Administrative Instruction No. 8 20th March, which indicates that the priority to be accorded to Malta's requirements is that of inter-regional transfers in Sicily, to be circulated.

We in Malta had hoped that in practice this instruction would have meant that Malta would enjoy the same high priority accorded to the essential civilian requirements within the territory for which the Commission is responsible.

5. Major Inrie would back a suggestion from Malta that olive oil be sent from Italy in exchange for an equivalent quantity of cottonseed oil from Malta.

6. It is appreciated that the release of any of these articles of food to Malta makes the supply position as regards the Italian population more dif-

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ficult, but as Malta's requirements shared out among the Italian population amounts to a small fraction, that in view of Malta's special circumstances, it is hoped that it may be possible to release these goods and, incidentally, reduce the charge on the Imperial exchequer in respect of supplies for Malta.

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