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DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOODSTUFFS
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MR. EASTERN ALLIED COMMAND
ECONOMIC SECTION
AFM 504

5.10/25

12 April 1945

SUBJECT: Disposal of Condensed Supplies

TO : Col. J. E. Butterworth
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1. Reference letter B-3, 19 February 45.

2. The following paragraphs are quoted from the proposal by the Food Sub-Commission and are offered as a substitute plan for meeting the problem outlined in your letter of 19 February.

"In order to reduce the risk of the sale of food unfit for human consumption to the public and to control effectively the sale of such foodstuffs condemned by the Armed Forces but fit for human consumption, it is proposed to appoint the Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari as the sole authorized purchaser of all condemned foodstuffs, with the exception of flour unfit for human consumption located in Naples and Bari areas.

"In order to control the distribution of such foodstuffs it is proposed that all offers of condemned foodstuffs be made to the Consorzio Agrario Provinciale or in the case of Rome, Naples and Bari to the Federazione dei Consorzi and, to control distribution, a copy of each offer should be sent to the Commissariato Regionale dell'Alimentazione in Rome, Naples, Bari, or Palermo, according to the location of the condemned foodstuffs.

"In the case of condemned flour in Naples and Bari Areas, the Commissariato Regionale will allocate the flour to industrial users on advice from the AG Liaison Officer Commerce.

"To ensure that the Federazione cannot take advantage of its monopoly position and offer unreasonable prices for these supplies, it is proposed:

a. that the condemned foods be divided into three categories:

- i. Fit for human consumption but unfit for issue to troops.
- ii. Unfit for human consumption but fit for animal food.
- iii. Fit only for fertilizer.

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- b. that the purchase price for these categories be standardized as follows:

Category (a) Full landed price plus administrative expenses.
Category (b) "A" price less 33 1/3%
Category (c) "A" price less 66 2/3%

- c. that, if the condemned supplies include goods of the same type as at present imported by A.G., e. g. Sugar, the A.G. price to the Federazione be applied for Category "A" (Appendix 1 attached shows price paid by Federazione for A.G. imported foodstuffs).
- d. that all condensed flour be sold at a price of 11 lire per kilo.
- e. that all condensed milk unfit for human consumption, which has little value except for human consumption, be sold at the Category "C" price.

"It is considered that such a system would materially speed up the clearance of condemned supplies from Army warehouses, and would ensure that only legitimate uses were made of such supplies.

3. If the plan is acceptable to you, the Food Sub-Commission will make the necessary arrangements with the Federazione dei Consorzi and the High Commissioner for Food. The above proposal has the advantage of eliminating A.G. as a middle man in the transactions for disposal of condemned supplies and would surely eliminate the possibility of condemned supplies finding their way into the black market.

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Again request immediate reply to our letter B-3 of 19 February.
See our B-3 of 2 March and cables F 46044 of 19 March and F 50582
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Disposal of surplus supplies to Allied Commission.

Immediate reply requested to our letter B-3 of 19 February as advised in our
B-3 of 2 March

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