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SMUGGLING, EXPORT OF WINES & LIQUORS FROM ITALY
MAR. - OCT. 1946

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Letter at p 35 submitted for signature.
This is in reply to letter at p 25
and is based on memo from Gen Sec. at
p 30.

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Exec Comm.
Chief Commission

Noted. Thinks Vane
of UNRRA in
be usefully advised

For reading.

This is after Board's
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most recent reply to allegation of

wholesale smuggling of food across

the 9th day of borders.

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Action as above M/3/6

✓ M/3 (2/8)

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SS V.P. Econ Sec.

may ask Ex Com, please to advise

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Exec Comm.
Chief Commission

Noted. Think Vane
GUNKT might
be usefully advised
This is Alex Brizali

For reading.

had recent reply to - Negation of
wholesale smuggling of food across

the 9th of Aug. border.

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Action as above MS/3/8
✓ 7/8 (2/8)

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as V.P. Econ Sec.

may the Ex Com, please be advised
of the action taken in connection with
folio 52. *Ady 8/8*

A. W. KANEY
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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9 AUG 1946

Capt. Kinley *July*
action taken - letters submitted for
signature by Chief Com. this date.
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CSO for info. folios 1-8. Econi.
Section is taking action.
15. SK 9/4

acc. Folio 14 for signature, pre. July 1944 MS. 2344
to be executed MS. 13/4 July 1944

Capt H. MS
De had better tell ATHQ in future and MS. 2344
K. 14. MS. 2344

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inc. Cam.
By cc's note on folio 20. Letter
for signature at 21 please. MS. 2344

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Spec. Cam.
reference folio 29-30 for action on folio 20.
MS. 2344 MS. 2344

R.A. Dear Sec.
By folio 32 and cc's min. MS. 2344

Copy H.

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Re: had letter for ATTCQ in Bureau of

h. 14.

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enclosed.

By cc's note on folio 20. Letter
for signature at 27 please. Aug 27

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Spec Am.

reference folio 29-30 for action on folio 20

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V.A. Dear Sec.

Ref folio 32 and cc's min 781
will you please draft reply to above
Your copy of the letter is attached

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Ref folio 15 and reply at folio 20, letter at
folio 20 for signature, please Aug 27/4

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

OCT 3 1946

Ref: F-10

1 October 1946

SUBJECT: French Purchases in Italy.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.
Attn: Executive Commissioner. 51 48

Reference your letter ES/15.05/2 dated 27 September 1946.

1. Your original letter dated 22 August 1946 was duly acknowledged by our F-10 dated 2 September 1946, and subject matter is still under consideration of AFHQ.
2. It is, however, now seen that we should be in the position to reply with our final decision within the current week.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. Hambley
A. L. HAMBLEY,
Colonel, GSC,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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(Capt. K)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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OCT 3 1946

2nd September 1946

Ref. : F-10

SUBJECT: French Purchases in Italy.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

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Reference your letter ES/15.05/2 dated 22 August 1946.

Your letter is acknowledged, but as subject is still the matter of discussion at these Headquarters there will necessarily be a few days' delay in forwarding our decision on this important matter.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

/s/ A.L. HAMLEN,
Colonel, GSC,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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Ref. : EE/15.05/2

27 September 1946.

SUBJECT: French Purchases in Italy.

TO : G-3 Section,
Allied Forces Headquarters.

1. An early reply to my letter No. EE/15.05/2 dated 22 Aug 46 on this subject would be appreciated, please.

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for

HILARY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

See M-49

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Copy to: Executive Commissioner. _____

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

A P O 794

EXEC. COMM.

AUG 23 1946

Ref. : M/15.05/2

22 August 1946

Subject : French purchases in Italy

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters

1. Attached at Appendix A is a copy of a letter, dated 10 July 46, received from the Italian Prime Minister, relating to alleged illegal purchases by the French Military Authorities.

2. It appears that there are two complaints. First, a shipment of 250 Olivetti typewriters, which are stated to have been transported to France in military ambulances about June 1945. This was the subject of correspondence, reference M/5131/3/Commerce of the 8 August 45, between G-5, AFHQ, and Commerce Sub-Commission of this Headquarters. Attached, at Appendix B, is a copy of a letter dated 25 August 45, received from the Under Secretary of State, referring specially to this matter.

3. The second complaint refers to the sale by various Italian firms, to certain persons acting on behalf of France, of various types of commodities. It is alleged that shipment took place from the port of Naples. Particulars of this allegation are contained in a letter, received from the then Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour, in August 45, attached at Appendix C. In this connection reference is made to AFHQ letter G-5 400.1353-1 dated 6 Jan. 46, copy of which is attached at Appendix D.

4. In the second paragraph of the Prime Minister's letter of the 10 July 46 (Appendix A) reference is made to an inquiry conducted by "Caserta, C.I.D. Headquarters". This is no doubt, the inquiry mentioned in AFHQ letter quoted in para 3 above, which states that information of action taken would be forwarded, but to date such information has not been received. In view of the request of the Prime Minister for all possible information on this subject, in possession

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of Allied Military authorities, it would be appreciated if your Headquarters would forward any precise information available to the Allied Commission, for onward transmission to the Italian Government.

ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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Ref. : 1007/10/10

7 August 1966

Subject: Assassins

TO : Chief of Mission,
U.S.A. (Italy)

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With further reference to your letter No. 1007/10/10 dated 4 July, I enclose for your information a copy of the No. 10/ dated 19 July 66 from the Commission, A.I.C. with on this subject.

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For the Chief Commission:

A. W. K. [Signature]

Deputy
Executive Commission

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[Signature]

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

Tel. No. 1516
A. M. D. 1244 Ext. 4
File No. PC/

29 July 1946

AUG 6 1946

Subject: Amassing

To: H.Q. 13 CORPS MAIN

Ref. your 5701/G dated 24 July 46.

1. It is not apparent why Dr. Riccardo Montanari Inspector of Agriculture of the Veneto should have addressed a letter to the Corps Commander on the subject of Amassing instead of reporting any facts as against fences to the Ministry of Agriculture, particularly as he would be accorded any facilities he might require to carry out any investigation in this province, into the alleged illegal traffic in grain.

2. For some reason UNRRA to which Col. Sutherland is now assigned, recently alleged that grain in considerable quantities was being illegally transported by Allied Military vehicles from Udine through Zone A destined for Yugo-Slavia.

3. From exhaustive enquiries made in this Province there is no evidence whatsoever to support such a sweeping statement.

In fact there is only one reported case to the knowledge of this HQ. (which includes all Police agencies in the Province) where an American Army truck was stopped by Questura agents on 5 July 46 in the Cervignano Area whilst illegally conveying grain and three civilians. This may have given rise to many rumours of illegal trafficking grain between this province and Venezia Giulia.

4. With regard to the alleged civilian evasion of the amassing law which the Inspector states has been prevalent in this Province, it is pertinent to request him to produce data

a) On which he bases an arbitrary figure of 413000 qll as the amassing target for this Province.

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- b) Any evidence whatsoever other than that quoted above in support of his statement that evasion of the Amassing Law has been prevalent in this Province, and in particular ~~of~~ the general inference in his letter that grain is finding its way illegally into Yugo-Slavia.

After the most careful investigation including Venezia-Giulia I am persuaded that these rumours are largely moonshine.

5. *Apparente* Apart from the deep concern of the Inspector to reduce imports of grain from America, and his manifest desire to suppress the Black Market, both of which have never ceased to be urged by A.M.G. in this Province since its formation as will be seen by the following action taken to date:

- a) Decrees A.B.C. issued on my instructions before and during the present harvest supplementary to Italian Government Amassing Decrees.
- b) Organisation of Special Squads in plain clothes working in conjunction with the Guardia di Finanza to control all phases of grain collection.
- c) A flying squad composed of one Captain and 6 NCOS of the Guardia di Finanza assigned solely to enforcing grain amassing especially in "black spots".
- d) Mobile road blocks established and operated by Questura Service. In addition all detachments of this service have been warned to be especially vigilant regarding the illegal transport of grain.
- e) Carabinieri have been given similar instructions but ~~used~~ chiefly with more remote localities and small movements of grain.
- f) Much useful work has been done by these agencies as follows:
 - 1) Fines totalling over L. 600,000 have already been imposed including two of approx. L. 100,000 and three of up to L. 70,000, others are between L. 5000 and L. 50,000.

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- ii) 36 Persons have been denounced and 1300 qll of grain confiscated.
- iii) 14 threshing machines have had their licences suspended and three truck licences have been withdrawn.
- iv) Checks are made at all road posts on the Eastern Boundary of the Province.
- v) Further controls are being established by Allied tps. on the line of the Isonzo in conjunction with APM 13 Corps.
- vi) Strict surveillance is kept on all river mouths and the coast line where small boats might land, but Finance Guards are handicapped by lack of patrol boats.

6. From this it will be seen that vigorous steps have been taken to prevent any illegal traffic in grain.

7. To date 221,000 qll have been amassed out of what is considered to be the maximum target figure for the Province of 320,000 at the end of the maize harvest.

The grain amassing for the Province last year was 130,000 qll as at the 15th Dec. 1945.

It should be understood by the Inspector that there are numerous ways of computing allowances, only one of which he would have appeared to have considered in his target figure of 413,000 qll.

He also would not appear to realise that threshing is still taking place, and that on the maize harvest next month will depend the final figure for grain amassing.

It is suggested that every possible effort has been and is being made to check any illegal traffic, of which there is undoubtedly a small quantity, when the Yugoslavs are prepared to pay L. 12,000 - 15,000 per qll.

Further measures should include a more active police marine patrol off this coast line, and a much closer supervision of all UNRRA trucks moving through the Province

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into Venezia Giulia and elsewhere.

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H. N. BRIGHT, Lt. Col.,
Provincial Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
AND 73.

Ref. : 1307/11/21

29 July 1946

My dear Mr. Mackay,

Further to your letter no. 1307/251.2/21 dated 4 July 46 on the subject of smuggling grain from Italy to Yugoslavia.

I am now able to inform you that all police agencies including Military Police have been notified and alerted. This has resulted in the arrest of an American truck-driver for illegally hauling wheat, though the destination is not known.

There is a suspicion that some wheat may have been moved by water and the Guardia di Finanza are on the lookout for further instances.

The ICMA and the Senior Police Officer of Venezia Giulia both feel that the report is not well founded as present controls on the demarcation line preclude the possibility of such traffic.

However all possible action is being taken to obtain further reassurance on this subject and I will keep you informed.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

WILLIAM W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

R. A. Mackay Esq.,
Chief of Mission
USNR
Italian Mission

Copy to: ICMA Venezia Giulia
R. A. Stone
Executive Section
CMA

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1.A. 29/7/46
[Signature]

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ROUGH DRAFT

Rome, July 10th, 1946.

N.41/22761/50

Dear Admiral Stone.

I am referring to the Verbal Notes which were exchanged between this Ministry and the Embassy of the United States in Rome since 30 October 1945, dealing with the smuggling activity carried on by French military personnel at the French border, which has unlawfully defalcated to the Italian economic resources a not indifferent quantity of stocks and goods, thus aggravating our difficult present situation. This exchange of notes was following a previous correspondence between the Ministry of War and Col. WILSON.

With the foregoing Verbal Notes this Ministry was asking the American Embassy to kindly request Caserta C.I.D. Headquarters to hand over copy of the minutes resulting from the inquiry conducted on the matter by these Headquarters, as the Italian Government, in order to be in a position to check and put an end to this smuggling activity, had to be informed with probatory and unmistakable evidence.

I wish to recall that the Ministry of Industry and Commerce had, although without results, approached the Allied Commission (see notes 3 October 1944 - ACC/5080/Commerce, and 10 October 1944 - ACC/5140/Commerce, and the Ministry of Commerce's note E.4357 of 19 June 1945) about the illegal and large purchases made with Airline by French military personnel and by purposely appointed Commissions; I also wish to recall that the Ministry for Foreign Affairs had informed, with full details, the Allied Commission with Memorandum N.6/1108/438 dated 27 November 1944, of this serious matter, yet without obtaining further action.

I venture now, my dear Admiral, to insist, trusting that you will be so kind as to be instrumental in obtaining for the Italian Government all the necessary information already in possession of the Allied Military Authorities. On the basis of such information it would be possible to assess in a tentative yet comprehensive manner, the considerable damage inflicted upon

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Admiral Ellery E. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

ROME

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Thanking you for your kind attention to this matter, believe me, my dear Admiral,

Very sincerely yours

Adm. DE GASPERI

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

11 July 1946

REF: ES/10.03

SUBJECT: Wheat Smuggling Across Mergan Line.

JUL 12 1946

TO : Executive Commissioner
Allied Commission

REPORT FROM MAJOR MANUEL, UDINE TO COLONEL WALTON

1. All security agencies notified and alerted on problem, including Military MPs, Italian police, Guardia di Finanze.
2. (a) One case resulting in the arrest of an American truck driver illegally hauling wheat. Not known to be destined for crossing the border.
(b) A suspicion that some wheat may have moved by water to the Adriatic. Guardia di Finanze on the lookout for further instances.
(c) PSO believes UFFRA statement to be exaggerated.
3. PSO, Udine will bring subject up at conference XIII Corps this afternoon.

REPORT FROM COLONEL BOWMAN/ LT. COLONEL BICKERSTETH
TO COLONEL WALTON

4. (a) Colonel Bowman believes the report not well founded. However, will continue steps designed to discover facts.
(b) Lt. Colonel Bickersteth feels certain that the present controls on the line preclude the possibility of this traffic. However, will take positive action for further reassurances.

Charles W. Walton
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice President

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CC: Brig. Carr
VP Civil Affairs Section

see M 31936
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 734
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES

REF: 11/

11 July 1946

SUBJECT: Smuggling of Grain

TO : The Supreme Allied Commander

Forwarded herewith is copy of a letter from Mr. H. E. Kenny, Chief of Mission, United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration for Italy, together with copy of a cable sent to the Provincial Commissioner, A.M.C. White, for your consideration.

FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION:

(Signed)
CH. S.W. WILSON
Colonel, A.C.
Vice President.
GORDON V. WILSON
Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice President

Copy of letter from Mr. Kenny, 5/7/46
Copy of cable to P.C., A.M.C. White, 5/7/46

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Ref. : 1807/27/50

6 July 1946.

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Very thanks for your letter No. 1807/27/50 dated 4 July addressed to the Chief Commissioner, on the subject of smuggling of grain out of Italy.

I have signalled the information contained in your letter to the United and Venetian Consuls and I have given instructions for counter measures to be taken.

M. S. LUSH

A. H. Harty Esq.
Chief of Mission
Rome
Italian Mission

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PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER AND UDINE, SCAG AND 15 CORPS

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UDINE STATE THAT CONFIRMED REPORTS SHOW THAT NUMEROUS BRITISH AND UNITED STATES ARMY VEHICLES ARE ILLEGALLY TRANSPORTING GRAIN FROM UDINE PROVINCE AND ADJACENT PROVINCES THROUGH ZONE ABLE TO CONTACT POINTS NEAR MORGAN LINE WHERE GRAIN IS TRANSHIPPED FOR YUGOSLAVIA PD ESTIMATED QUANTITY IS CONSIDERABLE PD PLEASE TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO INVESTIGATE CMA REPORT AND TAKE ACTION AS NECESSARY TO PREVENT FURTHER LOSS PD

COPY TO: ECONOMIC SECTION

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

NICHOLA PICCINO
CWO USA
Asst Adjt

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UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
ITALIAN MISSION

Ref No. RESUP/251.2/SUP

4 July 1946

Admiral Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

JUL 5 1946

SUBJECT: Smuggling of Grain out of Italy.

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My dear Admiral

1. It is reported that numerous Army vehicles, both American and British, are being employed to collect grain in the Province of Udine and the Provinces of Venezia Region adjacent thereto and are running this grain through the Allied Occupational Zone A to contact points on or near the Morgan Line, where the cargoes are transhipped for Yugoslavia. It has been confirmed on the ground by Field Specialists of the Agriculture Division of the UNRRA Mission that this traffic is in fact taking place, and the quantity already estimated to have moved is considerable.

2. Knowing your interest in the matter of insuring sufficient cereal supplies for Italy, I am sure you will agree with me that all possible steps should be taken to stop this practice. The Italian Government is, I am convinced, making a really earnest effort this year to bring about a successful amassing, and anything we can do to help them in their enforcement measures will be of very considerable value.

3. I should be glad, therefore, if you would report this matter urgently to AFHQ and/or XIII Corps, with the request that the Army authorities take every measure possible to prevent this illegal traffic in grain.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
S.M. KEENEY,
Chief of Mission.

cc: COM
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Registry (2)
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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Ref : F-10

// June 1946.

SUBJECT: Export of Wines etc. from ITALY.

JUN 13 1946

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.
(Attn: Executive Commissioner)

Reference your letter 4827/20/50 dated 30 May 1946.

Enclosed are copies (2) of MFOUSA letter Ag 091.31/086 D-0 dated 6 June 1946, addressed to C.O. USFET, stating current regulations covering purchases and export of Italian products and requesting that this matter be brought to attention of all USFET commands.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

V. L. Hamblen. H.A.P.
A. L. HAMBLEY,
Brigadier General, GSC,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Copy to: G-4, A.F.H.Q.

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Action C.A. Sec for P.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

Ref: AG 091.31/086 D-0

6 June 1946.

JUN 13 1946

SUBJECT: Export of Wines and Liquors from Italy.

TO : Commanding General
United States Forces, European Theater
APO 757

1. Several instances have recently occurred of United States military personnel arriving in Italy from Germany for purpose of purchasing and transporting to their units in USFET large quantities of wine and liquors.
2. Such informal transactions are contrary to the policies formulated in behalf of Italian rehabilitation.
3. Procedures have been formulated covering purchases of this nature and are set forth in Section II, AFHQ Administrative Memoranda Number 54, dated 31 December 1945, subject: "Local Resources in Italy, Mainland and the Islands", and Number 8, dated 25 April 1946.
4. Under these directives, this Headquarters should primarily be advised of any desired purchases, and appropriate action will be initiated with Italian Government and/or Allied Commission to ascertain availabilities of such supplies.
5. Only through such procedure can full cooperation with Italian Government be achieved as to both material and fiscal aspects of rehabilitation.
6. Transgressions of further established policies have also been evidenced in these instances in that:
 - a. Large quantities of German Marks have been brought into Italy by these personnel for exchange into lire or for use, per se, in making the purchases.
 - b. In one instance two German nationals, having no authority other than German Identity Cards and permits to travel in U. S. Army vehicles, accompanied the Officer, without notification of application to G-2 authorities.

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Ltr, MTOUSA, AF 091.31/086 D-0,
dtd 6 June 1946.

7. It is requested that this matter be brought to the attention of the various USFET commands in order that existing policies may be adhered to and that greater cooperation between United States authorities and the Italian Government may be achieved.

FOR THE THEATER COMMANDER:

R. H. JACIMAN
Lt. Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref. 4327/21/50

8 June 1946

SUBJECT: Smuggling.

TO : The Minister of Foreign Affairs.
Rome.

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Receipt is acknowledged of your letter No. 17195/30 dated 22 May 1946 regarding the smuggling activities of Allied Military Personnel.

This has been forwarded to the appropriate military authorities.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

A. W. Knisely

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref : 4827/20/50

30 May 1946.

SUBJECT: Export of wines etc. from Italy.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

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With reference to my letter no. 4827/14/50 dated 24 April 46 on the above subject, I have now received a letter from the Italian Prime Minister no. 17195/50 dated 22 May 46 (copy enclosed) to the effect that Allied troops using Allied military vehicles are participating in the clandestine exportation of goods and so causing repercussions on the Italian economy.

I would be grateful if this matter could be taken up so that a stop can be put to such illegal activities.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

A. W. Knisely.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

17195/30

Rome, 22 May 1946.

Dear Admiral Stone,

It has been several times brought to my attention from various sources that, notwithstanding the efficiency of the Italian customs service which is being definitively reorganized, vast smuggling is being carried out by Allied military personnel through the border crossings.

This smuggling made with Allied military vehicles and, most likely, either by Allied military personnel directly or by civilians with the assistance of said personnel, constitutes a considerable damage for our economy.

In fact, through the clandestine exportation, it determines the disappearance from Italy of the few national products of some value which represent our only counterparties, with which it is possible to negotiate in order to obtain supplies of primary necessity for the Country.

Also the clandestine importation of foreign goods, generally constituted by products which are subject in the Kingdom to particular regulations disciplining their production and circulation, has a harmful repercussion on our economy.

I would be therefore most grateful, dear Admiral, if you could kindly look into this matter so that the above smuggling should promptly cease.

I am sure that you will examine the matter with particular benevolence and remain, dear Admiral Stone,

yours very cordially,

/s/ De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.



EC DIST - 27 May
ACTION - ~~case~~ (2)
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Il Ministro degli Affari Esteri

Roma, 22 MAG 1946

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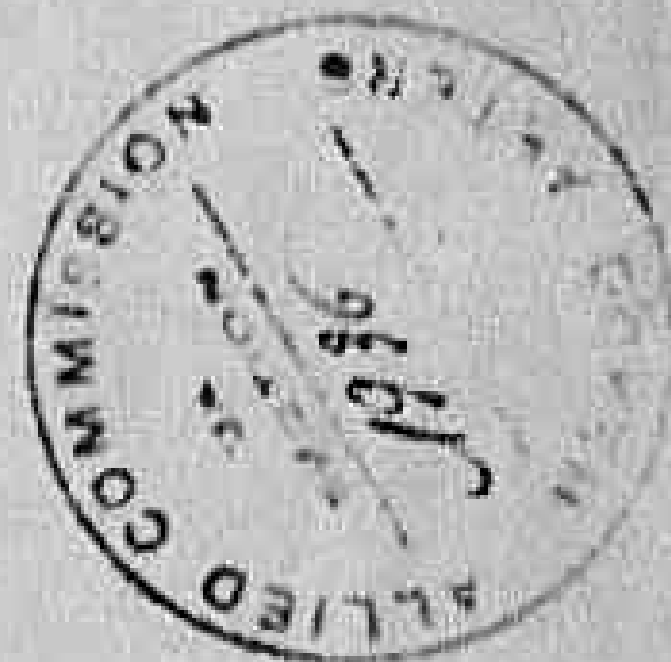
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Sicuro che Ella vorrà esaminare la questione con particolare benevolenza la prego gradire, caro Ammiraglio Stone, le mie vive cordialità

Ammiraglio Allery M. Stone
Capo della Commissione Alleata

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Ref. : 4827/18/EO

7 May 1946.

SUBJECT: Report of wines etc. from ITALY.

TO : G-5 Sec.
AFHQ

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Further to my letter 4827/14/EO dated 24 April 46 the Allied Commission Liaison Officer, Bolzano, now informs me that the Commanding General of 42nd Infantry Div (US) has issued specific instructions prohibiting the publication of orders permitting purchasing parties to cross into Italy.

He has also initiated action for the procurement of Italian wines and Spirits through recognized and authentic channels.

For the Chief Commissioner

A. W. Knisely.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Econ. Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS 42ND (RAINBOW) INFANTRY DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

16 April 1946.

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Colonel S. W. Miller
Chief Liaison Officer
Allied Commission
Bolzano, Italy.

Dear Colonel Miller:

With reference to your letter of 21 March 1946 relative to the purchase of Italian wine and spirits by members of the 42d Infantry Division I am issuing specific instructions today, prohibiting the publication of orders permitting purchasing parties crossing into Italy.

I am also initiating action for the procurement of Italian wine and spirits thru recognized and authentic channels.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the help you have given this Division in their contacts in Italy and to assure you that appropriate measures will be taken to avoid causing you any embarrassment in the future.

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HARRY J. COULINS
Major General, US Army
Commanding

At Chief Commissioner

For you to see please.

Submitted Colonel
C. L. D. Bolzano.

WJ

24th April 1946

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Copy to: Economic Section (2).

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SECTION OF HOLMES
PRIORITY

Office of the Ex Comm

Ref. : A327/14/70

24 April 1956.

SUBJECT: Export of wines etc from Italy.

To : C-5 Section,
A.S.S.C.

I enclose for your information copies of two letters received from my Chief Liaison Officer, Bolzano.

As is stated in these letters, currency regulations are broken in each instance and the whole business is detrimental to Italian Economy.

A notice, signed by the military commander has been erected at the frontier posts of BUSTO and SAN CASIMIR, but it is felt that this will not stop the traffic.

In consequence, I must ask you to take up this matter with the appropriate authorities in Germany, with a view to having such passages and transactions regularized.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: Alex in Bolzano.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FOOD & AGRICULTURE BRANCH

12 April 1946

Dear General Luthin

Comm. Chembryn brought me your letter and I have discussed the matter very fully with him and his associates. I also asked Capt. Rothery of the Commerce (Foreign Trade) Branch to put them straight on the question of exports.

For your information, the position in short is this:

All British Troops in CMF, and that of course includes Austria, may purchase surplus foodstuffs through the appropriate channels which have been laid down, i.e. LPOs clearing such surpluses through the Italian Regional Food Inspectors and paying Lire for them. Individual Units of course, should not make purchases, but in the case of a known surplus such as wine, I think that this is one of the rules that is honoured in the breach.

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A.C. - Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

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ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER
BOLZANO

REF: ACLO/BZ/21.

SUBJECT: Export of wines and liquors
from Italy.

TO : Brig M.S. LUSH, CB, MC,
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission, ROME.

DATE: 8 April 1946.
SWM/gu.

APR 11 1946

1. Reference my letter ACLO/BZ/108.2.1 of 1st April 1946.
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Copy to H.E. The Prefect of Bolzano,
Dr. Silvio INNOCENTI.

HQ A/C. Food & Agriculture Branch

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5 April 1946
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ACIO/BZ/100.2.1

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ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER
BOLZANO

APR 5 1946

DATE: 1 April 1946
WRH/mab

ACLO/BZ/106.2.1

SUBJECT: Export of wines and liquors
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TO : Brigadier M.S. LUSH, CB, MC,
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to leave Italy.

5. A few days later an American soldier called at this Office and asked where he could exchange German Marks for Italian Lire and, when asked for what reason, he said he was in Italy on behalf of an American Unit in Germany to purchase wine and spirits.

6. When asked if he had the necessary permission from the Italian Authorities, he said he did not think it was necessary. The American soldier was informed that wines and spirits could not be exported from Italy, except through the proper channels against payment by foreign currency or goods required by Italy, and the American soldier returned to Germany empty handed.

7. A few days later Sgt. Oscar Seymour, 819th Military Police Company, 9th Div. (USA), Lanzburg, Germany, APO 177, called at this Office and stated that he had purchased in Venice, Champagne to the value of 500,000 Lire, Cognac to the value of 100,000 Lire and Vermouth to the value of 40,500 Lire, and asked for the necessary permission to take this wine and spirits out of Italy.

8. In view of the fact that he supplied documents showing that he was purchasing it for an American Unit and expended Unit funds, permission was obtained for him to take this consignment to Lanzburg.

9. Sgt. Seymour handed to this Office attached 'Bolletta di Accompagnamento' in respect of this consignment and despite the fact that the Sergeant had informed the people in Venice that he was taking it to Germany, it will be seen from the 'Bolletta di Accompagnamento' that the consignment is purported to have been sold to the Allied Military Troops in Trieste. It would appear that this was done to show an alleged legitimate reason for releasing such a large stock from Venice.

10. On the 1st of April 1946, 2nd Lt. Thomas D. Manning, 01335321, INF HQ, 9th INF Div., APO 9, called at this Office and stated that he had come from Germany to purchase wine. A copy of his travel orders is attached. 148

11. This Officer had no permission from the Italian Authorities to export the wine and he was informed that

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such permission could not be obtained through this Office and he has returned to Germany empty handed.

12. There were two men accompanying Lt. Manning, Mr. Ludwig Ecker of 50 Grossmarkthalle, Munich, and Mr. Gerhard Höper of Stouden No. 6, Prien am Chiemsee, Landkreis Rosenheim, Germany, and Lt. Manning informed this Office that it was these two men who were arranging the deal.

13. Both the civilians were German nationals and the only documents they had in their possession were their German identity cards and an authority to travel on American Army vehicles. A copy of this authority is attached. Neither of these civilians had any authority to enter Italy and they were handed over to the Questura, Bolzano, for interrogation.

14. At the request of this Office the Questura did not detain them, as Lt. Manning was returning to Germany at 1400 hrs on the 1st of April 1946 and undertook to take the two civilians back to Germany. However, it is hoped that the Questura interrogation of the two men will lead to the source of the supply for this clandestine trade in wine and spirits.

15. In an endeavour to prevent further similar transactions, which will be remembered are not only confined to this Province, it is proposed to have the following notice placed at the frontier posts at Brenner and San Candido:

" - NOTICE TO ALL ALLIED TROOPS ENTERING ITALY -

You are now entering Italian Government Territory and the export of wines, spirits, food etc. is prohibited, except with proper authority, which can only be obtained from the Italian Government in Rome. Any Allied Military personnel found infringing this order will have such goods, as he may have purchased in contravention of this order, confiscated."

16. I would like your observations on this notice and whether or not you have any objection to me signing same.

17. Apart from the undermining effect these transactions have on the economic position of Italy, currency

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regulations are broken on each occasion.

18. In the first case mentioned in this report, the whole amount of 1.110.378 Lire was obtained by the American soldiers in Munich and brought into Italy.

19. In the case of the 600.000 Lire worth of wines and spirits purchased in Venice, the American troops brought in Military Government German Marks and exchanged them at the Field Cashier in Venice for Italian Lire.

20. It is quite obvious that certain Italians are encouraging these transactions, which are purely black market deals, and the notice of the Italian local Officials has been drawn to this aspect of the matter.

21. It would be appreciated if the Military Commands in Allied Occupied Germany and Austria could be drawn to this matter in an endeavour to prevent further waste of time on the part of their men coming to Italy and returning empty handed.

S. W. Miller, Colonel

S. W. MILLER,
Colonel,
C.L.C.

COPY TO: Allied Commission,
Food and Agriculture Sub-Commission, Rome

Consigliere di Stato, reggente la Prefettura
di Bolzano, Dr. INNOCENTI.

Encl.

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IMPOSTE DI CONSUMO

COMUNE DI

VENEZIA

(FIGLIA)

UFFICIO DI

SCALO**BOLLETTA D'ACCOMPAGNAMENTO**N. 1Add. 28 marzo 1946 17 1/2Il Sig. (1) Mario Della Portaha dichiarato di trasportare dal (2) mag. Imp. 112di VENEZIA

di pertinenza del Sig. (3)

situato nel comune

Sig. (6) Comando Libero Alleatodi Boneste

le merci appresso indicate:

RECIPIENTI				GENERI DA TRASPORTARE	
QUANTITÀ	QUALITÀ	MARCA	NUM.	QUALITÀ	QUANTITÀ
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seguendo la strada co e dovrà compiersi nel termine di 10 trascorso il quale la presente bolletta non sarà più valida.

La bolletta stessa dovrà essere presentata durante il trasporto agli agenti incaricati dei riscatti, ad ogni loro richiesta.

(1) Cognome, nome e paternità del dichiarante e suo domicilio. — (2) Deposito, cantina, magazzino, negozio, domicilio, donde si prelevano i generi da trasportare. — (3) Cognome, nome, paternità del titolare del deposito, cantina, ecc., ovvero del consumatore. — (4) Deposito, cantina, magazzino, negozio, domicilio ove debbono essere trasportati i generi. — (5) Consumatore o consumatore. — (6) Cognome, nome e paternità del destinatario.

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IMPOSTE DI CONSUMO

Ufficio di Scalo

Comune di VENEZIA

BOLLETTA DI ACCOMPAGNAMENTO

28 Marzo 1946, ore 17½

No. 1

Il Sig. MARIO DALLA PASQUA
ha dichiarato di trasportare dal (2) Mag. Imp. Distr.
situato nel comune di VENEZIA di pertinenza del Sig. (1)
.....nel (4)del (5).....
Sig. (6) COMANDO MILITARE ALLEATO situato nel comune
di Trieste le merci appresso indicate:

25 casse, Spumanti Bett. 300
1 " Verant Bot. 12

Il trasporto sarà intrapreso il giorno oggi,
si farà per mezzo di camion condotto dal Sig. - -
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HEADQUARTERS NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION
A.P.O. 9

AG 300.4

17 March 1946

SUBJECT: Letter Orders No. 50.

TO : Personnel Concerned.

The fol named O and EM orgns indicated are placed on TDY for five (5) days for the purpose of travel to Tyrol Italy to carry out orders of the Commanding General. WP c/s 28 March 46 by unit T to destination. Govt motor T is atzd. Upon compl of TDY O and EM will ret to proper orgn and sta.TDN. EDOMH 28 Mar 46. VOGG Third US Army 27 Mar 46.

2D LT THOMAS D MANNING 01335321 INF Hq 9 Inf Div

Pfc William A Gage	38721411	9 QM Co
Pvt Ray Harshbarger	34186145	9 QM Co

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL McBRIDE

Signed: A.W. CROLL,
Lt.Col., AGD,
Adjutant General.

Stamp
HQ 9th Inf Div

DISTRIBUTION:

- 3 Lt.Manning
- 1 CO Hq Sp.Trps.
- 1 CO 9 QM Co.
- 2 Files
- 1 AG sec
- 1 G-1 TUSA APO 403

Stamp: British Control, Brenner
28.3.46

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Headquarters
9th INF DIV
A.P.O. 9

Augsburg, Germany 27 March 1946

To whom it may concern

Mr. Ludwig Ecker, München 50 Grossmarkthalle and
Mr. Gerhard Höper Prien Stauden 5 are authorised
to travel in this U.S. Government vehicle from
Munich to the Bolzano - Merano area. They are to
purchase merchandise for this organization.
The two civilians have American registration cards.
An American officer will guard these civilians the
whole travel and will bring them back to Munich.
The frontier post are begged to let them pass.

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Signed: F.C. FEIL
COL G.S.C.
Ass. C.O.S. G 13

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