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INDUSTRY INFORMATION
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Final 10/12 85
± 84 for info

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Ex Comm.

Letter at 90 for info, please. A copy has

gone to Econ Sec. for industry &c. Auth 29/4 H.S. 30/4

J. Lamb the h. 92

Insert in monthly report. Auth 30/4. Auth 2/10

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A/V.P. Econ.

An executive report from Ben

Don't.

Auth 2/15

NOTE:-

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Copy forwarded to V.P. Econ Sec. together with E.C. comments. Auth 2/15

2/5.

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To V.P. Econ Sec.

May this office please be advised of the action taken on folio 101.

Auth 4/8
A. W. Knisely.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

Insert in monthly report. *W/2014. 2/10.*

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An extensive report from Ben

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A. W. Knisely.
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

6 AUG 1945 102

C.S.O. Exec. Com. *W/2014. 2/10.*

Folio 103-4-5- is the complete file of the
action on folio 101 - to date.

W/2014. 2/10.

Lt. Col. F.A.
Chief Staff Officer.

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For info folio 75

at 4/3

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This will do in Sept Monthly

Report!

at 4/3.

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Miss Hensley

Please see folio 75 & min 77 for action & be

taken.

at 4/3

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Public Relations Branch (Hq. of Liaison)

Folio 75 may be of interest to you.
Please return file to me as soon as possible 8/66

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Report!

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Miss Kennedy

Please see folio 75 & min 77 for action & be

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Public Relations Branch (May. 1945)

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Please return file to me as soon as possible 8/6

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19 Sept 45

Miss Kennedy

Noted. Love. M

18.9.45

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C80- fol. 81 for info. to East Para. The P.M. going to
carry sugar on both sides. This battle has been
fought over many times.
C80- 24/10

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C.S.O.

Please see folio 60 in reply to folio 49
for info.

CSO 13/7/45

h. Steel 14/7

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C.S.O.

Also please see folio 62 from C.S. Dule to the C.S.
for info.

CSO 13/7/45

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ExCuse

62 is interesting and
important. - if they are ⁶⁶ implemented
H. 14/7. W. 14/7

74.

C.S.O.

E.C. asked me to take up the ^{query} point made in L.O. Bari's
Interreport para 9, extract of which is given at folio 67.
Economic Section's reply is shown at 72. Folios 70 & 71
refer.

D.H. H. 14/7

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Maj. Stearns: Industry S/C's reply (folio 8) to our letter (folio 7) points a brighter picture of this problem than presented by (1) Land Force S/C MMLA (folios 1 and 2) and (2) by Air Force S/C (see folios 1, 2, 4 and 7 and 8 of 8504/GOS).
Does this folio 8 answer our inquiry in para 6 of folio 7?
I don't think Air Forces or Land Forces S/Cs will settle for this.

8 Feb 45

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Major

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Econ. Sec.: Please discuss matter in folios 7-8 with AVH Bowen-Buscarlet and expedite interim reply requested.

20 Feb 45

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COS: See Minute 2 on work sheet. (folio 13)

27 Feb 45.

For Econ Sec

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Folios 17 thru to 34 to see for info.

1. They represent correspondence passed thru American Embassy on a Mr. Barker from a Colonel Green in LONDON to Chief Commissioner on the subject of reactivation Italian Rubber Industry.

2. Folios 21, 26, 29 and 34A and 34B are informative.

30 Mar 45.

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Major

24/3 Noted. J.

57.

Executive Commission.

To see folio 56 for information.
Note Spoken to Mr. Stearns re this
HST Comm. Check you

20 Feb 45

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last four things

28th June.

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For info please note folio 60 in reply to our request for an explanation of a para appearing in Green report of And Sp. on Pyrites

see folio 48 v-49

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 794

ECONOMIC SECTION

8. August 1946

AUG 9 1946

MEMO

TO : Executive Commissioner

Reference to minute 102, EC 5002, subject "Removal of plant and equipment from the Sicciolo Coal Mine in Zone "B".

It has been decided not to write an interim reply to Dr. Prunas, since the reply received from Col. Bowman on this subject is not sufficiently definite.

When a definite answer is received from AMG, 13th Corps, Dr. Prunas will be officially notified.

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

Copy to SCAG
AMG, 13th Corps

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[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, 13 CORPS
Office of the Senior Civil Affairs Officer

130/AMG/23

31 July 1946

AUG 9 1946

TO : Economic Section
Allied Commission,

1. I have received your B/147/O of 26 July on the subject of removal of plant and equipment from the Siodole coal mine in Zone "B".

2. Your letter has been transmitted to the Secretary of the Joint Economic Committee for appropriate action.

3. I believe that this matter has already been the subject of discussion at a meeting of the Joint Economic Committee and that it has been pointed out to the Yugoslav representatives that with all of Pola to work on, we are in a position to do a great deal more of this sort of thing than they are, and that it might be unwise, from their own standpoint, to initiate any competitive effort along this line.

4. You will be furnished with a more complete and definitive statement of the position with a report as received from the Joint Economic Committee.

s/ ALFRED C. BOWMAN
Colonel J.A.G.D.
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

REF: ES/1.47/D

26 July 1946

AUG 9 1946

SUBJECT: Azienda Carboni Italiani (Italian Coal Company).

TO : Chief Civil Affairs Officer
XIII Corps
Trieste

1. Enclosed is translation of a letter from the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding Azienda Carboni Italiani.

2. It is requested that you inquire of the Yugoslavian representatives on the Joint Economic Committee as to whether any action can be taken by their Government to meet the request of the Italian Government.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

(Signed)
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice President.
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Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice President

Encl. (1)

Trans. of ltr. from Sec.-Gen. of
Min. Foreign Affairs, 22/7/46.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

REF: EM/1.47/0

26 July 1946

AUG 9 1946

SUBJECT: Azienda Carboni Italiani (Italian Coal Company).

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Receipt of your letter of 22 July regarding the Azienda Carboni Italiani (Italian Coal Company), is acknowledged.

I regret to advise you that the Allied Commission will be unable to take definitive action to insure that your request is complied with. However, the letter is being forwarded to the Chief Civil Affairs Officer, XIII Corps, with a request that he discuss the matter with certain Yugoslav representatives with whom his staff meets from time to time.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

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Colonel, A.C.

Acting Vice President

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Acting Vice President

R. Frunze, Secretary-General
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Rome

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

24201/55

The Secretary General

Rome, 22 July 1946.

JUL 25 1946

Dear Stone,

The "Azienda Carboni Italiani" (Italian Coal Company) has pointed out that recently a considerable part of the Sisciolo coal mine plant, situated in zone "B" of Venezia Giulia, has been dismantled and exported.

Complying also with a similar request from the abovenamed Company, I call your attention to this case begging you kindly to take every action possible in order to avoid a further depauperation of the mine and to safeguard anyhow the rights and the interests of the Company who owns it.

Thanking you in advance for your kind interest in the matter, I send you my best regards.

/s/ R. PRONAS

EC Distr 25 July

Action: Ec Section (12)

INFO: EC

: CC

To Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

See M-101, 107
and 103, 105

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ES/20.30

10 July 1946

My Dear Ambassador,

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JUL 12 1946

Further to my ES/20.30 of 15 June 1946 I have now received some information regarding the stocks of materials due for export to Greece and stated to be in Trieste.

Enquiries with the Magazzini Generali of Trieste have produced the following information :

The undermentioned is a list of wagons containing matches and lying in the Shed of Punto Franco on account of S.A.I.M.A. and despatched to the clearance Shed of Lubiana in c/o "Prehranjevalni Zavod"

Date	Wagon No.	Number of packages	Weight	Warehouse
16/12/43	90026	85	9155	10
- " -	31274	85	9165	10
- " -	54373	80	8784	10
- " -	66243	80	8682	10
- " -	21908	85	9097	10
- " -	148695	80		61
- " -	80183	85		10
16/12/43	46218	85		11
- " -	1700975	85	9370	11
- " -	1720139	85	7715	64
- " -	291786	85	7710	62
- " -	86398	80	8650	61
- " -	97011	80	8729	61
- " -	142044	80	8698	61
- " -	40621	90	8699	61
18/12/43	73808	80	8799	61
- " -	259393	105	9975	61
- " -	151478	65	6175	61
20/12/43	55308	75	8399	10
- " -	34700	85	9376	10
- " -	37781	85	8032	7
- " -	77643	85	7991	7

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Copy to: C. Com.
Ex. Com. ✓

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20/12/43	7100691	80	8844	10
- " -	57765	80	9851	10
23/12/43	111536	80	8752	72
24/12/43	295479	77	8687	72
Total number of packages		2137		

According to the instructions given by the sender "SAIMA" the whole stock of matches had to be exported to Greece. This merchandise came from Deutschlandberg (Austria) sent by Zudwaren und Chemische Fabrik "Solo".

From the above it appears that the whole consignment consisting of 2140 cases (three cases are not accounted for by Magazzini Generali) were removed to Lubiana to the address of "Prehranjevalni Zavod".

I suggest therefore that this would appear to be a matter for you to take up with the Yugoslav Government.

Very truly yours

Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner

H.E. Exintaris
Ambassador
Greek Delegation to the
Advisory Council for Italy.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER
APO 794

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[Signature]
19 June 1946

ES/20.30

My Dear Ambassador,

I regret that I have been unable to reply sooner to your letter of 10 August 1945, but up to the present it has not been possible to locate the matches.

However I am having a further search made and will write you again as soon as I have some definite news.

Very truly yours

[Signature] Ellery W. Stone

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

LOMB/CLO/13

30 April 1946.

MAY 2 1946

My dear Francis.

Following on your recommendation that I should study the situation in Italian industry, I have spent several days recently in tours around the Region.

The time table of my visit is as under:

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COTONIFICIO BORDA - typical cotton weaving industry for sheeting and shirting.

CONFERIA ALCISIO - modern tanning plant producing calf leather for the boot trade and furnishings.

PAVIA - FABBRICA NECTI, the famous producer of sewing machines for Italy.

CAMPIGLIO- FONDERIA DI GHISA, a company associated with Necchi, producing cast iron fittings, baths, cisterns, pipes, radiators for domestic use.

SATURDAY, 27 April - PROVINCE OF COMO

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CAPERONI WORKS at Ponte S. Pietro.

I discovered, as might be expected, a very varying economic situation and will take the last visited, first in the order of comment.

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The Carroni works at Ponte S. Pietro is a typical example of an Italian war industry which is going through an exceedingly difficult time in an attempt to readjust itself to peace-time conditions. They are now engaged on making truck bodies for Lancia. At the best this cannot absorb more than about 1/4 of their normal working manpower and of course it cannot pay the same financial returns as the construction of airplanes. In fact, at the moment the production of these car bodies is being done at a slight loss, but the Director who took me around, believes that on orders for 100 bodies or more the firm could make out a small profit. It seems to be, however, very questionable whether such an installation tucked away in the mountains of Bergamo, far away from the sources of raw material, can be economically justified for the future.

The Dalmine Tube Works is a more complicated problem in that it is a very modern plant exceedingly well adapted to the production of steel tubes of every size. Perhaps one of the most interesting developments is the use of their steel tubing for electric pylons. It is a typical example of an Italian industry, artificially established far away from raw materials which has however attained a certain technical excellence and has created a body of skilled workmen. They are short of coal and I was asked to interest myself in obtaining for them coal in order to maintain work for their 5,000 operatives. I replied that it seemed to me that to keep a works in operation for the purpose of giving employment might be temporarily justified, but that the only long term justification would depend upon their ability to compete on an economic basis in the world's market. Frankly I believe that this particular industry is a border line case and that, really carefully financially handled, it might be able to survive.

The silk industry and textile industry of Como presents a very much more happier picture of industrial possibility, representing, as it does, one of the traditional industries of Italy. They are already commencing to open up negotiations for exports, but both these groups of the textile trade are very doubtful about the capacity of the internal market of Italy to absorb their products in the meantime.

The opinion which I found expressed at Como about the Italian market was an echo of the outstanding impression which I obtained in Pavia during my Friday's tour. Both at the Ursus and at the Necchi factories, I found that although the plants were operating at around 50% capacity and although they were complaining about shortage of raw material, in fact both plants were producing finished goods much faster than these could be absorbed on the Italian market. This "indigestion" of finished goods on the internal market is perhaps, to my mind, one of the outstanding characteristics of Italian economy at the present time. It is probably due to three factors:

- in the first place the average citizen has to spend such a large proportion of his wage on the brutal necessities of keeping alive that he has no money left over for his wardrobe;
- in the second place, there is certainly an impression that prices will fall; and

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- in the third place, such an impression has been encouraged by statements made by certain politicians that the Government intends to force down internal prices of consumers' goods.

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Whatever be the reason, I feel that in many Italian industries, the manufacturers are approaching a point at which they cannot continue to go on manufacturing for stock.

Possible remedies are, of course, outside our control, but I thought that this brief report from me might perhaps be of use to you as giving you my appreciation of the local position.

[Handwritten signature]

Brig. Maurice Lush, C.B.E., M.C., T.D.
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission HQ.,
ROME.

Copy to: V.P. Econ Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

LOMB/CLO/L3

19 April 1946.

SUBJECT: INDUSTRY IN LOMBARDY

APR 29 1946

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner, HQ. Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394

In accordance with your suggestion I have been visiting certain industrial plants and will be visiting yet others next week.

There is a good deal of unemployment in Lombardy and a good deal of industrial maladjustment. The picture is complicated and the same causes do not operate in the same way throughout every section of Lombard Industry. It may be said that three things exist in comparative abundance:

- a) available machinery;
- b) available manpower;
- c) available horsepower.

The inability to put these into operation arises from:

- a) lack of capital;
- b) lack of outlet;
- c) lack of raw material.

An interesting and somewhat unexpected difficulty arises in the textile industry where many manufacturers have their warehouses choked with goods which they are unable to dispose of. This, in turn, is due to the fact that the shops are carrying large stocks of goods at high prices which the public is not willing to buy, and finally this reluctance of the public to buy consumer goods is itself due to the fact that the prime necessities of life, food and lodging, are at present absorbing practically the whole of the average Italian income.

Perhaps an eventual solution will come from the opening up of the Italian export to the countries farther East, Greece, Balkans, etc., but you yourself will be the best judge of the buying capacity of these regions.

Another big group of industries, those previously connected with armaments, are of course going through a period of crisis due to the complete cessation of war production and their comparative inability to get going on peace-time industry. One of the most important of these groups is the STAT-

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Another big group of industries, those previously connected with armaments, are of course going through a period of crisis due to the complete cessation of war production and their comparative inability to get going on peace-time industry. One of the most important of these groups is the SIAI-Marchetti and you will probably have heard repercussion to their requests to the Italian Government for financial support. The magnitude of the problem is clear, but the solution is not an easy one. I attach a copy of a Promemoria produced for me by the firm. Whatever eventual manufacturing activity is decided upon, it appears clear that only a limited proportion of the present

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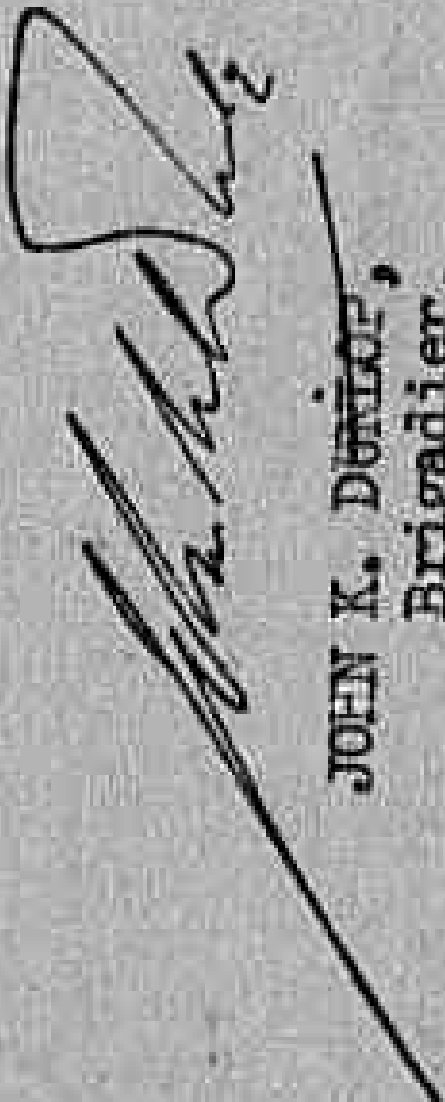
manpower can be absorbed in the near future. I spoke to representatives of the workers and was impressed with the good type of skilled operative represented there.

In the case of the armament industry centered on Bergamo, the situation is somewhat relieved by the fact that a high proportion of the work was carried out, as in Sheffield, in very small units, almost private house production. Therefore, the great majority of the people employed in this industry have a form of "double economy" which is so frequent in Italy, i.e. they or their near relatives own a small plot of ground. The produce from this holding may not be sufficient to maintain a decent standard of living, but it itself at least breaks the shock of unemployment.

There are one or two factories engaged in accessories and small part production which seem to be working at quite a high level.

I visited the Marchetti Works, which make radio sets, electrical accessories for cars and brakes for cars and trailers, and found a not unsatisfactory state of affairs. As you will appreciate a factory of this kind uses a very high proportion of man or woman power in comparison with the raw material required.

I intend next week to visit the Pavia area and will let you have a further report.


JOHN K. DENIER,
Brigadier,
Chief Liaison Officer.

Encl.

Copy to: - Evan Ten (for Industry 5/12)

HEADQUARTERS
LOMBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

LOMB/CLO/13

18 April 1946.

SUBJECT: SIAI MARCHETTI, Sesto Calende

TO : Chief Liaison Officer, LOMBARDIA Liaison Group

1. SIAI MARCHETTI plants usually manufactured bombardment planes and at the end of the war it employed about 10,000 workers.
2. Naturally, after the war, the production was diverted to peace-time articles and deliveries of the following items have already been started:
 1. Bicycles and motorcycles
 2. Furniture
 3. Motor fishing boats
 4. trailers
 5. bodies of buses
3. The air production now consists in the repair and transformation of military plants into civilian and only one SM 95 has been manufactured, pending authorization from the Allied Command to manufacture other six.
4. At the present moment only 1,800 workers are employed.
5. The firm is in a difficult financial situation owing to lack of cash. This handicaps the dismissal of excessive personnel and the purchase of raw material. Negotiations are being carried out since some time with the Italian Government in order to obtain a financial support of 250 million. Admiral Jachino, President of the Firm, has gone to Rome together with the Prefect of Varese for this purpose, but up to now, no result has been reached. Should this support be denied, SIAI-Marchetti will be compelled to close down by the end of this month and this certainly would create a social and political repercussion in the area concerned.

6. Attached hereto is a memorandum concerning the production possibilities of SIAI-Marchetti plants given by Ing. Vallerani, General Manager of the Firm. He wishes me to thank you also on behalf of the workers for the interest taken in their problems.

Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

LOWB/CLO/13

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TO : Chief Liaison Officer, LOWARDIA Liaison Group

1. SIAI MARCHETTI plants usually manufactured bombardment planes and at the end of the war it employed about 10,000 workers.
2. Naturally, after the war, the production was diverted to peace-time articles and deliveries of the following items have already been started:
 1. Bicycles and motorcycles
 2. Furniture
 3. Motor fishing boats
 4. trailers
 5. bodies of buses
3. The air production now consists in the repair and transformation of military plants into civilian and only one SM 95 has been manufactured, pending authorization from the Allied Command to manufacture other six.
4. At the present moment only 1,800 workers are employed.
5. The firm is in a difficult financial situation owing to lack of cash. This handicaps the dismissal of excessive personnel and the purchase of raw material. Negotiations are being carried out since some time with the Italian Government in order to obtain a financial support of 250 million. Admiral Jachino, President of the Firm, has gone to Rome together with the Prefect of Varese for this purpose, but up to now, no result has been reached. Should this support be denied, SIAI-Marchetti will be compelled to close down by the end of this month and this certainly would create a social and political repercussion in the area concerned.
6. Attached hereto is a memorandum concerning the production and possibilities of SIAI-Marchetti plants given by Ing. Vallerani, General Manager of the Firm. He wishes me to thank you also on behalf of the workers for the interest taken in their problems.

W. Jachino
Secretarial Officer

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TRANSLATION

MAR 15 1946

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE

703337

11 March, 1946.

To: Allied Commission
R O M E

Subject: National Methane Company - Return of methane gas-bottles.

- 1) The National Methane Company, (Ente Nazionale Metano), which is constituted with State capital, had over 100,000 methane gas-bottles in its possession.
- 2) Following war events this Company has not yet been able to recuperate any of these gas-bottles, which are necessary for the distribution of methane gas in all National territory.
- 3) It has been brought to our notice that in the Allied Camp in Sinigo, (Bolzano), there are about 200 methane gas-bottles. We beg the Allied Commission to have the competent offices return these bottles which are the property of the Italian State.
- 4) An early reply would be appreciated.

The Minister

(s) Gronchi.

EC Dist. No 3/46

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

20 December 1945

Tel. 478905

Ref. AO/5300/S & S M.

DEC 20 1945

SUBJECT: Request for building materials.

TO : The BISHOP OF ANDRIA,
Province of Bari,
Italy.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 22 November 1945, asking for building materials for the construction of an institution for children.

2. In view of the fact that the Italian Government is the only authorized recipient of all Allied surplus materials, together with the fact that it is a Government responsibility to allocate all such materials as cement, glass, and timber, it is suggested that your application be referred, through the Provincial Office of Industry and Commerce, Bari, to the competent authorities of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Via Flavia, Rome.

CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, AC
Chief Supply Group

Copy to: Chief Commissioner AC.
Executive Commissioner AC. ✓

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Translation

The Bishop of Andria

Andria, 22 November 1945

To Admiral Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
Rome

Excellency,

the undersigned, Bishop of Andria, Province of Bari, knowing you are interested in all institutions that have the relief and education of abandoned children for a purpose, brings to your attention the fact that the Reverend Fathers Salesians of this town intend to make a new building, 30 meters long and 9 meters wide, in their institution. Such a building is required for the children.

qts 450 of cement (pressure 450), qts 25 of iron (section 18), qts 10 (section 14) and qts 5 (section 6) are required for the framework of the said building. Timber is also required for the doors, windows, school and dining room benches. The undersigned is concerned about the fate of so many poor children, and hopes this work may be carried out quickly. He begs you to support this charitable activity by obtaining all or part of the above mentioned material free from the American Army Forces.

Trusting this request won't be rejected, he expresses his gratitude as well as that of the Salesian fathers and the children, and remains,

Sincerely yours,

s. Giuseppe Di Donna
Bishop of Andria

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Info: C.C.

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22. November 1945

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I should like to refer to your letter of 19 October 1945, bringing to my attention the desirability of an immediate allocation of sugar to the jam manufacturers of Southern Italy, in order to avoid unemployment and spoilage of fruit pulp.

In accordance with your suggestion, it has proven practicable to divert a portion of the sugar required for maintenance of the agreed ration, in anticipation of deliveries of sugar requisitioned for the manufacture of preserves. This has permitted an allocation to the jam manufacturers in Southern Italy, equal to 19 1/3% of the quantity stated in the Transitional Program for the October-December period.

Because of the difficulty of maintaining imports of sugar commensurate with the ration scale, I presume that you will want to take special action to insure that the quantity thus allocated to the jam manufacturers is repaid to the civilian ration program, upon arrival of the planned imports.

Very truly yours,

M. S. LUSH

ELBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

Distribution:

Chief Commissioner (2)
Executive Commissioner (2)
Economic Section (2)
Food & Agriculture S/O

APPROVED

James M. Merritt
Director
Food & Agriculture S/O
15 Nov 45

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

Rome, 19 October 1945

Dear Admiral,

The jam manufacturers of Southern Italy asked for my intervention to be allocated the necessary amount of sugar for the working of the large amount of fruit pulp they have in stock; However, as you well know, the national production of sugar is so scarce that it has been entirely destined by the Allied Commission to the rations of the civilian population, as integration of the amount of imported sugar put at our disposal by the Allied Commission.

The fruit pulp will soon deteriorate and be lost for good, if it isn't prepared before long, and we shall thus lose a valuable asset for our alimentary balance; besides, the preserve industry of the South, which in normal times produces more than half the Italian production, and employs 60% of the workers of such industry in all Italy, giving work to about 10 thousand people, will have to reduce its activity considerably, and perhaps even bring it to a standstill. The position thus created will have particularly serious aspects in the Salerno province, where about a quarter of the workers work in this industry,

For this reason, I shall be most grateful if you kindly intervene to solve the difficult situation in which the preserve industry of the South happens to be; it would be advisable to order that one fourth of the sugar supply for the manufacture of preserves, foreseen in the transitional plan for the October-December period, to be delivered in advanced, provided this wasn't to the detriment of the normal supply of sugar destined to alimentation.

Trusting in your kind intervention, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

G. Ferruccio Parri

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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Tel 237

31 August 1945

Ref. Ac/5684/IND

SEP - 4 1945

SUBJECT: Matches.
TO: Economic Section.
FROM: Industry Sub-Commission.

1. As no Weekly Sitrep is now forwarded the following is submitted for your information.

2. The satisfactory production of matches throughout Italy and the availabilities of this item moved from the North to Central and South Italy are such to permit the abolition of rationing in this part of the country with effect from 1st September 1945.

3. According to a decision taken by the Consorzio Industrie Fiammiferi (Match Monopoly), the sale of matches will be free in all of Italy w.e.f. 1st September 45.

Copy to:
Commerce Sub-Commission
File 5648

(sgd) CHARLES FENINGS
Major RASC
FOR A.H. GLENDINNING
Colonel,
Acting Director
Industry Sub-Commission

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(CAPT ARNOLDY)

Tel. 406

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION
PRODUCTION DIVISION

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Ref. EB/15.12

10 August 1945

11 AUG 1945

SUBJECT: Closing of the Coal Distillation Plant at
S. Antiocho

TO : Dir. Gen. of Industry and Mines, Div. VII
Ministry of Industry and Commerce
Italian Government
Rome

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum N. 2223 dated 31 July 1945 setting forth the reasons for not closing the above mentioned Distillation Plant. Your statement that the Plant was allowed to resume its activity by the Allied Authorities is not understood as you have been continuously pressed by the Allied Commission to cease its uneconomical operation.

2. The proper method to prevent spontaneous combustion in the 30,000 tons of coal lying at S. Antiocho Harbor would be to turn it over and not to consume it wastefully in the Distillation Plant.

3. It is to be hoped that your efforts to have the Plant closed down will succeed.

D. L. Anderson
D. L. ANDERSON
Brigadier
Deputy Vice-President

Copy to:
Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner ✓

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(MISS D.L.)

Tel. 486

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION
PRODUCTION DIVISION

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Ref. ES/3.00

10 August 1945

11 AUG 1945
SUBJECT: Report of A.C. Liaison Officer (Bari),
June 1945.

TO : Chief Staff Officer to Executive Commissioner

1. Reference your 5002/67/EC dated 1 August 45.
2. The extract from the June report from the Prefect of Brindisi was sent to Industry Sub-Commission on 13 July 1945 by the Liaison Officer, Bari.
3. Enclosed herewith please find copy of Industry S/C's reply (AC/5686/Ind. dated 19 July 45) and also copy of AC/5686/Ind dated 19 July 45 passing the information to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for their action.
4. Industry S/C reports that no action could be taken by them as no imported coal was available for use in Southern Italy, all new supplies being sent to relieve the labour situation in the North.

D. A. Clark
D. A. CLARK
Major, R.E.

Enclosures:

AC/5686/Ind, 19/7/45-to Liaison Off.
AC/5686/Ind, 19/7/45-to Italian Govt.Copy to:
Industry S/C

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Miss D.L.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

Tel. 489081, Ext. 328

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Ref. AC/8686/IND

19 July 1945

SUBJECT: Unemployment - Brindisi.

TO: Allied Commission Liaison Office, c/o Hq., 54 Area,
C.N.F.

1. Reference your personal letter addressed to Mr. Vaughan about the unemployment in Brindisi. It is regretted that nothing can be done by this Headquarters to reactivate the military factories in the Brindisi area, but the letter from the Prefect of Brindisi to you has been passed to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for whatever action they may consider necessary.

By Command of REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

/s/ A. H. GLENDINNING, Lt. Col.

A. H. GLENDINNING
Lt. Colonel
Acting Director
Industry Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel. 489081, Ext. 328

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Ref. AC/5686/IND

19 July 1946

SUBJECT: Unemployment - Brindisi.

TO: Ministry of Industry & Commerce, Italian Government, Rome.

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1. Attached copy of a letter from the Prefettura of Brindisi is passed to you for information and whatever action you may consider necessary.

/s/ A. H. GLENDINNING, Lt. Col.

A. H. GLENDINNING
Lt. Colonel
Acting Director
Industry Sub-Commission

Incl.
cc Let fm Pref.Brindisi

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EXTRACT FROM THE JUNE REPORT OF
the Prefettura di Brindisi

" In Brindisi there are already 600 unemployed labourers and 3000 are in the Province.

During the war there were about 8000 labourers and 2100 technicians employed by the Allies; within short these people will be dismissed and there does not seem to be any other chance for them to get a job.

In addition to this, all Italian factories: S.A.C.A., la Rinascenza and the R. Navy Workshop which used to work either for the Italian armed forces or for the Allies, owing to the end of the war will have to close and to dismiss some 2000 people.

I have already suggested to the Italian Authorities that all these factories which are perfectly supplied with machineries and employ excellent workers, be now used for reconstruction works as it should not be difficult to transform them to this purpose.

Railway trucks, airplanes, agricultural machines could be easily and well repaired or constructed at these factories and the problem of unemployment would be almost completely solved in this Province. I shall be glad if you too will support my idea, as you promised me by saying you would urge that an expert be sent to make an inspection visit to this town.

Finally the situation will grow worse when all prisoners and disbanded come back, as 2000 will return to the town of Brindisi and 6000 to the various centers of the province. "

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Translation

Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour
Dir. Gen of Industry and Mines
Div. VII
n. 2223

Rome, 24 - 45
To Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

R o m e

Subject : Activity of the distilling plant in S. Antioce

AUG 2 1945

- 1) The Industry Sub-Commission and Coal Division of this Commission pointed out to this Ministry in their letter of the 14th and 16th respectively, that it was necessary to close the S. Antioce Plant for distillation at a low temperature, managed by the 'Societa' Carbonifera Sarda.
- 2) This Ministry, in its notes of the 13th and 30th of June, sent to the 'Azienda Carboni Italiani', based on technical and economic considerations, already gave orders for the activity of the said plant to be stopped; it had been allowed to resume its activity by the Allied Authorities ever since last July.
- 3) Though it means to comply with these orders, the 'Azienda Carboni Italiani' pointed out to this Ministry that the order to close the S. Antioce distilling plant might, at the present moment, create a violent reaction in Sardinian milieu; this reaction might spread to all the mining district. This also in consideration of the fact that, because of the lack of shipping, about 30.000 tons of Sulcis coal are lying in the S. Antioce harbour; such coal easily catches fire; to stop the activity of the plant would certainly bring about a greater accumulation of coal on the wharves of the harbour.
- 4) This Ministry agrees with the A. Ca. I. that it would be advisable to postpone the closing of the plant, till an improvement in the shipping situation enables to clear the S. Antioce harbour from the greatest part of the coal stock which is lying there.

Hoping that this Commission will kindly send its agreement without delay,
I remain,

Truly yours,

THE MINISTER

S. Gronchi

Spoke Econ Section who
came following B/u 8/8.
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Spoke Econ Section who
trans. e/o will submit

letter or interim reply
to-day, 10/8 RLL
B/u 13/8.

EC LIST - 1 Aug 45

ACTION: ECON SEC (12)
INFO: CHIEF COMMR
EXEC COMMR

(CART ARNOLDY)

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Tel : 284

1 August 1945

Ref/5002/67/20.

SUBJECT : Report of the A.C. Liaison Officer
(Bari) for June 1945.

TO : Economic Section.

The Executive Commissioner is anxious to know what action has been taken on para 10 (g) of the above mentioned report which reads as follows :

" (g) The Prefect of BRINDISI states he has already suggested to the Italian authorities that the factories in his Province (I.A.G.A., La Rinascente and the Royal Naval Workshops) which have been fully employed on war materials could now be easily reconstructed to produce commercial requirements. Railway trucks, agriculture machines, aeroplanes etc, could be built and repaired, and he is anxious for this to commence in order to relieve the problem of unemployment. Would it be possible to send an expert to BRINDISI to advise on this subject. "

Spoke Econ Section.
Draft awaiting approval
of Brig Anderson (Chairman)
B/u 10/8 ML 7/8

For Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to : 827/20.

Spoke Econ Section
Reply will be sent up
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11 July 1945

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Memorandum:

To : Chief Commissioner

Economic Section advises that the latest requisitions, forwarded by air 10 July, included cotton in sufficient quantity to supply the textile industry in Italy to full capacity. Other primary materials were also augmented, but have not been increased to the same extent for the reason that they have all been correlated to the availability of coal, and cotton textile manufacture requires relatively little coal as compared to the reemployment of labor.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Acting Executive Commissioner

(CAPT. ARNOLDY)

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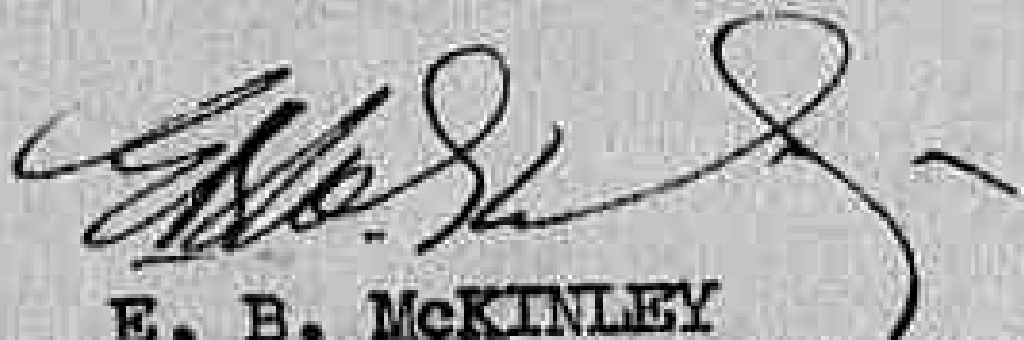
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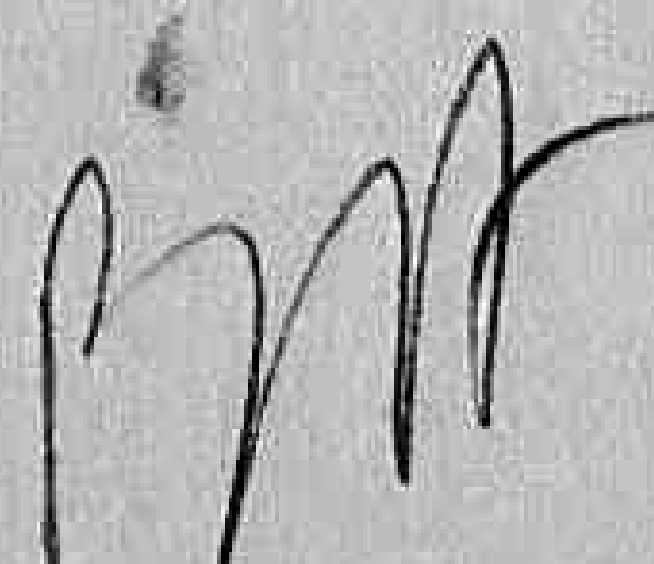
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SUBJECT: Shipping Freight Rates for Pyrites

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner

1. Reference your letter 5002/50/EC, 18 June 1945.
2. The matter of freight rates on shipments of pyrites was referred to the Italian Government and an agreement was reached whereby the rates would be drastically reduced and the Italian Government was requested to give Montecatini a governmental grant to meet any difference which may exist between the agreed freight rate and the final established rate.
3. This information was conveyed to Montecatini by Mr. Antolini in his letter of 19 April 1945, ref. ES-601.
4. As far as we know, the final rate has not been definitely established. However, this has not prevented any movement of pyrites from the Port of Portiglione.


E. B. MCKINLEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Acting Vice President



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Ref: 5002/59/NO

7 July 1945

SUBJECT: Pyrites

TO : Economic Section for Industry Subcommission

1. Reference is made to our memoranda 5002/49/NO, 13 June, and 5002/50/NO, 18 June, regarding paragraph 8 on "Pyrites" on your Monthly Report for April.

2. It would be appreciated if a reply could be had regarding this matter as soon as possible.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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20 June 1945

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General McKinley,
VP East Section

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The Chief Commissioner invites your attention to the attached memorandum from Maj.-Gen. Wisberg, British Economic Mission, detailing those items which the British Government wishes to obtain directly or by manufacture in Northern Italy.

L. W. Stearns

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
Staff Officer to CC

cc: American Ambassador
Executive Commr.

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15 June 1945

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Attached Schedule of Stores

TO : Chief Commissioner
Headquarters Allied Commission

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1. The stores on the attached list are those required for operations in Southeast Asia Command and which are not available from sources at present open to us. It is, therefore, proposed to recommend in London subject to the findings of the Mission during its stay in Italy that they be placed in this country.
2. Seeing that they are required for operations in S.E.A.C., delivery will be required to be completed by June 1946 and unless this proviso can be met, ordering can not be contemplated.

/s/ F. G. WILSON
Major-General, C.B., C.B.E.

Enclosure

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**Schedule of Stores for Investigation of
Manufacturing Capacity in Italy**

I. TEXTILE

Cotton (Woven)

- a. Piece Bleached, Dyed or Printed
Cambrics, Calicoes and Lawns
Sheetings
Drills & Twills
Gabardines, Poplins & Oxfords
- b. Coloured Woven
Flannellettes
Poplins & Gabardines
Twill Checks
- c. Other Classes
Lightweight Canvases & Ducks
Lanes
Towels (Terry, Hucksback)

Cotton (Lace)

Nettings

Rayon and Rayon-Cotton Mixtures
Lining Cloths

Flax

Serim
Lightweight Canvas

Wool

Serge S.D. No. 4
Serge S.D. No. 10
Cloth D.M. No. 9 W.P.
Shirting Twill D.M.

Wool/Cotton Mixtures

Shirting Angola Drab No. 4

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II. R.E. Stores

Electrical

Fans electric ceiling
36" or 48" or 56" sweep, 110 volts D.C. or
230 volts A.C., 50 cycles, single phase, or
230 volts D.C. A. C. Fans complete with
choke type regulators

Fans electric table
12", 16" or 18" sweep voltages, etc. as for
ceiling fans

Domestic Refrigerators
10, 15 or 20 cu. ft. capacity. 230 volts A.C.
50 cycles, single phase and 230 volts D.C.

Overhead Line Insulators
Shackle, bobbin, stay, reel, service or
suspension type. Either porcelain or glass.

House wiring fittings
Flat porcelain cleats, 2 way or 3 way and
plastic Lamp Shades (White)

General

Channel Track
Panels, Clips and Tools

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III-INSTRUMENTS

Optical

Microscopes, 1/12, 2/3, 1/6 O.O.'s
Mechanical Stage

Microscopes Binocular 2/3 and 1/6 O.O.'s

Zeiss Multiplex Stereoscopic Projector & Equipt.
(one only, special requirement)

Cine & Still Camera Equipt

16 mm Sound Film Projectors
35 mm Portable Sound Film Projectors
Miniature Cameras of Leica type
(All above subject approval of sample)

35/16 mm Picture reduction printer
35/16 mm Sound reduction printer
35/16 mm Sound re-recorders
Cine film developing equipt

General

Fine Balances

Drawing Instruments

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V. GENERAL STORES

Cutlery
Cook's Equipment & Scissors
Thermos Flasks
Nuts, bolts, Screws, Washers & Nails
Portable Heating Stoves (Valor Type)
Enamel & Galvanised Holloware
Paint
Containers (for Paint)
5 Gallon & 40 gallon drums
Band & Edge Tools
Cordage & Fish Netting
Surgical Instruments
Nails, Frost, Chisel Head
Cogs, screw, frost
Padlocks
Asbestos sheeting & packing
Brushes, Shoe Polishing
Brushes, Hand, Scrubbing
Brooms, Sweeping
Brushes, Tooth
Brushes, Hair
Brushes, Shaving
Three piece Clasp Knives
Razor Blades & Holders
Hitting

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Ref: 5002/50/20

18 June 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO : Economic Section for Industry Subcommittee

Reference our memorandum 5002/49/20, 13 June, regarding para 8 on "Pyrites" in your Monthly Report for April.

It would be appreciated if we could have a reply to our first memorandum.

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✓ A. B. ARNOLDY
Chief Staff Officer, CAPT
To Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: ~~5003/143/EC~~

13 June 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Director, Industry Subcommittee

1. In paragraph 8, "PYRITES," of your Monthly Report for April, it was stated that no sea shipments were effected in April owing to the exorbitant freight charges that COGENA had asked for bulk shipments to the Islands, and that as the result of strong representations to COGENA by your subcommittee, it was agreed that the freight rate would be drastically reduced.

2. In the last sentence of the above-mentioned paragraph you state: "However, the actual implementation of the agreement by the Italian Government does not appear to have been made." I have been requested by the Executive Commissioner to report whether this implementation of the agreement has now been accomplished. It will be appreciated if you will inform this office accordingly.

/s/ A. B. ARNOLDY
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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from
Economic Section and Industry Sub-Commission
MONTHLY REPORT
No. 10
April 1945.

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" 8. PYRITES

Here, also, no sea shipments were effected in April owing to the exorbitant freight charges that Cogena had asked of 1,924 lire per ton for bulk shipment to the Islands. This freight plus the cost of the pyrites at the mine and handling charges would have created a delivered cost on pyrites of over 4,000 lire, which far surpassed what the superphosphate producers could afford under the present government fixed price of 5,250 lire per ton of superphosphate.

As the result of strong representation by this Sub-Commission, it is agreed in principle by all authorities concerned that this freight rate shall be reduced drastically to what the traffic can bear, which is in the neighbourhood of 400 lire per ton. However, the actual implementation of the agreement by the Italian Government does not appear to have been made. "

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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM
ECONOMIC SECTION

12-03/BS

17 May 1945

SUBJECT: A.M.O. Liaison Group.

TO : Brig. Gen. E. B. McKinley, A/VP, Econ Sec.
Brigadier D. L. Anderson, D/VP, Econ Sec.

MAY 19 RECD

1. Major Grady (G-5, AFHQ) telephoned at 1915 hours 17 May 45 saying:

a. AFHQ is setting up (A.M.O.L.G.) Analysis, Methods and Organization Liaison Group in Rome.

b. A Major Futch (A) has been designated A.M.O. Liaison Officer by AFHQ with Aicom. The A.M.O. group will have an office in Rome (location not known).

c. Major Futch is expected to arrive in Rome 18 or 19 May. He will contact Colonel Densmore for orientation.

d. Functions of Major Futch will be to make sure that industrial facilities which will be taken over by Allied military will not conflict with Aicom civil program.

2. Upon arrival of Major Futch arrangements will be made for him to confer with both the Supply and Production Division, Economic Section.

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, F. A.
Executive Director

cc: Executive Commissioner ✓

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CAPT ARNOLDY

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Translation

Camera dei Deputati
371/ M2

Rome, 7 May 1945

MAY 10 REC'D

I received your kind note of the 2nd of May, concerning the removal of the marble blocks requested by the House of Commons, and I want to thank you for so kindly granting my request.

Yours truly,

G. V. E. Orlando

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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2 May 1945
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RECD
Your Excellency

In reply to your note of 30 March 1945, I am glad to inform you that Rome Area Allied Command has given its approval for the removal of the marble blocks which are at the Farnesina.

Yours very truly,

(sgd) ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency V.E. ORLANDO
The President of the Chamber of Deputies
Italian Government
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 3072/3/PH

26 April 45

SUBJECT : Soap Ration

APR 27 REC'D

TO : ~~Economic~~ Section

- 1 Since last autumn Regions have frequently called attention to the serious situation regarding soap. As a result of the spread of scabies the Military authorities in No 1 District have now asked for immediate action.
- 2 Public Health Sub-Commission have pressed for an increase in the ration which at 150 grms per month is inadequate. But the real problem is not so much an increase as getting the present ration made and distributed.
- 3 It is understood that the delay is due to some economic arrangement in the Italian Government over caustic soda. The result of the delay is that over large areas, at least, 100 grms only (less than a tablet of LUX) have been available in 10 months.
- 4 Would you kindly give your assistance in this matter.

A.D. Bonham-Carter
A.D. BONHAM-CARTER Lt Col
for VP CA Section

Copy to : Executive Commissioner ✓

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(Mrs MARGEN)
(Mrs KERRY)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel. 328

Ref. AC/5502/IND

17 April 1945

APR 19 REC'D

SUBJECT : Personnel and Divisions of
Industry Sub-Commission

TO : All Regional Commissioners
All Sub-Commissions
Economic Section

Reference AC/5502/IND dated 10 April 1945 please
amend as follows:

<u>DIVISION OFFICER</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>TEL.</u>	<u>EXT.</u>
<u>COAL</u> Col. P.R. EVANS (attached from AFHQ)	74-8A	(478489&	
Lt. Col. C.W. OXLEY T D	74-8A	(489081-	303
Maj. ROY HARRIS G C (attached from AFHQ)	70-8A	489081-	327
Capt. F.W. JONES (attached from AFHQ)	73-8A	489081-	327

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

W. J. Maskrey
W. J. MASKREY
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director
Industry Sub-Commission

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CC 4045

16 April 1945

APR 17 REC'D

Economic Section:

Reference is made to previous correspondence with respect to the reactivation of the Italian synthetic rubber industry.

The attached telegram of 11 April, which presents the current status of Italian tiremaking requirements, was received by the American Ambassador from Colonel G. A. Green in London.

/s/ J. A. Quayle

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

cc: Executive Commissioner
Chief Commissioner Files

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM

COL. G. A. GREEN.

dated April 11, 1945.

Current status of Italian tiremaking requirements is as follows:

1) LAC airmail 114 dated April 4 th formally requests items covered by cables addressed to you with exception of motor for 4 1/2 inch extruder, 8 inch extruder and certain chemicals, moulds, curing bags and/or drawings for same.

2) Total requirements reference drawings and machinery for Tivoli per your cable 83 dated March 28th not received by War Office. However it is unlikely that any of these items are available in Spain. Even if they were it is unlikely that Spaniards could be induced to part with them.

3) In discussing Italian tire situation with Ministry of Supply, it developed that major part of information on synthetic rubber usage is of American origin and is conveyed to rubber industry here only under certain conditions specified by American Rubber Reserve Company and when passing this information to other third parties, e.g. France, Holland, etc., it is necessary to have rubber reserve agreement. This is equally necessary with Italy.

4) In view of paragraph 3 above, Ministry of Supply cable BRMM Washington for necessary clearance per their cable TAMAR 2007 dated April 5th. We also cabled SECSTATE urging that request be promptly granted per Winant's cable 3543 dated April 7th. Ministry of Supply have now been advised per BRMM Washington's cable RAMAT 2079 dated April 9th that textile bureau have refused to allocate tire cord for Pirelli Rome factory and that in accordance with policy of not shipping rubber until other component materials are available, Combined Rubber Committee has withdrawn approval for shipment of rubber.

5) Until decision per paragraph 4 above is modified, nothing can be done to advance Italian tire production program. See our cable SUMOC 228 dated April 11th addressed to Batt, Vice Chairman War Production Board Washington urging that decision be reconsidered. This cable has been repeated to you.

6) Reference cable from AFHQ to War Office F51871 dated March 29th requesting Barker's services. At a meeting with Ministries of Supply and Production yesterday it was agreed that Barker would leave for Italy this week, but due to action taken by Combined Rubber Committee his visit must be temporarily cancelled.

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INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref. 10/5502/IND

10 April 1945

APR 10 1945

SUBJECT : Personnel and Divisions of
Industry Sub-Commission

TO : All Regional Commissioners
All Sub-Commissions
Economic Section

1. In order to assist in speedy contact with the appropriate officer or civilian official, a list of Divisional Chiefs of Industry Sub-Commission is attached.
2. The list indicates the industries controlled by each officer or official, or his administrative functions, and his telephone extension.

By command of the Rear Admiral STONE:

1 Incl.:
List of Divisional Chiefs
of Industry Sub-Commission

W.S. VAUGHAN
Director
Industry Sub-Commission

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SUBJECT : Personnel and Divisions of
Industry Sub-Commission

TO : All Regional Commissioners
All Sub-Commissions
Economic Section

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By command of the Rear Admiral STONE:

1 Incl.:
List of Divisional Chiefs
of Industry Sub-Commission

[Signature]
Director
Industry Sub-Commission

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(Max Kinner)

ROOM - TEL. EXT.

Director : Mr. W.S. VAUSEY

Deputy Director: Lt. Col. H.J. HARRIS

Executive and Administrative Officer : Maj. W.R. KEMP
 Sulphur
 Matches
 Tobacco
 Salt
 P.O.L. Requirements
 Candles

Coordination Officer AFPS : Capt. P.J. LACOMBE
 Coordination Officer for AFPS matters
 De-requisitioning.

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DIVISION OFFICER

Maj. J. ROSENBERG
 Emilio Zera

Pharmaceutical products 39-5A 323

 Paints, Coatings, Pigments
 Fine organic chemicals

 Dyes and Inter-mediate
 Alcohol and Solvents
 Carbon Bisulphide

Mr. V. DOMONICH
 C. Fiscicelli
 Emilio Florio

Synthetic textile fibres 51-5A 543

 Fertilizers Superphosphates
 Fungicides e.g. copper
 Sulphate

Explosives

Resins and Plastics

Electrothermic industries

Industrial gases

Refrigerants

Coal tar & bituminous products

Carbon electrodes

Carbide

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Dr. L.S. CRATON
 W. Van Zelen

53-5A 478090

Caustic soda

Sodium carbonate (soda ash) & sodium bicarbonate

Caustic potash and potassium derivatives

CHEMICAL

Salt
F.C.L. Requirements
Cardies

Coordination : Capt. W.P.L. LACOMME
Officer AFPS : Coordination Officer
for AFPS matters
De-requisitioning.

55-54 237

DIVISION OFFICER

Lt. J. ROSEMEYER
Emilio Zera
Pharmaceutical products 38-54 323
Paints, Coatings, Pigments
Fine organic chemicals

Dyes and Intermediates
Alcohol and Solvents
Carbon Disulphide

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Carbon electrodes
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Dr. R.S. ORTOWSKI
W. Van Halen
Caustic soda 58-54 478090
Sodium carbonate (soda
ash) & sodium bicarbonate
Caustic potash and
potassium derivatives
Chlorine
Aluminium
Magnesium
Soda and sulphur oil
Paper

Capt. D.S. ROSEMEYER
Lt. F.M. SPENCE
Mining 48-54 559
Mining in all branches

CHEMICAL

DIVISION	OFFICER		ROOM - TEL. EXT.
TEXTILE	<u>Lt. Col. E. L. B. MILLER</u>	Cotton	41-54 478313
	<u>E. A. Bellorio</u>	Wool	
	<u>S. C. Corbelli</u>	Wool	
COAL	<u>Lt. Col. C. W. O'LEARY</u>	Coal distribution	71-84 478433
	<u>A. James</u>	Coal distribution	
		Lignite distribution	
IRON	<u>Lt. Col. J. J. SCHLES</u>	Iron	54-54 482
	<u>E. De Bellegarde</u>	Iron	
		Iron	
STEEL	<u>Lt. Col. A. MONTAGNINI</u>	Iron & Steel production	68-54 391
	<u>E. Dalbagni</u>	Cement	
	<u>T. Ruspantini</u>	Cement	
INDUSTRIES	<u>S. B'lyale Valva</u>	Chemical plants	54-54 447
		Chemical plants	
		Chemical plants	
FOOD	<u>Col. E. B. BOTTINO</u>	Bricks and Tiles	38-54 323
		Glass, Ceramics and	
		Refractories	
TANNING		Leather processing plants	58-54 599
		Leather processing plants	
		Leather processing plants	
TYRES	<u>Col. E. B. BOTTINO</u>	Leather processing plants	835
	<u>G. B'lyale</u>	Leather processing plants	
	<u>G. Salvadori</u>	Leather processing plants	

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

6 April 1945

APR 10 1945

My dear Dr. Infante:

I am sorry to have to tell you that at present the supply of solvay soda is insufficient to provide for any except certain already designated essential needs.

It is possible that within a few weeks there may be some additional supplies available. It is suggested that you may make application after the 20th of May through the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor.

I regret that there is nothing further that I can do for you at this time.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Ing. Mario Infante
Generale D. A. Ruolo D'onore
Roma - Via Reggio Calabria 3.

Note in ink by Chief Comm'r:

Mario - present stocks are all being used for glass manufacture.

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TranslationCamera dei Deputati
The President

Rome, March 1945

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Excellency,

resuming a tradition interrupted by fascism, the Office of the Presidency of the Camera dei Deputati has decided to place in the Montecitorio Palace the busts of the on. Giolitti, Salandra, Luzzatti and Turati, who died during the fascist regime, next to the busts of the greatest members of Parliament in the past. Besides, it has also decided to have made and to place in Montecitorio the busts of three deputies who died victims of fascist persecution: the Hon. Matteotti, Amendola, and Gramsci, to honour their memory.

However, in the present circumstances, considering the scarcity of the indispensable raw material, i.e. the marble, the Office of the Presidency can only supply it with the rapidity required for a prompt execution of the works by being able to make use of some of the blocks of white marble which are to be found in the ex-C.I.L., at the Parnesina.

The Commissioner of this Institution, prof. Candeloro, is ready to let the Camera have the necessary quantity of marble, but the Command of the American Rest Camp of the area must be authorized.

I ask your Excellency whether it would be possible to grant the wish of the Presidency, and if so, to take the necessary action.

Truly yours,

S. V. E. Orlando

Admiral Hilary W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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EC DISTRIBUTION 28 MAR 45

ACTION: CA Sec (2)

INFO: CHIEF COMMR

EXEC COMMR

MFA s/c have
written to RACE on 4 Apr 45
for appo for release
of marble. JH 12/4

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29 March 1945

MAR 29 1945

Dear Mr. Livengood:

In connection with a series of signals from Colonel Green which the Ambassador has kindly been forwarding to Admiral Stone, I am directed to forward to you for your information this copy of a memorandum addressed to the Chief Commissioner by the Tire Division of the Industry Sub-Commission.

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Yours very truly,

J. A. Quayle

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

Encl.

Mr. C. A. Livengood
The American Embassy
119 Via Vittorio Veneto
Rome

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Encl: Ltr, Tire Div Industry S/C
AG/5603/IND, 26 Mar 45

cc: Economic Section
Industry Sub-Commission
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Ref. AG/5603/IND.

26 March 1945

SUBJECT : Rubber Industry (Pirelli).

MAR 30 1945

TO : Chief Commissioner HQ, AG.
(Attn.: Maj. Quayle).

FROM : Industry Sub-Commission.

1. Ref. memo 24 March 45, same subject.

2. All efforts of the Allied Commission have been toward rapid reconstruction of the rubber industry. The status of the Pirelli Tire Co. at Tivoli is as follows :

a) Reconstruction begun in November 44, at which time raw material was requisitioned.

b) Arrangements were made with REME for the release of certain items of machinery (including 2 extruders) requisitioned and removed from the Tire Factory. Tire production from material stocks on hand could have begun 15 January 45, had REME fulfilled their agreement. It was then necessary to have drawings made of the extruder heads to facilitate local construction or supply in kind from England or America. With the latter Col. Green has offered assistance and has located the necessary machines in England.

c) Having in mind his experience in France with a similar situation, Col. Green advised a test production using American Synthetic Rubber. This was agreed to and a requisition (AG-ORD-146-4-5, 10 March 1945) was submitted for the material and the machinery. AFHQ, G-5 Section, advises that the requisition has been forwarded to England. Col. Green also suggested securing the services of a technician from the Pirelli Co. in England to supervise the test production. This was also agreed to by AG and Pirelli (Italy and England). It is the opinion of this Sub-Commission that the services of this technician (Barker) are required only for the period of compounding raw materials therefore he should not arrive until a few days after the machinery and raw material.

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However the Sub-Commission will consent to the wishes of Col. Green by requesting Barker's services immediately. The Pirelli (Italy) Staff know Barker and are confident that his services are required only for advice in compounding with American Synthetic Rubber.

d) Raw material for full production has not arrived although it was due the 1st of March.

e) The Pirelli (Italy) Factory capacity will be 200 tires and tubes of limited sizes per day. Construction is under way to increase this to 600 per day. The latter program will require the securing of machinery from the main Pirelli Factory at Milano upon its liberation.

f) Complete reconstruction of the Pirelli Factory in Tivoli will be finished in May, 1945.

W. S. VAUGHAN
Director,
Industry Sub-Commission.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
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28 March 1945

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MAR 28 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: Economic Section, Hq Allied Commission
(~~Attaches to Hq Allied Commission~~)

Following is paraphrase of telegram received at American Embassy
from Colonel G. A. Green in London:

"Dated 23 March 1945.

"1. With certain exceptions Pirelli here possesses drawings
for all tire sizes listed in paragraphs 9 and 10 of LAC airgram 93.
Exceptions are as follows:

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140 x 40 12.75-20

15 x 45

165 x 400

"2. It is stated by Pirelli that when they know AC's exact
requirements for moulds and curing bags it may be possible for them
to provide certain sizes from their stock and they will make enquiries
from their usual suppliers for remaining sizes. "

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J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CO

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cc: Executive Commissioner
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My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to thank you for your letter of 23 March enclosing a telegram from Colonel Green in connection with the activation of Italian rubber plants.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CO

The Honorable Alexander Kirk
American Ambassador
119 Via Vittorio Veneto
Rome

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24 March 1945

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TO: Economic Section, Hq A.C.
(Attention: Mr. H. Cleveland)

1. I forward herewith copy of a telegram received at the American Embassy from Colonel Green.

2. I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to request that you forward to this office by Monday the 26th a brief statement showing how far this rubber proposal has gone and what exactly is the position which the Allied Commission has taken that is holding matters up.

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

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Rome, Italy
March 23, 1945

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Dear Ellery:

With reference to my letter of March 17, 1945, I am enclosing a copy of an additional telegram received from Colonel G. A. Green on the subject of the activation of Italian rubber plants.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Alex K.

Enclosure:
As stated.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM COL. G. A. GREEN

DATED March 20, 1945.

Have seen cable FX44544 dated March 16 from AFHQ to War Office. Position taken by AFHQ is that Barker's presence is unnecessary until equipment which has been requisitioned has arrived. Am convinced Barker's services are needed now, otherwise there will be long and unnecessary delays: Pirelli here are in a position to give valuable aid to AC and immediately Barker can state in specific terms what is needed. AC will automatically acquire backing of both Ministry of Production and War Office. This will minimize red tape if AC adhere to position outlined in their cable.

There is nothing further that I can do and matters will have to take their course.

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MAR 17 1945

CC 4045

17 March 1945

Subject: Activation of Italian Rubber Plants

To: Mr. Antolini, A/Vice President, Economic Section

Reference my two memoranda, file CC 4045, of 8 and 9 March addressed to General McKinley and enclosing telegrams from Colonel G. A. Green to the American Ambassador, I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to send you the attached additional communications on the same subject.

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

1 Incl - Ltr of 16 Mar 45
from Ambassador Kirk with
paraphrases of telegrams from
Colonel G. A. Green.

cc: Executive Commissioner
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Rome, Italy.
March 16, 1945.

Dear Ellery:

With reference to my letters of March 6 and March 8, 1945, transmitting paraphrases of telegrams from Colonel G. A. Green in connection with the activation of Italian rubber plants, I have now received two additional telegrams on the subject, paraphrases of which are herewith enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ A. Kirk.

Enclosures:
As stated.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
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*Acknowledged
17 Mar 45 by
Chief Comm.*

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM COL. G. A. GREEN

With reference to our previous telegrams:

1) In case Allied Commission are interested Pirelli four and one half inch extruder can be shipped less motor which is a 10-15 HP variable speed unit. Can a motor be obtained by AC locally? If not, please cable particulars concerning current so that we can investigate possibility of obtaining a motor either here or in U.S. No die plates will be sent with our end one half inch extruder, since is primarily for tube manufacture.

2) With minor changes Pirelli six inch die head attached to extruder now at Tivoli. It can be shipped with twelve die plates. Additional die plates can be made by Pirelli.

3) No request has been received from AC to date by War Office for services of a technician, consequently nothing further can be done from this end. However, War Office have cabled AC that they would be willing to send a technician if requested to do so.

4) The considered opinion of Ministry of Production is that Barker should visit Italy at earliest possible date and that no plant or raw materials should go forward until Barker has had an opportunity to do this. On Barker's arrival, details can be developed enabling requisitions to be written for materials and machinery.

5) There is nothing as yet to report concerning possibility of obtaining four inch and eight inch extruders from United States.

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March 13, 1945.

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM COL. G. A. GREEN.

1) There is currently no four-inch extruder production in either U. S. or U. K. and while it would not be impossible to have a four-inch extruder made, it would seem better to accept Tivoli's offer of their four and one-half inch extruder.

2) The indications are at present that U. K. would require eight months to produce an eight-inch extruder. WFB have advised that, provided high priority is justified, they can produce an eight-inch extruder in five or six months after order is placed and that earlier delivery would require from current orders.

3) It is my suggestion that AC either immediately requisition an eight-inch extruder from the U.S. complete with electric motor drive or await Barker's arrival for a full discussion of their facilities, program etc.

March 13, 1945.

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CC 4045

9 March 1945

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General McKinley:

MAR 10 1945

Further to my CC 4045 of 8 March 45, I attach an additional communication from Colonel Green received through the American Ambassador.

J. A. Quayle

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

Incl: Ltr 8 Mar 45 from Mr. Kirk,
with attached paraphrase of
telegram from Col. Green

cc: Executive Commissioner
Chief Commissioner Files

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CC 4045

9 March 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador;

In Admiral Stone's absence, I wish to thank you
for your letter of 8 March 1945 enclosing an additional
telegram from Colonel Green on the subject of reactiva-
tion of Italian rubber plants.

Yours very truly,

/s/ J. A. Quayle

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

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

cc: Executive Commissioner
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Rome, Italy.
March 8, 1945

Dear Ellery,

With reference to my letter of March 6, 1945 transmitting a paraphrase of a telegram from Col. G.A. Green in connection with the activation of Italian rubber plants, I now enclose an additional telegram which I have just received from him on the same subject.

Yours sincerely,

ALEX. KIRK.

Enclosure:
As stated.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM COL. G.A. GREEN.

Today the following points were developed as a result of second conference with Ministry of Production over which Mr. Harden presided.

- 1) For a limited period Pirelli are prepared to loan to AC, Mr. Barker, their departmental manager in charge of processing who appears to be thoroughly qualified to advise on all technical issues and who has had 16 years experience with Pirelli.
- 2) For extrusion of both synthetic and natural rubber, similar tread die plates are not suitable. For every width of tread a different design is required.
- 3) It is believed by Pirelli that a six inch die head which they have can be attached to extruder now at Tivoli plant. They are checking this against AC's drawings. If its adaptation is feasible they are prepared to ship the head with a number of tread die plates suitable for extruding synthetic rubber.
- 4) Pirelli are prepared to ship a four and a half inch extruder which they have complete less motor, with a number of tread die plates suitable for synthetic rubber.

It will be difficult to obtain certain material shown on AC's list. Other specifications may be equally satisfactory.

Most practical approach, in our opinion, is for AC to ask for Barker's services in line with paragraph two, our previous cable. Evidence indicates that War Office will agree this. There are a number of detailed points on which determinations must be reached and sooner Barker is available the better.

Barker could advise on material specifications, assist in preliminary arrangements for manufacture of sample tires, assist in manufacture or procurement of necessary die tread plates, etc.

March 6, 1945.

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8 March 1945

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General McKinley:

I am directed to pass to you for action the attached paraphrase of a telegram received from Colonel Green in London. It has been forwarded to the Admiral by the American Ambassador.

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

Incl.

cc: Executive Commissioner
Chief Commissioner Files

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CC 4045

8 March 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am directed by Admiral Stone to thank you for your letter of March 6 with its inclosure concerning the production of synthetic tires in Italy.

Yours very truly,

/s/ J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CG

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

cc: Executive Commissioner
Chief Commissioner Files

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN EMBASSY

Rome, March 6, 1945.

PERSONAL

Dear Ellery,

In continuation of my letter of February 25th regarding the development of the synthetic rubber industry in Italy, I hasten to send you herewith for such action as you may consider appropriate a copy of a paraphrase of a message on the matter which I have received from Colonel Green in London.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ A. Kirk,

Enclosure as stated.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

C O P Y

cc: General McKinley (ACTION)

Executive Commissioner (INFO)
Chief Commissioner Files

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM COL. G.A. GREEN.

With regard to Italian tire production:

1. There are indications that all materials required for experimental tires can be obtained from U.K. but further specification information may be necessary. Am investigating this.
2. United Kingdom technicians are available. Expect to interview a highly recommended Pirelli technician among others. Meanwhile suggest that AC contact AFHQ Caserta and that they cable Troopers GEN-MEG series requesting that a competent technician be immediately despatched from U.K. to assist in the production of tires in Italy using U.S. synthetic etc.
3. There is no specific information yet concerning manufacture of Extruder head in U.K. Am advised that Extruder plate design while suitable for natural rubber may be unsuitable for U.S. synthetic. Am investigating this.
4. Have cabled U.S. concerning Extruder Wilde date. U.K. possibilities not good.

March 6, 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner.

Tel : 451

Ref : 8504/18/EC

27 Feb 1945

SUBJECT : Supply of Toilet Requisites to Italian Air Force.

TO : Air Forces Sub-Commission.

1. References AFSC/R/600/EQ dated 7 December 1944 and 5002/7/COS dated 2 February 1945. AFSC/R/600/EQ dated 19 Jan 1945 also refers.

2. This Office received an interim reply on this matter stating that no sources of availability are known other than through the appropriate Italian Ministry. Commerce Sub-Commission further state they have personally discussed with Air Vice-Marshal Bowen-Buscarlet and have received his agreement that local procurement by the Air Ministry is the only recourse.

Ray. Rively
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tels: 451.

Ref: 5002/14/G.C.

27 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Supply of Toilet Requisites to the Italian Army.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MCA).

1. References your AQ/2/5 dated 13 January 1945 and our 5002/7/008 dated 2 February 1945. (2) (7)

2. This Office received an interim reply on this matter from Commerce Sub-Commission stating that no sources of availability are known other than through the appropriate Italian Ministry. (8) (13)

3. Commerce Sub-Commission further stated they have personally discussed with Air Vice-Marshal Bowen-Buscalet regarding such supplies for the Italian Air Force, and have received his resigned agreement that local procurement by the Italian Ministries is the only resource apparently.

J. L. R.
4 Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel. 271

16 February, 1945

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FEB 20 1945

SUBJECT: Regeneration of burnt out Electric Bulbs.

TO: Chief Commissioner

1. With reference to your memorandum dated December 26th, technical details on the project submitted by Sig. D'Angelo to regenerate burnt out electric bulbs at Palermo have been received and studied by our Industry Sub-Commission.

2. The attached report is forwarded for your information as requested.

3. It may be added that the matter has been referred to the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor to consider and decide on the question of financial assistance.

4. Attached is letter to Captain Nichols for your signature.

R. B. McKINLEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

1 Incl:
2 Report on the regeneration
of Electric Bulbs.

Letter to Captain Nichols.

NOTE: Letter to Capt Nichols
signed by Chief Comm
and dated 19 Feb 45.

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19 February 1945

Ref. AC/5577/IND.

My dear Captain:

Further to my letter of 15 January, 1945 on the subject of Regeneration of Burnt Out Electric Bulbs, I am attaching for your information, a report which has been submitted to me by the Industry Sub-Commission.

I concur in the recommendation that the Allied Commission should take no further action in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Report on the Regeneration
of Electric Bulbs.

Captain G. L. Nichols
U.S. Navy Operating Base
Palermo, Sicily
Navy 157
N.P.O. New York, New York

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REPORT ON THE REGENERATION OF ELECTRIC BULBS

1. The project originated in April 1944 in a report by the P. & C. Officer IBS to G-4. In this report, the difficulty of supply of electric bulbs for such essential services as military hospitals, bakeries and depots lit from civilian power lines was stressed, and it was pointed out that the supply of U. S. Army bulbs (120 V. type) was unsuitable for a 150 V. supply and resulted in a high wastage.

2. It was therefore suggested that instead of importing this type of bulb, shipping space would be saved if the U. S. Army bought the necessary machinery to repair the bulbs so frequently burned out in Sicily. This machinery was to be bought in America, shipped by the Army to Palermo where a factory would be elected. The machinery, it was planned, would remain Army property and the operation of the plant would be managed by Sig. D'Angelo who would be paid an agreed operating cost plus 10%.

3. Operating materials required include tungsten, glass tubing and a chemical solution for preparing the tungsten wire. Tungsten was to be imported from America, and glass tubing from N. Africa or Italian mainland.

4. The estimated shipping space saved was approx. 2,500 ship tons per 100,000 bulbs repaired. The estimated plant output was 2,000/bulbs/8 hour day.

5. The project was considered in June 1944 by Col. C. P. Bolick then Regional Engineer and his report, estimating 1) The cost to be 4,000,000 lire, 2) the time required before production could start six months, and 3) that the plant would be a total loss as it could not meet competition when production started on the mainland, is attached as Appendix "A".

6. This project is hardly longer to be considered a military necessity in Sicily, while as a civil venture it is considered that Palermo is not the best position for such a factory. While it is agreed that bulbs cost approximately 500 lire each, it is difficult to decide the number of bulbs available for regeneration in Sicily. It is estimated that these will be not more than 200,000. The question of transportation of these bulbs is also to be considered.

7. Any scheme for the repair of bulbs for civilian use would be better located in the larger centres such as Rome, Naples or Bari where larger numbers of consumers would be served with smaller transportation difficulties.

8. It is understood that Sig. D'Angelo who originally estimated the equipment and material requirements in Palermo has not credit in America to cover the cost of equipment and materials necessary to commence production. The matter has therefore been referred to the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour to

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decide whether they are prepared to offer financial backing for this scheme.

9. It is recommended that A.C. take no further action in this project.

1 Incl.:

Appendix "A"

/s/ H. G. Reid, Maj., R.A.
/t/ H. G. REID
Major,
Industry Sub-Commission

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APPENDIX "A" 14E

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HQ
APO 394

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In reply refer to : RTC 412.42 8 June 1944
Subject : Electric Light Bulbs.
To : Secretary of A.F.L.R. Sicilian Board, Via Bari.

1. I have given this very careful consideration and have discussed it fully with S.G.E.S. Engineers as well as Sig. Stefano D'Angelo. I am of the opinion that by the time the necessary machinery and materials could be received and production started the need could be supplied from sources in Italy.

2. It is estimated that it would cost approximately 4,000,000 L. start production on any scale that would be worth while. The equipment would be a total loss as the plant could not meet competition when production is started in Italy.

3. With the decrease in the military importance of Sicily I do not think we would be justified in ordering the equipment. Even if ordered it is doubtful if it could be received under six months. With the decreasing military and A.C.C. demands it is felt that the stock of electric light bulbs will hold out to such a time as they can be replaced from factories on the mainland.

4. The Chamber of Commerce may be interested in this as a new industry, however I doubt it.

5. The survey is being returned for your file.

For the Regional Commissioner:

C. P. BOLICK
Lt. Col., F.A.
Regional Engineering
Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISS. ON
APO 804
ECONOMIC SECTION

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SUBJECT: Talent Articles for Italian Army.

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From
1.	Feb 20	Commerce.	The C.O.S. requests that the Air Vice Marshal Bowen Buscalet be interviewed by Commerce <i>s/c</i>	
2	26/2/45	Gen. Sec.	Have seen the RVM and Commerce <i>s/c</i> Capt Macnamara explained that Ind. and Commerce <i>s/c</i> 's have gone as far as possible without any success. He has agreed that local procurement by the Air Ministry is the only remaining course and will <i>s/c</i> advise it.	
3.	27 Feb	C.O.S	See minute 2.	Gen. Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel : 451

16 Feb 45

Ref/5002/80.

SUBJECT : Central Institute of Statistics.

TO : Economic Section.

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Attached letter 10026.4.7./1.1.16 dated 15 Feb 45 from
IN Bononi advising the appointment of Prof. Dr. Benedetto Barberi
as Regent of the above institute, is passed to you for information
and preparation of acknowledgement for signature of the Chief
Commissioner.

Sph
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section.

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

10026.4.7./1.1.16

Rome, 15 February 1943

Dear Admiral,

The first grade Commission for the epuration of the personnel of the 'Istituto Centrale di Statistica' decided in the meeting of December 16th to dismise Dr. Alessandro Molinari, Director General entrusted with the reorganization of the services of the Institute.

According to art. 29 of the legislative decree of the Lieutenant of October 23rd 1941, n. 285, I have, by my decree of January 21st, suspended this functionary from his service, entrusting the temporary regency of the Institute to Prof. Dr. Benedetto Barbera, Chief of section, acting as Director Chief of service of the Institute.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Truly yours,

B. I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission

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Subject: Toilet Articles for Italian Army and Air Force.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/2/3

14 Feb 45.

Chief of Staff,
Allied Commission.

FEB 15 1945

1. Reference your 5002/7/COS dated 2 Feb 45 addressed to DCOS
Economic Section, and conversation Major Rively - J/Comd FardeLL.
May a copy of the interim report called for in para 6 of your letter
please be passed to this Sub-Commission.

P. P. FardeLL

P. P. FARDELL, J/Comd,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 894
ECONOMIC SECTION.

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SUBJECT: Toilet Articles for Italian Army and Air Force FEB 8 1945

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From
1	5/2/45	Office of C of S ✓	Your 5002/7/008 of 2 February refers. Industry Sub-Commission states that: 1. Soap is being manufactured for the Italian Armed Forces 2. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving soap are not being manufactured now in liberated Italy 3. Razor blades, require high grade steel and cannot be produced locally as yet. Large quantities of blades - including German brands - are available in shops and on stalls in liberated Italy 4. The type of toilet soap now being produced can be used for shaving purposes as well as washing 5. No other sources of availability are known.	Commerce S/C
			W. P. EVANS Colonel Director Commerce Sub-Commission <i>[Signature]</i> Maj. Gen.	800

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Tel: 451

2 February 1945.

Ref: 5002/7/COS

SUBJECT: Toilet Articles for Italian Army and Air Force.

TO : DCOS, Economic Section.

1. The Chief Commissioner made a strong request to AFHQ by letter of 7 Dec 44 to secure a rationed supply, from Allied sources, of toilet articles such as, tooth brushes, tooth paste, razor blades, shaving soap, toilet and laundry soap, for the Italian Air Force on the grounds of maintaining a reasonable standard of morals and hygiene. This letter received a negative reply from the Office of the CAO, AFHQ, saying that the provision of such articles must remain the responsibility of the appropriate Ministry of the Italian Government. In the case of the Italian Air Force the Ministry of Air is responsible for the provision of such items.

2. On 21 Jan 45, Land Forces Sub-Commission submitted a memorandum to the CM Section, AFHQ, reference AQ/2/3, responding to the latter's request for a 'scale of allowances and replacement' for such toilet articles for the Italian Army. It has been found that there is no such scale for the Italian Army, except washing soap on a free issue scale: 300 grams per month per man. Every company of the Italian Army has a unit barber who has a barber's kit. He purchases his own supplies but under present conditions an issue of soap has been made to him for this purpose.

3. These toilet articles are definitely in short supply but the Italian Ministry of War is endeavouring to purchase these items, distributing them around as they get them, having regard to the location of troops and the availability of supplies. To-date, little or nothing in such resources available to Italian Government have come to its Army.

4. Our letter to you of 17 Jan 45, reference 5002/3/COS, also bears on this subject.

5. AFHQ has indicated that the Italian military is to receive first priority of issue of all Italian stocks and production of similar items. See AFHQ cable P 17352 of 29 Jan 45 to ALCON for Land Forces Sub-Commission.

6. You are requested to investigate the possibility of obtaining such supplies for the Italian Army through local resources and/or local manufacture. Information is desired at the earliest date possible but in the event that this investigation may require considerable time, an interim reply is desired prior to 8 February.

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4 Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission (AMIA)
File 850A/ONS.

6/2-10/10/45
M. J. J.

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Chief of Staff

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

WJM/cl

Tel. 328

Ref. AC/5502/IND.

16 January 1945

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SUBJECT : Personnel and Divisions of
Industry Sub-Commission.

TO : All Regional Commissioners
All Sub-Commissions
Economic Section.

1. In order to assist in speedy contact with the appropriate officer or civilian official, a list of Divisional Chiefs of Industry Sub-Commission is attached.

2. The list indicates the industries controlled by each officer or official, or his administrative functions, and his telephone extension.

By Command of the Rear Admiral STONE:

W. S. Vaughan
W. S. VAUGHAN

Director,
Industry Sub-Commission.

1 Incl.:
List of Divisional Chiefs
of Industry Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COLLISION
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INDUSTRY SUB-COLLISION
Telephone: 489081

DIVISION OF SUB-COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITIES

	TEL. EXT.	ROOM NO.	FLOOR
1. MR. W. S. VAUGHAN Director.	348	43	5th A
2. MAJOR W. J. MASKREY Deputy Director.	328	47	5th A
1. Italian Monopoly Industries (Matches, Tobacco, Salt)			
3. MAJOR E. E. E. KILMER, T.D. (Sig. Ing. Morelli) (Sig. Ing. Bellerio)	478313	41	5th A
1. Textiles			
2. Leather			
3. Field Investigations			
4. Liaison with Ital. Govt. on above responsibilities			
4. MAJOR W. E. LYONS (Sig. Ing. De Grenet) (Sig. Ing. Cosulich) (Sig. Ing. Signore)	391	66	5th A
1. Liaison Ital Govt. on Importation of Essential Rehabilitation and raw material requirements. (Assisted by Lt. BURY).			
2. Industry S/C representative Vice Maj. Laskrey on Engineering Materials Sub-Committee, AFLRS.			
3. Industry S/C representative on Industrial Gases Sub-Committee, AFLRS.			
4. Explosives			
5. Field Investigations.			
5. MAJOR J. ROSENBERG	323	39	5th A
1. Rubber, Resins, Elastics			
2. Paints, Coatings, Pigments			
3. Fine Organic Chemicals, Dyes, Intermediates.			
4. Alcohol and Solvents			
5. Carbon Bisulphide			

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6.	MAJOR H. G. REID (Sig. Ing. D'Ayala Valve)	447	54	5th A
	1. Electrical Industries, incl. electric cable, batteries, etc.			
	2. Electrothermic Industries; carbide, cyanid, carborundum.			
	3. Carbon Industry e.g. Carbon Electrodes.			
	4. Liaison on Electric Power needs and requests with P.W. & U. S/C.			
	5. Field Investigations.			
	6. Liaison with Ital. Govt. on above responsibilities.			

TEL. EXT. ROOM NO. FLOOR

7. MAJOR H. C. THORNTON-SMITH 40453 - Ital. Ministry of I.C.I.

1. Liaison Officer with Italian Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour.

8. CAPTAIN T. P. HUNTER 432 64 5th A
Adjutant.

9. CAPTAIN N. R. L. MACDONALD 237 55 5th A

1. Coordination Officer - Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board.

10. CAPTAIN T. G. ELLIOTT 391 66 5th A
(Sig. Ing. Bruschetti)
(Sig. Ing. Delbagni)

1. Iron and Steel Production
2. Cement
3. Munition Plants
4. Field Investigations
5. Liaison with Ital. Govt. on above responsibilities.

11. CAPTAIN T. A. GATCHELL 323 39 5th A
(Sig. Ing. Zera)

1. Pharmaceutical Industries
2. Candles
3. Field Investigations
4. Liaison with Ital. Govt. on above responsibilities.

12. CAPTAIN D. B. ROBERTS 447 54 5th A
(Sig. Ing. Piettelli)

1. Bricks, Tiles and Lime
2. Glass, Ceramics and Refractories.
3. Asbestos materials, eternit, etc.
4. Lead processing plants
5. Field Investigations
6. Liaison with Ital. Govt. on above responsibilities.

13. LT. G. E. J. BEN 432 62 5th A

1. Agricultural Machinery Industry
2. Shipbuilding Industries
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432 64 5th A

1. Assistant and understudy for Major Thornitt-Smith at Italian Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour.

15. LIEUT. L. LER

323 39 5th A

1. Sugar Refining
2. Food Processing
3. Canning Plants
4. Refrigeration Plants
5. Field Investigations
6. Liaison with Ital. Govt. on above responsibilities.

16. COAL DIVISION

LT. COL. C. W. CHLEY, T.D.
MAJOR E. W. REEVE

478489 51 5th A
 478489 an 396 49 5th A

Duties - Consultation and advice, allocation of Coal Supplies.

17. HEAP CONTROL

LT. CLERK. J. SCHLEE
(Mr. W. E. JONES)
(Mr. R. G. MAGEE)
(Mr. W. H. BACKHOUSE)

478176 Ist. Nazionale
 Assicurazioni.

1. Heap Production and Manufacture.
2. Liaison with Ital. Govt. on above responsibilities.

18. MINING DIVISION

CAPTAIN D. S. KINGERY
 Acting Chief Mining Division

559 48 5th A

CAPTAIN A. F. RADCLIFFE
LT. A. R. PENGILLY
LT. F. N. SPENCER
 (Sig. Renato Meneghlic)

559 50 5th A
 559 50 5th A
 559 33 5th A

1. Mining in all its branches
2. Liaison with Ital. Govt. on above responsibilities.

19. MR. S. D. BRODTZKOS
(Sig. Ing. Secordote)

432 62 5th A

1. Mechanical Industries.
2. Railway Construction.
3. Motor Car Industries.
4. Machine Tool Plants.
5. Light Engineering Plants.
6. Non-ferrous Metal Plants (Except Aluminium and Lead).
7. Field Investigations.
8. Liaison with Ital. Govt. on above responsibilities.

20. MR. V. DORKOVICH
(Sig. Ing. Ruspantini)

543 60 5th A

1. Synthetic Textile Fibres e.g. Cisa Viscose Company
2. Fertilizers: Superphosphate.
3. Fungicides; e.g. copper sulphate.
4. Field Investigations.
5. Liaison with Ital. Govt. on above responsibilities.

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CAPTAIN D. S. MINGERY
Acting Chief Mining Division

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21. DR. R. S. OPATOWSKI

(Mr. W. Van Welen)
(Sig. Ing. Gigli)

478390 58 5th A

1. Soap
2. Vegetable Oils, Fats.
3. Caustic Soda, Soda Ash, Sodium Bicarbonate, Chlorine and Chlorine Products, e.g. trielene.
4. Alumina, Aluminium, Magnesium.
5. Paper.
6. Field Investigations.
7. Liaison with Ital. Govt. on above responsibilities.

22. T/SET. D. GIARDINA

Chief Clerk

447 55 5th A

Ref: 5002/3/003

Tel: 451.

17 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Soap for the Italian Armed Forces.

TO : DOOS Economic Section.

1. Reference Land Forces Sub-Commission letter AQ/2/3 of 13 January 1945, original of which has already been sent to Industry Sub-Commission.
2. It is desired that every effort be made to procure the necessary allocation of raw materials for soap manufacture as requested by the Italian Ministry of War, - This soap being urgently needed for the Italian Armed Forces.
3. This matter should be coordinated with the Industrial Coordination Committee representative who may make a plea at their next meeting for caustic soda.
4. Present position is that the Ministry of War having bid originally on 18 November for materials to produce soap for January consumption have not yet received the materials and therefore there is no soap.

PA *[Signature]* 17/1
JCP
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Subject:- Failure of Italian Government to provide SOAP

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)

ROME.
AQ/E/3

13 Jan 45

JAN 14 1945

HQ A.C. for Industry Sub Commission

Reference the att report on the supply of soap to the ITALIAN Armed Forces.

It would be appreciated if you would cause such steps to be taken as you consider necessary to make the Ministry of Industry give the required support to the Armed Forces of the ITALIAN nation.

F. I. Noakes
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission
A.C. (M.E.I.A.)

FJM/jrp

Copy to:- AFHQ for G.4(A))
AFHQ for Q(Maint))
AFHQ for G.5)
HQ A.C. for Chief of Staff)
ST MMIA)

there is a shortage of soap
as a result

see 3

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SUBJECT:-

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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12 Jan 45

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1. Ministry of War in their letter 1577/D of 18 Nov 1944 submitted bid to Ministry of Industry for allocation of raw materials to produce soap for period Jan-June 1945.

2. Ministry of War in their letter 2353/D of 2 Dec amended bid submitted on 18 Nov 44.

3. Ministry of War in their letter 2520/D1522 of 15 Dec 44 to MMIA stated Ministry of Industry had informed Ministry of War that there was no caustic soda available and that they, the Ministry of Industry, had referred this matter to MMIA.

This latter statement is NOT true.

4. On receipt of above letter I asked Dr. Opotovsky, Industry Sub Comm A.C. to discuss the matter with me. He informed me that Ministry of Industry had NOT submitted any bid for allocation of caustic soda to Industry Sub Commission.

This confirmed Ministry of Industry had done nothing and were covering up vide the statement at 3 above.

Dr. Opotovsky agreed to release 600 quintals of caustic soda to cover January, February and March 1945 production and I so informed Ministry of War, requesting them to arrange for formal bid to be submitted to Industry Sub Commission to regularise my agreement with Dr. Opotovsky.

Discussions and actions by me was completed on 19 Dec 44.

5. On 4 Jan 45 Ministry of War in letter 221/S/1, wrote to Ministry of Industry, copy to MMIA, asking for speedy allocation to be made against bids submitted on 2 Dec(2 above).

6. On receiving this letter I sent for a representative of Ministry of Industry to come to my office and a Commandatore LUBRANO arrived on, I think, 5 Jan 45.

I pointed out the delays that had occurred and asked for an explanation. No explanation was forthcoming other than an effort to pass the blame to the Ministry of War, which was quashed by reference to their letters of 18 Nov and 2 Dec respectively.

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This letter statement is NOT true.

4. On receipt of above letter I asked Dr. Opotovsky, Industry Sub Comm A.C. to discuss the matter with me. He informed me that Ministry of Industry had NOT submitted any bid for allocation of caustic soda to Industry Sub Commission.

This confirmed Ministry of Industry had done nothing and were covering up vide the statement at 3 above.

Dr. Opotovsky agreed to release 600 quintals of caustic soda to cover January, February and March 1945 production and I so informed Ministry of War, requesting them to arrange for formal bid to be submitted to Industry Sub Commission to regularize my agreement with Dr. Opotovsky.

Discussions and actions by me was completed on 19 Dec 44.

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I asked if the Minister had no deputy and was told he too was away from Rome.

I asked if LUBRANO's Director General could not sign the letter and was told he could not, everything had to be signed by the Minister.

8. I told LUBRANO that the allocations were to be made forthwith and that I would report the matter to my Commander as an instance of Ministerial incompetence prejudicial to the interests of the Italian Armed Forces.

9. The net result is that the Ministry of War, having bid originally on 18 Nov for materials to produce soap for January consumption, still have not received the materials, therefore there is no soap.

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