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DEREQUISITIONING OF INDUSTRIAL PLANTS
MAR. 1945 – AUG. 1946

Capt Knisely

The action has been started on folio 272 but no answer has been received as yet. - It takes about 2 to 3 weeks for answers to be returned -

C Jeeplate for Director
C.I.C.

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255

C.S.O. Passed to you for information ~~see~~ f. 253+254. In reply to our letter f. 232. All this was brought about due to letter from P.M. 31 Jan 46 (see f. 214). Our f. 232 was the reply to PM. There seems to be no further letter to PM unless it is the specific desire of the Acting Chief Commissioner.

DSJ 17/4.

256

C.S.O. No. 254

In view of reply (folio 233) no further action seems necessary at this time.

264

DSJ 24/4

C.S.O. Folio 263 is a further plea from the PM for derequisitioning of allied-occupied bldgs in Naples. In view of previous correspondence (particularly folios 214, 233 + 243) further correspondence on this subject seems useless, except for a brief acknowledgment of the letter, unless the CC desires some specific action taken.

DSJ 4/5

1499

Ex Comm. 265

C.S.O. ~~Herewith~~ draft of letter to PM for your approval. Refers to f. 263.

266

DSJ 6/5 NJ. 7/5.

desire of the Acting Chief Commissioner.

AK 17/4.

256

CSO Mr. 25/4

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264

VSJ 24/4

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VSJ 4/5

1499

Ex Comm. 265

CSO Herewith draft of letter to Pm for your approval. Refers to f. 263.

VSJ 6/5 Mr. 7/5.

266

Issue MV 8/5.

273.

V. P. Exec Sec.

May the Ex Comm. please be advised of the action taken on Folio 272.

AK 14/8

A. W. Knisely
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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C.S.O. For signature of C.C. Letters to H-5, AFHq and Punta Mumbles.

SR. 11/3/46

235.

Ex Comm.

Reference Col Pennycuick's letter at f 230.
i) Letter to P.M. submitted at f 233.
ii) Letter to H-5 submitted at f 232 JR. 12/3

239

CSO

But I can hold out little hope of an amelioration. Other troops so families come in

JR 13/3

244

C.S.O. for Info. 243 is reply to 232. a further letter with more detailed information 1408 dispatched to AFHq. this A.M. SR 3/4.

247.

C.S.O. Attached is letter for signature of Acting C.C. AFHQ has replied to our original letter at f 243+244 however the problem is still pending a report from 3 Dist. The ACLO Maples letter at folio 237 (a b+c) is very clear and should help AFHQ when dealing with 3 Dist.

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CSO

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DS 1/13/3

244

C.S.O. for Insp. 243 is reply to 232. A further letter with more detailed information was dispatched to AFHq. this A.M. SK 3/4. 1/4/43

247.

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248:

Maj H.

Write P.M. informing him of the points made in 243, + asking for info as requested at para 3 (b) H.L. 4/4. SKH 4/4/43

252

H.L. 9/4

C.S.O. Letter herewith for signature of AC/C. SK 9/4.

also f. 250-251 for Insp.

~~156~~ 223

Ex Comm.

At f 219 is reply from CLO Naples to our letter at 216, from which you will see that he has not taken the action he was told to take. CLO's letter of 24 Jan (copy at f 217) was sent to Industry S/C who have apparently done nothing about it, but the subject of this letter really refers to a particular case, & the CLO has said nothing about the penultimate para of PM's letter at 214.

A/ If you agree, I suggest that Col Pennycuick should be instructed to act as directed in our f 216. If you do not agree to this I submit as an alternative a draft at f 221 addressed to Naval, Military Commanders in Naples.

H.J. 25/2

224

I agree with A above. Tell the CLO that we want specific offices in order to answer the P.M. on the points raised. And ask for defeat action.

M 26/2

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226.

CSO. Folio 225 for signature

Sent 27/2/41

231.

CSO. Please see Folio 229 & 230 Col Pennycuick's reply on dereguisitioning in Naples. This letter states that very little improvement in dereguisitioning is

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HVS. 25/2

224

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HVS/25/2

1497

226.

CSO. Folio 225 for signature

SKH 27/2/46

231.

CSO. Please see Folio 229 + 230 Col Pennyquicks reply on derequisitioning in Naples. This letter states that very little improvement in derequisitioning is contemplated at the present time

We can do either of three things.

1. Reply to De Gasperi on the basis that as soon military necessity permits, derequisitioning will done as rapidly as possible.
2. Send a letter along the lines of the draft at 221 asking for their cooperation in this matter.
3. Do both as indicated by 1+2 above with copy of action taken to De Gasperi.

May I have your comments on this before taking action

SKH 5/3/46

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1 CSO. Please see Folio ~~217~~ 222 which is the Naples C.O. reply to our letter at Folio ~~218~~ 219. Attached are suggested drafts of letters which if approved may be sent to major units in accordance with Par 5- Folio ~~218~~ 217. Folio ~~217~~ is a reply to dmd 6/c letters on the Stat Govt request for the delegation of the glass plant "Vetreria Antiaticca Stabiana." STAT 15/2/46

196.

CSO. Please see S 195 for info.

Steff
21/1/46

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203

CSO. Folios 201+202 are the action on AFHQ's letter of 31 Jan 46 at Folios 199+200 on Status of Requisitioning all for info.

Steff
7/2/46

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CSO- Folio 175 is action taken as per C.C.'s memo folio 172. C.C. requests to be kept advised. Letters similar to folio 175 were written to the other units referred to in the last letter (folios 173-174)

Encl 5/10

178

Maj. Sterns- Ref folio 177. Please see min. 176 supra. ~~Whole~~ Copies of all letters were not sent up here, presumably in the interest of saving paper

Encl 19/10

Noted P.W. Steams Maj

OCT 20 RECD 0951

186

CSO Ref. 185 for signature pse.

BS 17/11.

191

CSO Ref 190+189 on dereguisitioning in Bologna Stett 3/12/45

192.

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Poland (3)

Ref. yr. folio 182 . pl. see folios 189+190.

1-Rec'd 4/12.

193

178

Maj. Sterns - Ref folio 177. Please see min. 176 supra. ~~Also~~ Copies of all letters were not sent up here, presumably in the interest of saving paper

Encl 19/10

Noted P.W. Stearns — OCT 20 RECD 0951
Maj

186

C12 ~~184~~. 185 for signature pse.

BS 17/11.

191

CSO Ref 190+189 on dereq'isitioning in Bologna Sheff 3/12/45

192.

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Poland (B)

Ref. yr. folio 182 - pl. see folios 189 + 190.

1-Nil 4/12.

193

May I have 5 copies of this please

for F.O., A.F.H.Q. Sir G. Rendel and

this Embassy?

Letter. Many thanks. 10/12/44

Poland (C).

194

Dec. 6

Ref Min 193 Herewith copies of letters requested.

Sheff 19/12/44

for Maj S Holmes.

8/12

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(160)

A/VP, Economic Section.

(159)

Will you please take action on Chief Commissioner's note opposite and let me see the lists before despatch.

T.S.L. Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

9.Sep.45

1161

TO: Industry Sub-Commission
(Thru: Production Division)

1. Please prepare immediately the detailed list referred to in Chief Commissioner's memo to Executive Commissioner 8 September. (159)

2. Provide necessary action.

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

10 Sept. 45

(4) (169)

1454

Executive Commissioner. (160)

1. Attached proposed letter to g 4 for your info - prior to despatch as per (160) above

2. Return to E/S for signature & despatch

for A/VP E/S
Densmore

20 Sept 45

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$161

TO: Industry Sub-Commission
(Thru: Production Division)

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2. Provide necessary action.

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

10 Sept. 45

(169)

1454

Executive Commissioner (162)

1 Attached proposed letter to Q 4 for your info – prior to despatch as per (160) above

2. Return to E/S for signature & despatch

for A/VP E/S
Densmore

20 Sept 45

Encl.

V.P. Econ Sec. (170)

Thank you – issued

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NOTE: Signed by Econ Sec 21 Sept 45

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134.

C.S.O.

Folios 126 - 128 concern the status of the derequisitioning of the Tanning Extract Factory at ATRIPALDA. Brigadier CRIPPS was appointed Investigating Committee by AFLRS, - he held a meeting of interested parties on 18 April. Report of meeting is seen at folio 133. Note paragraph 3 thereof: Conclusion.

26 Apr 45.

Major.

154

C.S.O.

See folios 149 & 150. - Folio 153 is the action taken by Genl Staff then Ind. Offr.

17/5/45

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C.S.O. Please note for info folio 154 re Regiment of Artillery & Infantry.

Headquarters is in AC/Kandy area now.

21/5/45

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119.

A/Ex. C.:

1) Opposite is letter for signature of C.C. in reply to General Magruder's letter flagged at folio 95, Volume I.

2) Draft was approved by you at minute 118.

3) Time lag in replying to General Magruder's letter is due to our receipt of an AFHQ letter on this subject dated 24 March, which caused Industry S/C to revise its first draft.

3 April 45

J.C. Rively
Major

(122)

Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your ~~information~~/signature/~~approval~~.

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APR 5 RECD
CC 1155

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6/4 Amended 7

130

C50: ref. folio 129: Dr. Opatowski (Ind. S/C) & Major Harris (MTOUSA) are going to go to Rovigno and Ribolla tomorrow on inspection & tests. A reply does not seem indicated in this case at present. JCB 2/4

131

Sorry — Paper with last sentence of 130 above. So sorry — Can't we

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(122)

Chief Commissioner. 121

Attached is submitted for your ~~information~~/signature/~~approval~~.

4/4

APR 5 RECD
CC 1155

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6/4 Agreed 2

130

C50: ref. folio 129: Dr. Opatowski (Ind. S/C) & Major Horrie (MTOUSA) are going to go to Roccagrano and Ribolla tomorrow on inspection & tests. A reply does not seem indicated in this case at present. JCB 23/4

131

Soboa 132

I agree with last sentence of 130 above. Also question — Can't we stop further this low level correspondence between ~~you~~ HQ CC and Gen Carter B Magruder.?

JCB 23/4.

132.

C.S.O & Ex. Com.

We can-from our end, but you require also to co-operation of C.S.O & Major General Carter B. JCB 24/4
JCB 23/4 Magruder. HQ 24.4

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APR 2 RECD
CC 1000

A/Ex.Commr.
S.O. to C.C.

1. Opposite is draft letter for approval of Ex.Commr. and Chief Commr. to General Magruder, G4, MTOUSA, replying to his letter to Chief Commr on the reactivation plans of Solvay Works at Rosignano. His letter is flagged at 95 Vol.I.

2. This acknowledgement reply brings out the added point of discussing the proposed 100% use of Ribolla lignite in the Solvay plant operation between AFHQ's combustion engineer and our Industry S/C expert, Dr. Opatowski, at an early April date. We concur with the Solvay people that 100% lignite fuel is not sufficiently efficient and that it must be mixed with better, imported coal. See last paragraph of draft reply.

3. See C-5's letter of 24 March, as flagged at 114.

2 April.

Major.

118.

2/4 Draft approved.

119.

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AUG 27 1946

27 August 1946

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Dear Mr. Bonomi:

I refer to our letter of 2 April 1946 and your further letter of 22 July, concerning the de-requisitioning of Soc. An. Viggiani Enrico, 161 Via Foggiareale, Naples.

I very much regret that owing to unforeseen circumstances it was not possible to release these premises in June as was at first thought possible.

However I am now informed that it is expected and hoped that these premises will be available for de-requisition during September and returned to the owners' control.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

On. Ivanoe Bonomi
The Constituent Assembly
Piazza Monte Citorio
Rome.

Copy to: G. Com.
E. Com ✓

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMI()ION
APO 794
INDUSTRY AND UTILITIES BRANCH

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Tel. 489081 - Ext. 589

TGE/hjb

Ref. AC/5615/IND

20 August 1946

AUG 22 1946

SUBJECT : De-requisition of FIAT Works - Florence.

TO : FIAT - Torino - Corso IV Novembre 300.

NR

1. Further to our letter AC/5615/IND of 6 Aug 46.

2. We are pleased to be able to inform you that authority was given on 13 Aug to de-requisition the a/m premises.

T.G.ELLIOTT
Major, G.L.
Chief
Industry Division.

Copy : Office of the Chief Commissioner.

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RS 21/6

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EC to handle
-gd EWS
CC

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EC 272

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AUG 2 1946

FIAT
Società per azioni

CST 62303

Torino, 26 July 1946.
Corso IV Novembre, 300

H.E. MILTON W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner
HQ. AC.
APO 794
Rome

Dear Admiral Stone,

We beg to bring to your kind attention a matter which is of the greatest importance for our Company.

We refer to the Fiat Works at Florence, situated in Viale Alessandro Guidoni 7 (Novoli) which, as perhaps you know, has been requisitioned since the 2nd of September 1944 by the "Headquarters Florence Command Road Rebate Section" (U.S. Contingent) and has been occupied by various Ordnance Companies of the American V Army subsequently up to October 1945 by the R.A.S.C.V.A.A. and since then the premises have been used by two English Companies, the 719 RASC and the 64th R.A.S.C.

Following a friendly agreement with the Town Major of Florence, on the 22nd of January we were given the use of a part of the Works (the section most damaged by air raids and which regrets nts 27% of the premises) without, however, being able to obtain its derequisition.

Keeping in mind that:

- the present utilization of that section still in possession of the Allied Forces is very reduced owing to the fact that the vastness of the premises is out of proportion to the number of the autocars and men sheltered therein;

- by obtaining the use of the Works, Fiat could thus increase its present production and start producing new units, thus employing a greater number of workers and contribute towards resolving the disoccupation problem which is very serious in that region.

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See M-273, 274-5 ./.

(cmt K)

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my appeal to your courtesy in order that you may favourably consider the possibility of giving orders for the derequisition of the premises in question.

We do not doubt that for the reasons put forward, you will favourably consider our request and thanking you in anticipation, we beg to remain,

Yours faithfully,

/s/ V.VELLETTA

EC DIST - 2 Aug

ACTION - ECON SEC

INFO - EC 1458

- CC.

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TRANSLATION

CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

Rome, 22 July 1946.

JUL 25 1946

Dear Admiral Stone,

I had already an opportunity of writing to you regarding the desire of the Soc. An. Viggiani Enrico of Naples to obtain the derequisition of the factory situated in via Poggioreale 161. 208.

You informed me very kindly on 16 February that such desire would certainly have been taken into consideration and later you announced to me that the derequisition was going to take place in June.

So far, however, nothing has happened.

I wish therefore to ask you kindly to request the competent offices for a speedy definition of the matter.

Thanking you, with kindest regards

/s/ Ivanoe Bonomi

EC DIST - 24 July

ACTION - ECON SEC

INFO - EC 1467

(CAPT K)

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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO. 394.

Ex Comm

10 May, 1946

Ref. : NLG/Firms 36/414

SUBJECT : Ansaldo Works, Pozzuoli

TO : HQ. Naples Area, C.M.F.

MAY 13 1946

1. A deputation from these Works came from the Prefect to see me on the 10th of May with a request for help in getting premises derequisitioned. It will be recalled that an untrue report of machinery being taken from these works was circulated recently and the workers who came to see me disassociated themselves entirely from that report.

2. The spokesman Vellinati Enrico, the Secretary of the Camera Del Lavoro of Pozzuoli, said that since January the employees of 750 R.E.M.E. Workshops had been progressively reduced from about 3500 to about 700 who were still engaged in packing up on the premises.

3. This reduction in personnel had produced serious unemployment and the Ansaldo Firm who had been approached, would be willing to make a start with the re-opening of their works provided premises could be released to them.

4. The Secretary stated that the shops formerly used for the repair of Ford Cars was believed to be no longer in use and looked up and asked if consideration would be given to the release of this shop. They made it clear, however, that they would be grateful for the immediate release and derequisitioning of any part of the premises still held so as to enable Ansaldo to expand the small work they are now doing.

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5. The request is one which seems reasonable and will directly affect employment and contentment in the area. If employment has fallen from 3,500 to 700 as stated it would seem that there might well be a possibility, for the immediate release of part of the premises where the men were formerly employed. May this request, please, be given urgent consideration and may I be kept informed the result.

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Copy to : HQ. A. C. copy to Econ Sec
HQ. PRB Rasmell R/H

J.A.C.PENNYCUICK, Colonel
CLO Naples Liaison Group. A.C.

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Ref: 5008/268/30

10 May 1946

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I have your letter of 24th April 1946, concerning the need for de-requisitioning in the Naples Area.

The whole matter of de-requisitioning has been and is undergoing a thorough review at A.F.H.Q. That Headquarters is fully aware of the urgent need of releasing accommodations of all types for civil use as quickly as possible, and, in general, extensive de-requisitioning has already taken place all over Italy, in accordance with directives issued from A.F.H.Q.

I am assured by AFHQ that occupation of requisitioned properties are constantly under review, and adjustments and re-allocations are made as soon as circumstances and military necessities permit. I understand the Allied Military Authorities have still a number of accommodation problems in the Naples area, particularly with regard to the provision of suitable accommodation for married families.

I am fully aware that the problem of accommodation for the civil population in Naples is particularly acute because of the number of habitations destroyed or damaged in the war. But as long as Allied Forces remain in Italy they must be satisfactorily accommodated both for their own comfort and to facilitate the duties which they have to perform. This will inevitably mean retaining certain requisitioned property for some time.

I regret that a more favourable reply at present is impossible, but you may be sure that the problems you refer to are not being overlooked.

Yours very truly,

/s/ W. Carr Brigadier

for Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Dott. Alcide De Gasperi
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government,
Rome.

Copy to: G-5 Section, AFHQ
CLO, Naples.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: ES/5.06

9 May 1946

MEMO

MAY 9 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning in Naples

TO : Chief Commissioner

263 268

1. With reference to the attached letter from the Prime Minister, the original action on this matter was taken by the Executive Commissioner.

2. It is known that an answer was received from G-5 AFHQ and the answer to the Prime Minister's latest letter is at present being prepared for the Chief Commissioner's signature in the Executive Commissioner's Office.

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

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Translation

5008 86 Ref Corr 263

Note by CC
Col Walton - Hdqtrs Rome? — see 7267
EWS.

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IL PRESIDENTE
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

-:-:- Rome, 24 April 1946.

APR 30 1946

Dear General,

I refer to preceeding correspondence dealing with the de=requisition of buildings in Naples and to support once more the adoption of the measures already auspicated. 233

Admiral STONE by letter No. 5008/233/E.C. dated 18 March last, assured me the matter would be attentively considered by the A.F.H.Q.

Naples as regards other cities, is particularly damaged, and the number of rooms destroyed, or rendered useless is very great.

Furthermore, on account of the numerous requisitions, the number of available rooms has been further reduced, mak=ing the situation absolutely impossible for the requirement of the population.

Herewith are particulars as regards the destruction and requisitions :

Houses destroyed	No. 30178 -	with rooms No. 101791
Houses requisitioned	" 4835 -	with rooms No. 15053

of which 13594 occupied by the Allied Authorities and 813 oc=cupied by Italian Authorities.

Numerous homeless people, from the popular quarters situated around the Port and completely destroyed, have poured into the other popular quarters of the city, they are living even now in public buildings and in caves, with great injury to morality and hygiene.

(CAPT DE Y) 458

See Min 264-265-266
Y 267-268

EC DIST - 30 Apr
ACTION: - EC.
INFO - CC.

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The"Commissariato degli Alloggi" is working under the greatest difficulty, with very limited results. Reconstruction and reparation proceeds very slowly for various reasons, such as the high costs, the difficulty to get the expenses financed, the difficulty of transport , as well as the high cost of raw material and material for reconstruction.

Therefore the problem is very grave, but it would be= come less grave if a programme for gradual derequisition by the Allies could be relied on.

It is in order to arrange such a programme that I make a warm appeal to your high spirit of comprehension, feeling sure to find in you, dear General, a cordial interpreter of the needs of a population, who have supported for over two years the hard consequences of the war with discipline and sacrifices, never failing in their gratitude towards the valiant troops who liberated them .

With cordial friendship

/s/ De Gasperi

To : Brig. General M. S. LUSH
Allied Commission,
ROME

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Roma, 24 aprile 1946

Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri

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Caro Generale,

mi riferisco con la presente a precedente corrispondenza intercorsa in merito al problema della derequisizione di stabili da parte di truppe alleate in Napoli, per caldeggiare ancora una volta la tempestiva adozione di quei provvedimenti che, nel senso auspicato, l'Ammiraglio Stone, con lettera n.5008/233/SC del 18 marzo scorso, mi aveva assicurato sarebbero stati sottoposti alla attenta considerazione dell'AFHQ.

E', anzitutto, da tener presente che detto Capoluogo, nei confronti delle altre città, ha riportato, per effetto di azioni belliche, danni particolarmente sensibili, giacchè il numero dei vani distrutti o resi inabitabili a causa dei bombardamenti è elevatissimo.

Inoltre, a causa delle numerose requisizioni, la disponibilità di alloggi è venuta a ridursi ulteriormente, sicchè le abitazioni disponibili sono assolutamente insufficienti alle necessità ed alle esigenze della popolazione.

I dati statistici relativi alle distruzioni ed alle

Al Brigadiere Generale M.S. LUSH
Ufficio del Commissario Capo della
Commissione Alleata

ROMA

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requisizioni risultano come segue:

- abitazioni sinistrate n.30178 con vani 101791;
- abitazioni requisite n.4855 con vani 15053, dei quali 13594 occupato da Autorità Alleate e 813 occupati da Autorità Italiane.

Aggiungasi che numerosi sinistrati dei quartieri popolari siti nella zona portuale ed adiacenze, andati completamente distrutti, si sono riversati negli altri quartieri popolari della città ed occupano, ancora, perfino alcuni ricoveri pubblici e grotte, con grave danno per la moralità e per l'igiene.

Il Commissariato degli Alloggi, appositamente costituito fin dai primi tempi dopo la liberazione, esplica la propria attività attraverso difficoltà enormi, conseguendo risultati purtroppo limitati. La ricostruzione degli edifici distrutti e la riparazione di quelli danneggiati procede lentamente per circostanze varie, connesse all'altezza dei costi, alla deficienza di finanziamento della spesa, alla difficoltà dei trasporti nonchè alla carenza delle materie prime e dei materiali da costruzione.

Il problema, dunque, permane molto grave, ma esso diventerebbe sensibilmente meno assillante se si potesse contare su di un graduale programma di derequisizione da parte delle Autorità Alleate.

E' per l'esame di un tale programma, compatibilmente con le esigenze delle Autorità Alleate, che io faccio caloroso appello al Suo alto spirito di comprensione, sicuro di trovare in Lei, caro Generale, un autorevole e cordiale interprete dei bisogni di una popolazione che, con senso di disciplina e di sacrificio, ha sopportato da oltre due anni le dure conseguenze della guerra, non cessando mai dall'offrire sicu=

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re prove di profonda ammirazione e di riconoscente simpatia verso le valorose truppe liberatrici.

La prego, caro Generale, di voler credere ai miei sentimenti di cordiale amicizia.

Segoni

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Translation

PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
Gabinetto

24 April 1946

67662/10859-79/7.2

TO: Console Com.Dott.Giorgio Bombassei
Italian Representative to A.C.
Rome.

APR 29 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of the premises "I.I.A." of Porto Marghera

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In forwarding a copy of the letter sent to the Command of the 66 Area by the Prefect of Venice, we request you to let us know if it would not be possible to derequisition at least the "reparto Presse" which would give work to about 200 Venetian workmen.

The Prefect

E.C.DIST - 29 Apr.

Retour : Ec- Lee (2)
Info : c.c.
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PREFETTURA DI VE[illegible]

Rome, 6 April 1946

Div.Gab.n.1571

TO: 66 Area Command
Venice

SUBJECT: Dereguisitioning of the premises of L.L.L. of Porto Marghera

Following on the requisitioning order No 333 of the Town Major of Mestre, the premises of the L.L.L. of Porto Marghera were occupied on the 26 May 1945 by the British Military Unit "6 P.S.D." (Base Supply Depot) who used it as a food depot. Thus all the work of the establishment, which on the 2 May had recommenced to a limited degree, had to be suspended.

The building which is divided into four sections (foundry of rolling mills, presses and counters, wire-drawing and cordage) produces semi-worked alluminium and its alloy to a total of 700 tons monthly in normal production. When working to full capacity employment was given to 1100 workmen and 120 employees.

The damage suffered by the machinery through air bombardment and German distruction is very slight and not sufficient to reduce the percentage of production to any perceptible degree.

The firm would have immediately been able to recommence its activities if it had not been occupied by the British Military Authorities. In fact there are still about 500 tons of raw material on the premises (lingots, slabs, bales etc.) and the firm is assured of a good supply of raw material from producers in Northern Italy. With the renewal of production, about 1000 unemployed would immediately be given work and this would help solve the tragic problem of unemployment.

We therefore earnestly beg you to examine the possibilities of dereguisitioning the premises above mentioned and would be grateful to receive a reply from you on the subject.

THE PREFECT
Sgd. (Notarianni)

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
Gabinetto

No 67368/26204/18.5

Rome, 19 April 1946

APR 26 1946

TO: Console Giorgio Bombassei de Vettor,
Liaison Officer to the Allied Commission,
ROME.

SUBJECT: Avis Premises at Castellammare di Stabia.

We have been informed that between the 16 and 20 of the current month nearly all the workmen of the "AVIS" works of Castellammare di Stabia will be dismissed on the removal of the Allied offices in the near future, although the works will still be requisitioned.

In the meantime the directors of the yards are negotiating with the Ministry of Transport and A.R.A.R. to obtain orders for certain works which would enable them to re-employ nearly all the personnel as soon as the establishment is free.

As therefore the derequisitioning of the premises is much desired, we beg your good offices in approaching the Allied Commission in order to ascertain whether they consider this feasible.

IL CAPO DEL GABINETTO

E. C. DIST - 26 Apl
Action: E. Lee (2) - 1.111
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 386.2

12 April 1946.

APR 15 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning in NAPLES.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

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Reference 5008/232/EC of 18 March 1946, and G-5: 386.2 of 30 March 1946.

1. The following information is forwarded regarding the accommodations specifically mentioned in para 2 (a) of your letter of 18 March 1946:

"Serial	Premises	Occupied by	Remarks
a.	Tramway repair shop at CROCE DEL LAGNO	6 Sub Wksps 750 Base Wksps	Estimated date of evacuation 15 May 46.
b.	CISA VISCOSA Plant	RSD 557 BOD	Will be derequisitioned next week.
c.	BREDA Plant	US Forces	No record of any Brit requisition of BREDA Plant.
d.	RICCARDI glass manufacturers property	562 GT Coy 617 Gen Indep Wksp.	No suitable alternative accn available at present. No removal of plant or machinery intended. Action taken by Claims & Hirings Aug 45 in respect of electric motors which, it is alleged, were removed in Jun 44.
e.	Hosp buildings vacated by US 17th Gen Hosp	92 Gen Hosp	Release this accn NOT possible. Main Hosp and convalescent accn for NAPLES Area now concentrated there. 6 Base Psychiatric Centre being moved from CASTELLAMARE to this accn shortly. Accn being used to capacity. Knights of Malta Wing in these premises already at full disposal civ authorities.

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f.	UFFICIO DEL GENIO CIVILE	HQ AFM NAPLES Area 180 Pro Coy HQ & six secs 111 Pro Coy 'N' Det 95 Sec SIB	Essential concentrate all Pro units in central posn in NAPLES having particular regard to recently increased Pro responsibilities in NAPLES. No suitable alternative accn available!

2. With further reference to Para 2(b) the following comments are submitted:

This Headquarters is not aware of any instance where requisitioned Plant and Machinery belonging to factories is being removed prior to derequisitioning. A few months ago certain proposals were considered regarding transfer of requisitioned equipment of INDUSTRIAL MECCANICA NAPOLETANA premises at FUSARO. The civilian owners were aware of these proposals and it is presumably on their representations that Dr. De Gasperi's complaint is based. The proposals were NOT carried out and in fact the premises in question, together with any requisitioned plant and machinery in situ, are being derequisitioned in the near future.

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3. It is felt that letter G-5 386.2 dated 30 March and the above information covers the situation. Allied Commission's letter 4755/627/EC, same subject dated 4 April 1946, however, is under consideration and should additional information be developed you will be informed.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

for A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY AND UTILITIES BRANCH

APR 4 - 1946

Tel. 489081 ext. 589

Ref: AC/5615/347/IND 2 April 1946

Subject: Lancia Garage Naples

To : C. L. O. Naples Liaison Group A. C.
Att. : Colonel J. A. C. Pennycuick

1. Your letter NLG/158/71 of 23 March last raises a number of questions which I would like to get settled to our mutual satisfaction.

2. I agree that our letter AC/5615/347/Ind of 8 February should have been addressed to you and not to the Commanding General, PBS and that a good deal of delay has resulted from this error. I shall endeavor to avoid any repetition of this sort of thing.

3. It is natural that a firm whose plant has been requisitioned will, in the first instance, raise the matter of de-requisitioning with the unit or organization occupying the premises. When a firm feels that a refusal to release the premises is not justified on the facts as it sees them, we cannot deny it the right to appeal to the Italian Government, stating the facts as it sees them. The Government refers all such appeals to my office. My function, as I see it, is to hold the balance between military requirements and the necessities of Italy's industrial recovery and to present these two aspects of each case to AFHQ for a decision.

4. In the case of the Lancia Garage in Naples, the case for de-requisitioning appears stronger than your case for continuing to hold the property. The Garage was adequate to service the greatest number of cars Allied Commission had in Naples; on the face of it, the garage must be therefore a far larger establishment than is required to service the small number of vehicles now on your establishment. I am informed that last year AC also managed the repair in this Garage of a fleet of vehicles operated by the City of Naples but that the number of vehicles is now very small.

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5. It therefore appears somewhat arbitrary to say simply that the Garage cannot be de-requisitioned, giving no reason other than the assertion that the firm has proved untrustworthy in its past behavior.

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6. Since it is clear that you are strongly of the opinion that these premises should not be de-requisitioned and I am anxious to give full force to your views in my presentation of the case to AFHQ, would you please let me have a factual and fuller statement of the factors which have lead you to this decision? You would probably want particularly to counter the firm's assertion that their premises are practically empty at the present time and that the number of workmen employed is far below the capacity of the plant, thereby creating avoidable unemployment.

F. W. TOOBY
Lt. Colonel, R. A.

cc: Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 5009/249/EC

8 April 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

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I make further reference to your letter of 31 January 1946 concerning derequisitioning in general in the Naples Area.

I have recently received a letter from AFHQ in which they state that all phases are undergoing investigation.

It would be appreciated if the Italian Government would quote some specific instance, where removal of plant equipment has occurred. Current instructions on the disposal of machinery in requisitioned buildings are that such machinery is only to be removed when it is still required for service purposes.

Very truly yours,

N W Holdsmith

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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DR ALCIDE DE GASPERI
PRESIDENT of Council of Ministers
Italian Govt.
Rome.

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Ref: 4755/627/EC

4 April 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning in Naples.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

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1. Further to A.C. letter 5008/232/EC dated 18 March 1946 on the above subject, enclosed is a copy of A.C. Chief Liaison Officer, Naples, letter NLO/162/GL dated 23 March 1946, with reference referred to.

2. It is believed that this letter gives a very accurate account of the situation in the Naples Area and will assist you in formulating the action required.

N. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Rome 23 March 1946

The Minister of Finance

Owing to the frequency of air raids and to the damages caused by the war, the tobacco factory of Verona, even before the end of hostilities, was decentralised and subdivided in different section, located away from the city, in the villages ofS. Giovanni Lupatoto, a Ca' do Cozzi, a Zevio and Cologna Veneta. In the main factory only a small section with a few workers continued to function.

Such a solution, which was necessary at the time to safe guard our personnel and to continue our work, was and still is a tremendous expenditure for the State, and a great sacrifice for our workers, who, having in most cases, their houses in the city of Verona, were and are still forced, before and after their work, to cover with different means, and sometimes on foot, not less than 20 Km every day. Such is the case for the majority of them, having to reach s. Giovanni Lupatoto from Verona.

As soon as Verona was liberated the administration of the factory tried to take possession of its premises in town in order to reestablish in one building, as in the past, all the adfferent sections, and to stop this coming and going of the personnel from their houses to their work. This however could not be done as on the 15th of June 1945, the Engineers Headquarters of the Fifth Army - Real Estate Section - with an order N.01601, Zone III, signed by Ist Lt. Robert Clinton, undersigned by Richard V Chase, requisitioned the premises for the use of military units.

The Administration of State Monopoly, from which the Tobacco Manufacture depends, not disposing in Verona of other suitable premises, on 30th August 1945; sent to the Industry S/C of the Allied Commission through the Ministry of Industry, a request for the derequisition of the Tobacco Factory.

The request was not granted by the A.C. On the 11th of Dec. a letter No AC/5615/209/Ind. signed by Charles Fervings, Chief of Industry Department, stated that as no other accomodations could be found in Verona for the units billited in the Tobacco Factory, the premises could not be derequisitioned.

Considering that, if such a situation should go on, the Tobacco Manufacture of Verona, which is one of the most important and modern plant of the State Monopoly, would be forced to post pone indefinetly the necessary work of reconstruction and would be unable to reestablish in the same building all the different sections, I deem necessary, in the interest of the Italian State, and that of the personnel of the factory, to ask you personally, for the prompt derequisition of the factory. 1270

I should like also to state that, at the present moment, the tovacco manufacture of Verona is occupied by 300 German prisoners of war, who performing with impunity acts of vandalism, destroy the

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different plants which still remain on the premises, increasing considerably all the work of reconstruction that will have to be done once the troops are withdrawn.

I trust in your personal help for the derequisition of the premises and want to express to you , my own gratitude and the gratitude of all the personnel involved. who are waiting to see the factory resume its normal work. in their own town.

/s/ Scoccimarro

Admiral Ellery Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

ROME

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

APR 2 1946

G-5: 386.2

30 March 1946

SUBJECT: **Derequisitioning in NAPLES.**

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

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Reference 5008/232/EC, 18 March 1946.

1. All British subordinate HQ are fully aware of the urgent need to release accommodation of all types for civil use as quickly as possible, and, in general, extensive derequisitioning has already taken place all over ITALY in accordance with the directive contained in British Administrative Instruction No. 23 dated 20 Sept 45.

2. The position in NAPLES is, however, somewhat different, since it is in that area that the essential British interests, which must for the time being remain in ITALY, are being concentrated. In consequence derequisitioning of real estate has been less in NAPLES area than elsewhere in ITALY.

3. With regard to the specific points raised in para 2, the following comments are made:

(a) The three groups of accommodation referred to in para 2 (a) have been passed to HQ 3 District for a report, on receipt of which a further communication will be addressed to you.

(b) It would be appreciated if the Italian Government would quote some specific instance, where removal of plant has occurred. Current instructions on the disposal of machinery in requisitioned buildings are contained in GRO 991/45, from which it will be seen that machinery is only to be removed when it is still required for Service purposes.

(c) Occupations are constantly under review, and adjustments and reallocations are made almost daily, to meet changing circumstances. The British Military Authorities have still a number of accommodation problems in the NAPLES area, particularly with regard to the provision of suitable accommodation for married families.

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(d) HQ 3 District has been asked to report on the situation regarding these buildings.

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4. With regard to para 3, the buildings occupied formerly by 17 U.S. Gen. Hosp. were re-requisitioned by the British in order that Medical installations could be concentrated. This was essential in order that manpower savings could be effected.

5. It must be stressed that as long as Allied Troops remain in ITALY they must be satisfactorily accommodated both for their own comfort and to facilitate the duties which they have to perform. This will inevitably mean retaining certain requisitioned property.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Copy sent to: Econ Sect, CLO Naples

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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO. 394.

29 March, 1946

Ref. : NLG/158/128

SUBJECT : Removal of Machines from S.A.Eternit Works, Naples (Bagnoli).

TO : HQ. A. C.
(Attention Industry Dept.)

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1. With further reference to my NLG/158/71 of 25th March, I attach a copy of AC/5615/125/IND. of 2nd March which is another case in which a letter has been sent by Industry Dept. to P.B.S. with regard to property in Naples without a reference to this office.

2. P.B.S. have referred the request to us and say they have no authority to permit civilians to remove machinery and plants from the property but go on to say they have no objection to the procedure provided:
(a) - The occupying Unit is asked for approval;
(b) - The removal of the machinery will not detract from the value of the military property;
(c) - An inventory is furnished to the occupant and P.B.S.

3. They suggested that the Italian owners be contacted and informed. Action is being taken accordingly in this office.

C/2331.

J. A. C. PENNYCUICK
Colonel
Chief Liaison Officer
Naples Liaison Group
Allied Commission.

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Copy to : Executive Commissioner.
Hq A.C.

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Ref 5008/227/EC. 227.

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Basic ltr dtd 6 Mar 46, subject: Derequisition of the factory of "Costruzioni Meccaniche Aeronautiche" S.A. at Marina di Pisa.

MAR 25 1946

AG 602 HPENG(20 Mar 46) 1st Ind. Rec'd 28.3.46
Headquarters Peninsular Base Section, APO 782, U. S. Army.

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, AFO 394
(Attn: Industry Department)

WAR 615/

The factory of "Costruzioni Meccaniche Aeronautiche" S.A. at Marina di Pisa is at present used as Engineer Depot 2L77. This depot will be closed approximately 31 March 1946 and the property in question will be derequisitioned.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

GORDON W. GILLAM
Captain A.G.D.
Assistant Adjutant General

Incl:
Basic ltr.

INDUSTRY & UTILITIES S/B
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIO
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5008/239/30 29 March 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning in Naples.

TO : C.I.C. Naples.

1. Forwarded herewith is a copy of AC letter 5008/232/30 to G-5 AFHQ concerning the above subject for your information.

2. G-5 has replied that appropriate action is being taken and that we will be informed in due course.

For the Chief Commissioner,

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY AND UTILITIES BRANCH

Tel 489081 - Ext. 589

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Ref. AC/5615/50/IND

26 March 1946

MAR 29 1946

SUBJECT: S.A. Ansaldo - Pozzuoli

TO : General Officer Commanding
H.Q. No. 3 District
C. M. F.

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1. Representations are again being made by the Italian Government for the de-requisition of further departments of the above firm.

2. It is understood that there has been a considerable reduction in the activities of the occupying units with consequent dismissals of a considerable number of the Italian staff.

3. In order to alleviate the unemployment position it would be appreciated if further sections of the plant could be handed back to the owners to enable them to re-start work and provide additional employment.

4. It would therefore be appreciated if this matter could be examined.

For the Chief Commissioner:

F.W. TOOBY
Lt. Col., R.A., Chief
Industry Division.

Copy to:- Chief Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
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MAR 26 1946

Ref. : NLG/162/64

25th March, 1946

SUBJECT : Derequisitioning in Naples.

TO : HQ. A. C.

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5. As regards 3(b), there are, I understand, over 2000 British requisitions alone in Naples and a high proportion is held for married families. The American demands for apartments and flats for "dependents" is also increasing not diminishing, and there is no doubt that the retention of properties for families after they have been vacated by military personnel is a serious cause for discontent with the civil population.

BKH 29/3. (Maj H.)

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6. As regards 3(b) the attention of both British Area Commander and P.B.S. has been drawn to specific cases of civilians occupying premises under military requisition, as this is not understood by the Civil population.

The question has to be considered from a wide point of view, as both the British and American political Advisers are occupying properties held under military requisition and not rented premises. In the case of the latter (Mr. Byington) the house occupied, the Villa Lauro, appears to be held under both an American military requisition 1003 and a British military requisition 134. It contains furniture and effects that are the property of the Italian State and are being asked for on behalf of the new Prefect.

Civilians of various Consulates, British, American, Brazilian etc. are also occupying apartments held under military requisition. A specific example (which I have mentioned to Mr. Brandt, the American Consul General) being the case of a Miss Genova, an American consular civilian. She is occupying an apartment at 185 Riviera di Chiaia, which was originally requisitioned for the American Navy but vacated by them last year. When this case and another were quoted to the American Military Command we were informed recently that the premises were held under the policy laid down in MTOUSA letter AG 624/780 D-O of 11th June 1945, though this appears to have been superseded by MTOUSA supply directive 79 of 15 November 1945.

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views. This propaganda has been against the Allies and against the Commissario degli Alloggi. On the occasion of the arrival of the new Prefect, Capozzi did not say he hoped to cooperate with him but made an announcement to the effect that he hoped the Prefect would cooperate with his (Capozzi's) society.

8. The policy of this office has been to deal with the Italian authorities and the Commissario degli Alloggi and not to be ~~crossed~~ bypassed by letters from unofficial societies or individuals even though individuals try to bring influence to bear.

Whenever the Prefect or a responsible official body such as the Chamber of Commerce asks for the derequisition of premises on the grounds that such action will help employment, then every effort is made to further the derequisition.

3 District have also been again asked to assist over such requests, and if it should be possible to get A.F.H.Q. to issue a letter to say that where requests for derequisitioning are backed by the Prefect and scrutinized by C.L.O., endeavours will be made to meet the demands it would be of assistance.

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J. A. C. PENNYCUICK
Colonel
Chief Liaison Officer
Naples Liaison Group
Allied Commission.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 386.2 22 March 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning in Naples.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394

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1. Receipt of Alcom letter 5008/232/EC dated 18 March 1946 is acknowledged.

2. Appropriate action is being taken and you will be informed in due course.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. HAMBLEN,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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TRANSLATION

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To.
63406/42405/3.1.10

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 18 March, 1946.

Dear Admiral,

This is to give you a general idea of the current situation of the Ansaldo factories of Pozzuoli, with a view to helping the local workmen.

The Allied Commission, in order to limit the unemployment of the above mentioned workmen, derequisitioned part of the factories, and the Ansaldo Company (S.A.Ansaldo), was able to re-engage 250 workers, (labourers and employees). Now, in view of the new dismissals which have been disposed by the Allied Authorities, a further derequisitioning of the factories is desirable, as it would enable the Ansaldo Company to re-engage many of the workers. As a result of the recent dismissals departments 750 S.A.S.E. and 557 R.C.D. are lying inactive.

If you would kindly intervene for the derequisitioning of these departments, you would be helping the workmen of the industrial zone of Pozzuoli which is afflicted by unemployment and poverty.

Grateful for you interest, and hoping to receive a reply on the matter.

Yours truly,

(s) De Gasperi.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref: 5008/233/MO ✓

18 March 1946

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I refer to your letter of 31 January 1946 concerning de-requisitioning in general in the Naples Area.

Having been recently fully informed on the present situation in Naples, I have this date written to AFHQ recommending that the derequisitioning in Naples be looked into further.

I can assure you that the greatest possible consideration is being given this matter, and that as soon as military necessities permit, you may expect a great improvement to existing conditions.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dott. Aloide De Gasperi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref: 5008/232/EO

18 March 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning in Naples.

TO : G-5, AFHQ.

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1. I have received a letter from Dr. Alcide De Gasperi, President of the Council of Ministers, Italian Government, requesting that the derequisitioning of property in the Naples area be reviewed. This request was made for the purpose of speeding Italy's return to active commercial and industrial life and of absorbing part of the unemployed manpower in that city.

2. Dr. De Gasperi brought to my attention, the following requests, listed below in their relative order of importance:

a. The derequisition of

1. Transport concerns (such as the tramway repair shop at Croce del Lagno).

2. Industrial concerns (such as the Breda plants, and the C.I.S.A. VISCOSA plants).

3. Preserves Industry.

b. That the removal of stocks and machinery from plants being derequisitioned be stopped, so that the plants may be turned over to the lawful owners in working condition. The Italian Government has been informed that some units upon leaving these plants have received orders to remove said stocks and machinery. They fear that this is going to happen to the Riccardi glass manufacturers property and other industrial concerns as well.

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c. A re-examination of the three thousand (3000) flats, which are still at the disposition of the Armed Forces and Allied Organisations, with a view toward releasing those which are no longer strictly necessary.

d. The derequisition of certain public buildings. The

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facilities of the Ufficio del Genio Civile have been cited as an example.

3. I have been informed that PBS and the Royal Navy are reducing commitments as rapidly as possible, but that when buildings are released by these units a very high proportion of them are requisitioned by other units and therefore the total useful property derequisitioned is small. An example which was brought to my attention are the hospital buildings which were derequisitioned by the American 17th General Hospital and in spite of the shortage of hospital accomodation were requisitioned by British Units brought into the area.

4. It is recommended that the greatest possible consideration be given to these derequisition requests in the Naples area, particularly where they are made in view to providing employment.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Economic Section (2).

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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES LIAISON GRO
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO. 394.

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SUBJECT : Derequisitioning of Industrial Plants, Naples.

TO : HQ. A. C.

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1. With reference to your 5008/225/EC of 27th February, I took the Prime Minister's letter 58574/8.1 of 31st January and discussed it with the Colonel Comd. P.B.S. South (Col.Coblentz), NOIC (Capt.Straubridge) and Commander Naples Area (Brig.Cripps) at thetime I wrote my C/2073 of 13th February. I have not yet been able to discuss it with the No.3 District Commander as Major General Clowes was absent on a tour and is now very ill in hospital.

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2. Both the Commander P.B.S. and N.O.I.C. have promised to do all that is possible to derequisition buildings and they are in fact releasing buildings quickly. The American Command are, however, still holding accommodation under instructions from AFHQ for married families who are apparently to be sent out to Italy.

3. As regards Naples Area I understand the position is not too clear. The area Command have been instructed to cut staffs drastically by the 1st of April, at the same time they have been instructed to obtain quarters by further requisitioning if necessary, for a very large number of married families, they are, therefore, in some difficulty over policy.

4. For this reason derequisitioning of premises is still not going forward, because when they are released by P.B.S. or the Navy they are held by the Town Major for Naples Area. There has been an improvement since I have approached the Area Commander, for example, a large 8 storey building, Gruppo Enrico Toti, Via de Pretis, has now been released to the Finance Guards although it was held at first to increase accommodation for

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British personnel. Navy House, the Naval HQ, has also been released back to the University to be used again as a Scuola Commerciale.

The Town Major and DACMG on the Area staff have also been changed and more consideration is being given to requests for derequisition.

5. On the other hand there are buildings in use which contravene the policy as laid down. For example, at Portici University buildings and grounds forming part of a botanical Institute at the Parco Gussone are occupied by German Prisoners of War, which causes friction and I must say quite frankly that policy as given in AFHQ Memo 1229/Q (Maint) of 20th September 1945 is not being enforced. As a positive example, Minister Gronchi asked for the empty hotels at Positano to be derequisitioned, when we referred this to Area HQ. the reply (already sent to you under my C/2157 of 28th Feb.) was: "Existing policy is that Positano remains an officers' leave centre and as such it is not anticipated that derequisitioning of hotels can take place at present". This reply was dated the 25th of February 1946 and, at this level, it appears that Military convenience as well as military necessity affects decisions relating to the retention of requisitioned premises. Continued efforts are, however, being made to press for the release of all possible important buildings. I understand that the British requisitions in Naples total to over 2000, many are, however, quite small affairs and there is already some improvement.

J. A. D. PENNYCUICK
Colonel
Chief Liaison Officer
Naples Liaison Group
Allied Commission.

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Ref. : 5008/227/30 6 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Fiat works at Novoli (Florence)

TO : HQ Florence Command, CMF

verbal

1. A request has been received by this Headquarters from the Presidency of the Council of Ministers for the derequisition of part of the Fiat works at Novoli (Florence).

2. Derequisition is requested for a part of the works which have been damaged by bombs and which have not been used by the present occupants for several months. It is throught that were this part returned to the owners work for over 200 men would be provided.

3. It would be appreciated if you could look into this matter and inform this HQ of any action taken.

For the Chief Commissioner

B. SAMPSON

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref. : 5008/227/EO 6 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Derequisition of the factory of "Costruzioni Meccaniche Aeronautiche" S.A. at Marina di Pisa

TO : HQ, PZS, APO 782

verbal

1. A request has been received by this Headquarters from the Presidency of the Council of Ministers for the total or partial derequisition of the works of C.M.A.S.A. at Marina di Pisa.

2. It would be appreciated if you could look into this matter and inform this HQ of any action taken.

For the Chief Commissioner

B. SAMPSON.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 5008/225/SC

27 February 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of Industrial Plants - Naples.

TO : Allied Commission,
Chief Liaison Officer,
Naples.

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1. Reference my 5009/30 dated 7 February 1946 and your C/2073 dated 13 February 1946, on the above subject.

2. The action indicated in my letter of 7 February is still expected of you. In order that I may answer the Prime Minister's letter, I must have specific replies on the points raised.

3. It is desired that you give this matter your immediate personal attention.

For the Chief Commissioner,

N. W. HIND-SMITH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO. 394.

13 February, 1946

C/2073

SUBJECT : Derequisitioning of Property.

TO : HQ. A. C.

1. With reference to your 5009/EC of 7th February 1946 it is possible that my C/1951 of 24th January may have been overlooked and I attach another copy for reference.

2. The increasing local pressure over derequisitioning was reported by me in December and I was then instructed to approach local Commanders tactfully. That has been already done before the receipt of the above quoted letter and, in the case of the Royal Navy and PBS, there was a ready response, possibly because these two services are reducing commitments as fast as they can.

3. When buildings are, however, released by PBS or the Navy a very high proportion of them are taken over by the Army and useful property derequisitioned is small. As an example in Naples the American 17th General Hospital closed but in spite of the shortage of civil hospital accommodation and our representations on the subject, the very large buildings set free were taken over for the use of British units brought into the Area. We represented the case strongly but got nowhere.

4. Another case outside Naples, concerns the Salerno Prefettura. This building, which is damaged, is still requisitioned as a NAAFI club and the Prefect has been housed in deplorable accommodation. A satisfactory solution was only obtained last month in January 1946 and correspondence has been going on for over a year to get the Littorio building for him.(see AC/42/LG of 25th Jan.1945). A renewal effort to get support as the Prefect is the most important official of this province; received the reply from A.C.HQ that AFHQ"did not want to have cases referred to them for review"(see AC/42/LG of 19th Oct.1945).

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5. I feel that it is most probable that the Prime Minister Signor De Gasperi has been made fully aware of these points and also knows that efforts have been made locally to get public buildings released. It would be appreciated if further representations could be made at a higher level in view of this letter although we will at the same time continue efforts in this office to help. In view of the action already taken here very little amelioration can be expected unless representations are made on a higher level to get increased support for requests for the derequisitioning of public buildings.

J. A. C. PENNYCUICK
Colonel
Chief Liaison Officer
Naples Liaison Group
Allied Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
NAPLES LIAISON GR
ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394.

24 January, 1946

C/1951

SUBJECT : Vetreria Artistica Italiana.

TO : HQ. A.C.

1. With reference to my C/1882 of 11th January a copy of which was sent to you, I attach, for information a copy of the reply from 56th Area dated 16th January.

2. There is a good deal of disappointment in the civil population mostly, no doubt, unjustified, over refusals to derequisition premises that appear to be only partly in use. I understand also that the subject is to be raised specifically when the Prime Minister (De Gasperi) makes his expected visit to Naples at the end of this week.

3. We are doing all we can to point out to the civil authorities the very large number of premises that have in fact been derequisitioned and to explain that delays are inevitable.

4. We should, however, be grateful if some representations could be made to ask for the greatest possible consideration to be given to derequisition requests in Naples particularly where they are made with a view to providing employment.

J. A. C. FERRYCUICK
Colonel
Chief Liaison Officer
Allied Commission.

Encl. Copy of G/502/65 of 16th Jan. from HQ 56 Area.

Copy to G-5 A.F.H.Q.

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APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5009/EC.

7 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of Industrial Plants - NAIRN.

TO : Allied Commission
Chief Liaison Officer,
NAIRN.

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1. I forward a letter received from the Prime Minister (58574/8.1 dated 31 January 46). You should show this letter to the Area Commander, the C.O. of P.B.S., the Naval Command and the District Commander and discuss with them the extent to which they are able to meet the Prime Minister's requests. These discussions will require tact and patience which I confidently expect you to employ.

2. You should report at the earliest possible moment the measure of success which you have achieved and the views of the Military and Naval Commanders.

W. W. HIND-SMITH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Economic Section.

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

58574/8.1 Rome, 31 January 1946

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Dear Admiral,

during the trip which I lately made to Naples, the local Government Authorities, some concerns and private persons pointed out to me some very important requirements which I want to bring to your attention, asking for your kind intervention with A.M.G.

The Allied Authorities aware of the need directly and indirectly to encourage every industrial and economic initiative, gave and are still giving the most concrete support to the Italian Government for whatever action tending to hasten the rehabilitation of the Country, asking that it should be carried out and removing the main obstacles.

For what concerns the town of Naples and within the spere of the activities for a speedier return to pre-war conditions, the following regulations should be made : derequisition of the transport concerns (such as the tramway repair shop at Croce del Lagno), industrial concerns (such as the Breda plants and the C.I.S.A. VISCOSA plants) as well as the various preserves industries which were one of the main export sources of local economy.

Such derequisitions, besides representing a concrete beginning of active commercial and industrial life, would make it possible to absorb part of the unemployed manpower which is one of the main problems of the city.

The derequisition requested is normal in the technical and juridical sense of the word, i.e. the handing back to the lawful owner of the plants in working conditions.

However, we have been informed that some units received the orders to remove stocks and machinery from the plants they were leaving. In one of my previous letters, I already brought to your attention the case of the Silurificio Napoletano (now Industria Meccanica Napoletana) in whose plants the inventory of the material to be removed is being made. It appears that the same thing is going to happen to the Riccardi glass manufacture, and to other industrial concerns as well.

I do not attempt to conceal the alarming repercussions that such news had among the Neapolitan unemployed, nor the uneasiness of the industrial milieux. Should such orders be carried out, the classes concerned will lose all hope, however faint of resuming works, this without mentioning the damages caused by the impossibility of getting new equipment.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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The many obstacles to the resumption of local industries bring about the present difficult situation of the workers: however, it appears that part of them might be most usefully employed in the harbour area, where the Italians are not allowed to work at present, and where they might be made to rehabilitate the harbour and also salvage the ships.

One of the most urgent problems in Naples, besides that of unemployment is that of accomodation. I think that with the collaboration of the Allied Authorities, such a problem might be if not solved, at least improved. Before anything else, it should now be possible to forbid all new requisitions of private lodgings, and it would also be well for the organisms in charge to take the initiative of a speedy re-examination of the situation of the three thousand flats which are still at the disposition of the army forces and allied organizations, seing that those who are no longer strictly necessary.

For what concerns public buildings which should be derequisitioned, I want to bring to your attention that where the Ufficio del Genio Civile ought to be able to function; it is useless to emphasize on its importance at the present time.

I also take the liberty of bringing to your attention, my dear Admiral, a problem of a chiefly moral character and therefore most important. The American agents of the M. P. who lately landed in Naples caused an understandable resentment among the Neapolitan population because of unjustified manifestations of unfriendliness, and also because they arrested and searched some citizens who are above suspicion. I believe that on such a matter also it would be advisable to see that there are no occasions of uneasiness between the population and allied organizations.

Trusting that you may take action so that the just wishes of the Neapolitans t be granted, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A. De Gasperi

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

Cabinet of the Minister

Rome, 17 January 1945

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TO : THE ALLIED COMMISSION
Local Government Sub Commission

FILE No. 1556

ROME

SUBJECT: De-requisition of the ex Building "LITTORIO".

The Commission knows that the Offices of Prefecture and Police Headquarters ("Questura") of Salerno are not located in the "Palazzo del Governo" which has been greatly damaged by bombing. They are located in private buildings absolutely unfitted.

The Prefect, as regards his private dwelling, as well as the offices, was obliged to adopt an expedient which did not become his rank of Chief of the Province and Representative of the Government. At present he is lodging in 4 furnished rooms in a private building in "Vietri sul Mare" at a little distance from Salerno.

This serious problem could be solved in part, by assigning to the above offices the building in which the "Federazione Fascista" was located, which is of recent construction, and is of more than 200 rooms, where the above named offices and the private dwelling of the Prefect could be conveniently and decently established.

The above named building, in which was the Offices of the Command of the English Royal Navy before and then of the American Navy, at present, occupied by a few English soldiers.

Will the Commission kindly request the Allied Authorities concerned to examine the possibility of derequisitioning the above mentioned building or, at least, a part of the same, which is not needed at present.

We would appreciate a kind reply.

THE MINISTER
(I. Bonomi)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUBCOMMISSION

AC/42/LG

Tel: 478706

SUBJECT: Premises for Salerno Prefecture.

19 25 October 1945

TO : AMG Commissioner, Naples.

1. Reference is made to your C/1481 of 17 September and enclosed correspondence. Copies of this correspondence were forwarded to AFHQ with an expression of the opinion of this HQ in support of the Prefect's claim to better accomodation.

2. The reply of AFHQ draws attention to British Administrative Instruction No. 23 and states that, "It is considered that appropriate action will be taken by the local Commander in implementing".... that document. A copy of the instruction in question is enclosed herewith in case it has not yet reached you.

3. For your information, there is also forwarded copy of AFHQ letter G-5: 386.2 to this HQ of 4 October.

4. In view of the express desire of AFHQ that these cases be not referred to them for review, there appears to be no other course but for you to see if some agreement can be reached with the local Commander on the basis of the application of British Administrative Instruction No.23.

signed: RALPH R. TEMPLE
Major
Director
Local Government S/C

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Encl. as in (3) above.

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APO 994
INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT

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Tel. 489061 - Ext. 237

22 February 1946

Ref. AC/5672/IND

FEB 23 1946

SUBJECT : Societa' Italiana Pumping
Naples.

TO : ~~Ministry of Foreign Affairs.~~ NR

1. Reference is made to your letter, subject as above, dated 9 January 1946.

2. a. This office has made strong representations to the military concerned requesting the derequisition of the above mentioned premises, and has been informed that efforts are being made to locate alternative accomodations for the occupying unit.

b. In addition, the matter has been brought to the attention of Allied Force Headquarters in an effort to secure a prompt and favorable decision.

N. I. SHAPIRA
Major, CMS
Liaison Officer,
Industry Department.

Copy to:
~~Economic Section~~
Executive Commissioner
(Attn.: Italian Liaison Officer)
~~Transportation & Shipping B/O~~
~~(Attn.: Rail Division)~~

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INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT : Rueping Plant, Naples.

TO : ~~Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, A.F.H.Q.~~ A/C.

1. Reference is made to this Headquarters' letter, subject and file as above, dated 28 January 1946.

2. Additional strong representations have been made by the President of the Council of Ministers of the Italian Government, requesting dorequisition of above mentioned plant.

3. A reply to letter referred to in par. 1 above will be appreciated.

For the Chief Commissioner :

CHARLES [illegible]INGS
Major RASC
Chief,
Industry Department.

Copy to :-
Executive Commissioner
~~Economic Section.~~

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref. AC/5615/237/IND

16 February 1946

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Dear Mr. Bonomi :

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter dated 21 January 1946 concerning the dereguisitioning of Soc. An. Viggiani Enrico, 161 Via Foggiaroalo, Naples.

The matter is being taken up with the military authorities concerned and you will be advised in due course as to whether the plant can be released immediately.

Yours very truly,

/s/ N. W. HIND-SMITH
Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

On. Ivanoe Bonomi,
Consulta,
Palazzo Monte Citorio,
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT

CW/dg

Tel. 489081 - Ext. 328

4 February 1946

Ref. AC/5615/237/IND

SUBJECT : Derequisitioning of Viggiani Enrico Co., Ltd., Via Poggioreale 161 - Naples.

TO : General Officer Commanding
No. 3 District
C.M.F.

1. Application has been made by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for the derequisitioning of the subject plant which is equipped to can vegetables and produce jams, syrups and preserved fruit.

2. The plant is stated to be occupied by 557 V.O.D., R.S.D., but it is claimed that the military occupants are no longer working there.

3. In view of the importance of this factory to the civilian economy, it would be greatly appreciated if the position could be examined with a view to the immediate derequisition of the plant or, if that is not possible, if we could be informed as to the probable date of release.

For the Chief Commissioner :

CHARLES FEWINGS
Major RASC,
Chief,
Industry Department.

Copy to :-

A.F.H.Q. - G-4 Section.

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TRANSLATION

CAMERA DEI DEPUTATI

Dear Admiral,

I bring to your attention the request for the derequisition of the preserved food Concern about which all particulars are to be found in the enclosed memorandum.

I trust that this activity which is so useful to Neapolitan economy may soon be resumed.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

s. Ivanoe Bonomi

Rome, 21 January 1946.

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TRANSLATION

Derequisition of the Preserved Food Concern 'Viggiani Enrico Ltd' - Naples (Poggioreale)

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2. At the time of the requisition the Allied Command (Supply Section) asserted that the plant was in good conditions, particularly from the point of view of a rapid resumption of works.
This efficiency was stated by Major HOFFMAN and by the representatives of the Local Manufacturers Union (Ing. Giardina and Betti) sent by the Naples Prefecture.

3. Before the announced requisition by the above mentioned British Forces, several memoranda were sent to the Allied and Italian Authorities to prove that it was necessary to keep the plant working and that it should therefore not be requisitioned, for it was the only preserved food concern that escaped destruction in the Poggioreale zone, this to answer the requirements of the civilian population and also in relation with the pressure exercised by the Ministry for Industry, the Local Prefecture and other Authorities.

4. The premises of the plant are occupied by the 557 B.O.D.R.S.D. - LANZA SIDINGS AREA, Poggioreale. (Senior Officers of the 557 B.O.D.R.S.D.: Lt. Colonel OVER and Major GRUTTENDEN; the offices of the unit are in the offices building).

5. The Plant was completely occupied by the offices of the 557 B.O.D.R.S.D. for the disinfesting and repairing of field kitchen equipment.

6. The occupying Command left at the disposition of the Viggiani the premises of the generator and also a shed to dump the materials and such machinery as could be moved.

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9. 200 workers might be employed in fixing up the Plants masons, bricklayers, fitters, mechanicians, etc.

10. The yearly foodstuffs output of the Plant amounts to 120,000 quintals, to the great benefit of the alimentation position.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
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Ref. AC/5630/IND

7 February 1946

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister :

I refer to your letter of 17 January 1946 concerning the proposed derequisitioning of the Industria Meccanica Napoletana plant at Fusaro by 693 B.M.W. REME and their proposed plans to remove materials and equipment from this plant.

On 22 January 1946 a member of the Industrial Staff of the Allied Commission made a personal inspection of the Fusaro works and discussed this problem with the military authorities in charge.

The military authorities in REME state that they have made no plans at the present moment for derequisitioning the plant and propose to continue their operations for some two or three months.

They further state that there have been no materials or equipment removed from the premises, except those materials produced in the plant, and that there are no plans for such a removal.

Some two or three months ago there was a discussion among military authorities as to the advisability of moving some of the equipment from Fusaro to other military operations but it was decided at that time not to take such action.

A survey of the operations does not indicate that there is now any movement or preparation for movement of any quantity of material or equipment from the plant.

I therefore feel able to assure you that there is no action at the present time being proposed or executed that would be detrimental to the conditions or operations of the plant when it is derequisitioned.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

Copy being sent to AC CLO, Naples by Exec Sec.

His Excellency Alcide De Gasperi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

Copy to: C. Com.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref. ES/5.06

6 February 1946

FEB 7 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Italian Premises in Naples

TO : Camera di Commercio, Industria e Agricoltura di Napoli

1. Reference your letter of 20 Oct 45 forwarding the request for the derequisitioning of various garage and automibile factory premises in Naples, addressed to AFHQ - Caserta.

2. This office has been informed by AFHQ of the status of the premises mentioned and hereby transmits the following information and Allied military position thereon:

I. FIAT S/A AUTOMOBILI.

(a) Via Giorgio Arcoleo 16 - fully occupied as stores and workshops. It is unlikely that this will be derequisitioned in the near future.

(b) Corso Malta 1b - already derequisitioned.

(c) Corso Malta - already derequisitioned.

(d) Premises and hangars - already derequisitioned.

II. LANCIA AND COMPANY S/A.

Via Cuneo 3 - cannot be released yet.

III. ALFA ROMEO S/A.

Corso Meridionale 51 - derequisitioned on 15 November 45.

IV. CARLO F LUIGI BORGHESE.

Piazza Nazionale 42 - fully occupied as stores and workshops. This premise cannot be derequisitioned at present.

V. GALLOFF BACIALLI.

Piazza Piedigrotta - derequisitioned on 1 February 1944.

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VI. GRILLI ADAMO.

Via Galileo Ferraris 43 - derequisitioned on 13 November 1945.

T. J. Morgan Capt
for CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, AC
Chief, Supply Group

Distribution:-

Executive Commissioner (with copy of G-5,386.2 of 31 Jan 46)
Tn S/C (Roads Division)
Liaison Officer, Naples Commune

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 396.2

31 January 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Italian Premises in Naples.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1. Attached is a translation of a letter addressed to this Headquarters by the Camera di Commercio, Industria ed Agricoltura di Napoli, which contains an appeal for the derequisition of a number of garage and automobile factory premises in NAPLES.

2. The present situation with regard to the various premises under reference is as follows:

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3. You are requested to inform the Camera di Commercio, NAPLES of the position as given above.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

F. G. A. PARSONS,
Brigadier,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Incl:
copy of translation

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JAN 24 1946

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Rome, 21 January 1946

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s/s

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

Rome, 17 January 1946

Dear Admiral,

JAN 21 1946

the Baia, Fusaro and Scoglio di S. Martino plants belonging to the Italian Torpedo-Works of Naples - today Industria Meccanica Napoletana - were formerly requisitioned by the Allied Army forces for war requirements.

A request was made to the Military Authorities that made the requisition that, when demobilization took place, all the property should be handed over to the Company that owns it, and I was given the assurance that the Industry Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission was favourable to such a request.

Now it appears that on leaving the plants, the Units received the order to remove the equipment and raw materials. Among other things, the 693 B.M.W. which is occupying the plant is already drawing an inventory so that we foresee that the removal of the machinery and materials is imminent.

If this action is taken, the problem of the re-employment of Italian manpower, which was already very grave because of the demobilization of the plants, will become hopeless and it will be impossible to carry out the plans drafted by the managers, with the sponsoring of the Italian Government, for a rapid transformation of works for peace requirements.

You are aware of the conditions of Italian industry and of the seriousness of the problems connected with unemployment. You can therefore realize how urgent is your intervention so that the authorities in charge leave the plants to the Neapolitan mechanic industry, to enable it to resume working at once.

For your information about the possibilities for a rapid transformation of the plants of this Company, I bring to your attention the fact that in a small part of the Baia plant, left at the disposition of the Italians by the Allied Military Authorities, thanks to the great efforts of the managers and workers, it was possible long ago to transform the production and set the plants towards a normal development of work.

The other plants to be left free by the Allied Military Units intend to do the same thing.

Trusting you will agree to my earnest request, I remain,

Yours very truly,

A. De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BOLOGNA

Ref. : AC/BOL/LO/R/4. 27th November 45

Subject : Reports on Florence and Bologna. DEC 3 1945

To : Executive Commissioner, H.Q., Allied Commission.

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1. Reference your letter 5008/EC dated 19th November, 1945, with regard to the report of Sir George Rendel on housing conditions in Bologna, the following is the position on de-requisitioning in the city as given by the Town-Major on 23th November 1945.

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2. It will be seen from these figures that de-requisitioning is carried out as quickly as possible; there is certainly no evidence in support of the statement that some requisitioned buildings are not being fully utilised.

3. The Commander, 217 Area, with whom this matter has been discussed, has laid down a policy of releasing buildings as quickly as it is possible to do so, realising the need for housing the population and getting the industries working again.

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...Commissioner, H.Q., Allied Commission.

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4. It is not understood what Sir George Rendel saw at a refugee <u>transit</u> camp to support the statement that the local authorities are as their wits end to find accomodation. I am assured by Lieut.Colonel Oldfield that his camps are transit camps and not camps for the homeless of Bologna.

5. The housing situation in Bologna is acute but the solution to the problem is largely in the hands of the Italian Authorities; an honest and efficient Commissione degli alloggi working in the public interests rather than for private or political vendettas would be able to improve conditions considerably.

Sent 8/12/45

See min. 191-192 & 194

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6. It is to be regretted that Sir. George Rendel did not meet the Area Commander, Town Major or Liaison Officer in Bologna (no intimation of his visit was received by this office); he would then have heard the other side of the sto= ry and could have been given an insight into the characters of the Municipal Authorities with whom he talked at the par= ty.

Refrigeration Plant at Florence.

7. Nothing is known of this plant as Florence is not within the Area so far covered by the Bologna Liaison Group, nor is it within any of the Military Areas with whom contact is kept.

Suggested that the Commander at Florence Command be asked for his comments on the subject.

T.W.J. WALTERS. Lieut. Col.
Lieut. Colonel,
Liaison Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT

GF/dg

Tel. 489081 - Ext. 328

17 November 1945

Ref. AC/3615/108/IND

NOV 20 1945

SUBJECT : Derequisitioning of:
"Fiat" Sales and Service Centres.

TO : A.M.G. Venezia Giulia

1. We are attaching hereto a copy of a letter received from Messrs. Fiat in which they request the derequisitioning of their Sales and Service Centres lately occupied by 55 Air Bde.

2. The justifications given in their letter are fully supported by this Headquarters. It is a fact that the road transport system in Italy is severely strained due to lack of service facilities and, with the hand-over to the Italian Government of surplus Army vehicles, the arrival of imported vehicles and the resumption of manufacturing in Italy, this position will be greatly aggravated.

3. It would therefore be greatly appreciated if the position of those premises requisitioned for units under your command could be examined with a view to acceding to the Fiat request as soon as possible.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE :

CHARLES FERRINGS
Major, RASC
Chief,
Industry Department.

1 Incl.:
Copy ltr.No.3148
dtd.20/9/45 from
Messrs. Fiat.

Copy to:
Executive Commissioner
(Through Economic Section)
A.F.H.Q. - G-4 Section
Ministry of Industry and
Commerce.

(CAPT BRAYBROOKE)

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F I A T
Società per Azioni
Filiale di Roma
Direzione

Roma 20 Settembre 1945

TO: A.C. HEADQUARTERS
R O M E

Ing. EM/ON

Dear Sirs,

REQUISITIONING OF FIAT's SALE AND SERVICE CENTERS - We are given to understand that Allied Headquarters in Caserta have decided that all Italian properties, so far requisitioned by Allied Forces, be released to the owners as soon as possible.

If such is the case, we beg to submit to you our position and would be grateful if you would give it your kind consideration.

For the distribution of vehicles, spare parts, for servicing and for the control of nearly 300 Agents, Fiat has established, in every Italian region, full-equipped Branches, the great majority of which are still requisitioned as follows:

Ancona	branch	requisitioned	by	660 Tank Workshop
Bari	"	"	"	15 Air Force U.S.
Bologna	"	"	"	607 Loc Work Shop RAWS
Catania	"	"	"	703 Service Station Reme
Firenze	"	"	"	O.C.719 Reme "
Livorno	"	"	"	Royal Navy Transpo Office
Napoli	"	"	"	5 Army Base Station
Roma	"	"	"	U.N.R.R.A.
Palermo	"	"	"	U.S. Navy
Trieste	"	"	"	55 Air Brigade

1 of 3

As the Fiat factories in Turin have already resumed production of vehicles and spare parts, it is most important and urgent for Fiat to rehabilitate all distributing and Service Centers in order that its production can reach the market.

This is not only in the interest of the Firm, but

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mostly to the benefit of the Country, as it is a well known fact that the condition of motor transportations in Italy are extremely poor and, therefore, the supply of vehicles, spare part and service is imperative if improvements in this sector, which is the most important for the reconstruction of the Country, are to be obtained.

We, therefore, beg to ask for the release of the above mentioned Branches, pointing out that the most urgently needed are the following:

Bologna	requisitioned by		607 Loc Work Shop Reme
Napoli	"	"	5 Army Base Station
Roma	"	"	U.N.R.R.A.

FIAT
Filiale di Roma
Il Direttore
(Ing. C. Minola)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5008/EC 19 November 1945

SUBJECT: Reports on Florence and Bologna

TO : Allied Commission
Liaison Officer
Bologna

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1. Attached please find copies of 2 reports made by Sir George Rendel of the Foreign Office during his tour through Italy.

2. Could we please have your comments on these reports.

1-Encl

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Copy to:
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APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5006/80

19 November 1945

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TO : Political Adviser (E)

Thank you for your note of 12 November 1945 enclosing copies of extracts from Mr George Kendal's report. I have forwarded the two on Florence and Bologna to our Liaison Officer in Bologna. If he makes any concrete suggestion I will forward them to AFHQ.

I feel the question of the employment of German Prisoners of War is best left in the hands of AFHQ.

F. H. McCLEARY
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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: 4755 & 5666/80

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Col Mc Cleary

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1. Sir George Rendel is an Undersecretary in the Foreign Office, looking after UNRRA affairs.
2. Suggest we write to A.C.I.O. Caserta re 2 & 3. We have no actual rep. in Florence. If you approve I'll send copies of 2 & 3 to the Genl.

BS. 15/11.

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Chamber. Also we want a reply to Mr H. telling him what.

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Depty Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

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I enclose copies of three extracts from Sir George Rendel's report on his tour through Italy. He asked me how he had best take them up and I suggested that as he was lunching at Caserta the following day he should give copies to General Duff the CAO. If, however, you think that these are matters which Allied Commission should properly take up, perhaps you would issue the necessary instructions and inform AFHQ accordingly.

H. Hopkinson

12.xi.45 Political Adviser(BR)

Read. today
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GERMAN PRISONERS IN EMILIA AND ELSEWHERE

The Prefect of Bologna, Signor Berghese, spoke to me very earnestly on November 6th about the situation produced by the number of German prisoners of war moving about freely in his district. He said that this was causing great feeling in an area which had suffered much under German occupation and where the Germans had behaved particularly badly. He thought that perhaps we and the Americans, who had not been occupied by Germany, might not appreciate quite how bitterly the presence of these prisoners, apparently unguarded and sometimes frequenting places of amusement such as cinemas in comparative freedom, was resented by the people, who felt that the Allied Military Authorities might even be allowing this to happen with some kind of punitive motive. He begged me to do anything I could to have the Germans removed or at any rate kept out of the way and repeatedly emphasized that if this could be done it would greatly improve public feeling towards the Allies, [illegible] a most unhappy cause of irritation.

During my journey through Northern Italy I was more than once approached in a similar sense by Italians of various classes who all appeared greatly to resent the continued presence of large groups of prisoners and the use the Allied Authorities sometimes made of them. The Senior United States Officer at Leghorn told me that one reason for using German prisoners was that there were certain tasks of a military nature for which only people in their position could be employed and for which it was impossible for the Allied Military Authorities to employ Italians. I do not know whether there is anything in this explanation, but it obviously carried no conviction with the Italians themselves.

I realise that this is a very old question which has often arisen before, but feeling on the subject seemed to be so strong and so wide-spread that I have felt bound to write this note about it.

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(sd) [illegible]

Rome.
8th November 1945.

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occupation and where the Germans had behaved particularly badly. He thought that perhaps we and the Americans, who had not been occupied by Germany, might not appreciate quite how bitterly the presence of these prisoners, apparently unguarded and sometimes frequenting places of amusement such as cinemas in comperative freedom, was resented by the people, who felt that the Allied Military Authorities might even be allowing this to happen with some kind of punitive motive. He begged me to do anything I could to have the Germans removed or at any rate kept out of the way and repeatedly emphasized that if this could be done it would greatly improve public feeling towards the Allies, [illegible] initiative.

During my journey through Northern Italy I was more than once approached in a similar sense by Italians of various classes who all appeared greatly to resent the continued presence of large groups of prisoners and the use the Allied Authorities sometimes made of them. The Senior United States Officer at Leghorn told me that one reason for using German prisoners was that there were certain tasks of a military nature for which only people in their position could be employed and for which it was impossible for the Allied Military Authorities to employ Italians. I do not know whether there is anything in this explanation, but it obviously carried no conviction with the Italians themselves.

I realise that this is a very old question which has often arisen before, but feeling on the subject seemed to be so strong and so wide-spread that I have felt bound to write this note about it.

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(sd) Alexander.

Rome.
8th November 1945.

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REFRIGERATING PLANT AT FLORENCE

In the course of a long conversation with the Prefect of Florence, the question arose of the distribution of meat, of which a considerable amount appeared to be on sale in the Florence butchers' shops. The Prefect told us that owing to the dry summer and the lack of ~~forage~~ fodder farmers had been obliged to kill more of their cattle than usual.

The supply of meat was not likely to be sufficiently continuous to enable him to impose any effective system of rationing, but he was still anxious if possible to store some of the meat for the winter when supplies would be very short. Unfortunately the only refrigerating plant in Florence capable of keeping the meat had been requisitioned by the Allied Military Authorities. He believed, however, that only a small part of it was being used and he earnestly begged that the plant - or at any rate those parts of it which were not being used - might be released as soon as possible in order that he might take the opportunity of the present supply of meat to lay in a stock for the lean times that were coming. He begged me to represent the matter urgently to the Military Authorities and repeated that if anything were to be done in this direction it ought to be done soon.

(sd) A.H. Nadel.

Rome
8th November 1945.

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HOUSING CONDITIONS IN BOLOGNA

All the Municipal Authorities at Bologna, whom Mr. Braine and I met at a large party on the evening of November 6th, implored us to do all we could to obtain the derequisitioning of some of the large buildings in Bologna which they said had been requisitioned by the Allied Military Authorities some little time ago but were in many cases now not being fully utilised. They pointed out - what was in fact obvious - that there was a very acute housing crisis in Bologna, where there is a very large number of buildings either destroyed or still uninhabitable, but where there is a growing population of returning refugees and others. They were at their wits' end how to find accommodation for these people, (I saw some evidence in support of this in one of the refugee transit camps which I visited), and begged that the matter might be urgently considered since it was likely to have an immediate effect on the economic stability of the Province.

(Sd) G. Rendel.

Rome.
8th November 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

CC 590

19 October 1945

Executive Commissioner
(for Economic Section)

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Reference memo this office CC 590 of 21 Sep 45 concerning a request received from Fiat for the derequisitioning of certain of their sales and service centers. An examination of the files indicates to date that while ten specific workshops were mentioned in the original Fiat letter, action has been initiated on only one service center; that is, the Rome properties now held by UNRRA.

It is requested that information be given as to what action has been taken in respect to the other properties.

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
SO to CC

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[illegible] ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

CC/GD

Tel. 489082, Ext. 237

1 October 1945

Ref. AC/5615/108/IND

SUBJECT : Derequisitioning of "Fiat" Sales and Service Centres.

TO : U.N.R.R.A. Italian Mission. 1744

OCT - 4 1945

1. We are attaching hereto a copy of a letter received from Messrs. Fiat in which they request the derequisition of their Sales and Service Centres.

2. The justifications given in their letter are fully supported by this Headquarters. It is a fact that the road transport system in Italy is severely strained due to lack of service facilities and, with the hand-over to the Italian Government of surplus Army vehicles, the arrival of imported vehicles and the resumption of manufacturing in Italy, this position will be greatly aggravated.

3. It would therefore be greatly appreciated if the position of the Fiat premises requisitioned by you could be examined with a view to acceding to the Fiat request as soon as possible with, if necessary, the proviso that Fiat should undertake to carry out your repair work etc. giving such work for UNRRA priority.

CHARLES [illegible]
Major PARC

for R.L. ANDERSON
Brigadier,
Deputy Vice-President,
Economic Section.

1 Incl.:-
Copy ltr. No. 3248
dtd. 20/9/45 from Messrs.
Fiat.

Copy to :-
Executive Commissioner
(through Economic Section)
A.F.H.Q. G-4 Section.
Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

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(CAPT WHITE) Emw

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Roma 20 Settembre 1945
Viale Manzoni, 65-67

F I A T - Soc. p. Azioni
Filiale di Roma - Direzione
Ing. EM/OM

TO : A.C. HEADQUARTERS

ROME

Dear Sirs,

DEREQUISITIONING OF FIAT's SALE AND SERVICE CENTERS = We are given to understand that Allied Headquarters in Caserta have decided that all Italian properties, so far requisitioned by Allied Forces, be released to the owners as soon as possible.

If such is the case, we beg to submit to you our position and would be gratefull if you would give it your kind consideration.

For the distribution of vehicles, spare parts, for servicing and for the control of nearly 300 Agents, Fiat has established, in every Italian region, full-equipped Branches, the great majority of which are still requisitioned as follows :

Ancona	branch	requisitioned	by	660 Tank Workshop
Bari	"	"	"	15° Air Force U.S.
Bologna	"	"	"	607 Loc Workshop REME
Catania	"	"	"	703 Service Station REME
Firenze	"	"	"	C.C. 719 Reme Station
Livorno	"	"	"	Royal Navy Transport Office
Napoli	"	"	"	5 Army Navy Station
Roma	"	"	"	U.N.R.R.A.
Palermo	"	"	"	U.S. Navy 1412
Trieste	"	"	"	55° Air Brigade

As the Fiat factories in Turin have already resumed production of vehicles and spare parts, it is most important and urgent for Fiat to rehabilitate all distributing and Service Centers in order that its production can reach the market.

This is not only in the interest of the Firm, but mostly to the benefit of the Country, as it is a well known fact that

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the condition of motor transportations in Italy are extremely poor and, therefore, the supply of vehicles, spare part and service is imperative if improvements in this sector, which is the most important for the reconstruction of the Country are to be obtained.

We, therefore, beg to ask for the release of the above mentioned Branches, pointing out that the most urgently needed are the following :

Bologna	requisitioned	by	607 Loc Work Shop Reme
Napoli	"	"	5 Army Base Section
Roma	"	"	U.N.R.R.A.

FIAT

Filiale di Roma

Il Direttore
(Ing. E. Minola)

F.to E. Minola

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21 September 1945

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MEMORANDUM:

SEP 22 1945

TO: Executive Commissioner
(for Economic Section)

1. In line with the announced AFHQ policy to de-requisition Italian property as rapidly as possible, the attached request from FIAT should be thoroughly explored. ✓X

2. The Chief Commissioner is particularly desirous of having as much property as possible de-requisitioned to the benefit of the Italian economy.

3. Please keep this office informed as to action taken in respect to this matter.

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
SO to CC

1 Encl:
Ltr FIAT Rome Office,
dtd 20 Sept 45.

See folio 177

✓ Letter Inc. EM/om/ dated 20 Sept 45

1ST. IND.

Econ Sec.

Forwarded.

Please report to this office Action Taken.

22 Sept 45.

E.M. WHITE
CAPTAIN,
OFFICER, EX COMM.

Spoke to Col Le-Prad Div 28/9 to follow up Econ

BV 28/9 Noted

1/10 - again Prod Col Le-Prad Div re Petroleum products

Follow up Econ 1/10 again 3/10

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

CF/EP

Tel. 480081, Ext. 237

21 September 1945

Ref. AC/3615/IND.

SUBJECT : Derequisitioning of Industrial Facilities.

TO : Acting Chief of Staff, G-4,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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1. Following upon the letter from the Chief Commissioner, reference CC 590 dated 8 September 1945, attached hereto is a list of industrial and other premises, requisitioned by U.S. Forces in Italy, and for which applications for derequisitioning have been made by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce. The latest known status of the plant is given together with the order of priority of derequisitioning, plants being marked (A) (B) and (C), in accordance with their importance to the Italian economy. This order of priorities is approximate only as the Ministry has in all cases listed pressed for derequisitioning and rehabilitation could start at each plant immediately upon release.

2. In making application for derequisitioning of these premises, the shortage of fuel and raw materials has been borne in mind and also the fact that, at the time when war material was being prepared for shipment to the Far East, release of many plants was impossible. At that time, also, a plant working for the military employed as many Italians as previously. Now, however, the decreasing volume of military work will result in a gradual increase in unemployment unless these plants can be turned back to the owners so that repairs and rehabilitation can start.

SEE M 169 ff 2

For the Chief Commissioner :

(sgd) E B. McKinley

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

Incl.:
as per para 1 above

INDUSTRY SUB COMMISSION
APPROVED:
Name
Rank & appt.

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HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
SEP 19 1945
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	(a) Name and Address of Firm	(b) Requisitioned or occupied by	(c) Present status as known to A.
1	Manifatture Tabacchi, Cascine, FLORENCE	C.C., PISTOIA	Cannot be released until February being used for redeployment
2	Società Ernesto Breda, Corso Molte al Vasto, NAPLES	AAFSC, General Depot No.3	Permission given for owners to c salvage and rehabilitation
3	De Ponis S.A.g. Vasco Grevins Capamone ex Dini NAPLES	8th F. of E.	Rebuilt by occupiers- release re in June 1945
4	Società Metallurgica Italiana LEGHORN	878 U.S. Ordnance Group 3106 U.S. Ordnance Group	Still in use for truck repairs c
5	Soc. Nav. Trasporti Condrand, 23 Via Benedetto Brin NAPLES	F.B.E.	Advised release not possible on August 1945
6	Palazzo dell'Arte - Albergo 43 Via Galileo Ferraris NAPLES	F.B.E.	In use by military; derequisitio not supported by Transportation Commission, this Headquarters
7	S.A.M. Gallo & L. Baccialli 1, Piazza Piedigrotta, NAPLES	F.B.E.	In use for German F.C.M.

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(a) es of Firm	(b) Requisitioned or occupied by	(c) Present status as known to A.	(d) Priority for derequisitioning
nchi, rca	C.C., MTOUSA	Cannot be released until February 1946- being used for redeployment	A
rnin, Vento,	AAFSC, General Depot No.3	Termination given for owners to carry out salvage and rehabilitation	C
Peyarone a	8th F. of H.	Rebuilt by occupiers- release refused in June 1945	C
ngton	678 U.S. Ordnance Group 3106 U.S. Ordnance Group	Still in use for truck repairs etc.	C
enti nto Brin	F.B.S.	Advised release not possible on 14 August 1945	B
to - Albergo o Ferraris	F.B.S.	In use by military; derequisitioning not supported by Transportation Sub-Commission, this Headquarters	C
Tacciolli Agrotte,	F.B.S.	In use for Owners: F.G.W.	B

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	(a) Name and Address of Firm	(b) Requisitioned or occupied by	(c) Present status as known to
8	Cav. Alfonso Curci & Figlio 146 Via Galileo Ferraris NAPLES	F.B.S.	Portion derequisitioned in J 1945 - balance still in use military
9	Italcementi CIVITAVECCHIA	F.B.S.	Producing cement for C.C. F.B.S.
10	S.A. Eternit Bagnoli NAPLES	F.B.S.	Being used for redeployment
11	F.lli De Negri S.LEUCIO DI CASERTA	O.S. 777 U.S. Army	Has not been considered esse Italian economy by A.C.
12	S.A. Michelin 48, Via Castro Pretorio ROME	2675 Regt. (A.C.)	Cannot be released 14 September 1945
13	S.A. Vetreria Italiana Balsaretti Modigliani 25 Via delle Cateratte LEGHORN	G.H.B. F.B.S.	Application not pursued by due to lack of coal and raw
14	Soc. Industrie Meccaniche Meridionali NAPLES	30 AFD AAFHQ/MTO	do -

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(a) Name of Firm	(b) Requisitioned or occupied by	(c) Present status as known to A.C.	(d) Priority for derequisitioning
...ci & Riglio ...ce Ferrarie	F.B.S.	Portion derequisitioned in Jan. 1945 - balance still in use by military	B
	F.B.S.	Producing current for C.S. F.B.S.	A
	F.B.S.	Being used for rehabilitation purposes	B
...ETA	988. 777 U.S. Army	Has not been considered essential to Italian economy by A.C.	C
...Pretorio	2675 Regt. (A.C.)	Cannot be released 14 September 1945	B
...Alma ...eliani ...ferrate	G.B.D. F.B.S.	Application not pursued by this Co. due to lack of coal and raw materials	C
...ccenicho	36 AFD AAFWC/[illegible]90	[illegible]-ho -	B

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	(a) Name and Address of Firm	(b) Requisitioned or occupied by	(c) Present status as known to A.C.
15	Soc. Materiali da Costruzioni PUGLIA	A.M.C.	Should be released on 1 October 1945
16	Soc. Cantieri Navali Riuniti, PALERMO	U.S.N.C.O.	Application not pursued by this as the dockyards are being used a major part of the U.S. naval establishment in the Mediterrane
17	Soc. Alberto Prodo 80-82 Via S.Giovanni BARLETTA	U.S. Army Depot No.4	Not pursued in June as goods wer stored there prior to shipping t Far East
18	Soc.Esp. per le Terme di Agnano Agnano, NAPLES	F.M.S.	Derequisitioning not recommended are 40-50 eyes not requisitione
19	Soc. "[illegible]" 27 Via Pò ROMA	F.M.S.	Not pursued as equipment not available even if released
20	Soc. Jesina Macchine Agrarie, JESI	VI Av. Engineer Command AAFSC	Present status not known
21	S.A. Italiana Spiriti San Severo BARI	1738 Ord. S Bn Coy (AVN)	No decision yet received

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(a) ...s of Firm	(b) Requisitioned or occupied by	(c) Present status as known to A.C.	(d) Priority for derequisitioning
...a Costruzioni	A.E.C.	Should be released on 1 October 1945	A
...ngli Simitti,	U.S.N.C.B.	Application not pursued by this HQ as the docks-yards are being used as a major part of the U.S. naval establishment in the Mediterranean	C
...ede Venturoo	U.S. Army Depot No.4	Not pursued in June as goods were stored there prior to shipping to Far East	C
...Terme di Agnano	F.N.N.	Derequisitioning not recommended as there are 40-50 ...ons not requisitioned	C
	F.N.N.	Not pursued as equipment not available even if released	C
...ino Agrario,	VI Av. Engineer Command AAFSC	Present status not known	A
...riti	1738Ord. & 8T Coy (AVN)	No decision yet received	A

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	(a) Name and address of firm	(b) Requisitioned or controlled by	(c) Present status as known to AC
22	"Piaggione" Tobacco Warehouse Leghorn	58 Q.M. Bn	Cannot be released as it is within Port area.
23	Alfonso Vinella, 203 Porta Napoli, Foggia	A.P.C.	All refrigerated space still needed by military
24	"OTIS" Naples	P.E.S.	No action taken here, as "OTIS" are working in provisional works.
25	Soc. Ceramica Richard-Ginori - Pisa -	AFGD No.6	Decision on application not yet received
26	Magazzino tabacchi Via Gianturco, Greggi, - Naples -	Ordnance, P.E.S.	PE say they cannot release at the moment. 9 July 1945
27	Salt Warehouse - Via Flavio Gioia - Naples -	5th P. of E.	Application refused as premises in use for billeting and also because they are in the Port area. 12 July 1945
28	R. Manifatture Tabacchi, 97 Via Benedetto Brin, - Naples -	5th P. of E.	As above (No. 27) - 13 July 1945
29	Magazzini Generali Frigoriferi 12 Via Panciatichi, - Rifredi -	HQ. Florence Command	Being held until all Fifth Army troops have left the area - 28 August 1945

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of firm	(b) Requisitioned or occupied by	(c) Present status as known to AC	(d) Priority for Derequisitioning
Warehouse	58 Q.M. Bn	Cannot be released as it is within Port area.	B
Fossia	A.F.C.	All refrigerated space still needed by military	B
	P.B.S.	No action taken here, as "DTLS" are working in provisional works.	C
Gherardi-Ginori	AFHQ No.6	Decision on application not yet received	B
Bregni,	Ordnance, P.B.S.	PBS say they cannot release at the moment. 9 July 1945	B
Via Flavio	8th P. of E.	Application refused as premises in use for billeting and also because they are in the Port area. 12 July 1945	B
Palmeohi, Erin,	8th P. of E.	As above (No. 27) - 13 July 1945	A
Frigoriferi	HQ. Florence Command	Being held until all Fifth Army troops have left the area - 28 August 1945	A

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	(a) Name and address of Firm	(b) Requisitioned or occupied by	(c) Present status as known to AC	P
30	Soc.Trasporti Urbani, Via Carlo Mayas - Leghorn -	P.R.S.	Sufficient facts not yet given this HQ. to warrant any action	
31	S.A. Alfa Romeo, Corso Meridionale, - Naples -	No. 1 Medium Maintenance Shop	Military need continued in July	
32	S.A. Cementeria di Livorno 33 Via Del Marzocco - Leghorn -	P.R.S. (Engineers).	No reply yet received to our application.	
33	Fratelli Feltrinelli 114 Via delle Brecce a S.Erasmo - Naples -	P.R.S. Ordnance Base Depot No.1	One of the largest covered storage areas of O.R.D. No. 1 - will be one of the last to be derequisitioned.	
34	Magazzini Generali e Frigoriferi - Naples -	6th Port. 812 Signal Port Serv.Co.	Premises within the Port area	
35	Arsenale del R. Esercito - Naples -	P.R.S. 19th Ord.Maintenance Coy.	Correspondence proceeding with M.M.L.A.	
36	Fratelli Improta S. Antimo - Naples -	19th Ordnance Coy.	Release not possible in August	

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...e of Firm	(b) Requisitioned or occupied by	(c) Present status as known to AG	(d) Priority for Derequisitioning
...Urbani, ...s	F.A.S.	Sufficient facts not yet given this HQ. to warrant any action	C
...y, ...ile,	No. 2 Medium Maintenance Shop	Military need continued in July	B
...a di Livorno ...rocco	F.A.S. (Engineers).	No reply yet received to our application.	A
...inelli ...Trecce e S.Erasmo	F.A.S. Ordnance Base Depot No.1	One of the largest covered storage areas of O.R.D. No. 1 - will be one of the last to be derequisitioned.	B
...elli e Fri-	6th Port. 212 Signal Port Serv.Co.	Premises within the Port area	B
...Esercito	F.A.S. 38th Med.Maintenance Coy.	Correspondence proceeding with M.M.L.A.	C
	19th Ordnance Coy.	Release not possible in August	A

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	(a) Name and address of Firm	(b) Requisitioned or occupied by	(c) Present status as known to A.F.	Priority Percen
37	S.A. Cirio, - Monbrasone -	—	Believed now released	
38	Soc. Ceramica Richard-Ginori 27 Via Fabio Filzi, - Leghorn -	P.B.S.	Stated that it will be in use as long as U.S. troops remain in the area	
39	Montecatini, - Leghorn -	P.B.S.	No application yet received from Ministry	
40	Officine Galileo 44 Via Carlo Bini - Florence -	183 Ord. Battalion	No reply yet received from P.B.S.	
41	Soc. Marchese Francesco & C. Margherita (Foggia)	Airforce Town Major - Foggia -	Application now being processed	
42	G. Santoleama di Stefano Cioia del Colle - Bari -	41 Depot Group (American Command)	Application now being processed	

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...s of Firm	(b) Requisitioned or occupied by	(c) Present status as known to A.C.	(d) Priority for Derequisitioning
-	---	Believed now released	--
...Richard-Ginori ...ni.	F.B.S.	Stated that it will be in use as long as U.S. troops remain in the area	B
	P.B.S.	No application yet received from Ministry	C
...ed	188 Ord. Battalion	No reply yet received from F.B.S.	A
...Francesco ... (Sagria)	Airforce Town Major - Sorgia -	Application now being processed	B
...di Stefano ...ia	41 Depot Group (American Command)	Application now being processed	A

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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8 September 1945.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Executive Commissioner. (151)

Reference the attached letter from General Magruder, Acting Chief of Staff, G-4, AFHQ.

The derequisitioning of industrial properties essential to the rehabilitation of Italian economy is a serious and most important problem. I wish that you would personally take up this matter with the Economic Section and see that they immediately prepare the detailed list referred to in paragraph 3 of General Magruder's letter, and at the same time, copies be furnished to G-4, AFHQ, of all new requests for derequisitioning that are sent to area commanders.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

8 September 1945

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Dear General:

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Thank you for your letter of 5 September 1945. I am in full agreement with you that top priority be given to the derequisitioning of those industrial properties that are essential to the rehabilitation of Italian economy.

The detailed list of installations on requisition by the U.S. Army in which the Allied Commission or Italian Government is interested in having returned are being prepared and will be forwarded to you as soon as possible. Instructions have been issued that your section will, in the future, receive copies of all requests for derequisitioning that are forwarded to area commanders.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Major General Carter B. Magruder, GSC
Acting Chief of Staff, G-4
Allied Forces Headquarters
APO 394, U. S. Army

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cc: Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

5 September 1945

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.,
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,
APO 394, U.S. Army

My dear Admiral Stone,

With the end of hostilities, the U.S. Forces are now in a position to reduce the number of Italian premises that they occupy.

I am anxious to give top priority in derequisitioning to those industrial plants that are most essential to the Italian economy.

Formerly the Allied Commission sent to this section copies of all requests for derequisitioning that were forwarded to area commanders. We have not received copies of such requests recently. I would appreciate having a detailed list of installations on requisition by the U.S. Army in which the Allied Commission or Italian Government is interested in having returned at an early date to Italian industry.

The priority of the derequisitions should be indicated where a preference can be given.

Sincerely,

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CARTER B. MAGRUDER
Major General, GSC,
A.C. of S., G-4.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

Tel. 328

AHG/tkg

Ref. AC/5587/IND

30 June 1945

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SUBJECT: Requisitioning and De-requisitioning of Industrial Facilities in AC/AMG Territory.

TO: Distribution Below.

1. Changed circumstances from war to peace in Italy mean that the detailed procedure for A.C. de-requisitioning, contained in AC/5587/IND of 26 April 1945, is now no longer necessary.

2. AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 14 of 7 March 1945 is still the ruling document, but as the military now no longer require industrial premises for the prosecution of the war the interest of Italian economy will be given every consideration by military commanders.

3. In view of the above, AC/AMG industrial officers will keep in close touch with district and military headquarters in their respective areas so that they will be in a position to put forward on the spot the Italian case for preventing requisition or obtaining de-requisition.

4. It must be borne in mind that the armed forces do require accommodation and that cases for de-requisition should not be put forward by AC/AMG officers unless they are absolutely certain that the factory or works concerned are in a position to operate and will have the necessary power, fuel and raw materials.

A. H. GLENDINNING, Lt. Col. 1399

W. J. MASKREY, Lt. Col.
Acting Director
Industry Sub-COMMISSION

Distribution:
All Regional Commissioners (Attn. Industry Div) for:
All Provincial Industry Officers
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and for information To:
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel. 257

15 May 1945

Ref. 402/5672/IND.

ADDRESS : Timber Grecoting Works
Soc. Italiana [illegible], [illegible]

TO : Allied Forces Local Resources Section
A.A.A.I., A.M.F.

(152) (149.)

1. Your letter [illegible]/21771/10 of 6th of May 1945 is subject.

2. Your letter confirms the points raised at the last meeting of the Industrial Coordination Committee and the instructions to the subject company have already been given by this headquarters.

3. Enclosed herewith is copy of a letter addressed to O. C. 38 Vehicle Coy, confirming the offer of assistance given to the company for the transfer of essential equipment from the area now occupied by 37 Vehicle Coy. to the area which will be operated by Messrs. Mucping.

For the Chief Commissioner:

(150) /s/ W. J. MASKREY.

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

Copy to:-
Economic Section, A.C.
(Attn: Mr. D. L. Anderson)
~~Transportation Sub-Commission~~
Executive Commissioner
(your 5008/150/EC of 7 May 1945 refers)

1 Incl. :-
Copy of Letter AG/5672/IND., 4 May 1945,
from Industry Sub-Commission, A.C.

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Ref. IC/5672/IND.

SUBJECT : Timber Creosoting Works
Soc. Italiana [illegible], Malta

TO : Allied Force Local Resources Section
A.F.H.Q., G.H.Q.

(152) (149)

1. Your letter LRS/21581/15 of 5th of May 1945 is subject.

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APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

MAM/hh

Tel. 257

4 May 1945

Ref. AC/5672/IND.

SUBJECT : Assistance to G.A. Rueping in Rehabilitation of Creosoting Plant, Via Taddeo da Sessa, N A P L E S .

TO : O. C. 38 Vehicle Coy., C.M.P.

1. The creosoting plant of the above-named firm, workshops, saw-mill, etc. have been released to the owners by D.M.P.S. as a result of the recommendations made by the investigating sub-committee (Brig. M.W.S. Cripps) appointed under the Industrial Co-ordination Committee, A.F.I.F. (I) 2.

2. It is understood that, at the meeting arranged on the ground by Brig. Cripps on 19th April 1945 you agreed to assist the management in transferring a locomotive, some rails, heavy machinery and Decauville trucks from the A.F.V. park to the creosoting section, by the use of tanks, labour to be supplied by the management.

3. If this is your understanding of the agreement made it would be appreciated if the necessary orders could be given to the M.C.O. in charge of the A.F.V. park, as Messrs Rueping have been instructed to commence restoration work without delay.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

Copy to : -
Area Comdr. 56 Area, C.M.F.
Economic Section, A.C.
H.Q., A.M.G. Commissioner, Naples
G.A. Rueping

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Ref: 12.03/ES.

14 May 1945.

MAY 15 Rec'd

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My dear General Magruder:

I am obliged to you for your letter of 16 April 1945.

Tests were made at the Solvay Plant on 27 April under the supervision of Major Harris and Dr.Opatowski. It was found that a mixture of 70-75 per cent of Iglesias lignite together with 25-30 per cent of Sardinian coal was moderately suitable. Lignite by itself, or lignite mixed with a smaller proportion of Sardinian coal, did not generate sufficient heat. The managers of the Solvay Company agreed with these conclusions.

Arrangements have now been made at these Headquarters for a supply of the required lignite and the Sardinian coal so that the difficulties in getting this essential Plant going at an early date will soon be overcome.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Major General Carter B. Magruder, GSC,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4,
HQ. MTOUSA,
APO 512, USA.

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Tel: 289.

Ref: 2008/150/EC. 7 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of Timber Creosoting Works - Soc. Italiana RUSPING, NAPLES.

TO : Economic Section (2).

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The attached letter, LRS/219B1/10 dated 6 May 45, from the Allied Force Local Resources Section, AFHQ, subject as above, is passed to you for necessary action.

sgd Capt Arnolly
pp Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

Encl.

Copy to: SO to CC.

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ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION
A.F.H.Q.

Postal Address:
A.F.L.R.S.,
Rome Area Allied Command,
C. M. F.

Telephone: ROME 66276

LRS/21981/10

6 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Timber Creosoting Works -
Soc. Italiana RUEPING, NAPLES.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

1. The application by Allied Commission for the de-requisitioning of the above factory has been the subject of investigation by a sub-committee appointed by the Industrial Co-ordination Committee in accordance with paragraph 4.c. of AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No.14 dated 7 March 1945.

2. At the meeting of the Industrial Co-ordination Committee held on 5 May 1945 the recommendations of the Investigating Sub-Committee were accepted. These were as follows:

a. that S.I. RUEPING should take steps to repair their plant immediately.

b. that 38 Veh Coy should give up the position marked Zone "C" on the attached plan.

c. that Engr (Br) AFHQ should release their portion of the premises.

3. a. Engr. (Br) AFHQ have agreed to de-requisitioning w.e.f. 21 May 1945, subject to certain reservations accepted by the Industrial Co-ordination Committee.

b. G-4(B) AFHQ has been asked by separate letter to ensure that the position marked Zone "C" is given up by 38 Veh Coy and alternative accommodation found for parking of AFV's.

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4. It is requested that you will take the necessary steps to ensure that S.I. RUEPING effects without delay the required repairs to the plant.

/s/ W. B. S. SHELDON, Colonel,
Chief of Section (Br),
A.F.L.R.S.

WBSS/whr

Copy to: A/CAO, AFHQ
G-4(B) "
Industry Sub-Commission, A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION
PRODUCTION DIVISION

Tel. 406

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Ref. 5.06/ES

3 May 1945

SUBJECT: Requisitioning and Derequisitioning of Industrial Facilities in AC/AMG Territory

(142) (146)

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Reference y ur 5008/EC dated 30 April 45 and attached copy letter AC/5587/IND dated 27 April 45.

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2. Your attention is drawn to para 4 of this letter in which Mr. Antolini refers to the issuance by the Director of Industry Sub-Commission of a detailed Technical Instruction for the guidance of AC/AMG Industry Officers.

3. The Technical Instruction AC/5587/IND dated 26 April 45 does not come under Group B as you suggest but is merely a technical directive on the implementation of policy, and as such, was signed by the Deputy Director of the Sub-Commission concerned.

D. L. ANDERSON
Brigadier
Deputy Vice-President

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Attachment
per para 1

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Industry S/C

O.K.

(MAS-TALBOT)

Executive Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

NRLM/hh

Tel.237

30 April 1945

Ref.AC/5587/IND.

MAY 1 REC'D

SUBJECT : Security in relation to procedure for Requisitioning and De-requisitioning of Industrial Plants.

TO : Distribution Below.

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Seeking 116

1. This Headquarters' circular to Regional and Provincial AC/AMG Industry Officers AC/5587/IND of 26th April 1945 is subject.

2. The designation of units making use of or intending to make use of industrial facilities, and the purpose of the actual or intended use which is being, or will be made of such facilities will NOT be communicated to the offices of the U.P.I.C. nor by such offices to the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour.

3. This information will, therefore, be deleted from all correspondence between AC/AMG offices and the civil authorities.

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

Distribution : -
All Regional Commissioners
(Attn.: Industry Division)
All Provincial Industry Officers
All Sub-Commissions HQ,AC.

and for information TO :
AFHQ G-5 Section
AFHQ G-4 American

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Ref.AC/5587/IND.

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Ref: 5008/EC.

30 April 1945.

Subject: Requisitioning and Derequisitioning of Industrial Facilities in AC/ANG Territory.

To: Acting VP,
Economic Section.

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Your attention is drawn to Industry Sub Commission's memorandum AC/5587/IND of 26 April 1945, subject as above.

I am directed to inform you that this memorandum should have been signed by yourself as Acting Vice President and not by the Deputy Director of Industry Sub Commission. If you will refer to Office Memorandum No.17 dated 13 October 1944, you will see that correspondence in this HQ is divided into three groups. This memorandum of Industry Sub Commission comes under Group B, and is therefore handled by the Vice President.

Major E. Talbot
Chief Staff Officer,
to Executive Commissioner.

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Should a Rep Div. of a S/C issue such a letter to R C's. Should Think it would be for you or at least at V.P. — Gus 2/8/1

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DISTHREE RPTD 208 SUB-AREA

6343 27 April 1945 ROUTINE

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PARA TWO FD COLONEL LOVE ABLE JENNY OF THIS HOW QUEEN ACCOMPANIED BY DIRECTOR MONTECATINI COMPANY WILL ARRIVE BRINDISI ON OR ABOUT WEDNESDAY TWO MAY TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF DERequisitioning AS REQUESTED IN YOUR ABOVE QUOTED LETTER

Copy to :

Economic Section.

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INDUSTRY S/C

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Capt. N.R.L. Macdonald.

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO, USA,
ASST. ADJUTANT

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref. AC/9587/IND

27 April 1945

APR 28 REC'D

SUBJECT : Use of Industrial Facilities for Civil Requirements.

TO : Regional and Provincial Commissioners and Directors of Sub-Commissions.

1. This letter is written with reference to Administrative Memorandum No. 14 dated 7 March 1945 issued on the above subject by Allied Force Headquarters, a copy of which has previously been forwarded to you.

2. Attention is directed to the provisions of paragraph 4 of Administrative Memorandum No.14. It will be noted that cases presented under paragraph 4a to the responsible Area, District, Base Section or Army Commander, or other responsible military authority, whether presented by this Section, a Sub-Commission, a Regional or Provincial Commissioner, must be accompanied with a complete and factual justification. Likewise under paragraph 4c cases submitted by this Section to an investigating sub-committee appointed by the Industrial Co-ordination Committee of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board, through AFLRS must be accompanied with a complete and factual justification.

3. There is attached hereto a form prepared for use by this Section in submitting cases under paragraph 4c. The form will serve to indicate the type of information which constitutes a complete and factual justification whether the case is to be submitted under paragraph 4a or 4c. Sub-Commissions, Regional and Provincial Commissioners will furnish all such information whether presenting a case directly to the responsible Area, District, Base

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Section or Army Commander or other responsible military authority under paragraph 4a or transmitting information to this Section with a request that a case be presented under paragraph 4a or 4c.

4. A detailed technical instruction is being issued by the Director of the Industry Sub-Commission to AC/AMG Industry Officers for their guidance on this subject.

1 Encl.
Questionnaire

A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

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APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

April 1945

CASE SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM NUMBER 14, DATED 7 MARCH 1945, ISSUED BY ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

TO : Industrial Co-ordination Committee, AFLR(I) Board through AFLRS

1. Name of Firm.
2. Name of Executives.
3. Location of Plant.
4. Exact designation of military authority responsible for military occupancy.
5. Exact designation of military unit occupying premises or about to occupy premises.
6. Period of military occupancy.
7. Description of facility.
   a. Number of buildings.
   b. Dimension of each building.
   c. Use which has normally been made of each building.
   d. Diagram of building.
8. Statement as to the nature of the normal production
9. General statement as to the importance to the Italian economy of the products manufactured.
10. Statement as to the requirements of the [illegible]
    a. by the Allied armed forces.

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b. By the Italian armed forces.

c. By the civilian population.

11. Statement as to the availability in Italy of the product indicating the quantity now being imported from Allied sources.

12. Statement as to the present condition of premises and of the machinery and equipment.

13. Statement as to whether repairs, if necessary, can be effected and as to whether the machinery can be operated.

14. Statement as to quantities of materials required for re-building and quantities available locally.

15. Statement as to stocks of raw materials on hand.

16. Statement as to requirements of raw materials in addition to those available.

17. Statement as to availability of raw materials.

18. Statement as to requirements of power.

19. Statement as to availability of power.

20. Statement as to requirements of transports.

21. Statement as to availability of transport, proximity to rail transport, etc.

22. Statement as to present productive capacity of entire facility giving due regard to feasibility of making repairs, availability of raw materials, power, transport and labor.

23. Statement as to productive capacity of the portion of facility and equipment which has been, or is about to be occupied by the military.

24. Statement as to availability of substitutes for products manufactured by the facility.

25. Statement as to the nature of the military occupancy

a. Number of men occupying premises.

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b. Use to which facility is being put by military authorities.

c. Statement as to portion of plant occupied or to be occupied and machinery and equipment being used, or to be used by the military.

d. Extent to which permanent damage is being done to the facility by the occupation.

26. Statement of particulars of previous cases submitted and results, together with copies of all papers.

27. General statement as to justification for submission of case.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION NRLM/ag

Tel. 237 26 April 1945

Ref. AC/5587/IND. APR 28 RECD

SUBJECT : Requisitioning and De-requisitioning of Industrial Facilities in AC/AMG Territory.

TO : Distribution Below.

1. Requisitioning : Under Administrative Memorandum No. 14 of 7th March 1945 (copy attached), policy on requisitioning and procedure for the de-requisitioning of industrial premises occupied by the Armed Forces is laid down.

To enable this procedure to be put into effect the responsibilities of the Italian Government, Allied Commission and the Armed Forces must be understood.

2. In the first place, no industrial facilities should be requisitioned by any Allied unit in AC/AMG territory without reference to the local AC/AMG representative.

3. It will be the responsibility of all AC/AMG Industry officers to make contact with all Town Majors within their respective areas in order to ensure that no misunderstanding exists as to this procedure.

4. The guiding principle of Allied Commission's policy with relation to Italian industry is that every facility which can be made use of towards the successful prosecution of the war and the restoration of economic stability shall be so employed.

5. In consequence, when applications are received by AC/AMG regional or provincial officers from Allied unit commanders who desire to requisition industrial facilities, the Industry officers affected must consider each case in the light of this over-riding principle and the degree of importance of the facility to the local or national economy.

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7. Among the factors which might prevent an industrial facility from being utilized for its original purpose may be listed the following :

a) Damage to buildings or plant of a nature which cannot be made good under immediate or reasonably immediately foreseeable conditions.

b) Inability to procure electric power or fuel.

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c) The lack of even one essential machine or raw material which cannot be procured during the conduct of the war, either from local civilian or military or from overseas Allied sources.

d) A shortage of labour of the type required to operate the facility.

e) Inability to procure the transportation necessary for reactivation, either for bringing in raw materials to the plant, or for despatching the finished goods.

8. To prevent loss of time which might result from the misinformed representations of industrialists to AC/AMG Regional and Provincial Headquarters in matters concerning the requisitioning of industrial facilities, the closest contact should be maintained with the local officials of the U.P.I.C., where such exist. All such cases should be examined in collaboration with these officials, and no case submitted to AC/AMG Industry officers until such an examination has been made.

9. Thus where U.P.I.C. offices are functioning no representation should be made to AC/AMG Industry officers by industrialists until the case has been examined and carefully screened by the local U.P.I.C. office.

10. When, after having considered all the circumstances, it is decided by the AC/AMG Regional H.Q. concerned that the facility ought not to be requisitioned, and if, having so informed the Allied requisitioning authority, the reply is to the effect that the requisitioning is essential, the requisitioning authority's attention should be drawn to the terms of the above-quoted Administrative Memorandum (para 4, sub-para (a) and Para 5, sub-para (a)) and the matter at once referred, with all the relevant facts, to this Headquarters for examination, by the AC/AMG Headquarters affected. The requisitioning authority should be notified, in writing, at the same time, of the action taken, and parallel action should be taken by the local U.P.I.C. office with the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour. This will enable a joint examination of the circumstances to be made between this Headquarters and the Ministry.

11. If the circumstances warrant it, the case will be submitted by this Headquarters to the responsible Area, District Base Section or Army Commander, and thence, if necessary to the Industrial Coordination Committee, AFLR(I)B for adjudication. If examination shows that the circumstances do not warrant opposition to the projected requisition, this Headquarters

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12. It is desired to emphasize that the strongest support will be given to all cases submitted to this Headquarters where such cases are completely supported. However as each case will be subjected to examination at high Staff levels it is essential that the circumstances, as presented, be capable of supporting the most careful scrutiny.

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13. It is hoped that the above procedure will prevent the requisitioning of industrial facilities necessary to the war effort and to the civil economy except where adequate military reasons exist.

14. De-requisitioning. Where applications are made for the de-requisitioning of industrial facilities, these applications should first be examined and screened by the local U.P.I.C. office before approach is made to the AC/AMG authority affected.

15. If, having considered all the circumstances, it is decided to take action for de-requisitioning, and if the matter is one which cannot be arranged by the local Town Major, application for de-requisitioning should be made to the Area or equivalent commander, and this Headquarters informed accordingly. At the same time the local U.P.I.C. office should inform the Ministry.

16. Should the application be denied by the military authority, and should the circumstances warrant it, the matter will then be referred to this Headquarters with all the relevant details. Parallel action will be taken between the U.P.I.C. office and the Ministry.

17. Similar action will then be taken by this Headquarters as outlined in paras 10/12 above.

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19. This Headquarters may be able to obtain a satisfactory settlement by application at the appropriate Staff level. If this is refused, the case will be submitted to the Industrial Coordination Committee of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board.

20. The award made by the I.C.C. will be binding upon all parties unless an objection is lodged within 48 hours.

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

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(Attn.: Industry Division)
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19. This Headquarters may be able to obtain a satisfactory settlement by application at the appropriate Staff level. If this is refused, the case will be submitted to the Industrial Coordination Committee of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board.

20. The award made by the I.C.C. will be binding upon all parties unless an objection is lodged within 48 hours.

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

Distribution :
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All Provincial Industry Officers.
All Sub-Commissions HQ, AC.

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Enclosures :
Questionnaire as per para 18.
Administrative Memorandum No. 14, dtd. 7 March 1945.

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3. Location
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5. Exact designation of military authority responsible for requisitioning
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22. Statement as to present productive capacity of entire facility giving due regard to feasibility of making repairs, availability of raw materials, power, transport & Labour.

23. Statement as to productive capacity of the portion of facility and equipment which it is proposed to de-requisition.

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24. Statement as to availability of substitutes for products manufactured by the facility

25. Statement as to the nature of the military occupancy

    a. Number of men occupying premises
    b. Use to which facility is being put by military authorities
    c. Statement as to portion of plant requisitioned and machinery and equipment requisitioned.
    d. Extent to which permanent damage is being done to the facility by the occupation

26. Justification for de-requisitioning.

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SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of Tanning Factory SOC Ligure per L'Industria dell Acido Tannico ATRIPAL[illegible] (AVELLINO)

Q/502/114/5.

AFLRS
AFHQ (Rome Area Allied Commission)

APR 26 RECD

Ref your LBS/219B/2/5 dated 5 Apr. 45.

1. I held a meeting of the interested parties on 18 Apr. 45.

2. The main points which arose were as follows:-

(a) Time necessary to repair plant.
The factory was derequisitioned on 15 Jan 45, but no work has been done to prepare it for production: the Manager stated that several essential bits of the machinery were missing and without the aid of Allied Commission he would not be able to replace them. He stated that from the time these pieces of machinery were made available one month's work would be necessary to restore the plant.

(b) Supply of timber.
The owner of the factory has not entered into any contracts for the supply of chestnut wood. He stated that it would be only possible to utilise wood which had been cut between November - April as after this date it was not fit for use in the factory. It would therefore be necessary for Allied Commission to assist him in finding supplies of wood already cut prior to the end of this month. It seemed therefore to be very unlikely that large stocks of wood could arrive at the factory for some weeks.

(c) 2 Cdn Fd Punishment Camp.
It is essential that the space at present occupied by this unit which is shaded yellow and green on the attached plan should be occupied until 15 June 45, as all the Soldiers Under Sentence are being concentrated here for shipment to CANADA up to this time. This would leave all the rest of the site free for the storage of timber, and the Manager agreed that it would be adequate. The three FLAMBO Huts labelled "C" could be moved at any time to make room for timber but it was agreed that this would not be done until such time as the timber actually arrived. After 15 June a further portion marked "Zone A" on the plan and coloured green could be released and the Manager agreed that there would be ample space to serve the needs of the factory for this year's work.

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(d) Water supply.
The Manager stated that it would be necessary to instal a pump and piping to bring water from the TORRENTE SAN LORENZO to the factory. OC 2 Cdn Fd Punishment Camp agreed that there would be no objection to this work being done.

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3. Conclusion.
I see no reason why the factory should not be put into production now. I consider much valuable time has already been wasted and little effort has been made to restore the plant. I further consider that without the very active co-operation of Allied Commission little will be achieved in getting the plant to work for this season's output. I understand that all the Directors of the firm are in GENOA and I was not impressed by the ability of the firm's local representative. He seemed reluctant to accept any responsibility or to take any action without the aid of his Directors. I got the impression that he was not very anxious to get the plant into production.

(signed) - - Cripps.
Brigadier,
Comd 56 Area.

In the Field.
19 Apr. 45.

Copy to: Q(Maint) AFHQ
Comd 54 Sub Area
DS Comd i/c Cdn 1st Echelon
Industry Sub-Section AC
SOC Ligure per L'Industria dell Acido Tennico (AVELLINO)

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

16 April 1945

APR 21 REC'D

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
APO 394, U.S. Army

My dear Admiral Stone :

As suggested in your letter of 6 April 1945, arrangements have been made by the Chief Quartermaster, MTOUSA, for Major Harris of this Headquarters, who is temporarily in Rome with your Coal Division, to visit the Solvay Works with Dr. Opatowski during the week of 16 April 1945.

Coal, coke, and transportation continue to be critical and it is essential that in the operation of the Solvay Works they be utilized with the utmost economy. Your Coal Division has been informed of the quantity of coal available from overseas sources for AC projects during April and May. In addition, they have been advised of the military requirements for Sardinina Coal. Your headquarters is therefore in a position to gauge the availability of coal for the Solvay Works. It may be that, due to the sharp reduction in Sardinian output, you will decide to delay the commencement of operations.

It is evident that the use of Ribolla lignite is more important than ever in view of the critical position in Sardinia.

I assure you of my continued interest and cooperation in your efforts to open this plant.

Sincerely yours,

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CARTER B. MAGRUDER,
Major General, GSC,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-4.

EC DIST - 21 Apr 45
Action : Econ Sec (2)
Info : Chief Commr
Exec. Commr.

See Mins. Nos. 181, 182

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Tannin Extract Factory - Avellino FILE No. 506/ES

TO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER (for information) 18 April 1945
INDUSTRY S/C (for information & file) APR 19 REC'D

Attached copy of letter initiated by Colonel Sheldon of A.F.L.R.S. concerning the tannin extract factory at Avellino is transmitted for your information.

E. B. McKINLEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Deputy Vice President
Economic Section

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ALLI) FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION
AFHQ

Postal Address:
AFLRS, Rome Area
Allied Command,
C.M.F.
Telephone: ROMK 66276

LRS/219B/2/7 16 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Tanning Extract Factory; Soc. Ligure per l'Industria dell'Acido Tannico, Atripalda (Avellino).

TO : A/CAO, AFHQ.

1. Shortly before the Industrial Co-ordination Committee Meeting of April 7, notification was received by this Section from G-1 (Br) of an objection to the agreement to de-requisition the above factory and grounds. To save time in the event of the objection being persisted in, the papers on the case were forwarded to Brigadier B.U.S. CRIPPS who had been appointed as the investigating committee, for action.

2. The above situation was reported to the I.C.C. at the meeting and this Section undertook to clarify the situation as early as possible.

3. The objection on the part of G-1 (Br) was in the form of a request to delay the de-requisition of the grounds for three months during which time the grounds could be used for existing Detention Barracks which has to move from its present location on medical advice.

4. The following questions have accordingly, put to HQ, ALCOM

(a) How long after de-requisition will it take the factory to start operating

(b) Would a three months postponement of the de-requisition seriously affect their efforts to produce leather

The reply to (a) is one month and to (b) that unless de-requisitioning is carried out now a large number of raw hides will not owing to the lack of tanning extracts.

5. It is understood that Brigadier CRIPPS is holding a meeting on 18 April 1945 to take evidence on this case from interested parties.

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6. In view of

(a) the original agreement to de-requisition

(b) the urgent need for leather

(c) the necessity to avoid a repetition of 1944 when hundreds of raw hides rotted in AMASSI during the summer for lack of tanning extract

it is the opinion of this Section that the objection of G-1 (Br) should be withdrawn and other accommodations found for the detention barracks.

7. May a ruling be given please?

L. B. S. Sheldon

W. B. S. SHELDON, Colonel,
Chief of Section (Br),
A.F.L.R.S.

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MINUTES EXTRACTED FROM FILE AC/5529/IND
'Monthly Reports'

Min.3

Why has no reply been prepared before this ? Gen Macgruder was entitled to an interim reply if time was required for research. This is not good staff work.

(Sgd) E.W.S.
C.C.

13 Apr 45.

Min.6

A/VP,
Econ Sect.

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Letter to Gen. Macgruder is at 89 and has been despatched. Please see Chief Commissioner's minute at 3 (overleaf). He directs me to say that he wishes an early answer.

(Sgd) E.Talbot
Major
CSO to Ex Comm

1200 hrs
17 Apr 45.

Econ. Sect. (VP) has spoken to the C.C. directly on this. VP 20/4

BU 19/4

-Noted JC

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Ref: 300/70. 17 April 1945.

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My dear General,

I owe you a very sincere apology for not having answered your letter of 5 February. The deplorable delay is the result of extremely bad staff work in this Headquarters, for which there is no excuse.

I am most grateful to you for the interest you are taking in our affairs, and thanks to your efforts we are hopeful of obtaining the complete release of the burning extract factory at Avellino. I am also most grateful to you for your assistance in obtaining release of the Montecatini fertilizer plant at Porto Recanati to which you refer in your letter.

I much appreciate your assistance in these matters.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Carter B. Magruder, U.S.A.,
Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-4, A.F.H.Q.

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From the Presidency of Council of Ministers
Cabinet - File No. 31009.3-2-1

TO AC - Rome.

Rome, April 13th 1945.

APR 15 Rec'd

SUBJECT: Derequisition of thermal stations.

The War Minister has called the attention of this Presidency to the fact that all thermal stations in Central and Southern Italy have been requisitioned by the Allies, who are occupying their premises and medical facilities.

Consequently, there is no longer the possibility of giving the necessary assistance to Italian military personnel specifically in need of natural thermal treatment for wounds and other ailments.

We shall therefore be grateful if you will kindly take the necessary steps for the derequisitioning of at least the thermal station at Ischia; this station could be used to meet all requirements from Army, Navy and Air Force.

The question should be settled as soon as possible, in view of the forthcoming opening of the thermal season.

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE.

S/Spataro.

Ex.Com. Distribution - 15.Apr.45

ACTION - Economic Section.
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Executive Commissioner
Civil Affairs Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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AC/5605/IND

6 April 1945

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My dear General Magruder:

I acknowledge your letter dated 11 March 1945.

Your co-operation and help in bringing the Solvay plant back into operation is much appreciated by the Allied Commission.

The strain imposed on the Services by accepting the allocation of extremely critical items like metallurgical coke and coal as well as by assigning the corresponding shipping space is fully realized. However it is my firm belief that the products of the Solvay plant as well as those of other vital industries depending on the reactivation of this plant (i.e.: soap, disinfectants, glass, pharmaceuticals, etc.), will be of great help to the war effort, besides satisfying essential civilian needs.

95 111/114

Reference para 5b of your letter I was informed that a bid for a monthly allocation of 1500 tons of coke to the Solvay works has been submitted by Industry Sub-Commission this Headquarters on 6 November 1944 and that it is understood from AFHQ - Coal Section (see attached copies of correspondence) that delivery of this coke will commence in May. This is in accordance with the schedule of the Allied Commission to start operation at the Solvay works in early May.

It is confirmed that the first supply of imported coke will be consumed during July, while the old stock available at the plant will be used during May and June. Plans have been laid down on the basis that the first delivery of coke will take place in May. In this way, a sufficient reserve would be available at the plant, during its operation, for emergency purposes, i.e.: in case delay arises in delivery of future supplies when the plant is operating regularly; for compensating any higher consumption rate of coke than the usual during the first weeks of operation; to eliminate disadvantages arising in the thermal balance, if changes in coke quality occur, etc. In this respect it is pointed out that once operation at the plant has been started, interruption of its activity would have extremely dangerous consequences to the equipment and particularly to the kilns, the distillation towers, etc. In such a case, before resuming production, new repairs lasting for months would be necessary, apart from the considerable economic damage.

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With regard to para 5a of your letter concerning the quality to be used, it appears that some difficulties exist in attaining the temperature of 430 degrees at 36 ats. (as required according to the flow-diagram of the Solvay process) when using Ribolla lignite only, without

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Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

TO: Carter B. Magruder,
Brigadier General, U.S.C.
A.C. of S., G-4
Hq MTOUSA
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Copy letter AG/5605/IND dated 21 March 45
Copy letter AG/IND 09/S dated 21 March 45
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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March 1945

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ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner

TO: Carter B. Magruder,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
A.C. of S., G-4
Hqts. MTOUSA
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Ref. C-54

24 March 1945

APR 1 1945

SUBJECT: Provision of Coal to Solvay Soda Works

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Economic Section) (Copy to Industry S/C)

1. Reference is made to "Progress Report No. 2 on the Solvay Plant Resignano" submitted by Dr. R. S. Opatowski - Industry Sub-Commission, AC and dated 10 March 1945.

2. The Quartermaster Army has made the following comments regarding this report:

"a. It is confirmed that requisitions have already been made for the importation of 7500 tons per month for May and June in the expectation that in July, the output of Ribolla Mine will have increased sufficiently to supply the Solvay plant with lignite.

b. Two months stock of coke are on hand, and provision will be made for monthly supplies from July.

c. Conclusion on page 2 is not agreed. It exemplifies the natural reluctance of operators to utilize an admittedly inferior fuel, if there is any possibility of a better. It has been actually proved at Rome Power Plants, where the boilers are of a similar type, that the Ribolla Lignite of a calorific power of 10000 B.T.U.'s can be satisfactorily burnt. It has been proved possible to maintain full output at the plants using 100% Ribolla Lignite.

d. It is considered that importation of coal from outside the theatre, during a world shortage, cannot be justified if Ribolla Lignite will do the work, even if not quite so satisfactorily."

3. In view of the divergence of opinion as to the type of coal necessary to operate the works, it is desired that the AC proceed with plans to utilise 100% Rebolla Mine Lignite at Solvay. The Chief Quartermaster Army will furnish the services of this combustion expert to advise during the trials of burning such fuel.

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4. Please advise at what date you consider the visit of this combustion expert will be most useful.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

J. E. BUTTERWORTH,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Economics & Supply Division

Copy to: G4, AM

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Tel. 478090

Ref. AC/5605/IND

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21 March 1945

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SUBJECT: Solvay Works at Rosignano

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner
(Attn.: Maj. Rively)

FROM : Industry Sub-Commission

1. Reference is made to your letter 5008/96/EC, dated 14 March 1945.

2. For your information, enclosed copies of two progress-reports dated respectively 1 February and 10 March 1945, concerning the rehabilitation work of the Solvay Works in Rosignano, as well as copies of two letters, concerning the coke allocation to the said plant.

W. S. VAUGHAN
Director
Industry Sub-Commission

4 Encls.:
as per para 2

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(Rec'd Adm' Econ Sec. 24/3)

cc.

(Miss Rively)

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Coal Division

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Tel. 478489

21 Mar 45

Ref.: AC/IND/CD /

Subject : Solvay Plant - Rosignano

To : Dr. R.S. Opatowski- Industry Sub-Commission

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1. Reference your AC 5605/Ind dated 21 March'45 and letters of Assistant Chief of Staff G-4 MTOUSA and Executive Commissioner office 5008/96/EC, we have forwarded copy of your letter to AFHQ as per attached covering letter.

2. For your information, a director and engineers of Solvay Works were interviewed early in January jointly by ourselves and a representative from AFHQ. The details of requirements of fuel were examined and we understand from AFHQ that a bid has been submitted overseas for 1500 tons of metallurgical coke for delivery to the Plant in May.

/s/ C.W. Oxley
/T/ C. W. OXLEY
Lt. Colonel
Coal Division
Industry Sub-Commission

Copy to:-
AFHQ Coal Section Unit "R"
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Industry Sub-Commission
Coal Division

CWO/jv

Tel: 478489

21 March 1945.

Ref: AC/IND/CD/8.

Subject: Supply of Metallurgical Coke
Solvay Plant - Rosignano.

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TO : Allied Force, Coal Section Unit "R"
APO 512 - U.S. ARMY.

1. Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter from Dr. R.S.Opatowski regarding a supply of metallurgical coke to Solvay Plant, Rosignano.

2. Reference to conversation with you this morning, it is understood that delivery to the Works from overseas will commence during May.

3. We will be pleased to have your confirmation.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

Encl. as above

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Tel. 478090

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Ref. AC/5605/IND.

21 March 1945

SUBJECT : Solvay Plant - Rosignano.
Supply of metallurgical coke.

TO : Lt.Col. Oxley - Coal Division.

FROM : Dr. R.S. Opatowski.

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