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HEMP
DEC. 1944 - JUNE 1945

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ASO: may wish to see this file for Kemp information
JEB 1/14

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Info Please see file 17 in reply to call 8/10 from it.

ASO 8/10
JEB 8/10

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Info Please see file 22 & file 19 & which is reply for

ASO 8/10
JEB 8/10

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Note Col Jones will speak to Col
Barnes in Panama.

There no files 17 in reply & case E/100 given it.

Case File 100

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Info. There no files 22 & files 19 & which is reply for

Info. File 100

Same has been.
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Note Col Jones with speech to CSE
Bureau in Bureau.

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ROUTINE

From: AND BRILLIA REGION
10 1 RE ALCON FOR INFO FOR ACTION

13 JUN 1945

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Submit that signal 3203 AGSC 6 June 45 constitutes an intolerable assumption of operational authority over a Regional officer. Major [REDACTED] is charged responsibility for all industry this Region and his 3 day absence as result this ill considered announcement made without consultation with me not only suspends operations but nullifies my direct orders that no Regional Officer cross Region lines without my permission. Same remarks apply recent kidnapping Major AYER Telecommunications Officer by Lt Col MILLER in my absence. Major AYER has been in actual service this Region not more than 1 day out of 5 since Headquarters arrived BRILLIA and progress of Telecommunications work more critical here than anywhere is not satisfactory. Have tried to be tolerant and cooperative in such matters but have as yet not had as much as 5 minutes help from any officer of another Region and success of my mission depends on control of assigned officers I now find it necessary to instruct that all communications along lines of cited signal be disregarded.

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INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

JUN/24

Our ref: 343/30/Tn 3

9 June 1945

SUBJECT : Tour Notes by Executive Commissioner

TO : Executive Commissioner.

JUN 11 1945

1. Lignite from Trieste.

Coal Section are investigating the question of Lignite supplies for the synthetic rubber and sugar beet factories in Ferrara. As soon as it is known that supply of lignite is firm, Transportation Sub-Commission will endeavour to arrange movement through 15 Army Group and 8 Army, who control all movement to, from and within the Trieste Area.

2. Hemp.

Every available vehicle has been sent to 15 Army Group, who have allocated user, and we have no additional road transport at the moment which can be sent forward to assist with the Hemp lift. The questions of Hemp and other large movements required within Army Territory have been brought to the notice of 15 Army Group and all concerned by this HQ. signal 8997 dated 2 June '45.

3. Cattle Manure - Bologna.

Representative of Transportation Sub-Commission held a meeting with the Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region on 25th May. The subject of this meeting was Road Transportation for Food Supplies for Bologna and the position regarding Cattle Manure was mentioned. It was found that out of a pool of 300 Civilian trucks only 60 were on the road, due to an alleged lack of petrol. An emergency and additional release of 84,000 Gals. POL. was obtained for Bologna and it was stated this would enable all Civilian trucks available to be brought on the road immediately. The overall POL allotment to Emilia is sufficient to assure continuous operation of local civilian MT.

4. It should be appreciated that during phase 1, all the above is the responsibility of the Armies who, as already stated, have every vehicle under their control which we can spare from Italian Government Territory. There has been certain difficulties in the formation of Q.M. Truck and G.T. Coys, but it is hoped that an additional G.T. Coy will be in position in Emilia Region during the second half of this month, and this Coy which will operate under control of Regional Commissioner should provide assistance with Hemp, Cattle Manure plus other commitments.

Copy to : Transportation S/O
Coal Section
Hemp Div., Industry S/O

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

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15 ARMY GROUP INFOB AMG 5 ARMY AMG 8 ARMY FOUR CORPS DISTWO
WESTMOVES EASTMOVES ALCOM EMILIA R&G ALCOM LIGURIA R&G ALCOM PIEMONTE R&G

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2 JUNE 45

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CONTINUATION OF ADDRESSEES : ALCOM IOMBARDIA REGION ALCOM VENEZIA R&G VIA
TWO ONE ZERO SUB AREA

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PAR A ONE PD REFERENCE CONVERSATION CHRISTENSEN HARRIS AND PARA FOUR ALCOM
SIGNAL LIGHT TWO SEVEN SIX OF TWO THREE MAY NOT TO ALL PD
ALCOM REGIONS CONTINUE TO APPLY DIRECT TO THIS HQ FOR TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE
PD REPEAT REQUEST THAT YOU ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL REGIONS DETAILING HOW
DEMANDS FOR MOVEMENT ARE CHANNELLED TILL PHASE TWO OR PRESENT SYSTEM CHANGED
DURING PHASE ONE PD

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PARAN CHARLIE PARAN EMILIA ROGER NINE SLANT GAS SLANT ONE SIX NINE OF TWO NINE
MAY LARGE GERMAN HEMP DEPOSITS NORTH OF PD PARAN INCL BOLZANO PARAN TO BE
MOVED TO WAREHOUSE PD REQUIR. ONE GEORGE TARE CRY FOR PERIOD SIX WEEKS PD
URGENT AS HEMP IS DISAPPEARING PD SEVERAL THOUSAND TONS INVOLVED PD SUGGEST
POSSIBILITY OF USING ABOY TPT MOVING SOUTH PD

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ROAD DIV
INDUSTRY SC
FOOD SC
EX COMR

TRANSPORTATION SUBCOM

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 TOSCANA REGION RPTD AND EMILIA REGION RPTD FIVE SEVEN AREA
 FOR LIGURIA REGION ALCON RPTD AND PIEMONTE REGION
 9203 6 JUNE 1945 ROUTINE

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SUBJECT IS HEMP ADMINISTRATION AND DISTRIBUTION PD

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 AND TOSCANA REGION RPTD AND EMILIA REGION RPTD FIVE SEVEN
 AREA FOR LIGURIA REGION ALCON RPTD AND PIEMONTE REGION RPTD
 ALCON CITY RPTD/PD PAPER

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 MANAGING AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP THROUGH BOLOGNA HEMP OFFICE
 AND HIGHTER BACKHOUSE IN CHARGE HEMP DIVISION NOW QUEEN ALCON
 TOGETHER WITH MAJOR BRADBURY SENIOR INDUSTRY OFFICER EMILIA
 REGION WILL SHORTLY VISIT ALL REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS IN ORDER
 TO DISCUSS AND ARRANGE FULLY COORDINATION AND COOPERATION PD
 PARA TWO PD MEANTIME IT IS ESSENTIAL BLOCK ALL HEMP AND

TONS ALSO ALL HEMP PRODUCTS WHICH CAN ONLY BE RELEASED BY
 AUTHORITY FROM ABL VCI LOVE ROGER SUGAR

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SUBJECT IS HEMP ADMINISTRATION AND DISTRIBUTION PD

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ANALYSIS AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP THROUGH BOLOGNA HEMP OFFICE
AND WINTER BACKHOUSE IN CHARGE HEMP DIVISION FOR QUEEN ALCON
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Mr. V.S. Backhouse

NICHOLAS PLOMBINO,
CFO, USA,
ASST ADJUTANT

(Car: Admin. 07)

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To: AND MILIA REGION FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

JUN 5 1945

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4 JUNE 45

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PARA ONE PD REPT YOUR SIGNAL LAMP BLANK ONE LIGHT ENDO OF ONE JUNE PD
PARA TWO AND MILIA REGION FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER THIS PD ALONG
ONE ASSET PAPER

PARA TWO PD REQUEST REPORT EARLIEST ON ALLEGED NON COOPERATION OF
YOUR TRANSPORTATION SECTION PD

PARA THREE PD MAKING PHASE ONE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MOVEMENT BEYOND
CAPACITY OF YOUR LOCAL WIRE TANK IS RESPONSIBILITY OF ONE FIVE ARMY
GROUP PD ALL AVAILABLE TRANSPORT HAS BEEN ALLOCATED ONE FIVE ARMY
GROUP TWO ENDO ONE PD

PARA ~~FOUR~~ PD PROPOSED TO SEND YOU AT LEAST ONE BOMBERS BOMB COY AS
SOON AS ACTIVATED BUT THIS UNLIKELY BEFORE JUNE TWO ENDO PD

COPY TO : INDUSTRY S.O.
ECONOMIC SECTION
ROADS DIVISION
EX. COMMISSIONER

From: TRANSPORTATION HQ

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W. S. C.

(Capt Arnold)

NICHOLAS PIERRE
CWO U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

6/7/45

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AMS BRILIA REGION

JUN 4 1945

HQ ALSO CITE ACTBY FOR BACKGROUND WEMP CONTROL FOR ACTION

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Lack of cooperation on part of Transportation Division here appalling. No priority given to hump. Civilian transport inadequate, and unreliable. Have transportation Section here advised as to priority and directed to assist. Most important as short distance hauls for which civilian vehicles might be used are required immediately. St Company appears only answer but must insist it be assigned entirely for hump for at least 6 weeks. If signal sent to Transportation Section here have copy sent to this office.

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Capt Arnold
Dist Wm. to hump
been the answer at
APR breaking on
Interbus 2/6. Although
Went to hump to hump
As...

Action - Industry 2
Info - Chief Comptroller
Exec Sec
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see file 17-18

transporting the hump
Do be there would

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Ref: 343
30 May 1945.

Def: $206/20$

SUBMITTER: Your Notes by Executive Condensation.

100 : Bureau Section.

The following bear notes have been received from the Executive Committee and are passed to you for information and appropriate action:

2. Lignite from FERRARA. Lignite from FERRARA is a synthetic rubber factory which is in working order and has all the raw materials necessary for production except coal. It is designed to use lignite fuel, large supplies of which are understood to be at TANNING and which is normally carried by barges and taken up by river and canal to FERRARA. There is also at FERRARA a sugar beet factory designed to use lignite. Arrangements should be made as soon as possible for the transport of lignite from TANNING to get these two important factories working. The use of bags will be required for the barges.

2. Reply: There is said to be in the region 15,000 tons of hemp, a large amount of which has already been located but there is no transport to move it to warehouses, to HARKINS and to MILAN. It has been made to Transportation Sub-Commission but so far with no result.

5. Cattle Movers. To save their cattle, farmers far miles around ~~Waukegan~~ drive their cattle into the city where thousands have been retained for the last six months. There are very large quantities of cattle manure which is now a menace to health on account of flies. It is estimated that there is no less than 10,000 cubic yards awaiting removal. Transport is the problem but none is available for the purpose. If transport could be made available mechanical loading equipment would also accelerate the removal.

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Committee.

Only for C.A. section (not for non-C.A. section)

The following has been reviewed from the information
 furnished and are passed to you for information and appropriate
 action.

1. Lignite from YAMAGUCHI. At YAMAGUCHI is a synthetic rubber
 factory which is in working order and has all the raw materials
 necessary for production except coal. It is designed to use
 lignite fuel, large supplies of which are understood to be at
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 river and canal to YAMAGUCHI. There is also at YAMAGUCHI a sugar
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 with no result.

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 for removal.

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Chief Staff Officer,
 To Executive Committee.

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Copy for C.A. Section (reference para 3 above)

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Extract of Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board Minutes of 7 Apr 45.

(c) Miscellaneous Purposes Committee

Meeting 17 March 45. The Committee was instructed to reconsider its recommendations on priorities of allocation of Hemp products in view of the urgent needs of ALCOM for these commodities, giving particular attention to the question of the reduction of Sack production, which would have serious repercussions on the food distribution problem.

With the exception of the above, the report of the Committee was accepted. In view of the importance of Hemp and Hemp products to the Allied Armed Forces, the Board requested ALCOM to ensure that Hemp production in no way suffers from the hand-over of the industry to the Italian Government.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel. 2-5

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Ref. DE/18.22

2 April 1945

APR 10 1945

SUBJECT: Hemp Industry

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

1. It was decided by the Allied Forces Local Resources (Italian) Board at its meeting of 7 April 45, that the production of hemp must be regarded at all times as being of great military importance and its every requirement must be given a correspondingly high priority by the military, AC/AF and the Italian Government.

2. Further, it was laid down by the Board that bids for materials and other facilities, including transport, required for the Hemp Industry, must be considered as though they were military demands, when assessing priorities.

3. When it is considered that the barest minimum of the requirements of the Services and essential civil needs is 25,000 tons a year, the importance of this industry will be appreciated.

4. An adequate supply of seed and fertilizer are being imported from UK/IE and it is essential that no part of these important shipments should be wasted due to lack of appreciation of the situation. Therefore, consideration should be given to both overall and local problems of distribution of seed and fertilizer.

5. In order that everything possible may be done to help the hemp industry, the Board invited AC to present its difficulties to the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee in order that the Services could assist, where practicable, in overcoming them. It is, therefore, requested that when such difficulties arise, we are not surmountable locally, details of requirements be forwarded to Hemp Control Office, Industry Sub-Commission, so that HQ, AC representative may take advantage of the Board's invitation.

By command of HQAC: ARTHUR STONE

A. G. ARTHUR

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TO : All Sub-Committees of Economic Section
All Regional Commissioners

1. It was decided by the Allied Forces Local Resources (Italian) Board at its meeting of 3 March 1945, that the production of hemp seed be regarded as all directed being of great military importance and its ever requirement must be given a correspondingly high priority by the military, AG/US and the Italian Government.

2. Further, it was laid down by the Board that bids for materials and other facilities, including transport, required for the Hemp Industry, must be considered as though they were military demands, when assessing priorities.

3. When it is considered that the barest minimum of the requirements of the Services and essential civil needs is 25,000 tons a year, the importance of this industry will be appreciated.

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By command of REAR ALLIED FORCES:

A. G. ANTONINI
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

Attachment

(17 MAY 1945)

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Excerpt from Minutes of Meeting of the Allied Force Local Resources
(Italian) Board, 3 March 1945.

Minute No. 21 - Reports from Committee

(c) Miscellaneous Purposes Committee

A representative of the Italian Government attended to answer questions arising out of the Committee's report on the Heavy Industry. He, in conjunction with a representative of Heavy Control Office AG, stated that the three main essentials necessary to ensure the 25,000 tons of heavy per annum which were required to meet the minimum military and civilian needs were as follows:

- (i) adequate supply of coal;
- (ii) sufficient fertilizer;
- (iii) a representative price to farmers for their crop.

Arising out of the above:-

- (i) As the representative of the Heavy Control Office stated that the supply of 25,000 tons of coal stated to be adequate for Italy would be sufficient to make up the local deficiency, no further action by the Board was considered necessary.

- (ii) The anticipated arrival in the first half of March of a first consignment of nitrogenous fertilizer was reported by G-5 AFHQ. The Italian Government representative stated that this consignment together with the balance if delivered during April of the 5,000 tons required would be sufficient to produce the 25,000 tons of heavy needed. G-5 AFHQ was requested to take such steps as were necessary to ensure the arrival of the balance of the fertilizer during April.

- (iii) HQ AG was requested to consider in the light of other economic problems the question of increasing the price of heavy to 6,000 lire per quintal, if desirable and to press their views on the Italian Government. It appeared to the Board that this was the controlling factor and it was pointed out to HQ AG that the military requirement was urgent.

HQ AG was invited to arrange for its representative at the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee in present, as far as advice is possible, 2202 his difficulties in connection with the heavy industry to the Committee in order that Services could assist where practicable in overcoming.

questions arising out of the Committee's report on the Hemp Industry. He, in conjunction with a representative of Hemp Control Office AC, stated that the three main essentials necessary to ensure the 25,000 tons of hemp per annum which were required to meet the minimum military and civilian needs were as follows:

- (i) adequate supply of seed;
- (ii) sufficient fertilizers;
- (iii) a remunerative price to farmers for their crop.

Arriving out of the above:-

- (i) An OIA representative of the Hemp Control Office stated that the supply of 20 tons of seed stated to be enough for Italy would be sufficient to make up the local deficiency, no further action by the Board was considered necessary.
- (ii) The anticipated arrival in the first half of March of a first consignment of nitrogenous fertilizer was reported by G-5 AMHQ. The Italian Government representative stated that this consignment together with the balance of delivered during April of the 5,000 tons required would be sufficient to produce the 25,000 tons of hemp needed. G-3 AMHQ was requested to take such steps as were necessary to ensure the arrival of the balance of the fertilizer during April.
- (iii) HQ AC was requested to consider in the light of other economic problems the question of increasing the price of raw hemp to 3,000 lire per quintal, if desirable and to press their views on the Italian Government. It was agreed to the Board that this was the controlling factor and it was pointed out to HQ AC that the military requirement was urgent.

HQ AC was invited to arrange for its representative at the Miscellaneous Purpose Committee to present, as far in advance as possible, his difficulties in connection with the hemp industry to the Committee in order that Services would not have to share practicable in overcoming them.

Except as stated above the Board accepted and approved the report of the meeting of 17 FEB 45.

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FOR ACTION ALCON SOUTHERN REGION NAPLES FOR HEMP CONTROL

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4 APRIL

ROUTINE

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FOLLOWING PARAPHRASED SIGNAL FROM TROOPERS FOR YOUR INFORMATION
AND ACTION PD

PAREN TO FOR ACTION ALCON SOUTHERN REGION NAPLES FOR HEMP
CONTROL FROM HQ ALCON CITE ACCCE PAREN

PARA ONE PD HEMP STILL OF HIGHEST PRIORITY AND IMPLEMENTATION
OF SOUTHERN ITALIAN HEMP PROGRAMS THEREFORE CONSIDERED
ESSENTIAL PD OPENING OF SPECIFIC PRODUCING AREAS WILL NOT
AFFECT POSITION OF WORLD SUPPLY AT LEAST FOR NEXT YEAR OR TWO PD

PARA TWO PD PROCEDURE FOR PURCHASE OF CATEGORY A1E
MATERIALS ENTITLES US TO BUY FROM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AT FOB
PRICES CORRESPONDING TO NORMAL SELLING PRICE IN UNITED
KINGDOM PD IT IS NOT OUR INTENTION TO PAY SUBSTANTIALLY
HIGHER PRICES HERE AND ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD UNDERSTAND
THAT FOR HEMP SHIPPED TO UNITED KINGDOM IT WILL BE CREDITED
HERE IN STEELING AT PRICE BASED ON NORMAL SELLING PRICE IN
UNITED KINGDOM WHATEVER LIME PRICE MAY BE PAID BY ALLIED
COMMISSION TO PROCURE HEMP IN THEATRE PD

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PARA THREE PD THEREFORE WE ARE NOT DIRECTLY INTERESTED
HERE WITH PRICE PAID IN THEATRE SO LONG AS HEMP REMAINS
ON CATEGORY ABLA AND MUST LEAVE IT TO YOU TO DECIDE ON
PRICE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN IMPLEMENTATION OF HEMP PROGRAMME
WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO PLANTING OF OTHER CROPS PD CONSISTENT
WITH SECURING THIS OBJECTIVE PRICE SHOULD OF COURSE BE
KEPT TO LOWEST POSSIBLE LIMIT WHEREVER POSSIBLE IN VIEW
OF OPPOSING INFLATION AND AVOIDING ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
SELLING AT LOSS PD UNDERSTAND YOU FOLLOWED THESE LINES
WHEN DISCUSSING WITH WASH

Copy to: Industry S/G, Hemp Control Office Rome.

COMMUNION S/G

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(LINT.HAASE)

NICHOLAS FIOGGINO
CWO, HRA
Asst. Adjutant

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Extract

17 March 1945.

ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD
MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES COMMITTEE - MINUTES44. MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING:

Representative HQ, AC stated that the Italian Government had agreed to a price for hemp of 7000 lire per quintal in territory under their control. In A.M.G. territory HQ, AC hoped to be able to establish a lower price. The Committee requested HQ, AC to arrange that any price set in A.M.G. territory be sufficiently high to ensure that raw hemp comes onto the market in adequate quantities.

45. FUTURE AVAILABILITY OF RAW HEMP

The Committee received a report from HQ, AC on the estimated availability of raw hemp. As the balance of raw hemp from the current crop would not be sufficient to maintain the production of hemp products at its present level the Committee agreed that until the new season's crop became available:

- (a) Future demands submitted by services, including those on behalf of Italian Forces, will be strictly for current use and not for export or stockpiling and will be certified as such.
- (b) Services requirements will be met before AC demands are considered.
- (c) Production of cereal type sacks for the coming month will be eliminated, thereby saving approximately 108 tons of raw hemp.

46. ASSISTANCE FROM SERVICES TO THE HEMP INDUSTRY:

HQ, AC presented a list of requirements necessary for the efficient working of Hemp Factories now in operation. The Committee considered that this should be channeled through G-5, AFHQ, in order that appropriate services might be approached.

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18 Dec

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SUBJECT IS FERTILIZER FOR HEMP PD YOUR LETTER OF FIFTEEN DECEMBER REFERS PD
PAREN TO AMHQ FOR LEADS FROM HQ ALCONHCH LUEN PAREN

ONE PD MINIMUM REQUIREMENT OF FERTILIZER TO ENSURE ADEQUATE CROP FOR NINETEEN
 FORTY FIVE IS FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO TONS AMMONIUM NITRATE TO ARRIVE END FEBRUARY PD
 TWO PD HEMP REQUIREMENTS INCLUDED IN REQUISITION MIKE GEORGE SUGAR DASH TWO
 ONE THREE DASH QUEEN MICH PAREN LOVE ABLE CHARLES AIRHAM SIX NINE DATED TWENTY
 SEPTMBER FOUR FOUR PAREN PD ADVAR NOW CONSIDERING FROM STANDPOINT OF PROCUREMENT
 AND SHIPPING SPACE PD

THREE PD THIS SHOULD PRODUCE CROP OF TWO FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO TONS OF HEMP PD
 FOUR PD SUPERPHOSPHATE NOT NEEDED REPEAT NOT IMPORTANT PD
 FIVE PD NO LOCAL PRODUCTION OF NITRATE FERTILIZER AVAILABLE PD

Int Dist:

Econ Sec (2)

Inf a/c (1)

agm s/c (1)

Chief of Staff

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H.W. DRAGNEY
 MAJOR, AGO
 ADJUTANT

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From:

SUBJECT:

TO: The Liaison, Ref. Attached.

FILE NO.

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Cdr. promised to write Major Gen. Lewis on this point.
Before he does so will you please find out from S. Sec.
What Camp Control requires to obtain an adequate
Camp - at least as good as 1944.

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Capt.
Bradbury

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Bradbury

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DRAFT TELEGRAM.

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TO: AFHQ.

~~SECRET~~ PD.

Subject is fertiliser for heap PD Your letter of 15 December refers PD

PAREN TO AFHQ FOR LEADS FROM HQ ALCON FROM LUSH PAPER.

ONE PD Minimum requirement of fertiliser to ensure adequate crop for
1945 is 5,000 tons ammonium nitrate to arrive ^{February} ~~early March~~ PD

TWO PD This should produce crop of 25,000 tons heap PD

THREE PD Superphosphate NOT repeat NOT important PD

FOUR PD No local production of nitrate fertiliser available until March

Ec Section

Will you please say if you agree 2186
telegram which I have drafted with to Cudde
Pichee as a reply to Maj Gen Lewis' 20 letter
to Brig Jush.

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Office of Coo

Col
JL

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shall I per. this direct to
the section for their comments
or do you wish to add
anything?

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From: Major-General R. G. Lewis, 3
G-4(B), 1 Allied Force Headquarters,
C. M. F.

15 December, 1944.

My dear Lush

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The subject is fertilizer for hemp.

In continuation of our conversation of 13th December, I forward the promised paper from your Hemp Control Office (SEC. O/AF/1 dated 13th December), which has been addressed to me but should, I think, go to you in the first instance.

You will see that the technique of the matter is not quite clear since from paragraph 6 it is to be assumed that if the super-phosphates were made available we should be no worse off in 1945 than we were in 1944. You were to consult your experts on the question of importing the necessary material, and having done so you will no doubt be in a position to take whatever action is necessary to ensure an adequate crop for 1945. Until we have a firm statement of the import difficulties we cannot do much to assist you from the shipping point of view.

Yr
Rich Lewis

1 Encl:

Brigadier M. B. Lush, CBE, MC,
Chief of Staff,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

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Copy to:- G-5, AFHQ, with copy of letter under reference.

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TO:

Major General Lewis - Assistant Chief Of Staff
G. 4- Section, A.F.H.Q.

SUBJECT:

Fertilizer for the production of Hemp

Reference our conversation of 12th December '44.

1. For the crop produced in 1944 the farmers were supplied with

1000 Tons of Ammonium Nitrate

5000

4000 Tons of Super Phosphates

25,000

2. This produced a short crop of about 10,000 Tons of hemp which is being entirely absorbed by the local industry, leaving no margin for export of raw material to the U.K. for feeding the mills there with raw hemp for making ropes, also for the Allied Armed Forces.

3. From the 1943 crop amounting to about 14,000 Tons we were able to ship well over 3000 Tons of the raw material to the U.K. for feeding the Home Mills, given the acute shortage of Sisal and other fibres, which shortage unfortunately continues.

4. For the next hemp crop we are informed that there will be no super phosphates available for hemp production, everything available being used up for the autumnal and winter crops of food-stuffs.

5. As regards ammonium nitrate for the next hemp crop we have so far been supplied with 1000 Tons, but are given to understand that not exceeding a further 100 Tons will be allotted for the cultivation of hemp.

6. Given the non-availability of super phosphates ^{for} hemp in order to obtain even a short crop of, say, 10,000 Tons next year, we still need a further 1500 Tons of ammonium nitrate.

7. The Allied Armed Forces in Italy alone are absorbing

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the following quantities (in terms of raw material) for making ropes and canvas:-

Ropes	5600	Tons	)	
Canvas	1500	"	)	per annum
Sacks	1100	"	)	
Total 8200		Tons		

These figures do not include sewing twine, machine thread, etc., for which there is a constantly increasing demand.

8. Should no further ammonium nitrate become available for the production of hemp we can only expect next year a very short crop of about 4/5000 Tons, which not only will be insufficient for the requirements of the Allied Armed Forces but will leave nothing at all for essential civilian needs, including, say, 1000 Tons of binder twine for the wheat harvest, and several hundred tons of sacks for A.C. Food Commission which otherwise must be imported. And of course no raw material will be available for the Home Mills.

9. In conclusion I might add that this question of the vital need of fertilizer for hemp production has been constantly pressed since the month of August with the Agricultural Sub-Commission A.C. by the Hemp Control Office.

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MEMORANDUM: Nitrate Fertiliser for Hemp.

FROM : Lt. Cdr. J. Schlee.

1. I am informed that it is most unlikely that there will be any quantity of Ammonium Nitrate available for hemp production next season. If this is the case hemp production will be negligible. The amount of hemp required for military, naval and essential civilian services such as shelter for refugees, grain sacks, fishing lines, bed linen for hospitals etc is 1300 tons a year. In addition Ministry of Supply have intimated that they will be requiring a further 12,000 tons, presumably for war material.
2. To produce this amount of hemp 5,000 tons of fertiliser is necessary of which we have ~~an~~ 1,000 tons in stock.
3. Agriculture Sub-Commission advise me that they expect an allotment of rather less than the estimated requirements for essential food. It would appear that the only prospect of obtaining the fertiliser is via direct military requisition for the purpose of growing hemp.
4. Planting of hemp commences in the middle of March and fertiliser must be available by 1 March 1945.

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MEMORANDUM : Control of Hemp.

FROM : Lt. Cdr. Schlee.

1. In order effectively to control hemp and to assure that the needs of the services and essential civilian requirements are met, it is absolutely necessary that full control of the industry must be retained by the Hemp Division AG. The National Consorcio set up by the present Commissario is endeavouring to work on precisely the same lines as the old Fascist Association as this is the only method they appear to understand.
2. It is essential that in view of the present slow amassing of raw material that Regional autonomy under AG direction must be maintained. This could be obtained either :
 - (1) By requisitioning the whole industry including the Italian Consorcio organisation, or
 - (11) By agreement with the Prime Minister instructing the Commissario of the Consorci that he is to set up his organisation in such a way as to allow freedom of action of Regional Managers as advised by AG Hemp Officers in all matters appertaining to the allocation of raw material, production, factories and distribution of finished products. The central office being purely a coordinating office with control over financial expenditure of the Regional offices, giving considerable latitude to Regional Managers with regard to the employment and dismissal of staff and expenditure with regard to repair of transportation, buildings, etc. The Rome office to avoid as far as possible any semblance of the bureaucratic set-up of the old Fascist organisation.
3. It is considered that the requisitioning of the industry should be avoided if possible as it may possibly lead to obstruction on the part of the Italian officials, who are adept at this game. It is recommended that the second alternative be tried first and requisitioning be only resorted to if the second method fails.
4. This recommendation is made on the experience of 11 months in the control of hemp and knowledge of the loyalty and assistance which has been given by the Naples Manager, who has proved himself thoroughly capable and absolutely loyal towards all the needs of the Allies.

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