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LIBERATION PREMIUM  
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Please see folio 9 addressed to Economic Section. Your attention is called to the cable sent by IFO on 11 June with particular reference to para 9 and 10 quoted in folio 9. I believe these answer in part the first paragraph under Lombardia Region in the SWED. (See also folio 5).

As soon as Economic Section informs me as to the action taken (if any) with reference to the second paragraph under Lombardia Region in the same SWED, I shall advise you accordingly.

14 June 45.

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330. Please see 2. C.P.L. taking action by signal and does not intend to vary his itinerary for his journey northwards.

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Capt Arnoldy

Decision will be taken when Brig G.S. goes North. Read for info.

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sgd J. Morden Maj.

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sgd J. Morden Lt. Col.

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AMG LOMBARDIA REGION

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18 June 1945

PRIORITY

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PARA ONE. REFERENCE YOUR 1212 of 15 June.

PAREN TO AMG LOMBARDIA REGION FOR RFO FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACFIN PAREN

PARA TWO. A PAYMENT IN ANTICIPATION OF WAGE ADJUSTMENT FOR STATE AND  
*(32 file 5213/EC)*  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED. SEE FINANCE SUBCOMMISSIONS DIRECTIVE  
13035/F OF 14 JUNE TO YOU. FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION ONLY, PROBLEM OF  
FURTHER GRADUATED INCREASES TO RAISE LEVEL OF ALL PUBLIC WAGES IS NOW BEING  
STUDIED. WE ARE OPPOSED TO ANY PAYMENT OF PREMIO DI LIBERTA TO PUBLIC  
EMPLOYEES.

FINANCE SUB COM  
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JUNE 160900  
ROUTINE  
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LOMBARDIA REGION REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FOR POLETTI SIGNED POLETTI

HQ ALCOM ACEXC

RESTRICTED.

1. Growing demand for increase in pay for State Employees and also for payment of reward of liberation.
2. I favour granting an increase in pay and refusing the reward of liberation.

DIST.  
ACTION - ECON SEC 3  
INFO - CHIEF COM,  
EX COM 3801  
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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM  
HQAC ECONOMIC SECTION

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1.44/ES

16 June 1945

SUBJECT: Labor Policy in North.

JUN 19 1945

TO : Executive Commissioner.

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1. Reference is made to your memorandum Ref. 3201/365/EC of 14 June.
2. With reference to para. 2 and the first sentence of para. 3 of your letter, please be advised that the policy as stated is now established. It was agreed upon at a meeting held in the office and under the chairmanship of the Executive Commissioner. It has been published in a memorandum of Labor Sub-Commission, Ref. LSC/414 of 9 June which has been distributed to all Regional Commissioners and to your office.
3. With reference to the second sentence of para. 3 of your letter the problem of demobilization of heavy industries is now being considered. The policy insofar as it is at present formulated has been transmitted to all Regional Commissioners by Labor Sub-Commission's memorandum LSC/415 of 8 June, copy to you. In addition a copy of Labor Sub-Commission's letter LSC/415 of 14 June addressed to this office is forwarded herewith as an indication of the current status of the solution of the problem.

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

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Incl. per para 3 above.

Copy to file 5204/EC Unemployment Problem Northern Italy.

(CRA ARNOLO)

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E.C.

Re Milan Team  
workers.

Was a bonus  
paid to them?

Understand  
They were part  
of the group  
affected by  
the CNAI pledge

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Mr. Braun

Pro memoria, ref

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18 June 1945

TO: Executive Commissioner

The Italian tramway workers in Milan were paid 2000 lire as an advance on the liberation bonus. Regional Commissioner, Milan reports that total amount of bonus has not been agreed on but that it will be between 4,000 and 5,000 lire.

W. H. BRAINE, Director  
Labor Sub-Commission

PA  
H. R. Zito

M. J. B.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
ECONOMIC SECTION

11.08/ES

14 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Labour Policy.

JUN 20 1945

TO : Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region.

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1. Reference is made to your signal P 70 of 12 June to HQ AC for the Executive Commissioner. 12
2. Inclosed is a copy of a letter from Labor Sub-Commission, Ref. LSC/414 (LSC/415) dated 14 June. This letter is considered to answer the questions raised in your cable.
3. If delivery of any of the communications mentioned in the letter from Labour Sub-Commission appears to have been unduly delayed request notification be made to this office.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:

E.B. McKinley  
Brigadier General, USA  
Acting Vice President  
Economic Section

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EXTRACT FROM LABOUR SUB-COMMISSIONS LETTER LSC/414 (LSC/415)  
dated 14 June  
Original of which filed on 5204/EC.

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TO: Economic Section. //

1. Message E 4838 of 13 June from Headquarters, Piemonte Region refers to announcement released to the press regarding ban on discharge of industrial workers and payment of liberation bonus and asserts:

(a) That no previous information had been issued to Piemonte Region HQ:

The fact is that message 9431, dated 9 June was issued to all Regional Commissioners, 5th Army, 8th Army, 15th Army Group and 4th Corps, containing text of proposed press announcement on liberation bonus with supplementary notes for information of Regional Commissioners. This was followed up by a stencilled memorandum, LSC/414 of 9 June, confirming message 9431 and was addressed to Regional Commissioners and Regional Labour Officers by name to insure that copies reached them personally.

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JUNE 13

FROM: HQ PIEMONTE REGION

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TO HQ ALCOM FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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1. Local press this morning 12 June carry what purports to be official announcements of Labour Sub Commission in respect to:

1. Ban on discharges of industrial workers and
2. So called Liberation Bonus.

2. No information as to contemplated action has previously been received by this HQ although apparently it is expected that effective area is to include this region. Also no instructions received through 5 Army or 4 Corps.

3. Request that this HQ be advised well in advance and through channels when necessary of any policies and directive that are to be made effective in this region. Otherwise conflicts and lack of coordination cannot be avoided. Present announcement is ambiguous in expression and in conflict with ordinance issued by direction HQ 5 Army copy of which sent to ALCOM Labour Sub Commission 5 June.

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ACTION: ECONOMIC SEC (2)

INFO: CHIEF COM

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LABOUR S/C

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
NPO 394  
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 3201/365/EC

14 June 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Economic Section

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1. In JTREP No. 11, dated 7 June 45, from HQ IV Corps, CA Section, the following appears under Lombardia Region: "The Headquarters is still being asked by industrialists and employers as to what the policy is regarding payment of the Premio di Liberazione, and how long they are expected to pay those who are not working. This problem has been put up to HQ AG for an establishment of policy. Another problem which concerns not only Lombardia Region, but Northwestern Italy as a whole, is the arrangements for the demobilization of heavy industries to peace time production. The lack of a concrete plan in this regard has meant that we are unable to answer concrete scores of daily inquiries. This problem has also been referred to HQ AG."

2. In cable 9542 of 11 June, sent out by the Public Relations Branch, regarding publication of two communiques from Labor Subcommission, paragraphs 9 and 10 refer to Premio di Liberazione in North Italy and it is stated: "Allied Military Government has consulted the Italian Government regarding the payment of Premio di Liberazione in Piemont, Lombardia, Liguria, Emilia, and Venetie and has been advised that the Italian Government is of the opinion that a payment of the bonus cannot be refused since it derives from a promise made to workers during the period of clandestine fighting to encourage them to defend industrial plants."

3. It will be appreciated if you would advise this office if this is now established policy. Also, please advise whether the problem of demobilization of heavy industries is now being considered and when an answer will be forthcoming so that Regions can be advised.

A. B. ARNOLDY

Chief Staff Officer.  
To Executive Commissioner.Copy to: 151/EC  
Copy to 5204/EC.Bk 19/6  
Noted

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TO: 5 ARMY AG, 15 ARMY GROUP PWB, IV CORPS, RC OF VII AR, LOMBARDIA,  
PLATINA, LIGURIA, AND AMALIA REGIONS

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11 JUNE 45

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1. URGENTLY REQUEST IMMEDIATE SIMULTANEOUS PUBLICATION OF TWO FOLLOWING PRESS COMMUNIQUES FROM LABOR SUB-DASH COMMISSION ALCOH.
2. VITAL THAT RELEASE BE MADE ONLY REPORT ONLY IN NORTHERN ITALY.
3. DATES AS FOLLOWS: EMPLOYMENT OF MANPOWER IN NORTH ITALY.
4. ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS CONSULTED THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO THE REGULATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF LABOUR IN NORTHERN ITALY IN INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS WHERE THERE IS AT THE MOMENT A SURPLUS OF WORKERS.
5. THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS OF THE OPINION, WHICH ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS, THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO AVOID LARGE SCALE DISMISSEALS OF LABOUR FOR WHICH AT THE MOMENT THERE IS NOT FULL EMPLOYMENT; AND THAT UNTIL FURTHER NOTIFICATION IT IS NECESSARY TO ADVISE EMPLOYERS IN NORTH ITALY TO REFRAIN FROM LARGE SCALE AND UNREGULATED DISCHARGES.
6. ORDINANCE NUMBER 3 OF THE CINAI, WHICH REFERS TO THIS ISSUE, IS ACCORDINGLY TO BE RECALLED AS CONTINUING IN FORCE UNTIL A LATER DECREE ON THE SUBJECT IS ISSUED.
7. IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, TO ARRANGE FOR SURPLUS MANPOWER TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS TO OTHER EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE, PUBLIC WORKS, ETC., AND ACTION TO THIS END WILL BE COMMENCED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH THE COLLABORATION OF ALL INDEPENDENT PARTIES.
8. In the MEANTIME THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO FINANCE, UP TO JULY 31, THE CASA INTEGRAZIONE SALARI TO ENABLE IT TO CONTINUE FUNCTIONING IN NORTHERN ITALY SO AS TO ASSIST EMPLOYERS IN MAKING PAYMENTS TO SURPLUS WORKERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARRANGEMENTS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN MADE OR WHICH MAY BE MADE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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9. PRIMO DI LIBERAZIONE IN NORTH ITALY.
10. ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS CONSULTED THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF PRIMO DI LIBERAZIONE IN PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA, LIGURIA, SICILIA AND VENETIA, AND HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE PAYMENT OF THE BONUS CANNOT BE REFUSED, SINCE IT DERIVES FROM A PROMISE MADE TO WORKERS DURING THE PERIOD OF CLANDESTINE FIGHTING TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO DEFEND INDUSTRIAL PLANTS.
11. ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT THEREFORE MAKES THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE SUBJECT, WITH WHICH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS IN FULL AGREEMENT:
- (i) THERE IS NO LAW OR DECREE WHICH COMPULS THE PAYMENT OF A LIBERATION BONUS.
  - (ii) NEITHER AMG NOR THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD, HOWEVER, OPPOSE THE OPERATION OF ANY AGREEMENT REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF SUCH A BONUS, IF SUCH AN AGREEMENT IS FREELY MADE BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS.
  - (iii) TO PREVENT HARMFUL REPERCUSSIONS ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION IT IS DESIRABLE THAT AGREEMENTS SHOULD PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY INSTALLMENTS SPREAD OVER THREE OR FOUR MONTHS, AND AMG GIVES PROMINENCE TO THE DESIRE OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THAT, ESPECIALLY IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTORS, PAYMENT SHOULD BE SPREAD OUT IN SUCH A MANNER.
  - (iv) THE GENERAL UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF PRIMO DI LIBERAZIONE RELATES TO INDUSTRY. THE QUESTION WHETHER EMPLOYERS OF OTHER CONCERN SHOULD RECEIVE SIMILAR BONUSES IS ONE FOR FREE NEGOTIATION BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS.

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- (v) THE QUESTION OF PAYMENT OF LIBERATION BONUS TO STATE EMPLOYEES AND PARASTATAL AND COMMUNAL EMPLOYEES IS TODAY CONSIDERED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AFTER APPROPRIATE REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN FIXED.

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Press Release No.

NICOLAS POMERICO  
CWO USA  
ASST ADJUTANT

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LAWRENCE COUNTY  
MISSOURI COMMISSIONERS  
APR 0394

SUNDEG: *Entmündung im Interesse eines Kindes*

(This is a copy of Labor Study-Committee cable 9151  
9 June 1945)

A press announcement will be arranged by A.C. In the following terms:

Allied Military Government has consulted the Italian Government regarding the payment of Premio di Liberazione in Piemonte, Liguria, Toscana and Venetia, and has been advised that the Italian Government is of the opinion that the movement of the bonus cannot be refused, seeing it derives from a promise made to workers during the period of clandestine fighting to encourage them to defend industrial plants. Allied Military Government therefore makes the following announcement:

- (a) There is no law or decree which compels the payment of a liberation bonus

(b) Neither AMG nor the Italian Government would, however, oppose the operation of any agreement regarding the payment of such a bonus, if such an agreement is freely made between employers and workers.

(c) To prevent harmful repercussions on the financial position it is desirable that agreements should provide for payment to be made by instalments spread over three or four months, and AMG gives prominence to the desire of the Italian Government that, especially in the industrial sectors, payment should be spread out in such a manner.

(d) The general understanding regarding the payment of Premio di Liberazione relates to industry. The question whether employees of other concerns should receive similar bonuses is one for free negotiation between employers and workers.

(e) The question of payment of liberation bonus to State employees and parastatal and communal employees is to be considered by the Italian Government after elaboration regulations have been fixed.

SUBJECT: Premio di Liberazione in North Italy

TO : See Distribution List:

(This is confirmation copy of Labor Sub-Commission Cable 9451 of  
9 June 1945)A Press announcement will be arranged by A.C. in the following  
terms:

Allied Military Government has consulted the Italian Government regarding the payment of premio di Liberazione in Piemonte, Lombardia, Liguria, Emilia and Venezia, and has been advised that the Italian Government is of the opinion that the payment of the bonus cannot be refused, since it derives from a promise made to workers during the period of fighting to encourage them to defend industrial plants. Allied Military Government therefore makes the following announcement on the subject, with which the Italian Government is in full agreement :

- (a) There is no law or decree which compels the payment of a liberation bonus
  - (b) Neither AMG nor the Italian Government would, however, oppose the operation of any agreement regarding the payment of such a bonus, if such an agreement is freely made between employers and workers.
  - (c) To prevent harmful repercussions on the financial position it is desirable that agreements should provide for payment to be made by instalments spread over three or four months, and AMG gives prominence to the desire of the Italian Government that, especially in the industrial sectors, payment should be spread out in such a manner.
  - (d) The general understanding regarding the payment of Premio di Liberazione relates to industry. The question whether employees of other concerns should receive similar bonuses is one for free negotiation between employers and workers.
  - (e) The question of payment of liberation bonus to State employees and parastatal and communal employees is to be considered by the Italian Government after enumeration regulations have been fixed.
- END OF PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT.

The purpose of (a) is to avoid any suggestion that the Government

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is liable to render financial assistance to enable employers to make payment of bonus.

With regard to (e) it should be noted that the Italian Government has under active consideration the whole question of bonuses and salaries of State employees and Regional Commissioners should avoid granting bonus or authorising increases to these types of employers without prior reference to AICM.

M. H. BRAINE

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Headquarters IV Corps  
Civil Affairs Section APO 394

7 June 45

EXTRACT FROM SITREP NO 11 (Folio 428 file 151/EC)LOMBARDIA REGION

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ROUTINE

FROM SCAO-AMG 4 CORPS

TO C-5, 5 ARMY FOR SUTHERLAND PASS TO HQ ALCOM FOR LUSH-GRAFTON-SMITH

MAY 24 1945

SECRET.

Subject is Premie Di Liberta

Have been unable to secure assent CLNAI stopping further payment of Premie Di Liberta. It is claimed that partial payments necessitate paying balance and predict serious disturbances unless payments continue.

Industrialists paying by coercion despite ban on further payments. Position taken that currency flooding area will lead to high prices and inflation. Believe best solution to spread installments if payment cannot be stopped.

POLITI threatened with tram workers strike in MILAN if not paid. Believe advisable GRAFTON-SMITH come to MILAN to confer.

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HEADQUARTERS  
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A. C.

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from  
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SAC's ECONOMIC SUB- COMMITTEE  
dated  
22 MAY 1945

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" 4. ESTABLISHMENT BY CLNAI OF RETRIBUTION BONUS.

MR. ANTOLINI reported that the CLNAI had established in Northern Italy a retribution bonus system to be supported by all industrial workers. Collections are being enforced by industrial unions and similar organizations. He recommended that further collections be prohibited until approved by the Italian Government when this territory ceases to be a responsibility of AMG. GENERAL SPOFFORD pointed out that CLNAI decrees in AMG territory are not legal or enforceable, and as a consequence this is a matter to be dealt with by AMG. GENERAL ROBERTSON stated that he would await further advice on this matter from the Chief Commissioner, A.C. "

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