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PUBLIC WORKS
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OFFICE NOTE.

This matter was discussed with Col. Battensby, Director, AFA
who agreed to the letter at 118.

MC

M. CARR,
Brigadier,
Exec. Comm.

9 Nov 46

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Exec. Comm. Thru Director Ec/Div.

4 Nov 1946

The request of A.M.G. Udine Province, Foglio 113, has been discussed with the Ministry of Public Works. They inform us that they have no specific interest in this especially in view of their letter of 16 Sept 1946, Foglio 106, in which they agreed that A.M.G. Udine Province should have control of all funds expended for Public Works in Udine Province.

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- 1) Retain Control;
- 2) Relinquish Control entirely.

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H.M. Walker
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Colonel, CE

Industry and Utilities Sub-Division

MINUTE 117

TO : Executive Commissioner

7 Nov 1946

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2. I therefore recommend approval of the proposed draft herewith.

J. de B. Walbach
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J. de S. Walker
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Colonel, C.A.C.

119

180.

Ref min 117. Letter of 118 for your

signature plan. Ask: 71

300 103

C.S.O. Ex ltr

Please see folio 304¹⁰³ of the Finance
+ P.W. affairs of Army Section (Capt Murphy (H) + Sullivan)
wish to speak to you re this another
appointment has been made for 0900 hrs
"19. ~~do~~ you wish an Econ Sec Rep to be present
please. ~~W.H.~~ 10/19 ^{W.H.}

306. 104

A.V.P. Econ Sec.

The Econ Comm. would like you to see the
Finance + P.W. officers from Army Section, please
regarding folio 304¹⁰³. ~~Ans~~ "19

~~103~~ 114

Econ Sec.

May I have your comments on 113?
The main point seems to me to be the question
of what action we take on a request for
approval such as 112? Have we any
physical or other means of vetting these
projects or do we consult any Italian
Ministry or Dept. on the proposals?
If we get an opinion from the Italian Govt.
it seems to me we should possibly keep

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306. 104

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regarding folio 304. Ans 11/9

~~104~~ 114

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of what action we take on a request for
approval such as 112? Have we any
physical or other means of vetting these
projects or do we consult any Italian
Ministry or Dept. on the project also?
I have got an opinion from the Ital Govt.
it seems to me we should possibly keep
some control at these stages.

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M. Lambour
Ex Comm.

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EC Sum

See appendix (95) for your signature in reply to Ltr 93.

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91.
A/Vice President,
Economic Section.

1. PO UDIE Province is quite within his rights to address the Executive Commission on any matter. In this particular case it was connected with the power to give financial approval and in all cases connected with public works in UDIE involving large sums the matter has been dealt with, and approval has been given, by me as in this case after consultation, of course, with A/VE, Econ Sec.

2. As regards Page 85 I think it would be as well if Public Works Branch spoke to the Ministry here in order that the Genio Civile in the Province may receive technical directions from the Ministry to ensure that the bitumen and the transport has been used to the best advantage.

24 Aug. 46.

92.
MHL
Prigadier,
Executive Commission.

Ex. Comm.

I thought the rules see that correspondence should be addressed ~~OR~~ pointed to the Section dealing with the subject and put in the files of that Section which would if necessary obtain final financial approval from you. I only drew attention to the 64 because as a record of financial approval having been given it is in my opinion quite valuable.

27/8/46

M. Van Buren
A/V. P. Econ. Sec. 136

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27/8/46

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27/8/46

M. Van Buren
A/V.P. Dean Sec

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Ex. Comm.

94.

Please see folio 93 for info. If you wish I will send extracts to Dean Sec + MM/A, as

marked. Audt 5/9 55

WHL
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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87.

V.P. Com Sec.

Will you please let the E.C. have
your comments on 785. See also
783 & 84.

L.W. Hunt Smith
Lt. Col. 1978

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89.

Ex-Comm.

1. Comments are as follows 88 from Utilities Branch.
Provision of timber for military roads is a military responsibility.
The difficulty in this case appears to be that the natural has not been used properly and priorities have not been observed - Consequently the big incense have stopped the supply.
This state of affairs points to a lack of co-operation between the R.E. - A.M.G. & the G.M. Circle.
It is here where this will be solved by the action indicated in the last sentence of 88.
I cannot see that any action is necessary in the 7th January N.R. (84).
2. Looking at the file I am at a loss to understand why, when the Gen. Sec. has a Utilities Branch, there applications for approval for Public works projects being addressed to your Office. It would not appear to be connected with power's financial approval - at the 64 projects ~~1000~~ for £23,000,000 are approved over the name of a Captain regularly making use of a rubber stamp.

29/8/46

Mr. Car. Byadew
A. V. P. Econ. Sec.

78.

P.D. + M.

May the Ex Comm please have your views on
folio. 177. Q. 26/7

79.

26 July 1946

TO: Executive Commissioner

1. It is my view that there is nothing the Allied Commission can do to alleviate the problems presented by the C.L.O., Naples. This is purely an Italian Government matter. Suggest that an acknowledgement be sent to the C.L.O.

Charles W. Wallis
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Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice President

C.S.

80.

Ref min 79 re folio 77. Do you agree please?

If so I will ack. Q. 27/7

Ex Comm.

81.

Ref 1's 76 + 77 and in 79 I think
we might send a copy of the C.L.O.
letter to the I.C. for their info.
No point in ask to C.L.O. as he is
closing down. Do you agree? Q. 28/7

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McLan Bry
Act Ex Comm.

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 Acting Vice President

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Ex Comm.

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 J.H. 29/7*

*H. 29/7. No action. M. Carr Bay
 29/7. Ex Comm.*

C.S. Ref your letter at folio 84. Please see 77
 at folio 85. *Aug 28/78*

60.

V.P. Econ Sec.
For C.F.A.

Ref folios 58 and min 59. may
the Econ Comm. please have your views.

Sub
CAB
9/6

To CSO
Econ Com 62

Folio 61 represents Econ Sec views as ^{revised}
by ex Col Young of A.S.A.A. 

C.S.O. Ex Comm: 63.

Letter at folio 64 for signature, please.

Original request is at folio 63. This

has been recommended by P.W. & A. Board
and approved by A.V.P. Econ Section.

(See notes 1 + 2 on folio 63)

66.

CAB
14/6
H.S. 1576

Capt H.

Ex Comm wishes to see Col Dalton
and May Langlin on this matter before
signed by letter. Please arrange early in
Monday. H.S. 1576

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To: CSO
Exec Com 62

Folio 61 represents Econ Sec units as explained by Lt Col Young of A.S.O.A.

CSO
Ex Comm; 65

Letter at folio 64 for signature, please.
Original request is at folio 63. This has been recommended by P.W. & H. Brown and approved by A.V.P. Econ Section.

(See notes 1 + 2 on folio 63)
66.
14/6 H.S. 15/6

Capt K.
Ex Comm wishes to see Col Dalton and try to explain on this matter before signing letter. Please arrange early for Sunday. H.S. 15/6

CSO Ex Comm; 69.
Ref our conversation of 19 June. please see folio 68 regarding the approval of the Italian Government for military aid proposals. Letter for signature if you agree, please
24/6 H.S. 23/6

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C.S.O. & Comm.

Letter at folio 57 for signature, please.
Col. Waller approval is given on the original
letter at folio 50

Alb 2/5 - H.A. 3/5

57

C.S.O. & Comm.

Letter at 56 for signature please. Original
request is on at 54+5 and each has
the recommendation of P.W. & Brance
and approval of V.P. Econ. Sec. (see notes
on aforementioned folios 54+5) Alb 1/6 H.A. 1/6

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C.S.O. & Comm.

Letter 4/6/46 from R.M.G. Uxine has been discussed
with Mr. Cecherri L.O. with the Ministry of Public
works and the following observations are made.
(a) He has no information at hand on the manner
in which previous charges (if any) were handled
or billed on the use of W.D. equipment. Alb 1/6
(b) Bills for petrol and Britishmen have
been billed to the Italian government
in the past on some occasions.
(c) If billing is to be made in future for
W.D. equipment and petrol the

C.S.O. Ex Comm.

57.

Letter at 58 for signature please. Original
 requests are at 54 + 5 and each has
 the recommendation of P.W.V. Branch
 and approval of V.P. Econ. Sec. (see notes
 on aforementioned folios 54 + 5) *Q. 1/6 H.A. 116*

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C.S.O. Ex Comm. 58

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 (b) Bills for petrol and Bitumen have
 been billed to the Italian government
 in the past on some occasions.

(c) If billing is to be made in future for
 use of U.D. equipment and petrol the
 Ministry of P.W. should be informed of
 the projects in which the ~~equipment~~ equipment
 and supplies were used and the name of the
 contractors who benefit, ~~it~~ in order that such
 charges may be deducted from the ~~payments~~ payments
 to the contractors.
 (d) Added petrol supplies should be arranged through
 the ~~Industries~~ *Industries* should be consulted as this matter

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To C.S.O.

42.

Ref letter at 41 to Ex Comm and enclosures at 38 to 40.

The delay was caused by all the previous correspondence being sent to Industry and Utilities who replied (letter at 37) without having knowledge of the verbal agreement between Brig. Lush and Col. Bright to the effect that all military projects of over 1 million lire would be forwarded direct by P.C. Udine to Ex Comm for his approval.

~~For letter at folio 41 for signature by the Ex Comm if he approves.~~
Folios. 43 and 44 contain approvals of projects, for signature by Ex Comm please.

45. #6

For discussion with C.D. Dalton.

(1) Is Italian Govt. in favour of the road?

(2) If not the expenditure of one million sterling (approx.)

Klein up one hospital seems unworkable.

46. #7

Engineer B. Shezgi of the Ministry of

Public Works advises that the Italian Government is in favour of the project for Udine. File no. 101/PWW/R/89
Folio 38 letter 8-2-46, and file no. 101/PWW/R/307 folio 40
letter 20 March 46 and does not think the amount of lire involved unreasonable for the two jobs.

George J. Walker
dtd 4.11.46.

47. #8

5/4/46
Recommended approval of the projects folio 40 & 41

48. #9

Charles W. Walker
5/4

A/C.C.

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by Ex Comm please.

45. #6

For discussion with Col Dalton.

- (1) Is Italian Govt. in favor of the road?
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Run up one hospital seems reasonable.

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George J. Walker
did 4-11-46.

47. #8
Recommended approval of the project folio 40 41 5/4/46

Charles W. Walker
5/4

A/C.C. Letters at 43, 44, 45 re-submitted for signature.
See m's 42, 46, + 45. J.S. 6/4

49.
Approved. 15/4/44

TO: C.S.O.

7.

1. Request made for general information by Italian Minister at folio 4 of Econ Sec at folio 5 draws reply at folio 6. This exchange raises questions of policy.

(a) Should Sections keep Ministries informed on a routine basis, and (b) To what extent?

2. It would seem practical for Sub-Commission to edit monthly reports and let the corresponding Ministry have a copy. Editing to eliminate any classified material or items having a political basis, but ~~leaving~~ in general criticism of Italian co-operation etc.

29 Oct 44.

Deaf Econ Section.

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end
Capt.,
Office, Chief of Staff.

I would be glad if you comments on his proposal to show Italian Minister has a copy of their correspondence. Sub Commission reports. You might wish to discuss it later.

What C.S.O. meeting.

30.10.44. Notes: Not Seen As True

Is An "INFO FILE" - See 9.

Good Sign. 15/11

10.

Econ. Sec do not believe any info should go on to Italian ministries unless specifically requested. Otherwise it is believed that interminable correspondence will result. Information is conveyed verbally as a matter of staff work. This from Capt. Muenemann.

end
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11-18

C.S.O.: to see Finance's direct reply (folios 15-14) to our folio 13. 15/11/44

Very satisfactory.

17/11/44

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GEO. J. J. J. J. J.

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encl
20/11

C.S.O.: to see Finance & direct reply (folios 15-14) to our folio 13. 16/11/48

Very satisfactory. 17/12 pa.

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Also Please note folio 24 in reply & my enquiry on folio 23
PH 20/11/45

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Ref: HWT/11/10

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October 1946

SUBJECT: Military Projects

TO : Provincial Commissioner,
A.F.A. (MIL) Division.

113.

1. Reference is made to your HQ/AC/OT dated 12 October 1946 on this subject.

2. In accordance with your request, authority is granted for approval by you for all military projects certified necessary by C.A.A. HQ, HQ.

3. Your Headquarters should maintain a record of and keep this Commission advised as appropriate of all projects approved.

BY COMMAND OF HEAD AIRFIELD STONE:

MC

Principal,
Executive Commission.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner,
Director, A.F.A.
Executive Division.

See LACAB/5402/1/CB

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Ex Comm 115

NOV 4 1946

Originator's Reference: PC/AC/NOV

Message Centre No: H/7616

Date/Time of Origin: 021630A NOV

Date Time Rec'd: NOV 031700

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: HQ AMG UDINE PROVINCIE

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

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May a reply please be given to my PC/AC/OCT dated 12 Oct 46 and
PWU/RM/1699 dated 10 Oct 46 as pending this no money is available
for maintenance of these military projects.

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ACTION: EX COMMISSIONER 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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FILE

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ACTION

NOV 4 - 1946

(Capt K)

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

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Tel. No. Udine 1555 Ext. 1

File No. PC/AC/OCT.

Date. 12 OCT. 1946

Subject : Military Projects.

To : The Executive Commissioner
HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION
R O M E

OCT 17 1946

Authority is requested for the approval by me of all Military Projects certified necessary by C.R.E. G. HQ. CMF.

In the past my approval was valid for military projects up to a value of L. 1.000.000, in order to guard against pressure which might have been brought to bear by HQ. 13 CORPS.

Experience has shown that their demands have been very moderate and as there is now no technical branch at your HQ. handling Public Works projects, it is suggested that you might be disposed to decentralise authority for approval of all projects and thus save time in forwarding them to Rome.

Pending your reply I attach a further list of military projects for which authority is requested.

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HNB/tg/

1-13-52
H.N. BRIGHT, Lt.Col.,
Provinciale Commissioner

Encl.: 1

See M 114.

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Appendix to PC/AC/OCT dated 12 Oct 46 - Military Projects -
to the Executive Commissioner HQ Allied Commission, R O M E.

112

a) UDI/1072/IM - Military Provincial roads

1. Pavarotti - Cervignano	L. 3.800.000.--
2. Cervignano - Belvedere	" 2.250.000.--
3. Udine - Mortegliano	" 2.300.000.--
4. Route Cormonese	" 1.500.000.--
5. Villa Vicentina - Ruda	" 350.000.--
6. Visco - Ponte Torre	" 520.000.--

Ordinary maintenance for the months
 of Oct-Nov-Dec 46

L. 10.720.000

b) UDI/1080/IM - Military Communal roads

1. Palmanova - Visco - Aiello	L. 1.528.000.--
2. Mortegliano - Muzzana	" 3.931.500.--
3. Sacileto to Route 14	" 980.500.--
4. Pozzuolo - Lavariano	" 475.000.--
5. Tizzano-Risano-Airfield	" 376.000.--
6. Pozzuolo - Airfield	" 565.000.--
7. Tizzano-Risano-Lavariano-Airfield	" 376.000.--
8. Palmanova-Codroipo	" 1.430.000.--
9. Ring road of Palmanova	" 502.000.--
10. Mortegliano - Flumignano	" 284.000.--
11. Provincial crossing Udine-Mortegliano- Risano-Sammardenchia-pozzuolo	" 504.000.--
12. S. Stefano - Tizzano	" 95.000.--
13. Pagnocco to Route 13	" 221.000.--
14. Bicinicco - S. Maria La Longa	" 252.000.--
15. Sammardenchia - Cortello	" 315.000.--
16. Ontagnano - Pelettis - Bicinicco	" 347.000.--
17. Latisana - Lignano (maint. and extraordinary repairs)	" 4.822.568.50
18. Udine ring road	" 3.465.000.--
19. S.S. 13 to Tarcento	" 634.431.50

Ordinary maintenance for the months
 Oct-Nov-Dec 1946

L. 21.104.000

c) UDI/1085/IM - Route 54.
Military State Highway

L. 5.000.000.--

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Ordinary maintenance for the months
 Oct-Nov-Dec 1946

L. 5.000.000

See 7.113

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Economic Section

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SEP 21 1946

Ref. FS/5.06

23 September 1946

TO : Acting Executive Commissioner

1. Reference your note of 17 September concerning visit of Col. Wood to the Chief Engineer of the Italian Ministry of Public Works.

2. The offices of both Brig. Keane and Col. Wood have been contacted, neither being present at the time of the call, but the following message was left with both offices:

The Italian Ministry of Public Works do not have what they call a Chief Engineer. The official most nearly corresponding to that position is Ing. Marco Visentini, President of Superior Council of Public Works, and that we would be very glad to fix an appointment with him for Col. Wood at any time.

H. M. Walker
H. M. WALKER
Col., CE

(EC)

Noted J. Laukyn
24/9 *MC*

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Office of the Executive Commissioner.

ES/506
CSO 110

To: Acting Vice President,
Economic Section.

17th September 1946

Brigadier Keane, who is Chief Engineer at GHQ, has an American Deputy Chief Engineer, Colonel Wood of MTOUSA.

Colonel Wood may be visiting Rome shortly and could like to visit the Chief Engineer, Italian Ministry of Public Works.

Brigadier Keane would like to know whether there is a Chief Engineer, Italian Ministry of Public Works in Rome and is so, what is his name? If you can help Brigadier Keane in this matter will you telephone him at Freedom 311.

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mc

M. CARR, Brigadier.
Acting Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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SUBJECT : Financing of Public Works
in Udine Province.

16 September 1946

TO : Provincial Commissioner Udine

104

1. Effective this date you are authorized to put into effect the system of direct financing of Public Works as agreed to in letter 1663 of the Ministry of Public Works.
2. The Finance Officer and Public Works Officer Udine Province are familiar with the S.B. procedure to be followed.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

McCur Byadier

Brigadier
Acting Executive Commissioner

Copy to : A.F.H.
C.P.
Exec Sec

[Handwritten signature]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Economic Section

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Ref.:

17 September 1946

SUBJECT: Finance File 1608/EC

TO : Executive Commissioner

1021. Further to the letter from the P. C. Udine Province, at 908, a meeting was held at the Ministry of Public Works at which there were representatives of the Accountants of Public Works, Head of the Magistrato alle Acque, representatives of the Italian Treasury, Allied Commission and A.M.G. Udine.

2. After discussion, it was decided that the request of Udine to finance public works by the use of S.B. procedure should be made in writing. This was done and copy of this request is attached hereto. The reply from the Ministry of Public Works, no. 1663, is also attached. Copies of letters to the Provincial Commissioner, Udine, are also attached.

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H. M. WALKER
Colonel, CE
Acting Vice President

for

5 Enclosures - Letter dated 16 September 1946 from A.M.G., Udine, to Ministry of Public Works

Letter dated 16 September 1946, ref. 1663, from Ministry of Public Works to A.M.G. Udine

Letter dated 16 September 1946 from Allied Commission to Provincial Commissioner Udine (3 copies)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE

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SUBJECT: Financing of Public Works in
UDINE PROVINCE.

16 Sep 46

TO: Ministry of Public Works (att. Gabinetto), ROME.

In view of conversation between proper officials of Accountants of Public Works, Head of Magistrato alle Acque, representatives of the Italian Treasury, Allied Commission and the A.M.G. Udine, it is requested that you confirm and approve the financing of Public Works through the use of S.B. procedure. The procedure will be that followed while North Italy was still under Military Government control.

It is understood that all projects in hands of the Magistrato alle Acque will be financed by that organization. All future projects will be financed directly by the A.M.G. within limits allotted by the Ministry of Public Works through the Magistrato alle Acque to the Province of Udine.

By order of the Provincial Commissioner

J.T. Murphy
J.T. MURPHY, Capt.
Finance Officer.

Copy to: Ministry of Treasury
(att. Ragioneria Generale dello Stato)

all 109.

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TRANSLATION

16 September 1946

No. 1663

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS

SUBJECT: Financement of Public Works in Udine Province.

Reference to your requests of 16 inst. and following to the meeting mentioned in the above letter, this Ministry agrees to resume the S.B. procedure regarding financement of Public Works in Udine Province as effected in N. Italy during the period of A.M.G. jurisdiction.

It is further confirmed that the funds allocated by this Ministry for Udine Province will be placed at the disposal of your Headquarters by the Magistrato delle Acque, your H.Q. remaining completely in charge of the management of these funds.

Nothing is changed as regarding the works being carried out, for which the approval by the Magistrato delle Acque will have been obtained at the receiving of this letter.

THE MINISTER



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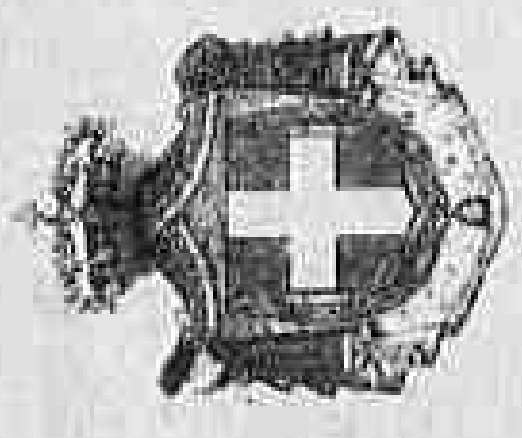
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Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici



GABINETTO

16 SET. 1948

AL QUARTIER GENERALE DELL'A. N. 36.

UDINE

e per conoscenza/

COMMISSIONE ALLIATA - Quartier Generale-Ufficio Industria e Utilità - ROMA

MINISTERO DEL PERSONO
Regoleria Generale dello Stato

ROMA

PRESIDENZA DEL MAGISTRATO ALLA
ACCUS VENETIA

RAGIONERIA GENERALE

S. E. D. E.

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OGGETTO: - Finanziamenti di lavori pubblici in provincia di Udine -

In relazione alle richieste avanzate con la Vostra del 16 corr. mese in seguito alla riunione di cui alla lettera stessa, questo Ministero aderisce al ripristino della procedura S.D. nei riguardi del finanziamento delle opere pubbliche nella provincia di Udine, in analogia a quanto era stato praticato nell'Italia Settentrionale durante la gestione del Governo Militare Allenteo.

Resta stabilito peraltro che i fondi assegnati da questo Ministero alla provincia di Udine saranno messi a disposizione di cotesto Comando da parte del Magistrate alle Acque, restando la gestione dei fondi stessi completamente affidata a cotesto Comando.

Nulla è innovato nei riguardi della gestione delle opere in corso per le quali si già intervenuta al pervenire della presente l'approvazione da parte del Magistrate alle Acque.

IL MINISTRO

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CABINETTO

1A SET. 1948

AL QUARTIER GENERALE DELL'A.M.G.

UDINE

e per conoscenza/

COMMISSIONE ADIACATA - Quartier
Generale-Ufficio Industria e Utili-
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Regione Generale dello StatoROMAPRESIDENTE DEL MINISTERO ALLE
ACQUE VENEZIA

RAGIONERIA GENERALE

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

SEP 10 1946

Tel. No: 1516 M. G. Udine Ext 1

File No: PC/AC/SEPT.

Date: 5 Sep. 46

Subject : Financing of Public Works.

To : The EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER
HQ. Allied Commission
R O M E

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1. At this time when unemployment figures are soaring up (now approximately 60,000), and demonstrations are increasing in number and temper, I must ask you for your help in allowing me to authorise the direct financing of Public Works in this Province, without processing every project through the bottle neck of the Magistrato alle Acque in Venice.

2. For eight months I have been trying to speed up the system by which projects are approved and financed by that office, and although both Ministers of Public Works during that period have been most helpful in agreeing to our public works programme, they have been quite unable to alter the bureaucratic methods of the Magistrato's office.

3. In my view, that office might have been suitable for the normal peacetime public works of the Veneto, but with all the war damage to be repaired, apart from maintenance, it is quite unable to cope with the overwhelming number of projects pouring in daily from the ten provinces of the Veneto.

4. As a proof of this, I would mention that in February last, approval was given by the former Minister, for our public works programme for the 1st half of this year, totalling 900 million lire.

Of this only 700 million has been financed to date, i.e. a delay of 2 months involving 200 million lines' worth of unemployment.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

Tel. No. 1516 A. M. G. Udine Ext. 4

File No. PC/AC/SEPT.

Date: 5 Sept. 46

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5. With the approval of the present P.W. Minister to the annual programme, a further 300 million lines' worth of projects have been approved by the Genio Civile and forwarded to the Magistrato's office in Venice, where a similar delay may be expected.

6. This hold up of 500 million lire, at a time when alleviation of the unemployed problem is most pressing, proves, I suggest, my argument that the Magistrato's office is unsuited to present day requirements.

7. While we are dependent on it, I can see no hope of any improvement.

8. As however this Province is under A.M.G. we can finance our own public works, and in the words of both Ministers, A.M.G. is competent to give any decision on Public Works.

9. I have again and again explained that we were anxious to work through the Magistrato, if only the approval and financing of our projects could be accelerated.

10. We have also asked if a separate section of his office could work in this Province, and although the Minister of the Treasury seemed at one time favourable, the Minister of Public Works has been persuaded against this by the Magistrato, as, presumably he cannot spare the staff.

11. May I therefore refer you to the correspondence (marked A) between the Prefect and the Minister of Public Works approving the year's programme totalling L. 2.666.761.000.

In the Minister's letter he states:

He is favourable to the execution of the programme; and that A.M.G. is competent to make any decision concerning this.

With regard to giving the office of the Genio Civile authority to approve projects for which the Provveditorato Regionale Opere Pubbliche is now competent, the

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

Tel. No. 1516A. M. G. Udine Ext. 41

File No. PC/AC/SEPT.

Date. 5 Sep. 46

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Ministry leaves it to A.M.G. to decide.

12. In view of the above, I suggest that authority for approval and financing of Public Works be given to A.M.G. in this Province in the following terms:

a) A.M.G. Udine Province shall have authority to approve and finance any P.W. projects including expenses for the preparation of the project, if it is included in the programme already submitted to and approved by the Minister of P.W., and if it is found to be technically sound by the Office of the Genio Civile of Udine and by the A.M.G. P.W. Officer.

b) Contracts for all projects to be drawn up by the Genio Civile of Udine subject to the approval of P.W. Office A.M.G. UDINE.

c) Payments in respect of such contracts to be made by A.M.G. to the Genio Civile for contractors, on the request of the Office of the Genio Civile.

13. I earnestly hope that you will give immediate and favourable consideration to this request, which I look upon as the most urgent and important problem in this Province.

I am satisfied that if immediate effect can be given to these proposals, it would go a long way towards remedying the unemployment difficulty in the Province and would greatly improve the somewhat strained relations at present existing between the Allied Forces and the Italian population.

H.N. Bright

HNB/gt.

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

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS

To: The Prefect of Udine.

Subject: Public Works in relief of unemployment.

Reference the contents of your letter a/m, I inform you that as far as this Ministry is concerned, we have no comments to make to the starting of the work foreseen in the programme prepared by the Ufficio of the Genio Civile of Udine.

I point out however that any decision in relation to the question by you raised is a matter for which AMG (under whose jurisdiction the Province is) is competent.

The proposal of extending to the a/m office of the Genio Civile authority for the approval of projects at present given to the Regional offices of the Magistrato - proposal which I do not think I can support - will also have to be referred to AMG for the reasons previously explain

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TRANSLATION

Ref: 3212 Gab.

14 August 46. 98

Public Works for the relief of
the unemployed. 1st Semester 46.

To: H.E. The Minister of Public Works.

copy to: The Presidency of the Council of Ministers - Gabinetto.
The Ministry of Interior - Gabinetto.
The Ministry of the Treasury - Gabinetto. R O M A

On the basis of instructions personally given by Y.E. during the recent conversation with the Provincial Commissioner Lt.Col. BRIGHT, and following the general policy on that occasion laid down, this Office of the Genio Civile yesterday finished the re-examination of all the projects, ready at the moment, and of those prepared during the current year half year, for public works in relief of local unemployment.

We point out that the letter dated 7 inst. n. 448/47 of your office - legislative section - is therefore outdated by the assurances personally made to finance such projects.

In relation to this I attach letter dated 13 August 46 n.16696 of this Office of the Genio Civile, and I forward the following information:

A) As far as the number of public works to be carried out is concerned:

n. 139 projects examined and ready for
a total amount of L. 669.800.000.=

n. 285 projects already prepared but
in the course of being examined 430.800.000.=

and so altogether for projects already
prepared L.1100.600.000.=

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the course of the semester for a total
amount of L.1566.161.000.=

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It is a question of public works of the greatest utility and urgency, which however will only succeed in employing 16 or 17 thousand of the 54 thousand unemployed in the Province.

I will not repeat the considerations which render crucial the situation of the labour market in this Province, nor do I wish to recall the considerations already made concerning the influence, which on such a situation the particular circumstances in which this Province finds itself, including the Military and its internal aspect, have.

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I would be grateful, in the meantime, if in accordance with the agreements reached, the a/m works programme were to be explicitly valued by your office in order to put it into effect.

The agitations of the unemployed, which in spite of the calm and serious character of these populations, are beginning to be ever more lively, make it more than opportune that the assurances given, now materialize into an immediate pledge for the execution of the works.

B) Administrative decentralization for the execution of this works programme.

The particular conditions of this region already verbally illustrated, make the adoption of special dispositions more than opportune, in order to expedite as much as possible the putting into effect of the programme of public works prepared, and in relation to this we recall the letter dated 6th Aug. 1946, n. 236-OM Div. 2 of the Ministry of the Treasury - Ragioneria Generale dello Stato - Ispettorato Generale del Bilancio, addressed to your office, with which while the soundness of the request for a decentralization of the services is recognized, concrete solutions are suggested, which in fact amount to the creation of new offices in this town (Udine).

This Prefettura points out that it might perhaps be simpler to give to this office of the Genio Civile, as an exceptional measure, full technical competence for the approval of the projects. The Intendenza di Finanza would be prepared to exercise that control, on urgent projects for relief of unemployment, which is at present exercised by the Corte dei Conti. This would be the quickest way of obtaining the desired results, without the complication of the creation of new offices. If it were to be thought necessary it would be sufficient, to appoint to the Intendenza di Finanza an official of the Corte dei Conti and to the Genio Civile an Inspector, although this is not altogether necessary.

In any case it would be necessary for the funds to be placed at the direct disposal of this office of the Genio Civile (instead of to the Magistrato alle Acque) and for authority to be granted to this Prefettura to issue, in cases of urgency, decrees of approval of the single projects, approved by A.M.C.

These proposals are the result of the seriousness of the situation and will be appreciated by V.E. who follows ^{and} such great interest the putting into effect of dispositions which benefit the working classes.

We await your kind assurance

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1 September 1946

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Thank you for your letter 20/103 of August 28. I am glad that you have come to a successful conclusion of the difficulties relating to civilian and military engineering staff in connection with road making.

With regard to the recent road incident, the Prime Minister and the Minister of War have been requested by the Supreme Allied Commander and this Commission respectively, to initiate an investigation and if necessary rigorous disciplinary action with 5 Territorial Command. Doubtless 5 BLO will hear from MIA but you should know the background.

(Sgd) M. S. LUSH

Lt Colonel R. N. Bright, MBE,
Provincial Commissioner,
ASS. NORTHERN PROVINCE.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

SEP 4 1946

Tel. No. 1516 M. G. Udine Ext. 4

File No. PC/103

Date: 28 Aug. 46

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Dear *Brigadier*

Thank you so much for your letter 5402/90/EC dated 26 Aug. 46.

I saw Brigadier Archibald in connection with road maintenance in this Province, and have made it very plain to our Engineer Staff that I will not tolerate any lack of cooperation on our part with the 13 Corps Engineers.

From what I have heard, there were faults on both sides, and I suspect a little professional jealousy was namely responsible for the misunderstanding.

I have been talking to Brigadier Archibald this afternoon, on this subject and I understand from him and my people that everything is now working smoothly.

I had a long talk to Wathen 5 BLU yesterday on the subject of the recent Osoppo incident, and suggested that a questionnaire might be prepared for the H.Q. 5 Territorial Division to answer.

Incidentally I feel, that unless the replies are satisfactory to you, the sooner that H.Q. moves outside this Province, the better!

Yours sincerely
H.N. Bright

HNB/gt.

To : Brigadier M.S. LUSH, CB, CBE, MC.,
Executive Commissioner,
Headquarters, ALLIED COMMISSION.

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From : Lt. Col. H.N. BRIGHT, MBE.,
Provincial Commissioner,
A.M.G. UDINE PROVINCE.

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Ref: 5402/70/BC.

26 August 1946.

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I took up the matter of bitumen and transport for
your Public Utilities with Brigadier Archibald and enclose copy
of his reply. Please do your best to see that full cooperation
is given from your side of the House.

M. S. LUSH

Lt.Col. H.N. Bright, MBE,
Provincial Commissioner,
UPPER PROVINCE.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & UTILITIES BRANCH
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MEMORANDUM

Tel : 489081 Ext. 303

22 August 1946

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Subject : Bitumen - Udine Province

To : Acting Vice President, Economic Section

1. The chances of obtaining bitumen from Italian Government sources are at present not good. There is a general over-all shortage in the country. The Italian Government expect to receive 90,000 barrels from UNRRA sources, shipments of which have only just commenced. This will arrive probably too late to assist in this case.

2. According to the letter from Brig. Archibald it is not so much the lack of bitumen, but the fact that it is alleged to have not been used to the best advantage and that military priorities have not been observed, which is the main cause of the trouble. This Branch is not in a position to comment on this statement being away from the scene of the operations.

H. M. Walker
H. M. WALKER
Colonel CE
Director

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Brigadier B.M. ARCHIBALD, CBE, DSO,

Main Headquarters,
13 Corps

15th August 1946

Dear Lush:-

In reply to your letter 5402/BU/EC of the 3rd August, which I received on the 10th August. I have taken up the question of supply of bitumen and transport for the maintenance of military roads in Udine Province with the Chief Engineer and discussed his comments with Colonel Bright.

The Engineers state that they prescribed a military priority for the Udine road maintenance programme, delivered 615 tons of bitumen against 950 allotted and supplied $1\frac{1}{2}$ platoons of tipper trucks which was the maximum available.

The Engineers further state that neither the bitumen nor the tippers have been used to the best advantage and that the military priorities have not been observed. They have asked that an assurance be given on this latter point, when they will immediately supply the balance of the bitumen. They express concern at the unsatisfactory progress made while the summer season is fast passing.

Colonel Bright complains of the quality of the bitumen. I understand in this regard it is a question of making the best of what we can get, but will pursue this charge. Colonel Bright also indicates that there has been some lack of co-operation between his and our Engineers, which appears to be a matter of personalities. I am getting them together immediately and will try to iron this out, after which I hope the business will run smoothly.

Yours sincerely

Brian Archibald.

Brigadier Maurice S. LUSH, CB, CBE, MC,
Headquarters,
Allied Commission, Rome

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13 Corps

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Headquarters,
Allied Commission, RCAF

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Ref: 5402/84/EC.3 August 1946.

Lt.Col. BRIGHT has raised with me the question of the supply of materials and transport for the maintenance of military roads in UDINE Province. He is required by your HQ to maintain certain roads at military standard and by and large the Italian Government, working through the Comite Civile, do their best to satisfy these requirements.

The Italian Government take the line that the materials furnished for this maintenance must be related to the overall needs of ITALY and are therefore unable to provide all the materials needed for UDINE Province. A case in point is that of bitumen which is urgently needed. I understand that 3000 tons were requested from 13 Corps of which 2000 tons was the basic minimum essential for the maintenance of the principal roads. Up to date only 600 tons have been supplied from Army sources and the supply has been stopped and the balance at the disposal of the military authorities has been reserved for airfields.

I am taking up the matter with the Italian Government but I should be grateful if the maximum assistance could be provided from 13 Corps resources.

The other difficulty relates to transport. The Comite Civile are unable to provide the necessary transport above and beyond their ordinary maintenance programme. Would it be possible for 13 Corps to give even some assistance in this matter. Again I will need the Italian Government in this respect.

M. S. LUGH

Brigadier Archibald,
BGS, HQ 13 Corps.

Copy to: Lt.Col. Bright,
HQ UDINE Province.

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Ref: 5402/83/EC ✓

3 August 1946.

SUBJECT: Public Works - UDINE Province.

TO : A/Vice President,
Economic Section.

Lt.Col. BRIGHT is concerned regarding the supply of bitumen and transport for roads in UDINE Province. The situation is that 13 Corps require him to maintain the roads up to military standard. They refuse or are unable to supply bitumen and sufficient transport. Attached is a recommendation from his Public Works Officer for authorisation to buy a civil consignment of 1000 tons of bitumen which was expected to arrive in VENICE at the end of July. I refused to authorise on the lines that the supply of bitumen for UDINE must be related to the overall needs of ITALY. Would you go into this question and see whether we can assist Lt.Col. BRIGHT in the difficult task of satisfying 13 Corps without the necessary material.

M. S. LUSH

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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 HEADQUARTERS
 NAPLES LIAISON GROUP
 ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO. 794.

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Ref. : NLG/151/802
 SUBJECT : Disturbances by Reduci.
 TO : A. C. HQ.

17 July, 1946

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1. There have been an increasing number of disturbances by returned prisoners of war and others demanding work. They have occurred this month at Pozzuoli, Caserta (on a large scale), Torre Annunziata ^{GENOVA} and at other points near Naples and also in Calabria.
2. *may* These outbreaks are at present directed towards forcing the authorities to provide work, but ~~undoubtedly~~ take an anti-Allied turn at any moment, so I feel that the attention of the Ministry of Public Works should be drawn urgently to delays that are occurring over work projects.
3. In Naples, for example, there is an immense amount of useful work to be done, on rebuilding the town, laying out new roads, new water supply schemes (Bolla spring etc.) and I have drawn attention to delays in letters and in my monthly reports. The particular ministry is not getting on with the job. Huge sums are announced in papers as being allotted, but nothing happens, there appears to be political influence encouraging obstructions.
4. As a case in point, the Sindaco of Naples and his special Engineer staff has worked out a considered scheme for rebuilding the Port of Naples. Money has apparently been allotted and yet work does not start. The reason now given is a last minute objection that the new circular road is to cut through the site of the bombed out Bianchini Barracks listed as a national monument because it was supposedly designed by the Architect Vanvitelli. An Italian newspaper correspondent, who investigated old papers, has ~~informed~~ ^{found} that when Vanvitelli was called on to remodel (not construct, as a new building) these old

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barracks he protested at the indifference of the site and the poorness of the building he had to re-shape. This building is now completely gutted and to re-build it would cost an immense sum, yet it is being made an excuse by the Arts and Ancient monuments dept. in Rome to hold up reconstructive work in Naples.

5. Another example is a project for building blocks of workers flats at Magnoli. The plans are understood to be complete, and a Company known as the Lamara Company has funds.

I was approached by the Prefect to get the site derequisitioned urgently to enable work to start quickly to give employment and to enable the first blocks to be ready before the winter. With the personal help of the then Commander of P.B.S. (Colonel Coblenz) the site was derequisitioned: now 3 months later no work, not ~~some~~ even preliminary clearing has started, and of course there is no prospect of the first houses being open before the winter.

6. In this last case, it is believed that technical quibbles in the office of the Genio Civile are holding up the project but there is a back ground of obstruction. The late Minister of Public Works was a Monarchist, and the Sindaco and his Engineers are Republicans, this may or may not have some bearing on the situation. Unless, however, some drive is put in to the Ministry of Public Works and excuses for delays, whatever their cause, are put aside, considerable dissatisfaction and disorder are likely to occur, and opportunities will be missed to get on with constructive work that is so very badly needed.

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J. A. C. Pennyquice

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Industry and Utilities Branch

078/AG/PWU

18 July 1946

SUBJECT: Road Projects - Udine Province

JUL 19 1946

TO : Ministry of Public Works
(Attn: Eng. P. Ghoszi)

1. Attached herewith are two requests for approval of projects in Udine Province as follows:

a. Road Maintenance - (Extraordinary)

Provincial Road Communes Section Le Maschere
(MR = 0 565160) to Cividale (M.R. = 0 565235) L. 5.250.000

Provincial road from Palmanova to Codroipo L. 3.800.000

Total L. 9.050.000

b. Bridges

Route 13 - Repairs to bridge at MR 525685
over Rio Lussari L. 4.150.000

Route 13 - Repairs for flood damages L. 7.750.000

Route 54 - Repairs for flood damages from
Km. 81.331 to Km. 94.000 L. 4.000.000

Route 54 - Repairs and fluvial defences at
Sillioza bridge MR = 0 6759 for flood
damages L. 2.090.000

Total L. 17.990.000

2. Also enclosed are letters from the Genio Civile, Udine, giving their approvals.

3. Allied Commission desires to know whether your Ministry is in accord with the projects before authorizing the work to proceed.

MINISTERO LAVORI PUBBLICI-DIREZIONE GEN. VIABILITA' STATALE

Si esprime parere favorevole all'esecuzione dei lavori qui elencati.
Roma, 11 18 luglio 1946

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Ing. E. GRI)



LOUIS W. LAUGHLIN
Major, O.E.
Acting Deputy Director

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8 Enclosures: Letter 12 July 1946, file UDI/FWU/RM/1191, A.M.G.
Udine Province to A.C.

Letter 11 July 1946, file UDI/FWU/RM/1169, A.M.G.
Udine Province to A.C.

Letter 9 July 1946, file 13242, Genio Civile to A.M.G.

Letter 8 July 1946, file 13077, Genio Civile to A.M.G.

Letter 6 July 1946, file 1601, Genio Civile to A.M.G.

Letter 6 July 1946, file 1602, Genio Civile to A.M.G.

Letter 6 July 1946, file 1597, Genio Civile to A.M.G.

Letter 5 July 1946, file 1592, Genio Civile to A.M.G.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref. 5402/79/33

18 July 1946

SUBJECT: Military Road Projects.

TO : Provincial Commissioner
AMC
Udine

UDL/793/AM	Idro 9.250.000
UDL/795/AM	" 3.300.000
UDL/766/AM	" 1.150.000
UDL/777/AM	" 7.750.000
UDL/779/AM	" 4.000.000
UDL/780/AM	" 2.090.000

Approval is given for the above projects as requested in your letters UDL/AM/AM/1 69 of 11 July and your UDL/AM/AM 1131 of 12 July 1946.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE

Udine, 11 July 46

To : Executive Commissioner
H.Q. Allied Commission

JUL 18 1946

Subject : Military Roads.

File No : UDI/PMU/EM/1169

1. Authorisation is sought for the approval of the following Military Road Projects of over 1.000.000.= lire to repair damage due to recent floods.

UDI/766/RM - Route 13 - Repairs to bridge at MR 525685 over Rio Lussari..... L. 4.150.000

Certificate- Letter CE Branch Works Rear HQ. 13 Corps - Ref Wks 2800 dated 25.6.46.

War damaged bridge was supported by timbers. A Bailey bridge has been put in and it is desired to repair the bridge permanently.

UDI/777/RM - Route 13 - Repairs for flood damages L. 7.750.000

- a) Repairs to Canal of Rio Corren at km 202.500
- b) Reconstruction of 88 yards of embankment defences at Km 202.600
- c) Repairs to slope along 180 yards of the road at Km 203.000
- d) Removal of materials along the Rio Cucco Canal at Km 207.700
- e) Repairs to reinf. concrete culvert at Km 219.800
- f) Removal of alluvial materials along the road ditches at Km 220.100

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UDINE PROVINCE

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UDI/779/RM - Route 54 - Repairs for flood
damages from Km 81.331 to Km 94.000 L. 4.000.000
(passo Predil to Tarvisio Basso)

- a) Reconstruction of 3 culverts and regulation of drainage up and down stream
- b) Reconstruction of defences along the banks of Silizza torrente (from Km 87 to Km 88).
- c) Reconstruction of several stretches of cunnettes (from Km 86.500 to Km 91.500)
- d) Repairs to embankments and slopes near the bridge at Km 90.700
- e) Repairs to the road bed and re-construction of a stretch of road foundation
- f) general drainage works.

UDI/780/RM - Route 54 - Repairs and fluvial
defences at Silizza bridge MR = C 6759 for
flood damages L. 2.090.000

Certificates - Rear HQ 13 Corps letter
1053/O dated 26.8.45.

- a) Construction of retaining wall to the embankment on the right shoulder of the bridge
- b) Construction of a defence to the banks and repairs to the slope
- c) Construction of concrete supportings to the retaining wall downstream
- d) Construction of bank defence with stone cliff.

~~18 July 46~~ 18 July 46
During the Genio Civile recommendations attached and as this work is for flood repair recommend immediate approval. Min. Public Works will be notified.
H. N. BRIGHT MPE.
Lt. Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner.
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H. N. BRIGHT MPE.
Lt. Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner.
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H. N. Bright MPE.
Lt. Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner.
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE

Udine, 12 July 46

To : Executive Commissioner
H.Q. Allied Commission

Subject : Military roads.

File No : UDI/PMU/PM/1191

1. Authorisation is sought for the approval of the following Military Road Projects of over 1,000,000.= lire.

UDI/795/PM - Provincial Road Comune
Section Le Maschere (MR = C 565160) to
Cividale (M.R. = C 565235) Extraordinary
maintenance L. 5,250,000

Certificate - 313 Eng Batt. 88 Div U.S.
letter R/69 dated 17/1/46.

This road which is the main Route between
Cividale and Trieste was supplied with
gravel stone and transportation by the
Americans, AMG supplying only labour.
All military services have now been withdrawn
and the work has to be completed without aid
from military.

UDI/795/PM - Provincial road from Palmanova
to Codroipo - Km. 30. Extraordinary maint-
nance..... L. 3,800,000

Certificate - Appendix B to CE Branch
Works Rear HQ 13 Corps letter Ref Wks
2800 dated 2 June 46.

2. These are Military roads as per the above said
certificates.

3. To each project is attached a letter of the Italian
Entity controlling the costs of the works.

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

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE

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

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Recommended that these be approved since they have
 been recommended by the Genio Civito and the
 projects cover ordinary road maintenance.
 Min. Public Works will be satisfied. Recommend
 immediate approval.

W. F. Fargher

Mayor of

Industry & U.S. Steel Co.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. 5402/70/EO

24. June 1946

SUBJECT: Military Projects.

TO : Provincial Commissioner
ASG Udine.

With a view to expediting the approval of various military projects submitted by you, I would be grateful if you would include a line to the effect that your Genio Civile is aware of the project and that he considers the estimate fair.

The reason for this is not that this Headquarters does not trust your judgement in such matters but the Italian Government will ultimately have to foot the bill for these public works. Consequently I consider it only fair to let them know in advance what we are spending and naturally they feel happier if their man on the spot agrees.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE

M. C. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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BY LETTER PD

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Executive Commissioner

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NICHOLAS PIOMMINO
CFO USA
Asst Adjt

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Ref. : 5402/61/EC

20 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Military Projects.

TO : Provincial Commissioner
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UDI/669/RM	Route 13	L. 12,600,000.=
UDI/670/RM	Route 14	" 2,300,000.=
UDI/671/RM	Route 52 bis	" 1,970,000.=
UDI/672/RM	Route 54	" 5,050,000.=
UDI/673/RM	Route 56	" 1,200,000.=

Approval is given for the a/m military Road maintenance projects as requested in your letter UDI/PWU/870/RM. - 63

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE

Udine, 4 June 46

JUN 13 1946

To : Executive Commissioner
H.Q. Allied Commission.

Subject : Military Roads.

File No : UDI/PWU/370/EM

(1) - Authorisation is sought for the approval of the following Military Road Projects of over I,000,000. lire.

UDI/669/EM	Route 13	L.	12,600,000.=
UDI/670/EM	Route 14	"	2,500,000.=
UDI/671/EM	Route 52 bis	"	1,970,000.=
UDI/672/EM	Route 54	"	5,050,000.=
UDI/673/EM	Route 56 ✓	"	1,200,000.=

(2) - All these are military roads as per Road Maint Policy Rear HQ 13 Cps 1053/Q dated 23 Aug 45 and the projects are all for routine maintenance for three months from 1st July to 30 Sept.

[Signature]

H.N. BRIGHT MRE.
Lt. Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner.

Recommend that these projects be approved
by the Provincial Commissioner
Major E.H. S/C.
14 June 46
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[Signature]

Approved
Charles W. Walton
Acting Vice President
Colonel, A.C.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE

Udine, 4 June 46

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To : Executive Commissioner
H.Q. Allied Commission.

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H.N. BRIGHT MBE.
Lt. Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner.

1) Recommend that these projects be approved
2) *Approved*
Charles W. Walton
Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice President
14 June 46
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: Es: 1:47/0

12 June 1946

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SUBJECT: Military transport of road
maintenance.

TO : Provincial Commissioner - Udine

Reference your Udine 1516-1-PC/67, 4 June 1946.

1. It is deemed inappropriate for AMG to expend funds to reimburse CRASC XIII Corps for the use of WD vehicles in upkeep of military roads.

2. CRASC XIII Corps should refer the costs to the Financial Adviser G.H.Q., C.M.F. which office will further process the costs so that they will be recorded as occupational costs to be charged to the Italian Government.

BY COMMAND OF ADMIRAL STONE:

S. W. WALTON

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

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

Tel. No. Udine 1516

A. M. G. Udine Est. 1

File No. PC/67

Date: 4th June, 1946

SUBJECT: Military Transport for maintenance
of military roads.

TO : Executive Commissioner,
HQ Allied Commission, ROME. ✓

May a ruling be given on the subject of payment of WD transport for the upkeep of military roads from AMG funds.

Bills amounting to some £2,000 have been received from CRASC 13 Corps. These are considered very moderate, but may increase to approximately £,10,000 per month during the Summer months.

The cost of civilian transport on the same scale would approximate 8,000,000 lire per month, with the risk of frequent breakdowns.

Incidentally, a considerable increase in the civilian petrol allotment for the Province would be necessary.

Until recently, military transport has been provided gratis for military projects, and there is no provision made in AMG financial instructions for the reimbursement to military formations of cost of transport provided for military works projects.

May I please be advised, therefore, what scale of charges, if any, is authorised for the use of WD transport on military works projects, the authority for including any such charges in civilian contracts, and the procedure for payment.

In my view, the provision of WD transport is in every way preferable to the use of civilian transport for military projects, provided necessary authority is given for reimbursement from AMG funds, or its use is provided gratis.

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

Copy to: HQ 13 Corps Rear
CRASC 13 Corps Rear
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Ref : 5402/56/80

3. June 1946

SUBJECT: Military Projects.

TO : Provincial Commissioner,
AMG Udine Province.

1) Supply Depot - Udine, Ref no. IG/67/35

3.045.000 lire.

2) Supplementary RI Project, Ref no. VII/PHI/797/81

3.223.000 lire.

Approval is given for the a/m military Projects.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE,

M. S. HUGH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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FIELD NO. 4103
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE

TO : Executive Commissioner,
HQ Allied Commission, Rome.

28 May 46

FROM : Railway Siding, 25 Artillery Barracks, Udine.

MAY 30 1946

FILE NO : PC/67/55.

It is requested that approval of the Executive Commissioner should be given to this Military Project, totalling 2,045,000 lire (three million and forty-five thousand), for the following reasons:

- (a) The present supply Depot in Udine is occupying the site of the Vegetable Market, thus affecting food supplies to the population.
- (b) After some months, the military authorities have agreed to the removal of the Depot to the requisitioned Artillery Barracks in Udine, and are prepared to carry out necessary alterations e.g. light and fittings, etc.
- (c) The project consists of laying a short private railway siding into the new Depot. It is of no benefit to the State Railways, whose representative will assist in construction, but who states cost could not be borne by the State railway.
- (d) The Command of Udine will directly benefit by rent charged for stalls in the market and will therefore require less subsidy.
- (e) The citizens of Udine will benefit by having their vegetable market resorted to a time of the year when it is most needed.
- (f) The Army will be assured of a suitable alternative Supply Depot.
- (g) It may ultimately benefit the Italian Army when requisition of the property is affected.
- (h) 13 Corps G.A.L. and Brig. I/c Administration have been contacted by the Area Commander, Udine, and are in agreement with the scheme on the grounds that the present supply depot is depriving the population of their market place.

As it is necessary that the work should commence at once, it would be much appreciated if immediate approval could be given to the project.

1403-19-4108
H.A. BROWN, Lt. Col.,
Provincial Commissioner.

Enc 1: (1) 31 May 46
Recommend that this project be approved. *1403-19-4108*

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- (c) The project consists of laying a short private railway siding into the new Depot. It is of no benefit to the State Railways, whose representative will assist in construction, but who states cost cannot be borne by the State Railway.
- (d) The Commerce of Udine will directly benefit by rent charged for stalls in the market and will therefore require less subsidy.
- (e) The citizens of Udine will benefit by having their vegetable market restored to a site of the year when it is most needed.
- (f) The Army will be assured of a suitable alternative Supply Depot.
- (g) It may ultimately benefit the Italian Army when demobilisation of the property is affected.
- (h) 13 Corps C.A.S. and Brig. 1/3 Administration have been contacted by the Area Commander, Udine, and are in agreement with the terms of the grounds that the present supply depot is depriving the population of their market place.

As it is necessary that the work should commence at once, it would be much appreciated if immediate approval could be given to the project.

1st British 4108
F. W. SAUNDERS, Lt. Col.,
Provincial Commissioner,

Encl: (1) 31 May 44
Recommend that this project be approved. 5th Langdon
ways C.E. 1st Branch.

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

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE

Udine, 24 May 46

TO : Executive Commissioner -
Headquarters Allied Commission.

SUBJECT : Military Bridge Project.

FILE NO : UDI/PW/797/EM

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- (1) - Authorisation is sought for approving a supplementary project UDI/588/EM for 3,223,000 lire for the Meduna bridge on Route 13.
This is supplementary to Military project UDI/RBS/56 for 28,600,000 lire approved by H.A.C. on 23 Aug 45.-
- (2) - During construction the ground was found to be soft necessitating an enlargement of the foundations and the introduction of hinges in the arches to take up settlement thus increasing the cost.
- (3) - The proposals originate from the engineers of the U.S.V.S. but since the project has from start been a military one, it has to be continued to be financed as such and a copy of a letter requesting the work RE/32/2 of 21 May 46 is attached.

H.N. Bright
H.N. Bright M.B.E.
Lt. Col.
Provincial Commissioner.

Attached one letter.

31 May 46 Recommend that this supplementary authorization be approved.

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

W. J. Hughes
Major
Inf. & C. Branch

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SUBJECT : RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE ON MEDUNA RIVER
ROUTE 13 SOUTH (JAN SUTIS BRIDGE).

238 WORKS SECTION R.E.,
 C.H.F.,
 Tel: UDINE 1579
 Ref: RE/32/2

21 May 46

A.M.G.
PROVINCIAL PUBLIC WORKS OFFICER

It is urgent and necessary that the U.S.V.S. of Udine proceeds with the extension of the piers to the A/M bridge. These are required to support the Bailey Bridge which is unsafe by reason of the fact that it is resting on the remains of the bridge that was demolished.

Owing to the nature of the ground and the possibility of subsidence, it will be necessary to make bed joints in the arch ring, and this has hindered progress.

As the additional works required may be more than the original allotment of funds please authorize U.S.V.S. to request a further sum to cover the over expenditure.

May authority be granted to continue work on the bridge pending further allotment of funds.

(signed)

Major R.E.
 O.C. 238 Works Section R.E.

Copy to : U.S.V.S. Section of Udine.

Udine
 JR.KRH.

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Ref. : 5402/51/EC

4. May 1946.

SUBJECT: Military Road Projects.

TO : Provincial Commissioner,
A.M.G. Udine Province.

UDI/326/EM	SS 54 Boundary - Passo Predil	4,010,000 lire
UDI/327/EM	SS 52 Tolmezzo - Bivio Carnica	1,650,000 "
UDI/328/EM	SS 13 Udine - Austrian Boundary	4,980,000 "
UDI/449/EM	Provincial Road S. Maria La Longa - Palmanova	3,000,000 "

Approval is given for the a/n Military Road Projects.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUGH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE

AGAS/VT

IMMEDIATE

Udine, 29 April 46

To : Executive Commissioner -

Headquarters Allied Commission

Subject : Military Road Projects.

File No : UDI/PWU/3/567

(1) - Approval is sought for financing the four Military projects below, each of which is in excess of 1,000,000 lire

UDI/326/RM SS 54 Boundary - Passo Predil 4,010,000 lire

UDI/327/RM SS 52 Tolmezzo - Bivio Carnica 1,650,000 "

UDI/328/RM SS 13 Udine - Austrian Boundary 4,980,000 "

UDI/449/RM Provincial Road S. Maria la Longa - Palmanova 3,000,000 "

(2) - These were all declared military roads by letter 1053/Q of Rear HQ 13 Corps dated 26 August 1945 and the projects are for routine maintenance for three months ending 30th June.

Agreed
Colonel A. C. WALTON
(Signed)
Charles W. Walton
Acting Vice President

H.N. Bright M.B.E.

Lt. Col.

Provincial Commissioner

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE

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IMMEDIATE

Udine, 29 April 46

To : Executive Commissioner -
Headquarters Allied Commission
Subject : Military Road Projects.
File No : UDI/PWU/R/567

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- (1) - Approval is sought for financing the four Military projects below, each of which is in excess of 1,000,000 lire
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| UDI/326/EM SS 54 Boundary - Passo Predil | 4,010,000 lire |
| UDI/327/EM SS 52 Tolmezzo - Bivio Carnica | 1,650,000 " |
| UDI/328/EM SS 13 Udine - Austrian Boundary | 4,980,000 " |
| UDI/449/EM Provincial Road S. Maria la Longa - Palmanova | 3,000,000 " |
- (2) - These were all declared military roads by letter 1053/Q of Rear HQ 13 Corps dated 26 August 1945 and the projects are for routine maintenance for three months ending 30th June.

Agued
C.W. Walton
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel A. C.
Acting Vice President

H.N. Bright
H.N. Bright M.B.E.
Lt. Col.
Provincial Commissioner

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Ref: 5402/44/EC

4. April 1946

SUBJECT: Military Road Projects.

TO : Provincial Commissioner,
AME Ussine Province.

Approval of Military Road Project
Seal Coating Route 13.
Military Project UDI/513/EM SS No. 13
Tronco Ponte Maschio - Confine di Stato
8.600.000 Lire.

Approval is given to the a/m project.

For the Chief Commissioner,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 5402/43/80

6 April 1946

SUBJECT: Military Road Project.

TO : Provincial Commissioner,
AME Udine Province.Repair & Maintenance of Latisana - Lignano Provincial Road
MR 12263 = H 3470

25 Km long

cost 8,000,000 Lire

Approval is given to the a/m military project.

For the Chief Commissioner,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

Tel. No. A. M. G. Udine Ext. 2

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File No. UDI/EC/67

Date: 25 Mar 46

Subject: Military Road Projects.

To : H.Q. Allied Commission
(for Executive Commissioner). ✓

Reference your 078/171/1/PWU dated 15 Mar 46, para 3.

1. It was well-known that the Industry and Utilities Branch of H.Q. Allied Commission did not possess the authority to process Public Works Projects, when I visited Rome between 24th-29th January, 1946.
2. For this reason, I asked the Executive Commissioner for instructions on Military Works Projects.
3. According to my notes of the Conference with the Executive Commissioner, I was given the powers of a Regional Commissioner to approve all Military Projects up to L1,000,000 (one million lire), over which his authority was necessary.
4. On 8th February, I wrote to the Executive Commissioner under this office No: UDI/PWU/R/89, requesting approval for repair and maintenance of the Military Road Latisana-Lignano.
5. No reply had been received by 11th March, when I telegraphed again requesting approval.
6. The only reply is your above-quoted letter dated 15 Mar 46.
7. The restriction placed on me by the Executive Commissioner will entail considerable delay in the execution of Military Public Works projects, if his approval cannot be obtained more speedily to normal military maintenance projects exceeding a cost of L1,000,000, recommended by H.Q. 13 Corps.
8. I therefore request that such applications for approval of expenditure exceeding L1,000,000 are brought directly to the notice of the Executive Commissioner, who alone can give the necessary authority.
9. Attached are copies of letters ^{on projects} now requiring his approval - others will be forwarded as received.

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COPY TO:
Rear Hqs 13 Corps.

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

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HEADQUARTERS - AGAS/VT
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE

Udine, 20 March 46

To : Executive Commissioner -

HQ Allied Commission

Subject : Approval of Military Road Project

Seal Coating Route 13.

Military Project UDI/313/RM SS N° 13

Tronco Ponte Meschio - Confine di Stato

8.600.000 lire.

File N° : UDI/PWU/R/307

- (1) - Approval is sought for financing the above project on Route 13 declared a Military Road by letter Rear HQ 13 Corps 1053/Q 28 Aug 45. The seal coating is requested in their detailed Spring programme by letter HQ RE 86 Area Ref W/24 1 Feb 46.
- (2) - It is for the routine seasonal or bi-seasonal seal coating over the portion of this road which was not completed last year.
- (3) - The work will be allotted by competition to specialist contractors having the necessary plant and the project is therefore kept distinct from those for ordinary maintenance on the same sections of road which will be submitted separately.

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H.N. Bright Lt. Col.
Provincial Commissioner

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TO : Executive Commissioner
Headquarters Allied Commission.

SUBJECT : Military Road Project.

FILE NO : DD/PMU/R/89

Repair & Maintenance of Latisana = Lignano Provinciale Road
RR R2208 = H 3478

25 km Long

cost \$,000.000 Lire

- 1) Approval is sought for financing the above project which was requested as a Military project by letter CE Branch (Works) Rear HQ 13 Corps Ref WKE/2806 17.Jan.46.=
- 2) The road is the only one which gives access to Convalescent Depot. 52 P.B.S. & the Military Religious School which is coming from Assisi & in addition to bathing beaches.
- 3) The road is by now in very bad condition & in a short while continued access will be well nigh impossible.
- 4) The sum asked for is the minimum necessary to put the road in reasonable condition & maintain it throughout the next year.
- 5) From the civilian point of view the projects will help the relieve unemployment locally, to which end if it is not put in hand other civilian unemployment projects will have to be devised.
- 6) Further this road will have to be put in condition if the civilian Summer Resort at Lignano is to regain its prosperity & it is an advantage that this should be done while military transport is available since being distant from quarries the cost of civilian transport of road stone at 1000 l/m.c. would in itself amount to some 5,000,000 lire from which the unemployment would receive no direct benefit.

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H. N. BRIGHT,
H. N. BRIGHT, MBE.
Lieut. Colonel
Provincial Commi

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COPY

Subject : Road Maintenance

CE Branch (Works)
Rear HQ 13 Corps
Tel : - 29074
Ref : - Wks/2806

17 Jan 46

To : HQ AMG
(Public Works and Utilities Div)
UDINE Province
(For attention of Capt Saul)

Copy to : 156 CRE (Works)

1. The main road from LATISANA to LIGNANO is reported to be in very bad condition.
2. The repair of this road is important from the Military point of view, as access to the Hospital at LIGNANO has become extremely difficult.
3. The amount of traffic over this road is expected to be considerably increased with the arrival of warmer weather. Steps should therefore be taken now to ensure reasonable access by late Spring.
4. CRE 13 Corps Troops has already made a preliminary recon and reports the waterbound surfacing to be worn and rutted beyond normal repair and recommends relaying approx 11 miles to a depth of 3" to 4" with 2" stone, well binded with sand and clay dust. The method of finishing is probably good enough for immediate requirements but bitumen grout is of course preferable and possibly quicker.
5. While this work is being carried out traffic can be diverted to the secondary road which is also stated to be badly potholed over a distance of 7 1/2 miles.
6. Will you please arrange for a contract to be placed at an early date, and let this office know in due course when and what assistance will be required from military sources.

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Brigadier
Chief Engineer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 904
INDUSTRY AND UTILITIES BRANCH

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ADM/cia

Tel. 488081 - Ext. 339

15 March 1946

Ref. 078/MI/1/PWU

MAR 15 1946

SUBJECT : Military Road Project.

TO : AMG Udine Province.

1. Reference your UDI/PWU/89 dated 8 February 1946 and cable dated 12 March 1946.

2. The contents of the above mentioned letter were discussed in Rome with your Major A.G. Evans on 21 February 1946 and he stated that this letter was written before the procedure for financing public works projects was known. He stated at that time that no action was necessary.

3. This office no longer possesses the authority to process projects. It is suggested that you contact the Magistrato Alle Acque in Venice.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE :

Copy to Executive Commissioner ✓

C.F. PARKER
Col., Inf.
Deputy Director.

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12 March 1946

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My dear Mr. Ambassador:

In reply to your letter of 16 February concerning the returning of the office space of the Provveditore in Genova now occupied by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

This matter was discussed with the Rome office of United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and we were informed that they would request further information from their Genova office and that we will be advised of their findings.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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ROUTINE

HQ AMG UDINE PROV

ALCOM FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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sent to Econ Sec.

Ref our UDI/PWU/89 of 8 Feb requesting approval of military project Latisana Lignano road approximate cost lire 8.000.000. No reply yet received. Project is urgent. XIII corps pressing.

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ACTION: ~~IN COMM~~ 2 Econ SEC.

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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12 MAR 1946

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Ref. ES/9.11

9 March 1946

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

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In reply to your letter dated 16 February concerning the financing of Public Works' projects in the Compartment of Liguria, the following information is submitted.

The Provveditore in Liguria has been allocated over four billion lire since 1 January 1946 for Public Works to finance war damage projects and to relieve unemployment. Projects not already financed could well be financed by these funds as this is their purpose. It is my understanding that there also will be another allocation to the Provveditori, of which Liguria will most likely get its share.

Since the Allied Commission has no funds for this purpose, it is believed that the Provveditore should consult his Ministry regarding the financing of these projects as the matter has been discussed between the Ministry of Public Works and the Ministry of Treasury.

It also should be noted that a bad precedent would be established if every Provveditore decided to contact outside Allied agencies without going through his Ministry.

Sincerely,

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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Copy to: C. Com.

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23 February 1946

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Economic Section

1. Reference attached correspondence, the Chief Commissioner should like to have this matter thoroughly investigated and be informed as to what action can be taken to complete the public works program in Genoa.

2. Accordingly, will you draft an appropriate informative reply to the Ambassador's letter? Interim reply has already been given.

[Signature]
J. W. STEARNS
Lt Col, AGO
Staff Officer to CG

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[Signature]
(MASH)
24/2/46

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21 February 1946

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 16 February concerning the completion of a public works program in Genoa. I will have this matter taken into consideration by the proper officials and will inform you of the result.

Sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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C O P Y

THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Rome, February 16, 1946

FEB 25 1946

My dear Admiral,

I am enclosing for your information and the consideration of the appropriate officials in the Allied Commission, a copy of a letter from the American Consulate General at Genoa, with enclosures, regarding the completion of a program of public works in Genoa which were begun under Allied Military Government.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ A. Kirk

Enclosure

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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C O P Y

Genoa, February 5, 1946

FEB 23 1946

The Honorable
Alexander C. Kirk
American Ambassador
Rome

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Sir:

The enclosed letter, with its enclosure, addressed to me on the 1st instant by the Regional Chief of Public Works for Liguria, is the result of a conversation I had with Dr. Ferri on that day when I promised to do anything I could to see that the request contained in the enclosure is brought to the attention of the appropriate office of the Allied Commission. Any assistance which the Embassy may be able and willing to give in the matter will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Lester L. Schnare
American Consul General

Enclosure:

Letter from Regional Chief
of Public Works for Liguria,
with enclosure, in duplicate.

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGIONAL SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE
PUBLIC WORKS
LIGURIA

SIR SUPERVISOR

Genoa, February 1, 1946.

FEB 20 1946

Dear Mr. Consul General.

In relation to our conversation of today, I send you the enclosed memorandum regarding estimates amounting to L. 1,400,000,000, approved but not financed by A.M.C.

It deals with the reconstruction of public works damaged or destroyed during the war, which have not been enclosed in the financial approval, owing to delay in the clearance between the technical offices and Allied financiers.

I am grateful to you for your interest in the matter, and I know that your intervention with General Headquarters will ensure the financing of these works, allowing me to continue my reconstruction program, which got such a good start under the guidance of the Regional Allied Government.

I should also like to bring up the question of the Regional Surveyor's offices. Following an agreement with Colonel Lee, the offices occupied by the Allies on the fifth floor of Palazzo Caslini in Piazza Dante, should have been turned over to us as soon as vacated. With Colonel Lee's permission the entire fifth floor was requisitioned. But, despite our agreement these premises were taken over by U.M.M.R.A., leaving an insufficient number of rooms free for the use of our offices. It seems now that U.M.M.R.A. is transferring its offices elsewhere. If this is true, I beg you to intervene with the Allied Commission in order that these premises be assigned to us.

With many thanks, I remain,

(s) Ing. Lino Terzi.

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TRANSLATION

NOTE FOR THE CONSUL GENERAL FOR THE U.S.A. IN GENOA.

The A.M.G. has approved but not financed, estimates amounting to L.1.400.000.000, relative to the reconstructing of damaged or destroyed public works in Liguria Region.

The failure of having financed these works, the greater part of which had already been initiated, was due to delay occurred in transmitting the documents between the Allied technical and financial offices, which prevented the completion of said acts before Liguria region passed from A.M.G. to the Italian Government.

The failure of having financed these works means that the sum of L.1.400.000.000, shall be advanced from the normal budget allotments, reducing to an equal amount the sums made available to the Regional Public Works Purveyor, Liguria Region, for the present financial year.

In the meantime it would be extremely beneficial to this purveyor's office if Allied Headquarters could obtain the financing of the works, amounting to L.1.400.000.000, besides the normal budget allotment.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel. 415

19 February 1946

Ref. BB/9.03

FEB 19 1946

SUBJECT : Bitume for repairing road from
Cecchino to Anzio and Anzio-Nettuno.

TO : Hailwood and Company Ltd.
63, Via della Piramide Centia - Roma.

1. Reference your letters of 23 January and 4 February addressed to the Chief Commissioner, which had been referred to this office for action.

2. This Headquarters has been informed by the Ministry of Public Works that your Company has been allocated the bitume requested.

Copy to:
Chief Commissioner
Col. Walton
PW & U Dept.

Harlan Cleveland

HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

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29 January 1946

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SUBJECT : Authority to approve
public works projects.

TO : Provincial Commissioner,
Allied Military Government,
Udine Province.

1. Authority is hereby extended to you to approve public works projects of military necessity within the same limits as could previously have been approved by Regional Commissioners, that is, up to a limit of one million lire per project.

2. Individual public works projects required by military necessity whose cost is in excess of one million lire are to be referred by you to the Executive Commissioner, this Headquarters, for decision, together with your recommendation. You should submit a summary statement of the suggested project, without technical details, but with an indication of the reasons why the project is considered to be of military necessity.

3. To the maximum extent possible, all proposed public works projects in Udine Province should be referred to the Italian Government through normal Italian channels, in order that such projects may be included in the over-all Italian public works program, for which finance will be provided in the Italian Government budget.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Acting Vice-President,
Economic Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 840/33/EC

18 October 45

SUBJECT: Public Works - Livorno Province

TO : Public Works & Utilities Subcommittee

1. In his monthly report for September AC LO Livorno Province states:

"Approval and financing of public works and housing projects is too slow, thus adding to the total of unemployed."

2. The Executive Commissioner wishes this to be brought to the attention of the Italian Government, and would be grateful if they would inform us what steps they are taking to speed up the approval and financing of public works and housing projects.

E. H. McCLEARY

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

Copy to Executive

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APO 894
ECONOMIC SECTION

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ROUTING AND WORK SHEET

Each note must be numbered and each space completely filled in. THIS WORK SHEET MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE TO WHICH ATTACHED UNTIL ACTION IS COMPLETED AND THEN FILED WITH FILE COPIES OF COMMUNICATION TO WHICH IT PERTAINS. A line will be drawn the full width of the page under each note.

SUBJECT:

Enclosed Correspondence.

JUL 19 1945

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From
1	18/7	P.W. and U. S/C.	<i>Will you please endeavor to furnish the info. to Econ. Comm.?</i>	<i>May. Clark Ec. Sect.</i>
2	18/7	Econ Sect Prod. Div.	1. In most instances, routes of tramways are inconvenient to many of the tasks requiring estimation or inspection by Public Works officers or Service Civile. In Piemonte region with the resumption of car production, cars have been obtained for the staff of the Regional Engineer; the situation also in Liguria is improved. 2. A meeting is being held 19 July in Genoa between agents of the French and Italian power companies relative to a working agreement under which the Italian company will furnish 5000KW to the French Co. Public Works officers are attending. The agreement is to be made.	<i>5003/25</i> <i>17/7</i> <i>SEE OVER</i>

(Capt. Arnold)

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Ext. 451

Ref: 5402/267/EC

17 July 1945

SUBJECT : Public Works & Utilities Monthly Report for May.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Reference is made to a statement in the above-mentioned report on page 12, under "Piemonte and Liguria", to the effect that trams in the cities are operating. The transportation situation is apparently satisfactory. However, transport for Genio Civile and Italian Engineers is almost non-existent.

2. It would be appreciated if this office were informed what steps are being taken in the Region to correct this situation.

3. The Executive Commissioner would also like to be informed as to what is the present situation about French loot of electric power from LIGURIA.

4. An early reply would be appreciated.

A. B. ARNOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: 5403/EC - ACTION

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Tel. 489081
Extn. 320

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

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27 March 1945

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SUBJECT : Status of Floods in Pontine Marshes.

TO : See distribution. (21)

1. Report attached.
2. 82% of flooded area cleared.
3. Complete restoration of land expected shortly.

L.A. Jenny
L.A. JENNY,
Colonel, C.E.,
Director.

Distribution:

Acting President, A.C.,
Chief Commissioner,
Executive Commissioner,
Economic Section,
American Embassy,
British Embassy,
P. R. B.,
Agriculture Sub-Commission.

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J. G.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

27 March 45

REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF
CLEARING THE PONTINE MARSHES
OF FLOODS CAUSED BY THE GERMANS.

The area that commonly goes by the name of the Pontine Marshes and which became widely known from the publicity given to its extensive reclamation during the "Era Fascista" comprises two main drainage zones: the "Bonifica di Littoria" and the "Bonificazione Pontina". Both are within the Province of Littoria, and together they comprise the coastal plain from Torre di Foce Verde (near Anzio) to Terracina. Through these two zones, in an almost straight line from Cisterna di Roma to Terracina, which lie at opposite extremities of the area, runs the Via Appia, or Route 7.

The Bonifica di Littoria covers an area of 49,152 hectares (121,455 acres). In general level it is the higher of the two zones, and its drainage to the sea is effected mainly by gravity. The Bonificazione Pontina has an area of 26,375 hectares (65,172 acres) and its drainage to the sea can largely be accomplished only by pumping.

The sabotage done by the Germans was extensive, scientific and thorough; and was quite evidently aimed at more than the mere creation of military obstacles, for it was also, clearly devised with a view to reducing the agricultural production to a minimum and to increasing the spread of malaria, both of which purposes could be served simply by flooding as much as possible of the reclaimed marsh land. The sabotage was perpetrated in the following ways :-

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- (1) - By constructing a dam across the harbor channel of Porto Badino, and by sinking vessels in the harbor. This harbor forms the mouth of the River Amaseno, one of the principal drainage watercourses of the Bonificazioni Pontina.
 - (2) - By demolishing bridges over drainage channels, so that the debris would block them.
 - (3) - By destroying the flood control gates at Ponte Maggiore.
 - (4) - By damaging pumping plants and by removing from the area most of the electric motors, transformers and other electrical equipment of the pumping stations. In this way about ninety per cent of the pumping plant was rendered unusable, leaving only units of minor value.
 - (5) - By destroying the electric power distribution lines to the pumping stations.

When the territory had fallen into Allied hands little time was lost in tackling the problems which it presented. First and foremost it was necessary to mitigate the inevitable increase in the malaria rate. Speaking both of the Pontine Marshes and of the Agro Romano areas, Col. Paul F. Russell, Chief Malariologist of the (then) Allied Control Commission, in September 1944 said :-

" The season of maximum malaria-mosquito breeding had arrived before the area could be entered by the ACC. Mines, booby traps, lack of transport, complete disruption of civil organization, the return of infected refugees, the destruction of screening. These and other factors have made it impossible to carry out more than palliative measures ".

These palliatives consisted principally in spraying or dusting the flooded areas with larvacides, which was done partly by aeroplane, and in distributing to the civil population over five million tablets of ATABRINE (also known as MEFACRINE);

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but they also included such immediate operations for alleviation of flooding as could be put in hand by manual labor without the use of mechanical plant. Weed cutting was also intensively resumed. The beneficial effects of all these measures cannot be over-emphasised, but they have already been adequately related elsewhere. At the same time, however, it was necessary to embark immediately upon the larger engineering works necessary to restore the disrupted drainage.

Credit must be given to the civil authorities for the promptness and eagerness with which they put forward their detailed schemes, in the submission of which they were assisted and encouraged to the utmost by AG officers. Nine fields, which made the work hazardous and difficult, especially at Porto Badino, had to be cleared with the minimum of delay. Concurrently, schemes were put in hand for demolishing the dam across the harbor of Porto Badino, for removing all debris obstructing the many drainage channels, for constructing by-pass channels around certain inoperable pumping stations and for dredging operations to remove the accumulated silt. Then followed schemes for renewing the demolished flood gates and for reconstructing the more important of the demolished bridges. Meanwhile the services of the Italian Royal Navy were enlisted for the salvaging of the sunken vessels in Porto Badino.

By substitution and repair of electrical and mechanical plant, a number of pumping stations - especially those that would best serve to prevent flooding of Route 7 - an important military highway - were restored to limited but effective operation.

At the end of May 1944 about 11,000 hectares (27,000 acres) of land were already under water and a very much greater area was threatened. By the end of September 1944, the inundated area had been reduced to about 5,500 hectares (13,500 acres) and by the end of October, as a result of the rehabilitation of some pumping stations and the beneficial effect of the provisional by-pass channels, it was little more than 3,667.8 hectares (7,400 acres).

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Late fall and winter floods had greatly increased this flooded area making it almost impossible to continue work, but work was resumed with effective results. Today there remain only about 2,000 hectares (5,000 acres) of land inundated, or only about 18% of the original flooded area.

Work on the rehabilitation of an old pumping plant is progressing and it is expected that, with good fortune, the entire area will be cleared of water in about 2 months.

The construction of by-pass channels and the clearance of obstructions in the channels and at the outlet to the sea involved an expenditure of about 50 million lire. In addition to this 26 bridges were rebuilt on roads of various priorities. There still remain 230 bridges to be rebuilt in that area.

While the work has been slow and tedious, because of inadequate equipment at our disposal and serious setbacks encountered due to new flood conditions this, nevertheless, marks an important achievement worth recording as the whole area may soon be turned back to cultivation and the serious malaria hazard will be removed.


L.A. JENNY,
Colonel, C.E.,
Director.

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23 January 1945

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SUBJECT: Allied Military Dead in Cassino Ruins.
 TO : Allied Force Headquarters
 APO 512.

1. Officers of the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission report that it is known that bodies of Allied soldiers are being uncovered by Italian workmen engaged in clearing debris from the streets of Cassino.
2. The work of clearing debris is being done by Italian civilian firms on contract with the Italian Ministry of Public Works.
3. Unconfirmed reports are to the effect that at times there is considerable delay after the bodies are discovered before they are taken over by Allied Military Authorities for identification and burial. It is suggested that, if such is the case, identification marks, clothing and personal belongings of the deceased soldiers may be lost or stolen.
4. This information is submitted for such investigation and action as may be appropriate for the protection, identification and burial of the bodies of Allied soldiers found in the ruins.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

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Brigadier,
 Chief of Staff.

cc: Pub Wks & Util S/C
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO 394
 FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
 Tel 417/553

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16 December 1944

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SUBJECT: Financing of Public Works.

TO : Chief of Staff.

1. I refer to your 5109/13/COS of 15 December 1944 (copy attached).

2. As requested, I attach a copy of a letter sent to the Minister of Public Works regarding the failure of the Italian Government to make proper financial provision for public works in Frosinone and Littoria Provinces.

3. It is quite evident that there is a great lack of co-ordination between the central administration and the provinces. Frequent representations to the Italian Government through the Ragioneria Generale dello Stato have brought little or no improvement. Accordingly, a personal visit will be made to the Ministry of Public Works, when it is hoped that any difficulties will be resolved and satisfactory arrangements made to ensure that approved public works shall not be hampered by lack of funds.

A. H. Crook
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Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF BUREAU
AFB 394
FINANCE SUB COMMISSION

REF. 13065/P

16 December, 1944

SUBJECT: Financing of approved Public Works in Italian Government Territory.

TO: His Excellency, The Minister of Public Works.

1. On frequent occasions recently this Sub-Commission has brought to your notice the very serious situation that has arisen because of the failure of the Italian Government to provide funds for approved public works projects in Italian Government Territory - in particular in the provinces of Prosnone, Littoria and Anzio.
2. The Regional Engineer Officer, Allied Military Government, Lazio-Umbria Region, has just reported that the Capi di Genio Civile for Prosnone and Littoria have stated that no funds have been received and that all work has been stopped. The Director General, Finance has also stated that the administrative side of the Ministry of Public Works is not functioning.
3. These complaints are serious, for the urgency and importance of these works cannot be over-emphasized. An assurance is therefore requested that prompt and energetic action will be taken to ensure that adequate funds are made available immediately, so that all essential approved public works projects shall be completed without further interruption and delay.

For the Chief Commissioner.

(Signed) A. P. CRAFTY SMITH
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission

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Copy to:
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission.

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Ref. 5402/13/008

Tel. 451

15 December 1944

SUBJECT: Financing of Public Works.

TO : Economic Section.

1. You are directed to furnish the Office of the Chief of Staff with a copy of Finance S/C's reply to LAZIO-UMBRIA Regional Commissioner's letter R/5870 of 13 Dec 44.

2. The reply should be earliest possible as this office desires to be fully cognizant of all circumstances in view of 3rd paragraph of the Regional Commissioner's letter.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

E/5870

13 December, 1944

SUBJECT: Financing of Public Works.

TO : HQ. Allied Commission
Finance Sub-Commission.

13 DEC 1944

This Regional Commissioner is very much perturbed by the constant delays in obtaining the necessary funds to finance public works in Italian Government territory.

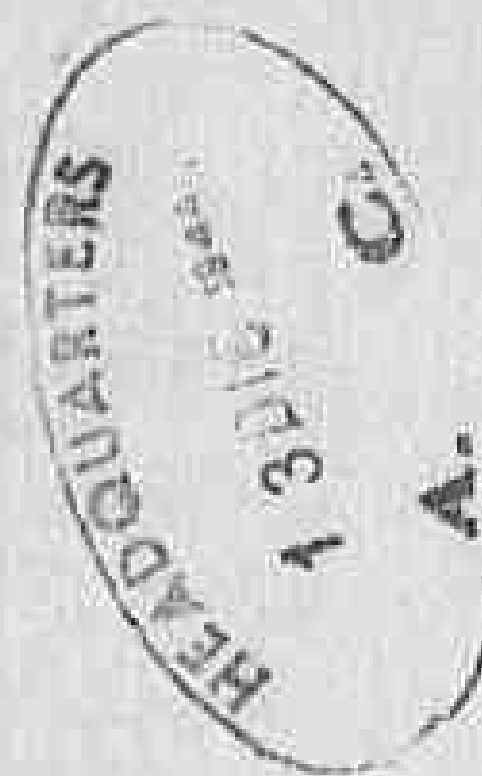
Although the complaint is General, Littoria Province is particularly bad. Every legitimate channel has been tried and Colonel POLETTI even went so far as to invite Government officials to attend a meeting of the Littoria Provincial officials. This meeting produced many promises but nothing concrete in the way of funds in the Bank with which payments can be made.

Public Works Sub-Commission has brought pressure to bear ^{and} and this Regional Commissioner is at a loss to know what ^{more} can be done. He feels certain that the effects, particularly in Littoria, are growing and dangerous. Some people in that Province are in an ugly mood. The apparent interest of the Italian Government in their plight is non-existent and all they have had is empty promises from the Prince.

Would you give your assistance by adding to the pressure.
Copy of a letter from the Regional Engineer is attached.

JOHN D. AMES
Lt. Colonel
A. Regional Commissioner

Copy: Chief of Staff's Office



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
(Engineering Division)
APO 324

11 December 1944

TO : HQ. AC. P.W. (for personal attention of Director)

SUBJECT : Work's stopped.

IN REPLY QUOTE : R4/ENG/17(e)1

I attended the monthly meeting of Capi di Genio Civile at which Director General TIZZANO was present. -

(1) Funds and Projects hold up.

All Capi said NO Funds received and work stopped.

The Director General appeared ignorant of the fact that projects financed from AMG funds never went near him and one of the reasons he gave for projects being held up was that he did not know which projects required AMG funds and which Ministerial funds. - He also stated that the administration side of the Ministry was NOT functioning. -

Each approving letter from this office always states Funds to be obtained from Regional Finance officer or "Funds to be obtained from your Minister".

A complete list of projects held up by Ministero was sent to you at your request in order to follow up some three weeks ago. - This clears the whole position up to date of rendition so far as ~~provisional~~ are concerned. -

To make quite sure that there is no excuse for such ignorance can that list be taken by an officer personally to Ing. TIZZANO and an investigation made into this gross failure by the Ministry - at Ministerial level.

The position has been so bad that Capi have been forced to ~~embuzzle~~ Funds provided for AMG projects.

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Full provision has been made for all projects approved from AMG Funds and no further is required or they will be stopped also.

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(2) Materials. All Capi (with part exception of YUMI who are getting some, but insufficient, tiles from MARCELMO) are now held up by lack of material - particularly roofing.

ACTION

(a) Representatives to Head of Economic Division to immediately release to this Region the whole of the Roofing full stock and output at Colleferro.

(b) Release the whole of the Corrogiated Iron sheets at YUMI for use in this region now not after winter in over.

Both these were reported to Industry AS. H. A. by Regional Industry some weeks ago and still no apparent action. Both are blocked by A.C.

(c) Expedite transport of Lignite which is available at pit head to Brick and Tile factories.

Capo Presimone reports that MORRIS and WILKINSON CEMENT Brickworks could produce 8 million tiles if they had 500 tons of Coal.

Regional Industry are fully ^{above} to the need and trying to help.

(d) Get agriculture to fell timber and saw mills or pit saws going. - There are pine trees at Catia LISC, PRIGER and UMBERTO Park Bows all beauty or beathing spots and SACRED to the Bathing beauties of BOM City.

There is lots of Hard wood near SANAUDIA in LATVONIA. It is suitable but in England it has had to be used even green. Roofing for under roofing felt etc. is unobtainable.

(e) There is very strong information that tiles are being concealed and withheld for sale for private gain by Brickworks and Prefects do NOT appear to be requisitioning tiles from damaged private houses not being repaired. -

The likely ^{hard} lead of such shortage was emphasized in the demand for Materials submitted in May by this Region and again in my Report of 25th August and individual cases as they arose. -

Enclosed Lt. Col. J. B.
Regional Engineer
Lazio Umbria Region and.

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A report of John Adams and his family given to the press.

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Office of the Chief of Staff

Information for Italian Ministry

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Economic Section (Attn: Capt MacNamara) 2 November 44

1. We discussed the advisability, or otherwise, of supplying Italian ministries with edited copies of the subcommittees' monthly reports. Particular reference was made to AGO/182/PWJ of 27 October 44 which covers a case in point where the Minister for Foreign Affairs wanted information of a general nature.

2. When you have an opportunity to consider this matter further, your comments will be appreciated. In the meantime, it is requested that the Economic Section prepare a letter for the signature of the Acting Chief Commissioner in reply to the request of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of 18 October 44, copy of which has already been forwarded.

End.
Chief Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff

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MEMORANDUM

ACC/182/PWU.

27 Oct 44

28 OCT Recd

SUBJECT: Request of Italian Foreign Office,
dated 18th of Oct. 1944
(Certain technical reports).

TO : Chief of Staff. /

FROM : P.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

1. With reference to your letter No. 5402/3/COS. dated 26th Oct. 44, forwarded to this Sub-Commission through Economic Section, it is not possible to take action in the absence of further instructions from you.

2. The position is that about three weeks ago an officer from the Psychological Warfare Board, duly accredited, came to this Sub-Commission and asked to be allowed to examine a number of the Sub-Commission's Monthly Reports, and other documents. The writer made it clear that, though the information was freely available to him, we could take no responsibility as from the "Security" standpoint. He replied that that aspect of the matter was looked after in the ordinary course of events, and that all publications of the P.W.B. were subjected to proper censorship. The same would apply to anything that they might publish as regards the Public Works Sub-Commission and its activities. 668

3. In the result, the P.W.B. published a report on page 5 of their publication called "Basic News" on the 18th Oct.

4. The only way, therefore, by which the request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs could be complied with would be by furnishing to them copies of this Sub-Commission's regular Monthly Reports, a course which you might consider open to certain objections since such reports are not, in any sense of the word, for general publication.

5. Should you so direct, copies of the reports can, of course, be sent to that Ministry, but in the meantime no action is being taken.

Copy to Econ. Section
& Enclos. 2 letters, d/d 18 & 26 Oct.

G. E. RHODES,
Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Acting Director.

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Economic Section for
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Comm.

from R. L. Smith, Jr. Doyle
affair E. L. Smith

1. The attached letter addressed to the *W/CC* dated 16 October 44, is forwarded with the request that you take action as required.
2. Please forward a copy of your reply to this office.

Chief
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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R. Ministero D. Affari Esteri.

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Il Segretario Generale.

Rome, 18th October 44.

Dear Admiral Stone,

I have just read in the papers an excerpt from a report by Col. Jenny, Chief of the Public Works Sub-Commission concerning the reconstruction activities carried out by the Allied Commission in liberated Italy.

It would indeed be very useful to us to have the full text of this and similar reports, particularly those dealing with the reorganization of the economic life of the country and I should be very grateful if you could let me have a copy. The reports would also give me a deeper insight of the work of the Allied Commission, and help me co-ordinating our efforts for the common goal.

Thanking you in advance, believe me,
Sincerely yours,

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.
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18 October 1944

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Reference your letter No. 6756/3501 of 29 Sept 44 on the urgent need for rebuilding Pescara.

The Commission realizes fully that the situation in Pescara is serious but I do not believe it should be placed in a special category for treatment when so many other communes are deserving of equal consideration.

Since Pescara is now under the formal administration of your government, the plans for rehabilitation will initiate with the Minister of Public Works. It is anticipated that he will issue the necessary instructions to the Genio Civile to survey the damage and specify the material and manpower requirements to effect the essential repairs.

A copy of your letter has been sent to the Regional Engineer, Marche-Abruzzi, through the Public Works Sub-Commission, ACC with the instructions to lend every possible assistance.

In your request for the composition glass needed to repair the windows of private houses, may I refer to specific instructions issued by your Minister of Public Works in the circular letter dated 7 Oct 44 to all his officers in the Genio Civile. Imports of composition glass for these repairs are not available immediately for projects in Pescara.

Yours very truly,

(SAD) ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Comandore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government

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9 October 1944

Subject: Repairs to Church of Trinita dei Monti.

11 Oct Recd

My dear General de Sevin:

Reference your XS/SM/94 dated 27 September 1944.

An inspection of the damage to the above church has been accomplished by an officer of this Headquarters together with a representative of the Ministry of Public Works and an estimate prepared on the cost of necessary repairs.

This information has been given to the Regional Engineer of Lazio-Umbria Region with the request that he ensure that repairs are initiated immediately.

Sincerely yours,

(Sd) E.W.S.

ELBERT W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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HQ ACC, Rome

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SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
APO 394, U.S. Army

8 OCT Recd

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7 October 1944

SUBJECT: Public Utilities Services.

TO : See Distribution.

Reference "Brief Notes" on the Conference at this HQ on 22 September which was circulated to you. At the request of 3 District will you kindly amend the statement attributed to Major HOWE by deleting the final sentence and substitute the following:

"Owing to movement of troops from 3 Dist Command it would be necessary for AFHQ to organize the posting of troops to undertake these duties."

C. E. Temperley
C. E. TEMPERLEY,
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

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