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TO: Executive Commissioner.

*Seen by Dr. Lamm.
H.S.*

Your minute 98 refers. Please see letter opposite, 214/PWU of 31 January, at folios 100 and 101, which gives the latest information available to this Section.

Your further attention is invited to Dr. De Casperi's letter 59106/13777/7/1/4 of 29 January, distribution of which was made today by your office.

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Econ Sec
31 Jan 46

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HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

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Final
The 15/1/79 report
The report was not fully complete & was

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ess. folios 77-79 for info.

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ess. folios 80-84

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ess. folios 87 for info.
Should this be referred to appropriate

BK to me tomorrow 2.30 22/1

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ess. BF as per min 88 above.

P. 91. 7/1/2011

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Chief Commissioner

Pg 1
This seems a matter in which the CHO at

Turin could & should play a useful part.

Could you tell me what the Italian Govt. are
doing so that I can advise him (Sir Jordan)
F.L. - already yesterday 12.1.1979
the day before. Col. Parker was all details -

ess. Please obtain these for the file & show them to

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Should this be referred to supervisor

B.C. to me tomorrow 24/1

cso. BF as per min 88 above.

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Chief Commissioner

Pg 1

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F.L. J. 24/1 - only yesterday 17/12/11
in the day before. Col. Parker has all details - (98)

cso. Please obtain these for the file & show to me

V.P. Lem. Sec.

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Pg 97, 98 - your memo at 94. Will you please let us have, as a matter of urgency, a statement of what action has taken place since Col Parker's return from the north.

J.H. 24/1
(c.s.o.)

C50

For info see file 55

21/7/45

Thanks of 21/10/59

C50 - By folio 58. Col. Tanton advises today that the SLA situation is improved, due to recent rains. There are 18.7 million KW in the reservoir or 12 mly more than expected. He is studying the situation and will submit a short complete report at a later date.

End 4/10

Ex. Com.

C50 - Folio 60 is further to information in min. 59. Ex. Com. inquired about this sentence in folio 58.

Ex. Com. 11/10. End 11/10

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Ex. Com.

You may already have seen 68 & 67.

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67-68. Seen by Ex. Com.

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Encl 4/10

C80- folio 60 is further to information in min. 59. Other thing new is the last sentence Ex Com. acquired about this in folio 58.

Encl 11/10

MR (11/10)

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Ex Comm. You may already have seen 68 & 67. Encl 27/11

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67-68. Seen by Ex. Com. 27/11

Encl 3/10
Also Please see 73 for info 74

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Chief Staff Officer: See folio 8
J.F. Col. Robertson states that
Public Works & Utilities are trying to
arrange switch-over from one source to
another in even normal power supply faults.
There are two power sources available.
Full reports as mentioned as & will be
submitted as soon as possible

encl 17/10

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S.O. to the C.C.: No note, p. 28. This is in
answer to yours of p. 19. Do you wish
to have full details in a letter to
F. Twiflers?

encl 17/11

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Captain Oden.

Please submit letter for C.C.'s signature to Twiflers
 embodying principle points of (28).

Done - 55231

encl 21/11

J.A. Quayle Major

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Econ Sec requested for reply to p. 30.1

encl 29/11

Letter to Major Twiflers from C.C. dispatched 21/12 p.p. 22/12

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submitted as soon as possible

encl 17/10

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S.O. to the C.C.: Do note p. 28. This is in answer to yours on p. 17. Do you wish to have full details in a letter to F. Zucifera?

encl 17/11

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Captain Oden.

Please submit letter for C.C.'s signature to Lucifera embodying principle points of (28).

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encl 21/11

J.A. Quayle Regt.

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Econ Sec requested for reply to p. 32 & 1

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Letter to Italian Minister Foss from C.C. dispatched 21/12 JPS 22/12

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All Officers to see folio 52 for information. JPS 27/4

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

59106/13777/7.1.4

Rome, 29 January 1946

JAN 31 1946

My dear Admiral,

I refer to my letter of the 5th inst., n. 56584/13777/7.1.4 and confirm to you in the name of the Government and in my own that action has been taken in relations with the regulations for the distribution of electric power in the provinces of Northern Italy, and also for the carrying out of such regulations as have been issued by A.M.G. on such a matter, also after the return of the said provinces to the Italian administration.

On this matter, I may assure you that in a telegram dated January 10th, the Minister of the Interior informed the Prefects of all the Northern Provinces that it was necessary strictly to follow a discipline tending to limit the consumption of electric power. Another cable dated January 24th was sent by the same Minister to the Prefects of Piedmont and Liguria, to point out that the strict and speedy enforcement of the above-mentioned regulations was necessary, to prevent the situation from getting worse, for this would greatly prejudice the industrial production and have unfortunate repercussions on the employment of the working masses.

I also inform you that at the meeting of the Council of Ministers of the 25th inst., considering the necessity to assure the strictest discipline in employing electric power and limiting its consumption, in the Northern provinces, the appointment of a temporary Commissioner with considerable inspection and control powers and whose regulations are liable to disapproval at the Public Works Ministry, has been approved. The said regulation is being completed.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Sincerely yours,

B. De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Industry and Utilities Sub-Commission

214/PWU

31 January 1946

SUBJECT: Electric Power in North Italy

TO : Acting Vice President
Economic Section, Allied Commission

1. In accordance with conversation with you today the following is a report of the electric power situation in North Italy.

2. Upon Col. Parker's return from North Italy on 22 January he reviewed the seriousness of the electric power situation with Engineer Visentini, Inspector General for Electricity, Water, and Gas, Ministry of Public Works (Minister Cattani was not in Rome at the time) emphasizing the fact that there was a general lack of compliance with rationing and electric power control orders, especially in Genoa and Turin, and further that it was necessary for the government to establish the recommended Regional Control in Milan for North Italy in order to deal with the power shortage.

3. On 25 January 1946 the Council of Ministers approved and passed a decree authorizing the appointment of a Commissioner for Electric Power in North Italy. Prof. Botani, a well known electrical engineer in Milan has been appointed as the Commissioner and is now forming his Commission which is expected to be completed by 2 February 1946.

4. The Milan Commissioner will be in a position of authority to coordinate uniform compliance, through the Prefects, with existing electric power control measures, modify them where necessary, and direct exchange of power between electric companies so as to effect equitable distribution of available electricity.

5. Since 31 December 1945 when the territory in the North was turned back to the Italian Government control the application and enforcement of electric power rationing and control measures has been a responsibility of the Prefects and Provincial Commissions operating on instructions from the Central Commission in Rome which is too remote from the situation to deal effectively with problems arising from the power shortage in North Italy.

6. Engineer Visentini of Ministry of Public Works reports that the compliance with power rationing in Genoa and Turin has improved since Minister Cattani's telegrams on 17 January to the two Prefects directing strict application of rationing orders.


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7. Major Haban, Industry and Utilities S/C, Milan office, reported by telephone today that he had a meeting with Prof. Botani and representatives of electric companies this morning for the purpose of informing the Commissioner of the power situation and to assist him. Major Haban further reports that in general the reduction in power consumption is only about 12% referred to November 1945, wherein the rationing measures were based on a 25 to 30% reduction.

8. It is expected that with the establishment of the Commission in Milan that the control and distribution of electric power in North Italy will become more efficient. Col. Parker, Chief of Electrical Division, is returning to Milan to be present at the Commission's first meeting which is scheduled for Monday, 4 February. Engineer Visentini of the Ministry of Public Works will also be in Milan at this time.


A. H. SULLIVAN
Director
Industry and Utilities S/C

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MEMORANDUM

22 Jan. 1946

SUBJECT: Electric Power Control in North Italy.

1. Only 12% saving in power consumption now being realized.
2. 30% needed to avoid exhausting storage reservoirs by early March. North Italy will be practically without power until melting snows and rains begin refilling streams and reservoirs. This starts in April.
3. Lack of enforcement of present AMG rationing orders and non compliance is cause of small saving of 12%.
4. With the exception of XIII Corps area and fair compliance in Milan the balance of North Italy is disregarding the rationing orders.
5. The worst offender is Turin area with Genoa next. Prefect Turin refuses to observe rationing orders and intimidates the power companies. *PSindaco*
6. All Prefects were ordered by Ministry of Public Works to continue in effect the AMG orders. This was done on 24th December and was directed to all Prefects.
7. Pressure should be brought by the Government on the Prefects to enforce the existing orders.
8. The power companies are fully aware of the situation, but need the legal authority and support of the Prefects and law enforcing agencies.
9. On 10th Nov. Chief Commissioner wrote the Prime Minister recommending that the Government institute rationing control throughout Italy.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

21 January 1946

SUBJECT: Electric Power in North Italy

TO : Chief Commissioner

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1. Enclosed is a resume of the steps taken in turning over the control of electric power to the Italian Government and the situation as it has developed in North Italy.

2. Col. Parker, Chief of the Electrical Division, Industry and Utilities S/C, has been in North Italy for the past week on electric power and is now on his way to Rome. A breakdown with his car will delay his arrival here until sometime on Tuesday.

3. In view of the rather drastic steps suggested by the C.E. District No. 2 in his cable 18 January, it is recommended that action be deferred until Col. Parker's return in order that first hand information will be available on which to base a decision.

Harold Cleveland
HAROLD CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

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ELECTRIC POWER CONTROL IN NORTH ITALY

1. On 10 November Chief Commissioner wrote the Prime Minister recommending that the Government substitute rationing controls throughout Italy, file reference 214/FMU/542
2. On 23 November Chief Commissioner wrote the Prime Minister informing him that the allocations of electric power for Central and Southern Italy would be turned over to the Government control subsequent to 30 November 1945. File Ref. 214/FMU/544
3. On 23 December the Chief Commissioner wrote the Prime Minister informing him that AIG for North Italy had issued rationing orders in all Provinces of North Italy, including Emilia Region and recommended that the Government take steps to continue these orders in effect after the territory had been turned over to Government control. This letter also recommended the establishment of Regional Commission of the "Central Commission" in Milan to coordinate rationing activities similar to those which were established in Naples, Rome and Florence. File Ref. 214/FMU/75.
4. At the request of the Electrical Division Ltd. & Utilities S/C the Ministry of Public Works had already sent instructions to all prefects in North Italy on 24 December 1945 to continue in effect the AIG orders, File Ref. 214/FMU/79.
5. On 7 January Col. Parker outlined the power situation in North Italy to the Acting Vice-President, File Ref. 214/FMU/80.
6. Based on information which had been received to the effect that the Provinces of Piemonte and Liguria were not enforcing the rationing provisions, the Electrical Division thereupon wrote the Ministry of Public Works on 16 January, Ref. 214/FMU/86, pointing out the seriousness of the situation and recommending that cabled instructions again be sent to the Government officials of Turin and Genoa to comply with the rationing program. The Ministry sent the requested

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state that they are still waiting for a decree to legalize this

Commission.

7. The rationing ~~orders~~ ^{orders} have only reduced consumption by about 12% ^{in North Italy}, whereas about 25 to 30% ~~is~~ needed. To meet the situation steps are being taken in Milan to make further curtailments in order to obtain an additional 16%, this to ^{partially} offset by thermal production up to a maximum of 5%. Coal deliveries are sporadic with the result that the full 5% thermal production will not, in all probability, be realized.

8. On January 16 C.E. District 2 wired to ARHQ (197/IRU/98) setting forth the position with respect to power in North Italy and recommended that disciplinary action be taken by the Ministry of Interior against the Mayor of Turin for failure to enforce regional orders on power rationing. As an alternate C.E. District 2 recommends that authority for control of power be vested in the C.E. District 2 and states that unless action is taken along lines indicated North Italy will be without power for a period of one month starting in March.

9. Recommended action is a letter from Chief Commissioner to Prime Minister expediting formation ^{in Milan} of the Regional Commission ~~of~~ of the Central Commission rather than trying to direct the coordination of rationing and power flow from Rome.

~~Recommended letter para 8 above attached for info of~~

~~Commissioner.~~

Note: Letter not yet prepared. — Pending
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to obtain an additional 18%, this to be offset by thermal production up to a maximum of 5%. Coal deliveries are sporadic with the result that the full 5% thermal production will not, in all probability, be realized.

8. On January 18 C.E. District 2 wired to AFHQ (157/ZWU/98) setting forth the position with respect to power in North Italy and recommended that disciplinary action be taken by the Ministry of Interior against the Mayor of Turin for failure to enforce regional orders on power rationing. As an alternate C.E. District 2 recommends that authority for control of power be vested in the C.E. District 2 and states that unless action is taken along lines indicated North Italy will be without power for a period of one month starting in March.

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~~Recommended letter para B above attached for Chief~~

Commissioner.

Note: Letter not yet prepared. - pending

Col Parker's return from North Italy.

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Personal for General MORGAN.

Ref your SAC/1 concerning electricity situation in TURIN.
The matter has been discussed with Admiral STONE in Person.
He has undertaken to sort the problem with proper Italian
authorities. The Admiral was informed that unless satisfactory
arrangements made SACRED would take under advisement the
question of resuming military government in the area. Will
follow up and keep you informed.

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Electrical position North Italy now as follows. Meeting of North Italy electrical power advisory Committee held 17 lasting 10 hrs. Following represented Edison, Sip, Sede, Falck, Montecatini, Ciel, AEM Torino, AEM Milano, Acom, 13 Corps, CE Distwo, DF CNA. Main PTS emerging were.

1. Sup position embarrassed by non arrival of coal sups.
2. Ways sup potential at present rate of demand as follows. Sip 50 days. Sede 65 days. Falck 55 days. Montecatini full details not available. AEM Milano 7 days. AEM Torino 34 days. Edison 67 with imports 30 days.
3. Total deficit faced by North Italy or critical period is 685 million KWH. Coal allocation will generate 140 million. Nett deficit 345 million KWH. Following measures proposed to even out individual deficits. Sede will increase exports to Edison from 325,000 to 600,000 KWH day. Falck will increase exports to Edison by 50,000 KWH per day until thermal plants in commission then by 100,000 per day. Sip will increase exports to Edison by 50,000 KWH per day until thermal plants in commission then by 100,000 per day. Sip will increase exports to Edison from 200,000 to 350,000 KWH per day and will give this during peak load periods.
4. Cooperation between electric sup coys and CNA excellent with the exception of AEM Torino.
5. All coys embarrassed by attitude adopted by Mayor and Prefect Turin and Gen Lack of official backing in enforcement of regional orders. Most Prefects except Milan reluctant to take a firm line in spite of Italian Govt instrs.
6. Sig received 1600 hrs 17 to effect that Prefetto Mayor of Turin have still taken no action to secure compliance with regional orders and have no intention of so doing. Meeting closed. Suggested action required by Italian Govt.
1. Failure to enforce regional orders by Prefect should result in disciplinary action by Minister of Interior.
2. Immediate disciplinary action required against Mayor and Prefect of Turin. Alternatively power be vested in CE Distwo to direct transmission of energy as and where required. Must emphasise that unless action is taken on lines indicated electrical situation will deteriorate with ultimate failure of sup for 1 month commencing early March at latest throughout North Italy.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Industry and Utilities Sub-Commission

197/PWU

16 January 1946

SUBJECT: Electric Power Rationing in Northern Italy

JAN 21 1946

TO : Ministry of Public Works
(Att: Prof. A. Asta)

1. In accordance with our telephone conversation of today, it is recommended that your office wire instructions to the Sip Company in Turin directing that 600,000 kwh per day be supplied by the Sip Company to the Edison and AEM Companies of Milan in order to meet an extreme power shortage which is existing in the Milan area.

2. This office has received information to the effect that the rationing regulations recently issued as an AMG order and ordered continued in effect by your Ministry are not being carried out in Turin and Piemonte, and Genoa and Liguria.

3. In view of the very delicate situation with respect to the power supply for Northern Italy, it is strongly recommended that your Ministry again bring to the attention of the authorities at Turin and Genoa the seriousness of the situation.

4. It is imperative that the efficiency of military installations in Northern Italy not be affected and we consider the matter as most urgent.

5. The prompt establishment of the Regional Committee of the Central Commission at Milan is necessary for the purpose of coordinating and directing the power rationing program of Northern Italy, and it is strongly recommended that the Committee be formed as soon as possible.

GEORGE F. PARKER,
Colonel, Inf.,
Chief Elec. Div.

See AFHQ's cable C 13244 of 13 Jan 531
and ALCOM's 281 in reply. CH

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PERSONAL FOR GENERAL

MORGAN

CONFIDENTIAL:

REFERENCE YOUR SAC/1 CONCERNING ELECTRICITY SITUATION IN TURIN. THE MATTER HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH ADMIRAL STONE IN PERSON. HE HAS UNDERTAKEN TO SORT THE PROBLEM WITH PROPER ITALIAN AUTHORITIES. THE ADMIRAL WAS INFORMED THAT UNLESS SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS MADE SACMED WOULD TAKE UNDER ADVISEMENT THE QUESTION OF RESUMING MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN THE AREA. REKL WILL FOLLOW UP AND KEEP YOU INFORMED.

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Ref: 2404/86/EO.

17 January 1946.

SUBJECT: Electric Power in Rome.

TO : Brigadier A. Low, CBE, MC,
Deputy Commander,
HQ, RAMO.

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1. Reference memorandum 2404/EO of 10 December 45, addressed to A/Vice President, Economic Section, AC.
2. A copy of his reply is enclosed.

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F. H. McCLEARY

Lt. Colonel,
Acting Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: A/Vice President,
Economic Section. (Your 214/PWU of 11 Jan. 46 refers)

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PARA TWO PD MINISTRY PUBLIC WORKS ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CABLED SIP ON JAN
ONE FOUR TO FURNISH AT ONCE SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND KWK DAILY TO EDISON AND
AFM UTILITIES MILAN PD

PARA THREE PD ON DECEMBER THREE ONE SAME MINISTRY CABLED INSTRUCTIONS TO
ALL PREFECTS NORTH ITALY DIRECTING THAT STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF ELECTRIC
POWER RATIONING REGULATIONS BE CARRIED OUT PD

PARA FOUR PD SAME MINISTRY INFORMED OF SITUATION AT TURIN PIFMONTE AND
GENOVA LIGURIA TODAY WITH URGENT RECOMMENDATION THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO
INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH RATIONING REGULATIONS PD

Distribution (By hand)

Major Holmes, Executive Commissioner's office
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

File 214/PWU

11 January 1946

SUBJECT: Electric Power in Rome

TO : Executive Commissioner

JAN 14 1946

1. Ref. your 5404/EC dated 10 Dec. 45.

2. The low voltage and low frequency which Rome has been experiencing recently are the result of three conditions which have developed gradually over the past few weeks.

- (a) The prolonged drought, which is the worst that Italy has experienced in the last 20 years, is causing a diminished flow of water in the streams on which the Hydro plants supplying power are situated with a consequent reduction in both energy and capacity output.

For November it was necessary to reduce the power allocations to areas in Central Italy to meet the reduction in generating capacity brought about by diminished output of stream flow electric power plants. Rome's allocation was reduced from 80,000 kw to 65,000 kw in the morning and 75,000 kw in the evening.

This was restored for the month of December to 80,000 kw for both morning and evening on the expectation that the normal rainfall conditions would be realized during that month.

The drought conditions continued up until about the middle of December. In the meantime the load on the Central Italy grid system continued to increase to the point where the generators were being overloaded causing them to operate at a lower speed with a consequent lower frequency and at a lower voltage and very much lower efficiency. Heavy loads on some local distribution circuits also further reduced the voltage to the users of power. To alleviate the situation the power companies arranged, in accordance with instructions from the Ministry of Public Works, for periodic disconnection of large areas for varying periods

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of time in order to reduce the load on the generators and thereby prevent the frequency and voltage from going any lower. The service being received by the users who had not been disconnected was, even then, far from what would be considered desirable, but it was necessary to maintain some service to many important establishments even if it was of poor quality. Actually, therefore, Rome and other areas of Central Italy were not getting their full allocations.

- (b) The normal seasonal change and shorter days cause an overlap of lighting and industrial loads which result in higher system loads.
- (c) The lack of heating and cooking fuels and the limited artificial gas supply has resulted in abnormal domestic usage for heating and cooking purposes.

3. In anticipation of the conditions outlined in para 2 above A.C. recommended to the Italian Government in letter 10 November 45 Ref. ES/9.09 that immediate steps be taken to set up a rationing program not only in Central Italy but Northern and Southern Italy as well. The Government authorities are working on an effective application of an electric power rationing program and have made considerable improvement since the initial phase of taking over the control of the supply and utilization of electricity. This is just now beginning to get under way and the Electrical Division of Ind. & Util. S.C.A.C. and the Inspectorate Generale for Electricity, Water and Gas of the Ministry of public Works are collaborating on the matter.

4. The control of electric power, which was formerly handled by A.F.L.R.(I)B, was turned over to Italian Government control in December 1945. It is appreciated that some difficulties would arise in the initial phase of turning over to the Italian authorities, who have given assurance that military and other essential requirements would be given priority and met.

5. With respect to sign lighting and public lighting, specific instructions have already been issued by the Provincial Committee for the Control of Electricity to prohibit the use of such lighting.

6. Other steps which have been taken to get the situation under control are as follows:

- (a) The power companies have been directed by the Italian Government to reduce the use of power by civilians in the areas of Central Italy, outside of Metropolitan Rome, which are more or less uncontrolled.

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- (b) The Ministry of Public Works has been advised to inform the public through the local newspapers, the causes of the present power situation in order to forestall and offset inaccurate rumors.
- (c) The power companies, through the Italian Government have been advised to reinstitute the system of priority circuits for Rome which were successfully used during the power shortage period after Central Italy was liberated.

7. Central Italy will be short of power for 1946 due to many generating plants not yet being restored to operation on which the area formerly depended for its power. It is expected that there will be more periods of difficulty from power shortages until such time as there is an availability sufficient to meet the demands with a margin for reserve or breakdown. Under present conditions every plant is being operated to maximum capacity - in other words, nothing is being wasted. As a result, when a machine or line fails or must be taken out of service for maintenance or repairs, an equivalent amount of load must be cut off. When a major break-down occurs the equivalent amount of load must stay off until repairs are effected.

8. It has been and will be, therefore, simply a matter of making the best use of what is available even if it is poor quality at times. The fact should not be overlooked that the enemy carried out a thorough job of demolition on all power plants in Central Italy and today less than 50% of this generating capacity has been restored to service. This, along with a drought condition, has presented problems in electric power that have never existed before in this part of Italy.

Harlan Cleveland
HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: C 13244

Date/Time of Origin: JAN 131156 A

Message Centre No: 4/1311

Date Time Rec'd: JAN 131500

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: AFHQ FROM G-2 FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER C 12209 OF 9 AND DISWO
12 JANUARY

TO : ALCON ROME, INFO: DISPER ALL CORPS

JAN 13 1946

UNCLASSIFIED.

Subject is control of electric power in northern ITALY.

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2. request you press Italian government in strongest terms to enforce compliance on civil authorities in PIEDMONTE and especially TURIN where rationing reported still not in force. Action required of them is at our C 12209 para 2 and sitwo re 40 para o.
3. Please treat as urgent and report results this HQ.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: C 13244

Date/Time of Origin: JAN 131100 A

Message Centre No: G/1311

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(7) XIII CORPS REAR (8) ON XIII CORPS

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XXXXXXXXXX Electric position Milan as follows. AEM are virtually without water to generate power. This coy supplies power for city water and sewage. Instrs given to Edison coy to cut load to Genoa and divert power to AEM to safeguard city services. To rectify situation it is essential SIF supply ex Piedmonte Area about 600.000 KWH per day. They are now supplying only 200.000 KWH daily and are not rationing properly in Turin Area. Total reservoir storage capacity is falling at alarming rate due to non observance of AEM regional orders. Electrical coys must be instrd by Italian Govt to disconnect consumers who exceed allocations. Delay will result in complete breakdown of electric supply in Italy. At present rates of consumption this will be in power for export to XIII corps or cent Italy. ^{There} are 600.000.000 KWH on reservoirs today. Weekly demand is XME 200.000.000 therefore only 3 wks supply available at present rates. Meeting held at ALCOM Milan 1500 HRS 11 Jan to explore position. These present col Hancock AMG Liaison offr Lombardia. Sindaco AVV Creppi Mayor of Milan. Capo Gabinetto Prefettura AVV De Meis. Direttore Commerciale Sec Edison Ing Romagnoli. Assessori Commun Ing Tanzi and GE

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1. Mayor and GCP unequivocally undertook to support rigid enforcement of ASX orders and authorised Soc Edison to disconnect infringers.
2. GCP agreed names of presidents of prov commissions would be published forthwith.
3. Soc Edison stated 4 reservoirs would be dry in next 20 days and XMK 160,000 KW of generating capacity thereby immobilised if economies not effected immediately.
4. 60% power going to industries.
5. Total saving to date only 12% on Nov figures instead of 25 as planned.
6. GCP said local commissions now set up in Brescia and Novara but no names available but to follow. The following action is required urgently by Italian Govt.
 1. Strict enforcement of rationing in all areas.
 2. Direct order to sip to furnish 600,000 KWH daily to Milan coys Edison and AEM.

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
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Rome, 5 January 1946

Dear Admiral,

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I refer to your letter n. P.W.U./RM, dated November 25th, on the action to be taken for the maintaining of the regulations on the distribution of electric power in force in Northern Italy.

Regarding such a matter, the Minister for Public Works:

- 1) issued orders some time ago for the publication and enforcement in allia of the regional ordinance of A.E.G. for the control and rationing of electric power;
- 2) took action for the immediate formation in Northern Italy of regional and provincial commissions for the control of the consumption of electric power, and also in relation with previous agreements made with the Electricity Division of the A.G.
- 3) confirmed telegraphically to the prefects of Northern Italy an order for the maintaining on force of the A.E.G. ordinance on such a matter, after the handing over of the said territory to the Italian Government.

Yours sincerely,

A. De Gasperi

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Admiral Henry W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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Ref. PSU/214

29 December 1945

DEC 29 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With further reference to my letter of 23 November 1945 (copy attached for ease of reference), I am authorized by Allied Force Headquarters to notify you that the responsibilities and functions of the Allied Force Electric Power Committee are passed to the Italian Government, subject to the priority of electric service to military establishments in Italy being maintained as at present.

In confirmation of informal discussions, which have already taken place between Industry and Utilities Sub-Commission Allied Commission and the Ministry of Public Works, it is requested that Allied Commission be formally notified of the time and place of the first meeting of the Italian Government agency which will have jurisdiction over power allocations in order that representatives of the military agencies may be notified and can attend.

In order that the military agencies can secure liaison with and submit bids to the local Italian organizations dealing with allocations of electric power in Naples, Rome and Florence, it is requested that you furnish Allied Commission with the names and addresses of such Italian organizations, together with the names of the Presidents and members, so that the appropriate local military agencies can be informed.

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

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Doctor Alcide De Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

Copy to: C.A.C. A.F.H.C.
AFIRS, A.F.H.C. (LRS/215/12 of 10 December refers)

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Ref. PWU/214

28 December 1945

DEC 28 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Due to the abnormal heavy load demands for electric power in North Italy it has become necessary to publish and place into effect Allied Military Government curtailment and rationing measures, in territory under A.M.G. Control. In order that power conservation measures be uniform throughout North Italy, on 17 December 1945, a copy of the Allied Military Government Regional Orders for rationing and control of electric power was furnished the Minister of Public Works for publishing and placing into effect as a Ministerial Decree in Emilia Region.

In view of the early termination of Allied Military Government control of certain territory in North Italy, and in order that A.M.G. electric power control orders established as emergency measures remain in effect, I recommend that your Government be prepared to put into operation immediately a Ministerial Decree incorporating the general provisions of the existing A.M.G. Orders upon assumption of control of the above territory.

It is further recommended that an electric power Regional Commission similar to the one in Naples, Rome and Florence be established in Milan for coordinating the activities of the Provincial Commissions for distribution and utilization of electric power and to facilitate the operation of the Central Commission established in Rome in accordance with authority contained in Decree No. 95 dated 3 April 1944.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

Doctor Alcide De Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
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Ref. PMU/214

22 December 1945

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/s/ Elmer W. Stone

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Doctor Alcide De Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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Ref: 5404/EC.

10 December 1945.

SUBJECT: Electric Power in ROME.

TO : A/Vice President,
Economic Section.

1. The Deputy Commander, Rome Area Allied Command has brought to my attention the very serious view which the Commanding General, RAAC, takes of the electric light and power situation in ROME. He stated that to his knowledge more than twice the amount of power was available and yet the current arriving at the terminals was lamentably weak with the result that delicate machines such as teleprinters were suffering. He asked whether the Italian authorities could not be persuaded to exercise more control over extravagant use by civilians - neon signs, shop windows, etc., in order that all could have available to them sufficient power for essential needs.

2. I think there is a great deal in what Brigadier Low said and should be grateful if the Roman authorities could be persuaded to tackle this matter with vigour. The power is available and if not squandered, could be shared equally and adequately by all.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Brigadier A. Low, MC,
Deputy Commander,
HQ. R.A.A.C.

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HQ HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

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REF. : ES/4.00

23 November 1945

SUBJECT : A.F.L.R. (Italian) B.

NOV 24 1945

TO : Allied Force Local Resources Section
A.F.H.Q. (RAAO)
APO 512

File 4005

1. Reference AFHQ letter CAO/205/8, dated 3 November 1945, and LRS/201/18 dated 6 November 1945.

2. The proposals that the Allied Force Electric Power Committee and the Allied Force Labor and Wages Committee complete their business and disband by 30 November 1945, are concurred in.

3. Reference is made to our letter reference ES/9.09 dated 26 October 1945 addressed to you and to letter reference PWU/214, copy attached, wherein arrangements have been made for the Italian Government to assume the responsibility for the control and rationing of Electric Power and for their representatives to meet with the Allied Force Electric Power Committee at its final meeting set for 24 November 1945. The Italian Government has been informed that it will take over the functions and responsibilities of the Allied Force Electric Power Committee subsequent to 30 November 1945.

4. The Italian Government has been notified that all Allied Military power requirements will be given top priority and that Allied Military representatives will meet with its allocating authorities in an advisory capacity.

5. It is noted that the procedure for handling labor and wages matters after 30 November 1945 is under consideration by AFHQ. It is recommended that such procedure should provide

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for frequent and ready contact with the Italian Ministry of Labor and Social Security on labor and wages questions, so that the policy may continue to be observed by which due regard is paid to the prevailing practice on these questions in outside industry. A measure of decentralization is also recommended and since the disbandment of the Allied Force Labor and Wages Committee will apparently automatically disband its Local Sub-Committees, it is recommended that consideration be given to the establishment of adequate machinery for dealing with local issues on a decentralized basis.

6. In the event of alternative procedure being adopted by which the determination of wages and employment conditions is passed to representative local offices of the Italian Government, the necessity for decentralization into Local Sub-Committees would be considerably reduced.

7. With reference to paragraph 2 of your letter of 6 November, the proposal that there be no further meetings of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board is under consideration and will be the subject of further communication to you.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Copy of letter reference PWU/214

Copies to:

- 1 Chief Adm. Off. A.F.H.Q.
- 2 Econ. Sect.
- 1 Ind. & Util. S/C.
- 1 Labor S/C.

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Ref. PWU/214

23 November 1945

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister :

The bulk allocations of Electric Power in Southern and Central Italy are now made by the "Allied Force Electric Power Committee". Consistent with the policy of turning over to Italian Control such functions, the Allied Authorities have asked that your Government be prepared to assume the responsibilities for the bulk allocation of power.

To that end the Allied Commission has been requested to extend to the chairman of the "Central Commission", established under Ministerial Decree Number 95 dated 5 April 1944, and to Professor Asta, Liaison Representative between the Ministry of Public Works and the Industry and Utilities Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, an invitation to attend the next meeting, of the Allied Force Electric Power Committee, as observers, with the view of the assumption, by your government, of the responsibilities and functions of the Allied Force Electric Power Committee, subsequent to 30 November 1945. This means that the allocations for January 1946, to be made in December 1945, would be an Italian Government responsibility.

The next meeting of the Allied Force Electric Power Committee will be held at 0930 hours on Saturday 24th November 1945 in the Allied Force Local Resources Section (AFHQ) conference room, 2nd floor, 68 Piazza dell'Esedra, Rome. The Agenda will be furnished you prior to the meeting. However, the principal order of business will be the accepting of bids for and making allocations of electric power in Central and Southern Italy, for December 1945.

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Your representatives should bring with them a statement of power available in Central and Southern Italy for the December 1945 allocations, also a statement showing the break down of bids on which October 1945 allocations were made.

The responsibilities and functions of the Allied Force Electric Power Committee will be assumed by the Italian Government with the understanding that all Allied Military requirements will be given top priority and met accordingly and that Allied Military representatives will meet with the Italian Central Commission in an advisory capacity.

It is suggested that the Decree Number 95, mentioned in paragraph 1, offers the necessary authority for the Central Commission established thereunder to assume the responsibility for the bulk allocations of power.

It is considered that the above arrangements will provide for the necessary assumption of control of allocations by the Italian Government so that electric power may be used in a manner most advantageous to the civilian economy and that this is a logical development of the control of consumption of electric power, concerning which I addressed you in my letter ES/9.09 of 10 November (copy attached for ease of reference).

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M. S. LUSH
Brig.
FELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

Prof. Ferruccio Parri
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

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Ref. BS/9.09

10 November 1945

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In view of the limited supply of electricity in Italy and the fact that the demand for electric power has and will, for a considerable time to come, exceed the availability, it is and will be imperative that the Italian Government take jurisdiction and implement a civilian rationing program and exercise control over its use in order that sufficient power will be available for the remaining military and essential civilian needs.

In Central and Southern Italy where the supply of electricity is critical, the bulk allocations of electric power are made monthly by the Allied Force Electric Power Committee. In North Italy it has not been considered necessary to make such allocations since the supply of electricity is favourable as related to normal times. However, due to lack of coal for gas and other fuels in the North, the demand for electric power there has become abnormal and it is believed that a rationing program will be necessary during the coming winter.

In line with the policy of placing under Italian Government jurisdiction, functions and controls, which were formerly carried out by the Military, it is recommended that steps be taken as soon as possible to set up local authorities which will take over the control and use of electric power by civilians in all categories.

In South and Central Italy immediate action is necessary in order to conserve electricity.

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The Ministerial Decree No. 95 entitled "Norme per la Limitazione del Consumo della Energia Elettrica" and dated 5 April 1944, provides the basic authority and procedure whereby the necessary organization can be formed and control exercised.

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Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Prof. Ferruccio Parri
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
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File # 25/9.09

26. October 1945

SUBJECT : Conservation of Electric Power

TO : Allied Force Local Resources Section
A.F.H.Q. (RAAC)
APO 512

1. Reference para 2 your LRS/2150 dated 30 September 1945. It is submitted that letter AG/675/0470/MAINT - O, AFHQ, 17 July 1945, Subject - Conservation of Electric Power, constitutes instructions with respect to restricting the use of electricity in Southern Italy. It is suggested that this letter makes it unnecessary for further instructions to be issued by AFHQ. It is further suggested that AFHQ letter of 17 July be called to the attention of all military commanders.

2. The Commission has informally brought this matter to the attention of the Italian Government and have informed them of the situation regarding the shortage of electric power in Southern Italy and asked them to take such action as they feel is necessary to restrict civilian consumption. If it is agreed that no further instructions are required from AFHQ, the Commission proposes to submit the matter of conservation of electricity to the Italian Government officially.

M. B. LUSH

Brigadier
ELDERY W. STONIE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

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REFERENCE: C.1/PA
SUBJECT: Electricity situation -
Southern Italy.
TO: Executive Commissioner (Att: Capt. White),
Through Economic Section.
FROM: Public Works & Utilities S/C.

8 Oct 45.

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1. This memorandum is submitted in response to the telephone request of Captain White for information concerning the electricity situation in Southern Italy.
2. As of 1st October, at 0700 hours, the Sila reservoirs contained sufficient water to produce 98.7 million kilowatt-hours. This quantity of water is 12 percent more than was expected three months ago, and is the result of increased rain and curtailed operation in Southern Italy. Present indications are that the Sila reservoirs will reach their lowest levels at the end of November.

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E. J. RISTICH,
Colonel, C.E.,
Acting Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Will you please follow up the
predicted shortage of water & therefore
Electric Power from SICA. See El Power
Sub Committee's last meeting (21st) & Industry
Sub Com's report.

Called Maj. Anson
who promised to get
us report

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EXTRACT from Industry Subcommittee Monthly Report No. 13 for July 1945

4. ELECTRIC POWER COMMITTEE - A.F.L.R. (I) B.

The 21st meeting of the above Committee was held on 21 July 1945 when HQ No. 3 District representative reported that the electric power system in Southern Italy was dangerously overloaded and that although feeder line cuts are being made wherever possible by the military, no reduction in the civilian load has yet been effected by the Italian Government.

The water in the Sela reservoir is now at such a level (220 x 10⁶ KWH) that the Committee considers that at the present rate of consumption, it will empty at the end of October or early November. This bears out the Committee's recommendation made at its last meeting in the respect of the Crotone plant. Although autumnal rains will slightly assist the situation in so far as the river stations are concerned, the Sela reservoir is filled by melting snows and little replenishment of it can be expected until February/March 1946. The connection between Central & Southern Italy anticipated at the end of October 1945 will provide only 20,000 KW against the total demand of 137,000 KW. In view of the failure to date of the Italian Government or HQ ALCOM to effect any cuts of civilian consumption, the Committee desired to go on record as having taken cognizance of the dangerous situation which will arise in Southern Italy in October 1945.

HQ Allied Commission reported that the interconnection of North Italy with Central Italy awaits the operation of the third 35,000 KW unit at Galleto (Terni). It is expected to operate at the end of July and the August allocations are in anticipation of this.

The interconnection between Southern and Central Italy permitting the flow of 20,000 KW to the south, is not anticipated to be made until the end of October 1945. HQ ALCOM representative stated that all the necessary materials were available but that the limiting factor to speeding up the interconnection was the lack of adequate transport. The Committee recommended to the Board that if additional transport could be made available to ALCOM for this purpose, it would help to avoid the dangerous situation which will arise in Southern Italy in October 1945, referred to above.

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AG 675/047 Q (LcInt)-0

17 July 1945

SUBJECT: Conservation of Electric Power

TO: All Concerned

1. The following letters, this headquarters, containing previous instructions on this subject, are hereby rescinded:

a. File AG 675/171 GDS-0, dated 31 October 1944, Subject: "Conservation of Electric Power Facilities of Italian Utilities."

b. File AG 675/047 GDS-0, dated 18 January 1945, Subject: "Conservation of Electric Power Facilities of Italian Utilities."

2. Although the electric power situation generally has improved over the past few months, there is still a serious shortage in central and southern Italy. In order to conserve the limited supply of electric power available and to meet the military and essential civilian requirements, it is necessary to reduce to a minimum non-essential electricity consumption from supply undertakings by both military and civilian users in Italy south of the northern boundaries of the provinces of Lucca, Pistoia, Firenze and Ravenna.

3. South of the boundary referred to the following steps will be taken to reduce loads on commercial electric systems.

a. LIGHTING

- (1) Offices - No lights will be burned during daylight hours except in cases where natural lighting is insufficient for proper working conditions. Wattage of lamps will be limited to a minimum requirement, and fixtures will be located for most economical utilization of light source.
- (2) Halls and Stairways - Lamps in halls, corridors and stairways will be of the smallest wattage commensurate with safety, and a minimum number will be illuminated.
- (3) Hotel Rooms and Private Living Quarters - No more than two (2) lamps per private living room and one (1) lamp per bath room will be connected. No more than one (1) lamp per private living room will be illuminated at the same time. The lamp bulb will not exceed sixty (60) watt rating. Lighting, when permitted in living tents of military personnel, will be limited to one (1) lamp of sixty (60) watt rating in pyramidal or small wall tent.

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(4) Public Space in Hotels, Cafes, Clubs and Public Buildings - Wattage will be reduced to a bare essential commensurate with area, use and occupancy. All electric signs or display lighting will be discontinued.

(5) Other Military Facilities - Lighting of mess halls, kitchens, work shops, etc, will not exceed the following scale:

<u>Type of Accommodation</u>	<u>Watts per sq ft.</u>
Store Room, Latrine	0.2
Mess hall, Post Exchange } Hospital Ward, Bath House }	0.3
Kitchen, Recreation Building	0.5

(6) Outdoor Areas - Guarded areas, POW enclosures, storage areas, streets, etc., will be lighted only in accordance with necessity.

(7) Lights Not In Use - All lights not being used will be turned off. Post signs conspicuously and make every individual economy-minded in use of electricity.

b. HEATING AND COOKING

(1) Electric heating will be permitted only in essential industrial processes engaged in production for the military effort, and in hospitals for the treatment of patients.

(2) No electric cooking will be permitted.

c. POWER

(1) The use of electric power will be limited to:

(a) Those industries contributing directly to the military effort or essential to the civilian economy.

(b) Installations necessary to safeguard public health.

(2) Elevators will be operated by electric power only for movement of hospital patients or for heavy freight.

(3) Electric motors will not be allowed to idle for extended periods.

d. ELECTRIC RAILWAY POWER will be utilized only on approval by the Electric Power Committee of the AFIR (Italian) Board.

e. ELECTROLYTIC PROCESSES AND ELECTRIC ARC FURNACES will be utilized only on approval by the Electric Power Committee of the AFIR (Italian) Board.

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Mr, AFHQ, AG 675/OL SUP-O,
dtd 17 July 1945 (C. Ed)

4. North of the boundary referred to in paragraph 2, no general restriction are necessary and the allocation of power is the responsibility of Chief Engineers of Districts.

5. Military Commanders will be responsible that the instructions detailed in paragraph 3 are carried out within their jurisdiction of military installations. Civilian authorities will be required to enforce similar measures in those civilian installations which are allowed to receive electric service.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

Edmund R. Shugart
EDMUND R. SHUGART
Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

Ex. Comm (2)

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NUMBER 6)

25 April 1945

DAMAGE TO ELECTRIC POWER LINES

1. It has come to the attention of this headquarters that Allied troops have caused interruption of electric power supply to industrial installations by shooting at insulators on electrical transmission lines. Recently the salt mines at Tarquinia were without power, and therefore inoperative for four days, due to this cause.

2. The soldiers who indulge in this pastime would not wish to be considered as saboteurs, but the practical effect of their act is the same as though it were committed by an enemy agent. No facility in the theater is of more vital importance to the war effort than the supply of electric power to the various industries, the production of which is needed to sustain the armies as well as the civilian economy.

3. Commanders of all units will bring this matter to the attention of their commands, pointing out the seriousness of the offense, and taking such action as may be necessary to insure that the greatest attention will be given to safeguarding all electrical facilities in the theater.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

OFFICIAL:

W. D. MORGAN
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff

C. W. Christenberry
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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1 March 1945

MAR 2- 1945

Dear Dr. Montanari:

In the temporary absence of Admiral Stone I wish to reply to the letter of February 28th from the Prime Minister. Would you be so kind as to tell His Excellency that we have contacted the Electrical Priority Board and that their next meeting will be on Monday at which time we hope to have an affirmative answer to the request for allocation of electricity to Minister Soleri's home.

Very truly yours,

J. Lannin

J. LANNIN
Lieut, USNR
Flag Lieut

Dr. Franco Montanari
Office of the Prime Minister
Italian Government
Rome

cc: En. Comm'r.
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Phoned Hq of E. P. Board on this. States the newly formed Italian Board will treat with these such requests. It meets today for its first (organization) meeting.

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

Rome, 28 February 1945

Dear Admiral,

The. on. Marcello Soleri, Minister of Treasury is very ill. But, devoted to his country, he is courageously fighting the pain which torments him.

He has great difficulty and suffers very much in getting to the fifth floor of his house in Via Emilio del Cavaliere, n. 7, for the lift doesn't work because of the lack of electric power.

Will you kindly ask the competent Commission exceptionally to grant the electric power required for the lift. Should it be necessary, suppress the allotment of electric power for one of the lifts of the Government, but grant it to the house of Minister Soleri who really deserves the gratitude of his country.

Thanking you, I remain,

Truly yours,

B. I. Bonomi

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APO 512

RHF/wfb

18 January 1945
JAN 23 1945

AG 675/017 GDS-O

SUBJECT: Conservation of Electric Power Facilities of Italian Utilities

TO : All Concerned

Letter, this headquarters, file AG 675/171 GDS-O, subject as above, dated 31 October 1944, is amended as follows:

a. Paragraph 2a (5) is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"(5) Other Military Facilities - Lighting of mess halls, kitchens, workshops, etc, should be the minimum commensurate with efficient working, and will in no case exceed 0.5 watts per square foot."

b. Paragraph 2b is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"b Heating and Cooking -

- (1) Electric heating will be permitted only in essential industrial processes engaged in production for the military effort, and in hospitals for treatment of patients.
- (2) Only under exceptional circumstances will electric heating or cooking be allowed, other than in paragraph (1) above. Such exceptional usage will be only on express written authority of army commanders for army areas and AFHQ for area in rear of army rear boundaries".

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

R. H. Freese
R. H. FRESE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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Date 18 JAN, 1943

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FROM	TO	FROM	TO
Chief Commissioner		Political Section	
Chief of Staff	✓	Establishment Section	✓
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Message Centre		Executive Officer (B)	
Civil Affairs Section	✓	G-1(A)	✓
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Agriculture		Civil Censorship Group	✓
Commerce		F.M.D. & F.C.W.	✓
Finance		Public Relations Branch	
Property Control Div		Information Division	✓
Food		Archivist	
Industry	✓	I.G.C.R.	
Mining Division			
Labor		ALL REGIONS	✓
Public Works & Utilities	2	AND 548 ARMIES	✓
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Transportation	✓		

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Extract of Minutes of Chief of Staff's Meeting - 20 December.

JAN 10 1945

Extra Lighting for Professional Workers. CA Sec had received a request for more light for professional workers, doctors, and magistrates. CAS said the matter should be taken up by the AC representative on RAC Electricity Board, but suggested that magistrates should be able to go to the Ministry of Justice to work late, where there was already adequate lighting.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 386
OFFICE SPACE SECTION
TEL 585

OSS/9/6/EP

29th. December 44

Subject : Lighting.

To : HQ. Commandant.

Enquiries have been made into the recent breakdowns of the electric power in the HQ. Building, and I have been informed by P.W. & U Sub-Commission (Capt. Laughlin) that the situation is as follows:

1. At present the HQ. is being supplied by the Achea Electric Coy, and on whose supply we are on a fairly high priority.

2. This last few days however the Achea installation has had some mechanical defects which has resulted in loss of power.

SRE3. To improve the supply, the HQs. Building is being switched over to the Romano Electric Coy. where we will be on a lower priority, but whose service at the present time is better than that of Achea.

R.F. SINCLAIR
CAPT
OFFICE SPACE SECTION.

From: HQ Comdt.

To: C of S.

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The Undersecretary of State
for Communications

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Rome, 23 December 1944

27 DEC 1944

Dear Admiral,

I received your letter n. 000/PNU of December 20th, and I thank you for your kind interest about the light for my residence, this is a question of a secondary importance, in comparison with the more serious problems with which we are faced, and we must know how to give it up.

Thank you for your courtesy. Many wishes for the new year.

Truly Yours,

S. Mario Fano

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Chief Commissioner,

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Chief Commissioner

26 DEC 1944

Letter from Captain Nichols re
Supply of Electric Bulbs for Palermo

26 December 4

Colonel Densmore

Will you please have the attached investigated at once, with
a followup to ensure that I get an early report.

personal

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Ref: 060/ENTL

20 December 1944

21 DEC 1944

Your Excellency:

Reference is made to your letter of 28 November 1944 pertaining to preferential electric supply to residences of Ministers and Undersecretaries of the Italian Government.

This matter is now arranged for through the Electric Control Committee of Rome Allied Area Command. The above Government officials have been classed as a group and will be given consideration; this was justified on the basis of governmental necessity.

The power supply situation still remains critical, however, and every effort must be made to economize on the use of electricity for months to come.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Mario Fano,
Undersecretary of State
for Communications,
Italian Government,
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

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Ref: 6404/38/COS.

13 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Electric Power.

17 DEC 1944

TO : HQ. N.A.A.C.
Electricity Allocation Board.

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The attached is forwarded to you for any action possible. I would be grateful for sympathetic consideration in view of the continued use of one room of Com. Bistori's house by visitors to my mess.

DISAPPROVED

W. H. L. L. L.
ELECTRICITY

CONTROL BOARD

Rome Area

Allied Command

For

For Shipp LSC

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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13 December 1944

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SUBJECT: Electric Power.

TO : HQ. R.A.A.C.
Electricity Allocation Board.

The attached is forwarded to you for any action possible. I would be grateful for sympathetic consideration in view of the continued use of one room of Comm. Ristori's house by visitors to my Mess.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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COPIES TO RISTORI
VIA CARLO BOCCI 10 - TEL. 871.420
ROMA

To: Brig. General E.M. LUSH
Allied Commission
ROMA.
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Dec.12/1944

Dear Sir;

I hope you will excuse if I apply directly to you to to get an information;

The last General but one I had the honour and the pleasure to have as a guest in my home, has been so kind to tell me that he had personally taken action in order I am granted the free use of electric lighting power for my villa (remaining of course on my charge the whole expense), considering that I frequently have British Officials and Officers as my guests.

He told me that I had been exempted from the restrictions in force for the other civilian dwellings of our City.

Last morning the "SOCIETA' ROMANA ELETTRICI - TA'", has sent an appointee to read the meters. Consequently, effective from yesterday, the consumption of the electric power is supposed to be limited, even for my house, to 10 KWH. monthly for each meter. The appointee told me that this would happen, excepting the case that it still exists an order of exemption issued from an Allied Authority (which I suppose to be the ELECTRICITY CONTROL BOARD / RAAC).

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SECRET/LETTERA N°
Dec. 12/1944

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The employee suggested to apply directly to the Allied Authorities which are in charge of the Electric Power Control.

I would be therefore grateful if you could confirm that the exemption granted to me is still in force, depending upon your answer the use I shall be to do with the electric lighting in my house.

I beg to bring into your notice that the Identity Number of the above mentioned meters are N° 26.002 and 6882 (numeri dei ruoli).

Hoping to receive a favourable confirmation,
I thank you heartily.
I am truly yours

Sgd.

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ELECTRICITY
CONTROL BOARD
Rome Area
Allied Command

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The Minister of the Royal Household

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Deco, 9 December 1944

11 DEC 1944

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Dear Commodore,

I communicated to His Royal Highness the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom your letter of December 5th about the allotment of electric power to the Hospital of the St. Eustachio.

His Royal Highness thanks you very much for this communication and for your kind interest in this important matter.

Thanking you too, I remain, my dear Commodore,

Yours truly,

s/ Lucifero

Commodore Henry A. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission
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Reference : 060/109/170

6 Dec. 44

Subject : Electric Service - Fatebenefratelli Hospital

58 DEC 1944

To : Your Excellency

In response to your previous inquiries arrangements have been made to class the electric cable, supplying the hospital, as "Preferential".

This will insure better service than has been experienced in the past but it is only proper that state interruptions are apt to occur in the future for varying periods of time.

All power plants and transmission lines, in Central Italy, are being operated to full capacity, with no reserves, with the result that when equipment fails or must be taken out of service for needed repairs large areas of Rome and Central Italy must be disconnected. However military establishments, water pumps, telephone services, hospitals and other important establishments are kept supplied as long as possible and are only disconnected in case of dire emergency.

Everything possible is being done to restore to production the power plants which were deliberately destroyed by the enemy but it will take many months to do it. Power plants which took two and three years to construct originally cannot be rebuilt in the space of a few months.

Yours very truly,

/s/ ELLERY W STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency F. LUCIFERO
Minister of the Royal House

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Tel: 735

30 November 44.

Ref : 5404/35/006

SUBJECT : Electric Power.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Attached letter 4165 dated 28 November 44 from the Under Secretary of State for Communications, requesting preferential allocation of electric power to members of the Government is passed to you for appropriate action.

2. It is directed that a reply be submitted for signature of Chief of Staff and if a considered answer is likely to be delayed, an interim acknowledgement should be sent.

→ Capt. Morden phoned Econ. Sect. to change above for Chief Comm. signature. 6/12 JEB

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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The Undersecretary of State for Communications
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Rome, 28 November 1944

Dear Commodore Stone,

With the new distribution of electric light in the town of Rome, the general conditions of the local electric situation have improved; therefore, I think that the problem of a preferential allotment to the residence of the members of the Italian Government which was being studied, can and will be solved without much preoccupation.

It is a fact that most of the Ministers and Undersecretaries have to work by candle-light in the evening to do the work they have to get through at home, because of their important charges.

Considering the limited number of these members,

considering that more than half of them have already obtained the preferential allotment of electric power, and,

Considering the necessity, to my mind, of protecting the dignity of our Ministers,

I think that this solution should be adopted if the Allied Authorities in charge of this control give their approval.

Will you kindly transmit this collective request, which is also a personal request?

As it is well known that in Rome, people dance everywhere, and during the whole night with all the lights on, I think that if the Ministers who are working for their country should also be allotted some light, everybody would have to admit that it is a just thing to do.

The Commissioner of the Azienda Governatoriale, On. ROMITA, wrote to me that the Azienda gave its approval for what concerned my connection, and that he is only waiting for the allied authorization from the Power Allocation Committee.

I shall be most grateful to you if you will see that this authorization is given without delay, for, because of the oncoming winter, it will now be doubly necessary to me, for I have to finish at home the work which I am not able to do in my office.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Mario Pano

Commodore Mervyn Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

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26 November 1944.

27 NOV Recd

SUBJECT : Electric Light in the Palace of Justice.
TO : HQ R.A.A.C.

1. The recent disturbances at the Regina Coeli prison are to a large extent due to the delay in bringing to trial the considerable number of persons arrested and detained in the gaol.

2. The Italian judicial authorities correctly point out that the preparation of cases for trial involves the production of many written documents and reports. The judges are prepared to work until at least 2100 hrs on the production of these documents and reports, provided that they are supplied with electric light. This would have the effect of enabling them to sit in court during the afternoon and would materially shorten the delays in bringing cases to trial.

3. It is therefore officially requested that electric light be supplied to all offices in the Palace of Justice from 1600 hrs to 2100 hrs daily, except Sundays.

For The Chief Commissioner

M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier
Chief of Staff
Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff
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Tel: 735

Ref : 5404/32/COS

23 November 44.

SUBJECT : Electric Power

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Attached is letter No. 1768 dated 22 November 44, and its translation, from the Patriots Office, Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

2. In consultation with Economic Section please take such action as is considered necessary and reply direct.

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Chief Staff Officer,
to the Chief of Staff.

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Translation

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n. 1768

Presidency of the Council of Ministers
Patriots Office

Rome, 22 November 1944

Subject: Preferential Electric Power

Commodore Henry A. Stone
Chief Commissioner - H. - A.C.
H. O. A. S.

The Patriots Office of this Presidency of the Council of Ministers, established in the building of Via Alberto Sarmiento, n. 19, has only the electric power allotted to the area to which it has been moved.

It is therefore practically impossible for this office;

To have any activity in the afternoon and evening hours;

To make use of the inside phone (switchboard) that it needs, being connected with the outside by two independent phones only.

We therefore ask you to authorize A.C.E.A. to give preferential electric power to the above mentioned building of Via Sarmiento, 19

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE

/s/

trans. E.O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 451

Ref. 5404/31/003

21 November 1944

SUBJECT: Electricity Fatebenefratelli Hospital.

TO : Economic Section for Public Works & Utilities E/C.

1. Ref your 060/ ²⁸ /TU of 16 Nov 44.
2. The information in the above reference was developed in response to a letter from Mr. F. Lucifero, Minister of the Royal House, a copy of which was forwarded to you on the 31 Oct with our ref 5404/20/003.
- 20 3. Will you prepare a suitable reply to Mr. Lucifero for the Chief Commissioner's signature.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Tel. 89081

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MEMORANDUM

Reference : 060/ /PWU
Subject : Electricity Fatebenefratelli Hospital

16 Nov. 44

To : CHIEF OF STAFF A.C. —
(Attention Chief of Staff Officer)

- 1) - Reference letter 11 Nov. 44 - 5404/27/COS.
- 2) - The present scheduled service is from 2200 hours one day to 1330 hours the following day.
- 3) - Interruptions in service from 1330 hours to 2200 hours, each day, are due to the fact that the power supply for Rome is extremely short and large sections of the City had to be denied service during those heavy load hours. In addition the feeder cable which supplies the hospital has many non-essential users connected to it and the hospital has to suffer as a result.
- 4) - As the results of the new rationing scheme, now going into effect in Rome, are ascertained, it is hoped that this particular cable can be made "preferential". This depends, however, entirely on how well the non-essential customers on this line and in Rome respond to and cooperate with the rationing program.
- 5) - We have been assured that the service to this hospital will receive close attention on the part of the Engineers Section.
- 6) - It must be borne in mind, however, that there are likely to be future plant and line failures necessitating service interruptions to many establishments in Rome and Central Italy as all generating equipment and available lines are operated to capacity without any provision for break down reserves. In other words the demand for essential electric service will continue to exceed the available supply for an extended period of time.

cc : ENGINEERS SECTION R.A.A.C.
Via del Mare N° 45

E.J.B. ARRY
E.J.B. ARRY
Major, C.E.
Acting Chief Elec. Div. 4512

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

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Tel. 451

Ref. 5404/27/003

11 November 1944

SUBJECT: Electricity for Fratebenefratelli Hospital.

TO : Economic Section
For Public Works and Utilities Sub Commission.

1. A copy of your memorandum to LAZIO-UMBRIA Region on the above subject was received on the 3rd November.

2. The original letter from Mr. Lucifero was dated 27 October and it is believed that adequate time has elapsed for a reply to be made as to restoring light for the hospital mentioned.

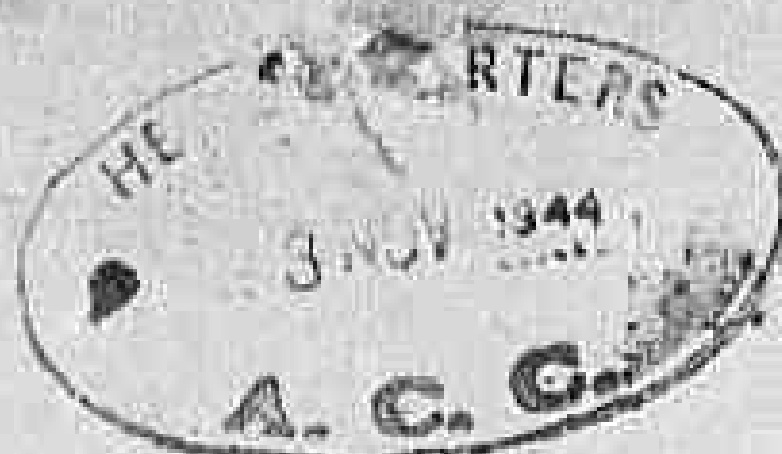
3. Will you please expedite.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Copy to:
Major Quayle.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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AG 675/171 GDS-O

31 October 1944

3 NOV Recd

SUBJECT: Conservation of Electric Power Facilities of Italian Utilities.

TO : All Concerned.

1. A critical shortage of electric utility service exists throughout wide sections of occupied Italy. In order to conserve the limited supply of electric power available, and in order to meet the increasing military and essential civilian requirements, it is necessary that all possible means be utilized to reduce non-essential electric consumption from utility sources, by both military and civilian users in Italy.

2. The following steps will be taken to reduce loads on commercial electric systems:

a. LIGHTING.

- (1) Offices - No lights will be burned during daylight hours except in cases where natural lighting is insufficient for proper working conditions. Wattage of lamps will be limited to a minimum requirement, and fixtures will be located for most economical utilization of light source.
- (2) Halls and Stairways - Lamps in halls, corridors and stairways will be of the smallest wattage commensurate with safety, and a minimum number will be illuminated.
- (3) Hotel Rooms, and Private Living Quarters - No more than two (2) lamps per private living room or one (1) lamp per bath room will be permitted to be connected. No more than one (1) lamp per private living room will be illuminated at the same time. The lamp bulb will not exceed 60 watt rating. Lighting, when permitted in living tents of military personnel, will be limited to one (1) lamp of 60 watt rating in pyramidal or small wall tent.
- (4) Public Space in Hotels, Cafes, Clubs, and Public Buildings - Reduce wattage to a bare essential commensurate with area, use and occupancy. Discontinue all electric signs or display lighting.
- (5) Other Military Facilities - Lighting of mess halls, kitchens, work shops, etc. will not exceed the following scale: 1 3 10

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Ltr, AFHQ, AG 675/171 GDS-0
dtd 31 October 44 (Cont'd)

<u>Type of Accommodation</u>	<u>Watts per sq. ft.</u>
Store Room, Latrine	0.2
Mess Hall, Post Exchange)	
Hospital Ward, Bath House)	0.3
Kitchen, Recreation Building	0.5
(6) <u>Outdoor Areas</u> - Guarded areas, POW enclosures, storage areas, streets, etc., will be lighted only in accordance with necessity.	
(7) <u>TURN OFF ALL LIGHTS NOT IN USE.</u>	

Post signs conspicuously and make every individual economy-minded in use of electricity.

b. HEATING AND COOKING.

- (1) Electric heating will be permitted only in essential industrial processes engaged in production for the military effort, and in hospitals for the treatment of patients.
- (2) No electric cooking will be permitted.

c. POWER.

- (1) The use of electric power will be limited to:
 - (a) Those industries contributing directly to the military effort or essential to the civilian economy.
 - (b) Installations necessary to safeguard public health.
 - (2) Elevators will be operated by electric power only for movement of hospital patients or for heavy freight.
 - (3) No electric motors will be allowed to idle for extended periods.
- d. ELECTRIC RAILWAY POWER will be utilized only on approval by the Electric Power Committee of the AFLR (Italian) Board.
- e. ELECTROLYTIC PROCESSES AND ELECTRIC ARC FURNACES will be utilized only on approval by the Electric Power Committee of the AFLR (Italian) Board.

3. Military Commanders will be responsible that these instructions are carried out within their jurisdiction of military installations, and civilian authorities will be required to enforce similar measures in those civilian installations which are allowed to receive electric service.

By command of General WILSON:

DISTRIBUTION:
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[Signature]
H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES SUB-COMMISSION

Reference : AC/060/PWU

7 Nov. 44

Subject : Electricity for Hospital Fratebenefratelli

3 NOV Recd

To : REGIONAL COMMISSIONER LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
(Attention Regional Engineer)

1) - Reference is made to attached correspondence. Our investigation shows that this hospital is served by SRE cabine n. 2631 which is now on preferential circuit and that service has been available each day from 0900 hours to 1200 hours and from 2200 hours to 0600 hours of the following day.

2) - The preferential circuit on which this hospital is located has been given a priority "J".

3) - In view of the fact that this institution is a hospital would it be possible to give it a higher priority rating and thereby insure that of more continuous service than that experienced in the past.

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E.J. Barry
E.J. BARRY
Major, C.E.
Acting Chief Elec. Div.

cc : CHIEF OF STAFF

cc : ENGINEERING SECTION - R.A.A.C.

N° 45 Via del Mare (Attn Capt. Neff)

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Address by Brigadier General THOBURN K. BROWN, Commanding RAAC, at a luncheon given to members of the press, 25 October 1944.

Gentlemen of the Press:

It is a pleasure to make your acquaintance, and to welcome you as co-workers in our efforts to solve, as far as possible, the electric power problem here in Rome.

Shortly after I took over command of the Rome Allied Area Command, I realized that there was great dissatisfaction with the present system of distribution of electric power. I initiated an examination of the entire situation to see if there was not some solution which would accomplish an equitable distribution of the meager supply of electrical power available.

The result of that examination is the rationing system which we are about to inaugurate, and which, I am sure, has been explained to you.

The technical difficulties involved in the distribution problem make it absolutely essential that we have the cooperation of the general public. Before we can hope for effective cooperation, the people must realize and appreciate that, thanks to the Germans, our resources are woefully inadequate. We have, roughly, only about twenty-five percent of the normal requirements of this city. Now it is apparent, under those circumstances, that consumption of electric power must be curtailed accordingly.

The people, then, must be informed clearly and definitely of the critical situation. Secondly, they must realize that their cooperation is essential. This is an excellent illustration of the kind of self-discipline and patriotic cooperation that is the foundation of democratic government. Thirdly, the people must feel that the rationing authority is sympathetic with their unfortunate situation and are really trying to meet the problem in fairness and impartiality. Fourthly, they must appreciate that there are certain military necessities that must take priority over civilian claims. But I want you to know, and I want the people informed, that I fully appreciate the difference between military necessity and military convenience, and I shall make it my business to see that military convenience receives no consideration. Incidentally, I am applying this same policy to the requisitioning of real estate and automobiles. Unfortunately, this policy has not always been followed in the past.

The fifth point I would like to make is that the rationing authority is in no way responsible for the production of power. The production responsibility lies with the electrical companies, under the supervision of the Allied Control Commission.

It is essential that the people know and appreciate these points and that is why we have asked P.W.S. and the Rome press to work with us. This is not a propaganda campaign; it is an educational campaign. We want to present facts; not promises or alibies. We want cooperation by the people; not selfish complaints and destructive criticism.

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Discorso del Generale T.K. Brown, Comandante Militare
Alleato di Roma in occasione di una colazione offerta a membri
della Stampa il 25 Ottobre 1944.

Signori della Stampa,

Sono particolarmente lieto di fare la vostra conoscenza e
di darvi il benvenuto come collaboratori nell'opera che ci
proponiamo di svolgere: quella cioè di risolvere, nel limite
del possibile, il problema della corrente elettrica in Roma.

Poco dopo aver assunto il Comando Alleato di Roma mi resi
conto che un grande malcontento era diffuso in questa città nei
riguardi dell'attuale sistema di distribuzione della corrente
elettrica.

Iniziai un esame di tutta la situazione con lo scopo di
ascertare se non vi fosse qualche soluzione per giungere ad
un'equa distribuzione della magra quantità di energia elettrica
disponibile.

Risultato di tale esame è il sistema di razionamento che
ci prepariamo ad inaugurare e che, ne sono sicuro, vi sarà stato
assurientemente spiegato.

Le difficoltà tecniche del problema di distribuzione rendono
assolutamente essenziale di poter disporre della cooperazione del
pubblico. Tale effettiva cooperazione non potrà essere raggiunta
se la popolazione non avrà compreso o assimilato il fatto che,
grazie ai tedeschi, le nostre risorse sono tristemente inadeguate.
Disponiamo infatti approssimativamente soltanto del 25% del quan-
titativo necessario per i normali bisogni della città. Ne consegue
quindi in modo lampante che in tali circostanze il consumo della
energia elettrica deve essere proporzionalmente ridotto.

1. La popolazione quindi dovrà essere informata in modo
chiaro e preciso della politica situazionale nella quale ci troviamo.
2. Essa dovrà realizzare che la sua cooperazione è indispensa-
bile. E questo è un eccellente esempio del genere di autodisciplina
e di cooperazione patriottica che è il fondamento del Regime Demo-
cratico.
3. La popolazione dovrà sentire che la Autorità che procedo-
al razionamento sono comprese della sua sfortunata situazione e
realmente si adoperano a risolvere il problema con giustizia e
imparzialità.
4. I cittadini dovranno comprendere che vi sono necessità
militari che devono avere la precedenza su quelle civili. Ma
io voglio che sappiate, e voglio che la popolazione ne sia in-
formata, che io faccio una netta distinzione fra necessità mili-
tari e convenienza militare, e sarò in cura di far sì che la
convenienza militare non sia tenuta in considerazione. A questo

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proposito aggiunge che sto applicando la stessa linea di condotta nei riguardi delle requisizioni di immobili e di automezzi. Purtroppo questa linea di condotta non è stata sempre seguita in passato.

5. Il quinto punto sul quale voglio attirare la vostra attenzione è che l'Autorità che procede al razionamento non è in nessun modo responsabile della riduzione dell'energia elettrica. Responsabile di tale produzione sono le Società Elettriche sotto la sorveglianza del "Allied Control Commission."

E' essenziale che la popolazione conosca e apprezzi queste considerazioni ed è per questo che ho invitato il P.W.B. e la Stampa romana a collaborare con noi. Desideriamo presentare fatti e non promesse e alibi. Vogliamo la collaborazione dei cittadini non egoistiche lamenti e critiche.

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Office of the Chief of Staff

Electricity for Fratebenefratelli
Hospital

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Economic Section for Public Works & Utilities 31 Oct 44
Subcommission

1. Attached hereto is copy of a letter from Mr. P. Lucifero relating the lack of electric power at the above hospital.
2. The Acting Chief Commissioner has replied to this letter undertaking to see that an investigation is carried out and every effort made to put the matter right.
3. Will you please take the necessary action?

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Cy of trans ltr fr Mr. Lucifero

CHG
Chief Staff Officer
to the Chief of Staff

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

Office of the
From: Acting Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Electricity for Fratebenefratelli
Hospital

FILE No. A/CC 014.13

30 October 1944

TO: Chief of Staff Section
(Attention: Captain Oden)

Reference attached correspondence between Minister of the Royal
House and Acting Chief Commissioner. Please follow up Lucifero's
assertion and let me know if anything can be done to restore light to
the hospital.

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J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to A/CC 4533

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ACC 014.13

30 October 1944

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of the 27th expressing the concern of H.M.H. the Lieutenant General of the Realm over the lack of electricity in the Pachebnofratelli Hospital. I will have the matter investigated and do all that I can to have the matter put right.

Yours sincerely,

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HENRY W. STUBBS
Comptroller, U.S.A.
Acting Chief Commissioner

Mr. P. Lucifera
Minister of the Royal House

cc: COS ✓
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TRANSLATION

(from Italian Liaison Section to A/CC)

MINISTRY OF ROYAL HOUSE

Rome, October 27th, 1944

Dear Commodore,

On the occasion of his visit to the Fatebenefratelli Hospital on the Isola Tiberina, H.R.H. the General Lieutenant of the King found that it still without electric power.

This has been learnt by H.R.H. with deeper regret, in as much as the Ospital is also provided with a first-aid post, which is not therefore in a condition to be kept working, due to the lack of good light, chiefly in the most urgent and delicate surgical interventions.

According to H.R.H.'s wish, I therefore call your kind attention on the matter, warmly requesting that, with your usual hearty concern towards the humanitarian needs of the population, you should do every possible thing to have the Hospital supplied with electric power again.

Thanking you in advance for everything you will do, I beg you to receive, dear Commodore, the expression of my friendliest feelings.

Yours truly

sgnd P. Lucifero

Minister of the Royal House

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MINISTRY OF ROYAL HOUSE

Rome, October 27th, 1944

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Yours truly

Synd F. Lucifero

Minister of the Royal House

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30 October 1944

30 Oct Hood

Dear General Brown:

After a long period in which the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was without light, the electricity was reinstated in the Palazzo Chigi on October 12th. This restoration of light was such to the satisfaction of the Ministry, whose work to that date had been severely handicapped; also to the American and British ambassadors, both of whom had made strong representations to have the light restored.

Since October 12th, I have had various complaints from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the light is not functioning satisfactorily, and at first I attributed this to the normal interruption which sometimes occurs for technical reasons in our own headquarters, and probably also in yours. Then, however, it became so constant that I had it investigated and discovered the following:

- (1) On Sunday, October 22, the Palazzo Chigi had light only from 1700 to 1900 hours;
- (2) On Monday, October 23, light from 1700 to 1900 hours;
- (3) On Tuesday, October 24, the light did not come on until 1915 hours;
- (4) On Wednesday, October 25, the light came on at 1800 hours;
- (5) On Thursday, October 26, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had the light on in the morning.

From the above it would appear that the Ministry was experiencing something more than the normal interruptions, and I would be most grateful if you would cause the matter to be investigated. For various reasons, with which I am sure you will agree, I feel that it is wrong for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to receive less-favored treatment than one of our own Allied headquarters.

I would greatly appreciate your kind interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLELY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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Brigadier General Thoburn K. Brown, U.S.A.
Commanding General
Rome Allied Area Command
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cc: C of S Section
Political Section
Economic Section
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18 October 1944

SUBJECT: Electric Power for Currency Production.

19 OCT Recd

TO : Electricity Control Board,
Rome Allied Area Command.

1. References are to the letter of the Finance Sub-Commission 13212/F dated 12 October, 1944, and to your response dated 13 October, 1944, above subject. Copies of both are attached. To the 13212/F letter was attached requests for electricity from three firms. Hereto is attached a similar communication from the Istituto Poligrafico dello Stato.
2. All four agencies are engaged in producing Italian bank notes. This work is considered by the Allied Control Commission to be an "absolute operational necessity".
3. It can be stated that there is imminent a critical shortage of currency in Italy which not only could seriously disarrange the country's financial mechanism but would also hamper the supply of funds to the Allied armies in Italy, needed to pay troops and purchase supplies and services.
4. In view of the situation described above, it is urgently requested that steps be taken to supply the requested electric current without delay.

(Sd) ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE,
Commodore, USNR,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Copy to: Finance Sub-Commission

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16 October 1944

17 OCT Read

My dear Marchese Visconti Venosta:

After all the inconvenience which you have suffered owing to the lack of electricity in your Ministry, I hope the light is functioning well now. Meanwhile, in the belief that it may be of interest to you, I enclose a report submitted to me by the Engineers on the electricity situation at the Palazzo Chigi.

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Yours very truly,

ELMER W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Marchese Giovanni Visconti Venosta
Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government

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cc: C of S Section
Political Section (Mr. Schott)
Economic Section
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REPORT ON ELECTRICITY SITUATION AT THE
PALAZZO CHIGI

"The Palazzo Chigi was formerly supplied by the Romano Power Company but it was impossible to energise this circuit since it would consume approximately 1/40th of the total supply to the City. By connecting to the ACEA Power Company the power wasted was reduced. Owing to a decrease in production during the month of September, however, it was not possible to effect this connection until 12th October.

Since then, disconnections have been necessary when production fails, and this accounts for the interruptions experienced. The essentials such as city water pumps, railroads, telephones, hospitals, cannot be completely without power for a long period, and the Palazzo Chigi circuit may have to be cut off from time to time to save those circuits serving more vital installations.

Should production increase to the capacity that was available during the month of August all preferential service can be maintained continuously."

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ECONOMIC SECTION
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15 October 1944

17 OCT Recd

SUBJECT: Power Service to Ministry of Foreign Affairs

TO : Chief of Staff

1. Reference A/CC 004.04 dated 28 Sep 44.
2. A renewed application to RAAC has resulted in a service being established to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as from 11 Oct 44.

L. D. Densmore

L. D. DENSMORE
Col. Sig. C., USO
Economic Section

*Please info
acting chief comm &
Political Section*

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N/CC 014.13

12 October 1944

My dear Marchese:

My sincere apologies for not replying previously to your letter of September 26, but I had been informed that an explanation of the technical difficulties involved in the restoration of light to your Ministry had been communicated orally to members of your staff.

I am now delighted to hear that your sojourn in darkness is at an end, and I hope that the blaze of light now shining from your windows puts utterly to shame the barber opposite!

Yours very sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marchese Giovanni Visconti Venosta
Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
ROME

cc: Mr. Schott, Political Section
C of S Section
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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
PER GLI AFFARI ESTERI

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ROUGH TRANSLATION

Rome, 27th September 1944.

Dear Admiral,

Allow me to have recourse to your personal attention in a matter regarding which, notwithstanding the interest displayed by Mr. Caccia, and the Electrical Committee of the Allied Control Commission, I have not yet been able to receive favourable results. I refer to the question of the electric light for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Anyone passing by Piazza Colonna after sunset can see the building of the V.M.C.A., the Caffè under the Gallery the barber opposite the Ministry, in a blaze of light, whilst Palazzo Chigi stands out in utter darkness. This causes a certain surprise and varied comments.

On the other hand, I am assured, other Ministries are supplied with electricity. How is it that we are thus singled out, to our detriment? It is true that our work ends before nightfall, but it is also true that every day of the week, except Sundays, I and a group of 25-30 collaborators remain at Palazzo Chigi until 8 p.m. and after.

I am confident, my dear Admiral, that your personal and authoritative intervention will result in our being enabled to carry out our evening work under more comfortable conditions.

Thanking you in advance for your kind interest in the matter,

Believe me, dear Admiral,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ G. VISCONTI VENOSTA

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR.
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.
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Rome, 27th September 1944.

Dear Admiral,

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/s/ G. VISCONTI VINCOSTA

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USN.
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT
APO 394

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10 October 44

10 OCT Recd

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SUBJECT: Failure of Electric Power.

TO : Chief of Staff.

1. With reference to the failure of the electric light throughout Headquarters on Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings, I have to report as follows:

- a. The electric mains and main switches of this building are locked in the sub-basement and are in a room which is continually locked, the key being in possession of the duty electrician.
- b. The above failures took place outside this building on each occasion.
- c. I have asked the Electrical Division of Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission, under whom the two steam producing plants in the City of Rome are operated, to let me have a report for you with reference to these failures. Records of all interruptions are maintained at the main switchboards of the Power Company's plants.

2. The report from the Electrical Division, Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission, will be forwarded as soon as it is received.

R.H. Robertson
R.H. ROBERTSON
Hq. Commandant

Lt. Col.

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

A/CC 004.04

28 September 1944

Subject: Printing press for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

To : Economic Section
(Attention: Colonel Densmore)

1. Copies of correspondence subsequent and relative to your ES/16 of 13 September, are attached: .

a. Letter A/CC 004.04 of 17 Sept to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and

b. their reply, dated 25 September 1944.

2. I find their suggestion a very reasonable one, and clearly the Ministry of Foreign Affairs must have certain printing of a confidential nature.

3. I think we should press RAAC to give them the current as suggested.

4. Will you please take necessary action and keep me informed of the results.

cc: Political Section

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

Rome, 25 September 1944.

Dear Major Quayle,

I have received your letter of September 17th, No. A/CG 004.04 concerning the printing press of this Ministry and I thank you for the interest you have taken in the matter.

Your suggestion that the Ministry should avail itself of the services of one of the private printing concerns at present operating in this city has received careful consideration but I am afraid it will not be possible to follow it.

Apart from the fact that it would save considerable expense if this Ministry could make use of its own printing press, which is on the very premises of the Ministry and is fully equipped and staffed, I wish to point out to you that the greatest part of the work that is done by it is of a confidential nature and therefore cannot be turned over to a private firm.

In fact all diplomatic documents and passports are published by it and, moreover, it is entrusted with the printing of cipher codes and cryptographic material which obviously has to be prepared with the utmost secrecy.

I am wondering therefore if the Rome Area Allied Command could take into favourable consideration the following proposal:

As the printing press would require daily Kw.21 (100 amperes - 220 volts - 3 phase) would it not be possible to reduce the electrical power of the 21 other firms at present in operation of 1 Kw. a day which after all would mean an irrelevant reduction?

Should you find this suggestion of mine a reasonable one would you be so kind as to pass it on to the Rome Allied Area Command with a favourable comment from Admiral Stone?

I do hope that in this way the matter shall be favourably solved as this Ministry sorely needs to be put in a position to avail itself of the printing press even on the reduced scale that the small amount of electric power hereby requested would enable it to function with.

Very sincerely yours,

(Sgi) Visconti Venosta

Major J. A. Quayle, R.A.
Chief Staff Officer
Allied Control Commission.

cc: Political Section

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N/CC 004.04

17 September 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government

With reference to your memorandum of 26 August concerning lack of electric current for printing presses, it is regretted that the Rome Allied Area Command have been unable to comply with the request, the reason being that no new application for printing presses is being considered until the number already in existence have been reduced.

It is suggested that the Ministry endeavors to make use of existing facilities. A list of printing presses now functioning is attached.

Please inform this headquarters if the Ministry finds that it is unable to make use of any of the firms listed.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Chief Staff Officer

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cc: Political Section

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PRINTING PREMISES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>
1) Lavoro Fascista Printing	Via Gino Capponi, 43	Pref.
2) Popolo di Roma Printing	" 4 Novembre	"
3) URSIA Printing	" 4 Novembre	"
4) IGAP Printing	" D'Ara Ceoli, 13	"
5) Tussietelli Printing	" D'Universita 38	"
6) Canella Printing	Piazza Collegio Romano, 1	"
7) Dello Stato Printing	V. Gino Capponi, 43	"
8) A.T.E.D. Printing		Nights
9) Casery Romano Printing	V. Michelen, 22	"
10) Margherita Printers	" Sallustiana	Pref.
11) Printing House	" Bocina, 45	"
12) Staderini Brothers	" Crenenzio 2 (G-2 AFHQ)	Nights
13) D'Arioni Printers	" Del Porto	Pref.
14) Tipografia	Corso Umberto, 433	Nights
15) Il Quotidiano	V. Grottino (Vatican)	"
16) Regionale Printers	" C. Cattaneo, 20	"
17) Mengarelli Printers	" Cassiodoro, 1	"
18) Velograf Printing	" Regio E, 111a, 34 (Vatican)	"
19) Printing House	" Ostiense, 75 (AFG)	Pref.
20) Failli Printers	" Tuscolana, 128	"
21) Centenari Printing	" Del Colosseo, 22-30	"

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13 September 1944

SUBJECT: Electric Power for Printing Presses
of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner

1. Reference is made to letter A/CC 004.04, dated 30 Aug 44.
2. The Electrical Power Committee of R.A.A.C. has denied the request for the following reasons:

"No new application for printing presses are being considered until the number already in existence has been reduced."

The Committee suggest that use be made of existing facilities. A list of printing presses is attached.

3. If the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is unable to make use of any of the firms listed, the application for electric current will be re-submitted to the R.A.A.C. Electrical Power Committee if you so desire.

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

MEMORANDUM

The printing presses of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs are unable to function for lack of electric current.

The electric powder is furnished by the Società A.G.E.A. (200 volts, 30'0 ampère).

Electricity should be supplied, if possible, every day from 6.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

Should it not possible to supply electricity regularly it would at least be necessary to place at the disposal of the Ministry, three times a week and over a period following specific_ations:

30 ampère - 220 volts - three phase current.

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Rome, 26th August 1944

