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EMERGENCY HOUSING
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Note Ref 28 - spoke team who will see about

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CSO See 31 for policy on disposal of surplus barometers etc

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TO: Chief of Staff.

1. The emergency housing problem is hanging fire. One of the most important points is whether the materials from damaged houses can be used to repair other houses. This point is mentioned in para 4, a letter of Public Works and Utilities Sub Commission on folio 17 and article 4 of the proposed decree deals with this (in folio 2).

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6th October, 1944

[Signature]
Major,
Office of Chief of Staff.

Acting Chief Commissioner.

Draft submitted in accordance with the above minutes.

6th October 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Economic Section

Ref. 10/5108/3 & 5

8 January 1946
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SUBJECT : Disposals of Surplus Barracks and Building Materials

TO : Ministry Transport
Attention: Engineer Valerio, Director
Azienda Rilievo Alleanza Residerato

31.

1. Reference is made to attached AFM memorandum on the subject of disposals of surplus barracks and building materials.

2. Your attention is directed to paragraph 4 of subject memorandum which requests the Italian Government to appoint sub-agents to facilitate the transfer of certain surplus fixed assets.

3. This Headquarters transmits this memorandum to your office in the expectation that the action requested in paragraph 4 will be accomplished.

(Signed)

CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, MC
Chief, Supply Group

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Colonel, MC
Chief, Supply Group

cc: Executive Commissioner
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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SUBJECT: Disposals of Surplus Barracks and Building Materials.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

See 33

Reference your 7.05/RS dated 7 Nov 45 forwarding copy of a letter from Professor PAMPI dated 19 Oct 45.

1. Surplus serviceable fixed assets of United States origin are disposed of through the Foreign Liquidation Commission, who has offices in Rome. The Commission has instructions to dispose of such facilities to UNRRA as the first priority and to the Italian Government if UNRRA has no need thereof. The OFIC deals directly with the Director of the Supply Service of the Italian State Railways as the purchasing agency for the Italian Government for U.S. surplus property. The Director of the Supply Service of the Italian Railways will be placed on the list of bidders by the salvage officer of Peninsular Base Section when unserviceable fixed assets, the value of which make it desirable to have them sold by the military rather than by OFIC, are to be disposed of.

2. The official British instructions have just been received; in accordance with these instructions UNRRA must be allowed the first refusal of any surplus fixed asset likely to be of use to that organization and thereafter all surplus British fixed assets are to be turned over to the Italian Government.

3. There will be no immediate payment involved in respect of these transfers, but the British Authorities will record the value of each transfer for settlement between the British and Italian Governments at some future date.

4. It is noted that the Italian Government have appointed the Director of the Supply Service of the Italian State Railways as their agent for the acceptance of surplus fixed assets. As these assets will arise over the whole of ITALY, it would greatly facilitate disposal as and when fixed assets become surplus to British requirements, if the Italian Government could appoint sub-agents in all major towns throughout the country with whom transfer could be effected direct.

5. It should be noted that consequent on the receipt of the official British policy, this R. letter 6752/3(Maint) dated 25 Aug 45 should be regarded as cancelled; new instructions will be issued in due course.

A. C. HUFF,
Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

See M. 32

7 Dec 45.

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Letter from Professor LARGI dated 19 Oct 45.

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A. C. RUFF,
Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

See No. 32

7 Dec 45.

Copy to:- G-4 MTOUSA.
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Ref. 7.03/35

4 November 1945

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SUBJECT : Emergency Disposal of Surplus Barracks and Building Materials

TO : Chief Administrative Officer
Allied Force Headquarters
APC 512

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1. I enclose a letter from the Prime Minister requesting assistance in procuring wooden barracks or similar structures which may be disposed of by Allied agencies. My reply is also enclosed.

2. The need for such materials is readily agreed. The Italian concern is that, under pressure of time, many of these may be disposed of to private speculators. Another concern is the possible delay in disposals.

3. It is therefore recommended that a directive be issued from your Headquarters to all disposal agencies enjoining them to promptly notify and dispose to the Italian Government any disposable wooden or frame structures. Notifications of availability should be telephoned or mailed to the:

Engineer G. B. Solari
Director of Supply Service of Italian State Railways
c/o Ministry of Transport
Piazza Croce Rossa
Rome

Telephone - 863881, extension 9355

4. It would appear that the Allied agencies concerned would include:

Office of Army - Navy Liquidation Commission
Chief Disposals Officer in Italy (British)
General Officers in Command:
#2 District
#3 District
Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section

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(Sgd) MERRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Enclosures:
/ Letter from Professor Parri, 19 October 1945
/ Answer to referred letter, November 1945

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

Rome, 19 October 1945

Dear Admiral,

Because of the incoming winter, I must draw your attention on a problem which is getting more and more serious.

As you know, because of the large number of houses that have been destroyed, the Government is faced with the difficult task of finding temporary accommodation for the persons who find themselves without a roof. I think that the tragical situation in which these people will find themselves because of the rigours of winter could be relieved by putting wooden barracks or some kind of similar constructions at their disposal. As such materials are likely to be found among Allied and ex German surplus materials, I want to ask for your kind intervention with the military authorities to have all the barracks not needed by the army put at the disposal of the supply office of the Ferrovie dello Stato, or at the direct disposal of the civilian administrations. The payment of the lot could follow the usual procedure established for surplus. I shall also be most grateful if, considering the urgency of the case, you intervene without delay and ask for the delivery to take place as soon as possible.

Trusting in your kind interest for our population, I remain,

Yours very truly,

(s) Parrucolo Ferri

Admiral Hilary E. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Ref. 7.03/ES

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 19 October 1945, drawing attention to the important need of the Italian government to acquire wooden barracks and similar structures which may become surplus to Allied needs. The urgency of the need is fully appreciated by me.

Your letter will be forwarded with my endorsement, to the Supreme Allied Commander for his consideration and any action which he may desire to take.

In the meantime, I trust that the arrangements recently made at this Headquarters between the Ministers of Reconstruction and Transport and the Peninsular Base Section for direct contact on disposals of camps and other scrap and salvage from United States sources are working effectively.

I shall inform you of any progress to further your objective to acquire the materials you desire.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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Yours very truly,

S. Ferruccio Parri.

Admiral Ellery S. Stone
Chief of Mission

Letter prepared & will
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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12 October 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In my letter of the 16th of September I made various suggestions on the decree which your Government was considering in order to deal with the very urgent problem of emergency housing. I understand that this decree has not yet been published.

I would like to tell you again of my great interest in the action contemplated by your Government in establishing regional building bodies to deal with this reconstruction work and to re-emphasize that the full cooperation of this Commission is available to you for a solution of this pressing problem.

I shall appreciate hearing from you of the progress being made.

Yours very truly,

ELBERT W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CMF
Office of the Chief of Staff

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10th October, 1944

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ELLERY W. STONE,
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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President of the Council of Ministers
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

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DRAFT.HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner.
*****Ref: 5405/20/C03.6th October 1944.

My dear Prime Minister:

In my letter of 15th September I made various suggestions on the decrees which your Government was considering in order to deal with the very urgent problem of emergency housing. *Dunkel and Dahn* that decree has not yet been published. Many thousands of Italians are homeless. The winter is upon us and there will be widespread suffering. This suffering can be alleviated only if your Government take immediate steps to expedite reconstruction. The Italian and Allied press have already drawn attention to this matter.

I would like to emphasise once more that the full cooperation of this Commission is available to you for the solution of this pressing problem.

I should be glad to hear from you of the progress being made.

WILSON W. STONE,
Captain, RSC
Acting Chief Commissioner.

*I am sorry but
this is too summary.
Suggest redraft along
lines of my letter of 25 Sep*
P. M. IANNO, Head,
President of the Council of Ministers,
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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2 October 1944

SUBJECT: Emergency Housing

4 OCT Recd

TO : The Acting Chief Commissioner

1. In line with recent conversation with the Acting Chief Commissioner relative to the above subject, there is submitted

- (a) Letter ACC/176/PWU, 23 September
- (b) Letter from Minister of Public Works, 27 Sep
- (c) Memo ACC/176/PWU, 30 September.

2. From the attached it will be seen that the independent emergency housing project being carried on with the Minister of Public Works at the instigation of Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission only had reference to some 560 apartments. As pointed out in the memorandum of 30 September, this is only a drop in the bucket.

3. It would appear that relief can be afforded by an aggressive program for repairing damaged houses. It is felt that the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission has done about all that they can do in order to get the Government to take active steps in this matter. With this background and information in the Acting Chief Commissioner's file with reference to the proposed emergency housing decree, it is suggested that if this matter was mentioned to Prime Minister Benami, he might be able to get his government to become more aggressive.

For the Acting Section Head:

L. D. DeShore

L. D. DESHORE
Col, Sig C, GSC
Economic Section

Incl a, b, c, above.

cc: Pub Wks & Util S/C

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

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30 September 1944

ACC/176/PWU

4 OCT Recd

Subject: Memorandum of Housing.

To : Col. L.D. Densmore, Chief of Staff. ~~Officer.~~
Economic Section.

1. Reference conversation regarding progress of new house construction.

2. The projects mentioned in my letter ACC/176/PWU of 28 September 44 provide for approx. 560 apartments. This work has been approved by this Sub-Commission and instructions given to the Ministry of Public Works to proceed.

3. It is felt however that, in spite of the cost, such schemes are only scratching the surface of the housing problem and whatever propaganda value they may have, the problem must be tackled along other and more widespread lines.

4. The first and greatest contribution must be the immediate passing of the decree clarifying the position of owners of damaged property.

5. Until this is done there will be no general effort on the part of the local authorities who are the only people who can solve this problem on a national scale.

6. Damaged houses can be divided into three categories:

- (a) Slight damage, easily repairable.
- (b) Heavy damage, but structurally sound.
- (c) Structurally unsound.

7. The following points have been clearly emphasized to the Ministry of Public Works. Every effort must be made and assistance given to local authorities to repair type (a) at once.

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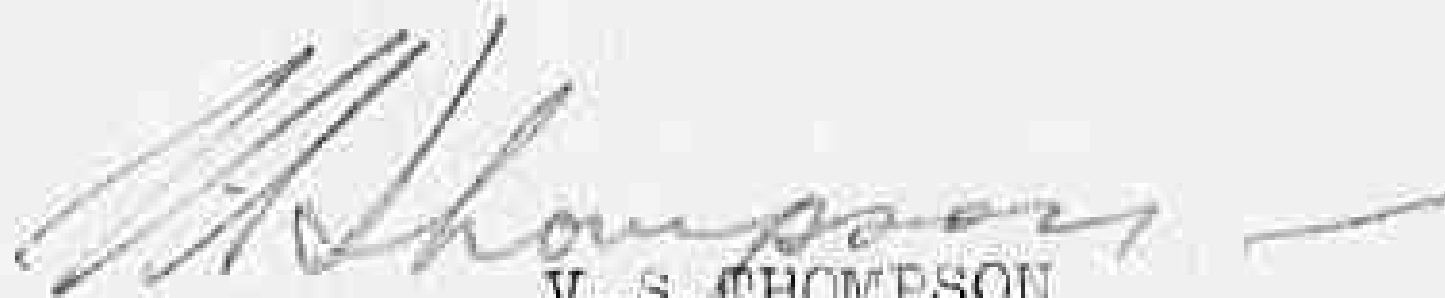
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followed of course by type (b). Type (c) should be wrecked and the materials cleaned and stored under Genio Civile direction for use on types (a) and (b).

8. Once the legal position of the owners is assured the writer is firmly of the opinion that good progress can be made using local materials, not the least of which is the personality of the Sindaco strengthened by the local Genio Civile.

9. In conclusion, no new houses should be built until ALL possible repairs are at least well under way in the neighbourhood.



V.S. THOMPSON
Lt. Col. R.C.E.
Chief, Public Wks. Div.

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

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28 September 1944

ACC/176/PWU

Subject: Civilian Housing.

4 OCT Recd

To : V.P., Economic Section.

1. The Ministry of Public Works, acting on instructions, has recently prepared estimates for the building of small groups of new houses in the following communes:

	No. of Rooms	Cost in Millions of lire
Cassino	200	26.6
Valmontone	85	13.9
Genzano	35	4.9
Frascati	70	10.8
Lanuvio	35	4.9
Tivoli	55	8.2
Velletri	105	16.2
Terracina	232	28.0
Montesecco di Gaeta	224	27.0
	1041	140.5

2. The average size of the rooms in these houses is 4.6 x 4.5 m. and the average price for all the projects works out at L. 135,000 per room. In consideration of the fact that these prices exclude plumbing, wiring, water and streets, and that the houses are of necessity of the simplest possible construction, these prices are outrageous.

3. I have therefore referred the matter to the Minister of Public Works and his reply is attached hereto.

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4. In consideration of this reply and to prevent the obvious repercussions if this urgent work is delayed further, I have approved the projects, but I must place on record in the strongest terms that there is no justification, in my opinion, for the prices asked.

5. The total number of people sheltered when these plans are completed will be 5725, on the basis of 51 persons to a room, at a total cost of L. 140,500,000. Final figures for the whole of Italy stagger the imagination.



V.S. THOMPSON
Lt. Col. R.C.E.
Chief, Public Wks. Div.

Copy to:

Lt. Col. Jenny
His Excellency the Minister of Public Works.

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Il Ministro
dei Lavori Pubblici

Rome, 27 Sept. 44

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To: Lt.Col. Thompson
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
Allied Control Commission
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In accordance with your suggestion personally greatly appreciated by me and for which I thank you, I have submitted the prices for the construction of the small economical houses in the six comunes in Rome Province for examination to a Committee of five senior Engineers of the Genio Civile.

This Committee, after an accurate examination has presented me with a report. of which I am forwarding a copy, that confirms the admission of the estimated prices, prepared by the office of the Genio Civile of Rome.

I am accepting therefore the opinion of the Committee, and I deem that the projects may be approved keeping in mind the urgent necessity of a prompt initiation of the works.

(Sgd) C. Mancini

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25 September 1944

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My dear Primo Minister:

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In further reference to my letter of 16 September 1944, may I express my continued interest in the action contemplated by your Government in establishing regional building bodies for the most urgent repairs and construction works. Full facilities of our Commission are available to you in expediting this vitally needed program for emergency shelter.

Your advice on the progress being made will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USAF
Acting Chief Commissioner

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

cc: Economic Section
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16 September 1944

My dear Prime Minister:

Reference is made to memorandum 1/285 for the Political Section ACC dated 19 August 1944 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and "Rough Translation" of a proposed legislative decree, which was attached to the memorandum, on the constitution of regional building bodies for the most urgent repairs and construction works, and also to a recent conversation with you relating to the subject matter.

The Commission is in thorough accord with the need for initiating as rapidly as possible a series of shelter projects before the onset of winter. In fact, it has been engaged for some time in assisting your Government along these lines.

In general we are in agreement with the provisions of the proposed Legislative Decree subject, however, to the following:

ARTICLE I

From the language in the second sentence of this Article and from our conversation it appears that you intend to use the competent technical services of Genio Civile but the present wording is open to misinterpretation. This sentence could be made more definite and precise in outlining the structure of the regional building bodies.

ARTICLE II

From the description of the functions of the regional building bodies it would appear that many administrative and operative conflicts would develop. It is desirable to change the regional building bodies from Operative to Advisory Bodies. The Genio Civile is fully organized in every province and is prepared to function immediately. Their engineering skill and thorough knowledge of local conditions would be invaluable in completing plans, executing contracts and supervising production. The work already done over a period of several months by the Genio Civile working in cooperation with our Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission in making plans and surveys for this vitally needed reconstruction should be utilized to the fullest extent in eliminating duplication of effort and the attendant wastage of time and resources. Since the creation of an Advisory Body is unusual in Italian practice, the decree should expressly provide that in addition to the normal legal safeguards the members of the Advisory Body should not receive salaries by virtue of their membership in the body and no member of such a body can have a monetary or material interest in a contract awarded under this decree.

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ARTICLE III

The effect and purpose of this Article could be incorporated into the provisions of Article II.

ARTICLE IV

No provision is made to require that in effecting repairs and reconstructions every caution should be exercised in using only non-critical materials to minimize in so far as possible the impact on the price structure by the disbursement of one milliard lire within a short period. An amendment is recommended to provide every safeguard in relation to the present position of currency circulation and prices.

The proposed decree appears to depart from the normal procedures established by Italian law and the terms of the Armistice governing the acquisition and requisition of materials, the making of contracts and expenditure of funds. Section 1 of this Article fails to set any limit on what salvage materials, etc., can be used and how acquired. It is recommended that an amendment should be provided here that no materials, etc., etc., required for the War effort may be so employed.

The same observation applies to Article II. It is also pertinent to observe here that the same competence to make this judgment should be employed as in all other cases of requisition.

Section 1 also provides that statements and inventories must be drawn up "whenever possible". Does this comply with the normal requirements of Italian law? If it does not comply, is there a justification for such a departure?

ARTICLE V

Section 3 of this Article provides that whenever owners fail to request such permit to effect repairs or reconstructions "within the prescribed time" action may be taken to effect them. I have been unable to discover what the prescribed time is. It would be advisable to establish a definite time limitation.

ARTICLE VI

The first sentence of Article VI relieves the contracting body from the obligation of following the normal regulations of Italian law on State Expenditures. Experience has shown that adherence to the normal regulations does not impede operations relative to the Armed Services or road repairs. Is it necessary that these contracts should be exempted from normal regulations of law?

The fourth sentence of Article VI exempts instruments and contracts from dues and taxes, even land taxes. No reason is perceived why these exemptions should be granted in relation to land taxes.

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ARTICLE VII

Coordinating activity by the President of the Council of Ministers should be most helpful in stimulating action.

ARTICLE VIII

The provisions of this Article should be effectively incorporated into revised Article II.

ARTICLE IX

One milliard lire is appropriated under this Article as an amendment to the budget of the Ministry of Public Works. The authority to make disbursements appears to have been placed in the Regional Bodies. This would be contrary to the present Italian legal and accounting systems. This difficulty can be eliminated however, if the recommendations relating to Article II are carried out since the regional building bodies will be Advisory and the contrasting and the disbursing authority will be the Genio Civile. Since progress payments will be necessary under this reconstruction program it would be advisable to adopt the procedure already perfected under RDL 72 (7 March 1944) requiring that the allocation of funds from such appropriations must be made by agreement between the Ministry of Public Works and the Ministry of Treasury. It is thought that the Article VI could be deleted if the above suggestions are incorporated into the decree.

ARTICLE X

The provision of this Article is quite acceptable and conforms to normal procedure.

Pending the ultimate determination of this matter and to expedite the work now in progress under the studies and plans completed by the Genio Civile in conjunction with our Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, it is suggested that this program be permitted to continue.

It is evident from this letter that the problem of preparing an effective decree is sufficiently technical to require considerable detailed work. Realizing the many demands upon your time I would suggest that you refer whoever is charged with the responsibility from your Government for this project to the Economic Section of the Commission where he may consult readily with all officials who have an interest in the speedy completion of this worthy project. You have my assurance that we shall devote our best energies toward achieving an effective shelter program.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain (USNR)
Acting Chief Commissioner

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

cc: Admin. Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Economic Section
APO 394

ES/7

7 September 1944

SUBJECT: Legislative Decree on Constitution of Regional
Building Bodies for The Most Urgent Repairs and
Construction Work.

TO : To Acting Chief Commissioner

1. A full analysis of the subject decree has been made by members of the Sub-Commissions concerned in the Economic and Administrative Sections. A Conference Committee met with the Executive Director, Economic Section this morning. These representatives were in unanimous agreement that the decree is loosely drawn and will fail to implement the vitally needed repair and reconstruction program it advocates.
2. The faulty composition of the present decree points to:
 - a) the granting of administrative and operative functions to the proposed Regional Building Bodies which should be purely advisory;
 - b) inadequate controls for the allocation of money and materials on projects selected for repair or rebuilding;
 - c) the creation of an additional organization performing functions similar to an existing unit within the Ministry of Public Works;
 - d) the time-lags that would accompany the effective staffing of such Regional Building Bodies.
3. Constructive suggestions made by various members of the Sub-Commissions will be synchronized into a more practical program for initiating promptly a repair and reconstruction program.
4. It is recommended therefore, that S.E. Bonomi,

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Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, be informed in the interim (a) that the legislative decree in its present form is not approved and (b) that a proposal is now being prepared to meet the requirements of minimum time and maximum results.

5. Substitute proposals subject to your final approval are scheduled for submission to your office by Tuesday, 12 September 1944.

/s/ A. G. ANTOLINI
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Executive Director,
Economic Section.

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Vice President,
Economic Section.

1. Attached is copy of reference slip dated 21 Aug 44, plus enclosures there to.
2. It is requested that this matter be considered a "priority job".

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Date: 22 Aug 1960

Via: Memo.

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Legislative Decree on Constitution of
Regional Building Bodies for the Most
Urgent Repairs & Construction Works.

21 Aug

Economic Section

1. Reference is made to attached memorandum 1/285 of 19 Aug 60 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and translation of proposed legislative decree on the constitution of regional building bodies for the most urgent repairs and construction works.

2. For appropriate action and coordination with Administrative Section.

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Ministero degli
Affari Esteri.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION

The Council of Ministers has approved the enclosed Legislative Decree, which aims at stimulating all activity directed to effect the most urgent building repairs, in order to meet the distressing conditions of thousands living in localities ravaged by the war. It is a question affecting thousands of homeless and thousands who are reduced to living in emergency shelters and huts and their situation with the winter approaching is likely to become much worse.

The Decree does not contemplate vast rebuilding schemes. It merely tends to provide, utilizing the already short useful season, for repairs of the premises less damaged and for the construction of refuge-homes, of an economical type and of rapid construction, for the building of which it is possible to use local materials and resources.

In order to attain the above aims, the Decree contemplates the creation of Regional Building Bodies which, with their local knowledge will be able to decide the needs of each locality and act rapidly and accordingly. The Regional Bodies do not eliminate private initiative nor that of other local institutions, such for instances, as Communes and Provinces. On the contrary, the Regional Bodies rely vastly on their spirit of enterprise and encourage and assist private owners who intend to effect directly the work of repairs and reconstruction granting them, under certain conditions, financial aid, which will be accounted for in the final liquidation for war damages. Whenever private initiative is lacking or is insufficient the Regional Bodies will then intervene either directly or through tenders.

The Regional Bodies may dispose of the materials and scrap found in the ruined buildings, may proceed to the requisition of working means, may let to the homeless the premises which have been repaired by the Regional Bodies owing to the inertia of the owner.

For these purposes an allocation of One milliard lire is included in the Budget of the Ministry for Public Works. This sum, given the enormous amount of work to be carried out, the cost of materials and labour, represents the strictly indispensable to meet the most urgent needs.

The success of the undertaking, however, depends entirely on the possibility of disposing of a sufficient quantity of fuel, which the Italian Authorities lack completely. The transportation question is at the root of every vital problem.

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It is hoped that the Allies will facilitate the solution, heretofore rapidly outlined, of the all-engrossing question of housing the needy who have been sorely tried and ruined by the war. If this work were not to be carried out before the winter, specially in regions that are practically destroyed, there would be great risk of epidemics and other dangers amongst the homeless.

Should the Allied see their way to accede to this urgent request, Italy will give ample proof of her determination to work seriously and efficiently towards the solution of her problems.

Rome, 19 August 1944.

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ROUGH TRANSLATION

LEGISLATIVE DECREE ON THE CONSTITUTION OF REGIONAL BUILDING BODIES FOR THE MOST URGENT REPAIRS AND RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

Article 1. - The President of the Council of Ministers may create by Decree, and under his control, Regional Building Bodies for the most urgent repairs and reconstruction work.

The Boards of these Bodies are presided by a High Official of the Civil Engineers and will be composed of expert and administrative officials belonging both to State and Public Bodies engaged on building works.

Article 2. - The task of these Regional Building Bodies will be to effect in the shortest possible time and with the most possible rapid procedure, repairs and build shelters, even temporary, for the homeless.

To this effect, these Bodies have the power to:

1. - examine the sites and prepare the necessary plans;
2. - declare as urgent and not to be postponed, repairs and reconstructions necessary for winter shelters;
3. - facilitate to private individuals the work of immediate repairs and reconstructions of their own buildings;
4. - provide, either by tender or directly, whenever necessary, for the repair or reconstruction of damaged or ruined buildings, as well as for the building of refuge-houses of an economical type and of rapid construction.
5. - collect material and working means and eventually effect their distribution amongst the interested parties, the better to attain the aims contemplated by the present decree.
6. - promote and, if necessary, manage activities and industrial production of building materials and subsidiary means of production for purposes of repairs and reconstruction.

Article 3. - The Regional Building Bodies will coordinate the activities of the Provinces, Communes and other Bodies and all local initiatives that are capable of assisting the various bodies in their task.

Article 4. - In order to attain their aims, the Regional Building Bodies have the power to:

1. - dispose of the materials, plants or fragments in public areas or existing in damaged or ruined private premises. Whenever possible, proper statements and inventories must, in these cases, be drawn up in respect of the interested parties for future settlement.

2. - requisition, following the rules and criteria employed in requisitions for war purposes, materials and working means belonging to third parties, insofar as they are necessary for urgent repairs and

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Article 5. - In order to concentrate every effort, materials and means for the supply of urgent shelters for the homeless:

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1. - The Regional Building Bodies have the power to prevent private persons from effecting repairs and reconstructions not connected with the above aim;

2. - Owners may apply for permit to effect to their own premises urgent and not to be postponed repairs and reconstructions under the rules and regulations of the Regional Bodies. In such cases owners may be granted assistance and financial aid up to 50 per cent of the total cost, subject however to revision, in due course, in proportion to the eventual indemnity for war damages;

3. - Whenever owners fail to request such permit or to effect repairs or reconstructions within the prescribed time, and whenever the Regional Building Bodies deem it necessary in order to reach their aim, they may forthwith effect the necessary work in respect of private premises either directly or by tender, being thereafter free to dispose of the rebuilt premises to the actually homeless, subject, however, to define in due course their legal status towards the owners (whether tenants, etc.) and the relative indemnity payable to the owner.

Article 6. - The Regional Building Bodies may sign contracts with private concerns and with cooperative societies and may entrust the work to tenders without obligation to follow the regulations contemplated by the Law on State Expenditure.

The approval of plans and contracts, after the Board will have given its favourable consent, becomes definite when signed by the President of the Regional Body.

Officials of the Council of State, of the Treasury and the Solicitor General's Office may be called to serve on the Board for purposes of control.

All instruments and contracts relating to the building works contemplated by the present decree are exempt from duty and registration stamps, mortgage stamps, dues on Government concessions and land taxes.

Article 7. - The President of the Council of Ministers will undertake the coordination of the Regional Building Bodies through an inter-ministerial committee and a special office under his control.

Article 8. - In order to carry out their tasks the Regional Building Bodies will employ personnel of the Civil Engineers and para-statal Institutions connected with constructional works, as well as personnel recruited for special tasks.

Article 9. - In order to give force to the present decree a first allocation of One milliard lire is included in the estimated budget for the current financial year of the Ministry of Public Works. This fund will be placed at the disposal of the Regional Bodies through credit orders based on the general requirements submitted by the said Regional Bodies with the approval of the President of the Council of Ministers.

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