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CSO 1. I spoke to e. Webster ref. to f. 1.

He says it is part of the matters being discussed in the conference at VG. He will keep me informed of results.

2. Econ. Sec. will reply to the PM's letter see Folio 4.

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COPYTRANSLATION

THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Rome, 12 June 1946.

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Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
 Chief Commissioner
 Allied Commission
 Rome.

With reference to your letter of 10 June, ES/1.47/0, I wish to thank you sincerely for your kind communications regarding the problems of accommodation and of lack of work in Venezia Giulia and to assure you of my appreciation for the job AMG XIII Corps is doing in said territory in order to solve these serious problems. Besides, I want to confirm herewith that this Ministry is always ready to give any technical or financial collaboration that might be requested.

I am sure that my feelings of gratefulness and appreciation are shared by the whole Italian people which watches with affection and anxiety the vicissitudes of the Italians of Venezia Giulia.

Believe me, dear Admiral,

very respectfully yours,

/s/ Leone Cattani

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Ref: ES/1.17/0

1/10 June 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Further reference is made to your letter dated 13 April on the matter of housing in Venezia Giulia.

The problem has been carefully considered by XIII Corps, Allied Military Government, and surveys have been started by them on the question of providing additional housing for the territory. The Labor and Public Works Divisions are now engaged in locating the number of skilled laborers available for this type of construction. When this figure is determined the Public Works Division of the Allied Military Government, XIII Corps, is prepared to let contracts for the housing projects that can be built and the Finance Division has expressed its readiness to finance the projects without any difficulty. As a result, they expect to employ as many skilled laborers as are available in the Venezia Giulia area in order that the maximum number of unskilled workers can be given employment. The importation of skilled laborers from other parts of Italy, in order to increase the employment of unskilled laborers, will be considered only if absolutely necessary. Allied Military Government, XIII Corps, has decided, therefore, that everything possible is being done to provide employment in the housing field at the present time.

The construction of the proposed autostrada between Trieste and Tervise, which has been under recent discussion between the Ministry of Public Works and Allied Military Government, XIII Corps, and now under consideration by Allied Force Headquarters, would provide an additional source of employment for unskilled workers in the areas adjacent to the road project.

Yours very truly,

[s] Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Allied Military Government, XIII Corps

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

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24 April 1946.

My dear Minister,

With reference to your letter dated 16 April 1946 confirming our conversation relative to your Government's recommendations for relief of unemployment and the housing situation in Venezia Giulia, the matter has been referred to the 13th Corps, Allied Military Government, for consideration.

I will advise you as to the Allied Military Authorities' views on your proposal for implementing the present works' program as soon as a reply is received from that Headquarters.

Very truly yours,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

Avv. Leone Cattani
Minister of Public Works
Italian Government
Rome

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24 April 1946.

APR 24 1946

My dear Prime Minister,

With reference to your letter dated 13 April 1946 and subsequent discussion with Minister Cattani, I wish to inform you that the matter of your Government's offer of assistance in the relief of unemployment and the housing situation in Venezia Giulia has been presented to the 13th Corps, Allied Military Government, for consideration and recommendations.

As soon as information is received from Allied Military Authorities in Venezia Giulia, you will be advised as to the possibility of carrying out a plan placing in effect your Government's recommendations to implement the Allied Military Government's works program in that area.

Very truly yours,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

Doctor Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
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IL MINISTERO DEI LAVORI PUBBLICI

Rome, 16 April 1946.

APR 17 1946

Referring to the conversation which I had the pleasure to have with you today, concerning the problem of disoccupation, and also about the housing for the homeless in the city of Trieste and in the Venezia Giulia, I beg to confirm the following:

1. The Minister of Public Works, who knows and appreciates the work done by the Allied Military Government in the Venezia Giulia, is convinced that he can offer useful collaboration for the construction of workmen's houses in the city of Trieste and of Monfalcone, for which he has already made ready plans and finance.
2. This Minister of Public Works is willing to provide immediately, upon the starting of the building of at least 1,000 apartments with about 3,000 rooms, to distribute to the most urgent cases of the two a/m centres, according to the plans already prepared and approved by the Istituto Autonomo per le Case Popolari della Provincia di Trieste, or according to plans of houses, type prearranged by this Ministry and which would be immediately sent to the Ufficio of the Genio Civile of Trieste.
3. For the necessary expenditure for the said constructions, this Ministry will provide immediately and directly.
4. If this programme meets with the approval of the A.M.G. this Ministry will arrange to begin work during the beginning of May, with the permission and control of the A.M.G.
5. This Ministry of Public Works states to be ready to engage in understandings with the A.M.G. a more vast programme of public works, should this be under the direction of your A.G., the same as took place in the Province of Udine after negotiations of the 21 Jan 46 with Lt. Col. R.E. Bright M.R.S.
6. Should none of the proposals be acceptable at the moment, I beg you in any case to give to the discussions of this afternoon, a tone of cordial collaboration, and of comprehension of the troubled situation of the region of Trieste, where there are actually 20,000 unemployed registered at the Office of Works, and to which there will be added another 15,000 unemployed during the next few weeks. The problem of housing is also particularly grave, owing to the destruction by war events, to the requisitions, and to the afflux of refugees from the zone "B".

Grateful for your kind reception and for what I am sure you will wish to do for the advantage of the population of the Venezia Giulia. With cordial salutations,

Yours

/s/ Leone Cattani

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IL PRESIDENTE
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Rome, 13 April 1946.

No. 004030

APR 16 1946

Dear Brigadier General,

I am informed that the A.M.G. of the Venezia Giulia, by your orders, has extended to the Region A/ the unblocking of the dismissal of the workmen.

The order is in force since 10th April 1946.

I am troubled on account of the consequences of these dismissals which will have on the economical situation which is already very serious for the working-class of the Giuliana. I beg you to interest the G.M.A. of the Venezia Giulia, so that a programme of public works be established, which would partly absorb the dismissed workers.

I must inform you that I am aware that the Comune of Trieste has obtained a loan of 500 millions of Lire from a Syndicate of financial institutions, for public works, and I call your attention upon the expediency for the G.M.A. to immediately initiate these works.

I shall be most grateful if you will oblige.

Yours Cordially

/s/ De Gasperi

To : Brigadier General W.S. LUSH
Allied Commission
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