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For my pleasure as far as 567 in reply to my inquiry in
file 68 the case referred to is in file 567.

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TO: A/Ex. Commr.

To see folio 54 in reply to Chief Commissioner's inquiry at folio 52.
The original copy has been passed to the Chief Commissioner.

7 Apr 45.

J.C.R.
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In reply to query in min 59 please see folio 62

AW 19/12/45 — P/C 24/7/46
See. file 62
Noted J

C50:

- 1) To see folios ~~47~~ 48 and 52. Folio 47 also refers.
- 2) Somehow the figure of 500 lories increased to 15,000 over a month's time.
- 3) I suggest that the Italian Government be informed that Count Carandini can do nothing further to bring about final negotiations (see folio 61).

16 Mar 45

✓ See (66) *JPS* Major

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C.S.O. *Per Folio 46:*

1. Regarding the 1000 G.T. Company, Transportation S/C, in its February Monthly Report, states:

Two Platoons and Hqs. at SAN GIOVANNI, employed on forward haul ANCONA-FORLI.

Two platoons at POTENZA-PICENA, employed on wheat lift in MACERATA Province for rail southwards.

2. It is a question of whether this need is more urgent or of military government necessity than that for which EMILIA Region requests its use.

3. Either this should be questioned further, or R.C. of EMILIA should be informed of its non-availability.

4. Discussed this with Col. Bowman, who agrees to the *JPS* decision of 5 m. later. for the time being.

49 March 1945.

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49 m. later. M. Sec 48 for Major Kwick
information - then pass

50 24/3

S.O.C.C.C. To see this file for info. *JPS* 154.

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C.S.O. *Per Town 46:*

1. Regarding the 1000 G.T. Company, Transportation S/C, in its February Monthly Report, states:

Two Platoons and Hqs. at SAN GIOVANNI, employed on forward haul ANCONA-FORLI.
Two platoons at POTENZA-PICENZA, employed on wheat lift in MACERATA Province for rail southwards.

2. It is a question of whether this need is more urgent or of military government necessity than that for which EMILIA Region requests its use.

3. Either this should be questioned further, or R.C. of EMILIA should be informed of its non-availability.

4. Discussed this with Col. Bowman, who agrees to the decision of E.C. for the time being.

19 March 1945.

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Major.

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Major Kwick

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S.O.C.C. To see this file for info. 24/3

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Major Kwick

48 Notes. Thanks.

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CSO: Folio 38 answers COS' queries in his memo 32. JCB 15/2

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Ex Com.

At 38 in the note on Carandini's
truck 2 memo of which I

told you.

16/2 MR 15/2

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TO: C S O

30.

Re: folio 29. Pol Sec (Mr. Hopkinson) knows nothing further on the promise of transport to date. May we ask of British Embassy on this matter.

22 Jan 45.

Mr. Hopkinson / 31

Major

British Embassy in the U.S.

W. return the U.S. 22/1

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V.P. Pol Sec

Will you ask the British Embassy to find out

through the E.O. (1) what Berandini meant
(2) whether there is any hope of his implementation
the previous thought. MS 22/1/45.

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C.O.S.

Enquiries are being made of the P.O.

MS 22/1/45.

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RA to AP President

To date 32 & 33

Excluded from 24/1

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Noted. Thank you.

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British Embassy: 12/11/45
Return the file. 12/11/45

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W. J. P. (C.O.S.)

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PA to AP President

To L.A. 32 & 33

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Noted. Thank you.

J.E.R.W.

25.1.45

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CSD: to see folio 15 for info. 9/25/12

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Cos

R. read 15.

Σ 28/12

See long COS 23/12

20.

CSD: folios 18, 18a, 18b and 19 constitute résumé and present status of transport requisitioning from U.S. Pres. Villa is now en route to U.S. In addition to the 1,700 - 1 1/2 T. trucks, CCS are being asked for 2,000 - 3 T. trucks 11/15

Col.

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W. Gripp 4/1

1 Jan 45
Office, Chief of Staff,
Ext 300

C.S.O.
To C.O.S.

22.

1. OK! 2. The file is good with exception of parcel which is misread. H&H read, the blunder! 12/31/45

Noted. 12/31/45
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pa.

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CSD: See folio 24 for information on our Reg. for more trucks 12/13/11

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Col.

See 2nd. Another LAC signal on transportation

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1 Jan 45
Office, Chief of Staff,
Ext 300

22.

1. Added 2. The tel. is good with exception of para 1 which is misleading. ATTORNEY made the blunders! 10/1/45

CSO: See folio 24 for information on our Reg. for motor trucks 13/11

26.

Col.

To see 24 - another LAC signed on transportation 12/11

CSO: folio 27 summarizes very well present situation on transport futures. It is hoped Mr. Villa turn these requisitions (a, b, c, d) into transport & supplies 17/11

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CSO : Do you wish COS to see p. ~~12~~ ¹¹ be re-passing to C.C. 12/12
 The 6th. Company is in training process, this info. from Econ Sect. 12/12
 COS To see ~~the~~ ¹¹ ~~12~~ ¹³ Dec.

Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your information/signature/approval.

p. 26 The delay is mine & I regret it.
 MS [Signature]

1/2 Detail for

DEC 14 RECD
 CC 1151

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G 3160

NOV 9/0900A

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HA ALCOM FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER BRITISH

IN ALCOM FOR G-4 B

NOV 9 1945

HEADQUARTERS

2 NOV 1945

UNCLASSIFIED.

Transport VENEZIE Region is subject. Visit to region unsatisfactory as unable contact regional commissioner personally but am informed he intends discussing vehicle position with executive commissioner during latter's visit 14 November 1945.

ESTAB SECTIONS.
Executive commissioner cable 5142 of 11 September interpreted by regional commissioner as not being effective until cessation of Allied military government central (although confirmation of validity of cable given me by Chief Staff officer) and is basing present vehicle holding entitlement on scale of one passenger vehicle per officer. plus one third reserve. Letter G-4/140/7/16 dated 24 September 1945 refers. Result that orders for vehicle transfers in letter G-4/101/6/2 dated 30 September 1945 not being implemented. Vehicles not declared by region observed in use. Apparent that regional commissioner dissatisfied with correspondence pertaining to reduction of vehicle holding. Suggest executive commissioner be advised of difficulties of G-4(B) in this connection in period from end of July to date prior to this meeting region commissioner.
Relevant correspondence in G-4(B) file VENEZIE establishment

REF

930

ACTION : G-4 (B) FOR EX C

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
IN COMMISSIONER (2)
ST SEC. FILE (2) FLOAT

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(MISS SAMPSON)

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(74)

Ref: 5820/74/EO.

8 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Refusal of Transport offered by AFHQ.

TO : A/Vice President,
Economic Section.

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1. The Chief Commissioner has read PX 27975 of 25 July and ALCOM 2905 of 1 August 1945.

2. The Chief Commissioner considers that the initial refusal of the 4,000 trucks offered by AFHQ was a mistake both from the psychological and practical point of view and in view of the policy involved should certainly have been referred to him for approval. Whatever the POL situation was at the time of offer there was always the chance that it might improve (as indeed has occurred) and to refuse a generous gesture from AFHQ and look 4,000 handsome trucks in the mouth was, as has been proved, unwise.

M. S. LUSH

MSL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

SH P/H

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SACRED AFHQ CITE FROM RPTD FOR INFO AFLRS RAAC

AUG 2 1945

2905

1 August 1945

ROUTINE

RESUBMITTED PD

PARA ONE PD WITH REFERENCE MESSAGE FOR XRAY TWO SEVEN NINE SEVEN FIVE DATED TWO FIVE JULY TO THIS HEADQUARTERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES SUBCOMMISSION CMA THE FOUR THOUSAND TRUCKS WERE NOT ACCEPTED BY ALCOM DUE TO LACK OF FUEL FOR THEIR OPERATION PD PETROLEUM SITUATION HAS SINCE BEEN CLEARED WITH PETREC AFHQ AND ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL TRUCKS TO THE EXTENT OF TWENTY THOUSAND TONS LIFT PD

PARA TWO SACRED AFHQ CITE FROM RPTD FOR INFO AFLRS RAAC FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ADECO PARAN

PARA TWO PD ONE FIVE EIGHT USED PARAN WAR WEARY PARAN TRUCKS HAVE BEEN ALLOTTED TO PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES SUBCOMMISSION FOR RELEASE TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS PD FIFTEEN OF THESE TRUCKS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BUT ARE NOW IN WORKSHOP UNDERGOING REPAIRS PD

PARA THREE PD THE ELECTRICAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM WHICH IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES SUBCOMMISSION OF ALCOM IS KIDITKE STILL LIMITED DUE TO LACK OF TRANSPORTATION

END

ECONOMIC SECTION
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D. A. CLARK
MAJOR, R. E.

D. A. CLARK, MAJOR, RE
Production Division

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
OWO, USA
Assistant Adjutant

Copy to:
Chief Commissioner
P.W. 3/6
Trans. 3/6

See 1/70.72

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Ref: 4010/55/20

28 July 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Economic Section

1. Enclosed is a copy of signal FX 27975, 25 July, from AFHQ, signed SACRED CITE PHOENIX, to ALCOM for Public Works & Utilities.

2. In view of the Chief Commissioner's note in the upper left hand corner of the copy of this signal, it is requested that an explanation be made with reference to para 3 of the signal in accordance with the Chief Commissioner's wishes.

3. An early reply would be appreciated, at which time please return the enclosed signal.

1 Incl:
as above

✓ A. B. ARNOLDY
Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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FX 27975

JULY 25/1749B

AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGEG

ALCOM FOR PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

INFO: AFIRS RAAC

E/1273

JULY 25/2130B

ROUTINE

~~RESTRICTED~~

1. Minute 80 of Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board Electric Power Committee meeting dated 21 July refers.
2. Reference to lack of adequate transport not understood.
Our T-11 dated 28 June informed you that the supply of 4000 trucks to the Italian Government, subject to availability, from theatre stocks had been approved. Your 200/56/TN.1 dated 3 July declined to accept them pending adjustment of the Pol supply and pointed out that existing road transport was operating far below capacity. Our T-2 dated 18 July offered the 4000 vehicles again.
3. In these circumstances this Hq cannot accept your statement that the limiting factor to speeding up interconnection of Southern and Central ITALY is lack of transport.

DIST

ACTION: Public Works SC
 Info: Chief Commr
 Econ Sec
 Tn Sc (2)
 Commerce Sc
 File (2)
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E.C. Personal.

Comm Sec should

be asked to explain.

/Info/ EHS
cc~~RESTRICTED~~

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ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD

ELECTRIC POWER COMMITTEE -MINUTES

dated 21 July 45

E X T R A C T

" 80. RECONSTRUCTION OF POWER LINES

HQ Allied Commission reported that the interconnection of North Italy with Central Italy awaits the operation of the third 35,000 K.W. unit at Galleto (Terni). It is expected to operate at the end of July and the August allocations in Minute 78 above, are in anticipation of this.

The interconnection between Southern & Central Italy permitting the flow of 20,000 K.W. 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 in Minute 79 above. "

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

RE:

1- 366

20 JULY 1949

REF:

2- AG/3/65/Tn5

JUL 27 1949

SUBJECT:

3- Request for M.B. Trucks

IN:

4- The Airforce
Command of H.Q.

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1. With reference to your letter COMV. M.B. 5743 dated 13 July '49 it is regretted that vehicles are not available from Allied Commission for your use.
2. Application should be made to the Ministry of Transport to whom Allied Commission are at present transferring a large number of vehicles.

For the DIRECTOR

J. J. BILBINGHURST
Capt. R.A.S.C.

Copy to : Records Section
Ministry of Transport
Transportation S/C (A)

(Capt. ARNOLD)

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Translation

AI/DW

Comune of Rome
SERV. N.U.
5748

Rome, 13 July 1945

JUL 13 1945

Subject : Request for trucks, for the Rome N.U.

To : Head of the Allied Commission
Rear-Admiral Mallery Stone

After the numerous requisitions and destructions which took place during the war, the Sanitation Department (Servizio di Nettenza Urbana) of this Comune finds itself in great difficulty, mostly because it lacks the motorvehicles required to transport garbage.

Service deficiencies which greatly prejudice the appearance and hygiene of the town all come from the lack of means of transport, for, because of the great distance between the collecting centres and the suburban areas where the unloading takes place, it isn't possible to replace them entirely by animal-drawn means.

Considering the need to cope with this state of things without delay, at least for what concerns the main requirements, this Administration has already asked to be allotted 40 trucks of the average carrying capacity of Q.Ls. 30, to the Industry, Commerce and Labour Ministry, which, however, answered that it was unable to grant the request.

We therefore thought it advisable to contact this Commission, in the hope that, considering these motives of public utility, it will give due attention to the above mentioned requirements, and allow 40 trucks to be ceded to this Comune; these trucks represent the minimum of what we require to assure the regularity of the depending services of the sanitation department.

Il Sindaco

F.A. Doris Pamphili

E.C. DIST-15 JUNE

ACTION. Econ Sec(2)

INFO: Chief Comm

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Ex Comm

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

GF/ep

Ref: AC/43/24/Tn5

17 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for May, 1945.

JUL 18 1945

TO : Executive Commissioner.

1. Reference is made to your memorandum 5803/127/EC dated 10 July 1945.
2. The 1,088 trucks were loaned to 15th Army Group as a result of an agreement made between Economic Section and B.C.A.O., 15th Army Group to provide 650 trucks to 15th Army Group on the liberation of Northern Italy. At the end of April, 1 Truck Battalion and the 227 to 230 Italian Coys, with a total of 800 trucks were loaned to 15th Army Group. At the end of May, the 3rd Truck Battalion (6 Coys totaling 280 trucks) were also loaned to 15th Army Group, at the urgent request of 15th Army Group.
3. The basis of the original loan of 800 trucks was that Armies would be responsible for the haulage of all civilian supplies in Northern Italy in Phase I. However, they did not have sufficient transport for the purpose in view of the unexpected delay in the opening of the Port of Genoa. An additional 280 trucks were therefore loaned by Allied Commission to augment transport engaged in this commitment.
4. All Units, except one Italian Transport Coy, are being operated by 5th Army Transportation for the forward movement of civilian supplies into Regions and upon the movement of refugees. One Italian Transport Coy is allotted to Venezia Region by 8th Army for haulage of civil supplies. On the inception of Phase 2, the control of these vehicles will revert to Allied Commission who will take over the commitment for movement of refugees and civil supplies.
5. In accordance with a directive from A.F.H.Q. these two Truck Battalions and four Italian Transport Coys are to be disbanded, effective 1 August 1945. The trucks will be organized in AMG Truck Pools, civilian staffed and operated, at suitable locations to deal with the civil supply and refugee commitments.

E. B. Mc Kinley
E. B. MC KINLEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Acting Vice President.

B/V 20/7
(C. H. Arnold)

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Ext 451

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10 July 1945

Ref : 5803/127/EC.

SUBJECT : Monthly Report for May.

TO : Economic Section for Transportation Sub Commission

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1. In your monthly report for May, on page 8, para 2b, under "Operations", it is stated under "Availability and Locations of AC Military Transport" that 1,038 trucks were loaned to 15th Army Group.
2. The Executive Commissioner questions this and wishes to know what is 15th Army Group doing with 1038 trucks.
3. It would be appreciated if you could answer this question.

A. B. ARNOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

COPY ON 5803/EC

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See M 59460
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EXTRACT
from
MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY -
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMM.

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"2. (b) Availability and Locations of AC Military Transport.

Loaned to 15th Army Group -	1 Truck Bn -	320 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks
	3 " "	(6) Coys - 288 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - ton trucks
	227-230 I.T. Coys -	480 x 3 ton trucks
TOTAL	1,088 trucks . Lift 2,076 tons. "	

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File 5425/EC

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting held on 13 April 1945.

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APR 16 Rec'd

Transport for the North.

Econ Sec stated that Transportation S/C had agreed with 15 Army Group to make available 650 3-ton trucks during Phase I. This matter demanded careful handling because it was essential that only military transport which could be serviced in the Army area should go forward. The 1,700 trucks now arriving were not suitable since they were civilian trucks and the Armies could not service them. A/Ex C would discuss with Econ Sec.

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File 5820/EC

Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting held on 13 April 1945.

APR 16 REC'D

Transport.

CA Sec reported that AFHQ had asked for a coordinated statement of increased requirements for AC transport and that individual statements should not be forwarded. Est Sec would prepare a coordinated statement and forward to AFHQ.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Economic Section

CWA/emg

Tel: 558

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5 April 1945

APR - 7 1945

SUBJECT: Import of U. S. Trucks.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Through: Acting Executive Commissioner

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1. Reference your CC 5805, dated 5 April 1945.

2. All the 1700 trucks now arriving in Italy will go to the Motor Transport Group for operation, the list to be under the direction of Transportation Sub-Commission. They will be used as a part of the formation of 10 GT Companies and 24 QM Truck Companies and will be operated mainly in North Italy; 1194 trucks have arrived to date, of which 196 have been assembled in Rome and 160 in Naples, making a total of 356 assembled. 120 of these assembled trucks have been turned over to the British side in connection with the formation of the GT Company, while 70 trucks are being used for training purposes.

/s/ A.G. ANTOLINI
/t/ A.G. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

cc: HQ. Motor Transport Group
(Telephone conversation Maj. Pepper/Capt. Atkins refers)

see M.76

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(ORIGINAL PASSED TO SO TO CC)

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P/A

Tel. 451

Ref. 5820/74/EC.

3 April 1945

SUBJECT: Import of U.S. Trucks.

TO : Economic Section.

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The attached correspondence is transmitted to you
for an immediate reply.

gcb
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Truck arrivals this week (up to 2 April) - 216
Total trucks arrived this year - 1,034
of Total promised consignment of 1,700

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SLT B/A 4/4 P/A
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Ex. Comm. 52

CC 5805

3 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Import of U.S. trucks.

TO : Vice President, Economic Section
(THRU: Executive Commissioner)

1. Will you kindly advise me of the details for distribution of the 1700 trucks now arriving in Italy.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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COPY

42 + 44 20th March, 1945. 48 24/3

I have received two Aide-Memoires from your Ministry dated 20th February about

- (1) second-hand lorries for Italy from Britain:
- (2) vehicles which may be available to Italy after the war.

It is not clear from the first Aide-Memoire on what programme the 1500 lorries which, according to Count Caxandini, might be handed over, would figure. But in any case for the time being there is no chance of any second-hand lorries being supplied to Italy except on military programmes. Any civilian demands would carry too low a priority for any lorries whether new or second-hand to be supplied to Italy during the present squeeze on all transport. I do not, therefore, yet see any alternative to Italy's requirements for lorries being dealt with, except through Allied Military channels.

I should be glad at any time to discuss with you either of the subjects raised in the two Aide-Memoires and I look forward to seeing the plan referred to in the second Aide-Memoire.

Harold Macmillan

Signor Franas

Copy filed and SEEN on 5822/EC Disposal of Military Vehicles to the Italian Govt. 911

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel. 551

ES/15.01

JBT/mem

16 March 1945

SUBJECT: Transport

TO : Executive Commissioner

see EXTRACT BELOW

MAR 17 1945

1. Reference paragraph 4 (b) of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's meeting of 2 March 1945, 1000 GT Company is at present being used for the Rome wheat haul to railhead in the Macerata area and for the movement of supplies forward to stockpiles in Eighth Army territory.

2. 1001 GT Company is allotted to AMG Eighth Army and at present is responsible for any transport in Emilia Region which cannot be provided by the local Ufficio Trasporti.

3. It is regretted therefore that 1000 GT Company cannot be spared for Emilia Region.


A. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

Minute 4 (b) of Exec Commr's meeting 2 Mar 45

"(b) 1000 G.T. Company. RC had expressed the hope that this Transport Company was going to be moved to his Region as promised. "

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45001/7/40.

15th March, 1945.

MAR 16 1945

TO:-

Chief Commissioner.
(Copy to Ex. Commissioner) ✓

FROM:-

Office of the Acting President.

The Acting President would be grateful for the comments of the Commission on the enclosed Aide Memoire which he has received from the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, according to which the British Ministry of War Transport may provide 1500 second-hand lorries for Italy.

I am afraid that Count Garandini's interventions in London on this subject have so far only succeeded in complicating things (see my minute of the 14th February).

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See 48

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

To the kind attention of the Rt. Hon. H. Macmillan.AIDE MEMOIRE

The Italian Embassy in London have been told that 1500 second hand lorries could possibly be handed over to Italy by the "War transport."

The A.G., with reference to our aide-memoire 42/00622 of the 19th of January 1945, informed unofficially that they had no objection to Count Garandini dealing with the matter.

The Italian Government, however, would be grateful if they could have an official answer from the A.G., giving their favourable advice and authorising Count Garandini to bring about final negotiations.

Rome, the 20th of February 1945

per 46065

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FROM : London

TO : Rome

DATE: 22nd February 1945

Via F.O. & Brit Emb.
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Summary

MAR 8 1945

No. 101. In addition to the 1500 lorries asked for by MAC-MILLAN, THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES CONCERNED HAVE ASSIGNED TO ITALY the 500 lorries asked for by me.

The total therefore is 2000 motor vehicles with a carrying capacity of 6000 tons. They are not new ones. Their dispatch from the U.S.A. will be -----during March.

Although intended for civil use, this assignment is being made on the basis of the so-called programme of military supplies and is therefore not subject to delay.

I am moreover informed that discussions are going on in ROME regarding purchases under programme B.i.c. material intended for reconstruction, ----- not immediately put into effect. I am assured by the office concerned that it would not be useless if a general scheme of ----- or of our needs were to be presented here meanwhile. According to what I have heard, an Italian Commission should come to LONDON about that programme.

CARANDINI

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Copy to reports for HADK/EC

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FEB 27 1945

COPY OF TRANSLATION

Telegram

FROM: Italian Embassy in London
TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

DATE: 16 February 1945

No. 66: I was told some days ago that our request for trucks for civilian use has been acceded to in substance in the number of 1500, as was also proposed - if I recall correctly - by the Allied Commission Italy. The materiel would be included in the next shipment sent to Allied Military Authorities in Italy, to whom it would therefore be desirable to make the matter clear at once. For this purpose I suggest that you speak to Mr. MacMillan, whom I told about this at the time of my last visit to Rome. This morning Lord Leathers, who could not see me immediately because he had just returned from Yalta, sent word that he was confident that he would very soon be able to give me good news in the matter. I shall telegraph again as soon as possible.

Carandini

Information Copies To:

Office of Exec. Com.
Office of A/Pres.

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PRES/45001/AC.

14th February 1945.

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Chief Commissioner.

(Copy to:- Chief of Staff ✓
Political Section).

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In my minute to you of 19th January I referred to a conversation which the Italian Ambassador in London had had with Mr Macmillan at this Headquarters on the 3rd January in which Count Carandini had said that he had been promised by the British Ministry of War Transport 500 trucks for Italy.

2. It has now been learned from the Foreign Office that Count Carandini had misunderstood what he had been told. No such promise had been made. It has been explained to him that there is no chance of any second hand lorries being supplied to Italy, except on military programmes. Any civilian demand would carry too low a priority for any lorries whether new or second hand to be supplied to Italy during the present squeeze on all transport.

3. The War Office and C.C.A.C. are, however, considering availabilities to meet SACMED's demand for 3,000 lorries for Italy in addition to the much higher demand from SHAEF for Civil Affairs North West Europe.

Personal Assistant.

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Ref: 8252/COS.

6 February, 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian GT Companies for AG.

TO : DCS, Economic Section;

1. Letter from AMHQ dated 3 February 1945, AG 091.711/057 GGT-O, with attachments is forwarded to you for immediate attention of the Transportation Sub-Commission and appropriate action.

2. Please prepare letter for signature of the Chief Commissioner embodying comments as requested in paragraph 4 of AMHQ letter.

done.

[Signature]
4 Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Encls.

1. AMHQ letter AG 091.711/057 GGT-O dated 3 February 1945.
2. HQ Motor Company W.E. III/116/1.
3. Four Transport Pls. W.E. III/117/2.
4. Two Relief Driver Increments W.E. III/121/2.
5. Workshops Serial II W.E. III/122/3.

Copies (less enclosures) to:

A/President, AG.
Land Forces Sub-Commission.
File 5801/COS.
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EXTRACT FROM ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM
NUMBER 5 - DATED 31 JAN 1945 -

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"I - REQUISITIONING AND DEREQUISITIONING OF CIVILIAN MOTOR TRANSPORT.

Section II, AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 59, 1944, is amended by the deletion of the words "15th Army Group" where they appear therein, and substituting the words "Fifth or Eighth Army as appropriate".

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19th January, 1945.

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The Chief Commissioner.

When Count Carrandini called upon Mr Macmillan at this Headquarters on the 3rd January, he said that he had been promised by the British Ministry of War Transport 500 trucks for Italy.

2. The Transport Sub-Commission have no knowledge of this undertaking.

3. Mr Macmillan has asked me to enquire whether you or the Chief of Staff, or the Political Section, know anything of this matter? He would suggest that the British Foreign Office might be asked to find out the facts and what progress Count Carrandini is making towards obtaining and shipping the trucks.

Personal Assistant.

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Copies to:- Chief of Staff,
Mr Hopkinson, Political Section.

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Lieutenant General S. Brian H. Robertson,
Chief Administrative Officer,
Allied Force Headquarters,
A.P.O. 512

10th January, 1945
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My dear Admiral,

Since receiving your letter of the 29th December, 1944, I have made enquiries into the requisitioning of transport for A.C. needs.

It is quite true that the demand for 1,700 vehicles made in LAC 51 of 20th August, 1944 was for the area North of the Pisa - Rimini line but the change from 'South of the line' was occasioned by the fact that Washington had agreed to supply tyres and tubes for the 3,000 indigenous vehicles which have been found in Central Italy. I am informed that this change was agreed by Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.

However, it appears to be well understood now that the 1,700 vehicles coming forward will be committed to North West Italy and that in addition a further 2,000 will be required, each capable of a 3 ton lift, or alternatively sufficient vehicles to ensure a 6,000 ton lift. You should bear in mind, however, that the precise area in which these vehicles will be used will depend on the operational picture at the time when they arrive.

Mr. Villa, as you know, has spent several days here and left for Washington on 8th January, 1945. He has taken with him the necessary requisitions for:

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| a) 2,000 trucks $2\frac{1}{2}/3$ tons | } For North West Italy |
| 200 cars $\frac{1}{2}$ ton or 2 str. | |
| b) 35 cars $\frac{1}{2}$ ton or 2 str | } For administration of present A.C. Transport. |
| 200 motor-cycles | |
| c) Raw materials for tyre repairs in existing plants | |
| d) Raw materials for new tyre Repair and Retreading Plant at Fivoli. | |

All action has, therefore, been taken by this Headquarters to place the demands for the supplies you need and a Staff Officer from G-5 Section is accompanying Mr. Villa to Washington.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ B.H. ROBERTSON

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/s/ B.H. ROBERTSON

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
U.S.N.R.,
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters Allied Commission.

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ROUTINE

JAN 15 1945

From: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGEO, FHGDS, FHQAE, FHGDM, FHGDQ
 To: ACTION AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC AND HILLDRING FOR SPOTFORD, INFO GENERAL
 DISTRICT UK BASE SECTION (LONDON) FOR CABINET SECRETARIAT

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Reference LAC 907.944 CAL 1097.

This is LAC 945.

Trucks.

1. Formal requisition for 2000 trucks, 200 control vehicles en route.
 Requisition other 1000 trucks still under consideration.
2. No objection limited number used vehicles ex UK providing assurance
 given of suitable operating condition and adequate supply of spare parts and
 tires. Must emphasize no surplus MT spares, tires or tubes held for British
 makes in this Theatre.
3. Request TROOPERS give estimate of total number available, what
 effect shipment would have on our present import program and whether priorities
 would have to be decided.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

FEB 14 1945

LAC AIRCRAFT 95, 7 January 1945.

From : FUELCO (Concurred: FUELCO, FUELCO,)

To : Combined Civil Affairs Committee,
30-886 Pentagon Building,
Washington, D.C. (15 copies)

Subject : Economic Transport for Northern Italy

Requisition No: 165-252-01D

Ship to : See Delivery Instructions below, for Transportation
Sub-Commission, Allied Commission. (The serial number
of each consignment must include the letters TOG.
Packages must be marked with standard approved markings
of green dots on crossed white tape).

It is requested that the following items be approved, allocated
and procurement initiated; and that AFHQ cite FUELCO be advised of action
taken.

Item	Article	Unit	Required
1	TRUCKS - 2 1/2 tons/3 ton, complete with bows and tarpsaulins and spare parts to scale for six months	ea.	2,000
2	TRUCKS - 1 1/4 ton - 4 x 4/cars 2 seater - 4 x 4 - complete with scale of spare parts for six months period	ea.	200

NOTE - Heavy duty trucks of maximum capacity available are
preferred for at least 50 percent of the lift and the
quantity of trucks could be proportionately reduced,
or heavy duty tractor semi-trailer type or heavy duty
trucks with trailer would be acceptable up to 50
percent of the required lift.

In view of the critical spare parts situation US/UK, if necessary
shipment of parts may be phased in over a 6 months period.

LAST ITEM

REMARKS - Ship to AFHQ consigned to A.C. Transportation Sub-Commission.
Phased into shipments of 300 vehicles every 10 days beginning
1 April 1945.

JUSTIFICATION: Item 1

Since submitting our requisition (LAC Airgram 51 dated 20 Aug 44)
for 1,700 trucks the situation in relation to NORTHWEST Italy has

Subject : Economic Transport for Northern Italy

Requisition No: 103-252-QED

Ship to : See Delivery Instructions below, for Transportation Sub-Commission, Allied Commission. (The serial number of each consignment must include the letters TOG. Packages must be marked with standard approved markings of green dots on crossed white tape).

It is requested that the following items be approved, allocated and procurement initiated; and that AFHQ cite FHEG be advised of action taken.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Required</u>
1	TRUCKS - 2 1/2 tons/3 ton, complete with bows and tarpaulins and spare parts to scale for six months	ea.	2,000
2	TRUCKS - 1 1/4 ton - 4 x 4/cars 2 seater - 4 x 4 - complete with scale of spare parts for six months period	ea.	200

NOTE - Heavy duty trucks of maximum capacity available are preferred for at least 50 percent of the lift and the quantity of trucks could be proportionately reduced, or heavy duty tractor semi-trailer type or heavy duty trucks with trailer would be acceptable up to 50 percent of the required lift.

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JUSTIFICATION: Item 1

Since submitting our requisition (LAC Airgram 51 dated 20 Aug 44) for 1,700 trucks the situation in relation to NORTH-EAST Italy has changed.

The number of indigenous trucks estimated as available in Southern and Central Italy for transfer to the North will not come up to expectations.

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Increased lift by trucks in the N.W. will become necessary by reason of the destruction of rail and civilian road haulage equipment.

The size of the commitment is such that assistance available from military resources will be relatively small.

Provision must be made for the distribution of indigenous resources and imports to supplement the civilian economy.

Delay of liberation of this area beyond time forecast in Italy 1944 has lessened the amount of local supplies available to the population, through local consumption, and removal by the Germans.

Items:

(1) Vehicles indicated in this requisition are to be used as control vehicles needed for the load-carrying vehicles.

(2) These control vehicles are requested on the assumption that the load-carrying vehicles will be organized as follows:

(a) 3 British General Transport Columns of 4 G.T. Companies each.

(b) 3 American Q.M. Truck Battalions of 8 Truck Companies each.

All load carrying vehicles are to be organized into equivalents of U.S. Q.M. Truck Battalions and British General Transport Coys.

Nature of Requirements.

Vehicles needed to lift minimum essential supplies for civilian relief in N.W. Italy.

Basis for Estimate of Requirements.

1. Ports.

Within limits of availability of naval, military and civilian resources it has been determined that only the port of Genoa can be opened.

2. Railways

a. Intelligence reports indicate widespread destruction of bridges, and removal of double tracks on most of the principal lines. Must be anticipated.

b. Military assistance for reconstruction will be limited to the repair of the main trunk lines. This will take time to complete.

3. Trucking.

Local vehicles will be greatly reduced by German requisition and destruction. Survey of provinces now in our possession indicate that lift capacity is approximately 20% of that available in 1942.

4. Supply Routes for N.W. Italy.

a. North-West Italy will be supplied from the Port of Genoa as soon as it can be opened, and the Genoa-Alessandria road rebuilt.

b. In the initial stage N.W. Italy will be supplied by Bologna with

Item 2.

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Tonnage of civil supplies required to be lifted by truck into Piedmont, Liguria, Lombardia and Unlie after the first two months of liberation.

Tons per month 120,000

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Truck requirements (calculated on the basis of required ten miles per day)

- a. Total of 2 1/2 - 3 ton trucks (including percentage for these off the road for maintenance) 2,700
- b. Trucks that will be available 1700 1 1/2 ton trucks (equivalent 3 ton lift less 15% for those that will be off the road for maintenance) 700
- c. Additional 2 1/2 - 3 ton trucks required 2,000

RATING: TWO

LANDING CHARGES: It is requested landed costs be despatched to arrive before receipt of shipment.

AGENCY: M & TM

Information Copies to:

The Directorate of Civil Affairs,
War Office, Whitehall,
London, S.W.1. (4 copies)

Director of Freight Movements,
War Office, C.M. 9,
LONDON

N.Y.P.E. (4 copies)

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AGREED: M & TN

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- N.Y.P.D. (4 copies)
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LAC AIRMAIL 96, 7 January 1945.

From : FMCSG (concurrent: FMCSG, FMCSG)

To : Combined Civil Affairs Committee,
3C - 886 Pentagon Building,
Washington, D.C.

Subject : Control Vehicles for Allied Commission Economic Transportation

Requisition No: MGS-253-ORD

Ship to : ALOI for Transportation Sub-Commission, Allied
Commission, during MARCH 1945. (The serial number of
each consignment must include the letters TCG.
Packages must be marked with standard approved markings
of green dots on crossed white tape.

It is requested that the following items be approved, allocated
and procurement initiated; and that AFHQ cite FMCSG be advised of
action taken.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Article</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Required</u>
1	TRUCKS - 1/4 ton - 4 x 4/cars 2 seater - 4 x 4 - complete with scale of spare parts for six months period	ea.	35
2	MOTORCYCLES - Heavy Duty - Twin Cylinder complete with scale of spare parts for six months period	ea.	200

JUSTIFICATION:

These vehicles are urgently required for the administration and
control of present truck companies, now without proper supervisory
vehicles. and for vehicles now being shipped from the U.S. (1700
trucks - LAC Airgram 51 - 20 Aug 44).

REMARKS: TIO

LANDING COSTS: It is requested landed costs be despatched to arrive
before receipt of shipment.

APPROVED: H & TN

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Subject : Control Vehicles for Allied Commission Economic Transportation

Requisition No: 1688-253-OND

Ship to : JCL for Transportation Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, during LROH 1945. (The serial number of each consignment must include the letters TOG. Packages must be marked with standard approved markings of green dots on crossed white tape.

It is requested that the following items be approved, allocated and procurement initiated; and that AFHQ cite PHGEG be advised of action taken.

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GRAND : H & TN

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Ref/5820/23/008.

Tel : 239

6 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Vehicle Requisitions.

TO : Economic Section.

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A.F.B.Q. signal PC 70259 (100 907) dated 14 December 44 to AGWAR, subject as above, is returned to you. It is understood that this is your file copy.

Chief Staff Officer,
to the Chief of Staff.

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29 December 1944

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Dear General:

I have received a cable from the U. S. Department of State in Washington requesting Mr. Anthony Villa of this Headquarters to proceed urgently there with a revised requisition of AC Transportation requirements in Northwest Italy.

Mr. Villa will go immediately to AFHQ to have the requisition for 2,000 3-ton vehicles concurred in by your Headquarters.

It would appear opportune for me to explain the AC position on transportation requirements in Italy.

In May of 1944 a requisition was submitted by this Headquarters for 2,000 3-ton vehicles to be used in Central Italy up to the Pisa-Rimini line.

6 August this requisition was revised downward to 1,700 3-ton trucks in view of the quantity of civilian vehicles found in Rome. In the same letter AC requested to be advised at the earliest if requisitions were to be submitted for the North.

20 August LAC airgram 51 ^{18 attached} was sent to the CCS requesting the 1,700 3-ton trucks be for north rather than south of Pisa-Rimini. AC did not receive a copy of the airgram until some time after it had been dispatched.

You will note from the copy of the airgram that on the basis of the justification used by AC for south of the Gothic line it was deduced by AFHQ that 4,796 3-ton trucks would be required north of the line.

The airgram then states, however, that the Allied Commission "have taken rather an optimistic view on the quantity of transport required and have submitted a reasonable and conservative estimate (1,700 load carrying vehicles)". AC was not consulted on this and did not take an optimistic view, but rather had a completely different area under consideration.

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In November 1944 a new requisition was submitted to AFHQ, this time for north of the Gothic line. The number of vehicles requested was reduced by AFHQ to two-thirds of what AC considered the requirements to be.

Operational Planning, GAF, G-4, and G-5 determined that an airgram should be dispatched to the CCS requesting 2,000 3-ton trucks. In effect, LAC airgram 907 was sent, stating that formal requisition would follow. *18 A attached.*

In the meanwhile, it will be necessary to commit the 1,700 vehicles which are understood to be coming forward to the Northwest rather than in Central Italy where they are still required. As you are aware, the 1,700 turned out to be 1½ instead of 3-toners.

I have wished to make this position clear, in the first place for your information, and secondly, in the hope that there may be no delay in your Headquarters in obtaining concurrence on the formal requisition so that representation may be made to CCS of the urgent need of 2,000 3-ton vehicles for Northwest Italy.

Very truly yours

/s/ ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Lieutenant General Sir Brian H. Robertson,
BT, KVOO, CB, CBE, DSO, MC
Chief Administrative Officer
Allied Force Headquarters
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AFHQ signal to ACWAR
ref FX 70259 (WAC 904)
dated 17 Dec 44 returned
to Ecom Sec being their
file copy.

Subj (Vehicle requisition)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

LAC AIRGRAM 51, 30 August 1944

From : FHGEG
To : CCS, for CCAC (4 copies)
Subject: Requisition Number MCS-19/-ORD.

Ship to: Notification to Follow.
(The Serial No. of each consignment must include the letters TOG.
Packages must be marked with standard approved markings of green
dots on crossed white tape).

In the light of future planning for requirements covering movement and distribution of civilian supplies in Italy, north of the Pisa-Rimini line, the following study has been developed.

As indicated in the requisition 4,796 vehicles will be required to meet essential needs, of this total approx. two thirds of the required transport tonnage has been allowed for as being available from indigenous sources, i.e. rail, water, motor transport.

Since supply of motor transport is deficient even to the extent of operational requirements, it is desired to present the problem for consideration in the event that any resources of class "B" vehicles or otherwise, may be made available to A.C.C. Few, if any such vehicles can presently be made available from military stocks.

Under Parkin "C" conditions it is considered that a considerable quantity of motor transport now used in meeting operational requirements could be made available to meet essential civilian needs.

If allocation is approved it is requested that procurement be initiated and this Headquarters advised so that normal supply procedure may be effected.

<u>Article</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Required</u>
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TRUCKS - 3 ton 4 x 2	Ea.	1700
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TRUCKS - 2½ ton 6 x 6 Cargo complete with bows & taraulins, and spare parts to scale.		
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JUSTIFICATION: 1. These items cover Allied Control Commission vehicle requirements for the area North of the Pisa-Rimini Line. 896

2. Computation of these requirements is based on comparison made from statistics available which cover the presently occupied territories of the Italian Mainland, up to the Pisa-Rimini line, inclusive of the cities of Florence & Pisa.

3. From latest available statistics (1939) the Chief of the Commercial Traffic Section of the Italian State Railways has computed that 3.50 ton miles per capita per month of rail traffic was necessary to provide for the provinces of Calabria, Lucania, Apulia (inclusive of Foggia) & Campania.

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TRUCKS - 2 1/2 ton 6 x 6 Cargo complete with bows & tarpaulins, and spare parts to scale.		
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JUSTIFICATION: 1. These items cover Allied Control Commission vehicle requirements for the area North of the Pisa-Rimini Line.

2. Computation of these requirements is based on comparison made from statistics available which cover the presently occupied territories of the Italian Mainland, up to the Pisa-Rimini line, inclusive of the cities of Florence & Pisa.

3. From latest available statistics (1939) the Chief of the Commercial Traffic Section of the Italian State Railways has computed that 3.50 ton miles per capita per month of rail traffic was necessary to provide for the provinces of Calabria, Lucania, Apulia (inclusive of Foggia) & Campania. It is worth noting that up to 1939 75% of all rail traffic was made up of industrial goods. In the presently occupied areas this amounted to 50% or 1.75 ton miles per month per capita were required for civilian consumption in liberated Italy. As a result of war the standards of living in liberated Italy have been somewhat lowered, resulting in only .87 ton miles per capita as essential requirements.

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4. The population north of the Pisa-Rimini line is estimated at being approximately 21.5 millions. Basing our requirements on the statistics available (as shown in para.4, .87 ton miles per month per capita) it will be seen that 18.7 million ton miles per month will be the minimum requirements if the essential needs of the population are to be met. This would require a fleet of 4,796 load carrying vehicles of average capacity, (3 ton - 2½ ton).

5. It is recognised by the Allied Control Commission that transport from local resources may be made available as operations extend and the country is liberated. Too much stress should not be placed on this possibility however as past experience has proved that transport which may be found can not in all cases be pressed into immediate operation due to the lack of tires, batteries, etc. and is therefore of no immediate material value in helping to meet the current needs of the civilian populations.

6. Further to the preceding para. The Allied Control Commission have taken rather an optimistic view on the quantity of transport required and have submitted a reasonable and conservative estimate (1700 load carrying vehicles) in order that the tasks of caring for the needs of the population may be met with the maximum efficiency.

7. It is recommended that these vehicles be made the responsibility of the Foreign Economic Administration and procurement be through civilian channels, and chargeable against civilian funds.

Procurement: Immediate.

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December 24, 9 a.m., 1944

27 DEC 1944

U.S. URGENT.

From Crowley and Hunt, FEA and Dort, State, for Stone.

Reference discussion Antolini with AFHQ G-5 last week on transport requisitions and following G-5 recommendation that Anthony Villa revise those requisitions and bring them here, we concur with suggestion and Spofford agrees. Request urgent action. Please advise when we may expect Villa, Washington.

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cc: FEA

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Chief Commissioner
Chief of Staff ✓
Economic Section
Mr. Villa

see Memo 9-10
See Memo 895/16+17
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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7 December 1944
28 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: Status of Activation of 1st Truck Battalion (American)

TO : Chief Commissioner
(Through: Chief of Staff)

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1. To date six of the authorized eight Italian Truck Companies have been activated.

2. First Company is operating in the Rome area at the disposal of Transportation Sub-Commission. Second Company is operating under Fifth Army at Florence. Third Company is operating under Fifth Army at Novecchio. Fourth and Fifth Companies are undergoing final training at 1st Truck Battalion Operation and Training Detachment in Rome. Plans are scheduled for these two companies to go into operation for Fifth Army within the week, or as soon as control vehicles are available. Fourth Company is scheduled for Florence and Fifth Company prepared to move to Leghorn.

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3. An American operational Headquarters has been organized and will move North in the next few days to coordinate the activation of all units in forward area. An Italian Battalion Headquarters has been organized to correspond to the American Battalion Headquarters and is handling the administration of Italian Army personnel.

4. The movement of Fourth and Fifth Companies forward will release facilities for the organization and training of the Seventh and Eighth Companies.

5. No suitable vehicles for convoy control have been made available. Extreme difficulties are resultant from this situation and satisfactory operations cannot be maintained. Present negotiations with AFHQ with respect to obtaining control vehicles are encouraging.

6. The situation with regard to spare parts and tires is critical. Forty one trucks are deadlined due to tire shortage. While progress is slow, yet every effort is being made to clarify and improve the entire situation.

A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

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4 December 1944

6 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: Civilian Transportation for 5th Army Use.

TO : BCAG, AMG, 5th Army, APO 464.

1. Reference is made to para 10 c. of Minutes of Conference Held at Siena, Friday, 17 November 1944, Ref 511/29/COS, 19 November 1944. Such minute reads:

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"Truck Companies. Col. Toscani asked whether it would be possible to place the two truck companies recently sent up to 5 Army under their command. At present there were so many vehicles off the road that they were not capable of dealing with their requirements, and were 120-180 tons short daily. Transportation Sub-Commission said that it was not possible to put these companies under command 5 Army since they were mostly composed of Italian personnel with only a very small Allied cadre, which would not be able to control them if they were split up into small detachments. However, they would do their best to expedite despatch of the third truck company to ease the situation. The question of central command of the companies would be considered by Econ Sec."

2. Attached is copy memorandum, Ref AC/R/1/TN, dated 27 November from Transportation Sub-Commission with respect to above. Same is submitted for information and guidance.

For the Chief Commissioner:

[Signature]
A. G. ANTONINI
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

[Signature]
cc: BCAG, 5th Army
Civil Affairs Section, AAI
Chief of Staff
Transportation S/C

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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Tel: 479303
Cur Ref: AC/R/1/Tn

27 November 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO : Chief Staff Officer
Economic Section

SUBJECT : Civilian Transportation for
5 Army Use.

1. Reference your Memo 119/ES dated 22 November 44.
2. The quoted minutes of the conference held at Siena on Friday, 17 November, give entirely the wrong impression and they are not a true record of what transpired at that meeting.
3. The misunderstanding has obviously arisen through the mixing up of a General Transport Coy (Italian) and a Quarter-Master Truck Coy (Italian). Col. Toscani asked if it would be possible for one Platoon of 1004 G.T. Coy (Italian) at present stationed on the East Coast, to be released and operate out of Florence. It was pointed out to Col. Toscani that a G. T. Coy having its H.Q.'s on the East Coast could not allow a platoon to be so far away from its administration source and Col. Toscani readily appreciated this point.
4. The two Q.M. Truck Coys, namely the 2nd and 3rd Coys are under command of 5 Army AMG, and receive their operational instructions direct from Col. Toscani. Furthermore two Platoons of 1000 G. T. Coy (Italian) are also put at the disposal of AMG, 5 Army, so long as Florence remains an AMG, 5 Army Commitment.
5. With regard to the minute that "the question of central command of the companies would be considered by the Economic Section". This would not be practical, having regard to the fact that Q.M. Truck Coys (Italian) are based on the American system and G. T. Coys (Italian) are based on the British system. As the system of maintenance is an entirely different one, a central command would not prove efficient but what it is proposed to do is to establish an advance Q.M. Truck Co. H.Q.s. in the forward area and this H.Q.s will be able to supervise the whole of the movements required and there will be no difficulty in the passing on by this H.Q.s of movement orders to the Commander of the G. T. Coy.

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6. With reference to para 2 of your Memo. Two Q.M. Truck Coys are almost ready to move forward, but up to the present time we have not received an allotment of control vehicles and without such vehicles it is impossible to work efficiently.

A further request has been put forward to AFHQ to issue these control vehicles and it is hoped that two Truck Coys will be in a position to move forward within the next ten days.

/s/ D. S. Adams
Colonel, C. E.
Director, In. Sub. Comm.

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Office of the Chief of Staff.

Tel: 388

Requisition for Trucks.

27 October 4.

Acting Chief Commissioner.

Reference your question on the attached note Economic Section are sending in a requisition tonight for 5000 trucks for North of the RIMINI/PISA line. In the covering justification note it will be pointed out that the 1700 trucks on the existing approved requisition are and were always intended for use South of the RIMINI/PISA line.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Ref: 4810/65/COS

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24 October 1944

Dear General Clark:

I refer to your telegram FX 41804 of 21 October 44.

I think in fairness to the Commission I should tell you that a requisition for 2000 trucks covering requirements south of the Pisa-Rimini line was submitted to AFHQ on 17 May 1944. Not only was this figure reduced by AFHQ to 1700 but it was made applicable not to the area south of the Rimini-Pisa line, but to Northern Italy. Our estimate for Northern Italy is 5000 trucks. Actual vehicles issued to date on the basis of this requisition amount to 100 and assignment of two G.T. companies has been made, but these have not yet reported. AFHQ signal PX 43285 of 24 October advises that one G.T. company will be available 26 October and that a further 150 U.S. trucks will be released on 15 November.

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Neither tires nor tubes have been received from a requisition for some 11,000 of each placed late in June.

Colonel Monfort, who has been appointed DCCAO at AAI HQ is now at AAI and can doubtless explain both to AAI and 5th Army some of the points raised in General Mark Clark's telegram and your own.

Yours sincerely,

(SGO) ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Lieutenant General J.G.W. Clark, CB., MC.
Chief Administrative Officer
Allied Force Headquarters.

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23 October 1944

24 OCT Rec'd

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of the 19th and the information which you forwarded, which, while not good news, at least enables us to return to the attack. We simply cannot let the situation remain as it is and as it appears it will continue to be, notwithstanding the public statements being issued at home. I had an almost three-hour talk with Basil O'Connor last evening, and I am hopeful that his influence, added to your own, should ensure that the facts receive the attention of those able to bring pressure and to secure correction.

Thank you for your continued interest and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Honorable Myron C. Taylor
The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
To His Holiness The Pope
2, Via Boncompagni
Rome

cc: Chief of Staff ✓
Mr. Antolini, Economic Section
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The personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
to His Holiness the Pope.
2, Via Boncompagni.

October 19, 1944.

Dear Commodore:

I feel confident that I may give you a message
in response to one of my own which I referred to in
our telephone call this morning.

It seems to me that we must work harder than
ever to provide relief for this situation.

Sincerely yours,

Myron C. Taylor

Commodore Ellery Wheeler Stone, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

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The information you have is correct concerning the 1700 trucks which were originally requisitioned by ACC and the allocation of which was approved in principle in Washington: the trucks are to be available for delivery north of the Roman line only. The territories to the south of Rome are not likely to receive more trucks than 100. The extremely tight truck supply and shipping shortage are the reasons for this decision.

Efforts to obtain as many trucks as possible without restrictions as to territorial distribution are being made by the Department, together with General O'Dwyer and other interested agencies. AFM and ACC are to determine such distribution according to need and circumstances.

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~~SECRET~~ PARA ONE PD IN ORDER TO MEET SITUATIONS THROUGHOUT AREA NORTH OF GARIGLIANO AS DESCRIBED BY COMMANDING GENERAL FIVE ARMY IN HIS SIX THREE FIVE FIVE OF ONE NINE OCTOBER PD I SUGGEST IMMEDIATE FORTNIGHTLY ISSUE OF THREE ZERO ZERO GRAMS PASTA OR FLOUR THROUGHOUT ITALY NORTH OF THE NORTHERN BOUNDARIES OF NAPLES SLANT CAMPOBASSO PROVINCES WHICH IS PRESENT LIMIT OF THE HIGHER BREAD PASTA RATION PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR SACRED INFO C IN C AAI CMA CG FIFTH AND EIGHTH ARMIES FROM HQ ACC FROM STONE PAREN THIS WOULD BE A PRELIMINARY STEP TO RAISING TO THREE ZERO ZERO GRAM LEVEL AS ALREADY PROPOSED TO CHARLIE CHARLIE SUGAR BY YOU PD GRATEFUL APPROVAL SO THAT FIRST ISSUE CAN BE MADE ON OR ABOUT FOUR NOVEMBER PD

PARA TWO PD REFERENCE FIVE ZERO ZERO TRUCKS AUTHORIZED BY YOUR HQ ON ONE THREE SEPTEMBER REFERENCE AFHQ SLANT EIGHT ZERO SEVEN ZERO SLANT QUEEN ABLE EASY FOR ACC PD ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE WITH AFHQ CALLING FOR ASSIGNMENT TO ACC OF TWO GEORGE TAKE COYS AND TWO FIVE ZERO TRUCKS TOGETHER WITH EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL IN CONNECTION WITH ACTIVATION OF ADDITIONAL QUEEN COYS PD TO DATE NO REPEAT NO GEORGE TAKE COYS HAVE REPORTED PD ONLY ONE ZERO ZERO TRUCKS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED PD UNLESS YOUR COMMITMENT IS COMPLIED WITH IMMEDIATELY WE WILL HAVE EXTREME DIFFICULTY IN EVEN TRANSPORTING ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES REQUIRED TO INCREASE THE RATION AS INDICATED ABOVE AND IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO COMPLY WITH TRANSPORT/REQUIREMENTS REFERRED TO IN REFERENCE MESSAGE PD

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ECONOMIC SECTION

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MEMO:

18 October 1944

20 OCT Recd

TO : Captain Oden - Civil Affairs Section.

The position re additional transport promised by AFHQ by 15 Oct
is:-

Promise was -

- 1) 250 American vehicles
- 2) 250 British vehicles.

American vehicles - 100 have been received and are in operation.

British vehicles - Changed to 2 G.T. Coys = 240 vehicles

AFHQ ^{originally} ~~originally~~ advised that No. 1005 G.T. Coy would come under ACC command before 15 October. They subsequently ~~decided~~ ^{discovered} this Coy was a lifting Coy at the front and AAI would not play. AFHQ then assigned 1004 G.T. Coy to us. Yesterday we received a signal that 1004 Coy "will not move until relieved in 85 HAA Regt" whatever that means.

So the answer is 100 vehicles at present.

C. W. Atkins
C. W. ATKINS, Lieut., R.A.,
Staff Lieutenant,
Economic Section.

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