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EXTRACT from "SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE -- Minutes of Meeting of the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference held in the G-3 War Room at 1030 hours on Thursday 27th September 1945" -- SAC (45) 6th Meeting, 27 September 1945, classified TOP SECRET.

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4. USE OF NORTHWEST ITALIAN PORTS FOR TRAFFIC TO SWITZERLAND

(Previous reference SAC (45) 5th Meeting - Minute 6)

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MAJOR GENERAL MAGRUDER reported that this matter was now satisfactorily settled. The first ship transporting goods to SWITZERLAND had commenced to discharge and arrangements had been made to give the Swiss facilities for handling a tonnage which was adequate for their needs and would not prejudice Italian or Allied requirements.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note with approval of the above.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

With regard to the question of Swiss import and export trade.

In view of the fact that the Port of Genoa is already being handed over to the Italian Authorities, it is considered that the import and export of Swiss Cargoes through the Ports of Genoa and Savona should now be the subject of agreement between your Government and the Swiss Government.

It is the considered opinion that the Ports of Genoa and Savona can handle the tonnages which it is proposed to pass through the two Ports on Swiss account.

Tonnage through both Ports are estimated as follows:

Imports	-	3000 tons daily.
Exports	-	100-200 tons daily.

These figures may fluctuate slightly but are based on a fair estimate of requirements.

It is a matter for your Government in conjunction with the Swiss Government and the Allied Shipping Authorities to consider the allocation of berths or a specified monthly tonnage, subject to Allied Military requirements. The question of transit accommodation at the Ports is also a matter for agreement between the Swiss representative at the Ports and the Allied and Italian Port Authorities.

So far as the movement by rail of stores to and from Switzerland is concerned, it will not be possible at present to allocate the Swiss any Italian wagons, but it has been agreed by the Swiss Government to supply 200 Kg/wagon of coal for wagon movement in both directions over steam operated lines in Italy. These points should be made clear in any negotiations or agreements made between your Government and the Swiss Government.

It is understood that the first shipment of grain for Switzerland is expected shortly at Genoa. For necessary clearance the Italian Ministry of

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Marine has been informed, and the arrangements to deal with the cargo have been made between the Italian Port Authorities and the Swiss representative at Genoa.

In order that there should be no difficulty regarding the future Swiss import and export programme, in so far as transportation is concerned, I should be grateful if you could let me know the detailed arrangements that are being concluded between your Government and the Swiss Government.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF SACMED'S CONFERENCE
5th Meeting held on 6th September 1945

6. USE OF NORTHWEST ITALIAN PORTS FOR TRAFFIC TO SWITZERLAND

(Previous reference SAC (45) 4th Meeting, Minute 10) — 217/EC

MAJOR GENERAL DUFF reported that the Allied Commission had been directed to discuss with the Italian Government the feasibility of opening the ports of GENOA and SAVONA for use by Spanish ships engaged in the transportation of goods to SWITZERLAND. No reply had as yet been forthcoming.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above report.

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EXTRACT FROM ECONOMIC SECTION MEMORANDUM
dated 25 Aug 1945.

SUBJECT: Amplification of Para's 4 and 5 of Attached Agreement
between Italy and Switzerland.

"2. The Transportation S/C amplifies quoted para 4 to state that its files are current on this development, that the total volume of freight shipments contemplated by the agreement have not yet been ascertained; that potential port facilities are now under study; that rolling stock furnished by the Swiss Government will be necessary to effectuate the proposed transfer of goods."

EXTRACT FROM BRITISH EMBASSY LETTER
708/23/45 CD dated 16 Aug 45.

"Swiss, however, are expected to make prompt and practical application of agreement dependent on their securing transport facilities for their own trade. (Allocation of space (even only one or two quays) at Genoa or Savona for Swiss ships and goods and early repair of North Italian railway network would be of great service in evaluating application of agreement."

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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31 July 1945

SUBJECT : Conference for Imports into Switzerland. 1945
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your letter No. 467/12/Tn.3 of 25 July 45.
2. The points set out in para. 2 of your letter are under examination at this Headquarters.
3. The question of resumption of essential imports has been referred to the Political Advisers who have as yet received no directions on the subject from the Foreign Office or State Department.

A. L. HAMBLEY,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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25 July 1945

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SUBJECT. Conference for imports into Switzerland.

TO. G-5, A.F.H.Q.

1. On 29th and 30th June 1945 a conference was held at Berne, Switzerland, between representatives of Allied Force Headquarters, and Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, and representatives of the Swiss Federal Council.

2. The subjects discussed were:-

- 2216/14
- (a) Repatriation of displaced persons from and through Switzerland
 - (b) Allied military movement through Switzerland
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 - (c) Resumption of Swiss import and export traffic through Italy and the ports of Genoa and Savona.

In addition, the Swiss authorities asked that urgent consideration be given by the Allies to the following points:-

- 2216/14
- (a) The relaxation of the present ban on the movement of Swiss nationals by road and rail between Italy and Switzerland. The Swiss Government could not take the responsibility of admitting Allied military movement through Switzerland while the border remains closed for the passage of its own civilians
 - (b) The resumption of direct postal facilities between Switzerland and Italy.

3. Brigadier A.F. de Vho Philippe, D.C.M.G. (Gov. in) represented A.F.H.Q. at this conference.

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4. I understand that the question of resumption of essential imports into Switzerland through the ports of Genoa and Savona, thence by rail, has been raised by the Swiss Federal Council on the highest diplomatic level through the Foreign Office in London.

5. In order that satisfactory decisions may be reached on all questions, and as it is apparent that the decision must be a diplomatic one, it is requested that an early conference be called by you with diplomatic representatives of the Governments concerned. These representatives should be empowered to take final decisions at the proposed conference.

6. Will you please advise me of your decision in this matter.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLMERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN,
Chief Commissioner.

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25 July 1945
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Dear Monsieur de Salis,

Reference is made to your letter 45.9.47 dated 5th July 1945.

At the conference held in Berne on 29 and 30 June 1945 Brigadier A.F. de Rho Philipe stated in connection with the proposed import of traffic destined for Switzerland through the ports of Genoa and Savona that adequate port and rail capacity would exist as soon as the port of Genoa was open to shipping. The port of Genoa is still not open, and I am not able even to forecast the date when shipping can be accepted.

However, I understand that this question has been raised by your Government on the highest diplomatic level with the Foreign Office in London. I am therefore requesting Allied Force Headquarters to arrange an early meeting at which this question and other matters raised at the Berne Conference may be discussed. It seems quite clearly to be a case for diplomatic decision and the diplomatic representatives at the proposed conference should be empowered to make these decisions.

I will advise you further on receipt of news from Allied Force Headquarters.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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ELLEERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNH,
Chief Commissioner.

Monsieur de Salis,
Chargé d'Affaires,
Swiss Legation.

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Ministère des Affaires Étrangères

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

JUL 11 1945

Subject: Concession of some of the Genoa harbour facilities to Switzerland.

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1. The Swiss Legation at Rome have requested the Italian Government to consider the possibility of again granting Switzerland some facilities for the use of the port of Genoa as a transit base for the goods traffic to and from the Confederation. The port of Genoa, in fact, is considered by the Swiss Government to be particularly suitable owing to its geographical position and harbour facilities.

2. The Swiss request will be discussed in the course of the Italo-Swiss economic negotiations only on principle, owing to the lack of experts in these questions among the members of the Italian Delegation.

3. The general agreements reached in the matter will be submitted for approval to the Allied Commission prior to the negotiation of a more detailed agreement between the two countries.



Rome, July 5th 1945

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Rome, July 5th 1945

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Dear Monsieur de Salis,

I have before me your memorandum dated 21st June 1945, concerning the use of ports in Northern Italy for the importation of foodstuffs and materials into Switzerland.

This matter has already been discussed between A.F.M.Q. and this Headquarters. You will be interested to learn that the whole question was being examined at a meeting between representatives of A.F.M.Q. and the Swiss Government at a conference in Berne on 28th June 1945. The result of this conference is not yet known.

Very truly yours

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1st Deputy
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Monsieur de Salis,
Chargé d'Affaires,
Swiss Legation.

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