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Ref: 6506/7/COS.

6 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Settlement in Cyrenaica.

TO : Il Segretario Generale,
Ministero Degli Affari Esteri.

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I am directed by Acting Chief Commissioner to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter Seg.Pol.n.140 of 29 September 1944 and note that the data regarding the expenses incurred by Italy for the colonization of Cyrenaica can now be compiled and will be forwarded to this Commission in due course.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.
For Acting Chief Commissioner.

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

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By *[initials]*

Rome, 29th September, 1944.

Seg. Pol. n. 140

24 OCT 1944

Dear Stone,

Lord Stanagate, Vice-President of the Administrative Section of the A.C.C., in a letter dated 16th June last (no. 5/5.1/as) asked this Ministry, on behalf of the Washington State Department, certain data relative to the expenses incurred by Italy for the colonization of Cyrenaica.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is very glad to comply with the request in question and to furnish all available data, which, together with the figures concerning capital investments and labour employed, as well as with the complete list of the works of all kind effected, will give a picture of the vast activity carried out by Italy with unstinted means and fruitful results towards the civilization, colonization and useful exploitation of one of her Colonies.

If it has not yet been possible to furnish the requested data, this is exclusively due to the fact that the Ministry of Italian Africa, which is competent in the matter, has been unable to have access to the records which are kept in the Palazzo della Consulta, until recently occupied by the Allied Police.

The recent return of the Palace to the Italian authorities has made it possible to start collecting all the elements necessary to an exhaustive reply to the detailed information requested. This Ministry will be glad to forward as soon as possible the informative data desired.

Yours sincerely,

Rto. R. PRUNAS

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Acting Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission.
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IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

Seg. Pol. n° 140

Roma, li 29 settembre 1944.

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By *[Signature]*

Caro Stone,

con lettera n° 5/5.1/as. in data 16 giugno c.a., Lord Stansgate, Vice Presidente della Sezione Amministrativa della Commissione Alleata di Controllo, ha richiesto a questo Ministero, per conto del Dipartimento di Stato di Washington, alcuni dati relativi alle spese sostenute dall'Italia per la colonizzazione della Cirenaica.

Il Regio Ministero degli Affari Esteri è lieto di poter aderire a tale desiderio e di fornire tutti i dati richiesti, i quali, con la menzione delle cifre dei capitali investiti e del lavoro impiegato, e con la enumerazione delle opere di ogni genere eseguite, varranno anche a dare una visione della vasta attività svolta con ricchezza di mezzi e con fecondità di risultati dall'Italia per la civilizzazione, la colonizzazione e la messa in valore di una delle sue Colonie.

Se non è stato possibile finora comunicare tali dati, ciò si deve esclusivamente al fatto che il Ministero dell'Africa Italiana, a ciò competente, si è trovato nella impossibilità di disporre dei suoi archivi, per essere questi situati nel Palazzo della Consulta, occupato dalla Polizia Alleata.

Con la restituzione alle Autorità Italiane di detto Palazzo, da qualche giorno solo avvenuta, è stato possibile iniziare la raccolta degli elementi necessari per una esauriente risposta ai quesiti formulati, risposta che questo Ministero si riserva di far pervenire al più presto.

Very sincerely yours

R. [Signature]

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Acting Chief Commissioner of the
Allied Control Commission

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16 Jun 44.

To : H.E. The Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Italian Government.

ITALIAN SETTLEMENT IN CYRENAICA.

1. A request has been made by the State Dept. WASHINGTON, for statistics concerning the costs of Italian Settlement in CYRENAICA.
2. I shall be very much obliged to you for any information you can give me on this subject, the more detailed the better.
3. As an indication of the data required, the following are some of the items on which I would like included :
 - a Overall costs per years;
 - b Numbers settled and average cost per capita;
 - c Details of expenditure on afforestation, grassland, agricultural country, stream guaging (dams, barrages etc) for generating purposes;
 - d Any technical information in connection with the matters at 3a above;
 - e Any other information on the whole subject.

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The Rt Hon. The Viscount Stanagato,
Vice President, Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission.

Copy to : DCC.
: Political Section

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Cap Stone -

Mr Murphy
asked that I get
your comments on
the best way to
handle this
request -

I had thought of
the Economic Sub-Com
& possibly thru them to
the Italian govt agency
concerned -

J. Greene
for pol. section

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

5/5.1/AS

16 June 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Political Section
SUBJECT : Italian Settlement in Cyrenaica. 197

1. The attached correspondence is returned to you.
2. In accordance with instructions received from D.C.C. the letter enclosure 3 has been forwarded to Minister of Foreign Affairs; When the information is received it will be forwarded to you.
3. Copies of enclosures 1 & 2 have been retained for reference in this office.

R. R. CRIPPS,
Colonel,
for V.P. Admin Sec.

- Encl:
1. Letter addressed to J.E. Jacobs, by American Ambassador, dated 24 May.
 2. Letter addressed to Mr. Sam Reber, dated 24 May.
 3. Letter addressed to H.E. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, by VP Admin Sec. dated 16 June.

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UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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May 24, 1944.

Dear Sam,

Please note the attached letter to Joe Jacobs.

By any chance, do you believe that some Italian administration would have statistics available regarding the cost of Italian settlement in CYRENAICA? What Dr Lowman is trying to indicate is the high cost to the Italians of such settlement, proving that a settlement project, which I believe has been discussed by certain agencies in the United States, is really impracticable because of its expensive character.

Sincerely yours

(Signed) "Bob"

Samuel Reber, Esquire,
Vice President, Political Section,
Allied Control Commission,
NAPLES.

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May 24, 1944.

Dear Jake,

When I saw Stettinius and his party on the way home Dr Bowman, among other things, asked for information regarding Cyrenaica. What he wanted was data of a technical nature regarding woodland or forest, grassland, agricultural country, stream gauging (dams, barrages) for generating power.

Dr Bowman referred to Mussolini's program 1938-40 when twenty millions (dollars or liras, he was not sure) were reported required to settle 2,250 families in Tripolitania and some in Cyrenaica, and whether separate accounts were maintained.

The question is: how far could this settlement work be extended within our present knowledge of conditions and the surveys that have been made.

I wonder whether you can have somebody get in touch with the Occupied Enemy Territory Administration or whatever organization might be competent, and obtain such data as might be available. I would also be grateful if you could send me a copy of whatever communication you to him.

With warm regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Murphy
American Ambassador.

Joseph E. Jacobs, Esquire,
Charge d'Affaires ad Interim,
American Legation,
Cairo.

