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SUBJECT: Dismissal of Railroad Workers

TO: C.A. Branch (Attn: Capt. Talbot)

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Ref. attached file, this matter has been discussed by Col. Adams with Lt. Col. Poletti. The Labour Sub-Commission have experienced difficulty in making contact with the Italian Minister of Communications, but they have now seen him, and hope to have an answer within a few days.

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HEADQUARTERS
REG() 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394, U.S. ARMY

4 March 1944

SUBJECT : Dismissal of Railroad Workers

TO : Allied Control Commission, Headquarters

1. Instructions were issued on 29 January 1944 by the Italian Ministry of Communications to the Capo Compartimento, Naples to effect a reduction of male workers and total discharge of all female workers. Number involved is approximately 3000 in this Region.

2. There had been no clearance or consultation by the Italian Ministry with any of the divisions of this Headquarters, or advice from Allied Control Commission Headquarters regarding this matter. It appears that it has been handled exclusively by the Italian Government, and this Headquarters is not yet officially advised that the instructions were issued.

3. The reaction among the workers to the proposed reduction in personnel has been most vigorous. Committees of workers (who brought the problem to our attention in the first instance) have protested the proposed reduction and complained that it was arbitrary, unnecessary, would injure the war effort, and would sever long-service employees from their employment without benefit of revised pension benefits which are now under consideration and calculated to improve the economic condition of pensioners.

4. In view of the problems aforementioned, and the absence of advice from Allied Control Commission Headquarters, the undersigned directed the chief of the Naples Compartimento not to discharge the employees in question until receipt of further orders.

5. The problem is serious and complicated and it is recommended that the Italian Government be consulted and investigation of the issues involved initiated pending which the instructions from the Italian Ministry be held in abeyance. This will assure that the war effort is not impaired and unnecessary labor problems not created.



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*Original and a copy handed to Col Adams on 6/3/44
with an endorsement requesting immediate action.
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