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A.F.H.Q.
Adv. Adm. Ech.
APO 1100.

DNL/rjs
19 February 1944

MEMORANDUM:

Subject : Coal and Coke

To : C.O., P.B.S. for attention Coal Officer.
D.O.M.R.S. " " Fuel "
D.D.W.
S&T
ATLANTIC BASE DEPOT GROUP.
A.C.C.
(2 copies each)

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For the DD/CAO

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Copies to:

DCAO. DD/CAO. A. Q. Gl. Mov.
Salvage. MEX. (Adv) AFHQ(1)
No 2 District (4) Spare (10)

For the DD/CAO:

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Aug 1944
Douglas H. Lawley
Colonel, G. S. C.
Executive G-4

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Estimated March Allocation of Coal.

USER.	RAVI	BRINDISI	TARANTO	GALLI POLI	NAPLES	TOTAL
<u>DCMGS</u>						
Loco Coal	15,000	6,000	10,000			
<u>S & T</u>					17,000	48,000
General Purpose	700					
Sardinian Gen. Purpose	2,100	400	175			
Coke	700	1,200	500		450	1,700
					1,400	5,200
<u>P B S</u>						
General Purpose						
Sardinian Gen. Purpose						
Sardinian Small					1,500	1,500
					4,500	4,500
					1,000	1,000
<u>A B D G R</u>						
General Purpose	350					350
Sardinian Gen. Purpose	1,000					1,000
<u>D D W</u>						
General Purpose	850					
Sardinian Small	3,000					
Coke	300		400		450	1,300
						3,400
<u>AMG/ACC</u>						
General Purpose	125					
Sardinian Gen. Purpose	400					
Unscreened Gas					875	1,000
					2,600	3,000
					4,500	4,500
24,525	7,600	11,075		34,275		77,475
Total East	43,200		Total West	34,275		

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Estimated March Allocation of Coal.

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Appendix No I.

BRINDISI	TARANTO	GALLI POLI	NAPLES	TOTAL	REMARKS
6,000	10,000		17,000	48,000	
400	175		450	1,725	
1,200	500		1,400	5,200	
				700	
			1,500	1,500	
			4,500	4,500	
			1,000	1,000	
				350	
				1,000	
	400		450	1,300	
				3,400	
				300	
			875	1,000	375 for Rome
			2,600	3,000	1,175 " "
			4,500	4,500	4,500 " "
7,600	11,075		34,275	71,475	
East 43,200	Total West	34,275			

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Estimated April Allocation of coal.

USER	BARI	BRINDISI	TARANTO	GALLIPOLI	NAPLES	TOTAL
<u>DGMRG</u>						
Loose coal	15,000	6,000	10,000		17,000	48,000
<u>S & T</u>						
General Purpose	400	150	50		400	1,000
Sardinian Gen. Purpose	1,200	450	150		1,100	2,900
Coke	700					700
<u>P B S</u>						
General Purpose					1,125	1,125
Sardinian Gen. Purpose					3,375	3,375
Sardinian Small					1,000	1,000
<u>A F D G R</u>						
General Purpose	250					250
Sardinian Gen. Purpose	750					750
<u>D D W</u>						
General Purpose	850				450	1,300
Sardinian Small	3,000		400			3,400
Coke	300					300
<u>ACC/ACC</u>						
General Purpose	125				900	1,025
Sardinian Gen. Purpose	400				2,600	3,000
Unscreened Gas		2,700			10,000	12,700
	22,975	9,300	10,600		37,950	80,825

Total East 42,875

Total West 37,950

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Estimated April Allocation of Goal.

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Appendix No. 2.

	BRINDISI	TARANTO	GALLIPOLI	NAPLES	TOTAL	REMARKS
00	6,000	10,000		17,000	48,000	
00	150	50		400	1,000	
00	1,50	150		1,100	2,900	
00					700	
				1,125	1,125	
				3,375	3,375	
				1,000	1,000	
50					250	
00					750	
50				450	1,300	
00		400			3,400	
00					300	
25				900	1,025	375 for Rome
00				2,600	3,000	1,175 for Rome
	2,700			10,000	12,700	4,500 " "
75	9,300	10,600		37,950	80,825	
Total East 42,875		Total West 37,950				

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HEADQUARTERS PETROLEUM BASE SECTION

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1 FEBRUARY 1944

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..ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO FOR KERNIG, FABLE FOR MATTHEWS

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SIGNED CINO

DATE TIME SIGNED : 311326A

DATE TIME REC'D : 010145A

REF. NO. : 46581

DATE : FIDALS

COAL SARDINIAN, IS SUBJECT. THIS IS PARAPHRASE OF CAL 161. IT WAS SUGGESTED.

(A) COAL LESS THAN 3/8 INCH SIZE BE PROCURED THRU BY-PRODUCTS PLANT AT SAFT ANTICOCO IN MARIEN TO PRODUCE MAXIMUM COKE REGARDLESS OF BY-PRODUCTS. THIS COKE SHOULD BE SATISFACTORY FOR RAILROAD AND OTHER USES.

(B) PROCESS MINUS 3/8 INCH SIZE THRU MECHANICAL WASHERS TO REMOVE BITUMINOUS SHALE, THE PRINCIPAL INCENDIARY AGENT. STORE RESULTANT PRODUCT WITHOUT DANGER OF COMBUSTION AFTER COMPACTING WITH ROLLER OR BULLDOZER. IT CAN BE USED IN MECHANICAL STOKERS IN HOME AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL AREAS WHICH HAVE PRAGTIME MARKETS FOR THIS GRADE.

ABOVE PRESUPPOSES MINUS 3/8 INCH SIZE WILL BE USED TO MAXIMUM IN MINE POWER PLANTS WHICH ARE EQUIPPED TO USE THIS GRADE AS WELL AS SLUDGE FROM MECHANICAL WASHERS. END MESSAGE.

SEE REPLY IN LAC 135 REPEATED TO FARGO 31 JANUARY, NOT REPEATED FOR 1767-
QUIRED ARE YOUR COMMENTS.

ACTION: AND MBS
INFO. : MBS ADV.
QA
ENG.
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C.G. - SECY.

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BARR SECTION

1 FEBRUARY 1944

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TO (ACTION) : AGWAR FOR CCS, UNFOR FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF, CG SOS MATOUSEA
(INFORMATION) : MORE
FROM : SIGMUND WILSON
DATE TIME SIGNED : 311514A
DATE TIME REC'D : 311045A
REF. NO. : 45441
CITE : FRENCH, FRODS, FREUP, CCAG

THIS IS LAG 135. DARDINIAN COAL.

PROCEEDING SUGGESTED PARA A, CAL 161, NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO BOMB DAMAGE. SEE
PARA 4 APPENDIX K REPORT MINING BRANCH, REGION 5, 9TH OCT 43. COPY SENT CAD 16TH OCT.

COMPACTING AS IN PARA B IS PRESENT PRACTICE.

YOUR SUGGESTIONS ARE BEING SENT TO MINES FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENT.

(REFERENCE 8460 OF 30TH JAN, CAL 161 CITING CCAG)

ACTION:

INFO. : AMB HQB /
WGS A JV
QM
ENG
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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

23 JANUARY 1944

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ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : FREEDOM FOR HOLMES AND QM, CG PBS FOR YARGO FOR GUETERBOCH
AND KOENIG

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : PATTHEWS SIGNED WEBSTER

DATE TIME SIGNED : 221028A

DATE TIME REC'D : 222324A

REF. NR. : WM 1114

CITE : AGU-8

SS MAGERITA CAPACITY 400 TONS NOW AT SANT ANTIAGO. REQUEST COAL LOADING
INSTRUCTIONS AND DESTINATION. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO FURNISH HEADQUARTERS
MINING DIVISION WITH ADVANCE INFORMATION AS TO CARGOES DESIRED AND SHIPPING IN-
STRUCTIONS TO AVOID DELAYS IN LOADING.

ACTION : AMG HQ

INFO : MGS ADVANCE
: C.G.
: SECY.

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TO : PBS FOR PENCE FOR FARCO RPTS FLAMBO FOR HENDERSON
FROM : SIGNED CINC CITE FM58

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RESTRICTED, PRIORITY, FURTHER TO OUR 10600 OF 20 JAN. RECEIPT OF
SPOFFORD LETTER OF 17 JAN INDICATING ESSENTIALITY OF LONG FLAME GAS
COAL PRECLUDES USE OF SARDINIAN COAL. ALLOCATION OF SODA ASH THEREFORE
WITHDRAWN PENDING ALLOCATION OF SUITABLE COAL AND PORT ACCEPTANCE. YOU
WILL COORDINATE THIS WITH QUARTERMASTER AND FLAMBO AND ADVISE THIS HQ

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ACTION

MC- (ADV) ✓

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Subject: Return Coal and Coke

A.F.H.G. Adv. Adm. Echelon

20 January 1944.

TO: C.G. Peninsular Base Section
D.G. Military Railway Service
C.O. Adriatic Base Depot
S.T. A.F.H.G. A.A.E.
D of Works

D.C.C.A.O. A.M.G. H.Q. (Naples)
D.C.C.A.O. A.M.G. 15 Army Group (Caserta)
D. President A.C.C. (Salerno)

Copies to: A.M.G. (Adv)

No. 2 District (Coal Section)

1. In order that this Headquarters may know at any time the stocks of coal and coke on the Italian mainland a weekly return is required of the amounts received and consumed during the previous week and the amount held at 2400 hrs each Saturday. These reports should be sent direct to the Coal Section, AFHQ Adv Adm Ech. to arrive not later than each Tuesday following.

2. As stockpiles are in some cases being used by more than one consumer and in order to clarify the figures required from each addressee the following details are given. Returns are required from:

Peninsular Base Section, showing the amount received, consumed and held for units administered by them and separately the amount under the above heading for units administered by S&F. British.

Military Railway Service, showing the amount received consumed and held separately in East and West Italy on:

- (1) Railroad lines on which the Director General exercises direct control.
- (2) The amount under the above heading assigned to civilian use. (a) On the Italian State Railway and (b) On privately owned lines.

S and T, a consolidated return of the total amount received, consumed and held in East Italy.

Adriatic Base Depot, showing amount received, consumed and held for units administered by them.

Director of Works, showing the amount received, consumed and held at each of the works or plant under their direct control.

In the event of works or plant being handed over to AUGC control the amount of coal or coke on hand at the time of transfer should be noted and advised to Coal Sec.

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Adriatic Base Depot, showing amount received, consumed and held for units administered by them.

Director of Works, showing the amount received, consumed and held at each of the works or plant under their direct control.

In the event of works or plant being handed over to ACC control the amount of coal or coke on hand at the time of transfer should be noted and advised to Coal Section.

ACC and ACC return by Regions showing the amount received, consumed and held at each of the works, plant or stockpile which has received coal direct from ships and separately amounts received, consumed and held in stockpiles requisitioned by them and allocated by them and allocated by the Coal Section for essential civil requirements.

3. Attached are a supply of forms for use in making the above returns.

For the D/FCAG:

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DOUGLAS N. LAWLEY
Colonel, G. S. C.
Executive G-4

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TO (ACTION) : FREEDOM FOR HOMES AND QM COAL SECTION, FARGO FOR GUSTERBOCK AND KOENIG

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : MATTHEWS SIGNED WEBSTER

DATE TIME SIGNED : 181210A ✓

DATE TIME REC'D : 190701A

REF NR : WM 901

CITE : AGU-8

ITALIAN COASTERS ALBISOLA DWT 7,000 AND PERTUSOLA DWT 2,800 NOW AVAILABLE FOR COAL CARGO. REQUEST COAL SIZES DESIRED AND SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS. PERTUSOLA NOW AT SANT ANTIOCO WILL HANDLE 1,800 TONS. RECOMMEND EARLY MOVEMENT OF EXPORT COAL PARTICULARLY SCREENINGS TO RELIEVE CONGESTION ON PIER.

ACTION: AMG HQ
INFO : MGS AUV ✓
QM
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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

20 JANUARY 1944

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PRIORITY

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TO (ACTION) : CG NATOUNA, CG PRE, FOR FARGO, GUETERBOOK AND KENIG
(INFORMATION) : NONE
FROM : MATTHEWS SIGNED WEBSTER
DATE TIME SIGNED : 200037A
DATE TIME REC'D : 202115A
REF. NR. : WM 997
CITE : AGE-7

(CITING PHMOS) PRACTICAL TESTS OF TRAIL SHIPMENT PERMISSABLE COAL MINE
EXPLOSIVE MANUFACTURED NORTH AFRICA INDICATE ACCEPTABLE QUALITY. REQUEST
IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT OF 50 TONS NOW ON REQUISITION. TOTAL COAL MINE EXPLOSIVE
ON HAND 10TH JANUARY 17 TONS REPEAT 17 TONS, RATE OF EXPENDITURE 1 TON PER DAY.

ACTION : AMB HQ

INFO : MGS ADV
: ENG
: G-4
: C.G.
: SECY.

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC OFFICE
ROUTING SLIP

TO:

1944
INITIALS

☐ Lt. Col. Henderson
☐ Lt. Col. Merrill
☒ Lt. Col. Lase
☐ Lt. Col. Reiter
☐ Lt. Col. Herrmann
☐ Major Smallwood
☐ Major Todd
☐ Capt. Plummer
☐ Capt. Northland
☐ Capt. Curran
☐ Capt. Moran
☐ Capt. Austin
☐ Lt. Stanley

Sgt. Collins

FOR:

--- Action ---
Coordinate with

A Take ACTION

☐ Info and retain.
☒ Info and return.
☐ Read and see me.
☐ See me, with all info.
☐ File
☐ Circulate to All.
☐ Prepare reply, my signature.

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
ROUTING SLIP

TO:

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☐ Lt. Col. Henderson

☐ Lt. Col. Marrali

☐ Lt. Col. Legg

☐ Lt. Col. Neider

☐ Lt. Col. Hermann

☐ Major Smallwood

☐ Major Todd

☐ Capt. Plummer

☐ Capt. Mortland

☐ Capt. Curran

☐ Capt. Morse

☐ Capt. Austin

☐ Lt. Chantoy

☐ Sgt. Collins

FOR:

☐ Action

☐ Coordinate with

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REMARKS:

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A.P.H.Q.
Adv Adm Beh.
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MEMORANDUM.

Subject: Coal Allocation February and March 1944.

To : C.G., P.D.S. for attention Coal Officer.
D.G.M.R.S. " " Fuel Officer.
Adriatic Base Depot Group.
D.D.W.
S & T
AMB/ACC.
C.E.C.

Copies to: DCAO, D/DCAO, A. Q. Gl. Mov. Salvage. MIS(Adv) AFHQ(L)
No 2 District (h) Spare 10.

1. Reference to Coal Bidding Meeting held 8 Jan 1944.

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Auth: YCLO
Initials: R/K/L
Date: 16 Jan 44.

16 January 1944.

ADD/ACC.
C.E.C.

Copies to: DCAO, D/DCAO, A. Q. Gh. Mov. Salvage, IGS(Adv) AFHQ(L)
No 2 District (L) Spare 10.

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For the D/DCAO:

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Douglas H. Lawley
Colonel, G. S. C.
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February Allocation of Coal.

	BARI.	BRINDISI.	TARANTO.	NAPLES.	TOTAL	REMARKS.
<u>DMERS.</u>						
Loco Coal	10,000	9,000	9,000	16,000	44,000	
<u>S & T.</u>						
General Purpose	2,800	1,600	600	1,900	6,900	
Coke	300	150	150	250	850	
<u>P. B. S.</u>						
General Purpose				7,500	7,500	
<u>ADICOP.</u>						
General Purpose	1,350				1,350	
<u>D. D. W.</u>						
Splint				800	800	For Glass and Steel
Coke, Foundry	400				400	Steel, Bari
Gas Furnace	400				400	" "
Sardinian Coal	2,800		400	2,400	5,600	Cement Works, Modugno,
<u>AD/ACC.</u>						
Steam Coal	500	500	500	1,900	3,400	Hospitals & Ascorion
Gas Coal	350	200	300	5,500	6,350	Gas Works Bari, Lecce,
	10,900	11,450	10,950	36,250	77,550	

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February Allocation of Coal.

Appendix No 1.

INDISI.	TARANTO.	NAPLES.	TOTAL	REMARKS.
9,000	9,000	16,000	44,000	
600	600	1,900	6,900	
150	150	250	850	
		7,500	7,500	
			1,350	
		800	800	For Glass and Steel
			400	Steel, Bari
			400	" "
	400	2,400	5,600	Cement Works, Modugno, Barletta & Castellamara
500	500	1,900	3,400	Hospitals & Bakeries
200	300	5,500	6,350	Gas Works Bari, Lecce, Taranto & Naples.
1,150	10,950	36,250	77,550	

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<u>DGFS.</u>							
Loco Coal	15,000	6,000	10,000		17,000	48,000	
<u>S & T.</u>							
General Purpose	700	400	175		150	1,725	
General Purpose							
Sardinian	2,100	1,200	500		1,400	5,200	
Coke	700					700	
<u>P. M. S.</u>							
General Purpose					1,500	1,500	
General Purpose							
Sardinian					4,500	4,500	
<u>ABGR.</u>							
General Purpose						350	
General							
Sardinian						1,000	
<u>P. D. L.</u>							
General Purpose					150	1,300	
Sardinian Small							
Coke					1,000	4,400	
						300	
<u>INT/ACC.</u>							
General Purpose					875	1,000	
General Purpose							
Sardinian					2,600	3,000	
Unscreened Gas					4,500	4,500	
	24,525	7,600	11,075		34,275	77,475	

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Estimated March Allocation of Coal.

Appendix No. 2

BRINDISI. TARANTO. GALLIPOLI. NAPLES. TOTAL. REMARKS.

6,000 10,000 17,000 48,000

400 175 450 1,725

1,200 500 1,400 5,200
700

1,500 1,500

4,500 4,500

350

1,000

400 450 1,300
1,000 4,400
300

875 1,000

2,600 3,000

4,500 4,500

375 for ROME

1,175 " "

4,500 " "

7,600 11,075 34,275 77,475

TOTAL East Italy 43,200

TOTAL West Italy 34,275

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ALLIED FORCE
CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

AFPO 400

14 January 1944

SUBJECT: Establishment of Coal Prices.

TO : Deputy President, ACC
DCCAO, AMG
DCCAO, AMG 15th Army Group.

1. Minute # 10 of the minutes of the Central Economic Committee meeting held 12 January 1944 reads in part as follows:

*10. b. It was agreed:

1. Imported coal not including Sardinian coal shall be charged to the Italian Government at landed cost.
2. Such coal shall be sold to essential civilian users at a price of 1200 Lire per metric ton CIF Italian ports.
3. Newly imported Sardinian coal shall be sold to essential civilian users at a base price of 550 Lire per metric ton CIF Italian ports."

(Price differentials for various grades of Sardinian coal are being prepared by Brigadier Norman Smith, AFHQ).

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- d. It was agreed: (with reference to private stockpiles)
 1. German coal in private stockpiles be allocated for sale at a price of 1,200 Lire per metric ton at stockpile.
 2. Sardinian coal in private stockpiles be allocated for sale at a base price of 550 Lire at stockpile."

2. The Allied Control Commission is requested to direct the Italian Government to issue the necessary ordinance to carry the foregoing prices into effect as of 1 December 1943.

3. DCCAO, AMG as to Region II and DCAO, AMG 15th Army Group as to Regions III and IV are requested to issue the necessary orders to carry the foregoing prices into effect as of 1 December 1943.

4. It is requested that a copy of these orders be supplied to the Committee for its information.

For the Committee:

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A. I. HENDERSON,
Lt. Col., A.U.S.,
Chief Executive,
Central Economic Committee.

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
APO 400

8 January 1944

SUBJECT: Price to be charged for German coal in Naples
area stockpiles.

TO : AMO HQ

Attn: Finance Sub-Commission

1. There are approximately 23,000 tons of high grade German and ordinary Sardinian coal in privately owned stockpiles in the Naples area. This coal is now being allocated by the Coal Section, AFHQ Adv. Admin. Sch.
2. The Central Economic Committee will consider at its meeting on 12 January 1944 the prices at which the German portion of this coal should be sold. As far as can be determined present owners paid 300 to 400 Lire per metric ton for this high quality German coal.
3. It is requested that the Finance Sub-Commission submit its views to the Central Economic Committee as to the proper prices at which this German coal should be sold prior to the next meeting of the committee on 12 January 1944.

For the Committee:

A. I. Henderson
A. I. HENDERSON,
Lt. Col. A. U.S.A.,
Chief Executive,
Central Economic Committee.

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE STATION

11 DECEMBER 1943

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TO (ACTION) : FREEDOM FOR ROE
(INFORMATION) : PARDO FOR ROE
FROM : MATTERS SIGNED WEBSTER
DATE TIME SIGNED : 301356A
DATE TIME REC'D : 310308A
REF. NR. : 1328
CITE : AGO-6

YOUR MESSAGE RELATIVE BALANCED PRODUCTION OBTAINED. ONLY VIBOR INCREASE IN PERCENTAGE OF SIZES ABOVE 30 MILLIMETERS MAY BE ANTICIPATED. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PRODUCE HIGHER YIELD COARSE COAL. SUGGEST THAT MESH 10 MILLIMETER COARSE BE CALLED FORWARD FOR BOILER PLANTS WHERE PRACTICABLE INSTEAD OF 30 BY 0 SCREENING THEREBY RELASING 30 BY 10 FOR COMBINATION WITH 30 BY 30. CONTROL OF BALANCED PRODUCTION ACTUALLY RESPONSIBILITY OF ROE QUARTERMASTER APRQ WHICH MAY BE BASED UPON PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER BEING FORWARDED THREE JANUARY. REQUEST CONSIDERATION SHIPMENT OF EXCESS SMALL COAL TO UNITED STATES AS BALLAST. THIS COAL WOULD HAVE SOME COMMERCIAL VALUE ON EAST COAST AND WOULD PARTIALLY SOLVE PROBLEM OF PROVIDING BALLAST.

INFO : AMB HQ
: AMB CIVIL SUPPLY
: US
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: C. G.
: SECY.

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Subject: Coal for Foggia and Campobasso.

AFHQ Adv. Adm. Echelon.
Coal Section.
28 Dec '43.

H.Q. 15 Army Group,
Economics and Supply Division.

Copy to: No 2 District (Coal Section)
Lt Col. Herrall, Civil Supply Committee
A.M.O. Naples.
Chas. F. E. S. M. G. S. (Adv)

Reference your AMG/114/38 dated 22 Dec '43 and the request attached thereto (Ref GA/44/6A of 3 Dec '43).

1. The quantities detailed in our allocation of the 14 December included for January 1944 500 tons General purpose coal from each of the ports Bari, Brindisi and Taranto to AMG/AC for hospitals, bakeries, etc.
2. As coal carrying steamers arrive in these ports quantities up to those stated above will be consigned to stock piles controlled by AMG/AC, by Coal Section attached No 2 District. By arrangement through the Coal Section and Movements it may be possible to arrange for certain quantities to go direct from the ship to the consumer.
3. Once coal has been allocated to AMG/AC the decision to which particular food factory or essential plant the coal is sent remains with AMG/AC.
4. Will the Coal Section No 2 District please advise this H.Q. of the location of AMG/AC stock piles in East Italy and any other arrangements they may have made in this connection.

For the HD/CAO.

Douglas F. Lanley
Lt. Col., U.S.C.
Executive S-4

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3 Enclosures:
Letter, AMG, 15 Army Group
Letter, AMG, Eighth Army
Chart, Supply Situation

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SUBJECT: Coal for FOGGIA and CAMPOBASSO - Civil Use

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15 ARMY GROUP
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AFHQ Adv Adm Ech.,
Coal Section,
thro' Lt-Col MERRILL,
Civil Supply Committee,
NAPLES

AMG/114/38
22 Dec 43

Reference Coal Section Allocation 14 Dec 43.

1. It is noted that allocations for coal for January and February do not refer to FOGGIA and CAMPOBASSO, and also limit the allocation of steam coal to hospitals and bakeries.
2. FOGGIA needs steam coal as set out in the attached request (Ref. 04/44/64 3 Dec) totaling 93 tons monthly. CAMPOBASSO required 42 tons monthly. These are for flour mills, pasta factories, and olive oil presses as well as bakeries, all of which are essential to civilian life. They were represented to Col. EVANS at No. 2 DISTRICT by this office and subsequently to Coal Section, FLANBO, by the Civil Supply Committee.
3. Is it envisaged that these requirements are to be drawn from the allocations made to some other point? If so, will you issue the necessary directive and request the necessary rail transport through the Transportation Committee.

S/R. L. Batt, Jr.,
E. L. BATT, JR.,
Captain, Infantry,
Deputy Director,
Economics & Supply Division.

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Copy to: Col. EVANS, No. 2 DISTRICT
AMG EIGHTH ARMY (no attachments)
Region A Adv. for AMG FOGGIA

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SUBJECT: Supplies - Coal

AMG. HQ. Eighth Army

08/44/6A

AMG. HQ - 15 Army Group

3 Dec 43.

1. Reference your signal CSC/1 of 29 Nov. 43, I forward herewith estimates of coal etc. requirements for period ending April 1st for the provinces of Campobasso and Foggia. It is regretted that short notice and difficulties of communication have prevented in compilation more accurate figures, particularly for Campobasso.

2. The requirements are for any ten day period and no substantial variations in the rate of consumption are foreseen. The remarks on the paper and brick factories in Foggia Province should, however, be noted.

3. No estimate is included for those parts of Region IV or for any other area still in enemy hands. Obviously supplies will be required for Chieti etc. provinces, but this formation cannot make such estimates, which (as in the case of other supplies) must be covered by forward planning on a higher level - presumably by AMG Region IV in conjunction with MOS Advance AFHQ. Please take necessary action on this aspect.

4. Please advise

(a) Actual allocation

(b) Places for effecting delivery.

(Sgd.) C.A. SPENCER,
Major, R.A.S.C.,
AMG. HQ. Eighth Army

Copy to: Civil Supply Committee
C/o MOS Adv Adm Ech AFHQ, NAPLES
SCAO FOGGIA
SCAO CAMPORASSO
REGION IV NAPLES

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A.H.C. MAIN EIGHTH ARMY
 S.D.P.I.
 Summary situation based on Ten Day period of
 December 1943 to March 1944

Province of FOGHIA
 Population 525,000

ITEM	STOCKS	REQUIREMENTS	REMARKS
Coal : Situations			
(a) Bakeries	Nil.	9 tons	Required for 30 principal bakeries to make 200-500 tons of bread each ten day period. Lignite stated as suitable owing disposition to clog flues and fireboxes, cleaning of which impracticable, particularly when these bakeries required work almost continuously as at present. This estimate provides for use of 2000 by smaller bakeries in villages but this is not practicable for larger bakeries owing to complete lack of transport and inadequate cutting facilities, resulting in deficient supplies of wood fuel.
(b) Flour Mills	Nil	12 tons	Required for 7 mills producing 3,000 tons flour every ten day period. Flour essential for civil rationing.
(c) Pasta Mills	Nil	5 tons	Required for 10 manufacturers for use in steam drying process. Output 333 tons per ten day period. All required for rationing.
(d) Olive Oil Presses	Nil	5 tons	Rough estimate of tonnage required to operate these presses which cannot use other fuels. (Pressing season just started; total crop estimated at 7,500 tons olives.
II. Lignite		Total 31 tons	
(a) Paper Factory	5,000	-	Not working at present, but earmarked for probable operation under direction AFAC. Factory's present lignite stock sufficient for 8 months at 50% capacity.
(b) Brickworks	Not known; estimated at 3000 - 5000 tons	-	Not working at present; considerable supplies of tiles and bricks on hand. Reported that engineers have requisitioned these coal stocks.
III. Coke	Nil	4	Rough estimate requirements for blacksmithing, etc. Formerly supplied by Gas Works which not working now.

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A.M.G. MAIN LIGHT ARMY

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Province of CAMPOBASSO
Population 525,000

Supply situation based on 10 Day period Group

December 1943 - March 1944

PROVINCIAL ESTIMATES		REMARKS	
ITEM	STOCKS	IMPORT REQUIREMENTS	
I. COAL			
BITUMINOUS			(Required for all processes involved in production 19 tons (paste every ten day period)
(a) Paste Manufacturers.	NIL	10	
(b) Flour Mills & Bakeries	NIL	4	Taken estimate; at present appears that existing stocks wood being used up which may prove difficult replacement owing lack transport, bad weather, etc.
			Total 14 tons
II. LIGNITE			
Brickworks	NIL	2	Plant capacity 25,000 common bricks, 62,200 perforated bricks 2,500 flat tiles, 750 common tiles every 120 days
III. COKE			
Blacksmiths, etc	NIL	4	Local estimate of requirements for numerous small blacksmiths.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE
APO 542

27 December 1943.

SUBJECT: A.S.A.G., Coal Section Memorandum entitled "Italy - Prices of Coal and Handling of Coal", dated 5 December 1943.

The Economic Directorate has considered the above memorandum and suggests the following changes:-

- (1) Change paragraph 5 to read "If the above mentioned course be adopted, the dollar, sterling or franc cost of all imported coal, less that supplied to the Allied Forces for heating hospitals, cooking and so forth, would be charged to the Italian Government. It would be suggested to the Italian Government that it charge for imported coal 1200 lire per metric ton, CIF Italian ports. This price would reduce, but still would continue to require a substantial subsidy."
- (2) Para 6. It is suggested that the price charged for Sardinian coal (outside of Sardinia) should be increased to 550 lire per metric ton CIF Italian ports for fine coal (less than 20 millimetres in size) and 650 lire per metric ton CIF Italian ports for coarse coal (20 millimetres or more in size). These prices are estimated to cover production and transportation costs and would obviate the need for subsidies. In view of the character of the present coal consumers these prices would not appreciably offset the cost of living and therefore would not be detrimental to inflation control.
- (3) Change paragraph 9 (a) to read "All imported coal supplied to Italy should be charged to the Italian Government at 'economic' prices in dollars, sterling or francs."
- (4) Add to paragraph 9 (b) the phrase "On the basis of the prices recommended in paragraphs 5 and 6 above."

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R.A. BARNY,
Brigadier,
Acting Economic Director.

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Government. It would be suggested to the Italian Government that it charge for imported coal 1200 lire per metric ton, CIF Italian ports. This price would reduce, but still would continue to require a substantial subsidy."

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Acting Economic Director.

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HEADQUARTERS PERSHORE DATA SECTION AND 782

AD 463 PERSH (21 Dec 43)

Subject: - Storage of Fuel

Auth: CG PERS
Initials:
Date: 21 Dec 43

TO: - D/GAO, AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.

1. Reference is made in your communication 13 December 1943, requesting the concurrence of this Headquarters in the joint handling of coal allotted to United States and British Forces in this theater.
2. This Headquarters concurs and the following arrangements will be made:-
 - a. All accounting and checking both as regards receipts and issue will be carried out entirely under P.B.S. control and by the existing P.B.S. staff.
 - b. The guarding of the dump will be a joint responsibility of the P.B.S. and 2 District. Necessary arrangements to be made between the Office of the Quartermaster, this Headquarters and Headquarters 57 Area.
3. At the present time, coal delivered to Bagnoli is being unloaded on contract existing between this Headquarters and a civilian contractor, who is paid 40 Lire per ton for the double operation of unloading coal from rail cars, and loading rail cars when required.
4. Coal assigned to Bagnoli for British Forces will be handled on the same contracted basis as above. Payment will be made by United States and the cost will be charged to British on a lend lease basis.

For the Commanding General:

(Signed) L.P. HICKMAN.
Lt. Col. A.C.D.
Adjutant General.

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UNDER REFERENCE 71 Q DATED 23 DEC 43.

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MESSAGE FORM.

FROM: Flanbo (Coal Section)

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For Action.
Freedom (CN Coal Section)

Dietwo (Coal Section)

TO:

For Info.

64 Nov 1948 (Adv) Ta(A) In(B)

Coal/4066. Reference you cable 18342 dated 15 Dec in reply to our Coal/3588 dated 2 Dec. Agree your view and will accept up to seven five per cent of Sardinian coal screened over three quarters of an inch in satisfaction of requirements under the two headings Army house general purpose and general purpose hospitals bakeries. New subject. Will also accept up to fifteen per cent of Sardinian coal all sizes up to two inches mixed in satisfaction requirements under heading gas coal west Italy. New subject. Will Coal Section DISWO please state whether they can accept fifteen per cent Sardinian coal for gas works east Italy. New subject. Railways will make tests of Sardinian coal after arrival of coaster Lucera.

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MESSAGE IN

SIGS NO 6584

TO: PLAMBO FOR COAL SECTION INFO NO 1 DISTRICT

FROM: PHSUP

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OUTPUT AND DISPOSAL OF SARDINIAN COAL RAISES QUESTIONS WHICH CAN ONLY BE DECIDED AT THIS HEADQUARTERS. YOUR MESSAGE COAL/3618 IS REFERRED. ACTION PLAMBO FOR COAL SECTION INFO NUMBER ONE DISTRICT CITE PHSUP AND PHMS SIGNED GING. IT IS DESIRED THAT ARRANGEMENTS EITHER FOR SUPPLY OR SHIPMENT OF SARDINIAN COAL BE MADE HERE. REQUEST EARLY INFORMATION AMOUNT SARDINIAN COAL THAT CAN BE ACCEPTED IN ITALY IN SUBSTITUTION FOR IMPORTED COAL AS PER OUR MESSAGE 13342 OF 13 DEC. SURVEY OF SICILIAN REQUIREMENTS URGENTLY NECESSARY IN ORDER TO DETERMINE INTER ALIA HOW MUCH SARDINIAN COAL CAN BE ACCEPTED THERE. WHEN THIS INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE A COMPREHENSIVE SHIPMENT PROGRAMME WILL BE PREPARED AT THIS HEADQUARTERS. NEW SUBJECT. NUMBER ONE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AND ACC-AMG PALERMO PRESSING FOR COAL PEOPLE TO VISIT SICILY AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EVANS AND COULSON PROCEED THERE IMMEDIATELY. NEW SUBJECT. ESTIMATE OF SARDINIAN REQUIREMENTS MUST BE FURNISHED IN ORDER TO COMPLETE PICTURE OF ALLOCATION OF SARDINIAN COAL. UNLESS TRANSPORT VERY DIFFICULT CONSIDER ADVISABLE THAT ISLAND SHOULD BE VISITED BY EVANS AND COULSON. NEW SUBJECT. NO INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THIS HEADQUARTERS FOR KOSNIG AND CARTER TO DEAL WITH DISTRIBUTION. CABLE OR MAIL QUICKLY FULLEST PARTICULARS OF ACTION TAKEN BY THEM IN THIS MATTER

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SECRET MESSAGE IN

(SIGS NO 7113)

TO :- FLAMBO FOR TODD FOR KOENIG RPT PABLE FOR MATHEWS

FROM :- SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE PHMGS

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17 Dec

PARA 1 . REF REPORT OF 9 OCT ON SARDINIAN COAL PRODUCTION REQUEST YOU
STATE (1) WHETHER PERCENTAGES OF SIZES PRODUCED AND ANALYSIS REMAINS
INDICATED IN APPENDIX B. (2) WHETHER ALL FOUR SIZES ARE WASTED OR ONLY
LUMPS AND NUTS . (3) WHETHER COAL IS SUITABLE FOR GAS MAKING ; (4)
SARDINIAN REQUIREMENTS BROKEN DOWN BY TONNAGES AND SIZES (5) WHETHER
POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH FOB PRICE BASED ON COST OF PRODUCTION PLUS OVERHEAD
EXPENSES WHICH LATER WOULD INCLUDE A MARGIN OF PROFIT ; PARA 2 .
NEW SUBJECT . AS COAL IS OF POOR QUALITY DIFFICULTY MAY BE FOUND UNDER
PRESENT CONDITIONS IN DISPOSING OF A LARGELY INCREASED OUTPUT, PARTICULARLY
OF SMALL AND DUFF COAL . ESSENTIAL THEREFORE THAT WE HAVE MOST RUSH RATE
INFORMATION POSSIBLE REGARDING FUTURE PRODUCTION AND PROPORTIONS OF VARIOUS
SIZES WHICH WILL BE PRODUCED . PARA 3 . NEW SUBJECT . IT IS PROPOSED TO
DISCUSS QUESTION OF SARDINIAN COAL SHORTLY AFTER CHRISTMAS IN CONNECTION
PROPOSED PRICE POLICY CONFERENCE . KOENIGS ATTENDANCE DESIRED . MEANWHILE
REQUEST ANSWERS TO NUMBERED QUESTIONS IN PARA 1 ABOVE

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AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.
Coal Section
14 December 1943

SUBJECT: Lignite Deposits South Italy.

TO: A.F.S.C. for attention of Coal Section.
Copy to: No 2 District (Coal Section).

1. Enclosed for your information is a copy of a report of lignite deposits in South Italy. No doubt this will be of interest to the Mining Branch.

2. Enquiries are being made by this H.Q. as to where this coal has been used in the past and whether it can be transported and used at present.

For the DD/CAD.

DOUGLAS N. LAWLEY
Lt. Col., G.S.C.
Executive, G-4

Incl:

Ltr; Coal deposits in Southern Italy

ENGINEER SERVICE
HQ. PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

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4 December 1943

SUBJECT: Coal Deposits in Southern Italy

TO : Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section

1. The following information relative to the coal deposits of Southern Italy was obtained from Engineer Guido Gambardella, 7E, 17 bis Viale Elena, who is Professor of Industrial Developments at Naples Polytechnic Institute. The conditions and state of development of the mining facilities, as stated by Engineer Gambardella, are as of the beginning of the war and no recent information is available. An engineer report by L. Magliore, Doctor of Engineering, covering the extent of development, and geological exploration of the lignite deposits of Mercure is substantially in agreement with the statements of Professor Gambardella. No confirming information has been secured relative to the remaining deposits and operations cited by the professor.

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2. Deposits of lignite of characteristics known locally as 'torbosc' are accordingly found at the following locations and in estimated quantities as follows:

(a) MORCONE: (Province of Benevento, north of the city of Benevento); estimated quantity 8,000,000 tons.

(b) MERCURE: (Province of Potenza, on the Calabrian boundary in vicinity of Lagonegro); estimate quantity 78,000,000 tons.

(c) BRIATICO AND ZUNCRI: (Province of Cantanzaro, in vicinity of Tropea); estimated quantity 3,000,000 tons.

(d) DONNICI: Near the city of Cosenza. In exploratory stage.

3. Deposits of lignite, known locally as 'picee', are located at:

(a) AGNANA (Province of Reggio di Calabria, next to the railroad station of Siderno Marina on the Ionico track); estimated quantity, 700,000 tons.

(b) ANDRETTA and S. MANGO on the Calore River (both in province of Avellino); in exploratory stage.

4. Characteristics physical properties of the lignites are as follows:

Torbosc: Calorific value 3,000 cal/kg; moisture content about 40%, of which one-half can be eliminated by air drying.

Picee: Calorific value 6,000 cal/kg; moisture content about 10%.

5. The extent of development and utilization of the various deposits is summarized by Professor Camberdella as follows:

(a) MERCURE: The large Mercure deposits have been partially developed for some time by the A.L.I. (Azienda Lignite Italiana Ente Parastatale). Plans for complete utilization of the mineral contemplate the hydrogenation of a part, and the remainder to be manufactured into bricks and briquettes before drying by compressing a paste formed by the addition of a bituminous binder.

(b) MORCONE: Relative to the important Morcone deposits, plans for utilization have also contemplated the manufacture of briquettes. Recently the L.I.M.S.A. (Lignite Italia Meridionale Società Anonima affiliate of the A.L.I.) inaugurated operations for the development of the mine. Additional information can be obtained at Morcone from the Mine Director, Engineer Ferruccio Rossi, and at Benevento from the Director of the Industrial Union, Doctor Alessandro Cossetti.

(c) BRIATICO: The Briatico deposits were also under control of the L.I.M.S.A., but no information is available as to the condition of the mine and the extent of development. It is understood to be limited at present to the manufacture of briquettes.

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(d) AGRANA: Concession of the Agrana deposits is held by Engineer Giuseppe Peirce, Naples, Anaporto Galleria Umberto I No. 19, who states he has already completed all phases of research for the disposition of the product as 'tout venant' without any treatment for agglomeration, due to its characteristics as a lignite 'piece' which makes it a very valuable item even for transport to distant points. The mine is well equipped with machinery recently acquired by means of a loan from the Bank of Naples.

(e) AVVELLINESE: In the Province of Avellino, research was instigated about a year ago, by the Societa Anonima Commercio Combustibile, of Naples at 102 Via Depretis. In the vicinity of Andretta, and of S. Mango on the Calore River, deposits, the extent and characteristics of which are such as to merit consideration on the part of local authority, were found.

6. All the above deposits, in the opinion of Engineer Gambardella, being the state of more or less productivity, can be restored to efficient operation presuming that their installations have not been destroyed, especially the Morcone mine due to its geographical location can render its products the most easily accessible to Naples. The location of these deposits and mines is shown generally on the accompanying map of a portion of Italy.

7. It is suggested that this report may be of interest to the Quartermaster and/or AMC.

/s/ DONALD S. BURNS
/t/ DONALD S. BURNS
Colonel, Corps of
Engineers,
Engineer Officer

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AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.
Coal Section
14 December 1943.

MEMORANDUM

Subject: Coal Allocation January & February 1944.

TO: C.G., P.B.S. for attention Coal Officer.
D.F.H.R.
Adm Adm Base Depot.
AFHQ
Group.

(Cables to: D/DCAO, A. Q. Ch. Mov. Salvage, DSTO, IDS Adv. A/Q
AFHQ Group, AFHQ (2) No 2 District (Coal Section) (2)
Source 16

1. Reference Coal bidding meeting held 28 November and 8 December. Attached as an appendix is the allocation of coal and coke to consumers on the mainland of Italy shown by ports and quantities of coal for the month of January 1944.

2. Subject to modifications made by AFHQ, diversions and supplies coming forward, a more detailed allocation direct from ships of captured stocks will be made up to the quantities shown. Allocation from ships and stocks in West Italy will be made by AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon Coal Section and East Italy by Coal Section attached No 2 District.

3. Also attached for information is an estimate for February which will be allocated after approval by A.F.H.Q.

4. AFHQ having now received estimates of the total requirements for this theater up till April 1944 and in order to comply with instructions from AFHQ, future coal bidding meetings will only be held once a month to bid for the month next but one following. The next meeting to consider March requirements will be held at AFHQ Adv Adm Ech. Coal Section Office at 1430 hours on 8 January 1944.

For the DD/CAO:

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Douglas H. Lawley
DOUGLAS H. LAWLEY
Lt. Col., U. S. C.
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COAL ALLOCATION

	Coal	Prince of Wales	Toronto	Ottawa	Total	Remarks
1.1.1 General Coal	14000	9000	9000	11000	39000	
1.1.2 General Coal	1075	110	125	1135	2445	
1.1.3 General Coal	300	150	150	250	850	
1.1.4 General Coal				7280	7280	
1.1.5 General Coal	1150				1150	
1.1.6 General Coal				450	450	For Glass & Steel
1.1.7 General Coal	400				400	Steel works Bari
1.1.8 General Coal	400				400	Steel works Bari
1.1.9 General Coal	3000			1200	4200	Cementworks Acquino, Bar- Lotto, Castellano
1.1.10 General Coal	300	500	500		1500	Hospitals & bakeries
1.1.11 General Coal	350	200	300	5500	6350	One works Bari, Lecce, Matera & Naples
	<u>17375</u>	<u>9060</u>	<u>10375</u>	<u>27215</u>	<u>64525</u>	

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ESTIMATED FEBRUARY ALLOCATION

	Bari	Brindisi	Taranto	Naples	Total	Remarks
<u>DMR</u> Lump Coal	10000	9000	9000	16000	44000	
<u>S&I</u> General Purpose Coal	2800 300	1600 150	600 150	1700 250	6900 850	
<u>FBS</u> General Purpose				7500	7500	
<u>ASD</u> General Purpose	350				1350	
<u>DDI</u> Splint Coke Foundry Coke Furnace Sardinian Coal	400 400 2800		400	800 400 2400	800 400 5600	For Glass & Steel Steel, Bari Steel, Bari Cement works Modugno, Marietta & Castlemare
<u>ANG/ACC</u> Steam Coal Gas Coal	500 350	500 200	500 300	1900 5500	3400 6350	Hospitals & Bakeries Gas works - Bari, Lecce, Taranto & Naples
	<u>18900</u>	<u>11450</u>	<u>10950</u>	<u>36250</u>	<u>77550</u>	

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MESSAGE IN

SIGS NO 4414

TO: FLAMBO FOR COAL SEC

FROM: FREEDOM FHSUP.

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ASSUMING THAT SARDINIAN COAL EITHER (A) TWO INCH AND OVER OR TWO INCH BY ONE AND ONE QUARTER INCH OR BOTH OF THESE SIZES AVAILABLE WILL YOU ACCEPT IT FOR ARMY HOUSE GENERAL PURPOSES. FLAMBO FOR COAL SEC CITE FHSUP SIGNED EISENHOWER. REFERENCE YOUR CABLE COAL/2566 DATED 9 DEC 1943. OUR VIEW YOU SHOULD TAKE AT LEAST SEVEN FIVE PER CENT OF THIS COAL IN SATISFACTION OF REQUIREMENTS UNDER ABOVE HEADING. UNDERSTAND USE OF COAL AGREED DURING BRIGADIER SMITHS VISIT TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS. NEW SUBJECT, COASTER LUCERA DUE TO ARRIVE TARANTO WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS WITH APPROXIMATELY 2500 TONS SARDINIAN COAL. WILL INFORM YOU OF BREAKDOWN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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ACTION COAL SEC.

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
TO 534

AG 463.3/254 D-3

9 December 1943

SUBJECT: Coal for Space Heating.

TO : Commanding General, 80th AICM, APO 750.

1. The restrictions on the use of coal for space heating, except for hospitals, in Circular Number 222, this headquarters, etc. are hereby rescinded. The necessary correction will appear in a section of a theater circular to be issued in the near future.

2. Limited amount of coal will be made available for space heating. In view of the necessity for importing practically all coal used in the theater only minimum allowances can be authorized for space heating. It is, therefore, incumbent upon all concerned to exercise the strictest economy in the use of coal. Limited allocations will be made to base section commanders who are charged with the responsibility of distributing equitably the coal allocated and effectively controlling its use. The allocations made are the maximum possible and are based on the present stock of coal. Subsequent allocations are dependent upon an economical and controlled consumption, as current importations into the theater cannot be increased.

3. The following tentative allocations per month are made for heating private villas and hotels occupied solely by Army personnel, offices including Headquarters MATOUSE, and Allied Force Headquarters, and for use of organizations in heating unit recreation rooms, bathing facilities, messes, shops where precision work is being undertaken, for all United States Ground, Air, and Naval Forces in the several base section areas. British troops drawing United States rations in Atlantic Base Section, Mediterranean Base Section, except Center District, and Island Base Section will be supplied from the amounts furnished for those base sections.

AREA	Allocation per Month	TONS
Atlantic Base Section		100
Mediterranean Base Section (less Center District)		750
Center District		300
Eastern Base Section		800
Island Base Section		400
Total		2350

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4. Based on the availability of coal, when appreciable increases in strength occur within the several areas, i.e., increases of 10,000 or more, Allied Force Headquarters will consider increases in the above allocations. Base section commanders will likewise be guided by equivalent decreases in strength in making corresponding decreases in the amounts of coal issued.

5. The agencies responsible for the distribution of coal in the various areas will be authorized by Allied Force Headquarters to transfer the quantities of coal referred to in paragraph 3, above, to the respective base sections including Center District, Mediterranean Base Section.

6. Wherever possible, stoves, woodburning or liquid fuel burning, will be used in lieu of coal burning stoves or furnaces, insofar as stocks of the former are available, in order that the combination of the several types of heating devices may offer the maximum advantages possible for space heating.

7. An allocation of coal for space heating for United States troops in Italy will be made to FLAMCO by Allied Force Headquarters.

By command of General DISNEY: *L. Bruce R. Cohen*

L. BRUCE R. COHEN
Captain, AGO,
Asst Adjutant General.

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FROM FLAMBO FROM HQS ADV

8 DEC 1230

TO FILPOT FOR A M G FOR BATT

SECRET IMMEDIATE

M G S A NO.

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SECRET X COLONEL EVANS ADVISES YOU

CONTACT CAPTAIN HOWE'S TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT TWO RELATIVE COMMISSION

DETAILS FOUR HUNDRED TONS COAL FOR CAMPBELL ONE HUNDRED TONS COAL

FOR HOSPITAL FOGGIA X PAREN FOR BATT SIGNED STANLEY PAREN X

(HOWE'S) HAS COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS COAL SECTION FLAMBO X
EVANS

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IMMEDIATE

J.A. TORD, MAY, A.C., CHIEF, HQS ADV.

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TO FLAMBO for MGS ADV for coal supply aptd FATIMA for MIRIE
8 ARMY for AMG, AMG REGION 2

FROM FILPOT from AMG

FA 1421

8 Dec

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requirements dated 30th NOV letter on coal
TELETYPE never received 0 just received 0
APULIA region 2 FOGGIA CAMPOBASSO submitted here
at request of COL EVANS req coal sections
APULIA at 2 DIST 0 0A/44/6A of
3rd DEC from AMG 8 ARMY copy 16

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Date

To Reply - Number

you should suffice for FOGGIA CAMPOBASSO
 O suggest O life I send copy of
 information to EVANS to SUPPLY COMMITTEE
 covering APULIA O suggest region 2 submit
 kids for their area in form
 requested by supply committee since informat
 available here is adequate

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CIVIL SUPPLY COMMITTEE.

To:

The Coal Section,
G. 4., AFM.

(Presented personally at Coal Bid, 2.30 p.m.
8th December 1943).

7th December, 1943.

CIVIL COAL REQUIREMENTS (Regions B, C, & Apulia).

Attached in duplicate, please find the following
estimates of coal requirements:

	10 days	20 days	30 days
Region II (Naples)	3883.1	7770.2	38,516.8
Region III (Naples)	4369.3	8732.6	38,815.8
Region IV (Rome)	3180	6320	18,930.
Apulia (Bari, Brindisi)	1350	2700	8,100.
TOTALS	12792.4	25522.8	104,362.4

Requirements for period 18th Jan-1st Apr. '44: (20 + 30 days)

Tons: 102,115.2

These bids are placed with following two reservations:

Region II figures are pure estimate, no requisition having
been received from that Region up to the time of
submitting the bid;

Apulia will later be submitting a supplementary bid to
cover the working of Montecatini Fertilizer
Plant at Brindisi.

C. R. Merrill

C. R. MERRILL/

LT. COL.

Civil Supply Committee.

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Copies to HQ/AMC. IV Army Group

" " Flanbo (MGB-adv.) ✓

Naples.

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TO

MGS FLAMBO. FOR CIVIL SUPS. COMM.

Originator's Number

1281.

Date

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To Reply to Number

FROM

FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE.

REF YOUR GR 258(?) DATED 30 NOV. COAL REQUIREMENTS APULIA PERIOD
12-21 JAN 330 TONS GAS COAL FOR GAS WORKS 70 TONS ANTHRACITE FOR
HOSPITAL HEATING, 70 TONS SARDINIAN FOR ESSENTIAL SMALL AGRICULTURAL &
INDUSTRIES, 50 TONS SARDINIAN FOR MILLS AND PASTA FACTORIES, 900 TONS
SARDINIAN FOR 6 CEMENT PLANTS APULIA INCLUDING 3 PLANTS ALREADY
REQUISITIONED FOR ALLIED ARMIES. SAME FOR ALL SUCCEEDING PERIODS.
COAL BID AND FULL INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF MONTECATINI FERTOLIXER
PLANT AT HARLETTA FOLLOWS. (SMC DIS. ACTION MGS ADV. }
COAL SEC. }

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1 December, 1943

To Capt Austin
Civilian Supply Committee
Florence

From Major Mackrey
Advanced Post
Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission
Allied Control Commission

Attached is copy to incoming message of Nov. 30 '43.

You will note the action copy of this message has also been sent to A.M.G. Region III. It is suggested that you contact A.M.G. Region III in connection with the compilation of these figures on the Naples Area.

Major *Mackrey*
Advanced Post
Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission
Allied Control Commission

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30 November, 1943

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To AMG 5 Army AMG 8 Army Region IV AMG Region III AMG AOS ADV Party
Brindisi, AMG Region II for Action Supplies Officers in each
Region repeated to HQ XV Army Group for information

2/. Your civilian coal requirements must be submitted to the coal
sect on through Civil Supply Committee Naples by 6 December latest.
Indents must be submitted in form of 10 day bids to cover periods
12-21 January, 22-31 January, 1-10 February, 11-20 February, 21 February,
2 March, 3-12 March, 13-22 March, 23 March, 1 April. Indents will show
by quality (anthracite bituminous Sardinian Lignite gas coal etc.)
The quantity required by each category of consumer, namely heating gas works
bakeries industry. No allocation will be made for domestic heating.
Industrial requirements must be limited to the industries which will be
functioning during the period covered by the bid. To facilitate
screening of industrial requirements full details of each plants
capacity and type of product will be required in support of application.

3/. It is considered that with few exceptions bakeries will be able to
function entirely with charcoal.

4/. Confirmation of this important and urgent message follows by post.

FROM: NOT GIVEN

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BY AIR. CSC/Coal
CIVIL SUPPLY COMMITTEE.

To: 30th November, 1943.

AMG/V Army
AMG/VIII Army
AMG/Region IV
AMG/Region III
ACC Adv. Party, Brindisi
AMG/Region II

For Supplies Section.

Copies to HQ AMG/XV Army Group
- AFHQ, AMG Adv., Naples ✓
- Coal Office, G.4. AFHQ, Naples.
- Lt. Clay (Home Planning).

COAL REQUIREMENTS.

This is to confirm the important teletype message transmitted to you yesterday:

- " To AMG/S Army, AMG/S Army, AMG Region IV, AMG/Region III, ACC Adv. Party Brindisi, AMG/Region II for action supplies officers in each Region repeated to HQ AMG/XV Army Group for information.
- " Your civilian coal requirements must be submitted to the Coal Section through Civil Supply Committee Naples by 15th December at latest repeat 15th December at latest. Indents must be submitted in form of ten day bids to cover periods 12-21 January 22-31 January 22-31 January 1-10 February 11-20 February 21 February-2 March 3-12 March 13-22 March 23 March-1st April (.) Indents will show by quality (anthracite, Bituminous, Sardinian, Lignite, Gas Coal, Coke, etc.) the quantity required by each category of consumer namely Heating, Gasworks, Bakeries, Industry (.) No allocation will be made for domestic heating (.) Industrial requirements must be limited to the industries which will be functioning during the period covered by the bid (.) To facilitate screening of industrial requirements full details of each plant's capacity and type of product will be required in support of application (.)
- " It is considered that with few exceptions Bakeries will be able to function entirely with charcoal (.)
- " Confirmation of this important and urgent message follows by post.

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This is to confirm the important teletype message transmitted to you yesterday:

" To AMG/S Army, AMG/B Army, AMG Region IV, AMG/Region III, ACC. Adv. Party Division, AMG/Region II for Action Supplies Officers in each Region Repeated to K. AMG/XX Army Group for information.

" Your civilian coal requirements must be submitted to the Coal Section through Civil Supply Committee Naples by Sixth December at latest repeat Sixth December at latest. Indents must be submitted in form of ten day bids to cover periods 12-21 January 22-31 January 22-31 January 1-10 February 11-20 February 21 February-2 March 3-12 March 13-22 March 23 March-1st April (.) Indents will show by quality (anthracite, Bituminous, Sardinian, lignite, Gas Coal, Coke, etc.) the quantity required by each category of consumer namely Heating, Gasworks, Bakeries, Industry (.) No allocation will be made for domestic heating (.) Industrial requirements must be limited to the industries which will be functioning during the period covered by the bid (.) To facilitate screening of industrial requirements full details of each plant's capacity and type of product will be required in support of application (.)

" It is considered that with few exceptions Bakeries will be able to function entirely with charcoal (.)

" Confirmation of this important and urgent message follows by post."

2. The enclosed pro forma indicates the manner in which your indents should be forwarded. A separate indent is required for each ten-day period.

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C. R. Marshall

Lt. Col. C. R. Marshall
Chairman Civil Supply Committee.

CIVIL SUPPLIES.

COAL BID FOR 10 DAYS (from to) for Region

<u>CONSUMER:</u>	Anthracite	Bituminous	Gas	Coal	Lignite	Coke	TOTAL
	tons per diem	tons p.d.	t.p.d.	t.p.d.	t.p.d.	t.p.d.	t.p.d. for 10 day.
HEATING							
GAS							
BAKERS							
INDUSTRY							
(for each user under head of Industry, full details must be given of plant, product, capacity, actual output).							
OTHER USERS							

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of a meeting held at AFHQ for allocation at 1000hrs 28 Nov 45.

1. Lt Col. C. M. Riley, AFHQ, Coal Section AFHQ presided.

1. List of the following were present, DSO (South Italy) P. J. S. Roy, Directorate of Works, Transportation (AF), Military Ways, A. S. G. 15th Army Group, 2 & 1, Local Resources Board, Lt Col. H. M. Walker, C. S. Coal Section.

2. It was explained that the function of the coal section were to carry out the responsibilities of the Quartermaster as laid down in AFHQ Memo No 43 revised to AFHQ No 43 as follows:

(a) Requirements

(1) To survey the requirements and determine all coal requirements, both military and civilian, except those of the Royal Navy, United States Navy, French Navy, Italian Navy, Ministry of War Transport, War Shipping Administration, and French and Italian merchant shipping, and to make such arrangements as are necessary for the procurement of this coal.

(2) To issue the orders for use, having regard to its suitability for particular purposes and to the possibilities of transport of coal produced locally in the theater.

(3) To determine the extent to which alternative or inferior fuels (e.g., oil, lignite, etc.) can be utilized in the theater and to insure such utilization.

(b) Importation

(1) To arrange for the importation of all coal required for military and civil use within the theater except for those agencies listed in paragraph 3 a 1) (a) above, including that coal produced in California.

(c) Allocation

(1) To allocate all coal (whether imported or not) available for distribution in the theater and to supervise such distribution.

3. In order that the coal section should function as above it was agreed that the coal section would hold three meetings each month 1-3, 10-12, 19-21 days before each month's bidding meeting, and that these to be notified.

4. The first meeting in each month's bidding meeting could give an

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(2) To insure the maximum use, having regard to its suitability for particular purposes and to the possibilities of transport of coal produced locally in the theater.

(3) To examine the extent to which alternative or inferior fuels (e.g., oil, lignite, etc.) can be utilized in the theater and to make such utilization.

(b) Importation

(1) To arrange for the importation of all coal required for military and civil use within the theater except for those agencies listed in paragraph 5 a 1) (a) above, including that coal produced in Sarawak.

(c) Allocation

(1) To allocate all coal (whether imported or coal available for distribution in the theater and to supervise such distribution.

5. In order that the coal section should function as above it was agreed that the coal section would hold three meetings each month i.e. two days before each fortnightly meeting, dates and times to be notified.

At the last meeting in each month consumers would give an estimate of their coal requirements for the next month and in accordance with the attached proposals. (Due to the shortage of time the estimate for Feb/March would have a required margin of the coal section to be held at 1/27/44).

It is emphasized that these estimates should be as accurate as possible and it is of course assumed that consumers are set up in U.K. U.S.A. Sardinia or elsewhere.

4. At each of the coal section meetings the needs of the consumers for a period of 10 days, 40 days ahead would be discussed having regard to their estimates and the amount of tonnage available for them. The total figures would be taken by the coal section to the AFHQ Adv Adm before tonnage bidding meeting and the final figure allocated to consumers.

5. On the arrival of steamers in the port the Coal Section would advise P.B.S. and How East Italy, (The latter through Coal Section attached No 2 District, LtCol.P.R. Evans), with copies to consumers the amount allocated to them from each ship. Consumers in consultation with P.B.S. and How would be responsible for receiving these quantities.

6. It was discussed and subsequently agreed that the civilian requirements would be coordinated by AIG/AC Civil Supplies Committee and for the purpose of screening these requirements a member of the Coal Section would sit on this committee. (This arrangement may be subject to alteration in the light of discussions now taking place).

7. It was agreed that stocks of coal, including captured coal should be notified to the coal section but in view of the instruction contained in AFHQ Adm Memo No 40 the Coal Section will now be responsible for the allocation of stocks of captured coal to consumers and a corresponding reduction made in imports.

Stocks of captured coal will be notified separately. Stocks of imported coal will be rendered weekly on Tuesday as follows:

- (a) Stocks at 2400hrs on Saturday.
- (b) Amount received during the week.
- (c) Amount consumed during the week.
- (d) Stock at 2400hrs on Saturday.

8. The need for reducing the importation of coal from U.S.A. or U.K. was mentioned and it was explained that the Mining Branch were actively developing Sardinian coal and whenever possible it should be used instead of English or American coal.

9. AFHQ Adm Memo No 40 revised to 25 Nov 43 charges the Quartermaster, and through him the Coal Section with:

(a) Local Procedure

(1) Wherever possible the use of Italian governmental coal agencies for the acceptance of deliveries and distribution of coal on Bill of Lading weights at dockside will be effected.

Responsibilities of these agencies will include issues in accordance with normal allocations, maintenance of records of receipts and issues, and submission of periodic reports for transmittal to this headquarters.

This matter is being investigated and will be discussed with all concerned in due course.

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2. AFHQ Adm Memo No 40 revised to 25 Nov 43 charges the Quarter-
master, and through him the Coal Section with:

(a) Local Procedure

(1) Wherever possible the use of Italian governmental coal agencies for the acceptance of deliveries and distribution of coal on Bill of Lading weights at dockside will be effected.

Responsibilities of these agencies will include issues in accordance with approved allocations, maintenance of records of receipts and issues, and submission of periodic reports for transmittal to this headquarters.

This matter is being investigated and will be discussed with all concerned in due course.

4 Dec 43.

Distribution: D/DOAO. Q. G4. Wks. Tr(Br). S&T. M.O.S. D.S.T.O.
A/Q 15 Army Group. P.B.S.(2). Rys. Salvago. R.A.S.
Local Resources Board. LtCol P.R. Evans, Coal Section
No 2 District.

W. Oxley
C.W. Oxley. Lt.Col.
Coal Section.
Att. AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon.

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PROFORMA INDENT FOR FUTURE REQUIREMENTS.

	NAPLES.	BARI-BARLETTA.	BRINDISI.	TARANTO.
1. <u>Railways</u> Loco				
Briquettes				
2. <u>BRIQUETTES</u> Duff				
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4. <u>GAS</u>				
5. <u>ARMY HOUSE</u>				
6. <u>CEMENT DUFF</u>				
7. <u>LOCAL</u> <u>INDUSTRIES</u>				
8. <u>COKE</u>				
9. <u>ANTHRACITE</u>				
10. <u>SARDINIAN COAL</u>				

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE IF
TO: SSC ANGOT CATANZAR ANGOT CROTONE RPTL NY OF SET CATANZAR MOV PLAMBO
FROM: NY REG-ALABAMA
SUBJECT: 19001 OF SET SET REGGIO CALABRIA
-----425-----
ALL COAL STOCKS STATE NY ON ON NY PREMISES ARE THE PROPERTY OF L. TN
AND MAY NOT BE REQUISITIONED OR SEQUESTERED. REQUEST EARLY CONFIRMATION
ANY RESTRICTION BY YOU ON ISSUE THESE STOCKS TO STATE NY HAVE BEEN
REMOVED AND LOCAL STATE NY OFFICIALS INFORMED.

SAC DISTRIBUTION : ACTION MAY

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SUBJECT:-Coal Section.

AFHQ., Adv Adm Echelon.
C.H.F.
Tel Ext 218.
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Nov 43.

List "A" Branches & Services.

The above mentioned section which at present
consists of:-

Lt-Col C.W.Oxley.
Lt-Col H.M.Walker.

has now been set up and will be situated as from 24 Nov 43
on the 3rd Floor of 9 RIONE SIRIGNANO (AFHQ Car Park).

JMF/WJB.

Colonel.
A.D.Q.M.G.

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CONFIDENTIAL IMPORTANT

TO SEARS FOR MARGO RPTD FOR INFO: FREEDOM
FROM PLANS FROM HGS ADV FROM NORMAN SMITH

Originator's No. 21 18 NOV 43
MESA 21

CONFIDENTIAL X REPRESENTATIVE COAL SECTION PLANS TO VISIT
REGION TWO IN NEAR FUTURE X PART FOR MARGO SIGNED NORMAN SMITH
GIVE MESA TWENTY ONE PART X REQUEST YOU APPROVE R C A O
AT MATERIA DEAL DIRECTLY WITH HIM AND GIVE ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE X

In Cipher if liable to interception
or to fall into enemy hands.

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

IMPORTANT

J.A.TORD, Major, A.C., Chief, HGS Adv.

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SUBJECT: Coal & Shipping

AMG/114/17

14 Nov 43

Memo for: Major Todd,
MCS, Adv Adm Ech

1. General Holmes advised us this morning that there is to be set up an Advance Group of the Coal Section, AFHQ at AFHQ Adv Adm Ech similar to the Petrol Section set up there. Brigadier Norman Smith will lead the Group and he will also be the head of the Coal Sub Commission of the A.C.C. He ought to arrive within a week.
2. A similar set-up is contemplated for shipping, although personnel is not yet known.
3. The name NASBO has been changed to Mediterranean Shipping Board.

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W.L. Batt, Jr.
W.L. BATT, Jr.,
Captain, Infantry,
Economics & Supply Division

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Subject:- Coal Importations.

A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon

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12 November '43.

A.F.H.Q.

Copy to:- G.O.C., No. 2 District.

1. I have received indirectly a copy of your AG 463.3-1 SUP-AGM, dated 24 Oct. '43. I note that your letter is addressed to G.O.C., No. 2 District but the subject of it is no concern of that officer.
2. With reference to para. 1 a. (3) of your letter, the responsibility for submitting consolidated demands to cover military and civil requirements for coal, must, I submit, rest with the same H. Q. as is responsible for all other demands, namely this H. Q.
3. I note that the allocation of coal to the mainland of ITALY is 54,000 tons per month. This H. Q. has been submitting for some time past demands for coal, as for all other commodities. These demands are greatly in excess of the amount given in your letter, but no indication has been given to us that they will not be met. It is quite certain that 54,000 tons of coal per month is inadequate to meet essential military needs in the mainland of ITALY, without consideration of civilian needs. I am still without the special staff, for which I have asked, to deal with coal problems, and must, therefore, express opinions on this subject with some reserve. It is, however, my belief that the tonnage which you are providing is not acceptable, because it will seriously hamper military operations. I estimate it as being not more than 60% of what is required.
4. It is scarcely within my province to criticise the amount being provided for SICILY, but I venture to suggest that to allot to SICILY 42% of the amount of coal which is being allotted to the mainland of ITALY is to ignore the relative importance of the two theatres.
5. I note that periodical requisitions for coal are not required. In accordance with the principles established in regard to other commodities I appreciate that long term provisioning must be made by you. I should, however, have thought that it would have been helpful for you to know our opinion as to the quantity of coal which is necessary to meet ~~our~~ essentials.
6. I note your instruction that changes in the type of coal and changes in the distribution of cargoes between ports are to be reported to you at least six weeks in advance. I must protest against this instruction, which is contrary to the principle applied to every other commodity. It is not practicable for me to give this information so far in advance.

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Major-General
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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Date: 24 Oct 43
24 October 1943

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AG 46 3.3-1 SUP-AGM

SUBJECT: Coal Importations.

TO : General Officer Commanding, No. 1 District.
General Officer Commanding, No. 2 District (Thru: D/CAO FLAMBO)

1. Effective at the earliest practicable date all coal importations in Sicily and Italy, except those required by the Royal Navy, United States Navy, French Navy, Italian Navy, Ministry of War Transport, War Shipping Administration, French and Italian Merchant Shipping will be controlled in accordance with the procedure outlined below. (The excepted agencies procure coal through other sources.)

a. Requirements.

- (1) Essential military requirements will be determined by the military agencies concerned.
- (2) Essential civilian requirements will be determined by the Allied Military Government.
- (3) The above headquarters are responsible for the coordination and consolidation of total requirements, both military and civilian, and the submission of reports of the total requirements to this headquarters. These headquarters will also submit to this headquarters the amount of coal allocated each month and the stock on hand as of the last day of each month.

b. Allocations.

- (1) Initially coal will be allocated on the following scale; the total amount shown having been bid on United Kingdom for delivery monthly commencing on KMS-29:

(a) Sicily

Railways	10,000 tons monthly
Power Plants	6,000 " "
Local Industries	5,500 " "
Army (British and U.S.)	1,100 " "
Total...	22,600 " "

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(b) Italy

54,000 tons monthly

(Allocations for industrial and military uses not yet determined.)

- (2) Subsequent allocations will be determined and changed locally as future conditions may require. However, any changes made will not exceed the total fixed amount of coal to be imported without prior approval of this headquarters.

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AG 463.3-1 SUP-AGM, 24 Oct. '43 (cont'd.)

c. Requisitions.

- (1) Periodic requisitions for coal are not required as the fixed total amounts of 22,600 tons of coal per month for Sicily and 54,000 tons per month for Italy are automatic shipments. When reductions in this fixed amount are possible, immediate notification should be made to this headquarters.
- (2) Changes in type of coal desired to meet certain industrial requirements will be reported to this headquarters at least six weeks in advance of date required at port of discharge.
- (3) Changes in amounts desired for discharge at the several ports will likewise be reported to this headquarters at least six weeks in advance.

d. Sales Prices.

It shall be the responsibility of the Allied Military Government to determine and fix sales prices of imported coal and to maintain all records and necessary data pertaining thereto.

e. Local Procedure.

In North Africa it has been found advantageous from a military point of view and insofar as the French Government is concerned to require French Governmental coal agencies to assume the responsibility of accepting all coal imports on Bill of Lading weights at dockside. Further responsibility includes discharging prices, issues in accordance with screened allocations, maintenance of record of receipts and issues, and submission of the above in periodic reports to this headquarters. A similar system is considered advisable and will be made effective in Sicily and Italy as soon as conditions will permit.

2. All concerned are advised that coal importations are for military and minimum essential civilian industrial facilities which are directly related to the further prosecution of the war. Coal will not be used for space heating purposes except in hospitals.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

DISTRIBUTION:

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 2 - CG, NATOUSA
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 2 - CG, IES } CG, NATOUSA
 1 - C.A.O.
 6 - A.M.G.
 6 - G-4, AFHQ
 2 - G(M&C)
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 Brigadier General, USA,
 Adjutant General.

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AFHQ ADVANCED ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
APO 400

4 November 1943

SUBJECT: Civilian Coal Requirements for Calabria and Lucania.

TO: AFHQ HEADQUARTERS, (Palermo)

Attached memorandum from Region II reference coal requirements is returned herewith. In view of procedure outlined in AG 463.3-1 SUP-AMK paragraph 1. c, coal imports are automatic under present arrangements.

JOSEPH A. TOED,
Major, A. C.,
Chief, MRS Advanced.

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Subject :- Civilian Coal Requirements for Calabria and Iaconia.

Ref : NDA/73/7.

To :- Advanced A.F.H.Q., Naples.

AME, H.Q. REGION 2.

29 Oct 43.

1. May the following demand of 75 tons of Coal be brought forward for Region 2 to cover essential civilian needs for the months of December, January and February.
2. It is proposed that this Coal will be used entirely by the railroads except for civilian hospital needs. The latter will draw from the stock piles at the various railroad stations.
3. We would like the coal brought in to either Taranto or Bari.
4. Please advise the price to be charged the consumer.

David Lued.

Lt. Col.,
Supply Officer,

for H.C.A.O. AME, H.Q. REGION 2.

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CEVIL REQUIREMENTS FOR COAL
Mainland of ITALY.

3 December- 12 December 1943 inclusive.

PORT	Daily Tonnage.	AREA.
1. Reggio	75	Region II.
2. Bari or Brindisi	120	Apulia
3. Naples	350	Region III.
4. Civita- Ve cchia	300 845 30 25,350	Region IV, including ROME.

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CIVIL REQUIREMENTS FOR COAL - MAINLAND OF ITALY -3. Dec. - 12. Dec. 43.

	<u>Port.</u>	<u>Daily Requirement.</u>	<u>Area.</u>
1.	Reggio	75	Region II.
2.	Bari, or Brindisi	120	Apulia.
3.	Naples	300	Region III.
4.	Civitavecchia	300	Region IV, inc. Rome.

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