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CIPHER MESSAGE IN

076
IMPORTANT
SECRET

Rec'd by
24 Mar

TO ACTION MIDEAST FOR UKCC INFO FLAMBO FATIMA FOR EVANS

FROM FREEDOM SGD CINC CITE 12912

23 *Mar*

=====FMGS=====

SECRET. HEMP SEED. SEE MY SIGNAL 63349 OF 11TH MARCH. REQUEST
EARLIEST ADVICE OF PROPOSED SHIPMENT FIRST 21 TONS AND REMAINDER 100
TONS WHEN (YOU CAN DEMAND?) REPEAT FATIMA FOR EVANS

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ACTION ACC (LO) ✓
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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

12 FEBRUARY 1944

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..PRIORITY

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO FOR ADAMS
(INFORMATION) : NONE
FROM : SIGNED CIRC
DATE TIME SIGNED : 111711A
DATE TIME REC'D : 120045A
REF. NR. : 50321
CITE : FMGS

HIMPSEND. REFOR FARGO 804 OF 9 FEB REF PBS 7720. WE HAVE BEEN INCONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH WASHINGTON AND LONDON PRESSING FOR IMMEDIATE SHIPMENTS AND INFORMATION YOU REQUIRE.

ONLY FORM ADVISE TO DATE IS 100 TONS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TURKEY AND BELIEVED NOW LOADING THERE, WITH FURTHER 100 TONS POSSIBLE THAT SOURCE BUT SHIPMENT NOT POSSIBLE BEFORE END OF MARCH.

DEFINITE DETAILS RE SHIPMENTS EX TURKEY AND US EXPECTED DAILY AND WILL ADVISE YOU SOONEST, BUT PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT 1ST SHIPMENTS CAN NOT ARRIVE BEFORE EARLY MARCH.

MEANWHILE REQUEST YOU ADVISE ON FOLLOWING.

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(1) WOULD SHIPMENT END MARCH OF 2ND 100 TONS EX TURKEY BE TOO LATE FOR PLANTING PROGRAMME.

(2) HIMPSEND. REQUIREMENTS EX TURKEY NECESSITATE TRANSHIPMENT WIDEAST, FROM WHICH ARE SAILINGS TO NAPLES ONLY EVERY 20 DAYS, BUT SAILINGS BARI OR TARANTO EVERY 5 DAYS. CAN YOU HANDLE DISTRIBUTION EX LATTER PORTS IF SHIPMENT CAN BE MADE THERE MORE QUICKLY AND SO SAVE DELAY IN WAITING FOR NAPLES CONVOY.

ACTION: HQS ACC/-----
INFO. : MGS ADV - G-4 - TRANS. - SECY - C.G. - 13821 -

SECRET

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AFHQ ADVANCED ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
Military Government Section, Advance
APO 400

1 February 1944

SUBJECT: Hemp Release.

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission
Attn: Deputy Vice-President
Economic and Administrative Section.

1. The attached letter is forwarded to you for action.
2. Request for release should be made to the Local Resources Board.

A. I. HENDERSON,
Lt. Col., A. U. S.,
Chief, MGS Advance.

1 Incl.
Ltr. Hq Reg. III, Ag. Sect. to CCE, 29 Jan 44.

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

30 JANUARY 1944

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ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : CG PES FOR FARGO ATTN EVANS

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SEARS FOR POLETTI

DATE TIME SIGNED : 291800A

DATE TIME REC'D : 300509A

REF NR : S-6500

CITE : RES-52

HEMP WASTE PROCESSED HERE MANUALLY CAN CONVERT 500 TONS INTO
BINDER TWINE.

NEW SUBJECT:

HAVE 1000 TONS WASTE PAPER. UNDERSTAND CAN BE MILLED NAPLES.
SHALL WE SEND IT.

ACTION: AMG HQ ✓
INFO : MGS ADV ✓
CG
SEC'Y

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AFHQ., ADV. ADM. ECHILON

LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION

SUBJECT :- Hemp for Fishing Industry.

Reference :- 20/1/LR.

27 January 1944.

M.C.S. (Adv).

Reference meeting of Miscellaneous Purposes Committee, 200 tons of Hemp has been released to AMG/ACC for the Fishing industry.

CMF.
MFB/rb.

Miller H. Brown
Lt. Col.,
A.Q.M.G.
Local Resources Section.

Copy to Hemp Controller.

" Agricultural Section, A.C.C.

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*Copy sent to
Mr. Grady*

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ALLIED FORCE ATT/s1
CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

APC 400

26 January 1944

SUBJECT: Waste Heap.

TO : Mr. W. S. Backhouse, Heap Controller, c/o AMG Region 3.

The attached letter received in this office from the
Local Resources Section, subject, as above, reference 20/1/LR
25 January 1944, is referred to you for necessary action.

A. I. HENDERSON,
Lt. Col., A.U.S.,
Chief, MGS Adv.

Information Copy to:

Local Resources Section

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ALLIED FORCE
CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

APD 400

26 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Hemp Seed

TO : Chief, Headquarters AEC.
(Attn: Deputy Vice President, Economic Administrative
Section, Allied Control Commission)

1. The attached message from Freedom, 42705 of 25 January 1944, and my reply are transferred to you for action.
2. Your attention is invited to the fact that the Freedom message calls for urgent action.

A. I. HENDERSON
Lt. Col., A.U.S.
Chief MES Adv.

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LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION.

AMG., ADV. ADM. ECH.

SUBJECT. Waste Hemp.

20/1/LR
25 Jan 44

TO : M.G.S. (For the attention of the Hemp Controller) (2). ✓

Reference Miscellaneous Purposes Committee Meeting
held 24 Jan 44.

It is understood that considerable surplus stocks of
waste hemp are available. If this is the case would you please
release to ORD (Br) 15 tons for the stuffing of mattresses for
hospital use.

This figure represents their requirements for this
purpose up to the end of Feb 44.

SJEL/hlo
CMF

[Signature]
for Capt
Lt. Col.
AMG.
Local Resources Section.

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Copy to: ORD (Br)

CIPHER MESSAGE IN

7681
IMPORTANT
US SECRET

TO FLAMBO FOR OEC FOR HENDERSON

FROM FREEDOM SGD CINC CITE FIBMS.

42705

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HEMP SEED. FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE OF CABLE FROM WASHINGTON
STRESSING DESIRABILITY OF PLANTING LARGEST POSSIBLE AMOUNT. THEY
ADVISE REQUISITION FOR TURKISH SEED IS BEING FOLLOWED UP URGENTLY,
AND, BASED ON UNDERSTANDING THAT SEED SUPPLIES IN ITALY ARE
INADEQUATE, INTIMATE THAT 1000 TO 2000 TONS OF AMERICAN SEED
CAN BE PROCURED AND SHIPPED IF REQUIRED. THEY ARE AIRMAILING
SAMPLES TO NAPLES UNIVERSITY FOR EXAMINATION BY ITALIAN
AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS.

REQUEST IS ALSO MADE THAT BOTH BRITISH AND ITALIAN EXPERTS
BE CONSULTED ON SEED POSITION. BECAUSE IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NECESSARY
TO OBTAIN DELIVERY BY FIRST MARCH THEY ENQUIRE IF SEED SHOULD BE
SENT WITHOUT INVESTIGATING FURTHER AND REQUEST OUR CABLED OPINION.
CHINGTON AND KYMINGTON ARE TYPES FROM WHICH AMERICAN SEED IS
DERIVED. GERMINATION IS 95% AND HIGHER AND SEED IS CLEAN. BOTH
VARIETIES ALREADY PRODUCED IN ITALY FOR EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSES
END OF PARAPHRASE.

REQUEST YOU ADVISE URGENTLY ON ABOVE AND ALSO ANY SPECIAL
CONSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR TURKISH SEED

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FROM Flambo from C.E.C

23 Jan 44 1630

TO D.C.A.O. AND Bari for Duncan

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CONFIDENTIAL X Reference olive oil, to arrange

transportation must know following (1) consignor, precise loading stations,

whether oil in barrels or bulk, date can commence loading each station, amount

can load per day each station, total tonnage each station, consignee, station of

destination X Rates to S.C.A.O. Allied Mil Gov Bari for Major Duncan who is

on mission to secure information on olive oil surplus Signed Henderson Keren X

Two bids for transportation end January olive oil Bari Region to Naples total

357 tons been received from Patisma Keren X Make sure do not duplicate X

Captain Hall Movements Bari has knowledge of above bids X

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TELEGRAM.

BACKHOUSE MISUP (ONSON FOR WORKMAN AND RENTON AND FLAX CONTROL

1943 CROP RATHER DOWN IN QUALITY; ESTIMATED QUANTITY PREVIOUSLY ADVISED
PROBABLY STOP

A NOT FAR WRONG THOUGH QUITE IMPOSSIBLE CONFIRM AT PRESENT OWING VERY
DIFFICULT CONDITIONS PREVALENT AND GREAT RESISTANCE BY FARMERS BECAUSE LOW
LEVEL PRICES THE SOUTHING OF CROP HAS ONLY JUST COMMENCED WITH EXCEPTION
SMALL QUANTITY WHICH LEADED INTO BLACK MARKET STOP UPON OTHER HAND
POTENTIALITY LOCAL SPINNING AND CORDAGE FACTORIES REMAINS INTACT UP TO
ABOUT EIGHTY PERCENT OF NORMAL AND ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE SUPPLY
ELECTRIC POWER COAL ETCETERA IN ORDER FULLY EXPLOIT THEM STOP THIS
DOES NOT INCLUDE CASTLEMAIRE NAVAL ROPE FACTORY WHICH IS OUT OF ACTION
STOP PRICES NOW ADEQUATELY ADJUSTED AND SHORTLY HOPE GET MOST LOCAL
FACTORIES WORKING FULLY FOR SUPPLYING LOCAL NEEDS OF ALL THE SERVICES
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DIFFICULT ESTIMATE BECAUSE STOCKS HIDDEN AWAY BUT UNDERSTAND 200 TONS
BEING ORDERED FROM TURKEY TO ASSIST SOWING NEW CROP IN THE SPRING STOP
WILL REPORTS FURTHER WHEN POSITION CLARIFIES AND CAN BEGIN SEE POSSIBILITY
SECURING SOMETHING FOR EXPORTATION COVERING RAW AND HAZARDED HEMP
ESPECIALLY CORDAGE TYPES AND CORDAGE YARNS BESIDES GUARDIONI AND
SPONTITI SPEZZATI ALSO CANVAS AND SACKING CLOTH STOP FAILING OR
IN ADDITION TO CORDAGE YARNS PLEASE TELEGRAPH FOR MY GUIDANCE WHAT
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FROM FLAMBO FROM MGS ADV

TO FREEDOM PASS TO TROOPERS FOR MISUP

23RD JANUARY 1948

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- - - - X Paren Signed Henderson for Backhouse

To Freedom Pass to Troopers for Ministry of Supply for Workmen and
 Renton and Flax Control Paren X

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

FROM FLAMES FROM C E C

22 JAN 1530A

TO FREEDOM FOR M G S

IMMEDIATE
SECRET

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C E C SECRET X Hamp Report is Subject X Paren To Freedom For MGS
Signed Henderson Cite your FLAMES 10911 dated 21 January Paren X On 14 January
this office sent you copy of summary and detailed reports dated 5 January X
Report from Col. Spofford mailed 11 January is same except slight change in Sum-
mary X On chance previous copies lost others being sent today fast mail X

A.I. HENDERSON, LT. COL.

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

ALLIED FORCE
CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
APO 400

CWH/fpd

22 January 1944

SUBJECT: Hemp Report.

TO : DCS, AFHQ, APO 512

1. As stated in our message 9383 dated 14 January 1944, this office sent you a copy of summary and detailed hemp report dated 5 January 1944.
2. An additional copy of summary and detailed report are attached in case the others were lost.
3. Reports sent you are identical to those received from Colonel Spofford under date 11 January 1944, except slight change in summary should be noted.
4. Lt. Comdr. Schlee is in charge of assessing of crop for Region III and Mr. Backhouse is in control of manufacturing for CEC. New price schedules have been established and 1943 crop is moving in.
5. Manufacture of some stock items of cordage have been authorized by the Local Resources (Italian) Board.
6. We will keep you advised of developments.

For the Committee:

A. T. BENDERSON,
Lt. Col., A.US.,
Chief Executive,
Central Economic Committee

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

FROM FLANKY FROM C E C

22 JAN 1530A

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CIPHER MESSAGE

SIGS N°3545

MOST SECRET

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TO ACTION MILSTAF RPTD AGWARFOR CIVIL AFFAIRS TROOPERS
FOR CIVAFFAIRS MIDEAST FIAMBO FOR CEC

FROM FREEDOM SIGNED WILSON CITE FHMGs W717/40913 21

MOST SECRET. HEMT SEED FOR ITALY. REFER OUR W(A) 266/29159
OF 15 JAN. NORMAL PRACTICE HAS BEEN FOR IMPORTERS TO SEND
REPRESENTATIVE TO TURKEY TO CHECK SEED, AND REQUEST HAS BEEN
MADE FOR PERMISSION TO FOLLOW SAME PROCEDURE. CONSIDERED HERE
THIS IS NOT NECESSARY, BUT WE REQUEST THAT UKCC OR OTHER PURCHASING
AGENT BE INSTRUCTED TO TAKE SPECIAL STEPS TO THE SAME END

SMC DISTRIBUTION ACTION CEC

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A MESSAGE IN
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SIGS: 3477
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TO:- FLAMBO FOR CEC FOR HENDERSON RPTD FARGO

FROM:- SIGNED CINC CITE FHMG

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Jan

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SECRET. ITALIAN HEMP. REQUEST FURTHER DETAILS PROMISED BY FAST MAIL IN
YOUR CEC 9385 OF 14 JAN FOR FORWARDING TO CCS. PRESUME REPORT DATED 5
JAN FORWARDED WITH LETTER FROM SPOFFORD DATED 11 JAN IS NOT INFO REFERRED
TO IN YOUR CABLE

IMPORTANT SECRET

SEC DISTRIBUTION ACTION CEC

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SIGS: 3477
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TO:- PLAMBO FOR CEC FOR HENDERSON KPTD FARGO

FROM:- SIGNED CINC CITE FMGS

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SIC DISTRIBUTION ACTION CEC

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The report dated 5 Jan 19015
what was sent.

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
ROUTING SLIP

	1944
TO:	INITIALS
<u> </u> Lt.Col. Henderson	<u> </u>
<u> </u> Lt.Col. Merrill	<u> </u>
<u> </u> Lt.Col. Legg	<u> </u>
<u> </u> Lt.Col. Reiter	<u> </u>
<u> </u> Lt.Col. Herrmann	<u> </u>
<u> </u> Major Smallwood	<u> </u>
<u> </u> Major Todd	<u> </u>
<u> </u> Capt. Plummer	<u> </u>
<u> </u> Capt. Northland	<u> </u>
<u> </u> Capt. Curran	<u> </u>
<u> </u> Capt. Morse	<u> </u>
<u> </u> Capt. Austin	<u> </u>
<u> </u> Lt. Shanley	<u> </u>

 Sgt. Collins

FOR:

 --- Action ---

 Coordinate with & 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.

REMARKS:

 Do you need
some action to take away?
See Recommendation 2 (first column)
Initials

*Order to be removed
released.
O.W.H.*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Agriculture Sub-Commission
APO 512

OWH/vf

5 January 1944

SUBJECT: Summary - Hemp Report
TO : Agriculture Sub-Commission

1. Now 478 short tons 1942 hemp fibre are available in Ammasso warehouses for manufacture or export. In addition there are 297 tons of 1942 hemp fibre and 220 tons of Stoppa Pettini (waste too low for military use) in the warehouses of manufacturers. The status of stocks in manufacturers warehouses is uncertain because mob violence has prevented an accurate census.

2. The 1943 crop in the Naples area is estimated at 18,700 tons. However 30% not ratted last fall will not come into commercial channels until after July 1944. Thus available fibre prior July 1944 will not exceed 13,000 tons for all uses. No ammassing of hemp fibre to date because growers say price too low and because of bad treatment in past by Ammasso. Status of available stocks of 1943. crop therefore uncertain.

Of 13,090 tons of 1943 hemp fibre to come to market prior to July 1944 roughly 44% or 5,760 tons will fall in the Scoloro Paesano class or above; another 43% or 5,630 tons will be classified as in the grades of Extra Scolorato Forestiere to Spargo Chiaro Forestiere inclusive. The remainder will be 785 tons of Sotto Prodotti (sub products) and 915 tons of Stoppa (waste).

3. Cannot quote prices because present demoralized condition of market. Black market prices 60 to 100% above AMG legal prices.

4. Recommend Ammasso price be raised not less than 500 lire and not more than 1,000 lire per quintal of raw fibre and not that consideration be given to use of troops to enforce delivery of hemp to Ammasso. If these two not used jointly much strategic material will be lost to Allied cause.

5. Military needs not stated but assume military can take entire crop above fishing and essential civilian needs. In past 50% hemp crop exported, 25% used for military and 25% for essential civilian use. Fishing needs Region I and II 450 tons of high grade hemp.

Copy to MGS AFHQ / H
Per Col Hermann's instructions

File 3014
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Hemp for tuna nets should be released and shipped at once. Further information required on military and essential civilian needs.

6. Sufficient rope making facilities available to absorb most of 1943 crop. Power needed. Rope now being made by hand process for British navy and for Air Corps. Some sacks being made for British Army. Prices paid for these products out line with legal price of hemp.

7. Plans for 1944 crop must be determined at once. Need 2000 quintals seed of Fatsa or Uniack variety to be imported from Turkey by Feb 25. Italian importer in past has been Bottaro Onofrio firm of Naples. Turkish exporter Ziya Yucel, Istanbul, Turkey, Bahce Kapu Salament Hand.12, Cable address: Sitki - Istanbul.

8. Normal requirements conservatively 8,000 tons superphosphate, 2,000 tons ammonium sulphate and 1,000 tons ammonium nitrate to prevent drop of 7,000 tons production on same acreage as last year. Urgency of need should determine whether available fertilizer should be used on hemp or on food crops. Quality of crop will also suffer if no fertilizer received.

O. W. HERRMANN
Lt Col., AUS
Economic Directorate.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Economic Directorate
APO 512

OWH/lm

6 January 1944

SUBJECT: The Hemp Situation - Naples Area.

TO : Agriculture Sub-Commission.

HEMP STOCKS

1942 Crop. There is now available for manufacture or export 478 short tons of hemp stored in the warehouses of the Ente Economico Fibre Tessili, now known as the Ammasso Provinciale Canapa. The status of an additional tonnage in the warehouses of manufactures is uncertain. It was reported that 297 tons of the higher grades of hemp were stored in manufactures warehouses but attempts of employees of the Ammasso accompanied by 30 Carabinieri to determine its status on 6 December 1943 were frustrated by mob violence at Frattamaggiore. The status of an additional 220 tons of Stoppa Pettini (waste) is also uncertain. The latter is suitable for sacks and other low grade uses. As will be suggested in the recommendations, growers and others should be required to declare and/or ammass to 1942 as well as the 1943 crop.

1943 Crop. Total production of hemp in 1943 is estimated by Ammasso officials at 18,700 short tons. Of this total 30% was not retted during the July to September 1943 retting season. Normal retting operations were stopped during most of July 1943 because peasants feared the Germans would take their horses and carts if they appeared on the roads hauling hemp to retting vats during the period. An additional 7% of the remainder will be too low in grade for military use and must therefore be eliminated. Thus the total commercial stocks available for use prior to July 1944 are estimated to be not to exceed 12,250 short tons. The 30% of unretted stocks will be processed beginning July 1944 and should be available next fall. The amount of hemp fibre in this classification is roughly 5600 tons.

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HEMP ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION FOR CAMPANIA
AND ALL ITALY
1934 - 1943

Year	Acreage		Production	
	Campania (Ha)	All Italy (Ha)	Campania (qtls)	All Italy (qtls)
1934	18,100	61,600	183,000	629,000
1935	18,300	67,500	148,000	664,000
1936	21,500	75,000	243,000	873,000
1937	26,000	90,000	359,850	950,000
1938	20,178	95,000	232,730	1050,000
1939	20,710	100,000	322,848	1050,000
1940	23,577	100,000	321,925	1100,000
1941	23,479	95,000	320,978	1,50,000
1942	18,295	90,000	270,751	950,000
1943	18,261	85,000	178,750	900,000

If, as is suggested later, there is compulsory declaration and amassing the amount of hemp fibre and the amount of hemp in stems can quickly be determined. It may be that some recognition should be given to increased labor costs if the holder of hemp in the stem maintains that he cannot afford to have it decorticated.

Of the total of 13,090 tons of hemp fibre available for commercial use prior to Sept. 1944 roughly 44% of 5,760 tons will be classed as extra Scolorato Paesano or above, another 43% or 5,630 tons classed as Extra Scolorato Forestiero to Spago Chiaro Forestiero, 6% or 785 tons as Sotto-prodotti (Subproducts) and the remainder roughly 7% or 915 tons as Stoppa (waste). The latter was mentioned above as a deduction from the total 1943 production available for use prior the Summer of 1944.

AMASSING AND PRICE PROBLEMS

Since 1936 Italian hemp has been amassed by a governmental cooperative known as the Ente Economico Fibre Tessili now renamed the Ammasso Provinciale Canapa. Naples is the headquarters for Southern Italy and Bologna for Northern Italy. Prior to occupation general policies, prices, export and domestic sales were controlled by the Headquarters Office in Rome which in turn was jointly controlled by the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of Currency and Exchange.

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The Ammasso has 60 magazines or storage houses in the Naples area at which the crop has been assembled in the past. Some of these warehouses are now occupied by the military. Delivery to the Ammasso by growers was compulsory at prices established by the government. Amassings during the 1942 - 43 season were nearly 100%. Sales prices and specific allocations to manufacturers and to export were previously controlled by the government. On 6 December 1943 AMG established prices by grades for the 1943 crop and ordered that the entire crop be delivered to the warehouses of the Ammasso. Ammasso officials reported on 30 December 1943 that no hemp had been received by the local magazines under the order. Normally by 31 December of each year 50 to 60% of the crop has been amassed.

Growers are not delivering hemp to the Ammasso because:

1. They feel that prices established by AMG are too low.
2. They claim that the Ammasso has abused and taken advantage of growers in the past.
3. The prices they can now receive are much higher than legal prices.

Black market prices are alleged to be 60 to 100% above the prices established by AMG and large quantities of hemp are said to be flowing into black market channels into uses not in the interest of the Allied military effort. Hemp sold by growers is said to be going into the hands of speculators.

Weighted average hemp prices for all grades in recent years are as follows:

1936 - 37	Lire	424	per	quintal
1937 - 38	"	490	"	"
1938 - 39	"	533	"	"
1939 - 40	"	664	"	"
1940 - 41	"	949	"	"
1941 - 42	"	1060	"	"
1942 - 43	"	1054	"	"

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In March 1943 the controlling office at Rome raised the average price to 1,200 Lire per quintal. Present AMG prices are said to figure roughly 1,500 Lire per quintal, the range being 530 lire for the lowest and 2,085 lire per quintal for the highest grades. Normally roughly 50% of the crop was exported at prices mentioned below. No data are available as to the relationship between present AMG prices and world market prices for comparable grades.

In the following table an attempt is made to outline an example of hemp price relationship in the Spago Chiaro Paesano grade for the years 1940 - 41 to 1943 - 44 inclusive.

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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BASIS, FARMERS, MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORT PRICES OF THE SPAGO CHIARO PARSANO OF
1940 - 41 to 1943 - 44 inc. (Lire per qtl.)

Base Price		Percentage Increase	Ammasso Average Price to Farmers (net)	Price to Domestic Manufacturers	Percentage Increase in Export Price over base pr	Raw
Season	Price					
1940 - 41	795	50	1192	795	132	1845
1941 - 42	795	58	1232	795	132	1845
1942- 43	795	55	1232	795	132	1845
Mar. 1943 to AMG Order	795	75	1390	795	Not determined because of	
AMG Order			1985		Not determined because of	

Source: Officials of the Ammasso Provinciale Canapa.

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MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORT PRICES OF THE SPAGO CHIARO PAESANO OF HEMP

1940 - 41 to 1943 - 44 Inc. (Lira per qtl.)

Annuaio Average Price to Farmers (net)	Price to Domestic Manufacturers	Percentage Increase in Export Price over base pr	Raw	Export Prices	
				Hand Combed	Machine, Combed
1192	795	132	1845	2635	21
1232	795	132	1845	2635	2595
1292	795	132	1845	2635	2895
1390	795	Not determined because of occupation			
1985		Not determined because of occupation			

inciale Canapa.

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The price of 795 lire per quintal which prevailed in 1940 has consistently been taken as a base from which growers, manufacturers and export prices were calculated prior to occupation. Prices paid to farmers by the Ammasso were a combination of sales to domestic manufacturers and to export. The low sales prices to domestic manufacturers was offset by high export prices.

Since 1940 domestic manufacturers have consistently paid 795 per quintal for hemp of the above mentioned grade. On the other hand, foreign purchasers, in this case largely Germany, paid 132% over the prices at which this grade of hemp was sold to domestic manufacturers. Approximately 12% of the 132% was made up of baling expenses. As shown in the table, hand and machine combed hemp sales to export were well above those of raw hemp.

In arriving at a satisfactory price level for hemp for the remainder of the season it should be noted that most of the crop was produced and retted under rather stable price conditions. Labor and other costs began rapid up-swing after August 1943. This rise will affect only decortication costs. It is recommended that hemp prices be increased not less than 500 lire or not more than 1,000 lire per quintal of raw hemp.

MANUFACTURING CAPACITIES AND PROBLEMS

Processing prior to manufacture. In the Naples area hemp is pulled and dried beginning about the middle of July of each year. During the 3 months period (July to September inclusive) the grower carts his hemp in bundles to one of eight retting vats in the area. If water temperatures are proper the hemp retting process for an individual grower can be completed in 4 to 7 days not including drying. The charge for retting is a toll of one-thirtieth of the crop plus 2 lire per bundle. When the retted hemp is dry it is moved back to the grower's storage sheds after which it is decorticated by hand, that is, the inner portion of the stem and the pulp is removed and only the hemp fibre remains. At present decortication costs roughly 500 lire per quintal. Usually the whole family works at this job over a period of months. Large growers are paying 180 to 200 lire per 12 hour day for labor to do this work. Depending on weather and skill, the average laborer can turn out 25 to 35 Kilos of raw fibre per day. Roughly 170 - 180 kilos of green hemp in the stem will yield 34 - 35 kilos of fibre.

Methods.

Since the interest in hemp revolves largely around rope and cordage the discussion of manufacturing will be confined largely to that subject. Rope is manufactured both by hand and by use of mechanical equipment. At present all rope is made by hand methods because of the lack of power in Frattamaggiore, the center of hemp manufacturing in the Naples area. Hand made rope is reputed to be of excellent quality by the British Navy which is now paying 65 lire per kilo that product.

Capacities. With the exception of the Italian naval rope factory at Castellammare which is out of commission because of sabotage, rope making capacity is largely intact but in need of power. Even the power is not available and hand processes can handle a large percentage of the 1943 crop. With power, manufacturing capacity can easily handle the entire crop of the Naples area. Power consumption by the industry in the 1942 was 950,000 KWH.

Costs and Spreads. It is estimated that a maximum of 80 kilos of rope can be produced from each kilo of raw hemp fibre. The 20 kilos of waste is the first item of cost in rope manufacture because it goes to the worker as a portion of his pay. He may sell it or use it at home. The waste is classified as Stoppa and

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Scarti. Thereafter certain costs vary with the size of the rope and others remain consistent.

Cost estimates by a competent manufacturer are said to be as follows:

Size of rope

		2 Lire per kg.			
2½ to 6 mm	Combing	15	"	"	"
	Spinning	5	"	"	"
	Winding				
6 to 10 mm	Combing	2	"	"	"
	Spinning	13	"	"	"
	Winding	5	"	"	"
10 to 16 mm	Combing	2	"	"	"
	Spinning	11	"	"	"
	Winding	5	"	"	"
16 mm and over	Combing	2	"	"	"
	Spinning	9	"	"	"
	Winding	5	"	"	"

One manufacturer made the following offer. If he were able to purchase hemp at 1700 lire per quintal he stated that he would deliver one quintal of rope at 1200 lire per quintal. In other words he would absorb the 20% loss in weight between raw hemp and finished rope and pay manufacturing costs out of the 2500 lire per quintal spread between the price of raw hemp and finished rope.

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1944 HEMP REQUIREMENTS

No data are available on 1944 requirements for hemp except for fisheries. It is assumed, however, that the military can use all available hemp and that civilian uses of hemp should be cut to the minimum. In many instances hemp is now being used for items which could be made of cotton. Unless the crop comes under complete control, a high percentage will flow into non-essential civilian uses. There are no data available which would make it possible to arrive at essential civilian requirements. In the past a considerable percentage of the higher grades of hemp went into high grade uses such as table, bed linen, draperies etc. This should be discontinued and wherever possible cotton should be substituted even in military type of equipment and gear.

During the year ending Aug. 31, 1943 the Ammasso handled 168,000 quintals of hemp fibre. Of this total roughly 60,000 quintals were exported, another 87,500 quintals went to 7 spinners, 7,370 quintals to 35 manufacturers, 2,675 quintals to 6 jute manufacturers, 9,560 quintals to intermediate products, 670 quintals to 184 artisans entitled to a quota and the remainder to lesser uses. Exports went largely to Germany or to Axis controlled countries in exchange for needed products. Prior to occupation and in recent years, approximately 50% of the crop of the Naples area was exported, hemp being one of the top sources of Italian foreign exchange. Another 25% went to strictly military and remaining 25% to civilian uses. Fisheries requirements for 1944 for Regions I and II are 450 tons of hemp of the higher grades.

The 1944 Crop. Hemp experts indicate application of superphosphate to hemp in the Naples area up to 9 quintals per hectare. Assuming that these are maximum figures and that some stocks may be available in addition to the animal manure the figure is cut to a total of 8,000 tons of superphosphate. In addition 2,000 tons of ammonium sulphate and 1,000 tons of ammonium nitrate are required. These heavy applications are necessary because of the excessively rank growth of vegetable matter required to produce a crop. Unless the cordage situation is more serious than shipping there is a question whether 11,000 tons of fertilizer should be provided to maintain a production of roughly 18,000 to 19,000 tons of hemp fibre. Fertilizer applied to some crops will yield greater tonnages of savings in shipping but if the cordage situation is serious it may be necessary to use fertilizer on hemp even though the ultimate savings in shipping will be less. It is estimated that the importation of 11,000 tons of fertilizer would prevent a drop of 7,000 tons in the production of hemp fibre.

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It should also be noted that an absence of fertilizer will result in a marked drop in the quality of next years crop. If fertilizer is not provided production will drop but in addition the length of the fibre will be much shorter and the fibre will lack the desired strength. The quality should not be overlooked.

SEED. Normally hemp seed is imported into the Naples area from Northern Italy and Turkey. This year Turkey is the only possible source of seed. Seed is applied at the rate of 50 - 60 Kg per hectare. The Ammasso and other Italian Agricultural officials estimate that 2,000 quintals of seed must be imported this year if next year levels of production are to be maintained. First choice of imported varieties according to all authorities was Fatsa and second Unisack, both grown in the Fatsa area of Turkey, on the Black Sea near Istanbul. In past years the Italian importer of hemp seed has been the Bottaro Onofrio firm of Naples. This firm acted as agent for the Ammasso in importing the seed.

The Turkish exporter was Ziya Yucel, Istanbul, Bahce Mapi Selamet Han, 12. Cable address: Sitki - Istanbul.

It should be noted that the Italian firm has always sent a representative to Turkey to select the seed because of the unreliability of Turkish guarantees. The germination percent of the imported seed should not be less than 80%. Latest arrival date 15 February 1944.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Immediate action is necessary if the 1943 crop is to be kept in channels of use which are most desirable to the Allied cause. Orders and systems of control should follow in principle the following lines:

1. New hemp price levels should be established for the 1943 crop which are well above present levels.

2. The new price schedule should be accompanied by an order requiring the declaration and amassing of the entire 1942 and 1943 crops. If necessary, this should be followed up by the use of Italian or French troops to insure compliance and to prevent illegal movement of hemp or products manufactured from hemp. Responsibility for the amassing should be placed under one head.

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3. Control should also be established over the manufacturing of the 1943 crop. In cooperation with interested Allied agencies, the controller should establish a system of priorities of use which would tend to guide the crop into products most vitally needed. The controller spreads based on suitable wage rates and fair profits.

4. In order to insure the desirable volume of production during 1944, prices for the coming crop should be announced as guarantees. In addition announcements should be made with respect to fertilizer and seed importation if and when it can be determined that seed and fertilizer can or will be imported.

5. As previously indicated the urgency of the need for rope and cordage will determine whether it is desirable to import fertilizer to maintain previous levels of production. Fertilizer importations will yield fibre on less than a ton for ton basis.

6. No information can be given at this time as to prices at which hemp fibre can be purchased for local manufacturing or for export because of the present demoralized condition of the market. It is however, definitely known that present AMG prices are too low and that black market prices for raw hemp fibre are 60 to 100% above present legal levels. Amasso prices should be raised not less than 500 lire per quintal and not more than 1,000 lire per quintal of raw hemp fibre.

OMER W. HERRMANN
Lt. Col., AUS
Economic Directorate

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

ALLIED FORCE
CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
AWG 400

21 January 1944

SUBJECT: Hemp Requirements for Fishnets, AMG Region III.

TO : Allied Forces Local Resources (Italian) Board.

1. Attached are requirements for hemp for fish nets presented jointly by AMG/ACC and AMG Region III. These cover the current fishing season which begins in April. The request calls for a total of 1044 quintals of combed hemp, grades, Spargo Superiore or chiaro, 40 percent of which is requested for February and 20 percent each for the months March, April and May 1944.

2. This office favors approval of the Region III request.

For the Committee:

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

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1. Ltr. HQ. AWG 13 Jan. 1944
with Appendices A-H
2. Ltr. HQ. AWG 12 Jan. 1944

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_____ Lt. Col. Reiter	_____
_____ Lt. Col. Herrmann	_____
_____ Major Smallwood	_____
_____ Major Todd	_____
_____ Capt. Plummer	_____
_____ Capt. Northland	_____
_____ Capt. Curran	_____
_____ Capt. Morse	_____
_____ Capt. Austin	_____
_____ Lt. Shanley	_____

Col. Henderson:
Lt. Col. Herrmann
is taking care of this - He
is drafting letter to accompany
duplicate copies of reports
sent by us on 14 January.
Sgt. Collins

FCS: _____
----- ACTION -----
_____ Coordinate with _____
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_____ Info and return.
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_____ See me, with all info.
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_____ Prepare reply, my signature.

REMARKS:

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(INFORMATION) : NONE

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_____ Capt. Austin	_____
_____ Lt. Shanley	_____

_____ Sgt. Collins

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Prepare reply, my signature.

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TO ACTION MIISTAF RPTD AGWAR FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS TROOPERS
FOR CIVAFFAIRS MIDEAST FLAMBO FOR CEC

FROM FREEDOM SIGNED WILSON CITE FIMGS W717/40913

MOST SECRET HEMP SEED FOR ITALY. REFER OUR W(A) 266/29159
OF 15 JAN. NORMAL PRACTICE HAS BEEN FOR IMPORTERS TO SEND
REPRESENTATIVE TO TURKEY TO CHECK SEED, AND REQUEST HAS BEEN
MADE FOR PERMISSION TO FOLLOW SAME PROCEDURE. CONSIDERED HERE
THIS IS NOT NECESSARY, BUT WE REQUEST THAT UKCC OR OTHER PURCHASING
AGENT BE INSTRUCTED TO TAKE SPECIAL STEPS TO THE SAME END

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

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18 January 1944

SUBJECT: Binder Twine Requirements.

TO : Deputy President, ACC
ECCAG, AEG 15th Army Group
DCCAG, AFAC

1. There will be available as a by product of rope and other manufacture a certain amount of hemp waste suitable for the production of binder twine for the coming harvest.

2. In order that plans may be formulated for the best use of the low grade hemp, estimates of requirements for the coming crop should be submitted as soon as possible to this office so that a request may be made to the Local Resources Board for allocation.

For the Committee:

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

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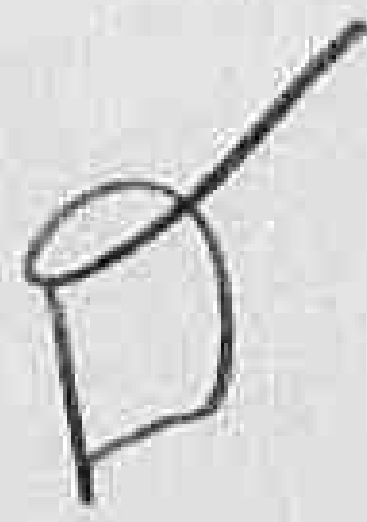
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C E C 9149 SECRET X Could arrangements be made to send reliable Italian seed expert to Turkey to select hemp seed mentioned in our cable CEC 9149 of 2 Jan X Paren for MGS Signed Henderson Paren X This procedure desirable but if impossible suggest contact be made with Robert F. Kelly care American Embassy Istanbul for arranging purchase and shipment to Italian port X

A.I. HENDERSON
Lt. Colonel

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TO:- MILSTAFF RPTD AGWAR FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS AND TROOPERS FOR CIV
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FROM:- FREEDOM SIGNED WILSON CITE FHGMS AND FHGDS

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TO:- MILITARY HQD AFHQ FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS AND TROOPERS FOR CIV
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ALLIED FORCE
CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
APO 400

14 January 1944

SUBJECT: Establishment of Hemp Prices.

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

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2. List of the established prices is appended to this letter.

3. DCCAO, AMG as to Region II and DCCAO, AMG 15th Army Group as to Regions III and IV are requested to issue the necessary orders implementing these prices effective as of 14 January 1944.

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

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For the Committee:

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

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TO	(W) For Information (INFO)	Message Instructions.	GR

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C E C 9385
SECRET X The 478 short tons 1942 long fiber available in Amasso warehouses required for local military and fishing needs X Para
For Freedom for HGS signed Henderson Cite your files 20239 dated 28 December Para X
Status additional 517 tons uncertain X None of 1942 crop available for export. X Para
1943 production is estimated 18,700 tons, however 30 per cent not rotted last fall etc
medium available commercial stocks to 12,500. X None announced to date, therefore grade not known X Low A M G price, condition to past record of Amasso and high black market prices prevented marketing of crop X New price schedule not established by C E C about 65 per cent above original A M G level plus rigid enforcement of marketing order should bring in estimated 6,000 tons X local military and essential civilian requirements will probably consume bulk of this total X Amount 1943 crop available for export expected to be very small X New Amasso price schedule quotes Extraordinario Chiato Denuncio grade at 3150 lire per quintal, other grades in proportion X Para
Commander Scilles British Navy now in charge of Amasso and assembling of 1943 crop X
Mr. Beckthorn in control of manufacturing responsible to C E C Directive will be issued requiring services to funnel all orders through established channels X Para

of manufacturing facilities in this area intact X Para manufacturing by hand and

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No. Backhouse in control of manufacturing responsible to C E G Directive will be issued
requiring services to funnel all orders through established channels X Para
Most of manufacturing facilities in this area intact X Some manufacturing by hand and
nothing can absorb most of 1943 crop other than extra high grades not suitable for concrete X
X Hard manufactured rope of excellent quality now being purchased by British Navy X
Para Good requirements stated previously and checked by message C E G 2142
dated 12 January X Two lots for fertilizer imports, will attempt to shift at 2142
Fertilizer to help X More details follow by fast mail X

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For the Committee:

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

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ALLIED FORCE
CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
APO 400

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Appendix C - Minutes
" - Hemp Ltr.

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Pezzi lordi da corrispondersi

Spago Superiore Paesano	3340
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Scarti Chiari	2080
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" 2	2120
" 3	1940
Scarti canapone	1690
Cimiglie canapa	1690
" Canapone	1360
Stoppa 1 chiara	1165
" " scolorata	1030
" 2 chiara	1055
" " scolorata	950
" 3 chiara	1000
" " scolorata	875
Feina Chiara	785
" scolorata	685

HEADQUARTERS,
A.M.G., REGION III.
AGRICULTURAL SECTION.

TO: B.P.A. Officer, R.N.,
F.O.I.T.

SUBJECT: Hemp Seed from Turkey.

As you may know we have put in for 200 tons of seeds,
through our Algier's H.Q.

In previous years the Italians always sent their own expert
to select this seed.

Would be grateful if you could find out whether it would
be possible to do so this year: it seems to us extremely doubtful
in view of the political situation involved.

An A.M.G. Officer here was on the Staff of the Allied
Government for pre-emptive buying in Turkey until a few months
ago, and has suggested our cabling as per attached letter.

It would seem to me this might cover the problem, though
it would be best perhaps to send an Italian if it could be
arranged and so it is worth while finding out if this would
be possible.

Would it be possible for you to help in discovering the
best way of actually shipping the stuff from Turkey by signalling
C-in-C Med or some other means? There is a risk here of course
of this sort of signal clashing with action taken by Algiers.
The zero date for getting stuff here is March 12.

E.G. Douglas Kennedy
E.G. DOUGLAS KENNEDY.
Major R.A. i/c.

Copy to: Colonel Herman, Central Economics Committee.
FLAMBO.

Chief of Staff.

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Col Herman
Just what does
Ken say that he is
doing?
14 January, 1944.
Called Kennedy
I think it is straight
out. 17 Jan 44
Out

COPY.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Office of the Liaison Officer attached Hq. 5th Army.

Dear Kennedy,

Reference your note re hemp seed from Turkey, suggest
you despatch the following wire:

AMERICAN EMBASSY
ISTANBUL TURKEY

FOR KELLY. ANG FIFTH ARMY REQUIRES EARLIEST
NOT LATER TENTH MARCH TWO HUNDRED TONS TURKISH
HEMP SEED DESIGNATED PATSA OR UNIAK; PLEASE
INSTRUCT U S COMMERCIAL COMPANY PURCHASE AND
SHIP SAME MOST EXPEDITIOUS ROUTE TO ALLIED
ITALIAN PORT marked ANG FIFTH ARMY ATTENTION
MAJOR KENNEDY. MEANTIME PLEASE WIRE MAJOR
KENNEDY CARE PROGRESS MADE.

Re above Robert F. Kelly is our Counselor of Embassy
and has charge of all BEW purchases in Turkey, and works in
conjunction with Lord Carlisle, head of United Kingdom Commercial
Co; on pre-emptive purchases in that country.

There was when I left Turkey plenty of hemp seed on the
market, --- several thousand tons. Vichy France, the Italians
and the Hungarians were interested in such seed, but inasmuch as
we knew the season was too far advanced in Central Europe for
planting at the time I left Turkey we did not purchase any such
seed.

As to availability now, shipping data, etc., etc., Turkey
is in position to give you all such data within a short time.
Be sure you arrange a proper cable address so the information
can be cabled you.

Sgd.....

William G. Collins.

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

FROM	Originator.	Date-Time of Origin.	Office Date Stamp
(A) FROM BANGALORE HEADQUARTERS, BANGALORE, INDIA		22 JUN 1973	
TO	(W) For Information (INFO)	Message Instructions.	GR
	Copy by hand to Muzo		
Originator's No. 9149			

URGENT, 22 JUNE 1973, TWO THIRTY TWO
Muzo, Bangalore, India. Verify from Muzo area on 22nd June. Muzo
to be in Muzo area. Muzo, 22 June 1973. Muzo, 22 June 1973.
Previous Italian information received. Muzo, 22 June 1973. Muzo, 22 June 1973.
Muzo, 22 June 1973. Muzo, 22 June 1973. Muzo, 22 June 1973. Muzo, 22 June 1973.
be entered in checking guarantee of Italian export. 22 June 1973. Muzo, 22 June 1973.
Previously sent map to Muzo each year to check area. 22 June 1973. Muzo, 22 June 1973.
Information sent from other sources. 22 June 1973. Muzo, 22 June 1973.
otherwise Muzo, 22 June 1973. Muzo, 22 June 1973. Muzo, 22 June 1973. Muzo, 22 June 1973.

Have sent message of United States Navy on Pacific Coast. Have taken
 to be in Naples (Italy) N. Have sent M. G. B. Second Division. Have
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This message may be sent
AS WRITTEN by any means
except

WIRELESS.

Signed.

Signed.

If liable to be intercepted or to fall
into enemy hands this message must
be sent IN CIPHER.

Originator's Instructions.
Degree of Priority.

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Time Cleared		

Col. Hammer

HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

11 JANUARY 1944

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ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : MIAQ FENCE FOR PARGO FOR MARTMAN
(INFORMATION) : NONE
FROM : FATIMA CAPT W.R. SCHREIBER
DATE TIME SIGNED : 112255
DATE TIME REC'D : 120135A
REF. NR. : 752
CITE : NONE

ESTIMATED APULIAN FLAX SEED 8300 HCTAKES 5 PROVINCES PRODUCTION 27600
QUINTALE ESTIMATED 94 PERCENT USED OIL 1 PLANT IN BARI IN WORKING CONDITION
ABLE HANDLE ENTIRE CROP REMAINING PLANT TARANTO OCCUPIED MILITARY.

INFO : AMG HQ
: MGS ADV
: C.G.
: SECY.

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
AYO 400

11 January 1944

SUBJECT: Employment of Sig. Luigi Rossi

TO: Mr. W. S. Bacchione, C/o AM Region III.

Reference your letter on the above subject dated 10 January 1944. This office authorizes the employment of this civilian by you, subject to compliance with military security regulations in force in this area in such cases.

For the Committee:

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

this office authorizes the employment of this civilian by you, subject to compliance with military security regulations in force in this area in such cases.

For the Committee:

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

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AFHQ., ADV. ADM. ECHELON

LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION

SUBJECT :- Hemp-Fishing industry.

Reference :- 20/1/LR.

10 January 1944.

Allied Force Local Resources,
(Sicilian Board).

1. Enclosed is copy of letter from H.Q., AMG., Industry of Commerce Sub-Commission dated 7 Jan 44. *for information*
2. Regarding the quantity specified in paragraph 7, the necessary action is being taken by this office.

CMF.
MRB/fb.

Copies to :- AFLRS, AFHQ.
Central Economic Committee.

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Willa H Brown
for Lt. Col.,
A.C.M.G.
Local Resources Section.

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No enclosure to CEC/HC

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Central Economic
Committee
20/1/42

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

ATL/CHD/JM

Ref. A.109

5 January 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Hemp Industry

TO : HQ
ACC/ENG
(Attention Col. Spofford)

1. This letter is being brought by hand of Mr. W.S. Backhouse, Ministry of Supply representative, who will be attached to A.C.C. for special duty in connection with the development of the Italian Hemp Industry and export of Hemp required by U.K.
2. Copy of his instructions from Min of Supply is also attached. These seem to cover the position satisfactorily except that Mr. Backhouse will not work independently as suggested in para 6, and the actual financing and accounting of purchases made on Min of Supply account will be in accordance with existing procedure.
3. The position at the moment is that C.R.M.B. have allocated to U.K. the first 5,000 tons hemp available after local requirements have been met. By local requirements is meant, principally, Service requirements and as these plus vital export requirements are considerable it is requested that civilian requirements be rigidly screened and placed at lowest possible amount.
4. In this connection we understand it is your intention to use Mr. Backhouse's services
 - (a) to assist in supervising and administering the existing organization which controls the Hemp industry,
 - (b) to assist you in formulating a planting and production program for 1944, including fixing of prices,
 - (c) to co-operate in the manufacture of rope and other Hemp products which can be produced locally against the requirements of the R.N. and other armed forces,
 - (d) to facilitate exports of Hemp to U.K.

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5. In their latest cable on this subject (CMI 95) Combined Chiefs of Staff make the following points:

- (a) that although U.K. has been given the first allocation of Italian Hemp, Washington requires to be advised from time to time the current position of the industry and of the procedure arranged in exporting to U.K., especially in relation to prices,
- (b) that a representative from U.S. interests may possibly be nominated to cooperate with the U.K. representative.
- (c) that the prices fixed by A.G.C. shall be based strictly on domestic considerations and shall not be influenced by current Hemp prices in U.K. or U.S.

6. Since writing the above we have had the opportunity to discuss this matter with Colonel Henderson and Gerry and Mr. Backhouse.

As the hemp area lies entirely within Region 3 and preliminary investigations have been made by Lt. Col. Herman, it is considered that C.M.C. should now coordinate all interests in this connection, and Mr. Backhouse will be assigned to work under instructions of C.M.C. (Lt. Col. Henderson). Pending the latter's return to Naples it is requested that Mr. Backhouse be "handed over" to Lt. Col. Herman.

A. T. HENWELL
Colonel
Deputy Chief

Copies to: C.M.C.
A.M.C. 15th Army Group.
AFHQ Adv Adm Ech for MGS Adv.

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SHELL MEX HOUSE,
LONDON W.C.2.

To: Mr W.S. Pakhouse.

28th December, 1943.

1. In as much as A.F.H.Q. Algiers has now agreed that a limited number of civilian buyers may be attached on temporary duty to the Allied Control Commission (see MAT 112,) you will, on behalf of the Ministers of Production and Supply, proceed to North Africa, en route for Naples and the surrounding hemp districts, with the least possible delay.
2. You will report your arrival in Algiers to, and keep in close touch with, Colonel Maxwell, Military Government Section at Allied Force Headquarters. You will then, subject to such arrangements as the military authorities can make for you, proceed to Naples and the surrounding hemp districts at the earliest possible moment, and report to the Allied Control Commission to whom you will be attached. Your work will generally be subject to their discretion.
3. You will report regularly on the actions you have taken and on the recommendations you make, and will transmit such reports and recommendations to the Minister of Supply through Allied Control Commission channels.
4. Your first duty will be to buy such quantities of hemp as may be available of the grades required by the Minister of Supply up to the amount of 5,000 short tons, which has been allocated to the U.K. by the Combined Raw Materials Board (Decision No. 1 of 30th November, 1943), and take such steps as are necessary through the Control Commission to ensure that it is properly graded, stored, transported, loaded and shipped to the U.K.
5. If occasion arises, you are authorised to take over hemp of suitable type requisitioned by the competent authorities and released to you for shipment to the U.K.
6. You will arrange with the Control Commission that they should provide you with such essential staff as you may require and they can supply. Alternatively, should the Control Commission request you to do so, you may yourself engage such essential staff as you may require.
7. You will not be called upon to decide the general level of hemp prices which will be a matter for negotiation by the Allied Control Commission. You will, however, arrange differential prices higher or lower than the above general level of prices in consultation with the Allied Control Commission, in order to maximize production of the grades most urgently required by the United Nations for the prosecution of the war.
8. You will arrange with the Allied Control Commission details of the financing of such purchases of hemp as you may make or other expenses you may incur. The Allied Control Commission will be instructed to make funds available for these purposes up to a total of 200 million lire.

(SIGNED) WM. S. DOUGLAS.
Permanent Secretary

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IMPORTANT CIPHER IN

SIGS NO 3066

TO. FLAMBO

FROM. AFHQ CITE FHMGS SIGNED CINC.

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MR BACKHOUSE BRITISH HEMP EXPERT LEAVING HERE FOR YOU AM 6th;
MTA NAPLES(CAPIDCHINO) 1445.

SMC DISTRIBUTION ACTION. MGS(A) IMPORTANT SMC 060430A HRW

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Call contracts
Order in Will
A.C.C. (25 Jan 1943)
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HEADQUARTERS,
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
APO 464, U.S. Army.

TO: Lt. Col. Henderson,
Central Economics Council,
FLAMBO.

3 January, 1944.

Would be grateful if you could cause an A.F.H.Q.
order to be issued on the following lines, forthwith.

" In order to keep proper control over hemp products
and to avoid the urgent needs of one Service being met to
the detriment of another, and in order to bring about a
satisfactory distribution of production, it is requested
that all Services be instructed to advise the Hemp Control
Officer, A.M.G., Region III, Naples, of any contracts
already placed.

In future all further requirements must be channelled
through the above Organisation. "

Carl Kraege

CARL A. KRAEGE,
Lt. Col., SC
RCAO, Region III.

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Rec'd for Carl A. Kraege
29 Jan 44
Original

Col Henderson

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Agriculture Sub-Commission
APO 512

CWS/r1

1 January 1944

SUBJECT: Hemp seed requirements

TO : Agriculture Sub-Commission

1. Naples area said to need 2000 quintals of imported hemp seed for 1944 planting. This should be in hands of farmers not later than Feb. 15 1944. Most desirable imported variety Fatma, next choice Uniac, both normally obtained from Fatma area, Turkey, on Black Sea near Istanbul. In recent years Getters Onorio seed firm, Naples, has been purchasing agent for Ammasso. This firm has always sent representative to Turkey to select seed and check germination which should not be below 80 per cent. This necessary because of unreliability of Turkish guarantees. Last year Turkish exporter was Ayta Yucel, Istanbul, Turkey. Cabi address 31th - Istanbul.

James W. Thompson

AMES W. THOMPSON
Lt. Col.
Economic Directorate

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

29 DECEMBER 1943

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ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : FARGO FOR GUETERBOCK PPTD FLAMBO FOR MGS ADV
(INFORMATION) : AND LOCAL RESOURCES BOARD 5 ARMY FOR HUME.
FROM : SIGNED CINC
DATE TIME SIGNED : NPT
DATE TIME REC'D : 291445A
REF NR : 20239
CITE : FHMG

HEMP. ITALIAN PRODUCTION REF OUR 11924 OF 10 DEC. BACK HOUSE
MIN OF SUPPLY REPRESENTATIVE EXPECTED 1ST JAN ALGIERE PURPOSE OF ASSIST-
ING AGG DEVELOPMENT OF THIS INDUSTRY. DESIROUS YOU APPROVAL AND CABLE
REQUEST FOR VISIT. CON REQUEST THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY LOOK INTO HEMP
PRODUCTION PROGRAM FOR 1944. IF SEED IS NECESSARY FOR PRODUCTION TO
CONTINUE IN NAPLES TERRITORY, AN IMMEDIATE REPLY IS ESSENTIAL IN VIEW
OF EARLY PLANNING SEASONS AND SINCE NORTHERN ITALY HAS PRODUCED SEEDS
HERETOFORE. DETAILS SHOULD BE GIVEN OF SOURCES, KINDS AND AMOUNTS. ✓
VARIETIES YOU NEED ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE AND THIS CALLS FOR EXPERT
ADVICE. RECOMMEND YOU GETTING IN TOUCH WITH UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES ✓
AGRARIAN STAFF AT PORTICI. SUGGEST THAT YOU COLLECT INFORMATION HEAD 2979
FOR IMMEDIATE REPLY ON ARRIVAL OF BACK HOUSE.

ACTION: AMG HQ
INFO : MGS ADV ✓
AMG 3
CG
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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BATH SECTION

3 JANUARY 1944

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ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : OG PBS FOR WABGE AND REGION 3 RET FLAMBO MGS ADVANCE
AND FARGO FOR QU-TRECK

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SIGNED CITE

DATE TIME SIGNED : 021743A

DATE TIME REC'D : 030550A

REFERENCE NO. : 22760

CITE : FBGS (REFERENCE PBS 3920)

BACHHOUS LEAVING TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY. WILL COOPERATE WITH YOU
FULLST EXTENT ALL HMM QUESTIONS. HELP HIM ARRANGE QUARTERS TRANSFOR-
TATION UPON ARRIVAL. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION LATER ON 1944 PLANNINGS.

ACTION : AMG #3
INFO : MGS ADV ✓
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U.S. RESTRICTED CIPHER MESSAGE IN.

SIGS NO. 7144.

TO:- PBS PENCE FOR KRAEGE AMG REGION THREE RPT FLAMBO MGS AVD AND
FARGO FOR GUETSRBOCK.
FROM:- SIGNED CINC CITE FHMGS REF PBS 3920. 22760 02 Jan

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BACKHOUSE LEAVING TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY. WILL COOPERATE WITH YOU
FULLEST EXTENT ALL HEMP QUESTIONS. HELP HIM ARRANGE QUARTERS
TRANSPORTATION UPON ARRIVAL. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION LATER ON
1944 PLANTING

SMC/DIST/ACTION

MGS(ADV)

SMC/TOR/030930/HH

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

28 DECEMBER 1943

C. Herman
Pl. before
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PRIORITY

TO (ACTION) : CG PES (TO ^{*FARGO FOR GUETERBOCK,} FLAMBO FOR MGS ADV AND LOCAL RESOURCES BOARD,
FILPOT FOR HUME

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SIGNED CINO

DATE TIME SIGNED : 281337A

DATE TIME REC'D : 281913A

REF. NR. : 20239

CITE : FMGS

HEMP, ITALIAN PRODUCTION REF OUR 11924 OF 10 DEC. BACKHOUSE MIN OF
SUPPLY REPRESENTATIVE EXPECTED 1ST JAN ALGIERS PURPOSE OF ASSISTING AGG
DEVELOPMENT OF THIS INDUSTRY. DESIROUS YOUR APPROVAL AND CABLE REQUEST FOR
VISIT.

CCS REQUEST THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY LOOK INTO HEMP PRODUCTION PROGRAM
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AN IMMEDIATE REPLY IS ESSENTIAL IN VIEW OF EARLY PLANTING SEASON AND SINCE
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DETAILS SHOULD BE GIVEN ON SOURCES, KINDS AND AMOUNTS. VARIETIES YOU
NEED ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE, AND THIS CALLS FOR EXPERT ADVICE. RECOMMEND
YOUR GETTING IN TOUCH WITH UNIVERSITY OF NAPLES AGRARIAN STAFF AT PORTICI.

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SUGGEST THAT YOU COLLECT INFORMATION READY FOR IMMEDIATE REPLY ON
ARRIVAL OF BACKHOUSE.

ACTION - AMG HQS

INFO - MGS ADV ✓
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SMC 4176

IMPORT CIPHER MESSAGE IN

TO: FARGO FOR EVANS RPTD FLAMBO FOR MGS ADV FOR TODD
FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FHMGS

Agwar requests following information on Italian Hemp Conditions 1943 Hemp production Naples area as well as hemp processing plants at Naples, surrounding area and Frattamaggiore. Quote prices, quality, stocks held and amounts available for export at an early date of the following commercial grades: Extrissimo, superior, spago, extra spago, also give prices for all surplus available for export and present lire prices finance pools for "terxirto chiaroxpaesend and " quality. This information procurable from Frattamaggiore Government Hemp Pool center. As information the Enternaionale esportazione canapa was the only source through which hemp exports were submitted. Their current situation is not known. To save time this cable is repeated to Todd for him to contact SCAO Naples who will provide information.

SMC Distribution MGS ACTION SMC TOR 090050 EH

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MESSAGE IN

SIG NO. 5284

TO FARGO FOR GUTTERBOCK RPTD FLAMBO FOR MGS ADV AND
LOCAL RESOURCES BOARD RPTD FILPOT FOR HUME

FROM FREEDOM SIGNED C IN C 11924 10 DEC

Italian Hemp Production. Preliminary report has been received from Region III. It is understood that Royal Navy is making independent investigation. But still require comprehensive report on 1943 crop and future of industry including exportable surplus with grades and amounts of each. Did Region III estimate estimate of 10,000 tons surplus from 1943 crop take into account requirements of armed forces. Request that ACC coordinate all information and submit full report early as possible to permit a firm reply being made to ACWAR on basis of our cable 7713 of 7 November. Consideration should be given to civilian requirements of ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ for domestic manufacture including needs of fishing industry and requirements of all armed forces be coordinated through AFMR (I) Board. Meanwhile the Prattanaggiore stock of 800 tons reported ~~in~~ in Region III letter of 19 Nov. has been advised to US and UK as available for immediate export since new crop now being warehoused.

Copies sent by various sources previously to:

MGS ADV
Local Resources Sec.
A. C. C.
Civil Supply Committee
Brig. Gutterbock.

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MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS ENGINEERING MATERIALS COMMITTEE

SUBJECT :- Military requirements of Hemp.

A.F.H.Q., Adv. Adm. Echelon
Local Resources Section,
C.M.F.

Reference 7/4/LR.

13 December 1943.

D.D.W.,
C.E., P.B.S.,
C.E., No. 2 District,
R.N. (F.O.W.I.T.),
M.A.A.F.I.,
D.G.M.R. (Inc. Tn. Br.),
ORD., Br.

It is requested that you present the estimated requirements for six months (Jan-June 1944) of hemp for your service, at the Engineering Materials Committee Meeting to be held on Monday, 20 Dec 43.

CMF.
SJBL/fb.

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Thos R. E. Libby Lt. Col.,
Local Resources Section.

Copies to :- M.G.S. (Adv) (2)
H.Q., A.M.G., 15 Army Group,
H.Q., A.C.C., Brindisi.

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MESSAGE IN

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with CAC*

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SIGS/1164/29

TO..... FLAMBO FOR TODD CITE FARGO 868

FROM/ SEARS FOR FARGO FROM EVANS

S 3188

29 Nov

INFORMATION REQUIRED HERE ON SUPPLIES OF HEMP. REQUEST COPY BY AIR
COURIER OF REPORT CALLED FOR IN EISENHOWER MESSAGE 7713 DATED 7 NOV.
ADVISE IF ONE FIVE ZERO (150) TONS MANIMA OR HEMP TWIST AVAILABLE.
REQUIRED EARLY HERE FOR ROPE MAKING FOR SUNNY SEASON APRIL. 29 '71

SMC. DIS. ACTION. MGS (ADV) *34* SMC/TOR/ 291205A/HVL.

Mania with Kasei - 78. The... report. So... report. So... report.

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MESSAGE IN

SIGS NO 2042

TO: FARGO FOR GUOTTERDOCK RPTD FLAMBO FOR MGS ADV AND
LOCAL RESOURCES BOARD RPTD FILPOT FOR HUME.

FROM: CINC CITE FHGMS

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Dec

FOLLOWING OUR 11924 OF 10 DEC REQUEST THAT PARTICULAR
CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO POSSIBILITIES OF USING LOCAL
INDUSTRY FOR ROPE MAKING; SACK MAKING ETC. ROYAL NAVY
IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THIS ANGLE. REFERENCE MY
REGION THREE LETTER OF 19 NOVEMBER TO INVESTIGATION BY
COMMANDER BEER AND SERVICES OF MR BACKHOUSE IS OF INTEREST
HERE. WHAT IS THE POSITION IN THAT CONNECTION. REQUEST
YOU ADVISE DETAILS OF THIS INFORMATION AS NAVY IS ANXIOUS
TO ASSIST ALL POSSIBLE.

(2)

SMC DIST.

ACTION ACC THROUGH MGS(ADV)

INFO/ LOCAL RESOURCES

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Hg AMC
CSC/Hc

SMC/TOR/140430/CS

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MESSAGE IN

S-18 *in BWS.*
SIGS NO. 5284 *WBS*

TO; FARGO FOR GUETTERBOCK RPTD FLAMBO FOR MGS ADV AND
LOCAL RESOURCES BOARD RPTD FILPOT FOR HUME.

FROM: CINC CITE FHMGS 11924 10 *Dec*
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ITALIAN HEMP PRODUCTION. PRELIMINARY REPORT HAS BEEN
RECEIVED FROM REGION THREE, AND IT IS UNDERSTOOD ROYAL
NAVY IS MAKING INDEPENDANT INVESTIGATION. BUT STILL
REQUIRE INCOMPRHENSIVE REPORT ON 1943 CROP AND FUTURE OF
INDUSTRY INCLUDING EXPORTABLE SURPLUS WITH GRADES AND ~~XXEM~~
AMOUNTS OF EACH. DID REGION THREE ESTIMATE ESTIMATE OF
10,000 TONS SURPLUS FROM 1943 CROP TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
REQUIREMENTS OF ARMED FORCES. REQUEST THAT ACC CO-ORDINATE
ALL INFORMATION AND SUBMIT FULL REPORT EARLY AS POSSIBLE
TO PERMIT A FIRM REPLY BEING MADE TO AGWAR ON BASIS OF
OUR CABLE 7713 OF 7 NOV. CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN
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CROP NOW BEING WAREHOUSED.

SMC DIST. ACTION MCS (ADV) ✓
INFO LOCAL RESOURCE BOARD
A.G.C. REGION 3;

SMC/TOR/101850/CHS

Copy to Guetterbock
CSC / H2962
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SUBJECT: The Hemp Situation - Naples Area

TO:

1. The carry-over from the 1942 crop now available for manufacture or export totals 478 tons. In addition there are 297 tons of 1942 hemp in manufacturers' warehouses, the exact status of which cannot be determined, and 220 tons of a grade too low for military uses.

2. The 1943 crop in the Naples Area is estimated at 18,700 tons. Of this total only 12,250 tons can be placed on the market before September 1944 or be high enough in grade to be of use to the military. Normally 60% of the crop is amassed by 1 January. Assessments to date are negligible. Black market operations make it impossible to determine the exact amount of the 1943 crop which will be available. Black market prices are 60 to 100% above legally established prices, this retarding crop assembly.

3. Military needs have not yet been stated. Fisheries requirements for 1944 total 750 tons for Regions I and II. Normally 50% of the hemp produced in this area was exported, 30% used for military and 20% for civilian purposes.

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Written by
Lt. Col. Hermann

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to have been taken away
by Col. Buttersworth when
he visited this office
20-22 Nov. *(initials)*

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To: C.E.C. - A.I. 40.

Attention: Col. Henderson.

From L. Com: C. Schuler
S.A.N.F.

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Hemp Control.

11th Dec. 1943.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re. Hemp Manufacturing.

In view of the latest ruling to the effect that goods shall not be 'purchased' by Units, and as it is essential rope, canvas, sacks etc. shall be produced for urgent Naval & Military needs, it is suggested that the cost of manufacture from the raw material be considered a 'Service' and paid for accordingly.

The Raw material will be financed through the ordinary Profits budget as will expenses of the Amaroos.

It will probably be necessary to finance some of the factories most of which are not working at present and authority to do so is also requested.

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Dr. Selles & Co.
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Ca. Heaton

being carried over - and pay out
entire at approved funds - If any
of affiliated will issue order

29 Dec 1953
What is being
entire of service - do it

Col Henderson

As I now understand it:

Local Resources Bd will use following procedure re Hemp

- 1) Reg 3 will inform the Bd of available stocks of Hemp
- 2) Board will determine which claimant (military i.e. Army & Navy) gets hemp allocation for a specific purpose. Residual for export & civilian manufacture prices
- 3) Backhouse (C.E.C.) will determine manufacture prices
- 4) Backhouse & Local resources Board will allocate specific quantities & qualities to quantities to fill contracts by Local Res. Bd.

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- 1) Board will determine which available stockpile items will be determined by the Board.
- 2) Board will determine (i.e. Army & Navy) claimant (military) or a contractor for a specific purpose. Review of Export & Civilian gets here.
- 3) Backhouse (C.E.C.) will determine manufacturer's prices.
- 4) Backhouse & Local resources Board will allocate specific quantities & qualities to fill contracts. Manufacturers to fill contracts by local Res. Bd. Manufacturers approved by local Res. Bd. of \$100 million in procedure for 2500 of still nothing in procedure for 2500 prevent services from going around above procedure for bidding prices established by C.E.C. ODTA

Naples, 10th January 1944

For Central Economic Committee

Attention, Lt Col. A.I. HENDERSON.

In order that a regular supply of hemp can be assured for Naval & Military requirements it is essential that places for the 'Scutching' of hemp shall be available.

The larger producers of hemp have their own stores and yards when the raw hemp is stored & treated but they are unable to carry out the necessary processes as their yards and buildings are continuously being requisitioned by military forces, chiefly French.

The quartering of troops in hemp store-houses is particularly dangerous in view of the probability of fire.

It is submitted that at least one warehouse in each amassing centre be kept-free - 3 in Frattamaggiore itself, & that private yards where hemp is being treated should also be kept available for this purpose.

It is suggested that instructions be given to all troops to respect the notices of non requisition placed by A.M.G. officers who in turn should be instructed that such notices shall not be displayed unless active maceration of hemp is taking place.

Similar reasoning applies also to hemp factories which are carrying out orders for Military & Naval purposes.

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It is further suggested that, as the price of the treat- ed hemp has now been fixed it will be to advantage if manufacturing costs of all cordage and the ordinary types of articles such as sacks, woven cloth could be laid down to manufacturers instead of giving individual orders at varying prices.

Electric power for factories will be required and should only be laid on when a factory is carrying out orders for Al- lied Forces.

Manufacturers will obtain hemp against orders given them by the forces and of such grades only as are necessary for the completing of orders. Hemp will be released through the usual chan- nels of the Amasso.

Price of by products such as tow to be fixed and paid for to factories as a separate item, or the price to be included in the cost of the manufactured article and the by product collected and distributed as required from a central source.

I Understand that the Royal Navy could be prepared to take over all this type of by product.

A Recent report from Capt. Bradbury and Mr. M. M. M. is attached for information of these officers.
T. Schen. M. M. S. A. N. F.

Frattamaggiore
10 January 1944.

TO: Lt. Comdr. J. Schlee
Hemp Control Office, Naples, Italy.
FROM: Capts. H. B. Bradbury, T. B. McNary; Lt. D. DeJohn
SUBJECT: Hemp Situation in Frattamaggiore and Vicinity.

General Situation.

Immediately upon the circulation of the rumor that A. M. G. was prepared to meet the prices asked by the producers of hemp, the blackmarket price was increased and the circulation of hemp into the blackmarket began with renewed vigor. There are operating in this vicinity at the present time, at least two of the larger factories who are supposedly manufacturing ropes and twine on army and navy contracts, as well as innumerable smaller industrialists who are in the process of manufacturing goods for unknown destinations.

Lack of Centralized
Purchasing Control

Competition among the many purchasing agencies of the Allied Military and Naval Forces are ineffect creating a black market which is and will be extremely hard to control. Each branch of the service, requiring hemp in any form, go direct to the manufacturer with their orders, and the manufacturers feel free to obtain their raw materials from any source available to fill these orders, resulting in an almost impossible situation so far as the control of hemp is concerned, and further greatly increasing the cost of the manufactured product to the individual buyer.

Lack of Available Warehouse
and Storage Space

At the present time there is in the hands of the producers a considerable quantity of hemp which should be immediately placed in the hands of the Ammassi. The amount of hemp which will be available this year for all of the services requiring the same is far less than in previous years, and to protect this amount available and properly ration it between the services re-

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quiring the same, immediate control of this situation is necessary. The warehouses available for this purpose are not large structures originally designed for the purpose of storing hemp; but are instead usually small rented spaces in the rear of houses in the central part of town and while they are not ideal for the purpose; they are nevertheless the only available warehouses in this locality which could be utilized for this purpose. The storage of hemp is now curtailed by the fact the many of these warehouses are now occupied by troops and the yards about the warehouses; used previously for decorticating the hemp, are no longer available because of the presence of troops. As a result, the available hemp is now being stored in private houses throughout the town, making control most difficult; it is not being prepared because of lack of available working space; and consequently is not being brought into the Ammassi as is required.

Lack of Electric Power

The large manufacturer is not operating because of the lack of electric power, but the streets are lined with small manufacturers who are working on cords and ropes under uncontrolled contracts and the word has spread that more money will be forthcoming from this type of manufacture than will be possible under the larger manufacturing plan, and accordingly the smaller producer has been encouraged to retain his hemp in hopes of larger profits by sale direct to these smaller manufacturers. If electric power is made available to the larger manufacturer, the resulting competition will tend to force the price down and make the same uniform.

Lack of Available Labor to Decorticate Hemp.

The decortication of hemp requires a special²⁹⁶³ skill which under ordinary circumstances would be found in this locality, but under the existing circumstances, much of this available labor has been diverted into maintenance and repair gangs, attracted to this work by the higher wages paid by the army.

Other hemp workers have found it more profitable to buy and sell vegetables, fruit, grain and wine in the black market than to work for the prevailing wage in the hemp industry. A strict control of labor is therefore necessary to assure the processing of hemp that is to be brought to the Ammassi. We have been assured that if this labor can be made available, the ammassing of this hemp can be completed at least two months earlier, than has been estimated at the present time. It has been further suggested that if the hemp workers were allowed an extra ration of bread (as was done under the Fascist regime) that this would act as a further inducement to hemp workers to return to their former jobs as hemp workers.

We therefore recommend:

1. That a central purchasing control be established between the different purchasing services, and that the industry be forbidden to enter upon any contract not approved by the purchasing control.
2. That all work on existing contracts be stopped immediately and each manufacturer be compelled to declare all of the hemp in his possession to the Ammassi.
3. That power be granted to order all hemp ready for amassing to be brought into the Ammassi immediately.
4. That all movement of hemp on the highways be forbidden except by written permit of the Hemp Control Board, and all hemp found on highway without permit be seized and turned into the Ammassi.
5. That electric power be furnished to such factories necessary to fill priority orders, on the approval of the central purchasing committee, at the earliest possible time.
6. That power to draft hemp workers for the hemp industry be granted immediately, and that provision be made with the department of Alimentation to allow an extra ration of bread for such workers.
7. That the Agricultural Section look into the distribution of such supplies of commercial fertilizers as are now available and that a definite program for reseedng be commenced immediately.

Respectfully submitted
Capt. Bradbury, McVary Lt. De John

Regin III

APPENDIX 'C'

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Yearly need
Quintals
boats in

HEMP

<u>Method of Fishing</u>	<u>No. of Boats</u>	<u>Combed Hemp</u>	
Motor trawlers	70	Spago Superiore or Chiaro	2
Fixed Tommaras		" " " " " "	
Lampare (light)	280	" " " " " "	2
Lampare (dark)	50	" " " " " "	
Menside	200	" " " " " "	1
Sciabiche)			
Sciabichelli)	235	" " " " " "	1
Reti da Posta	300	" " " " " "	
Vollari)			
Palanitare)	20	" " " " " "	
Pelangressi	200	" " " " " "	
Movable tuna nets	15	" " " " " "	

Total Hemp needed for all Fishing Methods and Boats

1,0

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20% increase

Total Hemp needed Regin II
Worlas K...
Chief ag

Remedy

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APPENDIX 'C'

HEMP

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Yearly needs in
Quintals for all
boats in each class

No. of Boats

Combed Hemp

70	Spago Superiore or Chiaro	249
	" " " " " "	80
280	" " " " " "	280
50	" " " " " "	25
200	" " " " " "	120
235	" " " " " "	130
300	" " " " " "	50
20	" " " " " "	30
200	" " " " " "	60
15	" " " " " "	20

all Fishing Methods and Boats

1,044 quintals

Total Hemp needs Reg. II

W. Charles Krumm

Chief Admin. Officer

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