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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Military Government Section

16 January 1944

SUBJECT: Planting

TO : CSC (Att: Lt. Col. A. I. Henderson)

1. Major Kennedy was out of channels but only in seeking information. This we tried to accommodate.

*JEB*  
J. B. BUTTERWORTH  
Colonel, Infantry  
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AFMO ADVANCED ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION  
Military Government Section, Advance  
APO 400

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16 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Hume

SUBJECT: Civilian Supply Situation.

1. The attached copy of Flambo Message No. MORA 3734 sent to Freedom sets out the present situation on the Mainland. You will note that Region II's position is considered most critical. In that connection please see the attached memorandum from the Supply Officer of that region. The message to Freedom referred to above was agreed with Lt. Col. Warren and Lt. Col. Moxall. The coaster Rinucci was not requested for Naples largely because it was feared that the diversion from Syracuse would cause serious consequences in Sicily, whereas if no further stocks are sent to Region II from Naples we can carry through on a full ration until the arrival of USS 26 which is notified to contain 11,000 tons for discharge at the Naples port.

2. As you know it is proposed to use many schooners operating out of Naples to feed Rome in the early days, chiefly through the ports of Anzio and Fiumicino. In addition two coasters carrying 4000 to 6000 tons of food-stuffs are supposed to arrive in Naples about 24 December. These coasters are to be sent into Civita Vecchia as soon as that port is available. The 500 tons reserve for Region IV mentioned in the message to Freedom refers to flour to be used to load such schooners as become available before the arrival of USS 26, or to be moved forward into the Corps area as required. I am informed that no schooners are available at present and not likely to be in less than 10 days.

3. Since the decision taken here not to insist upon having the Rinucci sent to Naples rests mainly upon the presumed situation in Sicily, and the desire to give priority to Region II, it is suggested that you check the decision being taken as soon as possible after you arrive in Algiers. If the situation in Sicily is not acute and/or the Rinucci cannot be sent immediately to Reggio or Crotona, I would strongly urge you to press for its diversion to Naples and we shall arrange to ship stocks from Naples to Region II, although this is both difficult and uneconomical.

/s/J. A. Todd,  
J. A. TODD,  
Major, A. C.,  
Chief, MOS Advance.

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SECRET AND URGENT MESSAGE IN SIG NO. 3558

TO FLAMBO AND FILPOT FOR AMG:: RPTD PBS FOR NAME:: FATIMA FOR ACC  
FROM FREEDOM SIGNED C IN C CITE FRNGS 14362 15 DEC. REF. PBS 2429, 14 DEC

Can divert Rinnucci with 2234 tons of flour/wheat/macaroni to arrive with UGS 25 about 21 December. Consult with Todd and advise urgently whether this will carry you until arrival at DUKO of UGS 26 about 31 December carrying 11,000 tons wheat/flour.

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SECRET URGENT MESSAGE OUT : 3734 FROM FLAMBO 16 DEC 1530A

FROM FLAMBO FROM MGS ADV  
TO FREEDOM FOR MGS RPTD TO FILPOT FOR AMG:: FATIMA FOR A C C

MGSA 3734 Secret. Understood here that Rinnucci was set up urgently for Syracuse and situation there not known here. (For MGS, Signed Todd, Cite Your 14362, 15 DEC). Situation Region Two is most urgent of areas on Mainland. 320 tons flour already sent by rail from Naples and arrangements complete for sending 180 tons by schooner but loading not yet begun. Additional 500 tons reserved here. If 1200 tons flour on H R 625 arrives safely with UGS 25 and no further shipments made to Region II, stocks in Naples sufficient to permit following:

- (1) 125 grams for Naples and 100 grams for rest of region until 1 January inclusive.
- (2) 500 gram issue of pasta to Naples City on 22 December
- (3) 500 ton reserve for Region IV in addition other foodstuffs here and two coasters being sent from North Africa

Schooners for loading flour other foodstuffs for Rome out of Naples not yet available

In view of above recommend that Rinnucci be sent at once to Reggio or Crotone to arrive within several days with instructions to discharge 750 tons and to await orders to proceed to Syracuse or continue discharge depending upon situation in Sicily.

Wheat from Foggia expected to begin arriving Region II and Naples Area about 1 January but quantities not to exceed 2500 tons for each area and daily flow insufficient for day to day needs.

Request urgent advice your decision and confirmation that HR 625 is moving with UGS 25

Also request confirmation that coasters for Region IV will arrive approximately 24 December as notified and detailed information their cargo

Above agreed Region III and Economics and Supply Division of AMG 15th Army Group

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
REGION II

10 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Major J. A. Todd, MGS Adv., FLAMBO

SUBJECT: Region II Minimum Requirements for Next 45 Days.

FLOUR (or in emergency up to 50% bagged grain)	Minimum Daily Tonnage	Minimum Total Required for Next 45 days	To
Reggio	60	2700	Reggio
Catanzaro	50	2250	(Crotone
Cosenza	50	2250	(Crotone
Matera			
Potenza			
Salerno	60	2700	Salerno
Totals	220	9900	

Bare minimum bread ration of 100 grammes flour a day-- no allowance for pasta, and no allowance for additional rations for heavy workers, other than Carabinieri, and dock labourers working for the military--for a population of 2,130,000 persons.

Reggio has had no supplies except imported flour since September 8th.

Catanzaro and Cosenza were able to support themselves until the end of October; since then they have been entirely reliant upon imports.

Matera has sufficient on hand to last until the end of March and hopes to get sufficient more in to last until the next harvest.

Potenza has probably sufficient to last until the end of March.

Salerno has nothing and is entirely reliant upon imports. It is at present receiving about 50 tons a day, but these supplies are coming in quantities too small to permit of shipments to the outlying districts.

In the whole of Calabria there are supplies of vegetables and oranges in fair quantities. There are no beans or peas remaining. Small quantities of chestnuts have been seized to mix with the very scanty supplies of flour so far received. The bulk of the chestnut crop has gone underground and has been illegally exported by Black Market operators to Naples and Apulia; and the same applies to the limited quantities of potatoes grown in the Sila. The main difficulty is the provision or transport from the producing points in the mountains to the main consuming centres. Trucks are scarce and their use has to be limited to the hauling of flour over the very long distances from Reggio to points of distribution. Tyres, petrol and nafta are extremely scarce. Railways have very little coal, very few locomotives in a workable condition and few cars, the majority of which were useable having been taken by the Army.

Reg. 2 Minimum Requirements, Next 45 Days- Con'd.

If the required supplies can be brought in to the ports of Cro-  
tone and Reggio, and if the assistance of the Shipping Sub-Commission  
of ACC can be obtained, a good deal of these difficulties can be over-  
come by the use of small schooners which can land supplies at various  
small ports, and in case of need even on the beaches.

Supplies of milk, sugar and soap are still urgently needed, but  
have not been included in this statement as the need for Flour is so  
much more important as to be vital. There are no Supplies of Flour  
or Grain in Calabria at this moment, and there have already been cases  
of food rioting in the Compartimento. This situation becomes daily  
more serious as supplies fail to arrive, and may easily constitute a  
serious menace in the rear of our Armies. The situation in Salerno  
is almost equally serious.

D.A.W. RUCK  
Lieutenant Colonel,  
Supply Officer, AMO  
Region II.

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HEADQUARTERS  
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 464, U.S. Army

December 12, 1943

SUBJECT: Food Position, Region 3.

TO : COLONEL E. E. HUME

1. During the month of December bids as follows were accepted by A.F.H.Q. and placed in requisition form for Region 3:

Flour 16'350 metric tons.

2. Against the above requisitions nothing has been received.

3. On the present convoy according to hatch breakdown there is

Flour 45 tons

4. According to present advices from A.F.H.Q. further supplies expected this month are:

Flour 1111 tons.

5. Deducting flour vouchered to Alimentation for Naples Province and Naples City a portion of which has not been delivered, the stock in warehouse on December 10, 1943 was:

Flour 2720 tons.

6. The order from 15 A.G. dated December 11 allocated 1000 tons of flour to Region II and 500 tons flour plus 45 tons flour on present to convoy to Rome, and it is presumed that the 1111 tons due to arrive on December 20, 1943 will also be for Rome.

7. This leaves the following net amount:

Flour 1220 tons.

8. Flour vouchered to Naples Alimentation for the 10 days period from December 13 to December 22 covers the following:

(a) Issue of bread to Naples City at 125 gms per day:	988 tons	
(b) Issue of bread to Naples Province at 100 gms per day:	1067 tons	3217
(c) Issue of pasta to Naples City for 30 days at 50 gms per day:	1426 tons	

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9. It had been previously proposed that during period to December 22, 1943 the following quantities would be delivered to provinces:

Avellino	280 tons flour
Benevento	240 tons flour
Salerno	600 tons flour

10. Deliveries already made since December 10, 1943:

Salerno	150 tons flour
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11. If delivery is continued to Avellino, Benevento and Salerno this would leave approximately 250 tons flour available for the Region after December 22, 1943 on paper. This would require to be used up along with special foods on hand to meet emergencies.

12. An attempt is being made to get back flour from the Pasta Factories. It is anticipated that it will be possible to get back two thirds, equal to 950 tons.

13. It is intended that one half of the tonnage that has been allocated to Avellino, Benevento and to Salerno will be retained.

14. These measures together will make available about 1400 tons flour.

15. It is proposed to use this as follows:

Naples City	75 gas bread	55 tons per day
Naples Province	50 " "	48 " " "
Avellino "	50 " "	14 " " "
Benevento "		12 " " "
Salerno "		25 " " "
Institutions & Police Naples		<u>6.5</u> " "

160.5 tons per day

16. This will carry through to January 1, 1944.

17. Permission has been granted by 15 A.G. to transfer 2500 tons of wheat from Foggia Province to Naples. Since this wheat must be sacked, transported, ground and delivered to the bakeries, it is probable that the above ration cannot be supplemented from this source.

18. Another possible source of supplement is to provide for the release of the 500 tons of flour earmarked for Rome and the 500 tons flour earmarked for Region II, this 1000 tons to be replaced from the 2600 tons of wheat to be ground. 3216

19. The recommended minimum ration for Naples has been placed at 150 gas bread and 70 gas pasta. Requisitions have been made on this basis. If a ration to this extent is not provided there is danger of widespread starvation.

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