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35.1 - Handling Bulk Wheat
Dec. 1943 - Feb. 1944

HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

08 FEBRUARY 1944

RESTRICTED
ROUTINE

RESTRICTED

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO FOR ADAMS

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SIGNED CINC

DATE TIME SIGNED : 071757 A

DATE TIME REC'D : 072330 A

REF NR : 48667

CITE : FM40S

WHEN MAY WE HAVE REPLY TO OUR 43627 OF 27 JAN REGARDING FLOUR MILLS

ACTION : AMG HQ
INFO : MOS ADV
: SECT'Y GEN. STAFF
: ~~COMMUNIKATION~~
: COMMANDING GENERAL

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RESTRICTED

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

7 FEBRUARY 1944

..SECRET

..ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO FOR GRADY
(INFORMATION) : NONE
FROM : SIGNED CINC
DATE TIME SIGNED : 061455A
DATE TIME REC'D : 082015A
REF. NR. : 48159
CITE : FHAGS, FHGDS, FHSUP

REFERENCE PBS 7285 OF 4 FEBRUARY CITE FARGO 719.

NOT UNDERSTOOD WHY PORTABLE GRAIN UNLOADERS REQUIRED AT OHAM. APPROVAL PREVIOUSLY GIVEN TO MOVE EQUIPMENT FROM TORRE ANNUNZIATA TO OHAM TO UNLOAD GRAIN FROM SHIP. BASED ON THIS REPORT BULK GRAIN SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE APRIL. WILL YOU BE ABLE TO HANDLE AS SCHEDULED.

NOT ANTICIPATED ANNUNZIATA TO BE USED ACCOUNT SHALLOW DRAFT.

CAN YOU JUSTIFY USES AS SUGGESTED OUR 46232 OF 31 JANUARY SINCE THESE UNITS ARE PORTABLE. MUST HAVE PRIORITY RATING IF JUSTIFIED. NO FIRM ASSURANCE HOW SOON THESE UNITS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE IN THEATRE. EXPEDITE REPLY.

ACTION: AMO HQS.

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

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

7 FEBRUARY 1944

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ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : FLAMBO
(INFORMATION) : CG PBB, CG SUB NATOUSA, FARGO
FROM : SIGNED CG NATOUSA
DATE TIME SIGNED : 061640Z
DATE TIME REC'D : 071340Z
REFERENCE NR. : 46241
CITE : NATPW

MAXIMUM DRAFT AT GRAIN PIERS TORRE ANNUNZIATA AND CASTELLAMARE
SUBJECT USN 272/12898: CINC MCB ADVISES SHIPS MAY BE SAFELY ACCEPTED
FOR DISCHARGE HAVING MAXIMUM DRAFT 25 FEET AT CASTELLAMARE AND 22
FEET AT TORRE ANNUNZIATA GRAIN PIERS.

INFO : TRANS
G-4
AMC HQ
MGB ADV ✓
CG
SECY

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AFHQ ADVANCED ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
Military Government Section, Advance
APO 400

31 January 1944

SUBJECT: Bulk Wheat Shipments.

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

1. The attached communication is forwarded for appropriate action.
2. Please note the reference to 11,000 tons of bulk wheat expected to arrive at Torre Annunziata in April. This is the first information received on this shipment.

No bids have been made for bulk wheat for Torre Annunziata. Bids have not yet been made for April. The bid made for May was based on an estimated bulk wheat tonnage for Castellammare of 30,000 tons. It should be noted that the bulk wheat ships at Torre Annunziata occupy berths which can be used for unloading other cargo and that the draft is limited.

A. T. HENDERSON,
Lt. Col., U. S.,
Chief, MCS Advance.

1 Encl. - Ltr. MCS, AFHQ, 26 Jan 44 to CED
Subject: Flour/Wheat Seeds.

Attn.: Deputy Vice-President, Economic & Administrative Section.

1. The attached communication is forwarded for appropriate action.
2. Please note the reference to 11,000 tons of bulk wheat expected to arrive at Torre Annunziata in April. This is the first information received on this shipment.
3. No bids have been made for bulk wheat for Torre Annunziata. Bids have not yet been made for April. The bid made for May was based on an estimated bulk wheat tonnage for Castellammare of 36,000 tons. It should be noted that the bulk wheat ships at Torre Annunziata occupy berths which can be used for unloading other cargo and that the draft is limited.

A. T. HENDERSON,
Lt. Col., A. U. S.,
Chief, NES Advances.

1 Incl. - Ltr. NES, AWHQ, 26 Jan 44 to CEC
Subject: Flour/Wheat Sacks.

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

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29 JANUARY 1944

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..PRIORITY

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS RPTD CG SOS NATOUA RPTD FLAMBO
(INFORMATION) : NONE
FROM : SIGNED CINC
DATE TIME SIGNED : 283007A
DATE TIME REC'D : 290302A
REF. NR. : 44382
CITE : PHGDS, PHMGC, PHBUP REFERENCE L-8929 OF 27 JAN

REQUIRE ISOT STORAGE CAPACITY FOR MONTHLY RECEIPT OF 30/36,000 DWT (METRIC)
PER MONTH.

URGENT TRANSFER OF BULK GRAIN UNLOADING DUMP TO OHAM TO RECEIVE 10,000 DWT
IN APRIL AND NOT TO EXCEED 15,000 DWT EACH MONTH THEREAFTER. NO OBJECTION TO RE-
SULTING REDUCTION OF STORAGE AT TORRE ANNUZZIATA.

ACTION:

INFO. : AMG HQ
MGS ADV.
TRANS.
G-4
QM
SECY
C.G.

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CIPHER MESSAGE IN

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IMPORTANT

US SECRET

TO / PBS FOR PENCE RPTD CG SOS NATOUSA RPTD PLAMBO FOR DDW

FROM / SIGNED CINC CITE FHGDS.FHGS. FHSUP.REF L-8929 OF 27 JAN

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REQUIRE IBOT STORAGE CAPACITY FOR MONTHLY RECEIPT OF 30/36000 DWT
(METRIC) PER MONTH. URGE TRANSFER OF BULK GRAIN UNLOADING PUMP
TO XX OHAM TO RECEIVE 10000 DWT IN APRIL AND NOT TO EXCEED
15000 DWT EACH MONTH HEREAFTER. NO OBJECTION TO RESULTING
REDUCTION OF STORAGE AT TORRE ANNUNZIATA

SMC DISTRIBUTION

ACTION
INFO

WORKS

Q G4 MGS(ADV) S T MOV 4300

SMC/TOR/290715/A WRW

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CLEAR MESSAGE IN

SIGS NO 1415
SECRET

TO. MERRIT INFO FLAMBO

FROM. ENGINEER SECT. PES.

PBS 6393

25 *Jan*

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IT IS PROPOSED AT FLAMBO TO DISMANTLE 1 OF 3 BULK GRAIN UNLOADING
SUCTION PUMPS AT TORRE ANNUNZIATA AND TRANSFER IT TO BARI WHERE BULK
GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY EXISTS BUT NO MECHANICAL UNLOADING EQPT.
PENBASE TO SOS NATOUSA FOR ACTION, FLAMBO FOR INFO. CITE BPENG.
REMOVAL OF THIS PUMP WILL SERVE TO DECREASE POTENTIAL STORAGE CAPACITY
AT TORRE ANNUNZIATA FROM APPROX 18000 TONS TO APPROX 12000 TONS AS
THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR TRANSFER OF GRAIN FROM 1 BIN TO ANOTHER.
THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN HANDLING AND STORAGE CAPACITY AT CASTELL-
AMMARE AS REPORTED IN PBS CABLE 4304. INFO REQUESTED AS TO BULK GRAIN
STORAGE CAPACITY REQUIRED IN NAPLES AREA AND WHETHER THERE IS OBJECTION
TO THE TRANSFER FROM TORRE ANNUNZIATA TO BARI OF 1 PUMPING UNIT
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SMC DISTRIBUTION ACTION. WORKS.

INGO. 64. Q. ST. MGS(ADV).

HRW.

SMCTOR. 261950A

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

FROM FLAMBO FROM C E C

24 JAN 1530A

TO FREEDOM FOR FHMBS

URGENT
RESTRICTED

C E C 11464 RESTRICTED X Because of changes in functions of CEC
Paren To Freedom for FHMBS Signed Henderson Cite your 41083 Dated 23 January
Paren this matter has been referred to AOC slash AMG X

A.I.HENDERSON, LT.COL.

IMP URGENT

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
APO 400

24 January 1944

SUBJECT: Bulk Sheet Handling Facilities.

TO: Chief, HQ. ABC (Attn: Deputy Vice President, Economics
and Administrative Section, A.C.C.)

Attached letter received in this office is transmitted
to you for such action as may be appropriate.

For the Committee:

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

Incl - 1

Letter - AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon, GME
135/1/Q. 23 Jan 44, Subj:
Bulk Sheet Handling Facilities

Copy to:

6 Branch Flambo

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
APO 400

24 January 1944

SUBJECT: Bulk Wheat Handling Facilities.

TO : Chief, HQ. AEC (Attn: Deputy Vice President, Economics
and Administrative Section, A.C.C.)

Attached letter received in this office is transmitted
to you for such action as may be appropriate.

For the Committee:

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

Incl - 1

Letter - AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon, CEF
115/1/Q, 23 Jan 44. Subj:
Bulk Wheat Handling Facilities

Copy to:

2 Branch Flambo

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C O P Y

SUBJECT: - Bulk Wheat Handling Facilities

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon
CMG

115/1/Q

23 Jan 44

To:- No.2 District
Movements Flambo
DDW

Reference this HQ letter 115/1/Q dated 17 Jan in regard to the provision of bulk wheat handling facilities at BARI.

1. The reference in para 1, to para 5 of DDW this HQ letter 2180/DDW dated 11 Jan, should read para 6, i.e., the proposal to dismantle a suction plant at TORRE ANNUNZIATA for erection at BARI is approved.
2. No.2 District will take all necessary action in regard to the dismantling of the above plant and its erection at BARI, and also the rehabilitation of the mechanical elevators at CASTELLAMARA. The dismantling by No.2 District at TORRE ANNUNZIATA has been agreed with Peninsular Base Section.
3. All work necessary in connection with the above will be co-ordinated by DDW this HQ.

VHJ/AEM

(Signed) V.H. Jaques *for* Major General
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Copy to:- Peninsular Base Section
G-4
MCS (Adv)

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. _____
Call _____ Srl. No. _____ Priority _____ Transmission Instructions _____

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

FROM	Originator	Date-Time of Origin.	Office Date Stamp
(A) FROM FLAUTO FROM VES ADV	For Action.	23 JAN 1230A	

TO	TO FRIEDEN BRECK	SUBJECT	IMMEDIATE	Message Instructions.	GR
	(W) For Information (INFO)				

Originator's No. 108,98

M C S A ----- SUBJECT X Believed here that A C C VESSEL

reserve of wheat and flour should be as large as practicable in line with procurement and acceptances in view of possible quick demands from the North X

PARAN AGAIN TO PRADAM FOR HATES, MEET, AND PHGS FROM

FLAUTO STATED HENDERSON FOR BUTTERBROTH PARAN X ON BASIS OF FEEDING ALL

of Region Four by end of March, imports into theater will have exceeded calculated requirements by over 40,000 tons by April First X This is

without further shipments under column II of LAC 32 X If however Region 4 is occupied ahead of this schedule the above reserve will be materially reduced X

Although bulk loadings of wheat can be accepted to maximum of 36,000 tons per month at DDT and 13,000 tons per month at GUM, the geographic locations do not tie in too well without considerable extra internal movements X

Except for emergencies arising in milling facilities due to breakdown, lack of power, etc, it is believed safe to figure a minimum of 25 per cent of shipments in flour X Acceptance of flour versus wheat will be reported from daily within a few days as their milling capacity is unknown here X

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PAXON ACTION TO FREEDOM FOR HUNGARY, HUNGARY, AND HUNGARY FROM
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power, etc, it is believed safe to figure a minimum of 25 per cent of shipments
in flour X acceptance of flour varies what will be reported from steadily
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This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except } WIRELESS. Signed.	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER. Signed.	Originator's Instructions. Degree of Priority. IMMEDIATE	Time	System Op.
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			Time Cleared	

A. I. JENNINGS H. I. E. COL.

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
ROUTING SLIP

1944

TO:		INITIALS
_____	Lt. Col. Henderson	_____
_____	Lt. Col. Merrill	_____
_____	Lt. Col. Legg	_____
_____	Lt. Col. Reiter	_____
_____	Lt. Col. Herrmann	_____
_____	Major Smallwood	_____
_____	Major Todd	_____
_____	Capt. Plummer	_____
_____	Capt. Northland	_____
_____	Capt. Curran	_____
_____	Capt. Morse	_____
_____	Capt. Austin	_____
_____	Lt. Shanley	_____

FOR: _____ Sgt. Collins _____

_____ --- 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:

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Initials _____

some of
gravel =
20 ft x

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man

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Call Cel / castle
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all waters.
month
2400
tons a
day

Col Henderson CEC

Is the portion of the paragraph
I have marked /? according to your
understanding? Is it practicable to
bag any appreciable amount per day at
the Castellammare elevator?

WDA

22040

Please return the attached They are my
only copies.

WDA

18 Jan.

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His copies returned/
HC

US SECRET IMPORTANT CIPHER MESSAGE IN

SIGB NO 7122

File H

TO ACTION FLAMBO XXXXXXXX

FROM DING CITE FROM

30201

18

Jan

FOR FELLOWS FROM PHILIPS. PARTY OF OFFICERS FROM G-4 AND HQS
UNDER IN COL LINBY VISITING FLAMBO ABOUT 20 JAN TO DISCUSS
DISCHARGES AND DISTRIBUTION OF CIVIL SUPPLIES. ITALY. PLEASE
GIVE ALL ASSISTANCE IN MOVEMENT FACTORS TO ENSURE SHIPPING
COORDINATION WITH MILITARY REPORTS. IN THIS CONNECTION REFER
YOUR 1420 OF 14 JAN

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INFO DISTRIBUTION - ACTION MOV
INFO G4

MGS(AEV)

DMC/TOR/1813552/OM

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IMPORTANT

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

AFD 400

AIR/fpd

17 January 1944

SUBJECT: Bulk wheat.

TO : Region III (Attn: Lt. Col. Warren)

1. Colonel Butterworth and Colonel Libby will arrive from Algiers on 29 January to review the bulk wheat situation.

2. Latest advice from AFHQ states that it is desired to handle two bulk wheat ships of 6000 tons each per convoy (36,000 tons of bulk wheat per month) in the Naples area commencing with the last March convoy.

3. Please send us a brief report before that date of the progress you have made in obtaining warehouse space, personnel and storage facilities to handle the bulk wheat shipments.

4. It is believed that if possible a large part of this wheat should be moved to mills or warehouses outside the immediate area of Naples, and also outside of Region III. Lt. Col. Legg is prepared to discuss this matter with you.

5. Colonel Fuller (Movements) states that he believes that sufficient box cars can be furnished to remove this 12,000 tons of wheat from Castellammare by rail each ten days. The most urgent problem appears to be the handling at the mills and warehouses.

For the Committee:

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

Information Copy:
HQ. AMG 15th Army Group

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Subject: Bulk Wheat Handling Facilities.

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon,
CMF.

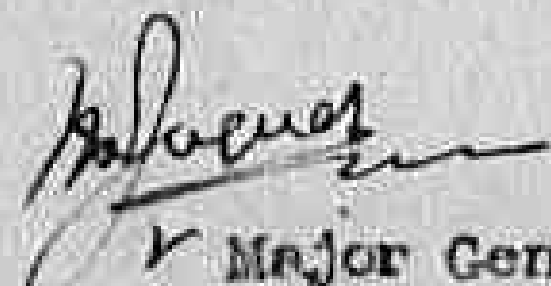
115/1/92.

To: D.D.W.
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17 Jan 44.

Reference your 2180/DDW dated 11 Jan 44.

1. The proposal in para.5 of your letter is approved and the necessary action will be taken in conjunction with No.2 District and Q.Mov.
2. Reference your para.5. It is understood that shipments into ~~NAPLES~~ group of ports will amount to 36,000 tons in March and subsequent months, and that all the wheat will have to be bagged at the docks, bulk wheat movement direct to mills being impracticable for a number of reasons.


Major General,
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to: No.2 District.
PES.
Q(Mov).
MGS. —
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1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667, 2668, 2669, 2670, 2671, 2672, 2673, 2674, 2675, 2676, 2677, 2678, 26

16 JANUARY 1944

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CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
ROUTING SLIP

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

FOR: _____ Sgt. Collins _____

_____ 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: *Plan for distribution should
be worked out with ^{HCC/AMG and} ~~AMG~~ _{and} ~~AMG~~
I will arrange.*

Initials *WHL*

Capt L Bryan Anderson ①
Col Fuller
Col Hardy ①

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R-150

N-2301

RAD

Signal Corps, United States Army

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Telegram

PRIORITY

GPO 8-10565

Received at

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

16 JANUARY 1944

SECRET

PRIORITY

TO (ACTION) : FLAMBO FOR GENERAL ROBERTSON AND HENDERSON,

(INFORMATION) : CG PBS, CG SOS NATOUA

FROM : SIGNED FHCIG

DATE TIME SIGNED: 152106A

DATE TIME REC'D : 160637A

REFERENCE NR. : 29316

CITE : FHGDS, FHMGs, FHGDM AND FHSUP

PRESSURE FROM AGUAR THAT BULK WHEAT ACCEPTANCE FOR CIVILIAN
SUPPLY BE AT A MAXIMUM AND THEIR STATEMENT THAT REQUESTS FOR CIVILIAN
SHIPMENTS EXCEED ABILITY OF ACCEPTANCE, WHEN TAKEN IN THE LIGHT OF
YOUR 1413 OF 14 JANUARY, ARE SUBJECT OF GRAVE CONCERN.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT MARCH BULK GRAIN DISCHARGE AT CASTELLA-
MMARE BE OVER AND ABOVE NORMAL DUKO TONNAGE ALLOCATIONS IF SUFFICIENT
FOOD IMPORTS TO MEET YOUR REQUIREMENTS ARE TO BE LANDED. CONTINUOUS
MOVEMENT THROUGH THESE ELEVATORS UP TO 2 SHIPS PER CONVOY OR 36000
TONS PER MONTH IS DESIRED. WHEN ACCOMPLISHED, THIS WILL RELIEVE NAPLES
Other 12 Mar.

FROM : SIGNED FHCIC
 DATE TIME SIGNED: 152106A
 DATE TIME REC'D : 160637A
 REFERENCE NR. : 29316
 CITE : FHGDS, FHMGS, FHGDM AND FHSUP

PRESSURE FROM AGMAR THAT BULK WHEAT ACCEPTANCE FOR CIVILIAN SUPPLY BE AT A MAXIMUM AND THEIR STATEMENT THAT REQUESTS FOR CIVILIAN SHIPMENTS EXCEED ABILITY OF ACCEPTANCE, WHEN TAKEN IN THE LIGHT OF

> YOUR 1413 OF 14 JANUARY, ARE SUBJECT OF GRAVE CONCERN.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT MARCH BULK GRAIN DISCHARGE AT CASTELLA-
 MMARE BE OVER AND ABOVE NORMAL DUKO TONNAGE ALLOCATIONS IF SUFFICIENT
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 OF CONSIDERABLE AMG TONNAGE. UGS 33 AND UGS 34 WILL EACH HAVE 1 BULK
 LOADED WHEAT SHIP OF APPROXIMATELY 6000 TONS AND, UNLESS CANCELLED,
 UGS 35 WILL HAVE 2 SIMILAR BULK LOADED SHIPS. MAXIMUM USE OF RAIL
 MOVEMENT FROM ELEVATORS TO MILLS AND WAREHOUSES MUST BE MADE. ARE

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NEW SUBJECT:

BUTTERNORTH, LIBBY AND LOCKE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE NAPLES BY AIR 20 JANUARY WITH FULL INFORMATION OF PROPOSED CIVIL FOOD SHIPMENTS.

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TO:- ACTION FLAMBO FOR GENERAL ROBERTSON AND HENDERSON INFO PBS,
CG SOS NATOUSA

FROM:- SIGNED FHOIC CITE FHGDS, FHMGS, FHGDM AND FHSUP 29316¹⁵ *Jan*

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FROM	Originator.	Date-Time of Origin.	Office Date Stamp
(A) FROM FLAUBO FROM CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE		14 JAN 1600A	

For Action.

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TO	(W) For Information (INFO)	Message Instructions.	GR
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Originator's No. 9423

SECRET X We will provide for the acceptance of one ship of bulk wheat in each convoy in our bidn for March X Haven For Freedom for Mrs Stated Henderson Cite your FBIGS 2726 dated 12 January Haven X Plans for removal of grain and storage ~~being~~ made by Region III and believes removal can be handled X However, removal and warehousing very difficult because of lack of transport and personnel X If trucks under your proposed plan are available in Naples by March 1, they will handle transport X Region III does not have sufficient personnel X Understand that it is requesting additional personnel through AMG HQ. and urgent this be furnished at earliest possible date X Bulk grain does not repeat not provide tonnage additional to normal port allocation as bulk wheat ships will occupy berths otherwise available for other cargo X Draft at Castellare 24 ft. and storage capacity 10,000 tons X Definite information about Bari not available until DM officer now there studying situation makes his report X Possibility of providing additional capacity at Torre Annunziata will depend on the plan for Bari as equipment to be transferred to Bari will be transferred from this port X

ship of bulk wheat in each convoy in our bid to force removal of grain and storage ^{BEING} made by Region III and believe removal can be handled X However, removal and warehousing very difficult because of lack of transport and personnel X If trucks under your proposed plan are available in samples by March 1, they will handle transport X Region III does not have sufficient personnel X Understand that it is requesting additional personnel through ANG HQ, and urgent this be furnished at earliest possible date X Bulk grain does not repeat not provide tonnage additional to normal port allocation as bulk wheat ships will occupy berths otherwise available for other cargo X Draft at Castelle- more 24 ft. and storage capacity 15,000 tons X Definite information about Bari not available until DOW officer now there studying situation makes his report X Feasibility of providing additional capacity at Torre Annunziata will depend on the plan for Bari as equipment to be transferred to Bari will be transferred from this port X

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Signed. A.I. HENDERSON, LT.COL.

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
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ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS (TO FARGO FOR HENDERSON), FLAMBO

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SIGNED CINC

DATE TIME SIGNED: 121910A

DATE TIME REC'D : 130545A

REFERENCE NR. : 27726

CITE : FHMGS

*Action - msg Adv.
Info - Aug. 14
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J. B.*

AGWAR PRESSING FOR ACCEPTANCE BULK WHEAT. HAVE ARRANGED FOR
18000 TONS CASTELLAMARE ELEVATORS 1 SHIP EACH CONVOY IN MARCH. WILL
YOU ARRANGE PORT ACCEPTANCE FOR THIS AND CONTINUING SHIPMENTS ON
LIKE BASIS BY REMOVAL OF BULK GRAIN FROM THESE ELEVATORS AT THE SAME
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FROM : SIGNED CINC

DATE TIME SIGNED: 121910A

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REFERENCE NR. : 27726

CITE : FHMGS

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(A) FROM FLANDERS FROM CENTRAL. TECHNICAL OFFICERS		20 JAN 1950 A	
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TO	(W) For Information (INFO)	Message Instructions.	GR

Originator's No.

G P C 8121 SECRET X DW FLANDERS Investigating
Facilities for handling bulk wheat at Doko and Ghent X Return For Transfer For H G S
Signed Henderson Return X Central Economic Committee has given him target figure
of One Thousand Tons daily at Doko and Five Hundred tons daily at Ghent from
April First X Transfer of Equipment from Doko to Ghent required but believed
feasible by D D G X Will advise immediately that arrangements are being
made while request data upon which detailed shipping instructions must be provided
for April arrives X

Copy by hand to D D W

Signed Henderson. From X Central Economic Committee and having his entire income
of One Thousand Tons daily at Duko and Five Hundred tons daily at Chien Shun
April First X Transfer of Equipment from Duko to Chien required but believed
feasible by D D H X Will advise immediately that arrangements are being
Meanwhile request date upon which detailed shipping instructions must be provided
for April over. X

Copy by hand to D D H

*This is out only 4283
message sent 10 Jan
on British wheat.*

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Signed.

A. T. JENKINS, 17. 07.

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13 JANUARY 1944

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ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS (TO FARGO FOR HENDERSON), FLAMBO
(INFORMATION) : NONE
FROM : SIGNED CINC
DATE TIME SIGNED : 121910A
DATE TIME REC'D : 130645A
REF NR : 27726
CITE : FMGS



AGWAR PRESSING FOR ACCEPTANCE BULK WHEAT. HAVE ARRANGED FOR 18000 TONS CASTELLAMARE ELEVATORS 1 SHIP EACH CONVOY IN MARCH. WILL YOU ARRANGE PORT ACCEPTANCE FOR THIS AND CONTINUING SHIPMENTS ON LIKE BASIS BY REMOVAL OF BULK GRAIN FROM THESE ELEVATORS AT THE SAME RATE.

NEW SUBJECT:

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ACTION: MGS ADV
INFO : AMG HQ
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Comm. Sec.

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TO FARGO FOR HENDERSON RPTD FLAMBO
FROM FREEDOM SIGNED CINC CITE FHMGS 27726

12 Jan

AGWAR PRESSING FOR ACCEPTANCE BULK WHEAT. HAVE ARRANGED FOR 18000 TONS TO CASTELLAMARE ELEVATORS ONE SHIP EACH CONVOY IN MARCH. WILL YOU ARRANGE PORT ACCEPTANCE FOR THIS AND CONTINUING SHIPMENTS ON LIKE BASIS BY REMOVAL OF BULK GRAIN FROM THESE ELEVATORS AT THE SAME RATE.

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SUBJECT: Bulk Boat Handling Facilities.Directorate of Ports,
JPN Admin Division,
C.M.F.

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TO: B.C.M.C.11 Jan. 44.

In accordance with the D.C.M.C.'s verbal instructions at the conference on the 4 Jan. 44. I have made a preliminary investigation of the existing facilities for handling bulk grain at the national ports and have to report as follows:

1. The only ports at present in our hands with machinery for unloading bulk grain are those of Torre del Greco, Torre Annunziata and Castellammare. The machinery at the two first named ports is not operable and in under repair. The machinery at Castellammare is, at the moment, capable of handling 500 tons per day. It is estimated that by late February next repairs will be sufficiently far advanced to enable the handling of 850 tons per day at each of the ports of Torre del Greco and Torre Annunziata, and that the capacity of the elevators at Castellammare will have risen to 1,000 tons per day. By the 1st March the figures will be the same at Torre del Greco and will have risen to 2,500 tons per day at Torre Annunziata and 2,500 tons at Castellammare, giving a total of 5,000 tons per day.
2. There are seventeen operable flour mills in the Naples area capable of a total daily output of 1,665 tons of flour and there is a total storage capacity, bulk and bagged, of 76,000 tons.

3. The foregoing figures are detailed in Appendix "A".

4. There is at the moment no bulk wheat handling machinery at the eastern ports and the two elevators at Bari have been damaged beyond repair. The milling capacity in units is estimated by the M.C.M. at 1,500 tons per day. Including in this figure six large mills in the Bari province capable of milling 600 tons per day and four in the Lecce province capable of milling 172 tons per day.

5. The estimated imports of bulk wheat as given to me by Col. Henderson are at the rate of 1,000 tons per day in the Naples area and 500 tons per day in the Bari area. There is, therefore, no problem to be faced with regard to the handling of bulk wheat at the Naples groups of ports but facilities are required on the eastern side.

6. I propose, therefore, that there should be a transformation of handling equipment from the western side to the eastern side and preferably this can be done without reducing the port handling capacity below that given above (i.e. 5,050 tons per day) because there is an abandoned suction plant at Torre Annunziata which can be put into operation for six months at a time to cover in respect of the damaged state of the building which houses it. The capacity of this suction plant is estimated at 1,050 tons per day. I have therefore sent an officer over to Bari to

3. The foregoing figures are included in Appendix A.
4. There is at the present no bulk wheat handling machinery at the eastern mills and the two elevators at that have been damaged beyond repair. The milling capacity in total is estimated by the U.S.A. at 1,200 tons per day. Including in this figure the six large mills in the And province capable of milling 600 tons per day and four in the Los Rios province capable of milling 172 tons per day.
5. The estimated capacity of bulk wheat as given to me by Col. Henderson was at the rate of 1,000 tons per day in the Naples area and 500 tons per day in the Bari area. There is, therefore, no problem to be faced with regard to the handling of bulk wheat at the Naples groups of ports but facilities are required in the eastern area.
6. I propose, therefore, that there should be a transformation of existing equipment from the eastern side to the western side and eventually this can be done without reducing too far handling capacity, i.e. that given above (i.e. 5,500 tons per day) because there is an unexploited section of the plant at Torre Annunziata which can not be put into operation for some considerable time to come on account of the damaged state of the building which houses it. The capacity of this section plant is estimated at 1,050 tons per day. I have therefore sent an officer over to have to make a survey with a view to preparing a scheme for submission to you for the execution of this plant at the Bari docks.
7. If you agree, I will make preliminary steps towards the dismantling of the plant at Torre Annunziata.

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D.L. Anderson, ⁵⁸⁰
Brigadier,
R.A.F.

Copy to: D.L.M.G.
M.G.S.
Major P.B.S.

C.S. No. 2 District
D.W., A.P.H.C.
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APPENDIX "A"

SUMMARY OF PORTS OF BULK WHEAT HANDLING

	MAPLES	FORGE RIVER CHERO	THORN AND HUNSLATA.	CA. TULLAH MARK.
Type of Grain	Bulk	Bulk	Bulk	Bulk
No. of ships at one time	-	1	2	2
Equipment	None	Mach. Elevator	Section Plant	Mach. Elevators
Present Capacity in Bulk	None	None	None	500 tons/d
Capacity Feb. 1st	None	850 t/d	850 t/d	1000 t/d
Capacity Mar. 1st	None	850 t/d	2000 t/d	2500 t/d
Bulk Storage Capacity at Piers	None	7500 tons	15000 tons	18000 tons
Facilities	-	Rail & Rd.	Rail & Rd.	Rail & Rd.
Flour Mills in vicinity	7	-	7	3
Total Bagged Storage	13200 T.	-	17400 tons	3800 tons

Capacity Pub. List	Name	850 T/D	250 T/D	1000 T/D
Capacity Man. List	Name	850 T/D	250 T/D	2500 T/D
Bulk Storage Capacity at Mills	Name	750 tons	13000 tons	10000 tons
Facilities	"	Rail & Rd.	Rail & Rd.	Rail & Rd.
Flour Mills in vicinity	7	---	7	3
Total Bagged Storage	13200 T.	---	27700 Tons	3800 tons
Output of Flour Mills (24 hrs.)	110 T.	---	545 Tons	100 tons

Total Storage) -- Neglect Area	.....	.....	70,200 tons
Bulk & Bagged)	.....	.....	4273
No. of Flour Mills ready	.....	.....	17 tons
Total Daily Mill Output	.....	.....	1,065 tons
Estimated daily total unloading capacity by March 1st.	.....	.....	5,890 tons.

ST: Bulk Boat Handling Facilities.

Directorate of Works,
AFHQ Air Arm Arsenal,
C.M.F.

TO: D.S.M.S.

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11 Jan. 44.

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2. There are seventeen operable Flour Mills in the Naples area capable of a total daily output of 1,065 tons of flour and there is a total storage capacity, bulk and bagged, of 78,000 tons.

3. The foregoing figures are detailed in Appendix "A".

4. There is at the moment no bulk wheat handling machinery at the eastern ports and the two elevators at Bari have been damaged beyond repair. The milling capacity in Apulia is estimated by the U.S.A. at 1,500 tons per day. Including in this figure are six large mills in the Bari province capable of milling 600 tons per day and four in the Lecce province capable of milling 172 tons per day.

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6. I propose, therefore, that there should be a transference of handling equipment from the western side to the eastern side and fortunately this can be done without reducing the port handling capacity below that given above (i.e. 5,550 tons per day) because there is an undamaged suction plant at Torre Annunziata which cannot be put into operation for some considerable time to come on account of the damaged state of the building which houses it. The capacity of this suction plant is estimated at 1,250 tons per day. I have therefore sent an official report to the

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7. If you agree, I will take preparatory steps towards the dismantling of the plant at Torre Annunziata.

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Copy to: D.O.M.G.
M.G.S.
Engr. P.B.S.

L.L. Annunziata,
Brigadier,
D.D.N.

O.L. No. 2 District
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APPENDIX "A"

SUMMARY OF NOTES ON INDIA WHEAT HANDLING

	RAIPUR	TORRE DEL GRECO	TORRE DEL MUNIZIA.	CANTILLAS MAKE.
Type of Grain	Bulk	Bulk	Bulk	Bulk
No. of Ships at one time	1	1	2	2
Equipment	None	Mach. Elevator	Crack-on Plant	Mach. Elevators
Present Capacity in Bulk	None	None	None	500 tons/d
Capacity Feb. 1st	None	650 t/d	650 t/d	1000 t/d
Capacity Mar. 1st	None	650 t/d	2500 t/d	2500 t/d
Bulk Storage Capacity at Piers	None	7500 tons	18000 tons	18000 tons
Facilities	-	Rail & Rd.	Rail & Rd.	Rail & Rd.
Flour Mills in vicinity	7	-	?	3
Total Bagged Storage	13200 t.	-	17700 tons	3800 tons

Capacity Feb. 1st	None	850 T/D	1000 T/D
Capacity Mar. 1st	None	850 T/D	2500 T/D
Bulk Storage Capacity at risers	None	7500 tons	18000 tons
Facilities	-	Rail & Rd.	Rail & Rd.
Flour Mills in vicinity	7	-	7
Total Bagged Storage	13200 S.	-	17700 tons
Output of Flour Mills (24 hrs.)	440 T.	-	525 tons
			100 tons

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Total Storage) -- Naples Area		78,200 tons
Bulk & Bagged)		
No. of Flour Mills ready		17 tons
Total Daily Mill Output		1,065 tons
Estimated daily total unloading capacity by March 1st.		5,850 tons.

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TO (ACTION) : CG PBS
(INFORMATION) : CG SOS NATOUA
FROM : SIGNED NACG
DATE TIME SIGNED : 311436A
DATE TIME REC'D : 312040A
REF. NR. : 21788
CITE : NARNG, NAGDS

H.P.H. 10 Jan

THIS REFERS CABLE 3235 DATED 24 DECEMBER, CITE BEENG AND REPEAT CABLE
SBC 462 BEENG. INFORMATION ON THREE ANNUNZATA NOT COMPLETE EITHER CABLE AND
INFORMATION OTHER PORTS MAY BE MISSING. REQUEST CABLE BE REPEATED COMMENCING
WITH THREE ANNUNZATA. ON STRENGTH OF INFORMATION GIVEN ON CASTELLAMARE IN CABLE
3235 CONTEMPLATE SHIPPING 10,000 TONS BULK WHEAT TO ARRIVE THAT PORT IN MARCH.
ADVISE IF MATERIALS NEEDED FOR REPAIRS TO THIS ELEVATOR AVAILABLE, IF REPAIRS NOW
BEING MADE AND IF REASONABLE SURE CAN UNLOAD AND STORE THE 10,000 TONS BULK WHEAT
BEGINNING MARCH 1 DATE.

ACTION : ENG

INFO : TRANS
: G-4
: C.G.
: SECY.

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Will you follow it up please?

HEADQUARTERS PENINSULA BASE SECTION

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ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : CG PHS
(INFORMATION) : NMF
FROM : SIGNED LARKIN
DATE TIME SIGNED : 311924A
DATE TIME REC'D : 011131A
REF. NO : 1-5649
CITE : SSOM-4227

WHEAT STORAGE IS SUBJECT, REFERENCE PHS CABLE 3235, DECEMBER 26.
REQUEST ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE TO SECURE HANDLING AND STORAGE FACILITIES
AT CASTELLAMARE FOR 10,000 LONG TONS BULK WHEAT FOR AMQ, SCHEDULED
FOR MARCH DELIVERY.

ACTION : ENGR
INFO : G-1
AMQ HQ
C.G.
SECY

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ROUTINE

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS
(INFORMATION) : CG SOS NATONUSA
FROM : SIGNED NAGG
DATE IT'S SIGNED : 0108/1A
DATE TIME REC'D : 011255A
REF NR : 22106
CITE : NAGGS

DESIRE TO MAKE USE OF GRAIN ELEVATORS AT TORRE ANNUNZIATA FOR STORAGE BULK WHEAT. UNDERSTAND DRAFT IS 17 FEET WHICH PRECLUDES DISCHARGE FROM LIBERTY SHIPS? CAN BARGES AND TUGS BE PRODUCED IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY TO DISCHARGE 18,000 TONS BULK WHEAT FROM LIBERTY SHIPS TO BARGES TO ELEVATORS IN MARCH OR APRIL. EARLY REPLY DESIRED AS TO POSSIBILITIES.

ACTION : TRANS

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ECONOMICS & SUPPLY DIVISION
APO 464, U.S. ARMY

December 31, 1943

SUBJECT : Grain Storage and Unloading Facilities.

TO : HQ., AMG., 15th Army Group.
Provincia Building
N a p l e s

1. You are advised that loose grain can presently be handled by this Division at Magazzini Generali at Castellammare di Stabia.
2. The storage capacity at this location is 180,000 to 200,000 Quintals (18000-20000t). Repairs to the three mechanical elevators now in progress contemplate that one elevator can operate February 1st; two elevators can operate March 1st; and all three elevators can operate April 1st.
Unloading operations in January must be performed by manual methods accomplishing 500 tons per day. This figure contemplates that the cargo ship is fitted with hoisting mechanism.
3. Performance as follows can be expected;

Jan. 1st - Feb. 1st -	500 tons/24 hr day	- Manual methods.
Feb. 1st - Mar. 1st -	1200 " " "	- One elevator working.
Mar. 1st - Apr. 1st -	2400 " " "	- Two " "
Apr. 1st - and on -	3600 " " "	- three " "
4. The safe depth of water at this location is twenty-four (24) feet.
5. The information given herein is taken from a survey and report made by Major AC Lister and Capt HP Radigan on December 10, 1943.
A report has been made to the Engineer Services Section, P.B.S., who have approved the release of materials necessary for repairs now underway on the elevators.

1 c/c Lt. Col. Henderson
A.F.H.Q. - MGS.

Guy I. Warren
GUY I. WARREN
Lt. Colonel, A.U.S.
Director of Economics
& Supply, Region 3. 1273

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TO		Message Instructions. GR

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facilities for handling bulk wheat at Duko and Cham X Param For Freedom for M G S
 Signed Henderson Daron X Central Economic Committee has given him target figure
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 April First X Transfer of Equipment from Duko to Cham required but believed
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Signed. A.I. HENDERSEN, LT. COL.

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SECRET MESSAGE IN

SEGS NO 6187

TO. FLAMBO

FROM. FREEDON SIGNED PHCIC CITE PHGDS 25800 OS *Jan*

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LETTER FROM D/CAO 4 JAN IS REF. THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF DESIRE THAT AS MUCH BULK WHEAT AS POSSIBLE BE ACCEPTED IN THIS THEATRE, BECAUSE OF THE SHORTAGE OF BAGS FOR BOTH WHEAT AND FLOUR. IT IS DESIRED THAT YOU ASCERTAIN THE AVAILABILITY OF ECFT FOR DISCHARGE AND FACILITIES FOR STORAGE OF BULK WHEAT IN ALL ITALIAN PORTS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE NAPLES AREA FOR WHICH INFORMATION HAS ALREADY BEEN OBTAINED. AS FAR AS IS KNOWN HERE AT PRESENT, BULK WHEAT CAN BE ACCEPTED AT CASTELLAMARE, TORRE ANNUNZIATA AND TORRE DEL GRECO WHERE THE CONTROLLING DEPTHS ARE 24, 20 AND 17 FEET RESPECTIVELY. PEMPARK HAS BEEN ASKED TO LOAD SHIPS OF CGS 33, 34 AND 35 FOR DISCHARGE AT CASTELLAMARE ONLY, AS OFF LOADING WOULD BE REQUIRED AT THE OTHER 2 SATELLITE PORTS. IF OTHER STORAGE AND DISCHARGE FACILITIES ARE LACKING IN ITALY, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CONTINUE TO UNLOAD BAGGED WHEAT IN SICILIAN PORTS FOR LATER TRANSHIPMENT BY SUCH SMALL CRAFT AS THE ACC AND THE CENTRAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE CAN OBTAIN. DESIRED YOU COORDINATE ALL MEASURES AT ALL ITALIAN MAINLAND PORTS USING ACC MACHINERY AS DESIRED.

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Major-General Sir Brian H. Robertson Bt.
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer,
A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon,
C.M.F.

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4 Jan. '44

EXTRACT

BULK WHEAT.

There seems to be some vagueness as to the responsibility for ensuring that arrangements are made for the discharge and storage of bulk wheat, which is being shipped for supply to the civil population. I understand that at A.F.H.Q. the responsibility has been given to General Elliot the Chief Engineer. No communication has reached this H.Q. either from him or from you, but I think that General Elliot has been in touch with the Chief Engineer, P.B.S. NAPLES is not the only port concerned, and the subject is one which I think should be treated on an overall basis. I suggest that your instruction should be addressed to this H.Q., and that my D.D.W. should be made responsible for co-ordination all measures at all ports.

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Major-General R.G. Lewis,
G-4 (Br).,
Allied Force Headquarters,
B.N.A.F.

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FLAMBO FOR CEC RPTD FHMGS

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In Reply to Number

WAREHOUSES CAN ACCOMMODATE STOCK PILES OF AMG FLOUR/WHEAT AS FOLLOWS
 PALERMO 10000 TONS, CATANIA 5000 TONS, SYRACUSE 7 TO 8000 TONS.

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TO PATRIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

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CONFIDENTIAL X D D W at Flacbo has been directed to

take all possible steps to provide facilities for handling bulk grain at Mainland ports X (For A C C Signed TONI) X Request you report earliest with reference to milling facilities and any pertinent facts regarding transportation difficulties involved in meeting Apulia needs from April One by bulk wheat imports X Include

Total milling capacity and location largest mills submitting details by letter X

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