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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

With reference to your memorandum no. 6/25/11 dated 4th January 1945 regarding the willingness on the part of the Swiss Red Cross to supply insulin at the price of 5,500 Swiss francs, and requesting that the amount required be released from the Italian frozen accounts, information has been received from the Finance Sub-Commission that there is no objection to the purchase of the insulin by the Italian Government from its Swiss franc assets and that said Commission is informing the Minister of the Treasury accordingly.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

7 January 1945

Ref No : 13012/F

SUBJECT: Purchase of Insulin by the Italian Government.

TO : Political Section.

1. Reference attached memorandum from Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2. Finance Sub-Commission has no objection to the purchase of the insulin by the Italian Government from its Swiss franc assets and we are informing the Minister of the Treasury accordingly.

A.P. Grappone
cc.

Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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POLITICAL SECTION, A.C.

ROUTING SLIP

6 Jan 44
(Date)

TO	TO
CHIEF COMMISSIONER	
CHIEF OF STAFF	
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION	
ECONOMIC SECTION	
AIR SUB-COMMISSION	
COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION	
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION	
☒ FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION	
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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. (M.L.)	
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION	
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION	
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION	
SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION	
LIAISON DIVISION	
CIPHER SECURITY MISSION	
FOR Appropriate Action	
" Info and Retention/Return	
" Approval and Return	
☒ " Comment and Return	
See Mr. SCOTTIS/HOPKINSON'S/ WILFORD'S Remarks	

REMARKS:

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Ufficio Collegamento

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.O.

The Italian Legation in Bern has informed that the Swiss Red Cross is willing to supply 500,000 units of insulin at the price of 5.500 Swiss francs.

The offer could be accepted by the Italian Public Health Department, but the sum to be paid should be discounted from the Italian frozen accounts.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would much appreciate if the Political Section could kindly approach the competent Allied Authorities with a view to obtaining that the amount in Swiss francs required for the above said purchase be released from the Italian frozen accounts. *EAB*

Rome, 4th January 1945



*Copied to Finance
for Comment &
return 6.1.45.*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission
Tel. 489081-500

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ACC/3040/PH

30 August 1944

SUBJECT: - Typhus Control Unit.

TO : - See Distribution Below.

1. Effective 25 August 1944 there is established within the Public Health Branch of this Sub-Commission, the Typhus Control Unit in lieu of the Typhus Control Branch which is discontinued as of this date.

2. Dr. Floyd S. Marcham, Rockefeller Foundation, is named Officer in Charge of the Typhus Control Unit.

3. Under the direction of the Chief, Public Health Branch of this Sub-Commission, Dr. Marcham will assume responsibility both technical and administrative for all operations of the Typhus Control Unit.

4. Correspondence relative to Typhus Control matters should be addressed to: Officer in Charge, Typhus Control Unit, Public Health Branch, Public Health Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

For Brigadier G. S. PARKINSON:

Martin E. Griffin
MARTIN E. GRIFFIN,
Colonel MC,
Acting Deputy Director,
Public Health Sub-Commission ACC.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

4 August 1944

ACC/3008/PH

SUBJECT: - Veterinary Branch of the
Public Health Sub-Commission, ACC.

TO : - All Concerned.

1. For the information of all concerned the Chief of the Veterinary Branch of the Public Health Sub-Commission is Major ROWLAND W. RUSHMORE (A) Vet Corps 0380831.

2. The functions of the Veterinary Branch are:

a. Assist SCAOs and Regional Commissioners of ACC/ANG in the control of infectious diseases of civilian livestock, communicable and non-communicable to man, by giving advice and assistance in:

(1) The production, distribution and use of veterinary biologics;

(2) The development and enforcement of veterinary sanitary police measures.

(3) The procurement of veterinary supplies.

(4) The location and placement of civilian veterinarians.

(5) Meat inspection and the care of slaughterhouses.

b. Assist in coordinating civilian and military veterinary activities.

G S Parkinson
G. S. PARKINSON, Brigadier
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission

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DISTRIBUTION "A"

W. Caccia

Suggested reply herewith

g/s.

~~W. Caccia~~
Capt

Mark East. I have signed, but perhaps you
w/ deliver with a few personal words of
Explanation

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 394

Reference #650

10 March 1944

Dear Pruma,

In reply to your personal letter N.946 of 2 March on the subject of medical supplies I am informed that some 150 quintals of medical supplies were delivered to Taranto on 12 February 1944 in addition to considerable quantities received in Bari, Naples, Cagliari, Sardinia and Sicily. The Public Health Sub-Commission claimed that these have been supplied to occupied Italy on schedule and that no delay has been occasioned due to the dearth of shipping space. They point out however that the Medico Provinciale of each Province is responsible for the distribution in his Province, and lack of surface transport has unquestionably hampered the distribution from Taranto.

For your own information I may add that no official complaint has been received as to unexplained lack of medical supplies in the Provinces.

It is hoped that the new Under-Secretary of the Interior, His Excellency Capasso, will meet with success in his reorganisation of the Italian Public Health Service.

Sincerely yours,

Vice-President
Political SectionHis Excellency don Romolo Pruma
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry
of Foreign Affairs,
ROME

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
APO 394.
Public Health Sub-Commission.

8th March 1944.

ACC/3072/PH.

SUBJECT:- Medical Supplies.

TO :- Captain Pearson, Political Section.

Reference letter from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs addressed Harold Caccia Esq. (Attached herewith) the views of this Sub-Commission are as follows:-

"The letter addressed to the Political Section has been written without full knowledge of the existing facts referable arrivals of medical supplies into occupied Italy.

Due to communication problems the writer may not be familiar with the fact that some one hundred and thirty quintals of medical supplies were delivered to Taranto on 12 February 1944. In addition supplies were also delivered to Bari and hundreds of quintals were received in Naples. Supplies have also been delivered to Cagliari, Sardinia and Sicily.

To date medical supplies have been shipped to occupied Italy on schedule and no delay has been occasioned due to the dearth of shipping space. The exigencies of the war may in future upset this orderly delivery, this however would be something beyond the control of this office.

It is desired to point out that the Medico Provinciale of each Province is responsible for the proper distribution of medical supplies in his province. Dearth of motor and other surface transport has unquestionably hampered the rapid distribution of medical supplies throughout the Provinces from Taranto.

Grave exception is taken to this communication which might be misconstrued as a charge that medical supplies are not being distributed in certain areas.

It may be added that no official complaint as to lack of medical supplies has been made to this office.

It is also felt that any criticism of medical administration should be addressed through proper channels in order that they may receive immediate attention.

It is hoped that the Undersecretary of the Interior, His Excellency Capasso will have every success in his reorganisation of the Italian Public Health Service."

It is hoped that a reply on somewhat similar lines may be sent to the Ministry.

G.S. Parkinson
G.S. PARKINSON, Brigadier,
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission. 6626

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1 enclosure - Letter from Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs - End Mar '44.

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R. MINISTERO
DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI

N. 946

Salerno, March 2nd, 1944

Dear Caccia,

Allow me to call your attention on the following matter although it concerns both the Political Section and this Ministry only indirectly.

During last December the Medical Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission arranged to furnish the competent Italian authorities with adequate medical supplies on a monthly basis.

During January, infact, a generous amount of same arrived at Taranto and Brindisi and was duly distributed throughout the liberated provinces. Nothing however has been received in the month of February.

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I appreciate that the delay must be due to the dearth in shipping space, but I would be very grateful should you kindly call the attention of your colleagues of the Medical Sub-Commission on the matter.

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Vice President

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Vice President
Allied Control Commission
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APO 354

10 March 1944

Reference #356

Dear Prunas,

In reply to your personal letter H.946 of 2 March on the subject of medical supplies I am informed that some 130 quintals of medical supplies were delivered to Taranto on 12 February 1944 in addition to considerable quantities received in Bari, Naples, Cagliari, Sardinia and Sicily. The Public Health Sub-Commission claimed that these have been supplied to occupied Italy on schedule and that no delay has been occasioned due to the dearth of shipping space. They point out however that the Medico Provinciale of each Province is responsible for the distribution in his Province, and lack of surface transport has unquestionably hampered the distribution from Taranto.

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It is hoped that the new Under-Secretary of the Interior, His Excellency Casasco, will meet with success in his reorganization of the Italian Public Health Service.

Sincerely yours,

Vice-President
Political Section

His Excellency don Renato Prunas
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry
of Foreign Affairs,
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Memorandum

1 February 1944

not communicate substance of directive to Italian
Government.

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