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BREAD RATION, ITALY
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67a	43-1/64/Food, Legg	27 Jul 45	M of Food	Standardization of ration scales as between N and S Italy.
68	Memo, Stone	30 Jul 45	Ex C	Bread ration for Venezia Giulia - CC opposed preference vis-a-vis N.It.
69	43-1/77/Food, Lush	11 Aug 45	SCAO VG	Bread ration for Venezia Giulia - CC opposed preference vis-a-vis N.It.
70	43-21/18/FOOD, Walton	6 Sep 45	M of Food	Equalization of ration scales in North and South Italy.
71	Cbl AC Econ, 5138	11 Sep 45	RCs, LOs, XIII	Equalization of ration scales in North and South Italy.

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57	Draft cbl NAF AFHQ SAC	22 Jan 45	CCS	Reply to FAN 478. Appreciate authority to raise bread ration but do not wish to implement until adequate stocks received
58	Draft cbl LAC 970		AGWAR for CCS	Wheat for Italy. Draft of requirements under new scheme
59	Cbl AC S-419 Stone	26 Jan 45	AFHQ	Since agreeing to your drafts, find supplies in hand 15 Feb - 31 March. Suggest raise for that period only, & small announcement.
60	Cbl AC 1727 EXC	14 Feb 45	AFHQ SACMED	Near your Auth by 16 Feb to extend 300-gram ration to all Italy
61	Cbl AFHQ F 28214	16 Feb 45	AC	Authority given for extension of 300-gram bread ration to all occupied Italy effective 1 March. Maintain fullest security until CCS is consulted on announcement.
61a	SAC(P) (45) 5	17 Feb 45		Develop leading to auth 300gmat.
62	Cbl AC, 2009	18 Feb 45	AFHQ	Submit announcement must be made before 1 Mar; adm matters must be worked therefore security doubtful.
63	Cbl AFHQ, NAF867	19 Feb 45	CCS	Announcement must be made before 1 Mar; adm matters must be worked therefore security can't be maintained
63a	SAC(P) (45) 1st Mtg	20 Feb 45		SAC took note of papers.
63b	Cbl AFHQ (TAM 470)	21 Feb 45	AC	CCS agreed to announcement 21 Feb
3-293	236/R1/PRB	21 Feb 45	Press	Press Release of Increased Ration
65	Cbl AC FOD 8515	26 May 45	RCs N, 15, IV	Bread ration for N. It stands at 150 g pending new instructions.
66	Cbl AC EXC 513	25 Jun 45	Lig Reg, IV Corps	Info required on exact sitn on bread ration in Lig region.
67	Cbl Liguria Reg 381	26 Jun 45	AC, IV	Bread ration in Liguria Region.

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45	Memo, Lush	11 Dec 44	- -	Memo for CC's Meeting on Rations.
46	Ltr Stone, 4807/79/COS	12 Dec 44	SACMED	Plan for equalizing bread ration throughout Italy and islands. APPENDICES: 'A' Draft cbl SAC to CCS; 'B' Suggested statements fr US & UK Govts to Ital Govt.
47	PC(44) 152	13 Dec 44		Mtg in CAO office AFHQ. CAO directs final request to CCS for OK 300 g.ration Also Wheat for Sicily - parity ration.
47a	PC(44) 155	17 Dec 44		SAC requested endorse conclusion that AC draw plans for wheat shipments 10/1/5 'Hunger March' in Rome didn't occur. Ration may have be equalised at 225gr. Florence: 'Roosevelt, we are hungry'.
48	Cbl ACC COS 8332	17 Dec 44	AFHQ	
48a	Cbl AC Food 8328	17 Dec 44	AFHQ	
49	Cbl Stone S-395	18 Dec 44	AFHQ	
50	PC (44) 36th Meeting	19 Dec 44		One further cable to be sent to CCS, President and Prime Minister urging 300
51	Cbl NAF 830 AFHQ	21 Dec 44	CCS	Urgent plea for enough supplies to confirm various official announcements
51a	SAC(P)(44)37th Mtg Extr.	30 Dec 44		Conference takes note of NAF 830, LAC 911
52	Cbl Stone, S-407 3292	1 Jan 45	AFHQ G-5	Request confirmation Butterworth's call on authorization 300-gr ration.
52a	Cbl CCS, FAN 478	17 Jan 45	AFHQ	Increase authorized to all lib. Italy up to maximum of 300-g.
53	Memo, PA to COS	18 Jan 45	Quayle	Col Henn says War Office approves increase; now in Washington; no permission, can yet be given.
54	Cbl AGWAR W-22519(CAD)	18 Jan 45	AFHQ	Announcement of increase deferred.
55	4807/140/COS, Stone	22 Jan 45	Actg Pres.	Recommend increase equalized @ 250gr.
56	Ltr, Macmillan	22 Jan 45	CC	Glad AFHQ will send draft cbl here 1st

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32	Cbl AFHQ FX 37156	11 Oct 44	AGWAR for CCS	Pls advise on proposed shipments based on President's announcement
32a	PC(44) 28th Mtg	12 Oct 44	(Extract)	CC asked cbl CCS ans ltr 24 Sep.
33	Ltr A/CC 400.38 Stone	12 Oct 44	Myron Taylor	Extract from cbl to AFHQ on bread ration, tonnage needed
33a	PC(44) 29th Mtg	17 Oct 44	(Extract) Kirk sug	cbl CCS unrest if 300g not allowed
34	Cbl AFHQ FX 41062	19 Oct 44	AGWAR for CCS	Pls confirm that bread ration for all Italy is to be raised & how commitment is to be met
35	Memo 4807/CCS Stone	21 Oct 44		Memo on Food Ration Scales in Italy; views of Commission on minimum bread ration (300 grams)
36	Ltr 4807/35/CCS	22 Oct 44	Gen Robertson AAI	Resume of efforts being made to obtain increase in bread ration
37	Cbl AFHQ F 42350	22 Oct 44	ACC	Policy re 300-gram ration still under consideration. Will advise
38	Cbl AFHQ FX 42911	23 Oct 44	AGWAR for CCS	Please accelerate decision. Note riots in Palermo & Pisa.
38a	Cbl, AFHQ FX 45794	30 Oct 44	AGWAR Shortage	shipping will result 240 gm max.
39	Text Roosevelt statement	3 Nov 44		President has asked military authorities to raise ration to 300
40	Cbl, AFHQ FX 46591	31 Oct 44	AGWAR	Shipping for implementation 300 gram ration policy.
41	Draft Cbl AFHQ NAF 821		CCS	Request authorization announce increase in ration on or prior 1 Dec
42	Cbl AFHQ, NAF 823 FX 62480	3 Dec 44	CCS	Request instructions to meet new date of announcement.
43	Cbl AG COS 7666	5 Dec 44	AFHQ	Report of 'Hunger March' in Rome and threat of future ones - 16 Dec.
44	Cbl AFHQ - LAC 877	7 Dec 44	CCS	Ruling required as to announcement; wheat requirements Jan-Jun 45; prospect of 'Hunger March' in Rome.
44a	Cbl CCS, FAN 465	8 Dec 44	AFHQ	Take NO steps establish/maintain bread ration in Italy except such as can be maintained with shipping

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17	Cbl ACC 6863	27 Jun 44	All Regions	Implementation of increase
18	Ltr R-11 AFHQ G-5 Spofford	3 Jul 44	ACC A/CC	Advice of CCS on further imports of wheat to support new ration
19	Ltr A/CC 100 Stone	8 Jul 44	G-5 AFHQ	Interim study coming 30 August, final on amassing set for end Sept
20	Cbl AFHQ FX 69785	8 Jul 44	ACC	Disturbing rpts on amassing make early rpt for CCS imperative
21	Cbl ACC S-279 Stone	9 Jul 44	ACC Adv	Paraphrase of FX 69785
22	Cbl ACC S-284 Stone	11 Jul 44	AFHQ	See our letter 8 July for answer
x-ref 23	Ltr ES/31 O'Dwyer	27 Aug 44	A/CC	Propose increase in North
24	Cbl AFHQ FX 24445	13 Sep 44	AGWAR for CCS	Request for more wheat this area
25	Ltr AFHQ Wilson	24 Sep 44	CCS	Bread ration for Italy. Review & recommendation of 300 gram ration throughout liberated Italy
26	Text Statement by Roosevelt-Churchill	27 Sep 44		First consideration will be relief of hunger sickness & fear. UNRRA
26a	Text Roosevelt statement	4 Oct 44		Steps being taken to increase bread ration; increased overall aid for I
3298	Ltr Spofford	5 Oct 44	ACC	Atchd is ltr to CCS of 24 Sep 44
28	Cbl ACC S-350	5 Oct 44	AFHQ	Will contemplated imports of wheat be enough to implement President's announcement (see #26a above)
29	Ltr G-5 AFHQ	7 Oct 44	ACC for Stone	Detailed information on how ship- ments of civilian supplies made known to ACC
30	Cbl AC C 4644 A/CC	10 Oct 44	AFHQ	Amplification of statement on how much tonnage required for new ration
31	Cbl AFHQ F 37157	11 Oct 44	ACC	We are without info re tonnage & bread ration. Will advise soonest

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1	Cbl ACC M 193 MacFarlane	12 May 44	AFHQ	Price of wheat for harvest
2	Cbl ACC M 194 MacFarlane	12 May 44	AFHQ	Recommend bread ration be raised from 200 to 300 grams
3	Cbl ACC M 207 MacFarlane	19 May 44	AFHQ	Anti-Inflation Committee has rec- ommended increase in bread ration
4	Cbl AFHQ F 48558	20 May 44	ACC	Request details on effect of in- crease on supply program
5	Cbl ACC M 211 MacFarlane	22 May 44	AFHQ	Answers & details on effect on supply program of br rat increase
6	Ltr CC/G/362 MacFarlane	3 Jun 44	AFHQ Sacred	Details of work for increase in bread ration & advice of Lloyd, Glasser, MacMillan & Murphy
7	Cbl AFHQ F 57264	9 Jun 44	ACC	<u>Authority given</u> to increase bread ration in Lib Italy to 300 grams Reservations. Keep under review
8	Cbl AFHQ F (5)8150	12 Jun 44	ACC	CCS wish to study further. Any knowledge by Ital officials?
9	Cbl ACC M 245 MacFarlane	12 Jun 44	AFHQ	Some Ital officials know but they are sure to respect confidence
10	Cbl ACC M 246 MacFarlane	13 Jun 44	AFHQ	In view of possible leakage rec- ommend prompt announcement
3289 11	Cbl ACC M 247 EWS MacFarlane	13 Jun 44	AFHQ	CCS hdd-up most serious. Must in- sist on prompt announcement to stave off real danger of inflation
12	Cbl AFHQ F 58873	13 Jun 44	ACC	Immediate announcement agreed to
13	Ltr PA/P/395	14 Jun 44	Stone	Arrange announcement for CC
14	HRB 2 ACC	14 Jun 44	Press Release	Increase of bread ration
15	Artele Il Corriere	15 Jun 44		Ital Press announcement of incre
16	Cbl AFHQ F 60291	17 Jun 44	ACC	Reply to CCS emphasized bread ration <u>increase not permanent</u>

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AND VENETIA REGION RPTD AND COMMISSIONER NAPLES RPTD TO ANCONA (X) BARI TO BULG-
GNA TO LIGURIA (ACTION) RPTD AND 13 CORPS (INFO)

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11 September 45

PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

SUBJECT IS UNIFICATION OF RATION SCALES PD

PARA ONE PD AS FROM OCTOBER FIRST THE RATION SCALE FOR BREAD AND PASTA
WILL BE UNIFIED THROUGHOUT ALL ITALY AS FOLLOWS PD NORMAL OVERSEAS T-0
LESS ZERO GRAIN BREAD PER DAY PD TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO GRAIN CEREAL DA MINUTRA
FOR NORTH PD HEAVY WORKERS SUPPLEMENTARIES ONE ZERO ZERO GRAIN BREAD PER
DAY PD TWO ZERO ZERO GRAIN CEREAL DA MINUTRA FOR HEAVY DAY PD ONE HEAVY WORKERS
SUPPLEMENTARIES TWO ZERO ZERO GRAIN BREAD PER DAY PD TWO ZERO ZERO GRAIN CEREAL
DA MINUTRA PER DAY PD

PARA TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS AND LIGURIA RPTD PIEMONTE RPTD LOMBARDIA
RPTD VENETIA REGION RPTD AND COMMISSIONER NAPLES RPTD TO ANCONA RPTD TO
BARI RPTD TO BOLZONA RPTD TO LIGURIA (ACTION) RPTD AND 13 CORPS FOR INFO
(INFO) FROM ALICE CITY AGROO PARM

3288 AND PD DETAILED DIRECTIVE RELATES PD

(Signed)

CHARLES W. WALTON
S. Col. Supply Division
Chief, Supply Division

Nicholas Plomian
CWO USA
Assistant Adjutant

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APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ref. 49-21/18 / FOOD

6 September 1945

SUBJECT: Equalization of Ration Scales in
North and South Italy

TO : Ministry of Food

1. With reference to the negotiations which have been proceeding on the above subject, the following scales would appear to be the most suitable in order to attain the desired objective :

Normal Consumers

200 grams Bread - daily	200
" Minestra - monthly	2.000

Heavy workers, Supplementary Rations

100 " Bread - daily	100
" " Minestra - "	20

Very Heavy Workers, Supplementary Rations

200 " Bread - daily	200
" " Minestra - "	20

2. The wheat grain for Bread to be milled to provide not less than 91% Flour and the wheat for Pasta to be milled at 80%.
3. The rate for Bread to be fixed at 120, and that for Pasta to be at 96.5.
4. The above scales show a small percentage increase over the supply commitment of June-July.

5. Since July 30, amass estimates of Cereals have deteriorated considerably. Although A.C. has taken provision action by requesting adjustment of imports to meet the estimated reduction in the maize crop, it is pointed out that the maintenance of the rations at the above figures will depend upon local resources being amassed to the fullest extent and at least to the expectations shown by the estimate as at July 30, under date August 20. The estimated amassing figure on which the supply of cereals for Italy has been based is as follows:

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Heavy Workers, Supplementary

Rations

20 " Minestra- "

Very Heavy Workers, Supplementary

Rations

200 " Bread - daily

20 " Minestra- "

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	Amassing Figure	(Metric Tons)	Wheat Equivalent
Wheat	1.172.700		1.172.700
Barley	46.890		36.574
Corn	420.000		382.200
Rice	293.310		228.781
Total	1.932.900		1.820.255

These figures allow for a 90% collection. It cannot be too strongly emphasized that it is essential that this cereal amassing figure is at least attained and if possible increased.

6. Another aspect which must receive consideration lies in the issues of Ration Cards and Supplementary Cards, which should be carefully scrutinized in order that only persons entitled should be issued with appropriate cards.

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7. A deviation from strict control may lead to a serious position arising in the early months of 1946, necessitating a reduction in rations. The margin is extremely narrow and it must be pointed out that the decision of the Ministry is attended by extreme difficulties unless adequate measures are taken, a) to ensure the best possible amassing figures, and b) to instruct local Food Authorities that strict control be established in the issuance of ration documents.

(Signed)

CHARLES W. WATSON

B.B. SCHINLEY

Brigadier General Supply Division
Acting Vice PresidentDISTRIBUTION

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 43-1/77/FOOD.11 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Bread/Minestra Ration - VENEZIA GIULIA.

TO : SCAO, AMG VENEZIA GIULIA.

1. You will recall our conversation during my visit to you on 23 July, on the possibility of raising the bread ration from 200 to 300 grams in VENEZIA GIULIA. (68)

2. The CCAO is not in favour of any preferential treatment of that nature in favour of VENEZIA GIULIA and holds that the basic ration must remain uniform throughout Northern Italy, including VENEZIA GIULIA.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.Copy to: Econ Sec
Food S/C

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

30 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Bread Ration for Venezia Giulia.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

With reference to the recent proposal to increase the basic bread ration in Venezia Giulia to 300 grams, I desire to go on record as disapproving any preferential treatment for Venezia Giulia vis-a-vis Northern Italy. The basic bread ration for Venezia Giulia should be equalized with that for Northern Italy.

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: VP Econ Section - 2 (1 for Director, Food S/C)

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FOOD SUB-COMMISSION

Tel: 489081 Ext. 476

Ref: 43-1/64/FOOD

28 July 1945

SUBJECT: Food Ration Scales

TO : Minister of Interior, Attn: Prof. Ferruccio Parri
Minister of Food , Attn: Avv. Enrico Molè
Minister of Labor , Attn: Sig. Gaetano Barbareschi
Confederazione Generale del Lavoro, Attn: Sig. Giuseppe di
Vittorio
Hon. Oreste Lizzadri
C.L.N.A.I., Attn: Dr. Morandi
Dr. Boffito

1. The attached letter of 27 July, 43-1/63/FOOD, on the subject of Food Ration Scales is sent to you for information.

2. It is proposed to hold a meeting on Tuesday the 31st July at 1600 hours at Allied Commission Headquarters, Room 26, first floor, to discuss the standardization of the Ration Scales, Normal Consumer, and Workers, as between North and South Italy.

3. An invitation to attend is cordially extended to you with the hope that there will be an agreement which will enable the Food Sub-Commission and Ministry of Food to proceed further with the plan for ensuring fair and equitable distribution of Bread and Pasta over the whole of Italy.

W. J. LEGG

Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
FOOD SUB-COMMISSION

24 July 1945

Tel: 489081 Ext. 476

Ref: 43-1/63/FOOD

SUBJECT: Ration Scales

TO : Ministry of Food

In view of the need to create basic ration scales for Flour products for the whole of Italy the following proposals are submitted for your study and recommendations.

2. Analysing the present scales for the North and the South the obvious points for review are:

- a. North. The ration value of Bread coupons on the Lavoratori Card at 325 grams.
- b. South. The lack of Supplementary Rations for Heavy Workers.
3. Adjustments are shown which effect only Normal Consumer and worker allowances, and provide basic Flour product scales for all Italy, with a minimum general difference from the present rations.

PRESENT RATION SCALES			
NORTH			
Bread	Pasta	Flour	Equivalent
150	66		186
325	66		326
225	66		246
100	20		100
200	20		180
SOUTH			

Normal Consumer
Workers Cards

9-18

Supplementary Cards:-
Heavy Worker
Very Heavy Worker

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PRESENT RATION SCALES
NORTH

	Bread	Pasta	Flour Equiv alent
Normal Consumer Workers Cards 9-18	150 325 225	66 66 66	186 326 246
Supplementary Cards:- Heavy Worker Very Heavy Worker	100 200	20 20	100 180

SOUTH

Normal Consumer	200	80	240
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No Supplementary Rations for workers except in Rome and various workers and warehouses.

PROPOSED RATION SCALES FOR ALL ITALY
Flour
Equivalent

	Bread	Pasta	Flour Equivalent
Normal Consumer Cards 9-18	200 225	66 66	226 246
Heavy Workers Supplements Very Heavy Workers Supplements	100 200	20 20	100 180

This will be accomplished by adjustments as follows:

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COMMENTS:

NORTH:- By eliminating 175 grams of Bread from the Normal Consumer Worker Card, and adding 50 grams to the Normal Consumer Card.

There are 30% of the population in the North drawing on a workers card value 325 grams = 1 worker to 3.3 of the population. By increasing the Normal Consumer ration by 50 grams, a family of four (4) with one (1) ordinary worker in it will receive 25 grams of Bread daily above present rations.

There is no doubt that the present 175 grams extra is shared by the family, so that the proposal would benefit all families of four and over, progressively, apart from the supplements of 100 grams and 200 grams for Heavy Workers and Very Heavy Workers.

SOUTH:-

The pasta ration of 80 grams (actually 78.3) on Normal Consumer Card will be reduced to 66 grams. This to an extent, will be offset by a supplement to Heavy and Very Heavy Workers of 20 grams per day and will be more than compensated by the supplementary bread rations of 100 grams and 200 grams for Heavy and Very Heavy workers.

SUPPLY:

Per cent calculations are based on figures given by UCEFAF Milan, 30 May, on which the decision was taken to continue ration scales existing in the North, prior to our entry. Only normal Consumer and worker figures have been taken into account as at this stage they are the only classes effected. The North proportions are used for the South, although having regard to the industrialized character of the North, workers proportions may be slightly lower in the South giving a slight advantage.

Taking 100,000 for a population basis, 30,000 hold Normal Consumer workers cards, Heavy Workers and Very Heavy Workers Supplementary Cards number 11,000.

NORTH: Present Commitment.

100,000 Normal Consumer Cards	Bread @ 150 grs.	120 qtl.
" " " "	Minestra @ 66 ")	66 ")
" " " " 9-18	Bread @ 75 ")	12 ")
30,000 Normal Consumer Worker Bread Card, Additional to N.C.	@ 175 ")	42 ")

FlourSupplementary Cards:

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NORTH: Present Commitment.

100,000 Normal Consumer Cards	Bread @ 150 grs.	Flour
" " " " " "	Minestra @ 66 ")	120 qtli.
908,000 9-18	Bread @ 75 ")	66 " "
30,000 Normal Consumer Worker Bread Card, Additional to N.C. @ 175 ")		12 " "
		42 " "

Supplementary Cards:

11,000 Heavy and Very Heavy Worker	Bread @ 100 grs.	8.8 " "
" " " " " "	Minestra " 20 " "	2.2 " "
11,000		251 " "

Proposed Future Commitment:

100,000 Normal Consumer Cards	Bread @ 200 grs.	160 qtli
" " " " " "	Minestra @ 66 " "	66 " "
20,000 9-18	Bread @ 25 " "	4 " "
<u>Supplementary Cards:-</u>		
11,000 Heavy & Very Heavy Workers	Bread @ 100 " "	8.8 " "
11,000 " " " " " "	Minestra " "	2.2 " "
		241 " "

A saving of 10 quintali per 100,000 - 4%

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CONTINUED:

<u>SOUTH:-</u>		<u>Present Commitment:</u>				<u>Flour</u>
100,000	Normal Consumer Cards	Bread	@	200 grams		160 qtli
100,000	"	"	"	Minestra	@ 80 "	80 "
						<u>240 "</u>
<u>Proposed Future Commitment:</u>						
100,000	Normal Consumer Cards	Bread	@	200 grams		160 "
100,000	"	"	"	Minestra	@ 66 "	66 "
20,000	9-18	"	"	Bread	@ 55 "	4 "
<u>Supplementary Cards:-</u>						
11,000	Heavy & V. Heavy, Workers	Bread	@	100 "		8.8 "
11,000	"	"	"	Minestra	@ 20 "	2.2 "
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An increased commitment of one (1)
quintali per 100,000 - 1/4%

W. J. LEGG
Colonel
Director, Food Sub-Commission

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Reference ALCOM message 513.

Present ration scale for Provinces of GENOA SAVONA IMPERIA LA SPEZIA 150 grams of bread per day per capita plus 1 kilo each of pasta and rice per month starting 1 July, LUCCA and APUANIA under TOSCANA REGION scale 200 grams of bread per day per capita plus 350 grams of pasta per week. This headquarters has no knowledge of "increase to 300 grams minimum daily in all zones."

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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FOR ACTION AND LIGURIA REGION NOTED FOR INFO IV CORPS

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25 JUNE 45

ROUTINE

NOTE

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FOUR CORPS SITREP DATED TWENTY JUNE ON LIGURIA REGION STATES QUOTE RATION INCREASED TO THREE HUNDRED GRAMS MONTHLY DAILY IN ALL OF AREA UNQUOTE PD
FAVOR TO FOR ACTION AND LIGURIA REGION NOTED FOR INFO IV CORPS FOR GEORGE FIVE
SECTION FROM HQ ALCON CITE ALCON FAVOR
 INFORM FOUR CORPS AND ALCON EXACT SITUATION

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AMG EMILIA ~~REGION~~ (ACTION) RPTD 57 AREA FOR LIGURIA REGION ALCOM (ACTION)
 RPTD AMG PIEMONTE (ACTION) RPTD AMG LOMBARDIA (ACTION) EIGHTH ARMY REAR FOR AMG
 VENEZIA REGION (ACTION) HQ 15 ARMY GROUP (INFO) RPTD FOUR CORPS (INFO)

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26 MAY 1945

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 PARA ONE PD AG DIRECTIVE FOR FEEDING NORTHERN ITALY BEFORE ENTRY PROVIDED FOR
 INTRODUCTION OF AG RATION SCALE OF TWO ZERO ZERO GRAMS BREAD PLUS SUPPLEMENTS AS
 SOON AS PRACTICAL AFTER OCCUPATION.

PAREN TO AMG EMILIA (ACTION) RPTD 57 AREA FOR LIGURIA REGION ALCOM (ACTION)
RPTD AMG PIEMONTE (ACTION) RPTD AMG LOMBARDIA (ACTION) EIGHTH ARMY REAR FOR AMG
VENEZIA REGION (ACTION) HQ FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP (INFO) RETD FOUR CORPS (INFO)
FROM ALCOM FOR MCKINLEY XXXX CITE AGFOD PAREN

PARA TWO PD PREOCCUPATION RATION SCALES IN NORTH ITALY PROVIDED GENERALLY FOR
 ONE FIVE ZERO GRAMS BREAD DAILY WITH CONSIDERABLE SUPPLEMENTARY RATIONS PD
 BASED ON INFORMATION AND DISCUSSIONS ON RECENT VISIT TO THE NORTH FUTURE POLICY
 ON RATION SCALES UNDER REVIEW THIS HQ PD

PARA THREE PD PENDING CONCLUSIONS BEING REACHED NORMAL BREAD RATION WILL NOT
 REPEAT NOT BE RAISED ABOVE ONE ^{Five} ZERO GRAMS PER CAPITA DAILY WITH FULL EXISTING
 SUPPLEMENTS. THOSE PROVINCES WHICH HAVE ALREADY INTRODUCED AG SCALE OF TWO
 ZERO ZERO GRAMS DAILY WILL REVERT TO ONE FIVE ZERO PD

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N. W. DRAGNETT
 LT. COL. AGD
 ADJUTANT

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Rear Admiral Stone

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

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February 21, 1945.

Press Release - Held for Release at 1700 hrs.

On the basis of plans previously announced, the bread ration for Liberated Italy will be 300 grams or its equivalent in bread and pasta (200 grams of bread daily and 550 grams of pasta weekly) effective March 1st, the Allied Commission and Italian Government announced to-day.

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Bread Ration

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ACTION ALONG ROAD**SECRET**

This is paraphrase of TAR 470.

Subject: bread ration for ITALY.

CCS in agreement that no undue prominence should be given to increase in ration. Any date selected by theatre for local announcement is satisfactory. Allied Commission will make no interpretive comment. Publicity if any should merely state that previously announced plans are being carried out.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

SAC (F) (45) 1st Meeting
20th February, 1945

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITECAL)

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10. ITALIAN BREAD RATION
(Paper No. SAC (F) (45) 5)

THE CONFERENCE had before them a statement summarising the developments which had led to the authorization of the 300 gram bread ration throughout liberated ITALY.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERTSON explained that 1st March had originally been suggested as the date for a public announcement if one were thought to be necessary, but the Allied Commission had since stated that, owing to the difficulty of concealing administrative preparations it would be impossible to maintain complete security for so long. The Combined Chiefs of Staff had therefore been asked to authorize 21st February as the date for any press release. It was hoped, however, that the Combined Chiefs of Staff would agree that no press release was necessary.

MR. KIRK observed that any formal announcement on this matter would over-emphasise the delay which had taken place in implementing the 300 gram ration.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of Paper No. SAC (F) (45) 5 and of the above statements.

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AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGBG

ACTION: AGWAR FOR CCB AND TO AMSSO FOR BCS REPEATED CHAET AND ALCON
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This NAF 867.

Bread ration for ITALY. NAF 865 refers.

1. We consider that it is administratively impossible for the Allied Commission to maintain fullest security while arranging for issue of 300 grams of bread to become effective 1 March.

2. It is most desirable that the issue begin on 1 March as authorized. To achieve this end and also to include an announcement in a joint press release with the Italians, it is proposed that the announcement date be advanced to 1600 hours ROME time 21 February. Otherwise security cannot be maintained while the administrative preparations are going forward..

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Executive Commissioner
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18 February

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YOUR FOR TWO EIGHT TWO ONE FOUR OF ONE SIX FEBRUARY PD

PARENT TO APPEL FOR G-5 FROM ALCOHOL CTR AGING PAREN PD

SUBMIT THAT WE MUST MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT BEFORE FIRST MARCH PD

FIRSTLY BECAUSE LOCAL DISTRIBUTION MUST BEGIN FEBRUARY TWO TWO

AND CANNOT POSSIBLY GUARANTEE SECURITY AFTER THAT DATE PD

SECONDLY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSE RAISE PRICE OF BREAD

FIRST MARCH AND WE MUST INFORM THEM OF OUR INTENTIONS PD

SUGGEST LIST SECURITY FEBRUARY TWO ZERO WHEN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

ARE HOLDING MEETING TO DISCUSS PRICE OF BREAD AND MAKE FORMAL

ANNOUNCEMENT AS SOON AFTER AS POSSIBLE

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Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Economic Section
Food Sub-Commission

Executive Commissioner

343 KIM SLOSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

SAC (P) (45) 5
 17th February, 1945

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
 (POLITICAL)

ITALIAN BREAD RATION
Developments Leading to Authorization of the 300 Gram Ration

Note by Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

1. In May 1944 the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission recommended to the Supreme Allied Commander that the bread allowance be increased from 200 grams to 300 grams to provide an adequate bread ration for the people and to stimulate the emassment of the coming harvest. After studying the problem SAC advised the CCS on 8 June that he intended to authorize a bread ration of 300 grams, as a temporary measure only, the ration to apply during the winter 1944-45 to be the subject of a later recommendation.
2. Upon being informed of his action in proceeding with the authorization the CCS pointed out that this was a high policy matter, and should not have been undertaken without the approval of the Governments of UK/US. Therefore the authorized increase must come from local resources.
3. In September SAC submitted to the CCS his recommendation that the 300 gram bread ration should be authorized for all of Italy (with the exception of Sicily which at that time was thought to be self-sufficient) for the balance of the harvest year. Also in September, 1944, the Chief of the Food Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, presented in person to the CCAC the food requirements for January/June 1945.
4. In October, referring to public announcements by the Prime Minister and the President that 300 grams was to be adapted as the ration for Italy, SAC asked that he be given an early reply to his September message. In November, and three times in December, SAC called the attention of the CCS to the acuteness of the situation in Italy, and pressed for a favorable reply authorizing the 300 grams. On December 9th the CCS replied that the subject was under urgent consideration by His Majesty's Government and by the U. S. Government.

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5. In FAN 478 and W-22519 of 18 January 1945, the CCS authorized the establishment of the 300 gram bread ration for liberated Italy but placed on SAC the responsibility for deciding when it was practicable to do so in the light of the currently approved Shipping Programme. SAC replied that his stock position and the advices for January and February shipments made it impracticable to increase the ration at an early date. He cited the serious condition due to the non-arrival of promised wheat shipments and stressed the absolute necessity for establishing the 300 gram ration immediately to avert unrest throughout the country. He emphasized the discrepancy between actual arrivals for the months of November, December, and January and allocations, but stated that, provided the February programme were met in full, it would be possible to initiate the 300 gram ration in early March.

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6. Arrivals of wheat scheduled for February totalled 136,000 tons. This provided a surplus for the month of 36,000 tons.
7. On 14 February the Chief Commissioner asked that 300 gram ration be extended to all of occupied Italy, effective 1 March.
8. A summary of the stock position (attached as an Annex) was prepared which indicated that the wheat in the Theatre, together with that which could confidently be counted upon to arrive, provided a margin of safety that would permit the immediate authorization of the 300 gram ration.
9. As a result of this study SAC wired the Chief Commissioner, AC, on 16 February, giving authority for the extension of the 300 gram bread ration, to all of occupied Italy effective 1 March 1945, stating that no announcement ~~were~~ would be made until the wishes of the CCS regarding such public announcement were made known.
10. Simultaneously with this cable to the AC the SAC advised the CCS of his action and requested their instructions concerning the public announcement. As to the latter SAC advised that no major pronouncement be made on the subject at this time.
11. The Supreme Allied Commander's Conference is requested to take note of the above account.

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ALCOM ROME.

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(60) Authority is given for extension of 300 gram bread ration to all occupied ITALY effective 1 March 45 as requested in your ALCOM 1727 of 14 February.

The wishes of combined Chiefs of Staff regarding any public announcement are being sought.

Meantime you should proceed to make necessary preparations to effect increased ration, but maintain fullest security this subject.

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C.A. Sec
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AMIR FOR SACRED

1721

14 February 1945

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

SECRET ID

SUBJECT IS EXTENSION OF THESE ISSUED GRAM INCREASE RATION TO ALL OCCUPIED
ITALY PD

PART TO AMIR FOR SACRED FROM THE ALONG THE AGREE SIGNED STONE PAREN
I WISH TO IMPLEMENT THIS INCREASED RATION TO BE EFFECTIVE ONE MARCH
AND SHALL REQUIRE YOUR AUTHORITY NOT LATER THAN SIXTEEN FEBRUARY PD
UNLESS I RECEIVE THIS AUTHORITY BY THIS DATE A FURTHER POSTPONEMENT
WILL HAVE TO BE MADE WITH ALL THE BAD RESULTS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
OF WHICH YOU HAVE FULL KNOWLEDGE

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PA to Acting President
SO to Chief Commissioner
Political Section
Economic Section (2)
Civil Affairs Section
Hon. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles

Major E. Talbot

Office of the Chief of Staff

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for Brigadier,

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

TO: AFHQ (RLS)

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26 Jan 1945

1. Since concurrence with your draft reply to FAN 478 we have received notification from you of February shipments wheat and flour up to and including UMS 69 which bring total imports for February to 106,000 tons. With these imports and stocks in hand we could institute an equalised 300 gram ration throughout liberated Italy from February 15 until March 31. In view of the winter months the sooner we can start the better. I realise, however, the wisdom of obtaining the assurance of adequate imports in subsequent months before raising the ration. At the same time, having the supplies in hand for at least 45 days you may wish to act under the authorization of para 2 FAN 478 as soon as physically possible.

2. Unless there is urgent necessity for publicity in United States or Great Britain I would advise against any public announcement but would recommend that the increase be made unostentatiously as an implementation of previous indications and with due warning to the Italian Government that maintenance in the future will be dependent upon shipping and that any future cuts will apply equally throughout liberated Italy. If announcement must be made because of para 4 FAN 478 then I would most strongly urge that

Chief Commissioner

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M. S. LUSH
Brig., Chief of Staff

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M. S. LUSH
Brigadier
Chief of Staff

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AFHQ (ELS)

S-419

26 Jan 1945

it be closely limited to the period from February 15th to March 31st.

cc: Hon. Alexander Kirk
 Sir Noel Charles
 Economic Section
 Food S/C
 COS
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Hq. AECX Office of CC
DISPATCHED
Date-Time 27 Jan. '45
Via Hand of Brig. Upjohn to AFHQ
Initials <i>[Signature]</i>

Chief Commissioner

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 M. S. LUSH
 Brigadier
 Chief of Staff

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 M. S. LUSH
 Brigadier
 Chief of Staff

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DRAFT

FROM: AFHQ

TO: ACHAF FOR GCS FOR CCAC

INFO: Central District UK Base Section (London) for Cabinet Secretariat.

LAC 970.

Wheat for Italy

Read in conjunction with NAF 57 and LAC 911.

All figures in thousands of net metric tons. All ration scales in terms bread equivalent.

1. Stock position 31 Jan. Stocks shown LAC 911 will be reduced to 454. Now consider essential that not less than 60 be earmarked for North. Remaining 394 must be spread to end of July instead of to end of June. Monthly consumption will therefore be 66 Feb thru July.

2. Leaving German occupied Italy out of account there follows a table setting out the monthly feeding requirements on four different ration scales and showing monthly import requirements after deducting stocks in para one.

	300 gm ration throughout as in LAC 911	Present Scale 225 gms North of Garrigiano 300 gms elsewhere	250 gm ration throughout	200 gm ration throughout
Area	LAC 911	elsewhere	throughout	throughout
Liberated				
Mainland	130	117	110	92
Sicily	20	18	24	19
Sardinia	8	8	7	6
Total	156	153	141	116

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	Liberated	225 gms	300 gms	250 gm	200 gm			
Mainland	130			110		91		
Sicily	28			24		19		
Sardinia	8			7		6		
Total	166		153	141		116		
Fed from Stocks	66		66	66		66		
Monthly Import 100	87		87	75		50		

3. Approval has been given monthly for the import of 100 wheat equivalent since November. Actual arrivals in wheat equivalent are as follows;

November	December	January	Total	Average
82 77	93	41	211	65

The January figure is made up of late Oct/Nov/Dec sailings 31. Barley against Feb 4. Actual January wheat 6. 16 not included has had to be borrowed from Balkans so that actual January arrivals amount to 57.

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22 January 1945

This is NAV _____. Read in conjunction with LAC _____ which follows immediately.

1. I appreciate the authority contained in your TAN 478 to issue 300 grams of bread per person per day in all presently liberated Italy and am 52a anxious to use that authority as early as possible.

2. My present stock position and my advices of shipments for January and February make it impracticable to order the increased issue at an early date.

3. The present ration has been maintained only by most serious drain on indigenous stocks and borrowings from stocks originally intended for Balkan countries. The actual arrivals for Nov/Dec/Jan have averaged only 65,000 tons monthly as compared with the 100,000 tons monthly which you have set allocated. A continuation of this rate of arrival together with available indigenous stocks would produce an over-all ration of approximately 230 grams per day throughout Liberated Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.

4. February advices received to date indicate actual arrivals will be below approved program. However if February program of 100,000 can be met in full it should be possible to initiate the over-all 300 gram ration in early March. No announcement should be made, nor can the increase be made, until I am assured that actual imports of 100,000 tons per month are forthcoming continuously March through July.

5. I consider it is operationally necessary to have a contingent reserve

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326 coming continuously March through July.
 of 60,000 tons immediately available for all Italy.

tone monthly as compared with the 100,000 tons monthly which you have not allocated. A continuation of this rate of arrival together with available indigenous stocks would produce an over-all ration of approximately 250 grams per day throughout Liberated Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.

4. February advices received to date indicate actual arrivals will be below approved program. However if February program of 100,000 can be met in full it should be possible to initiate the over-all 300 gram ration in early March. No announcement should be made, nor can the increase be made, until I am assured that actual imports of 100,000 tons per month are forthcoming continuously March through July.

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5. I consider it is operationally necessary to have a contingent reserve of 60,000 tons immediately available for NW Italy.

6. The problems of tonnage requirements for operational maintenance,

referred to in your para 3, was dealt with in para 3, MAR 830. If para 2 of your PAR 476 is intended to imply that any increase in the ration is dependent on cuts in operational shipping then I fear that the 300 gram ration cannot be realized.

7. I must make it quite clear that the failure to put the higher ration into operation, in spite of your authority, is not due to any objection on my part. I am most anxious to do so.

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Pls note & return
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the President

APO 394

To: The Chief Commissioner.

From: Mr. Macmillan.

SUBJECT: 300 Gram Ration. 55

Your reference 4807/140/COS.

Many thanks for your note. I am delighted to see from paragraph 5 that you have asked for the draft telegram on the ration problem to be sent up here for us to see the text. I only had a rather desultory conversation with Generals Robertson and Hamblen on the matter in general terms. I ought to have stipulated, of course, that you and I should see the text. However, I am relieved that you have repaired my mistake.

HM.

226 22nd January, 1945.

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Ref: 4507/149/003.

22nd January 1945.

SUBJECT: 300 Gram Ration.

TO : Acting President.

1. I have discussed the OCS telegram ZAN 478 with my advisors. There are certain discrepancies in shipping figures between those given by C-5 and by my Economic Section. On the latter's figures it would be just possible to provide a 300 gram ration for presently liberated Italy if we gambled on the arrival of some 26,000 tons during February which are not yet firm.

2. I am, however, not prepared to base the ration any further on gambles. Our experience during the last 12 months has taught us to be pessimistic in the extreme. (57a) (46)

3. In view of ZAN 478 I return finally to the recommendation made in paras. 7, 8 and 9 of my letter 4507/19/003 of 12 December, that is to say, that we equalise on a ration of 250 grams made up of 200 grams of bread and 50 grams of pasta, throughout the Island and Italy. I repeat with great conviction that this is the proper course to take. We know we have the food to fulfill it, we need not count on the unknown.

4. The effect would be to decrease the ration of 1 1/2 millions in Southern Italy and increase the ration of 7 1/2 millions in Central Italy, with the prospect of maintaining this higher ration among 12 millions in Northern Italy after liberation. Sicily has already reduced its ration by the action of the High Commissioner and would remain unaffected.

5. I would urge that no decision be made contrary to this recommendation without further consultation with myself. I would urge that a decision be made promptly in order that the Commission and the population may know what is ahead of them. I understand that SACRED's telegram will be despatched here tomorrow for consideration and I trust that I shall have an opportunity of consulting with you.

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J. E. W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

cc: COS
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INCOMING MESSAGE ^{lqm}

PRIORITY

FROM: AGWAR FROM HILLDRING SIGNED MARSHALL

TO: AFHQ TO MCNARNEY

REF. NO. THIS MESSAGE: W 22519

18 January 1945

See paragraph 4 of FAN 478 dated 17 January 1945.

Bread ration for ITALY is subject.

It may be advisable, in view of circumstances, to defer announcement of increased bread ration and to include any public statement concerning this in the press release now being drafted on the political issues under discussion.

Therefore, in view of interests here you should make every reasonable effort to arrange for deferring any announcement on increased ration pending full clearance at WASHINGTON of all details.

NOTE: FAN 478 1s Ref WX 22280 MC IN 13114 18/1/45 C-5

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

TOP SECRET.To: Major Quayle.

Colonel Henn has just telephoned (1245 hours) to say that a telegram has been received at AFHQ, not repeated to AC, stating that the increase in the gramma ration has been agreed by the War Office ? under certain conditions. This has been followed by another telegram which says the matter is now being referred to Washington for final decision, and in the meantime no permission can be given.

Until definite permission is received Colonel Henn is most anxious that no word should be allowed to leak out and asks that we should clamp down on any rumours to this effect.

P. Russell

PA to COS.

3200

18th January 1945.

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FROM: AGWAR FROM THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

TO: ALEXANDER FOR ACTION TO SHAEF VERSAILLES FOR EISENHOWER
AND TO BRITISH JOINT STAFF MISSION TO BRITISH CHIEFS
OF STAFF FOR INFORMATION

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: WX-22280, 17 JANUARY, 1945.

FAN 478.

Critical food situation in presently occupied ITALY and urgency of establishing a basis for supply planning for Northern ITALY is fully appreciated here. However, in view of the extensive shipping commitments involved it will be impossible to give you a reply on your recommendation as to the basic ration to be established in areas now occupied by the Germans until completion of the current overall examination of the world shipping situation now being conducted in WASHINGTON.

Meanwhile you are authorized to establish within that part of ITALY which has now been liberated from German control the maximum basic ration you decide is practicable in light of the currently approved shipping programme up to a maximum of 300 grams of bread (or equivalent) per person per day. When deciding upon this maximum basic ration you should take into account the greatest contribution operationally possible from your other military requirements.

As to German-occupied ITALY, it is recognized that because of limited shipping you may be unable to stockpile reserves of wheat/flour in advance of liberation and that unless additional shipping can be provided you may be unable to establish and maintain in areas now occupied by the Germans a ration on the

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same scale as that which you authorized to establish in areas now liberated. However, your imports requirements for the mainland North reflected in LAC 911 and your recommendation with respect to the desirability of the establishment of a ration up to 300 grams in areas now occupied by the Germans, once they have been liberated, will be given urgent consideration in the current overall examination of the world shipping situation now being conducted in WASHINGTON. As soon as any decision is reached which will affect the shipping which may be available for supplies for German-occupied ITALY, you will be advised.

Announcement of the increased ration in presently liberated ITALY should be made simultaneously in ROME, LONDON and WASHINGTON. Suggest this be done on any date you designate at 1600 hours ROME time, in order to permit convenient release hour in WASHINGTON.

Cable reply on paragraph 4 as early as possible reporting your decision under paragraph 2.

FOOTNOTE: LAC 911 is Ref No FX 72600 MC OUT 7332 22/14/44 G-5

ACTION : G-5

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cc: Econ Sec
Food S/C
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Bali 16,000
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REQUEST INFORMATION BE TELEGRAPHED TO CONFIRM TELEPHONE INFORMATION FROM
PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ ALCON FROM STONE PERSONAL PAREN
COLONEL BUTTERWORTH REGARDING THREE HUNDRED GRAM BREAD RATION

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Chief Commissioner

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral
Chief Commissioner

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Extract from Minutes of Supreme Allied
Commander's Conference (Political) held
on Saturday, 30th December, 1944.

Ref: SAC (P) (14) 37th Meeting dated
30th December 1944. (Original on File 217/COS).

MINUTE No. 8.8. FOOD RATIONING IN ITALY.

THE CONFERENCE:

Took note of telegram No. IAF 830 of 21 December 1944 to the
Combined Chiefs of Staff, requesting a statement of policy on
the provision of bread for the populations of ITALY, SICILY,
and SARDINIA, and the allocation of shipping to implement that
policy: and of telegram No. IAC 911 of 22 December 1944, to
the Combined Chiefs of Staff, furnishing an estimate of the
stocks and monthly sailings necessary to provide a 300 grams
basic bread ration for ITALY and SICILY and SARDINIA.

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TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF AND TO CENTRAL DISTRICT
U.K. BASE SECTION (LONDON) FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

INFORMATION: SHAFF

REF NO: FX 72384

SIGNED: ALEXANDER

CITE: FHCOS

THIS IS NAF 830

1. This is an earnest and urgent request to you for a firm statement of the policy of our 2 Governments on the provision of bread for the population of ITALY SICILY and SARDINIA together with a request that steps may be taken to provide means to implement that policy. This request has the complete support of my economic and political advisers.

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35th Meeting

19 December 1944

EXTRACT

3. FOOD RATIONING IN ITALY

(Papers Nos. PC (44) 152 and SAC (P) (44) 155)

THE CONFERENCE had before them two papers, the first being a record of a meeting held by the Chief Administrative Officer on the subject of food rationing in ITALY at which it had been decided to prepare for the approval of the Supreme Allied Commander a telegram to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, requesting the establishment of a 300 gramme ration throughout the liberated area of ITALY; and the second attaching a draft of such a telegram and recommending that in the event of an unfavourable reply, a further telegram proposing a reduced uniform ration should be despatched.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERTSON said that previous discussions at the Political Committee in regard to food rationing had been confined to the situation in SICILY, which was somewhat different from the rest of the country in that there was at least a strong suspicion that a considerable quantity of local wheat existed in the island, though it could not be brought forward for amassment. The preparation of a telegram to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, as directed at Con-clusion 3(c) of PC (44) 35th Meeting had commenced but before agreement could be reached two occurrences caused the whole situation to be reviewed. The first event was the receipt of a letter from the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, urging the establishment, by importation of the necessary wheat of a 300 gramme ration throughout liberated ITALY, or, alternatively, if that could not be done, the establishment of a parity ration throughout the area on a reduced scale. The second factor was a telegram from Commanding General, Fifth Army, expressing the view that, unless further supplies were made available in forward areas, militarily serious unrest was likely to result. The former Chief Administrative Officer had, therefore, held a meeting and as a result had directed that a telegram should be drawn up, putting a strong case for the establishment of a 300 gramme ration to the Combined Chiefs of Staff for their decision. A draft of this telegram was now before the meeting. Meanwhile, the Allied Commission had that morning reported (cable No. S 395 - MC IN 14636 of 18 December) that notices and posters demanding more food had appeared in FLORENCE. This was a further indication of the serious situation in the area.

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MR. KIRK thought it very necessary to lay a final statement before the Combined Chiefs of Staff, and especially before the Prime Minister and the President, so that they could realize the consequences of a failure to provide this food. He considered that the phraseology of the draft telegram was impressive.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE, in reply to a question by the Supreme Allied Commander, confirmed that the necessary food to implement the ration did not exist in the country, except possibly in SICILY. There the assessment had reached 66 per cent and it was his opinion and that of his advisers that the present government would not be any more successful than its predecessor in obtaining any appreciable increase.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL McFARNEY considered that portions of the telegram as at present drafted were most ill advised. Paragraph 1 in effect asked the Combined Chiefs of Staff for a blank cheque against future operations. The Chiefs of Staff would require an estimate of the impact on future operations of shipping the tonnage of wheat required. He was doubtful of the truth of the statement at paragraph 6 of the draft that the shipping allotted to the theatre for operational maintenance would not permit any further reduction and urged that an immediate examination should be made to determine what additional shipments were required to meet the 300 gramme ration and what proportion

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of these could be met from allocations already made to the theatre. The telegram should be redrafted to include this information and the Combined Chiefs of Staff should be asked to provide the balance of the shipping necessary. A contribution by the Theatre from normal sailings would assist in securing a favourable reply.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER accepted General McNarney's views as to how the case should be presented to the Combined Chiefs of Staff. He was disturbed by the lack of food which he considered would sooner or later lead to unrest and disorders to the detriment of operations. He considered that definite promises to the Italians had been made and felt that action must be taken to implement them.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERTSON, in reply to a query by Supreme Allied Commander, stated that owing to the machinery by which previous cuts in the theatre allocation of shipping had been effected these reductions had been made mainly at the expense of U. S. military maintenance.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

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(ii) What contribution, if any, in terms of sailings per month, could be made by the Mediterranean Theatre from the existing operational shipping programme without serious prejudice to military operations in the theatre.

(b) Directed that the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, redraft those portions of the draft telegram circulated under paper No. SAC (P) (44) 155 to which the latter had taken exception, in such a way as to put the matter in the best possible light to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, adding a statement of the results of the examination carried out under (a) above.

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(d) Directed that the Chief Administrative Officer arrange for the drawing up of plans for further wheat shipments to SICILY after 10 January 1945 but that action to implement such plans be deferred pending a reply from the Combined Chiefs of Staff in respect of the 300 gramme ration.

(e) Directed that Conclusion 3(b) of PC (44) 35th Meeting be regarded as cancelled.

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SUBJECT IS THREE HUNDRED GRAM RATION FOR CENTRAL AND NORTHERN ITALY PD
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FROM RE ALON FROM STONE PERSONAL PAPER

GENERAL HUNT FIFTH ARMY AND REPORTS TODAY SICES HAVE APPEARED IN FLORENCE
 READING SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS QUOTE ROOSEVELT CMA WHERE IS THAT BREAD
 YOU PROMISED US QUERY DID YOU MEAN WHAT YOU SAID QUERY HE AND MURPHY DASH
 WHEN TO BE HAT QUERY END QUOTE

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TO: AFHQ FOR G-5

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FROM: ALCOM FROM ANTOLINI SIGNED STONE

DATE: 17 DEC

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1. From information given to Director Food Sub-Commission by G-5 it appears that shipping programme for wheat imports for January will be reduced from 107,000 tons requisitioned and 92,000 tons notified to 57,000 tons actual. In order to maintain the ration on the present basis of 300 south and 200 north 84,000 tons are needed. By depleting all stocks at port areas where imports are required 3,000 tons can be found. The balance of 24,000 tons must be moved from the surplus areas in Abruzzi. In order to move this following are necessary:

(A) 3 GT Companies for 1 month commencing forthwith to lift grain from producing areas in Abruzzi to Ancona. These cannot be provided from our own resources.

(B) Loading facilities at Ancona 300 tons per day.

(C) 1 ship of 8,000 tons to leave Ancona every tenth day from 1 January to carry wheat to Bari, Naples.

2. Even this movement is problematical and depends on weather, state of roads and troop movements in already congested area. Unless these 24,000 tons can be made available at the two ports mentioned the ration will have to be equalised at 225 grams from 1 January. Please instruct urgently.

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE

FOOD RATIONING IN ITALY

Note by Secretary

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1. The Supreme Allied Commander has directed (Conclusion 3(c) of PC (44) 35th Meeting) that G-5 prepare for his approval a telegram to the Combined Chiefs of Staff advising them of the present position in regard to Sicilian wheat and the immediate action being taken and requesting guidance as to the course to be adopted in the event of continued Italian failure to secure adequate local ammassment.
 2. On 13th December the Chief Administrative Officer held a meeting, a record of which is contained in paper No. PC (44) 152. It will be observed that at Conclusion (a) of the record of this meeting G-5 were directed to prepare a telegram to the Chiefs of Staff making a final request for the implementation of a 300 gramme ration throughout liberated ITALY. A draft telegram has been prepared and coordinated with the appropriate authorities. A copy of this draft telegram is attached.

3. The Supreme Allied Commander in conference is requested :

- (a) To authorise the despatch of the attached draft telegram to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.
- (b) To direct that in the event of an unfavourable reply from the Combined Chiefs of Staff G-5, in conjunction with the appropriate authorities, prepare for his approval a further telegram to the Combined Chiefs of Staff recommending,

(i) the introduction of a reduced uniform bread ration throughout ITALY,

(ii) the terms of a statement for issue jointly by the United States and British Governments explaining the reasons which necessitated the introduction of the reduced uniform scale.

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DRAFT CABLE

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TO: CCS personal from Field Marshal Sir H. Alexander (reported to the President and the Prime Minister respectively through State Department and Foreign Office channels).

1. This is a personal and urgent request to you for a firm and final statement of the policy of our two Governments on the provision of bread for the population of ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA, supported by a firm and final guarantee of the means to implement that policy month by month over minimum periods of not less than six months. This request has the complete support of my political and economic advisers.
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7. In order to provide for a uniform 300 gram bread ration throughout ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA (including the provision for future commitments in North ITALY), I estimate that I shall require an average import of 185,000 tons monthly for the 5 months February to June. For each month during which that portion of ITALY north of our present line does NOT become a commitment, an average of 91,000 tons can be deducted, provided forward stockpiling is eliminated.

8. I am aware in general terms of the shipping situation, and alive to the effect of conflicting claims of many operations in many theatres of war. It is my duty, however, to point out to you in terms which allow of no misunderstanding that I cannot continue to administer those parts of ITALY under my control in accordance with the policies quoted above and which are known to the Italians, unless I am regularly and continuously provided with the means to do so. I believe that, both for our immediate war effort and for the final achievement of peace, an ITALY which does not nurse the perpetual grievances of broken promises, hunger and apathy and a growing physical weakness of her people, will be the best testimony to the justice of Allied dealing. I do not think that firm and generous treatment will be without its effect as an example to other countries.

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13th December 1944.

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS.SECRET.POLITICAL MEETING.FOOD RATIONING IN ITALY.

Record of a meeting held in the Chief Administrative
Officer's Office at 1100 hours on Wednesday 13th
December 1944.

PRESENT:-

Lieutenant General J.G.W. Clark,
Chief Administrative Officer, AFHQ.

Honourable Alexander C. Kirk,
U.S. Political Adviser.

Brigadier M.S. Lush, representing
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

Mr. P. Broad, representing
British Resident Minister.

Colonel J.R. Butterworth,
G-5 Section.

Colonel D.M. Libby, representing
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-4(A).

Colonel J. Legg,
Allied Commission.

Major General R.G. Lewis,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-4(B).

Mr. C. Offie, Deputy U.S.
Political Adviser.

Colonel T.R. Henn, representing
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

SECRETARY:

Major J.G. Sweetman.

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Asst. Chief of Staff, G-4(A).

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Asst. Chief of Staff, G-4(B).

Colonel T.R. Henn, representing
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

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(c) A draft joint statement by the Allied Governments in accordance with (b) above.

COLONEL HENN stated that there were three problems which the meeting should consider. The first was that of wheat supplies for SICILY. The Supreme Allied Commander had reported on 24th September to the Combined Chiefs of Staff that he did not propose to import wheat into that island as sufficient grain was available. Later, in view of the failure of the assessment of Sicilian wheat to reach early estimates, the Allied Commission had been directed to investigate the possibilities of emergency feeding in SICILY, but examination had shown that little could be expected in this respect. At PC(44) 35th Meeting, Minute 3(c), G-5 had been directed to prepare a cable to the Combined Chiefs of Staff advising them of the position and the immediate action which had been directed, and requesting guidance as to the course to be adopted in the event of continual Italian failure to secure adequate local assessment. G-5's draft cable on this subject had not been concurred

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by G-4(A), who maintained that any further diversion of shipping from operational requirements was not acceptable and consequently a ration, which could not be covered by existing allocations, could not be recommended. The second problem before the meeting was the consideration of the Allied Commission's recommendation that it was necessary to establish parity in rationing, so as to provide to the best of our ability an equitable standard throughout the country. The Allies had a clear responsibility in this respect. Thirdly, the meeting should produce a draft statement for publication in the event of the equalization of the ration, at a level below 300 grammes, being necessary.

BRIGADIER LUSH said the Chief Commissioner was strongly of opinion that equalization of the ration was essential. The decision as to the scale at which parity should be effected must be made on the basis of a firm allocation of shipping for the importation of supplies. It was important that no promise should be made to maintain the ration on a level ~~less~~ above what the shipping allocation would permit. The Chief Commissioner further felt that any disparity in SICILY would create a most serious situation in that island. Brigadier Lush added that the fact must be faced that in SICILY further local supplies would not be produced for ammenment on any appreciable scale in matter what action was taken. He further pointed out that the 300 gramme ration could not be implemented on the present shipping allocation without prejudicing the stock-pile which was earmarked to provide the minimum impact ration in northern ITALY.

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COLONEL LEEBY said that discussions now proceeding would not produce an increase in the theatre shipping allocation greater than three to four ships per month. He stressed that military ~~expenditure~~ maintenance could not be subject to any further cuts if operations were to continue. There could be no question of providing increased civilian shipments within the existing allocation. It was for that reason that while this allocation stood he could not agree to any policy involving an increase on the ration (of 200 grammes flour equivalent to 250 grammes bread) which the Combined Chiefs of Staff had agreed in their reply to LAC 74 of 28 December 1943.

COLONEL LEEBY pointed out that the purpose of diverting 14,000 tons to SICILY was to avoid a reduction of the ration as the consequences such a step were likely to be more serious than failure to raise the ration in the north. The Allied Commission desired to raise the ration in the forward area but did not consider that this should be done until a firm shipping allocation had been

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received and consequently a firm assessment had been made of the scale of ration which could be maintained.

COLONEL BUTTERWORTH, in reply to Major General Lewis, stated that the shipping required to implement a 300 grams ration would be of the order of eight ships per month. He confirmed that the wheat was available and that shipping was the limiting factor. The advance of the armies had led to an increased civil commitment which it was not possible to meet within a static shipping allocation.

MR. BROAD agreed with Mr. Kirk that SACRED should recommend a 300 grams ration in the strongest possible terms.

BRIGADIER LUSH enquired whether planning for the import of further wheat into SICILY after 10th January should proceed. In his view such shipments would be necessary, though the Italian Government, should not be so informed at this stage.

THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

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SUBJECT: Food Ration - ITALY.

TO : Supreme Allied Commander,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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1. On receipt of copy of COS telegram RAK 465 one of the ratification of the instructions which I shall shortly receive with regard to the food situation in SICILY, I called a meeting of my Vice President and the French and Russian officers of the Commission in order to consider the overall food situation in this country. Colonel Butterworth representing U.S. was also present.

2. The meeting was unanimous in deciding that this Commission cannot recede from its recommendation since last May that the basis of the feeding of this population should be a 300 gram bread ration. This is the minimum subsistence ration if we are to prevent disease and unrest. Indeed it has been recommended to the War Department as such by the President of the United States, a recommendation which is regarded as a promise in this country. I realize that you have supported this view in the strongest possible manner and I am most grateful for the support which you have given in this matter.

3. I would add that General de Sevén, the French representative, warmly supported this policy and urged that every step should be taken to produce more shipping with the suggestion that neutral ships and even Italian warships should be used to carry the food necessary. The meeting was also impressed by the fact that the ration in GUSSE was based on approximately 400 grams per 85% of the population; that in FIMCO, according to General de Sevén, it is now 350 and may rise to 400 grams. These facts, it was felt, could not be long hidden from the Italian Government and the Italian people and must inevitably cause resentment against the Allies owing to the great difference in the treatment accorded to this country.

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4. My advisers also stressed the urgent necessity in any case of establishing parity all over presently liberated ITALY. The present disparity is having serious effects in A's territory and ROM, and the introduction of a 500 gram ration in Central ITALY is regarded as a promise made and certain to be implemented by the Allied Nations.

5. It was agreed, however, that whatever ration scale was approved by the CFS it was vital that shipping should be guaranteed to implement the policy. It is impossible to plan the feeding of a population of 25 million people (and later 45 million) on a level which only just avoids starvation, with a plan which, as past experience has shown, may be upset from week to week by cuts in shipping.

6. If this could not be guaranteed on a 500 gram basis the meeting went reluctantly agreed that it would be better to evolve a plan which could be exempt from alteration - or which would allow for such reverses as would cover future cuts.

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7. I directed, therefore, the attention of the meeting to various plans which had been prepared by my Economic Section and I decided, with their unanimous concurrence, to recommend to you that if it is impossible to implement throughout Italy, including eventually presently German-occupied Italy, a basic ration of 300 grams, accounting for local resources known and anticipated, we should fix, as an unhappy alternative, a lower basic ration which should be equalized throughout the territory.

8. Judging from the shaping programs now before us, in order to establish parity of ration throughout the territory and at the same time plan for a reasonable supply of food for Northern Italy with the resources and the transportation at our disposal, it would be necessary to reduce SARINIA, SIBTH and Southern ITALY from 300 grams to 250 grams and to raise Central ITALY from 200 grams to 250 grams. This would enable the Government to establish an impact ration of 145 grams in Northern ITALY on liberation which could be increased by any local resources found available on liberation and would rise to 250 on distribution become possible.

9. I therefore recommend that if the 300 gram ration cannot be implemented, that this alternative be adopted as the next best solution.

10. I cannot conceal from you the serious situation which must be prevented from the recommendation which I am forced to make. The political reactions against the newly formed Government and against the Allies in Southern ITALY where the ration must be cut, and in Central ITALY where the ration will not attain to that impliedly promised by the Allied Governments, must be grave. The Italian Government and people undoubtedly regard the fulfillment of the 300 gram ration backed by the message of the President and Prime Minister as a pledge which will not be broken. We must expect disease arising from malnutrition, a decrease in morale leading to an increase in crime and prostitution, an acceleration in inflation and the activities of the black market, disorders and the food riots which the Prime Minister, during his visit here, directed must be avoided. I would, however, rather face these admittedly serious difficulties with the knowledge that such a plan for feeding the population could be guaranteed and that the present disparity between North and South would disappear. The present uncertainty makes it virtually impossible to carry out a proper distribution of food and is most deleterious to the morale of the people.

11. Since any decision which does not implement the 300 gram ration is a reversal of the President's expressed wish and the implications of the joint statement of the President and the Prime Minister made at QUERRE, I recommend that if decision is made to equalize the ration at 250, the reasons therefor should be communicated to the Italian Government in a joint statement to be made by the Allied Governments. Such a statement could be based on purely military reasons. It is imperative that it should be made without delay.

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13. I have included in para 3 because I strongly recommend that the Island be treated on a parity with the rest of Italy. I need not reiterate the arguments against too severe penalization of the urban Sicilian ration holders and I would only ask that the serious difficulties described above should not be increased by a definitely more serious position which must arise in SICILY if she were not to receive similar treatment to the rest of the country.

Copy to: Sir Noel Charles.
Mr. Ambassador Kirk,
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MILITARY W. STONE
Commander, USMC
Chief Commissioner.

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TO: CCS

FROM: SACMEND

Your FAM 465 noted.

Whatever decision may be reached regarding the bread ration for ITALY, I must ask that a firm shipping programme be laid down to implement this ration. I cannot ask the Italian Government nor the Allied Commission to work on a plan which will almost certainly be upset from month to month by cuts in shipping.

If such a guarantee cannot be given for the 300 gram ration, then I would rather work on a basic ration for all ITALY which can be met by shipping at the theatre disposal with a reasonable degree of certainty. From the shipping programme now before me, taking into account the necessity of stockpiling for the North, I can see no prospect of establishing an equalised ration at more than 250 grams of bread. Such a decision would entail reducing the present basic ration in Southern ITALY, SARDINIA and SICILY (see also my), and of producing an impact ration for Northern ITALY on liberation of 115 grams January 1st which would rise to 250 as distribution became possible.

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But I would rather face reactions to a firm if unpopular decision than the growing discontent which is arising now owing to lack of certainty and lack of parity between the areas North and South of the GARIBOLDI.

However, since the decision to reduce the overall ration is a reversal of the President's expressed wish and the implications of the President's and Prime Minister's joint declaration as well as the Prime Minister's instructions when here that food disorders were at all costs to be prevented, I recommend that the decision to reduce pursuant to your F.M. 465 and the reasons therefor be communicated to the Italian Government in a joint statement to be made by the Allied Governments. This should be done without delay. It should be published and should be so worded as to show that decision has had to be taken for operational reasons only.

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JOINT STATEMENTS ALLIED GOVERNMENTS.

The mounting intensity and approaching climaxes of the war against Germany on the Western Front and against Japan in the Pacific are now placing the utmost demand upon the United Nations' shipping reserves. The Combined Chiefs of Staff at Washington, in view of the considerations of global military necessity, have drastically curtailed all shipping allotments other than operational to all theatres of war, including the Italian.

As a direct consequence thereof, and in order to use to the fullest extent all the available local resources of Italy in furtherance of the common fight against the enemy and for the liberation of the remainder of Italy in the North, the Allied Governments have ^{ordered} an equalization of the basic bread ration throughout Liberated Italy at 250 grams per head, effective January 1.

The reduction in shipping means, that, until hostilities cease in Europe, imported wheat from Allied countries must be used most carefully not only to provide a basic ration for Liberated Italy but to build up adequate stockpiles of food for the North, whose inhabitants will thus be dependent upon the sacrifices and foresight of their brothers in Liberated Italy that they do not go hungry when the Allied and Italian Armies finally drive the German invaders beyond the Alps.

The new ration, in effect, is an increase for the inhabitants of Liberated Italy above the Garigliano River, who have been receiving only 200 grams since liberation, while it reduces to 250 grams the 300 gram ration of Southern Italy, Sicily and Sardinia, territories untouched by war for more than a year, whose countryside has enjoyed a bumper harvest, even in comparison with pre-war years.

The Allied Governments have imported into Italy more than 1,000,000 tons of foodstuffs for the civilian population alone since the liberation of Italy began on July 10, 1943, at a high cost in ships and men from enemy action on the seas. The policy of the Allied Governments has been steadily to promote a 300 gram ration universally throughout Italy as soon as possible. The policy now has to be set temporarily aside for military reasons of the most urgent nature: namely, that the war against Germany is fast approaching its decisive climax and will require every ship that can be spared from the Western Hemisphere to bring guns and ammunition to the great ports only recently freed and being prepared for operation in North-Western Europe. Likewise, the battle against Japan has called forth an unprecedented strain on even the vast resources of the United States in the areas of the Pacific where the distances that ships must travel from their loading bases are still immense.

3238 The Allied Governments are marshalling their utmost strength for the approaching decisive battles of the struggle against Germany and Japan. High battle casualties have forced the Government of the United States to call men for the army who hitherto have not been needed, and every resource is being applied to the common task. In Britain, nearly two thirds of the whole population has been ceaselessly engaged in the war effort for more than five years under conditions of bombardment, privation and sacrifice. The Italian people are now asked to contribute their share to the United Nations' coming victory by utilizing every ounce of locally grown food, and by remembering that every ton saved in the South of Italy will be that much of a life-saving help to their fellow Italian citizens in the North.

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ON FOOD RATIONS.

1. For months the Allied Commission with the help of the Supreme Allied Commander and backed by assurances of assistance from the heads of the United States and United Kingdom Governments, has been trying to establish a 300 gram ration throughout ITALY. The issue of this ration, which is considered by the Commission to be the minimum subsistence ration for normal adults, was accepted, unwillingly, by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in May at the initiation of the Supreme Allied Commander and has since that date remained the basic ration in SARDINIA, SICILY and the mainland of ITALY south of the GARIGLIANO. It has not been established North of that line in spite of every effort made by the Commission backed by the strongest recommendations of the SCAO's armies, the Regional Commissioners and by the Commanding General, Fifth Army, and direct evidence that (a) the 200 gram ration is inadequate; (b) the disparity between North and South is strongly resented. At a recent meeting the Regional Commissioners of LIGURIA, LOMBARDY and PICHOMIE urged that planning should continue on the basis of the 300 gram ration in northern Italy.

2. The statements made by the President and Prime Minister, and the President's message to the War Department, have raised hopes in the Allied Commission and have been regarded as assurance by the Italian Government and population that a 300 gram ration will be instituted throughout Italy and that wheat will be imported in sufficient quantities to make this possible - always

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3. The Director of the Food Sub-Commission has reported that in his recent visit to U.S.A. and U.K. "agreement was reached with respect to the establishment of a 300 gram bread ration for presently occupied Italy south of RIMINI-PISA line and that formal approval was only a matter of procedure". In fact the supply of 107,000 tons (January through June 1945) for this area was approved subject to shipping - and Colonel Legg makes the comment that such a programme would have to accept deficits in the light of shipping difficulties. The seriousness of the shipping situation has been experienced recently and is fully confirmed by a telegram from Combined Chiefs of Staff which, while marking appreciation of the problems in Italy including that of the bread ration, calls attention to the acute shipping situation which is compelling all theatres to accept deficits both as regards

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operational needs and civilian supplies. The message continues that while this matter is under urgent consideration by both Governments, the break ration in Italy should be established or maintained only at such a standard as can be supported within shipping allotted to the theatre.

This telegram was received simultaneously with advice that the shipping programme for January had been considerably reduced.

4. In view of past experience, of the telegram quoted above, and of other current advice, it appears extremely doubtful whether, even if the supplies necessary to maintain a 300 gram ration were approved, the shipping will ever be made available.

5. The present situation is as follows:

- (a) SARDINIA is on a 300 gram ration.
- (b) SICILY as from today will be 200 grams (SACRED's decision).
- (c) S. ITALY (up to CARIGLIANO) is on 300 grams.
- (d) CENTRAL ITALY (between CARIGLIANO and RIMINI-PISA Line is on 200 grams).
- (e) Planning for Kesselring's Italy is on 200 grams.

N.B. 300 gram ration = 200 grams bread daily plus 550 grams pasta weekly.
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As regards (b) we await the Combined Chiefs of Staff's decision to import wheat from January through June - otherwise the ration may have to be further reduced and depend entirely on wheat captured.

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(In view of what the Supreme Allied Commander has recommended on the Allied Commission's behalf, in view of the opinion of the Allied Commission expressed in the Chief Commissioner's memorandum 4307/COS of 24 October "Food Ration Scales in Italy", we must place neither the Allied Commission nor SACMED in the position of withdrawing one inch from recommendations repeatedly made but facts must be faced and advice must be submitted to SACMED to meet the realities of the situation).

7. A reduction in the ration is therefore not only necessary but may be forced upon us. The obvious places to make this reduction are S. ITALY and SARDINIA. The reduction has been forced upon us in SICILY: we cannot reduce in the North but must rather increase. We should aspire to parity.

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8. The disadvantages of such a reduction are obvious: we must expect disorder: resentment towards the Allies and the new Italian Government: adverse criticisms in the U.S.A. and U.K.: reduction in output: increase in disease.

We cannot prevent the last two consequences: wise publicity may help to minimise the first three.

9. The advantages of establishing parity in feeding throughout Italy are considerable and will be more so as we liberate the Northern territories.

10. (a) DCOS Economic Section will advise as to the ^{agreed} ration which should be established in all ITALY and the ISLANDS.

(b) Civil Affairs Section will advise on the medical and public safety repercussions to such a decision.

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POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTION OF STOCKPILES AVAILABLE FOR NORTH ITALY

Potential Availability (ooo Met.Tons)

Assumed Dates of Liberation

1 January
1 February
1 March
1 April
1 May
1 June

POSSIBLE BASIC BREAD RATION PLUS SUPPLEMENTARY				
PLAN "A"	PLAN "B"	PLAN "C"	PLAN "D"	
<u>475</u>	<u>422</u>	<u>322</u>	<u>244</u>	
145	125	85	65	
175	155	115	80	
230	200	150	105	
300	275	205	150	
	300	300	230	
			300	

NOTE 1.

Above ration scales could be implemented by supplies found in the North at the rate of 100 g per day for one month for each 50,000 tons of supplies found. Example: If Plan E is adopted the North made on 1 February and 100,000 tons are found in the area, the possible ration scale would be 185 grams instead of 145 grams because the available supply would be 497,000 tons instead of 397,000 tons as indicated above.

NOTE 2.

Each 10,000 ton decrease in expected imports will reduce the possible ration scales listed approximately 20 grams for one month. Example: If plan E is adopted, imports decreased by 30,000 tons to the North made on 1 April, the possible ration would be reduced from 255 to 235 grams. If the available supply would be 367,000 tons instead of 397,000 tons as indicated above.

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DISTRIBUTION OF STOCKPILES AVAILABLE FOR NORTH ITALY

POSSIBLE BASIC BREAD RATION PLUS SUPPLEMENTARY				
PLAN "A"	PLAN "B"	PLAN "C"	PLAN "D"	PLAN "E"
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WHEAT SITUATION SUMMARY

Stocks 1 Nov 1944
 Anticipated Imports 1 Nov 44 - 30 June 45
 Additional Ammassment after 1 Nov 44

Potential Availability 1 Nov 44 - 30 June 45

Estimated consumption South of Pisa-Rimini Line:

1 Nov - 31 Dec 44
 1 Jan - 30 June 45

Potential Consumption 1 Nov 44 - 30 June 45
 Potential Availability for North Italy

PLAN A:

From 1 Jan 45 a basic ration of 200 grams of bread per day plus 12½% for supplementary ration in area North of Gargliano and South of Rimini line.

PLAN B:

From 1 Jan 45 a basic ration of 200 grams of bread per day plus 12½% for supplementary ration in area North of Gargliano and South of Rimini line. plus 10% supplementary for remainder of liberated Italy South of Pisa-Rimini line.

PLAN C:

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LIBERATED ITALY	
PLAN A	PLAN B
604	604
750	750
55	55
1,409	1,409
284	284
650	703
934	987
475	422
1,409	1,409

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PLAN D:

From 1 Jan 45 a basic ration of 200 grams of bread per day plus 12½% for supplementary ration of 300 grams plus 7½% supplementary rations for remainder of liberated Italy South of Pisa.

PLAN E:

From 1 Jan 45 a basic ration of 200 grams of bread per day plus 12½% for supplementary ration of 250 grams plus 10% supplementary rations for remainder of liberated Italy south of Pisa-Rome.

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 AGWAR FOR COS FOR COAC, HILLDRING FOR SPOTFORD, INFO: CENTRAL
 DISTRICT UK BASE SECTION (LONDON) ^{FOR B CoS} / FOR HQ COMSOM MAIN (STOUZA) ++

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This is LAC 377.

At request of MACMILLAN message sent to him is paraphrased to
 you as follows:

1. Grateful for information in your 2173, 4 December. No
 reply yet received to NAF 821. - (41)
2. Please represent in strongest manner the situation in which
 I have been placed by announcement of alleged promises for the 300
 gram ration, the delay in obtaining a ruling from COS and prevailing
 uncertainty of the shipping situation. I cannot accept responsibility
 for a decision between the acceptance of the political consequences
 of delay or evasion, and the curtailment of operational requirements
 for the shipping program. It is essential that ruling be given
 quickly if simultaneous announcement is to be made of increased
 ration and increased price of bread as prepared by Italian Govt.
3. Following table shows wheat required January-June 1945
 for mainland and SARDINIA but not including SICILY. Tonnages are
 in thousands. AC estimate repeats figures submitted to COAC by LEGG.
 Ration cards for 32 million is basis. Tabulate

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FROM: AGWAR FROM THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF (BOOK MESSAGE)

TO: ACTION WILSON, INFO SHAEF VERSAILLES FOR EISENHOWER,
CENTRAL DISTRICT UK BASE SECTION LONDON FOR BRITISH
CHIEFS OF STAFF

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: WA-74555, 08 December 1944.

FAN 465.

Urgency of problems in ITALY including bread ration is thoroughly understood here. Shipping situation is so acute that all Theaters are currently accepting deficits in requirements of operational character as well as those for essential civilian supplies. This situation is under urgent consideration by His Majesty's Government and the US Government.

Meanwhile, you should take NO steps to establish or maintain any bread ration in ITALY except such as you can support within shipping allocated to you under priorities which you are willing to establish in the light of your overall Military responsibilities in the Theater.

ACTION: G-5

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Requirements for January, AC estimate - 107 (12), AFHQ estimate - 107 (12). Requirements February - June (each), AC estimate - 205 (23), AFHQ estimate - 156 (17) total 6 months, AC estimate - 1132, AFHQ estimate - 882 Note: Figures in parenthesis show ships per month at 9000 tons each.

Difference between estimates: AFHQ includes anticipated indigenous corn/rice at 200 and figures supplemental feeding at 7% as against AC figure of 12½ %. The overall result is substantially the same. If this program can be assured an immediate announcement of a 300 gram ration can be authorized.

4. GENERAL MAGRUDER, G-4 (A), does not agree to this signal on grounds of shipping shortage and unwarranted pressure on CCS. Mr. OFFIE sees no objection to sending it.

5. With regard to urgency of problem see LAC 875, regarding alleged prospect of hunger march on ROME unless matter is speedily settled.

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TO: SACRED US FIELD HR INS MTH

Ref. No. 7666

5 Dec

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Copies to: Sir Noel Charles,
The Hon. A. Clark

NICHOLAS W. DRACUT,
MAYOR, (C)
ALBANY, NY.

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AGWAR FOR CCS, CENTRAL DISTRICT UK BASE SEC (LONDON) FOR BRITISH
CHIEFS OF STAFF, SHAEF, ARCOM FOR INFO

SECRET. (This is NAF 823) Refer NAF 821

Bread ration for ITALY is subject.

1. In para 3 of NAF 821 the date agreed with the Italian Govt
was quoted as 1 December.2. The AC has been directed to approach the Italian Govt to
secure a postponement of this date to 10 December. In view of cabinet
crisis consent to change is temporarily delayed.3. In order that this Hq may be prepared to meet the proposed
new date of announcement request that instructions previously asked for
be sent accordingly.

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For Act Econ Sec (3)

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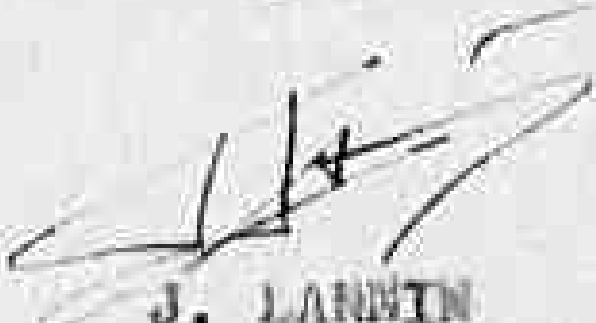
Office of the Chief Commissioner

Attached Draft Signal

25 November 4

DCOS, Economic Section
Chief of Staff
Food Sub-Commission

The attached draft signal (from AFMA to GCS) ref 300 gram bread ration for Italy is forwarded for your information.


J. LANNIN
Lieut, USNR
Flag Lieut

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TO: ADMAR for CCS repeated Central District UK Base Section (London) for British Chiefs of Staff repeated SHAFF for info signed Wilson cite FMGEG. This is NAF 821/2.

Reference LAC 763, 786, CAL 902, and NAF 814.

Subject is 300 gram bread ration for Italy.

1. The situation in central Italy, particularly in Rome, Florence, and Pisa, is deteriorating due primarily to the food situation. My Intelligence Reports indicate the possibilities of disturbance in the cities during coming weeks, and I have found it necessary to take certain precautionary measures.

2. Also, the Chief Commissioner A.C. has advised me that with the Winter months upon us, he cannot much longer hold the population in line under the existing 200 gram ration and shortage of other foods.

3. Currently the Italian Government has advised A.C. of its decision to raise the price of bread from its present subsidized figure of five lire per kilo to eight lire per kilo. This is a measure which A.C. approve as tending to cut down the substantial and uneconomic government deficit arising from the bread subsidy, but it feels that the price increase unaccompanied by a ration increase is more than likely to have unfortunate consequences. A.C. has therefore asked the Italian Government to defer its announcement until 1 December.

4. In the face of this increasing pressure, I am still without a reply to my letter of September 24 recommending the authorization of the 300 gram ration. I have pointed out the urgency of this in my messages to you and officers from this headquarters and A.C. have visited Washington and trans-

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5. I feel it is imperative that I be in a position to make an announcement on or prior to 1 December. I request instructions accordingly.

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AGWAR FOR CCS RPT CCS FOR CCAC RPT CCAC AND LEVIS
SECTION(LONDON) FOR BRITISH CHIEFS **
AFHQ SIGNED WILSON

INFO: CENTRAL DISTRICT UK BASE

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**(CONTINUATION OF ADDRESSES) OF STAFF, HQ COMZONE MAIN (ETHIO), SHAF FOR SPOE, TROOPERS
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Para one. Believe that your questions CAL 902 have been covered in previous correspondence. (This is LAC 786). Also Col BUTTERWORTH personally explained what situation in September and Col LEVIS, 35 section, Cols LECG and TOLMAN, AC Food sub commission, have been in your office for purpose of giving you detailed background information since mid September.

25 Para Two. Specific answers follow:

(24 Sept) A. Figures refer to 12 months requirements (see paras three and four SACMCO'S letter) 1 July 44 to 30 June 45. (see also para four A of LAC 763, 19 October) Pharino of monthly deliveries should conform to ALLIED COMMISSION'S program, now before you.

B. Maize and rice. Regret areas growing these cereals not yet liberated. When available these cereals will be used to best advantage (see para B LAC 702).

3233 C. That question was raised previously in CAL 714 and replied in LAC 659. AC advises additional personnel would not affect grain import requirements and still does not want them.

D. Para (1). Yes. However no additional trucks available

Para (2). Yes. See LAC airgram 51

40 Para (3). No. Tonnage requested is based on needs to implement policy of 300 gram bread ration, lift and distribute indigenous(?) supplies of all commodities.

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Para Three. New but related subject. What is status of food program for January-June 1945 submitted by ALLIED COMMISSION'S representatives in mid September. Needed immediately are tonnages and procurement responsibilities allocated to permit calling forward in time to meet shipping bid dates. Consistent delay in sending this type of information has resulted in our calls forward being late every month for a year. This handicaps proper allocation of shipping to this theatre. CAL 901 giving this data for January just received

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INFO-ACTION : ECON SEC (2)

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FILE**SECRET**DATE and Time of RECEIPT November 1/0930

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ASKS FOR BREAD RATION RAISE IN ALL FREED AREAS

Washington, Nov. 3 - President Roosevelt has asked military authorities to increase the bread ration throughout all of liberated Italy to 300 grams (12 ounces) daily, the War Department announced today.

In a communication sent to the War Department, President Roosevelt said that, after consideration of the shipping factor involved, he has assumed the responsibility for using now in southern Italy food reserves which were being built up for use when northern Italy is liberated. Accordingly he has asked an increase in bread rations for that section of Italy occupied by the Allied troops.

The President has also directed the War Department to provide additional trucks that can be spared from military operations to maintain a transport system for supplying food to the Italian people.

Mr. Roosevelt stated that every effort would be made to get additional relief supplies to Italy consistent with military operational needs. He emphasized that food is the most important and should take preference over other relief supplies.

In the first six months of the Allied liberation, food rations in Italy varied from area to area depending largely on local supplies, Brig.Gen. William O'Dwyer, vice-president in charge of the economic section of the Allied Commission for Italy, said in a statement released by the War Department yesterday.

Reviewing Allied progress in improving the food situation, General O'Dwyer said that last winter the bread ration everywhere was brought up to 200 grams and supplemental rations were assured to workers working directly and indirectly for the armed forces.

In July 1 of this year, while central Italy was on the 200-gram bread ration, the bulk of liberated was increased to 300 grams. As a result of this increase and the new harvest, the upward trend in the cost of living and in black market prices of food was halted, the report said.

The President's plan would extend the 300-gram ration to other portions of Italy which formerly received only 200 grams. All of liberated Italy is now receiving a greater bread ration than under German occupation.

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TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR

FOR INFO: . FEMPAK

REF NO: FX-45794

SIGNED: MCHEANEY CITE: MAGDS

See by Andre Stone
CS

Considering your FX-49293, 23rd October, reference, shortage in shipping for MOs 60, 61 and 62 convoys.

Starting with the allocation of 105 ships to this Theater for loading both Army and civil supplies an effort has been made to adjust the cargo to the available shipping in such manner as to produce the fewest and least serious repercussions.

It is estimated that 15 ships in addition to those being supplied by the British are required to lift essential minimum civil supplies. This shipping will provide barely sufficient wheat and flour to maintain a 240-grain bread ration in the liberated portion of ITALY, to move 5 ships loads of Balkan oil and to provide half the estimated requirement of wheat and flour for Southern FRANCE. It is intended to defer until later all shipment from the UNITED STATES of bulk commodities to SICILY, SARDINIA and the BALKANS. It is emphasized that the reduced relief shipments will bring into the Theater only the barest necessities. It may be expected that food riots will result if collapse occurs in North ITALY.

In effecting the adjustment of civil supplies it was considered economical to divert to NORTH AFRICA 20,000 tons of barley scheduled for December shipment to ITALY from IRAQ in British shipping. Barley is used 100 percent for food in NORTH AFRICA in feeding the Arab population, who eat the entire grain, whereas in diluting flour for the Italians there is a loss of 25 percent as against wheat. Shipment of wheat set up for ITALY compensates for the diversion of the barley. In view of this agreed diversion of barley to NORTH AFRICA it is requested that wheat shipments to NORTH AFRICA for December arrival be reduced correspondingly and the shipping thus released be used for lifting civil supplies to ITALY thereby reducing the demand upon Army allocated shipping from 15 to 12 ships.

With an eye to the reduction of Theater stocks during the past months, requisitions for supplies have been restricted to those required for current maintenance and to sustain reserves at the authorized minimum. Notwithstanding that precaution the shortage of shipping has resulted in a backlog of unshipped

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supplies at NYPE which when added to the supplies requisitioned for December arrival aggregate 1320237 ship tons. Of the 105 ships allotted this Theater 93 will be available to lift these supplies. At the estimated rate of 8000 measurement tons per ship, 744000 tons will be delivered leaving a backlog of 470000 tons of military supplies destined for this Theater at PEMBARK. This amounts to about 20 days of supply for this Theater.

After deferring those supplies the delay in shipment of which can more readily be accepted such as packing and crating materials for redeployment, PX resale items, and lumber for the winterization program, it is also necessary to defer approximately 40000 tons of critical major items of equipment including tactical and general purpose vehicles which are in short supply.

It is requested that a substantial increase be made in the shipping allotted this Theater for December arrival to insure against civil disturbances and to assure no lessening of the military effort due to lack of essential supplies.

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++ BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF, HQ COMZONE MAIN (ETOUSA) SHAET FOR SHGE,
TROOPERS, ACC MAIN

SECRET. This is LAC 774. Bread Rationing in ITALY. Refer
CAL 882.

1. Instructions noted and forwarded to ACC.
2. Grateful for any possible acceleration of decision. Continued delay making situation increasingly difficult. Riots in PALERMO and threats of similar disturbances PISA area are indicative.

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SECRET. Bread rationing in ITALY. Paraphrase of CAL 882, 21 October follows:

1. Still under consideration is policy on 300 gram bread ration.
2. Until CCS comments on letter 24 Sept no action will be taken on increase. End of paraphrase.
3. New Subject. We will keep you inform of developments.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.
Office of the Chief of Staff
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Ref: 4807/35/COS.

22 October 1944

I am taking the opportunity of Monfort coming to AAI to send you copies of SACMED's telegrams of September 24th and Oct 19th regarding the issue of a 300 gram bread ration all over Italy. You will see that action is being taken at the very highest level in order to try and get the bread ration on to this minimum subsistence scale. If this can be done, and we have been fighting for it now for six months, then I think a great deal of our, and your, anxieties can be assuaged.

We are, as Monfort will tell you, faced with a very serious food situation throughout Italy if the general terms of the President's and the Prime Ministers utterances are not implemented. It is the usual story of shortage of shipping.

There also arises the difficulty of transportation. We are having great difficulty in getting AFHQ to implement the assurance given to us that 500 trucks would be provided and formed into British and American GT Coys. There is, in fact, a time lag of very nearly a month. We are doing our best to overcome this but with your knowledge of the shortage of transportation throughout the theatre you will realise that our hopes are not very high.

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With regard to feeding the population in NW. and N. Italy, even if we have both the food and transport the lines of communication in the first instance are going to be so long that it may be impossible to provide proper food supplies for the civilian population until the port of Genoa is open. You yourself indicated this at the meeting on 12th Oct.

I am asking Monfort to explain this to General Hume and if possible to General Gunther, and I hope that the telegrams sent by General Wilson will show that the best is being done to meet the situation caused by lack of coordination between public utterances and the implementation thereof.

M.S. LUSH

Major-General Sir Brian H. Robertson, Bt.,

ECVO, CB, CBE, DSO, MC,

Chief Administrative Officer,

HQ. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY, O.M.F.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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Ref: 4807/CCS

21 October 1944

MEMORANDUMFOOD RATION SCALES IN ITALY

1. The 300 gram bread ration is in the opinion of this Commission the irreducible minimum and any scale below that figure, except for short periods in operational areas, is contrary to Allied military and political interests and announced aims. Indeed as recently as September 26 President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill in a joint declaration laid down that "First and immediate considerations in Italy are the relief of hunger and sickness and fear".

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4. Control of Black Market. A large section of the populace in fact make up its rations by purchases on the Black Market. Every effort is made by law enforcement, by road blocks and other measures to reduce the Black Market to a minimum, but there can be no doubt that the Black Market at the present is of very large dimensions and it will so remain. All that can be done is to limit its extent and from experience an increase in the ration to 500 grams throughout Italy will have this effect. By way of example it may be mentioned that in June when the ration was increased to 500 grams in Naples there was a very substantial fall in Black Market prices. Moreover such action will force down prices in such Black Market as is not eliminated. This will have the subsidiary benefit of enabling a larger section of the population to supplement their ration beyond a "prevention of disease" standard.

It must not be overlooked that one of the serious effects of a large Black Market is that the poorer classes of many of the civil servants are forced to sell their furniture and possessions and to lend their daughters to prostitution in order to pay for food on the Black Market. Apart from its effect on law and order (see below) its effect on the V.D. rate amongst Allied troops is considerable.

5. Maintenance of Law and Order. It is the opinion of this Commission that the maintenance of law and order cannot be assured unless a minimum ration of 300 grams is maintained throughout liberated Italy. With an uncontrolled Black Market and a wholly inadequate bread ration, dissatisfaction, riots and industrial unrest generally are to be expected in many of the more important centres this winter. Such a situation must seriously effect the Allied war effort in Italy. A copy of a signal dated 19 October to General Alexander from General Mark Clark on the food situation in the Fifth Army area is attached.
6. Nor can the political effect be overlooked. Rightly or wrongly the government is blamed at present for the failure to produce food and if it cannot be established on a uniform basis at a level of (about) 300 grams it is to be feared that the consequential social unrest may well affect the stability of the Government. In present circumstances this would be undesirable not only for the country as a whole but in particular for the Allied war effort in Italy. In considering this aspect it should not be overlooked that it would now be impossible through lack of personnel to re-establish Military Government and the situation in the country might indeed become precarious.
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Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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S E C R E T

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: AGVAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC INFO LEVIS REFD FOR INFO TO CENTRAL DISTRICT UK
 BASE SECTION (LONDON) FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF, HQ COMZON MAIN (WTACUS),
 SHARP FOR SICE, TROOPERS. ACC

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED WILSON

N89/20

REF NO: FX 41062

PRIORITY

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: Oct 191400A

CITE: FHCEG, WHCAO

SECRET: Subject is bread ration for ITALY. Reference CAL 852, LAC 736.

Para 1. Recent public announcements, which have been given wide circulation in ITALY by the press, are interpreted by me to mean that the policy is to provide a 300 gram bread ration immediately; this ration to be nation wide on liberation of the north.

Para 2. Confirmation is requested that my understanding in Para 1 is correct and that you wish me to implement this policy.

Para 3. This policy cannot be implemented without increased imports since the import program authorized for the months of November and December is below the monthly scale of imports indicated in Para 4 of my letter of 24 September. From a military standpoint the tranquility of the MEDITERRANEAN Theatre might be jeopardized if the 300 gram bread ration were not sanctioned.

Para 4. If I am to establish a 300 gram bread ration, there are 2 alternatives:

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Para 5. I recommend the first alternative. However even if approved, I would be unable to announce such a plan prior to the approval of a shipping program to meet it.

Para 6. Your instructions are requested. In the meantime and in any event ACC will step up its efforts to realize maximum local production, particularly in products which may be substituted for wheat, and will continue to tighten up the administration of cereals wherever possible.

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Extract from PC (44) 29th Meeting of Political Committee AFHQ 17 Oct 44

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4. FOOD SITUATION IN ITALY

(Previous reference PC (44) 28th Meeting - Conclusion 13)

MR KIRK suggested that the telegram in the MAT series which was under preparation by G-5 should include a statement to the effect that from a military standpoint the tranquillity of the Mediterranean Theater might be jeopardized if the 300 gram bread ration were not sanctioned.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Directed that the Chief Administrative Officer arrange for the inclusion of Mr. Kirk's suggestion in the telegram under reference.

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12 October 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Myron Taylor

EXTRACTS FROM A CABLE TO GENERAL WILSON

October 10, 1944

"As previously advised, to maintain a 300 gram bread ration would require 130,000 tons monthly as from July last or total of 520,000 tons up to November 1st. As total imports for this period will be 184,000 tons only, import tonnage necessary to maintain 300 gram ration through-Italy from November 1st would be 165,000 tons monthly beginning November.

"We are presently faced with following facts relative to bread ration for all Italy. Receipt of wheat/flour shipments for November and December of 100,000 tons monthly. AFHQ proposes to call forward January through June 100,000 tons each month. Bread ration beginning November 1st would have to be not more than 235 grams for all Italy unless imports are brought up to our July estimate or equivalent to 165,000 tons beginning November through June 1945.

"If bread ration is now to be reduced in those areas where it is now 300 grams this will be contrary to implications President's statement with serious consequences here and danger of collapse of balance of wheat amassing and olive oil amassing in South.

"Situation in regard other imported supplies follows:

"Due to discontinuance certain items and reduction of others from allowed import program, present daily ration scale is thirteen grams meat and veg stew, thirteen grams dried veg, eight grams de-hydrated soup but is now limited to towns with population of fifty thousand and above plus universal ration four grams sugar daily with provision for hospitals and other special classes. Even on above limited basis supplies of meat, soup, dried vegs in hand with balance scheduled to arrive will last only four months for Italy up to line of Po.

"These facts coupled with possible reduction in bread ration south of Garigliano will present not only a grave feeding problem with attendant consequences but will impair rather than ensure even a minimum subsistence level. During coming winter months we would have to expect increase in diseases and disorders.

"May I have instructions as to whether (a) the present bread ration of 300 grams south and 200 grams north of Garigliano line is to be main-

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tained or (b) whether ration for all Italy is to be equalised through 235 grams involving cutback southern Italy; (c) whether ration for all Italy is to be equalised at 300 grams as recommended in your Airgram to CCS of September 24th."

SACMED has agreed to cable the CCS to point out that presently scheduled shipments are not sufficient to implement the President's statement.

MILERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: CofS
A files
Brig. Parkinson

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Extract from PC (44) 28th Meeting of Political Committee AFHQ 12 Oct 44

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11. FOOD SITUATION IN ITALY

COMMODORE STONE drew attention to President Roosevelt's recent statement claiming that food and other relief supplies were being sent to ITALY on a sufficient scale to "maintain full health and efficiency". The increased bread ration south of the GARAGLIANO of 300 grams daily, to which the Supreme Allied Commander had agreed without the previous consent of the Combined Civil Affairs Committee with effect from 1 July, was in fact only a minimum subsistence ration. Indeed, unless the Combined Civil Affairs Committee could undertake that monthly shipments to ITALY from 1st November onwards would be at the rate of 165,000 tons (instead of 100,000 tons monthly as at present) it would be necessary to reduce the ration to 230 grams. This estimate presupposed the early occupation of Northern ITALY. He suggested that a telegram be sent to the Combined Civil Affairs Committee asking for a reply to a letter sent them on 24 September requesting their agreement to the 300 gram bread ration, and for a statement as to whether or not the additional wheat shipments which this would entail would be forthcoming.

MR. MACMILLAN observed that it would be possible to consume the present harvest at a higher rate in the coming months, if it were definitely known that adequate shipments would be arriving in subsequent months to make up the resulting deficiency.

BRIGADIER GENERAL SPOFFORD added that an important variable affecting the rate of consumption was the length of time that might elapse before it became necessary to feed the PO valley.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Directed that G-5 send a telegram to the Combined Civil Affairs Committee in the MAT series based on the above discussion and requesting an answer to the points raised by the Acting Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

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AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC INFO CENTRAL DISTRICT UK BASE SECTION
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AFHQ SIGNED WILSON

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SECRET. This is LAC 736.

1. Bread ration for ITALY.- We have seen text President's statement RE ITALY in which he says: Steps being taken to increase bread ration those areas ITALY where food supplies below standard necessary to maintain full health and efficiency.

2. Can we assume from this that you are likely to give early approval to proposals in letter to you of 24 Sept from General WILSON.

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Major Quagly

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SECRET. Your comments on press reports regarding ITALY are noted. Ref your S-350 of 5 October. We are without information other than the press announcement and as in similar cases, we believe that no action in respect of policies announced should be taken until instructions, which have been requested, are received. You will be advised promptly of any such instructions. Meanwhile it is not thought that any communication to the Italian Government is justified or indeed possible.

Your comment on the bread ration is likewise noted. In view of the fact that the Vice President of the Economic Section, the Director of the Food Subcommittee and other experts from your staff as well as the Chief Civil Supply Officer from this Headquarters are now in WASHINGTON, we think it may be assumed that the questions you raise on the supply implications of these announcements are being canvassed with the proper authorities. Meanwhile public announcements and Italian expectations based thereon are not taken here to warrant any decrease in importance of effecting maximum realization of local resources this winter.

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Brig. Parkinson

Sir Noel Charles

Hon. Alexander Kirk

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TO: AJHQ

FROM: HQ ACC

REF NO: 4644

DATE: 10 Oct 44

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A/CHIEF COMMISSIONER

SECRET. Further my 5/350 of 5 October 44 relative food situation. Desire to amplify statement regarding tonnage required for 300 grams bread ration. This would require 130,000 tons monthly as from July last or total of 520,000 tons up to November 1st. As total imports for this period will be 184,000 tons only. Import tonnage necessary to maintain 300 grams ration throughout Italy from November 1st would be 165,000 tons monthly beginning November. We are presently faced with following facts relative to bread ration for all Italy. Receipt of wheat/flour shipments for November and December of 100,000 tons monthly. Total amassing of wheat estimated at 1,160,000 tons south of Pisa-Rimini line. Present amassing of wheat this area actually 320,000 tons. Estimated amassing of wheat north of Pisa-Rimini line 390,000 tons. Allied Force Headquarters proposals to call forward January through June 100,000 tons each month. Bread ration beginning November 1st would have to be not more than 235 grams for all Italy unless imports are brought up to our July estimate or equivalent to 165,000 tons through June 1945. If bread ration is now to be reduced this will be contrary to implications President's statement that with serious consequences here and danger of collapse of balance of wheat amassing and olive oil amassing in South. Situation in regard other imported supplies follows. Due to discontinuance certain items and reduction of others from import programme, present daily ration scale is 13 grams meat and vegetable stew, 13 grams dried vegetable, 8 grams de-hydrated soup but is now limited to towns with population of 50,000 above plus universal ration 4 grams sugar daily with provision for hospitals and other special classes. Even on above limited basis supplies of meat, soup, dried vegetables in hand with balance scheduled to arrive will last only 4 months for Italy up to line of Po. These facts coupled with possible reduction in bread ration south of Gerigliano will present not only grave feeding problem with attendant consequences but will impair rather than ensure even a minimum subsistence level. Furling coming winter months we would have to expect increase in diseases and disorders. May I have instructions as to whether (a) the present bread ration of 300 grams south and 200 grams north of Gerigliano line is to be maintained or (b) whether ration for all Italy is to be equalized through 235 grams involving cutback Southern Italy (c) whether ration for all Italy is to be equalized at 300 grams as recommended in your telegram to COS of September 24

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1st Lt. AGD
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7 October 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Information - AFHQ to ACC

TO : H.Q.

A.C.C.

Personal for Capt. E. Stone, USNR

1. Ref your conversation with Gen. Spofford and reference to subject in your S-350 of 5 Oct.

2. Advice of planned and expected supply shipments is at present transmitted as follows:-

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3. The problem of what information should be passed on has given us concern for some time. The position changes so frequently in respect of: allocations - amounts - sailings - sources of supply - availabilities, etc and the constantly changing operational position so often necessitates the cancellation, revision, or delaying of plans which were firm yesterday, that it is most difficult to decide to what extent - and at what stage - information can be usefully transmitted.

The MEDCO Report (TAB B) is however quite a detailed, major document, but if further information is required will you please advise.

/s/ G. H. RULF
G. H. RULF
Lt. Colonel, RASC
Economics & Supply Division

2 Incls: as Above
(see CCS File 4807)

Note by Cmdr Stone: "Mr. Antolini - This is apparently a defense for not telegraphing us the Nov & Dec arrivals

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7 Oct

S E C R E THEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OUTGOING MESSAGE

TO: AFHQ FOR SACMED, U. S. POLITICAL ADVISOR AND BRITISH RESMIN
FROM: HQ ACC FROM STONE PERSONAL
REFERENCE NO. S-350
DATE & TIME OF ORIGIN: 5 OCT

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET
PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: ACTING CHIEF COMM.

Literal Text

Secret. I refer to press reports of President Roosevelt's announcement regarding Italy which are widely reported today. This announcement will be received with satisfaction by all Italians, but I am concerned lest they may read into the sentence that "steps are being taken to increase the bread ration in those areas of Italy where food supplies are below the standard necessary to maintain full health and efficiency," a commitment on our part to increase in the near future the ration to three hundred grams which has always been considered the minimum subsistence level and which we understand SACMED has recommended. This will require the 130,000 tons per month which we originally requested last Summer. If the scheduled 95,000 tons per month cabled to you by Butterworth (which please confirm) is not increased, we will have to reduce the 300 gram ration now pertaining to Southern Italy to a lower level.

President's statement that 150,000 tons are scheduled would, if monthly shipments are meant, provide a ration in excess of three hundred grams.

3205 As I shall be questioned by the Italian Government I should be grateful for early instructions as to how I am to interpret this sentence and whether and when imports and in what amounts will be available to fulfill announced program.

26 cc: Sir Noel Charles
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AUTHENTICATED:

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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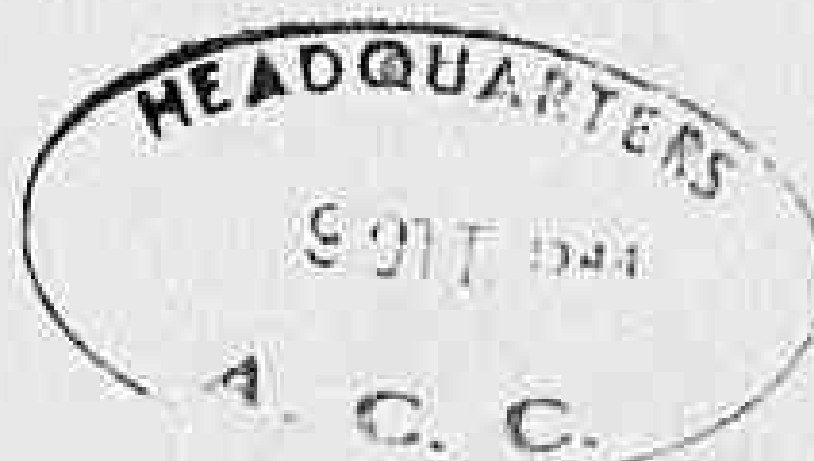
SUBJECT: Bread Ration for Italy.

TO : Chief Administrative Officer.
Chief of Staff, Matouza.
British Resident Minister.
U. S. Political Adviser.
I. S. & P. S.
U. S. Navy.
Mediterranean Allied Air Forces.
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HQ. Allied Control Commission. ~~SECRET~~

1. Attached for your information and files ^{are two copies} ~~is one copy~~ of
letter 24 September, subject as above, from the Supreme Allied
Commander to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Incl:
as above.

for Norman Phagran
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD, *Major*
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.



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ROOSEVELT ANNOUNCES ITALIAN AID PLANS

Washington, 4 October 1944.

Plans were announced today by President Roosevelt for the use of substantial Allied supplies for help to rebuild Italy.

The President summoned today a delegation of supply officers from Italy to review measures for preventing civilian "hunger", sickness, and fear, during the coming winter.

Steps have been taken, the President said, to enable the Italian People to throw their full weight of resources into the fight against Germany and Japan. Mr. Roosevelt said:

"In accordance with the policies with respect to Italy which were outlined jointly by Prime Minister Churchill and me, in a statement issued to the press on September 26, measures are now being taken to provide Italy with supplies necessary to prevent civilian hunger, sickness, and fear during the forthcoming winter. Steps are also being taken to restore the damaged transportation and electrical generating facilities of Italy to the extent necessary to enable the Italian people to throw their full resources into the fight against Germany and Japan.

"A delegation of supply officers has been called from Italy to Washington to review the needs and requirements of the Italian civilian population.

"In addition to the substantial quantities of food and clothing which are now being shipped ~~and have for some time been shipped~~ and have for some time been shipped into Italy, 150,000 tons of wheat and flour are now scheduled for shipment.

"Steps are being taken to increase the bread ration in those areas of Italy where food supplies are below the standard necessary to maintain full health and efficiency.

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"The aid which the Allies have already given to Italy has been substantial. Since the invasion of Sicily to the end of this year, 2,300,000 long tons of civilian supplies will have been shipped to Italy. Of this total, 1,107,000 tons were food, and the balance consisted of coal, fertilizer, seeds, medical and sanitary supplies, and clothing.

"As an integral part of military operations, the Army has done a great deal to repair roads and bridges and railroads, and to repair water and power systems and motor transport.

"Through these, and other measures of assistance which are now in preparation, the Italian People will be enabled to increase their already significant contribution toward the defeat of the enemy.

"By doing these things, this country is serving the military aims and objectives of the United Nations, which require the greatest possible contribution from the manpower and resources of every nation in the final overthrow of Germany and Japan."

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FULL TEXT OF WASHINGTON STATEMENT ON ITALIAN SELF-GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, September 27 (UNN) -- Here is the full text of the statement issued by Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt from Washington last night, announcing that Italy is to be given a greater degree of self-government. The statement said:

"The Italian people, freed of their Fascist-Nazi overlordship, have in these last 12 months demonstrated their will to be free to fight on the side of the democracies and to take their place among the United Nations, devoted to the principles of peace and justice.

"We believe we should give encouragement to those Italians who stand for political rebirth in Italy and who are completing the destruction of the evil Fascist system. We wish to afford the Italians a greater opportunity to aid in the defeat of our common enemies.

"The American and British people are, of course, horrified by the recent mob action in Rome but feel that greater responsibility placed on the Italian people and their own Government will most readily prevent the recurrence of such acts.

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"The first and immediate consideration in Italy is the relief of hunger, sickness and fear. To this end we instructed our representatives at the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration conference to declare for the sending of medical aids and other essential supplies to Italy. We are happy to know that this view commended itself to the other members of the UNRRA Council.

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"At the same time the first steps should be taken for the reconstruction of Italian economy -- economy laid low under years of misrule by Mussolini and supplies ravished by the German policy of vengeful destruction.

"These steps should be taken primarily as military aims to put the full resources of Italy and the Italian people into the struggle to defeat Germany and Japan. For military reasons we should assist the Italians in the restoration of such power systems, railways, motor transport, roads and other communications that enter into the war situation, and for a short time to send engineers, technicians and industrial experts into Italy to help them in their own rehabilitation.

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The Earl of Halifax, British Ambassador, conferred the honor on General Vandegrift on behalf of King George the 6th "for gallant and distinguished services as commanding general of the United States forces during the heroic defense of the British Solomon Islands protectorate."

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

24 September 1944

SUBJECT: Bread Ration for Italy

TO : The Secretaries The Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Reference: LAC 453 and LAC 471

1. In authorizing the temporary increase, effective 1 July last, of the bread ration in Italy from 200 to 300 grams, I directed the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission to submit a study of the problem of the basic supply through the next harvest year on the basis of early experience in the collection of the crop. This was with a view to assessing the total requirements and any proposed import programme, on the basis of which I would make my recommendation on the ration to apply during the balance of the harvest year. Such a study has been submitted and has been the subject of extensive discussion between my Staff and the Officers of the Allied Control Commission.

2. It is apparent that the purpose for which the temporary increase was granted has been, in large measure, achieved. The assessment is, on the whole, proceeding successfully, particularly in the areas where the larger ration has been actually distributed. While it is impossible to measure the effects of this factor with accuracy, I believe that there has been collected substantially more of the current harvest than would have been the case had the lower ration remained in effect. Moreover, the anti-inflationary effect of the increase has been definitely felt. In Naples the black market dropped rapidly upon the increase of the ration, and the cost of living has since resisted upward pressure, due largely to the availability of a subsistence ration without recourse to illegal channels. Accordingly, I am satisfied that the action which I felt compelled to take in June has proved well advised.

3. The study submitted by the Chief Commissioner, based on the latest information available, indicates a prospective total assessment of wheat in the amount of 2,000,000 metric tons. This is to be compared with the slightly smaller estimate of 1,900,000 tons submitted by this headquarters in LAC 607 of 17 August. Both of these estimates are based on limited intelligence and on a number of assumptions as to conditions which will be found North of the Pise-Rimini Line. The local production, without any imports, will be sufficient to provide a basic ration of 160 grams of bread per day per person for all of Italy for the harvest year ending

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4. On the basis of the same figures as to the harvest, the percentage of ration cards holders, are the allowance for supplementary rations, the following table shows imports required to provide the respective rations indicated:

BASIC RATION (Grams of bread per person per day)	IMPORTS OF WHEAT REQUIRED (in metric tons)
200	510,000
250	1,140,000
300	1,536,000

5. In considering what the ration should be, I have had regard to the following factors:

a. It is the objective of the Allies in planning for liberated

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areas that basic ration be fixed at a point which will permit the target figure of 2,000 calories per day to be attained. Unless rations from local sources are heavy in calories, which is not the case in Italy, this objective requires the maintenance of a high bread ration. This is recognized by the fact that the target figure for the bread ration in other liberated territories is 300 grams per day.

- b. Supplementary feeding of the urban population will continue to present great difficulties over the next year. Transportation is the key to this problem. However, in view of the continuing military demand which must be met in the North without decrease in the immediately foreseeable future, the high degree of the destruction of other than automotive transportation facilities, and the extreme shortage of automotive transport available for civilian supply, it is not likely that the cities can be supplied with locally produced commodities in quantities sufficient to make up basic deficiencies to any great extent below the 300 gram figure.
- c. The demand for bread, whether or not available on the legal market, will be not less than 300 grams per person per day. This means that in rough proportion to the amount that the legal ration is fixed below this point, resort will be made to the black market. This in turn will raise the family cost of living by swollen black market prices. If this condition exists generally, the pressure for overall general wage increase cannot be resisted. The end result will be a serious inflationary factor.
- d. There is among sections of the urban population, I am advised, a condition of under-nourishment, which is the cumulative result of the war years, the mismanagement of the Fascist Government and oppression by the Germans. While we are in no way responsible for this condition, and have, in fact, in some measure, arrested its growth during the year in which we have had responsibility, we cannot on that account overlook the consequences of prolonging the condition.
- e. No objective observer would support the statements made in some quarters that conditions are now worse than under German occupation, but there is much to be said for the proposition that they should be a great deal better. At any rate, it is important that the population in the first of the liberated territories, and the one which has been under our administration the longest, should feel that progress is steadily being made, I consider this something more than a popular factor.

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6. The foregoing considerations lead me to recommend a ration of 300 grams of bread throughout liberated Italy for the current harvest year. I consider that a lower ration scale should only be contemplated if conditions North of the Pisa-Rimini Line are substantially worse than estimated. My recommendation of a 300 gram bread ration amounts to an increase of 60 grams of bread over the amount presently authorized by you. This would require, as indicated above, estimated imports of approximately 1,500,000 metric tons during the current harvest year. In appraising this substantial figure several facts should be borne in mind:
- a. Under the proposed program ^{it} will be involved a lower per capita import of wheat than was the case during the first year of the occupation. The comparable figures are calculated at 125 lbs per person for the year July 1943-1944 and 75 lbs per person for the coming year.
 - b. It should not be lost sight of that Italy normally imported

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substantial quantities of wheat in peace years when conditions in respect to the cultivation, fertilizer, agricultural equipment, labor, and transport, were not subject to present difficulties. The average importation in the pre-war years has been stated to be upward of 800,000 tons annually. I feel that the excess only should be measured as the contribution to Italian economy necessitated by the dislocation caused by combat in Italian territory.

c. In the estimates agreed by Allied Control Commission and my staff there is substantial allowance for scorching of the territory North of the Pisa-Rimini line. If by reason of a rapid advance or the failure of the enemy to destroy or remove the stocks which are now on hand, a less serious condition is found, the requirements will be proportionately lessened. The amounts involved could range up to 300,000 tons.

d. Based on the figures for April-June armed forces are benefiting from local foodstuffs, largely perishables, amounting, with forage, to an annual rate of some 200,000 tons.

7. In considering these large demands I have of course taken into account the administrative factor. Without question the administration of the Italian rationing and distribution system is and will be a continuing problem. Given the total demoralization of the governmental structure from which Italy is just beginning to emerge, against a background of normally low administrative standards it could hardly be otherwise. I am confident, though, that progress is being made through the efforts of ACC to improve the food administration and to enforce strict control of grain supplies domestic and imported. In most localities I do not believe that weak administration is itself the major factor in supply. In Sicily it may be. There, the assessment is not going well. We know, however, propose to withhold imports of grain from Sicily and to leave to the local administration the problem of forcing an equitable distribution of the resources which are known to be available. I will so far as administratively possible take similar measures in other areas in which there is evidence that the local administration is unwilling to make or incapable of making its fair contribution to the overall problem, particularly where, as in Sicily, we have made our contribution toward putting the people well along the road to recovery.

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PARA 1. DESIRE TO EFFECT EARLIER DELIVERIES OF REQUIREMENTS IN LAC 607 AND LAC 670. THIS IS NECESSARY TO COVER PROGRESS OF OPERATIONS WHICH MAY NOW BE FASTER THAN WHEN DELIVERY WAS ORIGINALLY REQUESTED FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

PARA 2. (?) WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP US.

PARA 3. IN MEANTIME WE HAVE COMBED OUR OWN RESOURCES BY ALL MEANS, INCLUDING BORROWING FROM ARMY STOCKS, AND HAVE ARRANGED TO COVER THE FIRST 2 WEEKS OF ANY HIATUS PERIOD WHICH MAY ARISE DUE TO ACCELERATED OPERATIONS.

PARA 4. FIRST REQUIR MENT OF ANY ACCELERATED SHIPMENTS YOU CAN SET UP IS 47 THOUSAND TONS OF FLOUR INSTEAD OF 50 THOUSAND TONS OF WHEAT IN OUR DEMAND.

PARA 5. SEPARATE SIGNAL FOLLOWS SHOWING COMPLICATIONS IN THEATRE WHEAT. THIS WILL SHOW DESIRABILITY OF RELEASING TO AFHQ ALL POSSIBLE WHEAT NOW MIDDLE EAST BUT OVER WHICH WE HAVE NO CONTROL.

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Ltr ES/31 27 Aug from Gen G'Dwyer to A/CC

Re increase of bread rations & transportation: agree with you, await statistical check-up.

x-400-1 | Propose increase of bread ration in North to equal that of South
x-400-2 | Also more trucks

x-720 | Mr Churchill's support is encouraging, esp in view of Pub Health
SC reports (Reg Comm Conf) that ravages of underfeeding will be serious

Making survey on trucks needed for northern Italy. Position with regards AFHQ requisition of trucks is very confused. Will let you know as soon as I can.

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CHIEF STAFF OFFICER

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SUFFICIENT PD REQUEST YOU FORWARD A REPLY TO ABOVE PARAPHRASE MESSAGE TO ME MONDAY

FOR CONCURRENCE AND I WILL SEND IT TO AFHQ

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ALLIED **SECRET** COMMISSION 3212
INCOMING MESSAGE

DSB 1590

10 JUL 1944

TO: ACC MAIN INFO AFHQ ADV CP PERSONAL FOR STONE AND GRADY
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N52/8

FROM: AFHQ SCD SACTED CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

REFERENCE No: FX69785 PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUL081039B OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE/THGEG FHGDS
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REFER TO OUR LETTER OF 3 JULY, SUBJECT: INCREASED BREAD RATION-ITALY.
PARA. FURTHER CABLE FROM CCS AND DISTURBING REPORTS OF INADEQUATE
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5 July 1944

SUBJECT: Increased Bread Ration - Italy

9 JUL 1944

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512
(Attention: Colonel Spofford)

1. Reference your R-11, 3 July 44, advise that it is estimated that complete information of the success of the Amassment Program will not be available prior to the last of September.

2. We are building up the information and data for the "study" for consideration of SACRED as requested in F-57264 of 9 June 44.

3. We propose to submit an interim study the 30th of August which it is thought will provide sufficient information for the purpose required.

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HILARY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief Commissioner

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G-5 Section
APC 512

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3 July 1944

SUBJECT: Increased Bread Ration - ITALY

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
(Personal Attention: Acting Chief Commissioner and
(Vice President Economic Section)

1. This refers to our F 57264 of 9 June and F 58190 of 12 June.
2. The following is a paraphrase of a message from the Combined Chiefs of Staff acknowledging SACMED's signal advising that an increase in the ration to 300 grams has been definitely sanctioned:

Belief here is that maintenance of the new ration scale would probably result in requirements for wheat imports at a rate in excess of available supplies and shipping in view of requirements for other European areas. Also, we had hoped that an effective assessment of the Italian harvest would materially reduce wheat import requirements on a per-capita basis from those of the past season.

In the light of the above, it is necessary now to advise you that any additional consumption resulting from the increased ration scale will have to be met entirely from the Italian crop.

3. This advice, particularly the second paragraph, emphasizes the importance of the comprehensive and authoritative study for consideration of SACMED, as requested in F 57264 of 9 June.

4. It is requested that we be advised of the date at which it is planned that the study be submitted. This should be as early as indications of the success of the assessment and estimates of production in the forward areas are available.

Charles M. Spufford
CHARLES M. SPUFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

REF: 6803

OSJ 1455
30 JUN 1944

TO: IRS (ACTION) RPTD DISTWO (ACTION) RPTD AMG REGION V CATOBASSO (ACTION) RPTD AGO
SARDINIA (ACTION) RPTD ACC CATANZARO REGION VII

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No:

FROM: ACC MAIN CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

REFERENCE No: 6803 PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 2000/27 JUNE OFFICE OF ORIGIN: FOOD SUB COMMISSION

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THAT DELAY IN ISSUING THE RATION WILL BE INEVITABLE IN CERTAIN AREAS PD THEREFORE

THE DISTRIBUTION OF PRODUCED WHEAT WILL BE DETERMINED BY EACH REGIONAL

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SUBJECT IS NEW BASIC RATION SCALE PD

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FOURTH PD ALL BASIC RATION CARD HOLDERS WILL BE ENTITLED TO NEW RATION FOR THE PRESENT BUT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO REDUCE PERCENTAGE OF RATION CARDS TO

PROPER LEVELS PREVIOUSLY ESTIMATED BY REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS PD
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Regional Commissioner, Region III

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TRANSLATION

EXCERPTS from article appearing in "Il Corriere" of 15 June 1944.

NAPOLI, 14 - The Allied Control Commission announced today that the daily bread ration for Italy will be raised from 200 to 300 grams per day beginning 1 July 1944.

With reference to this measure and the repercussions which the increase will have on the Peoples' Granaries, the Agenzia Italia Nuova reveals that the Minister of Agriculture, Teuto Gullo, and the Undersecretary, Gino Bergami, have had, since their first day in office, as the chief and foremost goal of their work the increase of the ration and the assurance of a sufficient daily amount of bread and pasta. The goal has been reached: beginning with 1 July 1944 the ration will be 300 grams.

Perhaps the Italians do not understand, through ignorance of the facts of the case, how many and what sort of difficulties the achievement of such a goal encountered during its pursuit, difficulties that have been surmounted thanks to the effective cooperation and kind consideration of the Allied authorities.

It is now for the Italian people to demonstrate their ability to grasp the full significance of the extraordinary economic portent of this event, which gives every citizen a chance to contribute effectively to the struggle against the Black Market and against the lowering of the buying power of the salaried classes. The Black Market and the devaluation of currency, which constitute two particularly harmful phenomena for those whose salaries are fixed, and which are being fought, not with issues of paper money or with inflated rhetoric, but simply by assuring the citizen, at a moderate price, of those basic foods which are considered necessary to satisfy and restrain the compelling and otherwise inevitable demand for foods on the Black Market.

Assuring in this way a sufficient ration of bread and pasta, essential to the feeding of the Italian populace, the citizen will be able to complete, in a market that will be consequently more disciplined, his daily menu and the easier acquisition of complementary foods.

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The effects that the increase in the ration will exert on the People's Granaries should be examined and evaluated from this point of view. The increase in the ration, as a matter of fact, while it calls even more on the consumers to see to it that the granaries show the best possible yield, will persuade recalcitrants of the needless risk they will take if they hold back from the granaries large or small quantities of grain, which they will no longer find easy to dispose of through the Black Market.

With every pretext for explaining away (for "justification" can in reality no longer be spoken of) evasion of the People's Granary program hence taken away from the citizen, everyone will better understand the reasons for the greater severity of punishments which a decree shortly to be published provides for those who sequester grain or deal in it illicitly.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ARMED FORCES COMMISSION

PRB. 2

14 June 1944

Press Release : Immediate :

DSB 1194
16 Jun 1944

As of July first the bread ration will be increased from 200 to 300 grams per day in Sicily, Sardinia and the mainland of Italy south of the northern boundaries of Campobasso and Naples provinces. This increase in the ration will enable the public to purchase bread in sufficient amounts at legal prices and without recourse to the black market. In the opinion of ACC and Italian Government experts this should have a stabilizing effect on Italian economy.

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DSN 1171
16 JUN 1944

The attached signal arrived late last night. General MacFarlane left early this morning for Algiers and he would like you in his place to discuss the publicity campaign with Mr. Edman of P.W.E..

2. We would like A.C.C. to issue a simple factual Communiqué stating that as of July 1st., 1944., the bread ration will be increased from 200 grammes to 300 grammes. General MacFarlane asked that you would avoid any mention of the fact that if the Amasé campaign is not successful the ration may have to be reduced later in the year.

NELSON W. MONTFORT,
Colonel, AUS,
Personal Assistant to
Chief Commissioner.

Captain Hilary W. Stone, USNR,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Pearl Hq., Allied Control Commission.

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In view of your M 245 of 12 June and M 246 of 13 June immediate public announcement ration increase authorized.

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CAPT STONE, USNR

AFHQ

10 FURTHER YOUR FOX EIGHT ONE FIVE ZERO CITE PHROG CMA MY MIKE TWO FOUR FIVE AND
MIKE TWO FOUR SIX PD PAPER TO AFHQ FOR SAGGED FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE
PERSONAL PAREN THE INFORMATION THAT GCS HAS HELD UP ANNOUNCEMENT OF INCREASED
BREAD RATION IS MOST SERIOUS PD GEORGE FIVE AND YOUR POLITICAL ADVISERS ARE
FAMILIAR WITH ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF MY POSITION THAT INCREASED BREAD RATION
IS KEYSTONE OF ANY SERIOUS EFFORT TO COMBAT RUNAWAY INFLATION HERE PD I AM BEING
PRESSED TO ALLOW A HIGHER PRICE FOR WHEAT IN SICILY THAN THE ONE THOUSAND LIRE
PRICE ALREADY AUTHORIZED AND WAGE INCREASES IN SEVERAL QUARTERS ARE BEING WITHHELD
ONLY WITH GREATEST DIFFICULTY PD THESE DEMANDS CAN BE QUIETED BY INCREASE IN
BREAD RATION AT LEGAL PRICES AS OPPOSED TO PRESENT HIGH COST TO WORKERS WHO MUST
PURCHASE PART OF THEIR BREAD SUPPLY ON BLACK MARKET PD IF INCREASE IN THE
BREAD RATION IS DISAPPROVED THE RESULTS CAN ONLY BE INFLATIONARY PD IN
CIRCUMSTANCES DO YOU STILL REQUIRE REPORT ON ANTI INFLATION PROGRAM SINCE
WITHOUT BREAD RATION INCREASE ITALY IS HEADED STRAIGHT FOR INFLATION AND NO
PURELY FISCAL MEASURES ARE GOING TO PREVENT IT PD URGENTLY REQUEST RECONSIDERATION
OF PRESENT HOLD DASH UP BY GCS

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REFERENCE YOUR FOR EIGHT ONE FIVE ZERO CITE THREE AND MY MINE TWO FOUR FIVE

9 PD PAREN TO AFTER FOR SACRED FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN I WISH

TO NOTIFY MY NUMBER ^{7 2 4 5} ~~1 8 2 5 0~~ TWO FOUR FIVE AS I CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT OTHER ITALIANS

MAY NOT HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE FACT THAT THE INCREASED RATION HAD BEEN

SANCTIONED TO THE FACT WAS ^{7 2 4 5} ~~1 8 2 5 0~~ TO A VERY CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF OFFICERS OF

ACC AND IT MAY WELL BE THAT WITH PUBLICATION INHERENT SOME INFORMATION MAY

HAVE SLIPPED OUT OR WAS GIVEN CONFIDENTIALLY TO ITALIANS PD IN POINT OF FACT

I HAD LAID ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TOGETHER WITH A

PUBLICITY AND PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN BY PHE FOR TODAY

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Lieutenant General
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CAPT. STONE

AFHQ

YOUR 7 EIGHT ONE FIVE ZERO CITY THREE PAREN AMIS PAREN NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
 YET MADE BUT I INFORMED WFO OFFICIALS CONFIDENTIALLY TODAY IN PREPARATION
 FOR THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT OF ~~INFORMAL~~ ^{INFORMAL} TUESDAY PAREN BAKER PAREN I ALSO INFORMED
 BADOLLO AND BONOMI TODAY UNDER FLEET OF STRICTEST SECURITY PAREN TO AFHQ
FOR SAVED FROM AOC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN WHICH I AM CERTAIN
 THEY WILL SUSPECT

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12 June

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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TO: ACTION ACC MAIN PERSONAL FOR MACFARLANE

14 JUN 1944

SIGNAL M/C HC. 22/12

FROM: AMHQ SOD SACMED

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

REFERENCE No: F 8150

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUN121327B

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In view of telegram from Combined Chiefs of Staff regarding increase in bread ration and requesting opportunity for further study and comment please advise urgently (a) whether any public announcement has been made of increase or (b) any intimation of change of increase has reached Italian officials.

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TO: ACC MAIN PERSONAL FOR MACFARLANE

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED SACMED

SIGNAL M/C NO. 3/10

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PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

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Your M 211 of 22 May and Memorandum CC/G/362 of 3 June refer. Authority is given to increase the bread ration in liberated Italy from 200 grams per day to 300 grams per day as from 1 July. This is subject to reservation that a reduction may be necessitated after harvest has been collected if the then supply situation makes such action necessary.

Estimates of wheat locally available in Italy, even on favorable assumptions as to harvest and proportion to be collected, are not encouraging due to the probability of our having to feed greater area of Italy as the armies advance. In view of this fact and of heavy supply demands in other areas of Theater, consider it essential that you submit study on problem of basic food supply through the next harvest year as soon as experience as to crop collection has been obtained, with estimates of requirements and any proposed import program. Since imports must be kept to the minimum, your staff should, as soon as practicable, consider whether any change in the basic policies for provision of supplies to Italy may be required.

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Ref. CC/G/362.

3rd. June, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Allied Force Headquarters.
(ATTENTION: Supreme Allied Commander)

On 22nd. May I sent you telegram, No. M211, advocating very strongly that the civilian bread ration in Italy should be increased.

2. Since that date I have, as you know, appointed a committee to recommend measures to combat the threat of inflation. This committee, which included Mr. Lloyd, economic expert from Middle East, and Mr. Glasser from the U.S. Treasury, came rapidly to the conclusion that the suggested increase in the bread ration was the first and most essential step which should be taken to prevent inflation, while incidentally forming our best method of combating the black market, and acting as an almost indispensable incentive towards the amassment of grain from the harvest.
3. During the past two or three days Mr. Macmillan, Mr. Murphy and Colonel Spofford have 'sat in' on the committee's deliberations and have reached the same conclusions.
4. Mr. Macmillan is returning with this memorandum today with a suggested telegram from you to C.C.S. which I have approved and which I hope very much you will agree. Mr. Macmillan is taking with him copies of interim recommendations made by the committee and I will forward its full report in due course when finished. This should be in two or three days time.
5. I had a meeting yesterday evening with Badoglio and the Ministers for Finance, Agriculture and Interior. They pressed me very hard indeed on the subject of raising salaries and wages in Italy, particularly those of civil servants and Government officials. They painted a most gloomy picture and stated very definitely that they would be unable to prevent serious disorders if something were not done rapidly to alleviate the situation. They handed me also a resolution passed at the Cabinet meeting on Thursday, translation of which is attached.
6. I informed them that as they already knew, I was doing all I could to secure an increase in the bread ration and that this was an obviously better way of dealing with the situation rather than an increase in wages which could under existing conditions be nothing but a vicious palliative. They agreed unreservedly, but stressed the importance of being able to announce any increase in the ration at the earliest possible moment. Failing this it would be absolutely necessary to do something about wages.
7. I told them that I hoped to be able to give them an answer before the end of next week and they contracted to do their utmost to keep the situation in hand.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General
Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION - OUTGOING MESSAGE

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PREC: PRIORITY

REF NO: M211

22 May 1944

FROM: ACC MAIN FROM MACPARLANE PERSONAL

TO: AFHQ TO SAC MED FOR MGS

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Reference your M48558 of 20 May. Basic proposal is that increase of ration is indispensable element in whole amassing and price control program. Proposal has not repeat not been put forward merely on financial grounds. Following message is from supply point of view only. Proposal is not repeat not designed to increase total consumption of bread. Although ration is two hundred grams the average urban consumption of bread from all sources is estimated to be more than three hundred grams. Therefore the effect of increase in ration to three hundred grams will be designed to reduce black market demand rather than to increase total consumption of wheat in area. Your question one. Based on experience to date in AMG Region III our experts have every confidence in being able to enforce reduction of ration card holders to 65% of population by July 1, 1944. The increase of basic ration itself should ensure attainment of this objective by easing administrative difficulties and by obtaining increased cooperation of Italian authorities. Your question two. Our estimated goal of quantity to be amassed is 693,000 tons, 335,000 tons Italy, 58,000 Sardinia, 250,000 Sicily. This is computed on basis of early estimate of total crop less legal retentions for food and seed. Thus there is no allowance for leakage to black market except for illicit sales in black market out of permitted retentions. However yield is computed at 8 quintals per hectare which is now considered as conservative in light of present crop conditions. Your question three. Impossible to estimate the extent quantitatively but we are con-

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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Reference Nr.: F 48558

From:

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To:

ACC MAIN FOR MACFARLANE

OS 4903
21 MAG 1944

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(3) Increase of bread ration receiving urgent consideration here. Refer M194 of

12 May and M207 of 19 May. Appreciate anti inflation aspect presented by new

Committee and importance of move from Finance standpoint. However effect of

increase on supply program less clear. Appreciate advice your supply experts

based on close contact with conditions not known to us. Grateful therefore for

explanation of facts or estimates possibly not available here which have led to

view that necessary importations would probably not exceed amounts required under

present ration. Specifically request your best judgment on following:

(1) Actual likelihood of reduction of bread ration card holders to 65 per cent of population and estimated date at which this will become effective.

(2) Tonnage of this years crop which will be amassed in ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA, respectively, under current program.

(3) Extent to which amassing would be affected by prior announcement of increased ration.

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(4) Feasibility of adjustment of laborers ration as alternative to general increase to entire population. Since ration increase would amount to irrevocable

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(3) Extent to which amassing would be affected by prior announcement of increased ration.

(4) Feasibility of adjustment of laborers ration as alternative to general increase to entire population. Since ration increase would amount to irrevocable commitment to population of all liberated ITALY which would have to be met by imports to extent that various programs fall short of estimates, announcement would not be made until effect on Theater supply position can be fully appraised. Moreover increase to extent proposed would require prior approval by Combined Chiefs of Staff. Accordingly you are instructed not to announce increase, as suggested your M207 current.

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ACTION: Deputy Chief Commissioner

INFO: Chief Commissioner Mr. Glasser
Col. Grafftey-Smith Mr. Lloyd
Col. Foley Col. Lyg (Ind)
Lt Comdr Lawler Col Adams (Eam Sec) LVS.
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Col. Fiske

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:: By H.D. ::
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Capt. Stone
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GEN MACFARLANE (CHIEF COMM)

19 May 1944

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CAPT. STONE

AFHQ

I HAVE APPOINTED A SPECIAL COMMITTEE CALLED QUOTE ALLIED ANTI DASH INFLATION COMMITTEE PAREN ITALY PAREN END QUOTE TO RECOMMEND ALL MEASURES TO COMBAT INFLATION PD CHAIRMAN CAPTAIN ELLERY W STONE CMA USNR PD MEMBERS CLN COLONEL A P GRAFFTEY DASH SMITH CMA COLONEL E H FOLEY JR CMA MISTER H GLASSER CMA MISTER E M H LLOYD CMA COLONEL G UPJOHN CMA COLONEL N E FISKE PD PARA PAREN TO AFHQ FOR MGS CMA BRITISH MINISTER RESIDENT AND AMERICAN POLITICAL ADVISER FROM AOC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN AT ITS FIRST MEETING CMA THE COMMITTEE WAS STRONGLY OF THE OPINION THAT THE ACTION RECOMMENDED IN MY M ONE NINE FOUR OF ONE TWO MAY IS INDISPENSABLE TO CONTROL OF INFLATION PD IT RECOMMENDED TO ME THAT THE INCREASE IN THE BREAD RATION BE INTRODUCED SOONEST IN ORDER TO BREAK THE BLACK MARKET PRICE AND THEREBY ENCOURAGE THE AMASSING PD THE HARVEST BEGINS ABOUT JUNE FIRST PD PARA THE COMMITTEE ATTACHED PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO PREVENTING FURTHER RISE IN WAGES AS GENERAL POINT OF ANTI INFLATION POLICY PD AT PRESENT WAGE EARNERS ARE COMPELLED TO PAY BLACK MARKET PRICES TO SUPPLEMENT RATION OF TWO HUNDRED GRAMS AND IF THIS CONTINUES IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO RESIST DEMANDS FOR INCREASED WAGES PD PARA

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M207

19 May 1944

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M207, 19 May 1944, to AFHQ, (cont'd):

AS POINTED OUT IN TELEGRAM M ONE NINE FOUR IF BLACK MARKET IS BROKEN AND AMASSING PROGRAM IS FULLY SUCCESSFUL OMA IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR WHEAT MAY NOT BE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED PD ON THE OTHER HAND OMA IF RATION IS NOT INCREASED AND BLACK MARKET CONTINUES UNABATED OMA THERE IS GRAVE RISK OF PARTIAL FAILURE IN AMASSING PROGRAM WHICH WILL NECESSITATE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN WHEAT IMPORTS PD PARA IN VIEW OF THE UNANIMITY OF OPINION OF MY COMMITTEE OMA UNLESS I RECEIVE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CONTRARY OMA I PROPOSE TO ANNOUNCE WITHIN TEN DAYS THAT RATION WILL BE INCREASED TO THREE HUNDRED GRAMS AS OF JULY FIRST OMA WHICH IS THE EARLIEST DATE THAT SUPPLIES IN SIGHT WILL PERMIT PD I HAVE NATURALLY DISCUSSED THE INFLATION DANGER WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND ALL REGARD AN INCREASE IN THE BREAD RATION AS A SINE QUA NON AMONG ANY PREVENTIVE MEASURES WHICH MAY BE TAKEN

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ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
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18 MAG 1944

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12th. May, 1944.

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GEN MACFARLANE

A.F.H.Q.

MY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING TELEGRAM PD PARA TWO FOR MGS FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE
PERSONAL PARA AT THE PRESENT MOMENT THE POPULATION OF COBELLIGERENT ITALY IS ON A RATION
 WHICH IS BELOW SUBSISTENCE AND REQUIRES AUGMENTATION FROM UNCONTROLLED SOURCES PD THE
 NECESSARY CEILING AS REGARDS WAGES PROVIDES A BARE SUBSISTENCE WAGE PD U-LESS WE INCREASE
 THE FOOD RATION WE ARE BOUND TO BE FACED WITH LABOUR TROUBLES RESULTING IN INEVITABLE
 WAGE RAISING AND INFLATIONARY CONSEQUENCIES PD TO KEEP THE COUNTRY CONTENTED AND TO
 ENSURE A MORE EFFECTIVE COOPERATION IN THE WAR EFFORT IT IS BECOMING DAILY MORE OBVIOUS
 THAT WE MUST INCREASE OUR BASIC RATION PD PARA TWO PD I RECOMMEND MOST STRONGLY THAT THE
 PRESENT BREAD RATION OF TWO HUNDRED GRAMMES BE RAISED TO THREE HUNDRED PD THIS WOULD
 REPRESENT AN INCREASE OF ONLY FORTY GRAMMES OF FLOUR OVER AND ABOVE THE RATION SCALE
 APPROVED BY AFHQ PD PARA THREE PD PLANS ARE NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION TO ALLOT RATIONS TO
 PROVINCES ON A BASIS OF A PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION WHICH WILL BE FIXED FOR EACH
 PROVINCE AND WHICH SHOULD REDUCE THE NUMBER OF RATION CARD HOLDERS TO SIXTYFIVE PER CENT
 OF THE POPULATION AS A WHOLE PD IF THIS IS SUCCESSFUL OUR FLOUR REQUIREMENTS ON THE
 PROPOSED RATION SCALE WOULD EXCEED PRESENT ISSUES BY ONLY ABOUT ELEVEN PER CENT PD PARA
FOUR PD I WISH TO EMPHASISE THAT THE PRESENT CONSUMPTION OF BREAD IS NOT IN FACT LIMITED

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TO TWOHUNDRED GRAMMES AND IT NEVER WILL BE SO LIMITED PD WITH A THOUSAND LIRE PRICE OF WHEAT AND A THREEHUNDRED GRAMME RATION WE WOULD AT LAST HAVE REASON TO HOPE THAT WE CAN SOLVE THIS BLACK MARKET PROBLEM PD ~~XXXXX~~ FIVE PD WITH A THREEHUNDRED GRAMME RATION AND THE BLACK MARKET IN WHEAT AND BREAD LARGELY ELIMINATED CMA THE NECESSARY IMPORTATIONS OF WHEAT AND FLOUR SHOULD PROBABLY NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNTS THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED WITH A TWOHUNDRED GRAMME RATION CMA A FLOURISHING BLACK MARKET AND THE IMMEDIATE THREAT OF INFLATION IF PARA SIX PD I WOULD POINT OUT THAT WITH A THREEHUNDRED GRAMME RATION IT WOULD BECOME POSSIBLE SERIOUSLY TO CONSIDER INCREASING THE PRICE OF BREAD AS THE NECESSITY FOR SUBSTANTIAL PURCHASES IN THE BLACK MARKET WOULD BE VERY GREATLY REDUCED CMA AND WITH EVEN A CONSIDERABLE RISE IN THE PRICE OF BREAD A RATION CARD HOLDER WOULD BE ABLE TO PURCHASE HIS REQUIREMENTS AT MUCH LESS OUTLAY THAN HE HAS TO MAKE AT PRESENT PD THIS WOULD NATURALLY HAVE THE EFFECT OF SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCING THE BREAD SUBSIDY PD PARA SEVEN PD I AND MY ADVISERS ARE CONVINCED THAT THE PROPOSED RAISING OF THE BREAD RATION WILL CONTRIBUTE MATERIALLY TO THE SUCCESSFUL AMASSING OF WHEAT PD PARA EIGHT PD WE ENVISAGE AMASSING BARLEY CMA OLIVE OIL AND OTHER CROPS IN DUE COURSE PD THE PRICE OF THESE WILL BE FIXED IN RELATION TO THE PRICE FIXED FOR WHEAT PD THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT

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WILL BE POSSIBLE TO DILUTE WHEAT FLOUR WITH BAILEY AND OTHER FLOUR IS NOW BEING
INVESTIGATED PD PARA NINE PD I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE SANCTION TO
THIS PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE BREAD RATION WHICH I DESIRE TO BRING INTO EFFECT ON JULY
FIRST AND WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE SOONEST POSSIBLE

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TO: A.F.H.Q.

SUBJECT PRICE OF WHEAT PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR MGS FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE
PERSONAL PAREN PRICE TO BE PAID FOR WHEAT FOR THE COMING HARVEST DELIVERED AT
 AMMASSI HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BY MY ECONOMIC SECTION
 IN COLLABORATION WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PD THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSED
 TWELVEHUNDRED LIRE PER QUINTAL PD MY AGRICULTURAL SUBCOMMISSION AND MOST OF
 MY REGIONAL OFFICERS CONSIDERED THAT A PRICE OF LESS THAN ABOUT ONETHOUSAND
 LIRE WOULD FAIL TO PRODUCE THE GRAIN AT THE AMMASSI PD MY FINANCE CMA LABOUR
 AND FOOD SUBCOMMISSIONS WERE IN FAVOR OF A CONSIDERABLY LOWER FIGURE ALTHOUGH
 LABOR AND FOOD WERE LARGELY INFLUENCED BY THE PROSPECT OF A SUBSTANTIAL RISE
 IN THE PRICE OF BREAD PD PARA TWO PD AFTER MUCH DELIBERATION I DECIDED THAT
 THE PRICE WHICH WE SHOULD RECOMMEND TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE NINE
 HUNDRED LIRE FOR SOFT WHEAT AND ONE THOUSAND FOR HARD WHEAT PD AFTER REACHING
 THIS DECISION I CONSULTED THE MEMBERS OF THE SUPPLY MISSION WHO ARE STILL HERE
 AND THEY GAVE MY DECISION THEIR APPROVAL PD PARA THREE PD I DISCUSSED THE
 QUESTION ON TENTH INST WITH BADOGLIO CMA QUINTIERI CMA BERGAMO AND COLONEL
 ADAMS PD THE ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVES AGREED TO ACCEPT OUR FIGURE AS A UNIVERSAL
 RATE TO BE APPLIED THROUGHOUT ALLIED OCCUPIED ITALY AND THE ISLANDS PD PARA
FOUR ALL CONCERNED ARE AGREED THAT THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION OF RAISING THE
 PRICE OF BREAD IN THE MEANTIME BY MORE THAN A VERY SMALL AMOUNT. PD PRESENT
 PRICE IS THREE POINT SIX LIRE PER KILG AND I DO NOT PROPOSE TO RAISE THIS TO
 MORE THAN FOUR POINT FIVE LIRE PER KILG PD THIS CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY

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CABLE FROM AGO MAIN (GEN MACFARLANE) TO AFHQ (continued):

INCREASING THE BREAD SUBSIDY SUBSTANTIALLY BUT I REGARD THIS AS ESSENTIAL
PD PARA FIVE PD THE ITALIAN CABINET MET YESTERDAY BUT ADJOURNED TILL TOMORROW
WITHOUT DEALING WITH THE WHEAT PRICE QUESTION PD WE MAY ANTICIPATE THAT THEIR
OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE ISSUED TOMORROW PD PARA SIX PD SEE MY IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING TELEGRAM

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SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
48) CC/G/66	GEN. MACF.	17 FEB	BRIG. LUSH	BAD. WANTS INFO ABOUT ARREST OF QUESTORE AT TARANTO + CAPT. RUSSO ET AL AT BARI. PL. INQUIRE.
49) FARGO 1037	GEN. MACF.	17 FEB	FREEDOM	K+Q AT RAVELLO. KING SAYS HIS ADDIC. WOULD HAVE BAD EFFECT ON ITALY. WANTS TO ENTER ROME EARLY. OBJECTS TO ADVERSE PUBLICITY. BLAMES SFORZA, ETC. FOR HIS UNPOPULARITY.
50) FARGO 1038 FDM 55155 O-2103	GEN. MACF. CINC HQ, ACMF	17 FEB 23 .. 23 ..	HQ., A.C.M.F. CC CC	BAD SAYS THAT CN. PEE. SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO BE ATTACHED TO THE ARMY STAFF. WANTS TO APPOINT CORPS CHOR. FOR SICILY. WANTS TO ACT AGAINST KING'S CRITICS
51) FARGO 1039	GEN. MACF.	17 FEB.	HQ., A.C.M.F.	TOLD BAD THAT FUTURE DEALINGS BETWEEN ARMY SUB-COM. + IT. WAR OFFICE WOULD NOT GO THRU COM. SUP. EXCEPT ON MATTERS OF HIGH POLICY. BADOLLO AGREED. MOVE TO SALERNO 2/21.
52) 171	ACMF	18 FEB.	GEN. MACF.	CANNOT ACCEPT CN. PEE. AT ACMF IN V. ARMY.
53) FARGO 1074	CAPV. COLLINS	18 FEB	AFHQ	RE GAG ON EXECUTIVE JUNTA MANIFESTO
54) FARGO 1112	REBER	19 FEB	FREEDOM	HASH OF EXEC. JUNTA'S STATEMENTS RE CN. PEE. + KING'S ADDIC., ETC.
55) CH OF GOV #496/PROT.	BADOLLO	19 FEB	GEN. MACF.	BAD. WANTS TO SEND STMT. OF HIS GOVT'S STAND TO WASH. + LONDON.
56) ACC/4039/L		19 FEB.		CAREER OF ETTORE CASATI, MINISTER OF JUSTICE.
57) CC/P/78	GEN. MACF.	20 FEB.	BADOLLO	CANNOT ACCEPT CN. PEE. AT ACMF IN V. ARMY
58) CC/P/79	GEN. MACF.	20 FEB	COL LANDERS, PWB	YOU MUST NOT INTERFERE W/ITALIAN POLITICS
59) CC/P/80	GEN. MACF.	20 FEB.	BADOLLO	YR. STMT, WHEN SENT, WILL BE SENT ON TO ALLIED GOVTS. REFERS TO (55)
60) 359/ /CA	GEN. MACF.	20 FEB	BADOLLO	REASONS FOR ARREST OF QUESTORE OF TARANTO + CONDITIONS GOVERNING HIS RELEASE.
61) FARGO 579 3160	GEN. MACF.	28 JAN.	CAPT. STONE	RE YOURS 26 JAN. HAVE SENT SHORTER OF ALTERNATIVE LETTERS. TO MESSE. BARI CONG + PWB. SOLDARELLI. SOLODOVNIK. REPAT PW O2. ETC.
62)	REBER	19 FEB.	U.S. MEMBER, ADV. COUNCIL	FWDN HWITH COPIES OF MEMO FROM EXEC. JUNTA ON THEIR AGREED PROGRAM
63) FARGO 1191 - COPY OF EXTRACT FM. 2M. SPEECH	GEN. MACF.	22 FEB.	FREEDOM	KING INFORM BAD. OF HIS PROPOSALS TO HQ ALSO ASKED ME TO REG. DI NICOLA.
64) FARGO 1250	GEN. MACF.	23 FEB	FREEDOM	SOLODOVNIK SAW CARACCIOLA. LATTER DISCONTENTED OVER PRIME MIN.'S. STATEMENT.
65) FARGO 1262	GEN. MACF.	24 FEB	FREEDOM	IN VIEW OF PRIME MIN.'S. STATEMENT NO PUB. TO BE GIVEN TO ATTACKS AG. KING, C.P., MEMBERS OF GOVT.
66) FARGO 1291	GEN. MACF.	24 FEB	FREEDOM	REPORTS ON DE NICOLA I'VIEW STATING KING'S PLANS
67) CC/P/94 + CH OF GOV 526	GEN. MACF.	24 FEB	BADOLLO	I HAVE SENT YOUR MSG TO PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL
68) FARGO 1270	GEN. MACF.	24 FEB	FREEDOM	TMIT FOLLOWING FM. BADOLLO TO CHURCHILL

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