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16	4820/106/COS, Lush	16 Feb 45	RC Toscana	Toscana Reg shd do better in amasso.
17	4820/EC, Talbot	6 Sep 45	Econ Sec	Greek requirements for olive oil.

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SUBJECT: Weekly Amassing Report - Pressed Olive Oil

Region	Average Dates of Reports	Amassed at latest Report (Qls)	Estimated Quantities Amassable (Qls)	Quantities Needed for Fulfilment of Food Plan A (Qls)	Food Plan B (Qls)	Food Plan C (Qls)	Percent Amassed at Present Report
Calabria	7/5	64,606	145,000	136,320	68,340	41,620	45
Lucania	7/5	9.449	15,000	14,100	7,070	4,310	63
Puglie	7/5	227.187	456,000	428,720	214,960	130,890	50
Campania	3/5	16.797	51,900	48,800	24,450	14,900	32
Campobasso	7/5	5.085	6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870	78
SOUTHERN		323.124	674,400	634,050	317,880	193,590	48
Lazio-Umbria	5/5	47.713	58,700	55,200	27,680	16,850	81
Abruzzi-Marche*	2/5	9.589	17,000	15,980	8,020	4,870	57
Toscana	5/5	71.147	109,000	102,480	51,410	31,280	65
TOTAL AREA PRODUCING FOR FOOD PLANS		451.573	859,100	807,710	404,990	246,590	53
Sicilia	5/5	11.390	57,000	-	-	-	20
Sardegna	4/5	20/753	35,000	-	-	-	59
GRAND TOTAL		483.716	951,100	-	-	-	51

*Not including Campobasso
In addition 124 Qls in Forli' province, making a total of 483.840 Qls in all Italy south of the Pisa-Rimini line.

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Estimated Quantities Assable (qls)	Quantities Needed for Fulfilment of Food Plan A (qls)	Food Plan B (qls)	Food Plan C (qls)	Percent of Amassable Amassed According to Present Report	Report Last Week	1942-43 Season Percent of Total Amassing Completed on 28 Feb. 43	on 30 April 43
45,000	136,320	68,340	41,620	45	44	65	88
15,000	14,100	7,070	4,310	63	62	62	77
56,000	428,720	214,960	130,890	50	50	86	96
51,900	48,300	24,450	14,900	32	32	64	90
6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870	78	78	54	66
74,400	634,050	317,880	193,590	48	48	79	92
58,700	55,200	27,680	16,850	81	81	49	84
17,000	15,980	8,020	4,870	57	56	66	79
09,000	102,480	51,410	31,280	65	60	47	78
59,100	807,710	404,990	246,590	53	51	70	88
57,000	-	-	-	20	20	70	89
35,000	-	-	-	59	57	54	82
51,100	-	-	-	51	50	69	88

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SUBJECT: Weekly Amassing Report - Pressed Olive Oil

Region	Average Dates of Reports	Amassed at Latest Report (qls)	Estimated Quantities Amassable	Quantities needed for fulfilment of Plan A (qls)	Plan B (qls)	Plan C (qls)
Calabria	30/4	63.649	145,000	130,500	68,340	41,620
Lucanie	30/4	9.382	15,000	14,100	7,070	4,310
Puglie	30/4	226.062	456,000	428,720	214,960	130,890
Campania	30/4	16.424	51,900	48,800	24,450	14,900
Campobasso	30/4	5.063	6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870
SOUTHERN		320.580	674,400	634,050	317,880	193,590
Lazio-Umbria	29/4	47.696	58,700	55,200	27,680	16,850
Abruzzi-Marche*	28/4	9.436	17,000	15,980	8,020	4,870
Toscana	23/4	65.152	109,000	102,480	51,410	31,280
TOTAL AREA PRODUCING FOR FOOD PLANS		442.864	859,100	807,710	404,990	246,590
Sicilia	30/4	11.222	57,000	-	-	-
Sardegna	25/4	20.031	35,000	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL		474.117	951,100	-	-	-

*Not including Campobasso

In addition 124 qls in Forlì province, making a total of 474.241 qls verified in all Liberated Italy.

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Estimated Quantities Assessable	Quantities Needed for Fulfilment of Plan A (Tons)	Plan B (Tons)	Plan C (Tons)	Percent of Assessable Acreage Accepted for Planting (Tons)		1942-43 Season Percent of Total Processing Completed by 15 Mar 43	1943-44 Season Percent of Total Processing Completed by 15 Mar 44
145,000	130,500	68,340	41,620	44	41	65	88
15,000	14,100	7,070	4,310	62	60	62	77
456,000	428,720	214,960	130,890	50	49	86	96
51,900	48,800	24,450	14,900	32	30	64	90
6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870	78	77	54	66
674,400	634,050	317,880	193,590	48	47	79	92
56,700	55,200	27,680	16,850	81	76	49	84
17,000	15,990	8,020	4,870	56	54	66	79
109,000	102,480	51,410	31,280	60	60	47	78
859,100	807,710	404,990	246,590	51	50	70	89
57,000	-	-	-	20	19		
35,000	-	-	-	57	55	54	82
951,100	-	-	-	50	49	69	88

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SUBJECT: Weekly Amassing Report - Pressed Olive Oil

Region	Average Dates of Reports	Amassed at Latest Report (qls)	Estimated Quantities Amassable (qls)	Quantities Needed for Fulfilment of Food Plan A (qls)	Food Plan B (qls)	Food Plan C (qls)	P
Calabria	23/4	59.739	145.000	130,320	68,340	41,620	
Lucania	23/4	8.939	15,000	14,100	7,070	4,310	
Puglie	23/4	225.046	456,000	428,720	214,960	130,890	
Campania	23/4	15.468	51,900	48,800	24,450	14,900	
Campobasso	21/4	5.036	6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870	
SOUTHERN		314.228	674,400	634,050	317,880	193,590	
Lazio-Umbria	22/4	44.605	58,700	55,200	27,680	16,850	
Abruzzi-Marche*	20/4	9.272	17,000	15,980	8,020	4,870	
Toscana	23/4	65.053	109,000	102,480	51,410	31,280	
TOTAL AREA PRODUCING FOR FOOD PLANS		433.158	859,100	807,710	404,990	246,590	
Sicilia	22/4	10.645	57,000	-	-	-	
Sardegna	22/4	19.232	35,000	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL		463.035	951,100	-	-	-	

*Not including Campobasso

In addition 124 qls in Forlì province; making a total of 463.159 qls verified in all Liberated Italy.

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9.739	145,000	136,320	68,340	41,620	41	40	65	80
3.939	15,000	14,100	7,070	4,310	60	58	62	77
5.046	456,000	428,720	214,960	130,890	49	49	86	96
5.468	51,900	48,800	24,450	14,900	30	28	64	90
5.036	6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870	77	76	54	66
4.228	674,400	634,050	317,880	193,590	47	46	79	92
4.605	58,700	55,200	27,680	16,850	76	72	49	84
9.272	17,000	15,980	8,020	4,870	54	53	66	79
5.053	109,000	102,480	51,410	31,280	60	55	47	78
3.158	859,100	807,710	404,990	246,590	50	49	70	88
0.645	57,000	-	-	-	19	18	70	89
9.232	35,000	-	-	-	55	49	54	82
3.035	951,100	-	-	-	49	47	69	88

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Region	Average Dates of Reports	Amassed at latest Report (Qls)	Estimated Quantities Amassable (Qls)	Quantities Needed for Fulfilment of Food Plan A (Qls)	Food Plan B (Qls)	Food Plan C (Qls)	Per Amas Pres Rep
Calabria	15/4	58.078	145,000	136,320	68,340	41,620	40
Lucania	15/4	8.701	15,000	14,100	7,070	4,310	58
Puglie	15/4	223.310	456,000	428,720	214,960	130,890	49
Campania	15/4	14.726	51,900	48,800	24,450	14,900	28
Campobasso	15/4	4.961	6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870	76
SOUTHERN		309.776	674,400	634,050	317,880	193,590	46
Lazio-Umbria	15/4	42.728	58,700	55,200	27,680	16,850	72
Abruzzi-Marche*	15/4	9.059	17,000	15,980	8,020	4,870	53
Toscana	15/4	60.507	109,000	102,480	51,410	31,280	55
TOTAL AREA PRODUCING FOR FOOD PLANS		422.070	859,100	807,710	404,990	246,590	49
Sicilia	15/4	10.093	57,000	-	-	-	17
Sardegna	10/4	17.254	35,000	-	-	-	49
GRAND TOTAL		449.417	951,100	-	-	-	47

*Not including Campobasso

In addition 124 qls in Forli Province; making a total of 449.541 qls verified up till now in Liberated Italy.

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	Food Plan A: (qls)	Food Plan B: (qls)	Food Plan C: (qls)	Present Report	Last Week	on 28 Feb. 43	on 30 April 43
145,000	136,320	68,340	41,720	40	39	65	88
15,000	14,100	7,070	4,310	58	56	62	77
456,000	428,720	214,960	130,890	49	49	86	96
51,900	48,800	24,450	14,900	28	28	64	90
6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870	76	66	54	66
674,400	634,050	317,880	193,590	46	45	79	92
58,700	55,200	27,680	16,850	72	67	49	84
17,000	15,980	8,020	4,870	53	50	66	79
109,000	102,480	51,410	31,280	55	53	47	78
859,100	807,710	404,990	246,590	49	48	70	88
57,000	-	-	-	17	17	70	89
35,000	-	-	-	49	45	54	82
951,100	-	-	-	47	46	69	88

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Region	Average Dates of Reports	Amassed at Latest Report (Qls)	Estimated Quantities Amassable (Qls)	Quantities Needed for Fulfilment of		
				Food Plan A (Qls)	Food Plan B (Qls)	Food Plan C (Qls)
Calabria	9/4	56.553	145.000	136,320	68,340	41,620
Lucania	4/4	8.438	15,000	14,100	7,070	4,310
Puglie	12/4	222.665	456,000	428,720	214,960	130,890
Campania	11/4	14.466	51,900	48,800	24,450	14,900
Campobasso	31/3	4.335	6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870
SOUTHERN	-	306.437	674,400	634,050	317,880	193,590
Lazio-Umbria	10/4	39.518	58,700	55,200	27,680	16,850
Abruzzi-Marche*	10/4	8.654	17,000	15,980	8,020	4,870
Toscana	7/4	58.129	109,000	102,480	51,410	31,280
TOTAL AREA PRODUCING FOR FOOD PLANS	-	412.738	854,100	807,710	404,990	246,590
Sicilia	6/4	9.698	57,000	-	-	-
Sardegna	5/4	15.780	35,000	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL		438.216	951,100	-	-	-

*Not including Campobasso

In addition 124 qls in Forlì province, making a total of 438.340 qls in all Liberated Italy.

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		Food Plan A (Qls)	Food Plan B (Qls)	Food Plan C (Qls)	Present Report	Report Last Week	on 31 Dec. 42	on 28 Feb. 43
553	145,000	136,320	68,340	41,620	39	38	31	65
438	15,000	14,100	7,070	4,310	56	56	15	62
665	456,000	428,720	214,960	130,890	49	48	50	86
466	51,900	48,800	24,450	14,900	28	26	28	64
335	6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870	66	66	23	54
437	674,400	634,050	317,880	193,590	45	45	42	79
518	58,700	55,200	27,680	16,850	67	65	9	49
654	17,000	15,980	8,020	4,870	50	50	22	66
129	109,000	102,480	51,410	31,280	53	50	8	47
738	852,100	807,710	404,990	246,590	48	47	32	70
698	57,000	-	-	-	17	17	41	30
780	35,000	-	-	-	45	43	12	54
216	951,100	-	-	-	46	45	32	69

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SUBJECT: Weekly Amassing Report - Pressed Olive Oil

Region	Average Dates of Reports	Amassed at Latest Report (Qls)	Estimated Quantities Amassable (Qls)	Quantities Needed for Fulfilment of			P A
				Food Plan A (Qls)	Food Plan B (Qls)	Food Plan C (Qls)	Pre Re
Calabria	7/4	56.369	145.000	136,320	68,340	41,620	
Lucania	4/4	8.438	15,000	14,100	7,070	4,310	
Puglie	5/4	220.668	456,000	428,720	214,960	130,890	
Campania	7/4	13.741	51,900	48,800	24,450	14,900	
Campobasso	31/3	4.335	6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870	
SOUTHERN	-	303.551	674,400	634,050	317,880	193,590	
Lazio-Umbria	3/4	38.434	58,700	55,200	27,680	16,850	
Abruzzi-Marche*	5/4	8.626	17,000	15,980	8,020	4,870	
Toscana	31/3	54.701	109,000	102,480	51,410	31,280	
TOTAL AREA PRODUCING FOOD PLANS	-	405.312	859,100	807,710	404,990	246,590	
Sicilia	5/4	9.671	57,000	-	-	-	
Sardegna	31/3	15.634	35,000	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL		430.617	951,100	-	-	-	

*Not including Campobasso

♦ Due to a correction, the new figure is lower than that of last week.

In addition 124 qls in Forli province, making atotal of 430.741 qls in all Liberated Italy.

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	Estimated Quantities Amassable (Qls)	Quantities Needed for Fulfilment of			Percent of Amassable, Amassed According to		1942-43 Season, Percent of Total Amassing Completed	
		Food Plan A (Qls)	Food Plan B (Qls)	Food Plan C (Qls)	Present Report	Report Last Week	on 31 Dec. 42	on 28 Feb. 43
9	145,000	136,320	68,340	41,620	38	36	31	65
8	15,000	14,100	7,070	4,310	56	56	15	62
8	456,000	428,720	214,960	130,890	48	48	50	86
1	51,900	48,800	24,450	14,900	26	24	28	64
5	6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870	66	65	23	54
1	674,400	634,050	317,880	193,590	45	44	42	79
4	58,700	55,200	27,680	16,850	65	62	9	49
6	17,000	15,980	8,020	4,870	50	48	22	66
1	109,000	102,480	51,410	31,280	50	50	8	47
2	859,100	807,710	404,990	246,590	47	47	32	70
1	57,000	-	-	-	17	16	41	70
4	35,000	-	-	-	43	41	12	54
7	951,100	-	-	-	45	44	32	69

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Region	Average Dates of Reports	Amassed at Latest Report (Qls)	Estimated Quantities Amassable (Qls)	Quantities Needed for Fulfilment of			
				Food Plan A (Qls)	Food Plan B (Qls)	Food Plan C (Qls)	I-
Calabria	23/3	49,134	145,000	136,320	68,340	41,620	
Lucania	23/3	8,123	15,000	14,100	7,070	4,310	
Puglie	22/3	217,784	456,000	428,720	214,960	130,890	
Campania	23/3	11,868	51,900	48,800	24,450	14,900	
Campobasso	23/3	4,244	6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870	
SOUTHERN	-	291,153	674,400	634,050	317,880	193,590	
Lazio-Umbria	19/3	33,300	58,700	55,200	27,680	16,850	
Abruzzi-Marche*	22/3	7,912	17,000	15,980	8,020	4,870	
Toscana	16/3	46,276	109,000	102,480	51,410	31,280	
TOTAL AREA PRODUCING FOR FOOD PLANS	-	378,641	859,100	807,710	404,990	246,590	
Sicilia	22/3	9,219	57,000	-	-	-	
Sardegna	15/3	12,095	35,000	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL		399,955	951,100	-	-	-	

*Not including Campobasso

In addition 124 qls. Forli province

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		Food Plan A (Qls)	Food Plan B (Qls)	Food Plan C (Qls)	Present Report	Report Last Week	on 31 Dec. 42	on 28 Feb. 42
	145,000	136,320	68,340	41,620	34	28	31	65
	15,000	14,100	7,070	4,310	54	51	15	62
	456,000	428,720	214,960	130,890	48	46	50	86
	51,900	48,800	24,450	14,900	23	20	28	64
	6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870	65	53	23	54
	674,400	634,050	317,880	193,590	43	40	42	79
	58,700	55,200	27,680	16,850	66	49	9	49
	17,000	15,980	8,020	4,870	47	41	22	66
	109,000	102,480	51,410	31,280	42	40	8	47
	852,100	807,710	404,930	246,590	44	41	32	70
	57,000	-	-	-	16	15	41	70
	35,000	-	-	-	34	21	12	54
	951,100	-	-	-	42	39	32	69

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Region	Average Dates of Reports	Amassed at Latest Report (Qls)	Estimated Quantities Amassable (Qls)	Quantities Needed for Fulfilment of		
				Food Plan A (Qls)	Food Plan B (Qls)	Food Plan C (Qls)
Calabria	23/3	49,134	145,000	136,320	68,340	41,620
Lucania	23/3	8,123	15,000	14,100	7,070	4,310
Puglie	22/3	217,784	456,000	428,720	214,960	130,890
Campania	23/3	11,868	51,900	48,800	24,450	14,900
Campobasso	23/3	4,244	6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870
SOUTHERN	-	291,153	674,400	634,050	317,880	193,590
Lazio-Umbria	19/3	33,300	58,700	55,200	27,680	16,850
Abruzzi-Marche*	22/3	7,912	17,000	15,980	8,020	4,870
Toscana	16/3	46,276	109,000	102,480	51,410	31,280
TOTAL AREA PRODUCING FOR FOOD PLANS	-	378,641	859,100	807,710	404,990	246,590
Sicilia	22/3	9,219	57,000	-	-	-
Sardegna	15/3	12,095	35,000	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL		399,955	951,100	-	-	-

*Not including Campobasso

In addition 22% this is Friuli Venezia.

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784	456,000	428,720	214,960	130,890	48	46	50	86
868	51,900	48,800	24,450	14,900	23	20	28	64
244	6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870	65	53	23	54
153	674,400	634,050	317,880	193,590	43	40	42	79
300	58,700	55,200	27,680	16,850	66	49	9	49
512	17,000	15,980	8,020	4,870	47	41	22	66
276	109,000	102,480	51,410	31,280	42	40	8	47
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219	57,000	-	-	-	16	15	41	70
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SUBJECT: Weekly Amassing Report - Pressed Olive Oil

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Lucania	7/3	7,018	15,000	14,100	7,070	4,310
Puglie	6/3	204,358	456,000	428,720	214,960	130,890
Campania	6/3	9,023	51,900	48,800	24,450	14,900
Campobasso	7/3	3,429	6,500	6,110	3,060	1,870
SOUTHERN	-	263,739	674,400	634,050	317,880	193,590
Lazio-Umbria	7/3	25,562	58,700	55,200	27,680	16,850
Abruzzi-Marche*	5/3	6,066	17,000	15,980	8,020	4,870
Toscana	7/3	40,138	109,000	102,480	51,410	31,280
TOTAL AREA PRODUCING FOR FOOD PLANS	-	335,505	859,100	807,710	404,990	246,590
Sicilia	6/3	8,314	57,000	-	-	-
Sardegna	3/3	7,325	35,000	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL		351,144	951,100	-	-	-

*Not including Campobasso

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505	852,100	807,710	404,990	246,590	39	36	32	70
314	57,000	-	-	-	15	14	41	70
325	35,000	-	-	-	21	15	12	54
144	951,100	-	-	-	37	34	32	69

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Director

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LIST OF PAPERS

File under No. 4015 OLIVE OIL AMASSING 1945

SECRET

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
1	Ltr 4820/COS	19 Dec 44	Econ Section	Keep COS informed of all progress on plan for olive oil amassing
2	Ltr 4820/13/COS	3 Jan 45	Chief Comm	Discussing of factors involving decision as to whether 100 Allied officers with transport should be provided
3	4820/15/COS, Lush	4 Jan 45	DCOS,Econ, Est,CA Secs	CC decides provide officers,men,vehicles to help Govt;planning forthwith.
4	Ltr 4820/COS, Lush	8 Jan 45	Est Sec	Provision of officers to assist in amassing.
5	Ltr Stone 4820/18/COS	10 Jan 45	Bonomi	AC will loan officers to assist.
6	Ltr Stone 4820/19/COS	10 Jan 45	Gullo	AC will loan officers to assist.
7	Ltr Densmore AGR/379.21	14 Jan 45	RCs It Govt Territory	Olive Oil collection and Control Operations Plan for It Govt Territory.
8	4820/22/COS, Talbot	17 Jan 45	RCs It Govt Territory	Control Operations Plan for Olive Oil Collection - amendment.
9	10.02/ES, Stone	22 Jan 45	Dunlop	(Pep-Talk)
10	10.03/ES, Stone	22 Jan 45	Bowman,Ames, Kirkwood,French	(Pep-Talk)
11	Ltr, RC So. Region	26 Jan 45	Stone	(Tnx for pep-talk)
12	4820/74/COS,Rively	30 Jan 45	Econ Sec	Weekly reports required on Amassing
12a	Ltr Geo Edman	1 Feb 45	Stone	PWB offers to help in campaign.
13	Cbl AC Food 1001	2 Feb 45	Regions	Orders fr Food Hi Comm to Prefects & SEPRAL: Rationing procedures.
14	4820/76/COS, Stone	3 Feb 45	Edman	Thanks for report fr Bari Unit;hope you auth Ellisson prepare sp posters.
15	AGR/378.21, Stone	10 Feb 45	Edman	Thanks for aid and future help will be well invested.

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Ref: 4820/SC. 6 Sep 45.

SUBJECT: Greek Requirements for Olive Oil.

TO : A/VP, Econ Sec.

Forwarded below for your information is extract from the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (4th Meeting) Minutes dated 24 Aug 45:

"11. GREEK REQUIREMENTS FOR OLIVE OIL.

MR. BROAD said he was informed that the Greek Government, considering that they were about to have serious economic difficulties in regard to the supply of oil and fats, had requested assistance from the British and United States Ambassadors, who in turn had referred this request to their governments. The Deputy Resident Minister had further had a signal from the British Ambassador to GREECE enquiring whether, pending such assistance on governmental level, AFHQ could make a loan to GREECE of 2,000 tons of olive oil from ITALY.

BRIGADIER GENERAL HAMBLEN said that he had received a copy of some of the signals to which the Deputy Resident Minister had referred and a preliminary examination had been made. This indicated that any major assistance from ITALY was out of the question. It was believed that this year only some 52,000 tons of olive oil had been amassed in the whole of ITALY as against 42,000 tons last year in that part of the country which was then under Allied control. Furthermore, he had information which indicated that the Greeks had not amassed some of last year's crop of olive oil in the AEGEAN Islands and that vigorous measures in these areas would produce results. A similar request for loans had been received in respect of both the US and British zones in AUSTRIA. He felt that the Greek Government had not realised that there was a world-wide shortage of oils and fats. He had also noted the Supreme Allied Commander's signal sent from GREECE indicating that failing ITALY an attempt should be made to get supplies from NORTH AFRICA or MIDDLE EAST. He was not hopeful of this but he wished to explore certain aspects of the matter further.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Instructed the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, to investigate the matter further and, in due course, to submit appropriate recommendations in regard to the Greek government's request. "

Lt.Col.,
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 4820/106/006.

16 February 1945.

You will have received from the Economic Section their letter 10.05/22 of 15 February requesting that you should be sure that you have done and are doing all that you can to get in the olive oil. We keep records here of Regional targets and results. Your Region is bottom of the list on the mainland, though I must admit that it is better than Sicily and Sardinia, but I take it that you do not want to be compared with the Islands.

It is essential that we should get in this olive oil and I would ask you to impress on your Provincial Commissioners in the strongest possible terms that they must make an example of what can be done in Allied Military Government territory as compared with Italian Government territory. Please tell them to get on with it, and let us see the percentage increase.

M. S. [illegible]

Colonel R. G. Kirkwood,
Regional Commissioner,
Allied Military Government,
TUSCANY REGION.

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Copy to: DCOS, Economic Section.

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Ref: ACR/378.24

10 February 1945.

Dear Mr. Edman,

Your assistance in connection with the Olive Oil campaign has been most helpful and is appreciated. Any additional efforts you may devote to promote further the understanding of the Italian people regarding their full responsibility in this connection will be well invested.

It is hoped that the Olive Oil campaign of Italy will go forward with increasing vigour as a result of recent joint efforts of the Italian Government and the Allied Commission. As of the end of January 1945 approximately 20,000 tons of oil had been collected in the "Oleari del Popolo".

No olive oil collected in Italy last year was exported, but was used for the Italian military and civilian population. In these circumstances the olive oil producers, pressers and processors have a definite responsibility this year to their own population in consigning their production through legitimate channels.

It would be wrong for me to assure you that no olive oil will be exported in aid of the Allied war effort and that no olive oil will be consumed by Allied troops. I can state categorically that if olive oil is to be deflected from consumption by Italians in Italy it will only be because it is needed by Allied troops or the Allied war effort. Italians should be content with this and your propaganda can pursue that course.

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Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Mr. George W. Edman,
Head, PWB (Liberated Italy),
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Ref: 4820/76/003. 3 February 1945.

Subject: Olive Oil Campaign.

Dear Mr. Edman,

Thank you for your letter of 29th January enclosing a report from your Bari Unit.

The officers and transport that we are providing for the campaign have now arrived in the South, and I am hopeful that the collection will be accelerated. I hope that you have been able to give Mr. Ellison the required authorisation for the preparation of the special posters.

Thank you so much for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

George W. Edman, Esq.,
Head, PWB (Liberated Italy) HQ.,
PWB Unit No.12,
US APO 512.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR FOOD BELGIAN UNQUOTE

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HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR FOOD BERGAMI UNQUOTE

DISTRIBUTION (BY U.S):

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ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION FOR SUPPLY OFFICER
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AMG LOMBARDIA REGION FOR SUPPLY OFFICER
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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
PWB UNIT No.12 USAPO 512

1 February 1945

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, Chief Commissioner
Hq Allied Commission

Dear Ellery:

Some of our people are in the midst of discussing with some of your AC personnel how best we can help the Olive Oil campaign. Together, they have worked up some good poster material and we are also planning support of the campaign (outside of Rome) by press and radio. I gather that the help we are extending is appreciated.

There are two points, however, that are raised frequently. They are the alleged shipment of oil out of Italy, and the alleged use of oil by Allied troops. These are rumors and bear all the marks of enemy "black" propaganda.

I feel that they can be met by a forthright statement from some competent Allied authority, not as an answer to these reports, but a clear statement of fact of how the oil will be used and, incidentally, mentioning that the oil is not going out of Italy, nor will it be used by Allied troops.

If you would raise the question and obtain an answer from AFHQ, I am sure it would help no end. The question could come, logically, from you as Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission.

I assure you that from all I hear from Puglia and elsewhere, the campaign is not going well, and will need all the push we can give it.

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Sincerely yours,

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/s/ GEORGE W. EDMAN, JR
/t/ GEORGE W. EDMAN, HEAD
PWB (LIBERATED ITALY) HQ.

cc. Mr. Russell Barnes

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Tel. 451

Ref. 4820/74/CGS. 30 January 1943

SUBJECT: Olive Oil Amassing.

TO : Economic Section.

You are requested to furnish to this Office weekly figures on olive oil amassing similar to those being furnished on grain collection as the Chief Commissioner wishes to be kept informed on the progress of the olive oil campaign.

A Chief Staff Officer.
To the Chief of Staff.

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Chief Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER
APO 394

26 January 1945

Dear Chief Commissioner,

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Thank you very much indeed for your kind letter of the 22 January and for your good wishes for our share in the olive oil campaign.

I think the most valuable contribution that I have personally made was to rescue Lt. Col. Hershenson from the doctors and put him in general organizational charge of this work in Southern Region. He is showing great enthusiasm and organising ability.

Please do not set your expectations too high, we promise you we shall do our best, but it is desperately late in the season, and we are short of men and transport.

I propose to pay a personal visit to Taranto, Bari and Foggia early next week to see what progress is being made.

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ John K. Dunlop

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Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
United States Naval Reserve,
Chief Commissioner.

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LDD/es

10.03/ES 22 January 1945

Dear Colonel Kirkwood:

You have doubtless received a copy of the Economic Section's General letter AGR/379.21-2 of 20 January which sets forth the Italian Government Plan for intensive activity with respect to olive oil amassing in Italian Government territory. The vital importance of olive oil has prompted me to comply with the government's request for assistance with the amassing.

The Government is responsible for the amassing in Italian Government territory and our officers will act as advisors and assist with transport, petrol and by their presence indicate that the program has Allied backing. It is requested that you do whatever you can to assist the government in any portion of your Region that is under government control. Amassing in AMG territory is of course our responsibility. While the greater part of available oil will be found in territory which has been turned over to the Italian Government, yet there is a considerable quantity of amassable oil in AMG territory.

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It is realized that the task is a difficult one made more so by lack of adequate transport facilities and limited officer personnel. I shall watch with interest your progress and am confident that under your excellent guidance the amassing in your Region will produce the desired results.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Colonel Robert C. Kirkwood
Regional Commissioner
Toscana Region

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It is realized that the task is a difficult one made more so by lack of adequate transport facilities and limited officer personnel. I shall watch with interest your progress and am confident that under your excellent guidance the amassing in your Region will produce the desired results.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Lt. Colonel John D. Ames
Acting Regional Commissioner
Lazio-Umbria Region

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10.03/ES

22 January 1945

Dear Colonel Bowmen:

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Colonel A. C. Bowman
Regional Commissioner
Emilia Region

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22 January 1945

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Chief Commissioner

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Colonel C. H. French
Regional Commissioner
Marche-Abruzzi Region

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LDD/es

10.02/ES 22 January 1945

Dear Brigadier Dunlop: n/r

I have read with interest your R/1418 of 10 January 1945 relative to the program for olive oil collection. You are to be commended for the splendid way in which you are cooperating with the Agriculture Sub-Commission and perfecting plans for providing the assistence requested by the Italian Government in this matter which has such a vital bearing on the food situation.

It is realized that the task is a difficult one, made more so by lack of adequate transport facilities and limited officer personnel.

I shall watch with interest your progress and am confident that under your excellent guidance the amassing in your region will produce the desired results.

Sincerely yours,

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Brigadier J. K. Dunlop
Regional Commissioner
Southern Region

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: AB20/22/COS. 17 January 1945.

Subject: Olive Oil Collection and Control Operations Plan for Italian Government Territory.

To: Regional Commissioner - Southern Region
- Lazio Umbria Region
- Abruzzi Marche Region

1. I refer to AGR/379.21 of 14 January issued by DCOS, Economic Section.

2. The words "and Allied officers" will be deleted from the fourth line of para. 2(d)3.

3. The words "with Allied personnel, including the railway transportation officer" will be deleted from the third and fourth lines of para. 2(d)4.

4. The following paragraphs are supplementary, are of great importance and must be carefully observed:

A. The Italian Government and Italian Local Government officials have full responsibility for the olive oil crushing and all operations in connection therewith.

B. The duties of Allied personnel assigned to assist in the special Italian oil collection will be strictly confined to advisory, planning and organizational matters, and to giving impetus to the campaign.

C. They will not themselves perform or participate in the performance of executive or police acts, duties or functions, i.e. checks of oil presses on private properties; road block operation or other physical

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5. Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, will issue an amendment to para.11 of his R/1/18 of 10 January to conform with paras. 4.A, B and C above.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Distribution:

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R.C., Lazio-Umbria Region	(10)	
R.C., Abruzzi-Marche Region	(10)	
R.C., Tuscany Region	(3)	
R.C., Emilia Region	(2)	
Civil Affairs Section	(2)	
Economic Section	(2)	
Agriculture Sub Commission	(2)	for information.
Public Safety Sub Commission	(2)	
Food Sub Commission	(3)	
Each Allied Officer participating in Olive Oil Amassing Plan	(1 each)	

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

AGR/379.21

14 January 1945.

SUBJECT : Olive Oil Collection and Control Operations Plan for Italian Government Territory.

TO : ALL RCs in Italian Government Territory (excluding Sicily).

1. Introduction.

The Italian Government has requested the Allied Commission to furnish assistance in collecting the 1944-45 Olive Oil production. The Commission has agreed to assist and is making the service of 60 Allied Officers and a number of NCOs available to work with the Italian Officials based upon the consideration that:

a. Allied Military personnel can furnish valuable assistance to Italian Officials in planning, organizing and facilitating the Olive Oil Collection Program.

b. The presence of Allied Military personnel on such assignments in oil producing areas would have a good moral effect and tend to strengthen the legal collection program.

The minimum olive oil needs in Italy, as calculated under Plan A by the Food Sub-Commission A.C., are as follows:-

	Ration Card Holders (Thousands)	Monthly Ration (Grams)	Monthly Requirement (Tons)	Yearly Requirement (Tons)
PLAN A.				

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PLAN A.				
South and Central Italy				
a) General Issue	15,647	200	3,130	37,560
b) Special classes and Supplementaries	-	as issued	700	8,400
c) Italian Army	-	-	-	4,139
d) Devastated Areas	1,000	100	100	1,200
				51,299
North Italy				
e) General Issue	17,452	100	1,746	20,952
f) Special classes and Supplementaries	-	as issued	710	8,520
				29,472
TOTAL PLAN A	...	...	...	80,771

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As of January 1, 1945, approximately 10,000 tons of olive oil had been collected. The magnitude of the Oil Collection task remaining to be done is obvious.

2. Plans and Organization by the Italian Government.
(as worked out by the Government)

a. Declaration of Policy.

1. Announcement has been made of the 50% increase in permitted retentions.
2. The present legal price of oil will be maintained (no increase).
3. A statement will be issued indicating the Government's determination to enforce the Olive Oil Decree of 7 September, 1944.
4. A Meeting will be called of the heads of the 6 Political Parties and the desirability of publishing a combined statement supporting the Olive Oil Collection Program will be insisted upon.

b. Issuance of Instructions and designation of responsibility.

1. A strongly worded circular relating to Olive Oil Collection responsibilities has been sent to all Prefects over the signature of the Prime Minister. This circular requires the complete and efficient discharge of all olive oil collection responsibilities by the Prefect
2. A circular has been sent out to all Provincial Judicial Authorities by the Ministry of Justice. This circular orders that all cases of violation of the Olive Oil Decree be handled promptly and severely and in strict accordance with provisions of the penalty decree.
3. Orders have been sent from the respective Ministries to local heads of the three Police Bodies instructing them to designate specified numbers of their forces for enforcement of the Oil

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4. Prefects have been ordered to requisition the required transportation and furnish adequate transportation to all personnel detailed to the Olive Oil Collection Program.

c. Organization of Special Italian Personnel for Overall Direction of the Olive Oil Collection Program.

1. Dr. Segni, Under-Secretary of Agriculture has been placed in charge of the Olive Oil Collection Program at the Ministry of Agriculture.

2. Prof. Patrissi, present Vice-Commissioner of UNSEA, has been placed in charge of the special Italian Olive Oil Collection Officials in Southern Region.

3. Twelve special Italian Olive Oil Collection Officials carrying accredited letters have been nominated to the provinces of Southern Region.

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4. The Ministry of Agriculture & Forests will add additional Officials for Italian Government territory in Regions of Tuscany, Lazio-Umbria and Marche-Abruzzi.

d. Responsibilities of Special Italian Olive Oil Collection Personnel.

1. Review and improvement of Provincial and Communal Olive Oil Collection plans, organization, and operating procedures will be instituted by special personnel in all areas. Where a survey reveals that the Collection Program is not successful changes will be made in both provincial and communal operation to assure effective Oil Collection methods.

2. Oil Press checks. Spot checks of oil presses will be carried out both by day and by night to ascertain if presses are being properly controlled by local officials. Special attention will be given to large capacity presses. Officials will be accompanied by Italian Police Officers qualified to make the necessary arrests where violations are discovered. Where irregularities or violations are found, the efficiency and honesty of the local olive oil controller will be ascertained at once. Dishonest controllers will be dealt with promptly.

3. Road block operation and checking. Where road blocks are necessary to control illegal movement of olive oil they will be established on a 24 hour basis. Special Italian Officials ~~and Allied Officers~~ will check the operation of road blocks periodically both during daylight and night time hours.

See amendment

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4. Stopping and Searching Civilian Trains. The special olive oil collection personnel will develop plans for stopping and searching civilian trains ~~with Allied personnel, including the railway transportation officer~~. This operation can be carried out at strategic points and should be under the command of the Questura assisted by Carabinieri and Finance Guards.

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a. Designation of Responsibility.

The Allied Commission has delegated the technical direction of the Program of the Allied side to the Agriculture Sub-Commission. Major J.R.T. Crawford of the Agriculture Sub-Commission has been placed in technical charge of the Program together with Major G.M. Duncan who will spend full time in the field.
The Regional Commissioners are responsible for the operation within their Regions.

b. Provision of Military Personnel and Transportation.

Sixty Allied Officers and a number of NCOs together with transportation are being supplied to assist special Italian Olive Oil collection personnel.

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c. Duties of Allied Military Personnel designated to Assist special Italian Olive Oil Collection Personnel.

1. Allied Military Personnel will be responsible for furnishing practical assistance to Italian Officials in planning and organizing the Olive Oil Collection Program where it is not now functioning properly.

2. Allied Military Personnel will accompany the special Italian Olive Oil Collection personnel to the extent possible and furnish them advice, and assistance in connection with the responsibilities outlined above under 2, d, 1, 2, 3, 4, it being distinctly understood that the full responsibility of the Olive Oil Amassing and all action in connection therewith is that of the Italian Government and the Italian Officials.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

L.D. DENSMORE
Colonel, F.A.,
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section.

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3. R.C., Abruzzi-Marche Region (10)
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5. R.C., Emilia Region (for information) (2)
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6. Agriculture Sub-Commission (for information) (1)
7. Food Sub-Commission (for information) (3)
8. Public Safety Sub-Commission (for information) (2)
9. Each Allied Officer participating in the Olive Oil Amassing Plan (for information) (1 each)

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Ref: 4820/15/ORS

10 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Olive Oil.

To : H.E. Avv. Fausto Gullo,
Minister of Agriculture,
Italian Government.

1. I have to acknowledge your letter of 31 December 1944 in which I regret to note that the present arrangements for the pressing of olive oil are proceeding in such an unsatisfactory manner that you predict a complete failure. The Italian Government is responsible for the pressing of the oil which is needed for the elementary needs of the population. Failure of this operation, therefore, because the prevention of disease and unrest is an Allied military concern, affects the Allied war effort and increases the obligation of the Italian Government to achieve success. I note that in your opinion the drastic measures which you intend to take in order to secure the necessary amount of oil cannot be successfully carried out without the assistance of Allied Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and vehicles and that you have made formal application for the provision of such assistance by the Allied Commission.

2. I am prepared to provide assistance in the form of 60 Allied Officers, 60 Non-Commissioned Officers and the necessary vehicles. My Economic Section advise that this should be adequate provision. But I must make it perfectly plain that the provision of this assistance does not relieve the Italian Government of its full obligation to execute its own laws and to provide from the resources of the country sufficient oil for the needs of the population. I must also warn you that military operations may necessitate the removal of these officers at short notice.

3. 12 Officers with necessary transport will be made available at once and I suggest that you should organise 12 teams to set to work within the next week, not later than 9 January. Instructions have been given for the provision of the additional 48 officers and I trust that you will make immediate and definite plans for making available sufficient Italian personnel to work in conjunction with them.

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4. The six points mentioned in paragraph 7 of your letter are all extremely important steps in preparation for your active programme and I trust that you will confer with the Agriculture Sub-Commission in order to work out an agreed and concrete plan of action. I also hope that you will impress upon the officials concerned with this extremely important matter that in order to make the best use of the help given by the Allied Commission it is essential that every one of them should exert himself to the utmost in co-operation with this Commission and the officers provided by it.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Ref: 4820/19/COS. 10 January 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I spoke to you the other day on the question of the collection of olive oil and of my willingness to provide the assistance asked for by your Minister of Agriculture. I enclose a letter which I have addressed to H.E. Avocato Fausto Gullo in reply to his formal request.

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Yours very truly,

EMILERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
ROME.

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Inter Office Memo.

Ref: A&P/Civil. 8 January 1945.

Subject: Civil Affairs Training.

To: Establishment Section.

Copy to: Economic Section
Agriculture Sub Commission
Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.

In confirmation of yesterday's meeting and the instructions which I gave verbally to Lt. [redacted], will you please arrange to have the following officers available on temporary duty in connection with Civil Affairs training as soon as possible, not later than 13 January.

(a) For the Southern Region 25 officers of the Venezia Giulia. If Venezia Region officers are not available other officers may be taken, but every effort should be made to produce Venezia Region personnel.

(b) 25 officers for Lazio-Abruzzi, Abruzzi-Marche and Campania Regions.

Detailed instructions as to where these officers should report will follow.

Transport is required with each officer.

Length of temporary duty is provisionally till 30 April 45.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Ref: 4820/15/COS.

4th January 1945.

SUBJECT: Amassing of Olive Oil.

TO : DCOS, Mcon Sec
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1. At the Vice Presidents' meeting this morning the Chief Commissioner decided that the Allied Commission should grant the request of the Italian Government, in part, to provide officers, NCO's and vehicles for the collection of olive oil.

2. Will you please take action forthwith to implement this decision. As the greater part of the oil is amassed in Southern Region I suggest that the Allied teams should be found from Peninsula Region and that Brigadier Purdon should be called here immediately to discuss plans with yourselves and the Italian Government.

3. The Chief Commissioner has also directed that the greatest pressure should be brought upon the Italian Government and specially the Minister of Agriculture, to ensure that the Italian Government play their part to the full in implementing the plans.

4. Public Safety Sub-Commission should, of course, be brought into the consultations.

5. At the same time definite instructions should be sent to Regional Commissioners in AMG territory to take intensive measures for the collection of oil, particularly in Tuscany, where presumably the same organisation is being used as that for the south.

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M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Copy to: DCOS, CA Sec, 15 Army Group (with copy of memorandum discussed at Vice Presidents' Meeting).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref: 4820/13/COS.

3rd January 1944.

SUBJECT: Olive Oil Amassing.

TO : Chief Commissioner.

1. The Italian Government, in the person of the Minister of Agriculture and Forests, has addressed a letter to you stating that it is feared that the amassing of olive oil will be a complete failure unless further action is taken by the Italian Government with the help of the Allied authorities, which is considered indispensable, to arrange for more vigorous police control.

2. The Italian Government propose to form a group of inspectors to exercise a stimulant on the provincial authorities and they have asked that the Commission should put at the disposal of the Italian Government 100 Allied officers, 100 N.C.O's, 40 cars and 40 lorries, with the necessary fuel and oil, for a period of 4 months ending 30th April.

3. The Italian Government conclude their letter by describing further measures which they intend to take such as propoganda, appeals to the political parties, direction to the Prefects, speeding up of a judicial procedure, financial measures and extra police.

4. This letter was discussed at your Chief of Staff's meeting this morning. The Economic Section are naturally most anxious that we should give every assistance possible and made a very good case for overcoming political, administrative and establishment objections in order to save shipping. The amount required in order to provide an adequate olive oil ration for the whole of Italy is 69,000 tons, which is divided into 18,000 tons for Italian Government territory, 27,000 tons for presently occupied territory, and 24,000 tons for Kesselring's Italy. Unless this can be provided, either the population will go without oil, producing a disease and unrest problem, or extra shipping will have to be provided to bring fats and oils in substitution. Colonel Densmore would not commit himself to say that the provision of these officers would effect 100 per cent success but he thought that it would go far to prevent a complete failure which the Italian Government predict.

5. The consensus of the rest of your Vice Presidents was against such assistance being provided. It was pointed out that it would be contrary to the policy of the Allied Nations which is to remove Allied officers from Italian Government territory and place full responsibility on the Italian Government, and that it would be ridiculous to remove 100 officers with one hand and implant 100 officers with the other. It was argued that unless

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Allied officers could employ force the value of their presence would be much discounted and in fact their bluff would be called. Officers also felt that unless a very large measure of success was absolutely ensured it would be unwise for the Allied Commission to be involved. For the odium of failure would then undoubtedly rest upon the Commission. It was pointed out that the presence of special Allied amassing officers in Sicily, which is also involved in the olive oil amassing, has not achieved full success.

6. This is a very difficult problem. On the one hand we have the absolute necessity of producing the oil if it is humanly possible to do so. Not merely for the Italian Government but in order to feed the Italians who will be under our administrative control for many months. The Italian Government has asked for help. We want the oil. Your economic advisers think that this proposal will produce at any rate a part of the amount required. There are precedents, as Mr. Hopkinson pointed out, for Allied help in this matter, not only in this country but in Persia, an independent state, and Syria. We have an example of the efficacy of organised Allied control in Foggia and Matera where the wheat amassing has been surprisingly good.

7. Are we to place th economic necessity of getting every litre of oil into our hands against the very grave difficulty of violating the accepted policy of the Allied Nations?

8. If the Economic Section and the Italian Government can convince you that the provision of a number of Allied officers, with vehicles (I will put the figure at near 50 than 100), will materially increase the olive oil to be amassed, and if they can submit a reasonable proposal for the organisation of this amassing assistance, then I think we should be wise to give favourable consideration to the proposal.

9. You may wish to discuss this matter with the Acting President and at your Vice Presidents' meeting tomorrow and if you agree I will circulate copies of this memorandum to Vice Presidents.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 451

Ref. 4320/4/000 19 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Olive Oil Amassing.

TO : Economic Section.

1. This office has just received a letter from the Regional Commissioner, Southern Region discussing the prospects and problems involved in amassing this season's crop of olive oil. Copy of letter attached.

2. Your letter to the Food and Agricultural Sub Commission, file 10.03/[illegible] of 17 Dec sets out the agreement reached with the Italian ministers at a meeting on 16 Dec. It is noted that you anticipate the Italian Government to present a consolidated plan on olive oil amassing in the very near future.

3. Since the olive oil production season is now well under way, your serious attention is directed to the realistic problems set forth in the Southern Regional Commissioner's letter. It would seem that additional officers with specialist qualifications are necessary to amass the maximum possible quantity of olive oil.

4. You are directed to keep the Chief of Staff informed of the progress of the consolidated amassing plan and in the meantime to prepare a reply for the Chief of Staff's signature to the various problems presented in the Regional Commissioner's attached letter.

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A Chief Staff Officer,
To/ the Chief of Staff.

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40	CG AFHQ F49754	8 Nov 44	AC	Resumption civil external telegraph to begin 19 Nov.
41	Ltr, Henderson 6/17/26/CS	16 Nov 44	Secy for PP.TT.	Resumption of civil external telegraph services. INCLS: Ltr 4/21/96/CS, 15 Nov 44; Ltr 14 Nov 44 C & W Ltd; Telegram RCA 15 Nov 44.
42	Ltr 6/17/42/CS	20 Nov 44	AFHQ	Resumption Ital civil radio and cablegram traffic with US and UK.
43	Ltr 6/17/50/CS	22 Nov 44	C&W,RCA,PP.TT,Ital cables	Minutesof 4th Mtg (19 Nov) re resumption of civil external telegrph

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