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FOOD PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY IN LIBERATED ITALY

PART III

1. The Status of Supply in liberated Italy and the Islands depends on the following factors:
 - a. The quantity of imported supplies shipped into the Country.
 - b. Domestic and Local Resources.
 - c. The demands of the Armed Forces including the Italian Army, Navy and Air Force.
 - d. Ability to move local resources from surplus to deficit areas.
2. In regard to (a) above, the original intention of the planning staff prior to invasion was to import supplies of essential basic commodities to furnish a minimum daily diet of 1000 calories for normal consumers plus an additional 200 gr. of flour for heavy workers. No allowance was made for hospitals, institutions, Prisons, refugees, etc. The balance required to raise the level to 1500 calories was to be made up from local resources.
3. The standard of imported supplies has not, at any time permitted the attainment of the planned figure. Similarly the availability of local resources, except in the producing and rural areas has not permitted the attainment of 500 calories.
4. The authorized and still more important, the unauthorized purchases by the Services has an important bearing on the status of supply.
5. As regards the inability to distribute local resources from surplus to deficit areas, two outstanding examples are, the lack of means of transportation to move the large 1943 surplus of citrus fruits, almonds, other nuts and carob beans from Sicily and 300,000 tons of wine from Apulia.
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With regard to future status of Supply:

Imports.

7. On the 18th of July, the Food Sub-Commission prepared and submitted to AFHQ a forecast of the estimated requirements for the period Oct. through Dec. 1944 based on the present ration scale.

8. Information was now being received of the tonnages it is proposed to import against these requirements which represents a substantial reduction as indicated by the following.

	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Wheat	136,000	130,000	130,000
Sugar	5,260	30,000	30,000
Milk	90	2,560	5,260
		90	90

No explanation for the reduction has been given. The foregoing represents a statement of factual data.

9. The time has now arrived when consideration in ~~retrospect~~ of policy must be taken into account.
10. Since January of this year, occupied Italy has been restored from a state of chaos and uncertainty to that of normal expectation in the matter of food in accordance with Allied undertaking.
11. Conditions have changed and Central and Southern Italy is slowly returning to more normal conditions. The war is moving away.
12. The present situation is reflected in the almost complete absence of labour unrest, food demonstrations. A restoration of confidence in ACC Administration is apparent.
13. As indicated in para 7, there is a tendency to prune minimum requirements without regard to psychological and practical considerations. Sufficient experience has been gained by the present Administration to warrant an expression of opinion in policy matters.
14. No provision has been made for wastage hospitals and institutional requirements or the political importance of Rome and a clear statement of policy would materially assist the Food Administration in framing future plans.

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Originally requested July 18th
for ~~all~~ of Italy.
October November December
130,000 130,000 130,000

Planned 43,500 109,000 100,000

Latest Advice 36,000 40,000 No data
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V.R.A. Cowper.

V.R.A. COWPER, Lt. Colonel
Director

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FOOD & AGRICULTURE BRANCH

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

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CC 4019

26 February 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your courtesy in permitting me to read the letter to you from the High Commissioner for Food, Signor Mentasti, dated 23 February, together with the proposed message to President Truman.

It is clear from both communications that a grave, but perhaps natural, misapprehension exists to the effect that the Allied Commission has requested a reduction in the bread ration starting from March 1st. No such request has been made by the Allied Commission.

The misunderstanding no doubt arises from the fact that certain officials of the Economic Section of the Allied Commission are shortly to be transferred to UNRRA and at the moment are actually serving both in the Allied Commission and in UNRRA. But all responsibility for supplying food to areas under Italian administration passed from the Allied Commission to UNRRA on the first of this year.

While I intend to continue rendering every possible assistance to the UNRRA organization in Italy so long as the Allied Commission is here, the incident in question emphasizes the need for drawing as clear a demarcation as possible between the work and responsibilities of UNRRA and those of the Allied Commission. With this in mind, I plan to have all officials and employees on the payroll of UNRRA sever their connections with the Allied Commission on March 1, 1946.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Signor Mentasti and should be grateful if the third paragraph of the proposed telegram to President Truman omits any reference to the Allied Commission as requesting a reduction in the bread and pasta ration since, if such a request were made, it could only have been made by an official of UNRRA.

Very truly yours,
/s/ Ellery W. Stone
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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government, Rome.

Copy to: Signor Mentasti, High Commissioner for Food.

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TO: Chief Commissioner (Through: Executive Commissioner).

1. Thank you.

2. We shall remember this when we get signals from lower levels of AFHQ about food riots with military implications.

3. As a minor example, I invite your attention to AFHQ's FX 58668 of 15 January, opposite. The reason for the wheat shortage is indicated by the Bari AC Liaison Officer's S 6 of 15 January, also opposite.

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HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice-President

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HQ AC TRANSPORTATION DIVISION SUB COMMISSION HQ AC FOOD SUB COMMISSION ART MAJ
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RESTRICTED:

Subject wheat traffic. Reference to wheat situation in this Area and to delayed arrivals of vessels SS Woodbury due to day at Bari not arrived and SS Grey is due to Bari on 20 January. Any action taken by HQ AC may help to prevent harder situation in Apulia and Lucania. Warehouses will have no remaining wheat after 20 January if vessels fail to arrive.

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Following report has been received from A Unit in the Foggia Area: "Civilian food situation in this area is becoming critical. Pasta, base for civilian diet, is not now available on the market. Bread is insufficient and of poor quality.

Belief is prevalent among civilians that this situation will continue and grow worse for at least 3 months if some action is not taken toward reallocation of available supply of grain in the theater.

3614 The situation seems to be of local nature and could result in activities endangering military security.

Recommend action be initiated to relieve the situation before any incidents caused by hunger occur".

Para 2. In view of fact that Foggia is a major wheat producing area request investigation by your Liaison Officer Bari and your comments as soon as possible together with details of any action which you propose to recommend to Italian Government.

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From: Lieutenant General Sir William Morgan, KCB, DSO, MC

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Supreme Allied Commander

14 January 1946

My dear Admiral

Since the receipt of your letter of 8 January 1945 (ref. F & A 21-2) in which you express the wish that I report the food situation to Washington, I have reviewed the actions already taken here and by you in Rome. I am convinced not only that the facts concerning the Italian situation are fully known by those in authority, but that the Combined Chiefs of Staff are most sympathetic to our needs. Therefore I feel that any additional messages I might send as a military commander would serve no useful purpose. There comes a time when continued persistence becomes impertinence.

My information is that the overall food situation in liberated and occupied countries is unfavorable but that the Italian needs are being given full consideration. I fully appreciate the political and economic effects of food shortage in Italy and am most anxious to take any useful action which may properly be taken. I feel, however, that further action on my part at present would be construed as questioning the integrity and judgment of the officials who are presently actively working on the problem. Further, I am informed that there is a definite possibility that Ambassador Kirk will report the situation to his government. I consider this a much more effective means of securing the results we all desire, as the provision of food is a civil and not a military responsibility.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ S.W.D. Morgan

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

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Yours, Sincerely

W. H. Morgan

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

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Ref: F&A 21-2

January 1946

My dear General:

The situation with regard to supply of wheat to the civilian population of Italy is giving rise to very considerable anxiety at the moment.

The recent months have seen constant and increasing shortfalls in the scheduled arrivals of imported wheat and indigenous stocks are nearing exhaustion. The result is that the level of stocks required to maintain the existing bread/pasta ration is rapidly reaching a point where a sufficient working margin will not exist.

In fact, the issue of the pasta ration is now in arrears in certain parts of the country which depend entirely upon imported supplies, and recently recommendations have had to be made to the Italian Government for the temporary suspension of the manufacture of pasta in many regions in order to insure that, until the supply situation improves, there will be at least no breakdown in the bread supply.

I have represented the situation to CSCS Washington in SAC Series No. 432 of 23 December and SAC 390 of 30 November, which have no doubt already been brought to your notice.

The Italian Government is extremely preoccupied with the whole matter and is naturally fearful of the political and economic effects that might arise if any permanent reduction of the ration had to be made, or if the supply of bread and pasta to the civilian population should break down, even temporarily, and even in limited areas.

I should be most grateful if you would take a personal interest in reporting to Washington the necessity of insuring the maintenance of regular loadings of wheat to Italy up to scheduled program, and of making up the present backlog at the earliest possible moment.

Yours sincerely,

W. J. LEGG
Rear Admiral, USNH
Chief Commissioner

Lt. Gen. Sir William D. Morgan, K.C.B. D.S.O. M.C.
Supreme Allied Commander
Mediterranean Forces

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3 January 1945

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22 December 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Reference is made to your letter of 14 December 1945, in which you requested a copy of any reply the Allied Commission may have made to the request of the Coordinating Committee of the Allied Control Authority for Germany.

A complete report, subject, Weekly Rations in Italy, in effect on 25 November 1945 was prepared by the Food and Agriculture Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, and was forwarded to AFHQ by Economic Section letter dated 10 December 1945. A reply was made to this letter by AFHQ to this Headquarters acknowledging receipt and advising that they were dispatching the report to the Allied Control Authority in Berlin and a copy was being sent to the War Office, London, for CCLB, for their information.

Another copy of this report was passed by hand to Mr. Charles W. Smith of the American Embassy.

Additional copies of this report are being forwarded to both Washington and London, for information, via a MCC Airgram, with full explanation as to why the report was prepared.

Very sincerely yours,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Honorable Alexander Kirk
Ambassador
American Embassy
Rome, Italy

Incl: Report, Weekly Rations in Italy.
Copy ltr. subj. Feeding in Italy,
dated 10 December 1945.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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AMERICAN EMBASSY
Rome, Italy,
December 14, 1945.

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

My dear Admiral:

With reference to the Embassy's letter of October 15, 1945, transmitting a message requesting information on food consumption standards in Italy, there is transmitted herewith a copy of another message received, as telegram No. 658, December 12, 1945, from the Department of State. Presumably the reference to the "Italian Government" made in this telegram was intended to mean the "Allied Commission", inasmuch as telegram 893, October 12, 1945 referred to in the message was for the attention of the Allied Commission and not the Italian Government.

The Embassy would appreciate receiving a copy of any reply the Allied Commission may have made to the request of the Coordinating Committee of the Allied Control Authority for Germany.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. H.

Enclosure:

Copy of telegram
no. 658.

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The President of the Council of Ministers

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Rome, 30 November 1945

My dear Admiral,

In relation with your proposal of October 9th AGR 331 to have the regulation prohibiting the publication of agricultural statistics revoked, I want you to know that, from a more general point of view, I realized the advisability of revoking such regulations as concern the suspension of the publication and spreading of all statistical data with an economic or financial character. A regulation will therefore shortly be drafted on such a matter.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Ferruccio Parri

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Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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NOC AIRGRAM 121: 17 November 1945

TO : Combined Civil Affairs Committee
 (for Combined Liberated Areas Committee)
 30-866 Pentagon Building
 WASHINGTON, D.C. (15 cys)

SUBJECT : Food Stock Report

REFERENCE : CAL 1436 and LAC 1289

1. Attached are Appendix "A" and "B". Appendix "A" represents cereals received, issued, and on hand in October 1945. Appendix "B" represents imported miscellaneous commodities received.

Enclosures:
 App. "A" & "B"

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 HARLAN CLEVELAND
 Acting Vice-President
 Economic Section

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October 1945. Appendix "B" represents imported miscellaneous commodities received.

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APPENDIX "A"

CEREAL STOCK POSITION OCTOBER 1945
(all in metric tons)

	Stock as per estimate as at 1 Oct. 45	Actual stock as at 1 Oct. 1945	Estimated arrivals in Oct.	Amassing in Oct.	Total
North Italy	238,504	302,749	8,899 (2)	43,374	355,022
South Italy	354,213	311,579	89,602	23,493	424,674
All Italy	592,717	614,328	98,501	66,867	779,696

Notes (1) Actual stock differs from estimated stock owing to (a) quantity of return, (b) return from all provinces still not to hand in respect of (c) incomplete information at date of estimate of total arrivals for month.

(2) These figures include scheduled transfers by rail and sea from the South of Italy, but to date full information is not available as to actual transfers.

(3) This figure is merely of what should, on the average, be issued from house to mills, etc, for the current month's consumption. Owing to local unavailability of transport, necessity of stockpiling, issues in preceding months bear no necessary relation ship to actual consumption of population in the month.

(4) The figures include transfers out of stock to the North of Italy.

(5) Excluding quantity of rice which should be amassed by 1 Nov.

POCK POSITION OCTOBER 1945
(all in metric tons)

Estimated arrivals in Oct.	Amassing in Oct.	Total	Estimated issues to mills and lesalers etc. in Oct.	Estimated stock on hand at 31 Oct. 1945
6,899 (2)	43,374	355,022	146,297 (2)	208,725
89,602	23,493	424,674	163,366 (384)	261,308
98,501	66,807	779,636	309,663 (384)	470,033 (5)

from estimated stock owing to (a) quantities in transit at date provinces still not to hand in respect of barley as well as wheat, (b) estimate of total arrivals for month of September.

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APPENDIX "B"

MISCELLANEOUS IMPORTED COMMODITIES STOCK POSITIONS

OCTOBER 1945
(All in Metric Tons)

COMMODITY	Estimated stock at 1 Oct. 45	Actual stock at 1 Oct. 45 (1)	Estimated Extra Medit. arrivals in October	TOTAL	Estimated issued ex C. W/house to wholesalers during Oct. (2)
Soup	18,724	19,142	2,459	21,601	2,067
Milk Powd.	13,049	11,631	767	12,398	752
" Evap.	24,396	22,454	-	22,454	1,717
Meat	10,116	8,993	820	9,813	1,233
Dried Veg.	13,198	21,594	2,310	24,904	3,208
Sugar	16,453	18,070	16,603	34,673	4,262
Soap	1,874	3,553	-	3,553	783
Fats	2,169	2,058	1,281	3,339	2,314
Eggs dried	3,859	2,518	82	2,600	71

NOTES : (1) Actual Stock differs slightly from estimated stock owing to the of last report (a) there were quantities in transit, (b) returns were not to hand, and (c) incomplete information had been received for Sept.

(2) These figures have no necessary relationship to the actual sales to consumers (i.e. consumption) in Oct., owing to deliveries to wholesalers being sometimes for one month sometimes for two months, at beginning of the month, and variable transport availabilities.

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NECCS IMPORTED COMMODITIES STOCK POSITION

OCTOBER 1945
(All in Metric Tons)

Estimated Extra Medit. Arrivals in October	TOTAL	Estimated issued ex CAP w/house to wholesalers during Oct. (2)	Estimated stock on hand as at 31 Oct. 1945
2,459	21,601	2,067	19,534
767	12,398	752	11,646
-	22,454	1,717	20,737
820	9,813	1,233	8,580
2,310	24,904	3,208	21,696
6,603	34,673	4,262	30,411
-	3,553	783	2,770
1,281	3,339	2,314	1,025
82	2,600	71	2,529

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d variable transport availabilities.

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16 October 1945

Dear Mr. Livengood:

With reference to the request for certain information regarding food consumption in Italy as desired by the Coordinating Committee of the Allied Control Authority for Germany, I am passing the message which you inclosed in your letter of 15 October to our Economic Section, who will supply the necessary information as soon as possible.

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Yours very truly,

L. W. Stearns

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
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See also (A)

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AMERICAN EMBASSY
Rome, Italy,
October 15, 1945.

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

Dear Admiral Stone:

I enclose copies of a message the Embassy has just received from the American Political Adviser, Caserta requesting that certain information regarding food consumption in Italy be reported by the Allied Commission to the Coordinating Committee of the Allied Control Authority for Germany.

Sincerely yours,

For the Ambassador:

Charles A. Livenood
Charles A. Livenood,
Counselor for Economic Affairs.

Enclosure:

3 copies of telegram No. 409.

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See also (D)

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Caserta

Date: October 14, 1945

Code: Clear

No : 409

Received: October 14, 1945,
11:00 a.m.

The following was received from Department:

893, 12th. For Kirk.

Please communicate the following request on behalf of USGCC to Admiral Stone.

"1. The Coordinating Committee of the Allied Control Authority for Germany has had under consideration a report on the standard of food rationing to be adopted for the German population and in this connection has requested information as to the present food supplies and food consumption in certain European countries, namely Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Yugoslavia, Norway and Poland. The information desired is as follows and is requested in order that the food consumption in Germany will not exceed the average pertaining in European countries.

2, a, The present amount of the weekly ration (by weight) for each rationed foodstuff (according to the scales now in operation in your country) showing separately the rations available for each category of consumer according to age, sex and type of work.

b, The estimated weekly weight per person of food which can be obtained in urban areas in addition to the rationed quantities mentioned in (a) above.

c, The present average total weight of food consumed, rationed and unrationed, per person per week in urban areas.

d, And other readily available information bearing on the state of nutrition of the population.

3. In addition information is requested as to the possible changes in the existing weekly rations (food consumption) during the 12 months commencing 1 October 1945, taking into account the changes of food resources which may occur during that period.

4. The Coordinating Committee desires this information as a matter of urgency and will therefore be grateful if you would be good enough to supply the particulars in respect of Denmark as early as possible and in any case not later than two months from the date of this telegram."

Reply direct to USGCC, Germany, information copy to War Department. BYRNES

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From: Caserta

Date: Dec. 12, 1945.

No.: 658

Code: Clear

Received: Dec. 12, 1 pm

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Re Caserta teletype 409 Oct. 14. Following received from Department:

"1015. Please communicate to the Italian Govt. these following: The information requested in our 893 of Oct. 12 has not yet been forwarded to the Control Council Germany. If that information is not made available by December 13, the Coordinating Committee may have to use other sources in their estimate."

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7 October 1945

My dear Mister Prime Minister:

In certain of the areas of Northern Italy it has been proposed that a fuller presentation of agricultural statistics should be made, especially to acquaint the public with the progress of the grain collection campaign, and problems incidental thereto.

It appears that publication of basic statistics was temporarily suspended by the Fascist Government by their Confidential Circular No. 106 dated 4 September 1939, which has never been repealed or annulled. It seems appropriate to recommend action at this time to reinstate statistical information in its normal status of public property.

Possibly the matter is already receiving your consideration, but in any event I should like to point out that the repeal of Circular No. 106 would have an extremely beneficial effect in permitting a more accurate presentation of the situation to the people of Italy, and to other nations.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Professor Ferruccio Parri
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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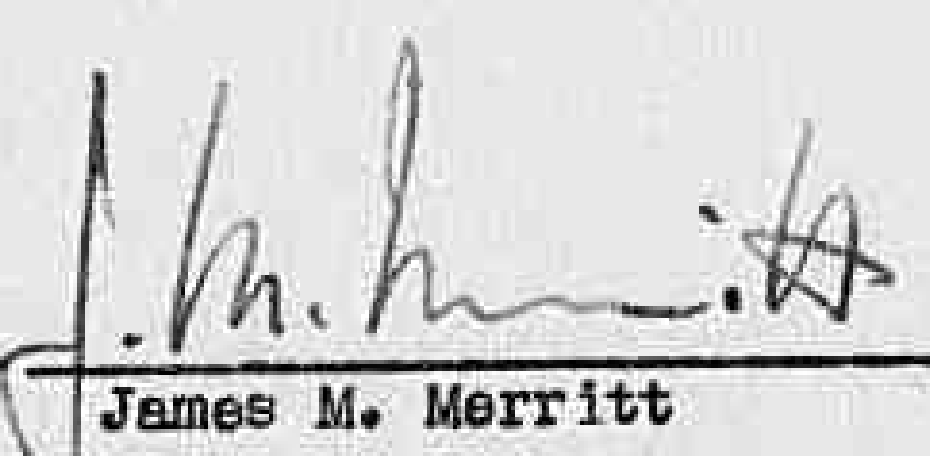
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James M. Merritt
Director
Agriculture S/C

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HQ ALCOM CITE ACFOD

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Subject feeding northern ITALY. While agreeing principle your
8515 ACFOD disagree for political and administrative reasons your last
sentence. Most unwise reduce in fact ration.

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Office of the Executive Commissioner

SUBJECT: Outgoing cable No. 8393, to 15th Army FILE No. 4815/20
Group, from A.C. Transportation, con-
cerning shortage of food stuffs in Ro-
logna

31 May 1945

Office of the Chief Commissioner
Attn: Maj L.W. Stearns

1. Reference your memo of 26 May 1945 regarding the above subject.
2. Economic Section informs me that 24,000 gallons of gasoline have been allocated and that 240 trucks are now rolling.
3. This I believe answers cable 8393 ~~Adm-42~~.

[Signature]
for Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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For follow-up

15 ARMY GROUP FIVE ARMY (ACTION) AND EMILIA REGION AFHQ
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24 MAY 45

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

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PARA ONE PD IT IS REPORTED THAT THERE IS SHORTAGE OF CERTAIN IMPORTANT
FOODSTUFFS IN BOLOGNA WHICH IS CAUSING SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND
LIKELY TO LEAD TO LABOUR TROUBLES PD LABOUR DEMANDING HIGHER WAGES
BECAUSE FOODSTUFFS ONLY AVAILABLE BLACK MARKET PD

PASSED TO ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP TO FIVE ARMY FOR ACTION TO AND EMILIA
REGION TO AFHQ FOR INFO FROM HQ BLOOM CITY ACCT PASSE

PARA TWO PD AMPLE STOCKS OF THESE FOODSTUFFS ARE AVAILABLE IN EMILIA
REGION OUTSIDE BOLOGNA AND THERE IS SUFFICIENT CIVIL TRANSPORT TO
HAUL THESE FOODSTUFFS TO BOLOGNA PD

PARA THREE PD FOODSTUFFS NOT MOVING BECAUSE ARMY POL ALLOCATION FOR
EMILIAN USE IS INADEQUATE AND CIVIL TRUCKS ARE STANDING IDLE PD
REQUEST ALLOCATION BE REVISED IMMEDIATELY PD

COPY TO ECONOMIC SECTION (FOR MR. ANCOLINI)

FOOD SC

ROADS DIV

MOV. ROAD

LABOUR SC

PRICE AND CONTROL SECTION

TRANSPORTATION SC

NICHOLAS PIGNARO
CWO. U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

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1 MAY 1945

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SECRET PD

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS FOOD SITREP PD DATE OF LAST REPORT TWO EIGHT APRIL PD

PARA TWO PD BOLOGNA PROVINCE PD BREAD RATION RECENTLY REDUCED BY GERMANS RESTORED FROM ONE FIVE ZERO TO TWO ZERO ZERO GRAMS PER DAY PD PRICE OF BREAD FIVE LIRE PER KILO PD NO SUGAR RATION HAD BEEN ISSUED FOR PERSONS ONE EIGHT TO SIX FIVE YEARS PD SMALL STOCK OF FOUR ZERO TONS RICE UNCOVERED PD BARRACKED FOR HOSPITALS PD DIRE NEED OF SALT AND MILK PD NEEDS SUPPLIED PD FIELD REPORT ABLE MIDGE GEORGE FIFTH ARMY QUOTE FOOD SITUATION NOT TOO BAD UNQUOTE PD

PARA TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE SECTION FROM ALCOM CITE ACTOD JAHEN

PARA THREE PD APUANIA TOSCANA PD NO FATS SEEN BY GENERAL POPULATION FOR MONTHS PD

NEEDS SATISFIED PD RATION CARDS URGENTLY NEEDED PD NEEDS SATISFIED PD

PARA FOUR PD VENEZIA PD COMEASCHIO PROVINCE PD FOOD CONDITIONS BAD PD NEEDS SATISFIED PD

PARA FIVE PD PIEMONTE AND LOMBARDIA PD NO REPORT SO FAR RECEIVED PD

PARA SIX PD LIGURIA PD FIRST REGULAR SEA SHIPMENTS TO GENOA FROM LIVORNO STARTING TWO

MAY PD FIRST SHIPMENT FIVE ZERO ZERO TONS PD THEREAFTER THREE ZERO ZERO TONS PER DAY

FOOD SUBCOMMISSION

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N.W. DRAGNITZ

LT. COL. AGO

ASSISTANT

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AFHQ

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS FOOD SITUATION NORTH ITALY PD CONFIRMATION OF ORAL REPORT TWO EIGHT APRIL PD

PARA TWO PD GENERAL SITUATION BASED ON FIELD REPORTS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPRECIATION OF THE SITUATION FOR NORTHERN PLANNING PD

PARA TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE SECTION FROM ALCON SITE ACROD PAREN

PARA THREE PD EMILIA REGION PD GRAIN STOCKS AS ANTICIPATED PD FLOUR ON HAND ON OCCUPATION AND MINOR DEGREE OF DESTRUCTION PRECLUDED NECESSITY FOR SUPPLYING FLOUR FOR INITIAL PERIOD OF TEN DAYS AS PLANNED FOR TOWNS OF FIFTY THOUSAND AND OVER PD

PARA FOUR PD SELF SUFFICIENT IN LOCAL RESOURCES PD DEFICIENCY OF FATS SUGAR AND SALT WHICH HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED FROM FORWARD STOCKPILES PD

PARA FIVE PD ^{L. GUARIN PD} SITUATION STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPRECIATION PD ON OCCUPATION SUPPLIES ON HAND SUFFICIENT FOR THREE DAYS PD SUPPLY PROGRAM WILL REQUIRE FULL IMPLEMENTATION PD ALL AROUND EVENTS HAVE BEEN MADE PD

PARA SIX PD PIEDMONT AND LOMBARDIA NO INFORMATION SO FAR RECEIVED PD

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This is LAC 1130 and YAG 310.

- Answers to para 1 CAL 1312 and GAY 322 follow.
- Read in 7 columns as follows:

ITEM	STOCK NORTH ITALY 1 April	STOCK LIB- STATED ITALY 1 April	STOCKS BALKANS 1 April	ESTIMATED STOCKS NORTH ITALY 1 May	ESTIMATED STOCKS LIB- STATED ITALY 1 May	ESTIMATED STOCKS BALKANS 1 May
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(All in Metric tons)

Wheat equivalent	30000	303391	30605	30000	256639	6240
Flour	50000	16047	13223	60000	6547	6008
Soup	4174	7735	1063	4174	7922	1120
Milk	2916	2501	1009	2916	12239	915
Meat products	2046	3851	7886	2046	2495	6314
Dried veg	2340	3052	1102	2340	N11	1332
Powd eggs	N11	N11	N11	884	570	N11
Sugar	2767	1930	5222	5534	4114	3343
Fats	6693	N11	2060	7000	N11	1205
Canned fish	N11	N11	3341	N11	N11	3081
Coffee	N11	N11	3650	N11	N11	3138
TOTALS	100936	338477	69161	114894	290526	32696

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

Ref: ES/8.01

3 March 1945

Mr. LEO BRANZUK

Colonel Shipp passed on to me your request for more details on the civilian food distribution in calories, i.e. from rations, local produce, black market, etc.

The attached tables give the caloric values of food distribution in Italy. The following remarks are in amplification of the information shown therein:

Column "A" - The decreases in caloric value between August '44 and January '45, is due to miscellaneous foods, e.g. dried vegetables, dehydrated soup, 1 & 3 stew and meat, being in increasingly short supply, i.e., at Naples from 900 in July '44 to 865 in January '45 and at Rome, from 890 in July '44 to 653 in January '45.

The difference between Southern and Central Italy is accounted for by the bread/pasta ration being 300 grams in the South and 200 in Central Italy. As from 1st of March '45, the ration will be equalized at 300 grams throughout Liberated Italy.

Column "B" - The figures are based on the official intake of local produce into the cities mentioned. It would be almost impossible to ascertain the distribution in rural areas where food is home-grown or marketed locally in very small quantities by family producers. 500/600 calories in rural areas and 400/500 in towns, population 10,000 to 40,000, would be conservative figures.

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Column "C" - Here again similar difficulties arise. Estimates based on knowledge of conditions in "normal" rural areas as against "devastated", and on the existing situation, are given in column "D". They would also, of course, vary by district.

The caloric values of additional rations for various classes of heavy workers etc., are also shown.

M. S. LUSH

Col. C.G.R. Brazier
R.D.E. (L.T.)
War Office
Northumberland Avenue
London, W.C.

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN ITALY IN 1945-2

DATE		DAILY CALORIES OBTAINED FROM				Estimated Other sur- ces Black Market as per letter. "P"
		Food Against Ration Cards "A"	Survey Un- controlled Food "B"	Survey Other Sources (Black Market) "C"		
Jan. 1945	South Italy: Towns (NAPLES) 50,000 & up	865	x	x		350/400
July 1944	Naples	900	724	376		-
Jan. 1945	South Italy Rural	852	x	x		500/1000
	Central Italy: Towns (ROME) 50,000 & up	653	AUG. 1944 130 Jan. '45 265	x		300/350
	Central Italy Rural	640	x	x		500/600
	Florence City	670	x	x		400/500

x No records

ADDITIONAL TO NORMAL CONSUMER FEEDING

DATE			CALORIES
Jan. 1945	Heavy Workers Wholly for Armed Forces	South	644
	Heavy Workers Pay for Armed Forces		

Central Italy: Towns (ROME) 50,000 & up	653	1944 130 Jan. 1/5 265	x	300/350
Central Italy Rural	640	x	x	500/600
Florence City	670	x	x	400/500

x No records

ADDITIONAL TO ROMA CONSUMER FEEDING

DATE				CALORIES
Jan. 1945	Heavy Workers Wholly for Armed Forces	South		644
	Heavy Workers Partly for Armed Forces	South		359
	Heavy workers wholly for Armed Forces	Central		860
	Heavy workers Partly for Armed Forces	Central		590
	Heavy Workers not for Armed Forces	Rome Only	Light 175 Heavy 408	
		V.	Heavy 642	
	Public Assistance Feeding	Rome		375
	Devastated Areas Collective Feeding			303

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Ref: 91-1/24/FOOD

17 December 1944

SUBJECT: Civilian Food Supply Situation at Leghorn

TO : Office of Flag Officer,
Northern Area, Mediterranean.

1. Reference your No. FONAM 123-3-7 of 2 December, 1944, the question of providing food supplies for the port areas has always been one which has been given priority by the Allied Commission.

2. The fundamental trouble in ensuring an adequate ration to these areas is that imports of food have been on a diminishing scale during the last few months, largely owing to world shipping shortage. This problem has been receiving constant attention at this Headquarters and representations have been made to the combined Chiefs of Staff of the urgent necessity for increasing imports of food into Italy at the earliest possible moment.

3. For your information, the prevailing civilian ration scale is at present as follows:

Grams

200 bread - daily.
300 pasta (macaroni) - fortnightly.
400 meat or meat and vegetable stew - monthly.
125 sugar - monthly.
300 olive oil - monthly.

In addition, milk is supplied to nursing mothers, children, etc.

The scale "A" ration for heavy workers working for the Allied Forces is as follows:

a. Midshift meal:
140 grams of bread)
20 grams dehydrated soup) daily
168 grams fresh vegetables)

b. A supplementary ration of 550 grams of pasta and 200 grams dehydrated soup weekly.

4. There may have been a certain lack of regularity in the distribution of rationed commodities in so far as certain items are concerned, due to delays in berthing and unloading ships and delays in coastal shipping. Supplies have recently arrived in larger quantities and are now assured for the immediate future.

SUPPLY SITUATION:

d.

5. Supply Officers have been instructed that every attention must be paid to the implementation of existing ration scales in the Leghorn area, and particularly that all the Scale "A" cards must be honored in full. Supplies can be made available for this purpose.

6. I regret that I am unable to forecast any increase in the above-mentioned ration scales during the next three months at least, except in the case of a possible increase in the basic bread/pasta ration.

/s/ E. W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to,

The Commander in Chief, Mediterranean
The Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section
The Naval Officer in Charge, Leghorn

cc - A-5 AFHQ

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16 November 1944

My dear Prime Minister:

Your letter No 11819 of 7 November 1944 has received careful consideration.

My advisers still are convinced that there is a large amount of wheat hidden in Sicily, but, in order that the just may not be punished with the unjust, it has been decided in view of your request to reconsider our position. It is now planned that one shipload of wheat will be brought into Sicily in December, and that, with this help, the Island must feed itself until the middle of January. Shipments will be arranged for subsequent months, but their amount must of course depend on the general food situation in Italy, and on the availability of shipping for imported supplies.

I am as anxious as you are that the question of the general ration of bread and pasta for liberated Italy as a whole should be resolved as early as possible. The estimate in your letter of 7 November of the amount of grain needed by Italy has been noted, and is being studied by us. Meanwhile, the figures of actual wheat-flour imports to date, and details of our present knowledge of expected tonnages until next harvest, are attached for your information as an appendix to this letter.

Members of my staff have already gone over with H. E. Bergami, Under Secretary of Food, the problems involved in transferring the responsibility for food to your Government. While the wheat problem is by no means completely solved, it is hoped that current consultations between the Italian Government and the Allied Commission may lead to a solution as satisfactory as possible to all concerned, in view of the supply and shipping limitations under which we are all working.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR

H. E. Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers Chief Commissioner
Italian Government
Rome

cc E Section
Food Sub/comm

PENDIXACTUAL CEREAL IMPORTS INTO ITALY FROM ALLIED SOURCE

July, 1, 1944 - October 31, 1944

(all figures in tons)

	<u>Wheat</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Barley</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>1944</u>				
July	36,009	-	-	36,009
August	52,721	-	-	52,721
September	18,086	-	-	18,086
October	34,310	11,528	15,161	<u>60,999</u>
			TOTAL	167,815 Tons

EXPECTED IMPORTS, NOVEMBER 1, 1944 - JUNE 30, 1945
 (all figures in tons)

	<u>Wheat</u>	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Barley</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>1944</u>				
November	49,853	17,162	22,485	89,500
December	-	-	-	93,000
<u>1945</u>				
January	-	-	-	93,000
February through June	107,000 monthly			535,000
			TOTAL	810,500 Tons

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NOTES:

1. Total for year July 1st 1944 to June 30th 1945 - 978,315 tons
2. Figure quoted for February 1945 to June 1945 is not fixed firm. Increase or decrease will depend upon shipping available
3. Of the imports from November 1944 to June 1945 a considerable quantity must be earmarked for the estimated needs of North Italy, to be utilized there after its liberation.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
APO 394

SCB/ml

7 October 1944

MEMORANDUM ON SITUATION REGARDING RATIONED IMPORTED COMMODITIESPopulation Italy (Mainland)

Venezia Region	6,139,000
Lombardia Region	6,176,000
Piemonte Region	3,623,000
Liguria Region	1,588,000
Emilia Region	2,911,000
Lazio Region	1,513,000
Southern Region	2,701,000

Total 40,603,000

1. On the Mainland, there are 46 cities with population of over 50,000 people, totaling 7,187,000 people.
2. If the present rationing policy is continued, all people living in cities over 50,000 will receive:

250 grams of soup per month
400 grams of M & V per month or
200 grams of Meat per month
400 grams of dried vegetables per month.

3. The supplementary rations for Hospitals, firemen, police etc. amount approximately to a consumption equal to 12½% of the total population for soup and dried vegetables and 10% of the total population for meat on the normal ration basis.

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4. Therefore the monthly consumption for all territory south of the Po river is:

Soup	2303 tons
M & V	3433 tons
Dried Vegetables	3627 tons

5. The total of stocks on hand and expected arrivals is:

Soup	12321 tons
M & V	10622 tons
Meat	2204 tons

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Cheese 700 tons
Dried Veg. 1588 tons

No more imports of these items are sanctioned at present.

6. (a) These stocks will last all territory south of the Po at the present consumption rate:

Soup 5.4 months
M & V 4.3 months
Dried Veg. 4.4 months

(b) If on the other hand, it becomes necessary to feed all of Italy, the stocks will last:

Soup 3.4 months
M & V 2.7 months
Dried Veg. 2.7 months

(c) If we plan to allocate a 4 months supply to all areas now occupied the remaining stock will be:

Soup 6043 tons
M & V 5550 tons
Dried Veg. 5860 tons

These stocks would last unoccupied Italy:

Soup 2.9 months
M & V 1.7 months
Dried Veg. 1.7 months

(d) If we allocate a 4 months supply to all territory south of the Po river, then the following stocks are available for north of the Po river:

Soup 3083 tons or 2.3 months
M & V 1260 tons or 0.5 months
Dried Veg. 920 tons or 0.45 months

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FOOD SITUATION NORTH OF PISA - RIMINI LINE

1. On 30 June 1944 AFHQ was asked if forecast could be given for food shipments set up for areas north of Pisa-Rimini line. (Cable 6916 to which no answer has been received).
2. On 18 July 1944 in response to AFHQ request import subsistence requirements for months of October, November, and December 1944, were estimated for Sicily, Sardinia and entire Italian Mainland.
3. On 22 July 1944 further estimates were made for AFHQ for a Mediterranean stockpile of 30 day's supply for area north of Pisa - Rimini line.
4. On 12 August 1944 instructions were received from AFHQ to provide for shipments of supplies Italian Mainland during November, December and January. Quantities were substantially less than those estimated as being required in para 2 above.
5. On 27 August 1944 AFHQ representatives confirmed that
 - a. first month for which allocation of supplies has been requested for area north of Pisa Rimini line is November,
 - b. there is no present Mediterranean stockpile for Italy north of Pisa-Rimini line (referred to in para 3 above),
 - c. any imported supplies required north of Pisa-Rimini before November must come from stocks of such supplies south of Pisa-Rimini,
 - d. supplies to be imported south of Pisa-Rimini for October are substantially less than estimated requirements of 18 July 1944,
 - e. principal reason for above situation is decision of combined Civil Affairs Committee based primarily on shortage of available world supplies.
6. Area north of Pisa-Rimini line comprises some 22 million people (about half of total population of Italy) and during prewar years was practically self-sufficient in principal foodstuffs. Since this area is now occupied by the enemy, its food position upon enemy withdrawal is not presently predictable.
7. In view of foregoing facts, allied occupation of the area north of Pisa-Rimini before November, following any widespread enemy destructions of locally produced food, might be accompanied by a very unsatisfactory food situation, particularly in large urban areas.

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