

ACC

10000/136/411

0000/136/411

INDUSTRIAL MOBILIZATION, GENERAL
MAY 1945 - DEC. 1946

G. C. Form 353 (Old No. 490)
Revised July 25, 1918

LIST OF PAPERS

4045/CC

Office of the
Chief Commissioner

File under No. 4045 INDUSTRIAL REHABILITATION - GENERAL

ALLIED COMMISSION

From: 29 May 45

To :

SECRET

Vol. IV Page 7

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
247	Ltr 84591/10859- 100/7.2	23 Oct 46	CC	Req postpone dereq Cinema Nazionale
248	Ltr ES/5.06	28 Oct 46	HQ AMG VG	Req avoiding reqn Cinema Nazionale
249	Ltr CC 4045	12 Nov 46	Cappa	Ack of ltr 10859.104/7.2 Encl
250	Ltr CC4045	12 Nov 46	AFHQ	Dereq of prop owned by state monop. lies administration
251	Ltr Stone	12 Nov 46	Scoccimarrio	Ack of ltr 7 Nov 46
251a	Ltr CC4045	15 Nov 46	AFHQ	Frwd of ltr from Cappa to AFHQ
252	Ltr Min of Fin	21 Nov 46	CC	Thank-You fr ltr of 12 Nov 46
253	Ltr ES/5.06 Stone	26 Nov 46	Cappa	Reqn of Cinema Nazionale
254	Ltr G-5 FES/R-1	20 Dec 46	GHC GAF 'Q' Branch	Reqn of Prop in Padua

68 /

INSTRUCTIONS.—When papers on a subject become numerous they will be numbered serially and brief entries made on this form.

Confidential

U. S. Form 353 (Old No. 490)
Revised July 25, 1918

LIST OF PAPERS

4045/CC

Office of the
Chief CommissionerFile under No. 4045 INDUSTRIAL REHABILITATION - GENERAL

ALLIED COMMISSION

From: 29 May 45
To :

SECRET

Vol. IV Page 6

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
236a	Ltr M. Segre	13 Apr 46	AC	Reqn of premises of Societa' Montecatini of Milan
237	Ltr Coun of Min	24 Apr 46	Bombassei	Dereqn of the premises "L.L.L." of Porto Marghera; Incl ltr of 8th
238	Ltr 620/28/EC	29 Apr 46	G-5 AFHQ	Reqn of Property - MILAN; Incls (Premises of Societa Montecatini)
239	Ltr 620/34/EC	10 May 46	AC CLC Lombardia	Reqn of Montecatini Bldg; Incls
240	Memo	13 May 46	CC	Reqn of premises of Societa' Montecatini of Milan; Incl
241	Ltr Stone	15 May 46	Director of CGII	Reqn of Montecatini Bldg
241a	Ltr CEN 02883	26 Jul 46	CC	Request dereqn bldg of Fiat Works
242	Ltr AC/5615/IND	20 Aug 46	CC	Dereqn of Fiat Works - Florence
243	Ltr Stone	27 Aug 46	Bonomi	Dereqn of Soc. An. Viggiani Enrico
244	Ltr Aldisio 661	9 Sep 46	CC	Request dereqn of "Assicurazioni Generali" bldg in Piazza Venezia
245	Ltr ES/5.06	14 Sep 46	(RAAC) CC	Dereqn of Assicurazioni Generali Bldg Piazza Venezia - Rome
246	Cbl QG 28 Hq 217	28 Sep 46	Diathree	Ord Disthree conversant state rundown commitments other than VEH PKS

INSTRUCTIONS.—When papers on a subject heading are to be numbered serially and brief entries made on this form.

SECRET

LIST OF PAPERS

4045/CC

Office of the
Chief Commissioner

File under No. 4045 INDUSTRIAL REHABILITATION - GENERAL

-ALLIED COMMISSION-

From: 29 May 45
To :

SECRET

Vol. IV Page 5

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
227a	Ltr 41/00242/1 DeGasperi	4 Jan 46	Stone	Ita. Ind. Mat. remov to Germ. & Aust.
228	Ltr ES/15.10/W Stone	8 Jan 46	Charles	Rubber Compounding Information for Ita Incl Ltr from Stone to Kirk
228a	Ltr ES/5.16 Stone	12 Jan 46	DeGasperi	Ita. Ind. Mat. remov to Germ. & Aust.
228b	Ltr De Gasperi	17 Jan 46	Stone	Derequisit. of Industria Meccanica Na.
228c	Ltr ES/5.16 Stone	12 Jan 46	Kirk	Ita. Ind. Mat. remov to Germ. and Aust.
228d	Ltr ES/5.16 Stone	12 Jan 46	Charles	Ita. Ind. Mat. remov to Germ and Aust.
229	Ltr 4755/376/EC Sampson	22 Jan 46	R.A.A.C.	Derequisitioning. Incl. ltr fm DeGasp.
229a	Ltr Bonomi	21 Jan 46	Stone	Dereqn of Preserved Food Concern-Naples
230	Cbl 599 HQ ALCOM	26 Jan 46	Merzagora	Synthetic Rubber
230a	Ltr 53/8/46 Charles	30 Jan 46	Stone	Ita. Ind. Mat. remov to Germ. & Aust.
230b	Ltr 58574/8.1 De Gasperi	31 Jan 46	Stone	Dereqn. of transport concerns
230c	Ltr Stone	5 Feb 46	Charles	Ita. Ind. Mat. remov to Germ. & Aust.
230d	Ltr Stone	5 Feb 46	Kirk	Ita. Ind. Mat. remov to Germ. & Aust.
231	Ltr AC/5630/IND Stone	7 Feb 46	De Gasperi	Derequs. of Industria Meccanica Napol.
232	Ltr 5009/EC Hind-Smith	7 Feb 46	AC Lia Off (Naples)	Dereqn of Industrial Plants - NAPLES Incl ltr of 31 Jan fm De Gasperi
233	Ltr AC/5615/237 Fewings	4 Feb 46	Gen Off Comm #3 Dist CMT	Dereqn of Viaggiani Enrico Co.
234	Ltr AC/5615/237 Hind-Smith	16 Feb 46	Bonomi	Dereqn of Viaggiani Enrico Co.
235	Ltr CEM/83/139 Campbell	23 Feb 46	AFHQ G-5	Pharmaceutical Plants at Merano
235b	Ltr 08-643 Scoccimarro	23 Mar 46	CC	Dereqn of Tobacco Factory, Verona
236	Memo 1 Walton	27 Mar 46	CC	S. A. Anasaldo - Pozzuoli

Confidential

LIST OF PAPER

4045/CC

Office of the
Chief Commissioner

ALLIED COMMISSION

File under No. 4045 INDUSTRIAL REHABILITATION - GENERAL

From: 29 May 45

To:

SECRET

Vol. IV Page 4

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM -	DATE	TO -	SYNOPSIS
216	5021/87/EC. Stone	10 Oct 45	G-5 AFHQ	Policy on Italian Munitions Production.
216a	Parri	19 Oct 45	Stone	Sugar for Jam Manufacturers S. Italy.
217	Cbl 7461 Econ Sec AC MOC 345	20 Oct 45	AGWAR, CCS. FHGEG G-5	Rubber compounding info for Italy.
218	Cbl 7598 Indus S/C AC MOC 348	24 Oct 45	AGWAR, CCS.	Materials for new tires.
219	Cbl 7627 Densmore	25 Oct 45	AGWAR	Rubber Compound Info for Italy.
220	616/16/EC Lush	30 Oct 45	Parsons	Italian Munition plants. Gen'l Brown- ing's report (TS/C/100, 24 Oct) incl.
221	Cbl WCL 217253 WAR CCS	31 Oct 45	AC	In R ^E . to Parri Letter of Intent
221a	Ltr Cleveland	5 Nov 45	Kirk	Rehabilitation of Industry under A Emb.
222	Cbl WCL 18981 WAR CCS	7 Nov 45	AC	Rubber Compound for Italy
223	Cbl 8252 USFET	9 Nov 45	Mil Govt T/C	Rubber to Milan instead of Naples
224	Cbl 8347 Requisition Br.	13 Nov 45	AFHQ	Martino rubber mission to the States
225	Ltr FA/71-2 Lush	22 Nov 45	Parri	Sugar for Jam manufacturers South Ital;
226	Ltr 16337 Lucifero	24 Nov 45	Stone	Industrial plant of the Puglie
226a	Cbl WCL 29459 CCS	15 Dec 45	CC	Rubber Information
227	Cbl 9550 MOC 146 Leone	21 Dec 45	CC	RCL

Confidential

LIST OF PAPER

4045/CC

Office of the
Chief Commissioner

ALLIED COMMISSION

File under No. 4045 INDUSTRIAL REHABILITATION - GENERAL

From: 29 May 45

To:

SECRET

Vol. IV Page 3

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
202	Cbl Piemonte, 120.04	2 Aug 45	AC	Production of passenger cars.
203	AFHQ Pet Sec, 30/A/1	3 Aug 45	AC	Plan for control of mfg and sale of industrial productions in Italy.
204	Ltr, Eng. Einaudi, I.R.I.	5 Aug 45	CC	Needs for Ital Reconstr in North.
205	5009/EC, Stone	22 Aug 45	Einaudi	Needs for Ital Reconstr in North.
206	Cbl CCS, COM-204	26 Aug 45	AC, AFHQ, UKB	Rubber compounding info for Italy.
207	Cbl Troopers, 71702 CA16	5 Sep 45	AFHQ, AC, Wash	M of Supply (Br) decide not go on with Ital production program (Wrisberg Mission)
208	DO Ltr, ACOS G-4, AFHQ	5 Sep 45	CC	Deroging of industrial plants.
209	CC 590, Stone	8 Sep 45	ACOS G-4, AFHQ	De-reging of industrial plants.
210	Memo, CC	8 Sep 45	Ex C	De-reging of industrial plants.
211	Cbl Milan Ind S/C, 36	11 Sep 45	AC	Prices for electricity in N.It.
212	Cbl AC Req, MOC 308	20 Sep 45	CCS	Request rpts on reqnd items, status.
213	de Gasperi, 44/19926/51	20 Sep 45	Stone	Ital industrial materiel removed to Germany and Austria.
213a	Ltr, Parri	27 Sep 45	Stone	Finsider mission to Germany investigate steel machinery looted by Krauts.
214	AC/5111/Commerce, Stone	29 Sep 45	Dist	Procedure for distr of ind products in Northern Italy.
215	ES/5.14, Stone	30 Sep 45	de Gasperi	Ital industrial materiel removed to Germany and Austria.

SECRET

LIST OF PAPERS

4045/CC

Office of the
Chief Commissioner

ALLIED COMMISSION

File under No. 4045 INDUSTRIAL REHABILITATION - GENERAL

Vol. IV Page 2

From: 29 May 45

To:

SECRET

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
190a 191	Cbl Lig Reg, 369 5662/IND, Stone	25 Jun 45 26 Jun 45	AC Eoon Parri	Industries in Genova. Chemical warfare gases plants (Cesano Romano Works); suggested Committee be formed on Industrial Plants.
191a 192	Cbl CCS, TAM-614 AC/5587/IND, Industry	29 Jun 45 30 Jun 45	AFHQ, DCS Dist	CCS instr: Assistance to recovery It Ind - Ind Prod Advisory Board. Regn & de-regn of industrial facilities in AC/AMG Territory.
192a	Ltr Mario Infante	6 Jul 45	Min Air	Infante Beryl factory, Turin, history
193	Ltr, Stone	7 Jul 45	Cevolotto	Mario Infante's beryl factory, Turin.
194	1.00/ES Stone	9 Jul 45	Dist	Plan for the control of the manufacture & sale of industrial products in Northern Italy. With App.
195	Memo Paske	11 Jul 45		Cotton being supplied on requisitions to supply it text. ind to full.
196	AMHQ Pet Sec, 30/A/1	15 Jul 45	AC	Plan for the control of the mfg and sale of ind products in N.It.
196a	Mario Infante	16 Jul 45	AC	Mario Infante's beryl factory, Turin.
196b 197	SAC (P) (45) 16th Mtg Memo, Stone	20 Jul 45 21 Jul 45	(Min. 2) McKinley	Ital Production Advisory Board. Mario Infante's beryl factory, Turin.
198	ES/12.05, McKinley	23 Jul 45	Stone	Mario Infante's beryl factory, Turin.
199	68, 4045, Stone	24 Jul 45	RC Piemonte	Mario Infante's beryl factory, Turin.
200	Cbl Piemonte RC 2	29 Jul 45	AC	Piemonte's rep as member of Industrial Council for N.It. - Valetta.
201	Cbl AC Eoon, 2795	30 Jul 45	Piemonte	Piemonte's rep as member of Industrial Council for N.It. - Valetta.

SECRET

LIST OF PAPERS

4045/00

Office of the
Chief Commissioner

ALLIED COMMISSION

File under No. 4045 INDUSTRIAL REHABILITATION - GENERAL

From: 29 May 45
To:

SECRET

Vol. IV Page 1

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
181	SAC (P) (45) 27	29 May 45		Ital Production Advisory Board.
182	Cbl AFHQ F-84576	30 May 45		Ital Production Advisory Board; all discussions with IG shd be suspended.
183	SAC (P) (45) 13th Mtg	31 May 45		Ital Production Advisory Board.
183a	Cbl Troopers 98196 CA	1 Jun 45	AC Anderson	Ministry of Supply Mission.
183b	Cbl AFHQ F-86337	2 Jun 45	AC	War Dept will not send mission for N.It survey (coal, industry, etc)
183c	413/EC, Lush	2 Jun 45	Econ Sec	German loot in Venezia Region.
184	Cbl AFHQ, MAT-737	5 Jun 45	CCS	Ital Production Advisory Board proposals; summary present and sitn in It.
184a	Cbl Troopers 99093 CA16	6 Jun 45	AC, AFHQ	Ministry of Supply (Wrisberg) Mission
184aa	Cbl AC Econ 9205	6 Jun 45	RCs N	Hemp admin & distribution.
184b	Cbl AFHQ, MEG-508	7 Jun 45	Troopers, AC	Ministry of Supply (Wrisberg) Mission.
184c	SAC (P) (45) 14th Mtg	7 Jun 45		Ital Production Advisory Board.
185	DO Ltr Stone	8 Jun 45	RC Piedmont	Mario Infante's beryl factory, Turin.
186	Cbl Troopers 50387 DECA	8 Jun 45	AC Anderson	Ministry of Supply (Wrisberg) Mission.
187	Cbl Emilia Reg E/232	12 Jun 45	AC Lush	Hemp admin & distribution.
681				
188	Cbl 15, CAS-614	15 Jun 45	5, IV, 8, AC, Ven	Ministry of Supply (Wrisberg) Mission.
189	Ltr, Gen Wrisberg	15 Jun 45	CC	Ministry of Supply's needs for ops in Southeast Asia Command.
189a	DO/312.1.M, RC Piemonte	16 Jun 45	CC	Mario Infante's beryl factory, Turin.
189b	SAC (P) (45) 15th Mtg	18 Jun 45		Ital Production Advisory Board.
190	Memo, Stearns	20 Jun 45	McKinley	Ministry of Supply's needs for ops in Southeast Asia Command.
190a	CC 1001, Stone	23 Jun 45	SAC/ED	Future Policy Toward Italy.
190b	Cbl AFHQ F-98524	24 Jun 45	AC	Gentry, of Am Sulphur Ind; Blattner of Coml Products Refining Co.

SECRET

4450

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Chief Comm.

G-5: FES/R-1

20 December 1946

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Property- Padua

TO : GHQ
CMP
(Attn: Q Branch)

Reference letters this Headquarters, G-5: 926.11R of 10 December and G-5: 926.10R of 23 November, forwarded as an enclosure to G-5: 926.11R of 23 November 1946, and your letters, 6361/1/42 of 25 and 30 November 1946 - all on the above subject.

It would be appreciated if the reply to the above mentioned correspondence is expedited.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. Hambley
A. L. HAMBLEY
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

4045/12

Copy to: ECOM

Your ltr. CG4045 of 15/11/46 and
ltr. G-5: 926.11R of 21/11/46 refer.

680

254

Ref.: ES/5.06

26 November 1946

My dear Doctor Cappa,

I refer to your letter No. 84591/10859-100/7.2 of 23 October 1946 on the subject of the requisition of the Cinema Nazionale, Trieste.

In order to avoid the requisition of this Cinema, I took up this matter with Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia, who fully appreciated the loss which the Cinema Nazionale would constitute. Strong representations have been made to the Military Authorities, but it was, however, decided that the requisition must take place as a matter of military necessity.

However, I am happy to inform you that the Rosetti Theater, of equal or greater seating capacity but designed primarily for stage entertainments rather than cinema, has been simultaneously de-requisitioned and made available for civilian use.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

679

Dr. Paolo Cappa
Under Secretary to the Presidency
of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
ROME

253

Per Corp

TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Rome, 21 November, 1946.

Thanking you for the courteous news furnished with note
no. CC4045 dated 12 November 1946.

250

With regards,

IL SEGRETARIO PARTICOLARE.

(s) ?

678

Headquarters Allied Commission
Office of the Chief Commissioner
Rome.

4045/cc

252

PI/ca

*Ministro delle Finanze*IL SEGRETARIO PARTICOLARE
DEL MINISTRO

Roma, 25 NOV

Al Headquarters Allied
Commission - Office of
the Chief Commissioner
Afo 794R O M ASi ringrazia delle cortesi notizie
fornite con nota n. CC4045 del 12 corrente.

Distinti saluti

IL SEGRETARIO PARTICOLARE



671

CC 4045

15 November 1946

SUBJECT: Contemplated Requisitioning in Padua

TO : G-5, AFHQ, APO 512

1. Forwarded herewith is a translation of a letter received from the Undersecretary of State to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers requesting the intervention of the competent Allied authorities to avoid the contemplated requisitioning of some of the principal shops and firms in the city of Padua.

2. Your attention is invited to letter file 620/53/EC, D
subject: Move of GHQ to Padua, dated 17 October 46, copy enclosed, concerning the assurances I made to the Italian Government that the move would not involve any further requisitioning of property.

3. It is requested that I be advised of what reply I can make to Avv. Cappa.

127 E. W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

878

2 Incls:

Incl 1 - Trans ltr 10859.104/7.2,
8 Nov 46, fr Avv Cappa;

Incl 2 - Cy ltr 620/53/EC, 17 Oct 46,
sub: Move of GHQ to Padua

cc FAX COMM.

(25/A)

CC 4045

12 November 1946

My dear Mr. Minister:

250 I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 7 November 46 concerning the derequisitioning of the "Magazzino Tabacchi Greggi di Via E. Sianturco" in Naples.

I have forwarded the translation of your letter to Allied Force Headquarters and shall advise you as soon as a reply is received.

Sincerely yours,

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

On. Mario Scoccimarro
The Minister of Finance
Italian Government
Rome

675

C & L X COMM

(251)

4045/2

250

CC 4045

12 November 46

SUBJECT: Derequisition of Property owned by the
State Monopolies' Administration

TO : G-5, AFHQ, APO 512

1. Forwarded herewith is a translation of a letter received from the Minister of Finance, the Hon. Mario Scoccimarro, concerning the derequisition of the "Magazzino Tabacchi Gregg di Via E. Gianturco" in Naples.

2. It is requested that I be advised of the action contemplated in this regard so that I may reply to Signor Scoccimarro.

W. E. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
as above

file 751

252

67!

cc EX COMM ✓

(750)

4045/12

TRANSLATION

THE FINANCE MINISTER

Rome, 7 November 1946.

To Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

Since it appears that shortly the competent Allied Command is going to derequisition the building owned by the State Monopolies' Administration, known as the "Raw Tobacco Warehouse of via E. Gianturco" in Naples, and that upon derequisition said building is going to be handed over to the A.R.A.R. (Azienda Rilievo Alienazione Residui), I take the liberty to ask you kindly to intervene personally with the abovementioned Allied Command urging the derequisition and the hand-over of the building to A.R.A.R. who has already promised to return it immediately to the Monopolies' Administration, as well as to cede to the latter a considerable quantity of the surplus material presently in said warehouse.

The return of the Raw Tobacco Warehouse of via Gianturco in Naples is urgently needed by the Monopoly to accommodate the Salt Depot of Naples for the supply of consumable and industrial salt to the whole Campania-Lucania region.

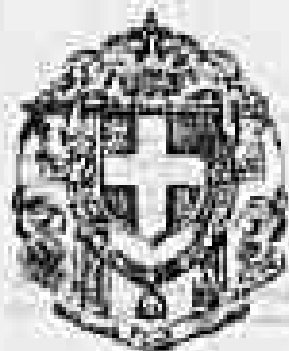
Trusting that you will kindly take an interest in this matter, I assure you that it will be highly appreciated, not only by the Monopolies' Administration itself which will gradually see its factories recovering their former efficiency, but also by the numerous personnel of said Administration who will thus be enabled to resume their normal useful activity.

/s/ M. Scocimarro

673

Sec ☐
☐

(450)



IL MINISTRO DELLE FINANZE

Roma, - 7 NOV 46

AL SIG. AMMIRAGLIO ELLERY STONE
CAPO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA IN ITALIA
R O M A

Risultando che prossimamente il competente Comando Alleato procederà alla derequisizione dello stabile di proprietà dell'Amministrazione dei Monopoli di Stato, denominato "Magazzino Tabacchi Greggi di Via E. Gianturco" in Napoli, e risultando pure che, all'atto della derequisizione, il detto stabile verrà passato in consegna alla A.R.A.R. (Azienda Rilievo Alienazione Residuati), mi permetto rivolgermi a Lei, perchè, con il Suo personale intervento, voglia indurre il Comando Alleato anzidetto ad affrettarne la derequisizione e ad effettuarne la consegna alla A.R.A.R., la quale si è già impegnata a restituirlo subito all'Amministrazione dei Monopoli nonchè a cedere a quest'ultima una notevole quantità dei materiali residuati in detto stabile ora immagazzinati.

Il Magazzino Tabacchi Greggi di Via Gianturco in Napoli, urge che ritorni al Monopolio, dovendo questo sistemare in esso il Deposito Sali di Napoli per l'approvvigionamento dei sali commestibili ed industriali dell'intera plaga campano-lucana.

Confido nel Suo alto interessamento e La prego di gradire, Sig. Ammiraglio, i sentimenti di viva riconoscenza, tanto dell'Amministrazione dei Monopoli, che vedrà ritornare gradualmente alla primitiva efficienza i propri Opifici, quanto del numeroso

personale dell'Amministrazione stessa, che potrà così essere restituito alla propria consueta feconda attività.

M. Cecimani

CC 4045

12 November 46

My dear Dr. Cappa:

247 Receipt is acknowledged of your letter
10859.104/7.2 concerning the contemplated
requisition of some business shops and firms in
the city of Padua. 251A

I referred your letter to Allied Force
Headquarters and will inform you as soon as I am
advised of their decision in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

[s] Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Paolo Cappa,
Undersecretary of State to the
Presidency of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

671

OFFICE COMM

Jan 3 1947

4045/10

449

TRANSLATION

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF Ministers

10859.104/7.2

Rome, 8 November 1946.

Dear Admiral,

A request has been made to the President of the Council urging him to intervene with the competent Allied authorities in order to avoid the contemplated requisition of some of the principal shops and firms in the city of Padua.

Since such a step would cause serious damage to the local commerce and economic difficulties to the families of the persons employed by the firms, I beg you kindly to examine the possibility to avoid the abovementioned eventuality.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I remain

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Cappa

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

679

Spaie

Spaie
4045

TRANSLATION

THE FINANCE MINISTER

Rome, 7 November 1946.

To Admiral Hilary W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome,

Since it appears that shortly the competent Allied Command is going to derequisition the building owned by the State Monopolies' Administration, known as the "Raw Tobacco Warehouse of via E. Gianturco" in Naples, and that upon derequisition said building is going to be handed over to the A.R.A.R. (Azienda Rilievo Alienazione Residui), I take the liberty to ask you kindly to intervene personally with the abovementioned Allied Command urging the derequisition and the hand-over of the building to A.R.A.R. who has already promised to return it immediately to the Monopolies' Administration, as well as to cede to the latter a considerable quantity of the surplus material presently in said warehouse.

The return of the Raw Tobacco Warehouse of via Gianturco in Naples is urgently needed by the Monopoly to accommodate the Salt Depot of Naples for the supply of consumable and industrial salt to the whole Campania-Lucania region.

Trusting that you will kindly take an interest in this matter, I assure you that it will be highly appreciated, not only by the Monopolies' Administration itself which will gradually see its factories recovering their former efficiency, but also by the numerous personnel of said Administration who will thus be enabled to resume their normal useful activity.

/s/ M. Scoccimarro

669

SPARC
4045/46

TRANSLATION

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF Ministers

10959.104/7.2

Rome, 8 November 1946.

Dear Admiral,

A request has been made to the President of the Council urging him to intervene with the competent Allied authority in order to avoid the contemplated requisition of some of the principal shops and firms in the city of Padua.

Since such a step would cause serious damage to the local commerce and economic difficulties to the families of the persons employed by the firms, I beg you kindly to examine the possibility to avoid the above-mentioned eventuality.

Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I remain

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Cappa

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

638

(24)

Il Sottosegretario di Stato
alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

Roma, 8 novembre 1946

20859. 104/42

Caro Ammiraglio,

sono state raccolte premure al Presidente del Consiglio intese a sollecitare l'intervento presso le competenti autorità al fine di evitare che trovi attuazione la divisa requisizione di taluni principali negozi e ditte della città di Padova.

Poichè in effetti un simile provvedimento causerebbe un perturbamento al commercio locale ed il dissesto economico alle famiglie degli addetti alle aziende La prego di voler esaminare la possibilità che la suddetta eventualità non abbia a verificarsi.

Grato del Suo interessamento, Le invio distinti saluti

(adv. Paolo Capoa)
Sottosegretario di Stato
alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

Per aff. (aff. 104/42)

perenti autorità alleate al fine di evitare che trool attua
zione la divisa requisizione di taluni principali negozi
e ditte della città di Padova.

Poichè in effetti un simile provvedimento causerebbe
un perturbamento al commercio locale ed il dissesto economi
co alle famiglie degli adietti alle aziende La prego di vo
ler esaminare la possibilità che la suddetta eventualità non
abbia a verificarsi.

Grato del Suo interessamento, Le invio distinti saluti

(adv. Paolo Capoa)
Sottosegretario di Stato
alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

Per affari (Capoa)

857

All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Commissario Capo
della Commissione Alleata

R C M A

(1749)

OCT 31 1946

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC DIVISION

Tel. 489081-Ext. 589

HJB/mtg

Ref. 22/5.06

28 October 1946

SUBJECT : Requisitioning of Cinemas
Trieste.

TO : H.Q. A.M.G. Venezia Giulia.

1. Ref. attached letter received by the Chief
Commissioner.2. Could this matter be investigated with a view to
meeting the Governments request that requisitioning of the
Cinema Nazionale be avoided.*W*
H.M. WALKER
Colonel, C.E.

Copy: Office of the Chief Commissioner.

668

*FR**J*

TRANSLATION

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
File No. 84591/10859-100/7.2

Rome, 23 October 1946.

Dear Admiral,

The "Ente Nazionale Industrie Cinematografiche" has called my attention to the difficult situation which has arisen in the zone of Trieste, where four of their five movie houses have been requisitioned by Allied troops.

Said Company informs me also to have grounds to fear the requisition by the Allied Military Command of the "Cinema Nazionale", also situated in the city of Trieste.

Such requisition, states said Company, would cause a very serious damage to the Company, which could not even be compensated by the eventual derequisition of one of the other movie houses which are requisitioned at present.

It is therefore requested that something be done in their favor in order to avoid the requisition of the "Cinema Nazionale" substituting it instead with the "Cinema Fenice", which is presently closed.

I beg you kindly to intervene with the competent Allied Authorities that they examine the possibility of helping, as they deem best, the abovenamed Company.

Looking forward to a brief reply in this matter and thanking you sincerely, I remain with best regards.

Affectionately yours,

/s/ Paolo Cappa

see [253]

665
Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
R O M E.

EC DIST - 25/10/46

ACTION - ECON DIV

INFO - CC

EC

(247)

4045/CC

QG 28

SEPT 280900 B

H/6879

SEPT 290930 B

ROUTINE

HQ 217 AREA

(1) DISTHREE INFO: (2) "Q" GHQ CEM (3) ALCOM CEM BRANCH MILAN (4) ~~XXXX~~
ALCOM CEM BRANCH ROME (5) HQ NAP'S AREA

UNCLASSIFIED.

Your 429 Q of 21 September. CEM in 217 area.

1. CEV in 19 VEH PK and 12 VEH PK. (Ord Disthree conversant state of Rundown.
2. Outstanding commitments other than VEH PKs. (A) Plant of removed industries now in possession of former owners value pounds 50 million. No GHQ authy exists for Handover and Alcom CEM request ~~xxxx~~ such authy. 02 GHQ conversant possn. (B) Plant and material from EX 60 Sub area dumps now in possession various units and organisations. Lists held by Alcom CEM MILAN. Suggest releases to ARA. (C) Large quantity furniture held by Alcom and Italian Army BOLZANO Region F 5 Blu has list stores held by Italians but will not ~~xxxxxx~~ release without GHQ authy. Request authy be given. List of ~~furniture~~ furniture other than that held by Italians being supplied Dadoes this area by Alcom CEM MILAN. (D) 50 Dumps AMN-taken over by 5 Blu for Italian Army. Alcom CEM request higher authy press 5 Blu for inventories and receipt. (E) Approx 20 Vechs held or loaned by ~~SI~~ CLO Alcom BOLZANO. Request disposal instrs. (F) Following being disposed of by Alcom CEM MILAN under authy para 3 your letter under ref. Film EQPT CASTEL PALU VIPITENO. Fittings CASTLE and land high NATURNO. Approx 5 Dumps timber in SA MI LA ALTO ADIGE.

66

276

H/6879

2 PAGE

(G) Various undisclosed dumps are discovered from time to time.
These will be disposed of under authy your letter under ref.

AC DIST

INFO ACTION CEM 2
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
ECON 2
FILE
FLOAT

663

246

SEP 14 1946

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 794

ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel. 459081 - Ext. 589

TGE/hjb

Ref. SB/5.06

14 September 46

SUBJECT : De-requisition of Assicurazioni Generali Building
Piazza Venezia - Rome.

TO : Rome Area Allied Command
(Attn.: Real Estate Section).

1. The attached letter from the Italian Minister of the
Marine addressed to the Chief Commissioner is forwarded for any
action you may deem necessary.

4045/a

For the Chief Commissioner :

Enc. 1

T.G. Elliott

T.G. ELLIOTT
Major, G.I.
Economic Section

Copy : Office of the Chief Commissioner. ✓

662

J. Lee

(245)

*Chief Comm*TRANSLATION

THE MINISTER OF MERCHANT NAVY

File 661 Gab.

Rome, 9 September 1946.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

The Presidency of the Council has asked since some time for the derequisition of the premises presently occupied by the Allied Command in the "Assicurazioni Generali" building in Piazza Venezia.

Since said premises should be occupied by this newly constituted Ministry, I appeal to your courtesy for an intervention in order to speed up the release of the premises.

Trusting in a kind reception of the present letter, I beg you to accept together with my very sincere thanks the expression of my highest consideration.

/s/ S. Aldisio

*Ec. Dist - Sept 12**Action - Econ Secs.**- CC.**- EC.*

661

244

27 August 1946

Dear Mr. Bonomi:

I refer to our letter of 2 April 1946 and your further letter of 22 July, concerning the de-requisitioning of Soc. An. Viggiani Enrico, 161 Via Poggioreale, Naples.

I very much regret that owing to unforeseen circumstances it was not possible to release these premises in June as was at first thought possible.

However I am now informed that it is expected and hoped that these premises will be available for de-requisition during September and returned to the owners' control.

Very truly yours,

ELERY W. STONE

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

On. Ivano Bonomi
The Constituent Assembly
Piazza Monte Citorio
Rome.

600

243

AUG 21 1946

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 794
INDUSTRY AND UTILITIES BRANCH

Tel. 489081 - Ext. 589

TGE/hjb

Ref. AO/5615/IND

20 August 1946

SUBJECT : De-requisition of FIAT Works - Florence.

TO : FIAT - Torino - Corso IV Novembre 309.

1. Further to our letter AO/5615/IND of 6 Aug 46.
2. We are pleased to be able to inform you that authority was given on 13 Aug to de-requisition the a/m premises.


T.G. ELLIOTT
Major, G.L.
Chief
Industry Division.

4045/17

Copy : Office of the Chief Commissioner.

659

242

COPY

COPY

FLAT
Società per azioni

GEN 02883

Torino, 26 July 1946.
Corso IV Novembre, 300

H.E. MERRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner
HQ. AG.
APO 794
R O N E

AUG 22 1946

Dear Admiral Stone,

We beg to bring to your kind attention a matter which is of the greatest importance for our Company.

We refer to the Fiat Works at Florence, situated in Viale Alessandro Guidoni 7 (Novoli) which, as perhaps you know, has been requisitioned since the 2nd of September 1944 by the "Headquarters Florence Command Real Estate Section" (U.S. Contingent) and has been occupied by various Ordnance Companies of the American V Army: subsequently up to October 1945 by the P.E.S.V.A.A. and since then the premises have been used by two English Companies, the 719 R.F.E.E. and the 64th R.A.S.C..

Following a friendly agreement with the Town Major of Florence, on the 22nd of January we were given the use of a part of the Works (the section most damaged by air raids and which represents 27% of the premises) without, however, being able to obtain its derequisition.

Keeping in mind that:

- the present utilization of that section still in possession of the Allied Forces is very reduced owing to the fact that the vastness of the premises is out of proportion to the number of the autocars and men sheltered therein;
- by obtaining the use of the Works, Fiat could thus increase its present production and start producing new units, thus employing a greater number of workers and contribute towards resolving the ~~dissemination~~ problem which is very serious in that region.

Indice by

24/10

1946

FLORENCE

165

we appeal to your courtesy in order that you may favourably consider the possibility of giving orders for the derequisition of the premises in question.

We do not doubt that for the reasons put forward, you will favourably consider our request and thanking you in anticipation, we beg to remain,

Yours faithfully,

/s/ V. VELLETTA

EC DIST - 2 Aug

ACTION - ECON SEC

INFO - CC

- EC

654

241a

15 May 1946.

Dear Sir:

240 Thank you for your note of May 13th with reference to the rumors about the possible requisitioning of the main building of the Society Montecatini in Milan.

The Supreme Allied Commander has already informed Senator Mario Abbiate, President of the Society, that while reconnaissance has been carried out in Milan and elsewhere with a view to finding suitable accommodations for a military headquarters, no plans have as yet been made to requisition the Montecatini or any other building.

40457cc

Very truly yours,

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

656

The Director,
Confederazione Generale dell'Industria
Italiana,
102 Via dell Plebiscito, Rome.

241

44. Rbm - Gel (il) 57
Confederazione Generale dell'Industria Italiana

Roma, 13 Maggio 1946
102 VIA DEL FLEBISCITO

NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF REAR ADMIRAL ELLERY STONE,
CHIEF COMMISSIONER ALLIED COMMISSION - ITALY

The annexed note of the Society Montecatini Milano was addressed to your Honour on the 13th April 1946.

It deals with the rumours about a possible requisition of the Society's Main building in Milano from the part of the G.H.Q. and with the opportunity of avoiding this measure, which would greatly disturb the growing activity of the Society, which as well known is one of the greatest industrial concerns in Italy, and of the highest importance for the restoring of the Italian economy.

With letter P.E. 7744/OI7/III/I, of April the 13th, our Confederation had already the opportunity to explain to your Honour the reasons which justify the request of the Società Montecatini; and taking now the liberty to recall your attention on that question, it should be very grateful for a kind decision of the matter.

4045/10

The annexed note of the Society Montecatini Milano was addressed to your Honour on the 13th April 1946.

It deals with the rumours about a possible requisition of the Society's Main building in Milano from the part of the G.H.Q. and with the opportunity of avoiding this measure, which would greatly disturb the growing activity of the Society, which as well known is one of the greatest industrial concerns in Italy, and of the highest importance for the restoring of the Italian economy.

With letter P.E. 7744/OI7/III/I, of April the 13 th., our Confederation had already the opportunity to explain to your Honour the reasons which justify the request of the Società Montecatini; and taking now the liberty to recall your attention on that question, it should be very grateful for a kind decision of the matter.

63

240

4045/CC

NOTE FOR ATTENTION OF REAR ADMIRAL ELLERY STONE
CHIEF COMMISSIONER ALLIED COMMISSION - ITALY

On the 13th of April the Milan daily press released the information that the G.H. - Caserta would soon move to Milan and that the new site selected would be our Company HQ building at Via Albania 18.

Informations subsequently collected from different sources seem to confirm the possibility that G. HQ may finally decide to transfer their offices to Milan.

The news were received at our Company HQ with the gravest concern, because if the facts related by the press would become effective the whole activity of our Group would be totally disorganised.

We feel our duty to point out that Montecatini is the largest single industrial Group in Italy and our activities throughout the whole Country with 150 between factories and mines gives to day employment to some 50.000 labourers and employees.

In latest months the improved conditions of the transport facilities on land and sea made possible notable movements of domestic raw materials such as pyrites, coal, salt, etc.

The recent increase in the import of basic raw materials like phosphate rock and copper and the UNRRA import program enabled our Company to revive many activities in most of our factories both in Northern and Peninsular Italy.

The change was particularly noticeable in the fertilizers field, so strictly connected with the solution of present grave food problem and also in many other key activities (such as coal and pyrites mining in Tuscany, sulphur mining in the Marche - Romagna, production of chemicals for the Industry, copper sulphate for the agriculture, etc.) the situation was improving rapidly.

Our new President, our managing directors and the new Board of directors that were appointed only a few weeks ago, at the end of the temporary "Commissioner regime", are now in a position and were looking forward to give an even stronger impulse to the Company policies for her

1 3 1 5
because if the facts related by the press would become effective the whole activity of our Group would be totally disorganised.

We feel our duty to point out that Montecatini is the largest single industrial Group in Italy and our activities throughout the whole Country with 150 between factories and mines gives to day employment to some 50.000 labourers and employees.

In latest months the improved conditions of the transport facilities on land and sea made possible notable movements of domestic raw materials such as pyrites, coal, salt, etc.

The recent increase in the import of basic raw materials like phosphates rock and copper and the UNRRA import program enabled our Company to revive many activities in most of our factories both in Northern and Peninsular Italy.

The change was particularly noticeable in the fertilizers field, so strictly connected with the solution of present grave food problem and also in many other key activities (such as coal and pyrites mining in Tuscany, sulphur mining in the Marche - Romagna, production of chemicals for the Industry, copper sulphate for the agriculture, etc.) the situation was improving rapidly.

Our new President, our managing directors and the new Board of directors that were appointed only a few weeks ago, at the end of the temporary "Commissioner regime", are now in a position and were looking forward to give an even stronger impulse to the Company policies for her complete reorganisation and for future larger scale operations.

We beg to add further that the welfare of many other Italian companies and activities depends, to a large extent, on the safe operation of our Group and therefore the feared decision of G.H. largely exceeds what may be termed our personnel interest in the question.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, of Industry and Commerce, of Agriculture and the Confindustria share our views in full and we have already received their assurances that they will support us to the utmost in view of the general interests of the Country.

But, quite apart from these considerations, we are convinced that the Chief Commissioner, with His profound knowledge of the general Italian situation and His comprehension of our economic problems, will appreciate to the maximum the damage which would be inflicted to our Group and to the national economy if the Montecatini would be deprived of their HQ, from which all the activities of the Group are managed and channelled.

We accordingly earnestly request the kind assistance of the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission to the effect that the occupation of our HQ in Milan, if under consideration by G. H.Q., be definitely avoided.

"M O N T E C A T I N I"

Società Generale per l'Industria Mineraria
e Chimica

Rome 17th April 1946

1317

785015

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

cc

MAY 13 1946

Ref. : 620/34/EC

10 May 1946.

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of MONTECATINI BUILDING

TO : AC CLO LOMBARDIA

I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to forward for your information copy of a letter he has received from G-5 Section AFHQ regarding the rumored re-requisitioning of the MONTECATINI building.

A. W. Knisely

Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner.

4045/CC

1946

653

239

COPYCOPY

AFHQ MESSAGE FORM

Classification SECRET

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 231400 E

SECRET (.) PASS FOLLOWING TO SENATOR MARIO ANIELLO PRESIDENT
 SOCIETA MONTECATINI FROM SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER IN ANSWER TO
 TELEGRAM (.) BEING (.) RECONNAISSANCE HAS RECENTLY BEEN CARRIED
 OUT IN MILAN AND ELSEWHERE WITH A VIEW TO FINDING ACCOMMODATION
 WHICH WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR OCCUPATION BY A MILITARY HEADQUARTERS
 BUT NO PLANS HAVE AS YET BEEN MADE TO REQUISITION THE MONTECATINI
 OR ANY OTHER BUILDING FOR THIS PURPOSE (.)
 EEDS (.) SIGNED SACED

COORD: 'Q' CHQ CEF
 G-4, MTOUSA

SACS
 G-3 AFHQ
 'Q' CHQ CEF
 G-4, MTOUSA

Routine
 CAO

AC DUFF MAJOR GENERAL
 FREEDOM 7

652

239

COPYCOPY

COL. F. G. A. PARSONS
G-5, AFHQ, CMF

G-5: 386.2

3 May 1946

Dear Lush,

With reference to your letter (620/31/EG) of 30 April 1936, about the MONTAGATINI Building, I am afraid we cannot give any definite assurance on the question at present. Your official letter of 29 April 1946 has now arrived (by the same post as your D.O.) and has been referred to the CAO's office. There is little likelihood however that they will be able to give any definite reply. As you know, the project to move to Milan is in no way firm and it is improper that the Italian press should have got hold of it. I attach a copy of a signal which was sent out by the CAO in connection with a telegram addressed to SAC from the President of the MONTAGATINI Company. I am afraid that for the time being nothing more definite than this can be expected.

Yours sincerely

(Signature)

Incl: Signal as above

Dir. M. S. Lush, CB, MC
Headquarters, Allied Commission
AFO 394

651

2 39

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

MAY 1 RECD

Ref: 620/28/EC.

29 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Requisition of Property - ITALIAN.

TO : G-5 Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.

1. I forward the attached correspondence from the President of the MONTICATINI Industrial Society and a press extract of 13 April 46 concerning the possible requisition by Allied Force Headquarters of the MONTICATINI building in MILAN.

2. I would point out that three-quarters of the MONTICATINI building has been derequisitioned, and is in the possession of Italian industrial concerns.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Incls.

650

238

4045/a

TRANSLATIONCopyTHE ALLIED COMMAND OF THE MEDITERRANEAN WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO MILAN

General Morgan left last evening for Caserta. The visit to our city of the high British Officer is connected with the rumour, which has been circulating for some time past, of an imminent transfer to the North of Italy, of the Allied Supreme Command of the Mediterranean from the actual seat of Caserta. According to the "ANSA" the new seat of the Command will be Milan, where the Supreme Command will take residence in the Palace of the Montecatini. The transfer from Caserta to Milan will take place in May next.

From "CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE"

13 April 1946.

62.1

238

COPYCOPY

RDC/tt

NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF REAR ADMIRAL. ELBERT
STONE, CHIEF COMMISSIONER ALLIED COMMISSION

I T A L Y

APR 18 1946

SUBJECT: G HQ - Montecatini HQ Milan.

On the 15th of April the Milan daily press released the information that the G HQ - Caserta would soon move to Milan and that the new site selected would be our Company HQ building at Via Albania 18.

Informations subsequently collected from different sources seem to confirm the possibility that G HQ may finally decide to transfer their offices to Milan.

The news were received at our Company HQ with the gravest concern, because if the facts related by the press would become effective the whole activity of our Group would be totally disorganised.

We feel our duty to point out that Montecatini is the largest single industrial Group in Italy and our activities throughout the whole Country with 150 between factories and mines gives to day employment to some 50.000 labourers and employees.

In latest months the improved conditions of the transport facilities on land and sea made possible notable movements of domestic raw materials such as pyrites, coal, salt, etc. -

The recent increase in the import of basic raw materials like phosphate rock and copper and the UNRRA import program enabled our Company to revive many activities in most of our factories both in Northern and Peninsular Italy.

The change was particularly noticeable in the Fertilisers field, so strictly connected with the solution of present grave food problem and also in many other key activities (such as coal and pyrites mining in Tuscany, sulphur mining in the Marche - Romagna, production of chemicals for the Industry, copper sulphate for the agriculture, etc.) the situation was improving rapidly.

Our new president, our managing directors and the new Board of Directors that were appointed only a few weeks ago, at the end of the temporary "Commissioner regime", are now in a position and were looking forward to give an even stronger impulse to the Company policies for her complete reorganization and for future larger scale operations.

We beg to add further that the welfare of many other Italian companies and activities depends, to a large extent, on the safe operation of our Group and therefore the feared decision of G HQ largely exceeds what may be termed our personal interest in the question.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, of Industry and Commerce, of Agriculture and the Confindustria share our views in full and we have already received their assurances that they will support us to the utmost in view of the general interests of the Country.

But, quite apart from these considerations, we are convinced that the Chief Commissioner, with his profound knowledge of the general Italian situation and his comprehension of our economic problems, will appreciate to the maximum the damage which would be inflicted to our Group and to the national economy if the Montecatini would be deprived of their HQ, from which all the activities of the Group are managed and channelled.

We accordingly earnestly request the kind assistance of the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission to the effect that the occupation of our HQ in Milan, if under consideration by G HQ, be definitely avoided.

"MONTecatini"
Società Generale per l'Industria Mineraria e Chimica

(signature)

Rome, 17th April 1946.

811

238

COPYCOPY

Translation

To Allied Commission
Rome

April 13, 1946

P.L. 774/017/111/1

SUBJECT: Announcement of requisitioning the premises of the
Società Montecatini of Milan.

An article appeared today in the Milanese press stating that the premises of the Montecatini Society in the capital of Lombardy would probably be requisitioned to serve as offices for GHQ who are about to leave Caserta for that city.

In industrial circles this news has been received with justifiable anxiety. This anxiety is shared by the undersigned Confederation as they know that such a measure would cause serious repercussions other than to the firm in question.

Such an action would affect the Society just at the time when the new directors - recently elected by the members - are commencing the administrative and productive re-organization of this important industrial concern which has greatly suffered as a result of the military and political conditions of the country.

In the general interests what particularly concerns this firm is that the normalizing of the management and of the administrative offices of the Montecatini Society is indispensable for the renewed activity of its many factories. This is urgently required not only so as to give employment to workmen but also to provide many products which are unobtainable in the country.

We have set forth these points in order to explain the reasons which have prompted this Confederation to submit this urgent appeal to your Commission, and we hope that you will see your way to take steps to avoid much feared measures.

Trusting to receive your kindly reassurances on the subject, we thank you warmly in advance and remain

Yours faithfully

For the President

A. Costa

Signed E. Segre

646

238

CC
TranslationPRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
Gabinetto

APR 30 REC6

24 April 1946

67662/10859-15/7.2

TO: Console Comm. Dott. Giorgio Bombassei
Italian Representative to A.G.
Rome.

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of the premises "L.D.L." of Porto Marghera

In forwarding a copy of the letter sent to the Command of the 86 Area by the Prefect of Venice, we request you to let us know if it would not be possible to derequisition at least the "reparto Pressa" which would give work to about 200 Venetian workmen.

The Prefect

E.C. DIST - 29 Apr.

Action: Ec. Sec (2)

Info: c.c.

E.C.

645

(237)

Translation

FABBRICA DI VENEZIA

Rome, 9 April 1946

Dir. Gab. n. 1571

TO: 86 Area Command
VeniceSUBJECT: Derogation of the premises of I.I.I. of Porto Marghera

Following on the requisitioning order No 355 of the Town Mayor of Mestre, the premises of the I.I.I. of Porto Marghera were occupied on the 26 May 1945 by the British Military Unit "G.P.S.D." (Base Supply Depot) who used it as a food depot. Thus all the work of the establishment, which on the 2 May had recommenced to a limited degree, had to be suspended.

The building which is divided into four sections (foundry of rolling mills, presses and counters, wire-drawing and cordage, produces semi-worked aluminium and its alloy to a total of 700 tons monthly in normal production, when working to full capacity employment was given to 1400 workmen and 120 employees.

The damage suffered by the machinery through air bomb impact and German distraction is very slight and not sufficient to reduce the percentage of production to any perceptible degree.

The firm would have immediately been able to recommence its activities if it had not been occupied by the British Military Authorities. In fact there are still about 500 tons of raw material on the premises (lingots, slabs, bales etc.) and the firm is assured of a good supply of raw material from producers in Northern Italy. With the renewal of production, about 1000 unemployed would immediately be given work and this would help solve the tragic problem of unemployment.

We therefore earnestly beg you to examine the possibilities of derogation of the premises above mentioned and would be grateful to receive a reply from you on the subject.

THE DIRECTOR
Sgd. (Notarlandi)

644

237

1 3 2 7

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785015

*Dr. Riccardo de Lorenz
Vice Direttore
Montecitorio
- Sede di Roma -*

col. Mearns

A letter to B. J. Mearns
just received has been
written to G-5 AFHQ
- for review
syT- Det. 1st. 1st. 1st.

643

620

APR 23 1946

Translation

To the Allied Commission
R o m e.

P.E. 7744/017/111/1

13 apr 46

Subject: Arrangement of requisitioning the premises of the
Societa' Montecatini of Milan.

An article appeared today in the Milanese press stating that the premises of the Montecatini Society in the capital of Lombardy would probably be requisitioned to serve as offices for GHQ who are about to leave Caserta for that city.

In industrial circles this news has been received with justifiable anxiety. This anxiety is shared by the undersigned Confederation as they know that such a measure would cause serious repercussions other than to the firm in question.

Such an action would affect the Society just at the time when the new directors - recently elected by the members - are commencing the administrative and productive re-organization of this important industrial concern which has greatly suffered as a result of the military and political conditions of the country.

In the general interests what particularly concerns this firm is that the normalizing of the management and of the administrative offices of the Montecatini Society is indispensable for the renewed activity of its many factories. This is urgently required not only so as to give employment to workmen but also to provide many products which are unobtainable in the country.

We have set forth these points in order to explain the reasons which have prompted this Confederation to submit this urgent appeal to your Commission, and we hope that you will see your way to take steps to avoid these much feared measures.

Trusting to receive your kindly reassurances on the subject, we thank you warmly in advance and remain

Yours faithfully,

For the President
A. Costa
Signed M. Segre'

642

EC DIST - 18 ap

ACTION - EC

INFO - CC

2360

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 894
ECONOMIC SECTION

MAR 29 1946

240

ROUTING AND WORK SHEET

Each note must be numbered and each space completely filled in. THIS WORK SHEET MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE TO WHICH ATTACHED UNTIL ACTION IS COMPLETED AND THEN FILED WITH FILE COPIES OF COMMUNICATION TO WHICH IT PERTAINS. A line will be drawn the full width of the page under each note.

SUBJECT: S. A. Ansaldo - Pozzuoli

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From
1	27 Mar	Chief Commissioner	1. A copy of letter from Industry and Utilities Branch dated 26 March 46, is attached for your information, reference comment of the Chief Commissioner at top of copy of letter from Min. De Gasperi, dated 18 March, copy also attached. <i>Charles W. Walton</i> CHARLES W. WALTON Colonel, AC Acting Vice President <i>Copy to La Com.</i>	Economic Section <i>4045/ce</i>

641

236

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY AND UTILITIES BRANCH

Tel. 489081 - Ext. 589

TGE/sm

Ref. AC/5615/50/IND

26 March 1946

SUBJECT: S.A. Ansaldo - Pozzuoli

TO : General Officer Commanding
H.Q. No. 3 District
C. M. F.

1. Representations are again being made by the Italian Government for the de-requisition of further departments of the above firm.
2. It is understood that there has been a considerable reduction in the activities of the occupying units with consequent dismissals of a considerable number of the Italian staff.
3. In order to alleviate the unemployment position it would be appreciated if further sections of the plant could be handed back to the owners to enable them to re-start work and provide additional employment.
4. It would therefore be appreciated if this matter could again be examined.

For the Chief Commissioner:

F. W. TOCBEY
Lt. Col., R.A., Chief
Industry Division

640

236

Col Walton
What done?

Em

239
MAR 25

TRANSLATION

No.
63406/P.2405/3.1.10

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 18 March, 1946.

Dear Admiral,

This is to give you a general idea of the current situation of the Ansaldo factories of Pozzuoli, with a view to helping the local workmen.

The Allied Commission, in order to limit the unemployment of the above mentioned workmen, derequisitioned part of the factories, and the Ansaldo Company (S.A. Ansaldo), was able to re-engage 250 workers, (labourers and employees). Now, in view of the new dismissals which have been disposed by the Allied Authorities, a further derequisitioning of the factories is desirable, as it would enable the Ansaldo Company to re-engage many of the workers. As a result of the recent dismissals departments 750 B.A.S.D. and 557 B.C.D. are lying inactive.

If you would kindly intervene for the derequisitioning of these departments, you would be helping the workmen of the industrial zone of Pozzuoli which is afflicted by unemployment and poverty.

Grateful for your interest, and hoping to receive a reply on the matter,

Yours truly,

(s) De Gasperi.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

639

(ME)

EC DIST. 21

ACTION-ECON SEL

INFO CC

" EC

236

TRANSITION

OS - 63

Rome 23 March 1945

The Minister of Finance

Due to the frequency of air raids and to the damages caused by the war, the tobacco factory of Verona, even before the end of hostilities, was decentralized and subdivided in different sections, located away from the city, in the villages of: Giovanni Lupatoto, a ca' de Gessi, a Devio and Bologna Veneta. In the main factory only a small section with a few workers continued to function.

Such a solution, which was necessary at the time to safe guard our personnel and to continue our work, was and still is a tremendous expenditure for the State, and a great sacrifice for our workers, who, having in most cases, their houses in the city of Verona, were and are still forced, before and after their work, to cover with different means, and sometimes on foot, not less than 20 km every day.

Such is the case for the majority of them, having to reach a. Giovanni Lupatoto from Verona.

As soon as Verona was liberated the Administration of the factory tried to take possession of its premises in town in order to reestablish in one building, as in the past, all the different sections, and to stop this coming and going of the personnel from their houses to their work. This however could not be done as on the 15th of June 1945, the Engineers Headquarters of the Fifth Army - Real Estate Section - with an order N. 01641, Zone III, signed by 1st Lt. Robert Clinton, undersigned by Edward V. Chase, requisitioned the premises for the use of military units.

The Administration of State Monopoly, from which the tobacco manufacture depends, not disposing in Verona of other suitable premises, on 30th August 1945, sent to the Industry S/C of the Allied Commission through the Ministry of Industry, a request for the derequisition of the Tobacco Factory.

The request was not granted by the A.C. On the 11th of Dec. a letter N. 4/5615/29/Ind. signed by Charles Fervings, Chief of Industry Department, stated that as no other accommodations could be found in Verona for the units billeted in the Tobacco Factory, the premises could not be derequisitioned.

638 Considering that, if such a situation should go on, the Tobacco manufacture of Verona, which is one of the most important and modern plant of the State Monopoly, would be forced to postpone indefinitely the necessary work of reconstruction and would be unable to reestablish in the same building all the different sections, I deem necessary, in the interest of the Italian State, and that of the personnel of the factory, to ask you personally, for the prompt derequisition of the factory.

I should like also to state that, at the present moment, the tobacco manufacture of Verona is occupied by 500 German prisoners of war, who performing with inhumanity acts of vandalism, destroy the

4045/CC

2-51

different plants which still remain on the premises, increasing considerably all the work of reconstruction that will have to be done once the troops are withdrawn.

I trust in your personal help for the derequisition of the premises and want to express to you, my own gratitude and the gratitude of all the personnel involved, who are waiting to see the factory resume its normal work, in their own town.

/s/ Scocimarro

Admiral Milery Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

ROME

637

EC Dist 3ap

Action - Econ Sec (2)
Info CC
" 66

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

OMM/83/139

23 February, 1946.

Subject: Pharmaceutical Plants at Merano.

To : Allied Forces Headquarters,
G-5 Section,
APO 512.

Reference letter AFHQ/5076/Q(AR) dated 22 November, 1945
addressed to Chief Commissioner by the Chief Administrative Officer.

The pharmaceutical plants and stocks were released, and
the hand-over of buildings, plant and stocks to A.R.A.R., representing
the Italian Government was completed by 1200 hrs, 20 February, 1946.

The release was made and hand-over completed in the
presence of the DMS, 2 District, Director, OMM Branch, Allied
Commission, and Ing. Valerio, director of A.R.A.R.

Two copies of the complete inventories - duly agreed
and signed by DMS, 2 District, Director OMM Branch, Allied Commission,
and Director, A.R.A.R. - have been forwarded by 2 District to DMS,
AFHQ, one copy to be passed to G-5 section or Q(AR) OMM for information
and record purposes.

/s/ J. A. CAMPBELL

J.A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut-Colonel,
Director,
OMM Branch.

636

858

Copies to - Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Economic Section (2)
DMS, 2 District
OMM Branch, Milan.

RECEIVED 23 FEB 1946

RECEIVED 23 FEB 1946

RECEIVED 23 FEB 1946

RECEIVED 23 FEB 1946

235

1 3 3 6

785015

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

FEB 18 1946 *cc*

Ref. AC/5615/237/IND

16 February 1946

Dear Mr. Bonomi :

I acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter dated 21 January 1946 concerning the derequisitioning of Soc. An. Viggiani Enrico, 161 Via Poggioreale, Naples.

The matter is being taken up with the military authorities concerned and you will be advised in due course as to whether the plant can be released immediately.

Yours very truly,

/s/ N. W. HIND-SMITH *mej*

Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

On. Ivance Bonomi,
Consulta,
Piazza Monte Citorio,
Rome.

635

234

COPY

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT

CF/dg

Tel. 489081 - Ext. 328

4 February 1946

Ref. AC/5615/237/IND

SUBJECT : Derequisitioning of Viggiani
Enrico Co., Ltd., Via Pog-
gioreale 161 - Naples.

TO : General Officer Commanding
No. 3 District
C.M.F.

1. Application has been made by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for the derequisitioning of the subject plant which is equipped to can vegetables and produce jams, syrups and preserved fruit.
 2. The plant is stated to be occupied by 557 V.O.D., R.S.D., but it is claimed that the military occupants are no longer working there.
 3. In view of the importance of this factory to the civilian economy, it would be greatly appreciated if the position could be examined with a view to the immediate derequisition of the plant or, if that is not possible, if we could be informed as to the probable date of release.
- 40957/cc

For the Chief Commissioner :

Copy to :-

A.F.H.Q. - G-4 Section.

CHARLES FEWINGS
Major RASC,
Chief,
Industry Department.

634

233

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Feb 11 1946

Ref: 5009/10.

February 1946.

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning of Industrial Plants - NAPLES.

TO : Allied Commission
Chief Liaison Officer,
NAPLES.

1. I forward a letter received from the Prime Minister (58574/8.1 dated 31 January 46). You should show this letter to the Area Commander, the C.O. of P.B.S., the Naval Command and the District Commander and discuss with them the extent to which they are able to meet the Prime Minister's requests. These discussions will require tact and patience which I confidently expect you to employ.

2. You should report at the earliest possible moment the measure of success which you have achieved and the views of the Military and Naval Commanders.

N. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

633.

Copy to: Economic Section.

232

COPY.

The President of the Council of Ministers

58574/8.1

Rome. 31 January 1946.

Dear Admiral,

During the trip which I lately made to Naples, the local Government authorities, some concerns and private persons pointed out to me some very important requirements which I want to bring to your attention, asking for your kind intervention with A.M.G.

The Allied Authorities aware of the need directly and indirectly to encourage every industrial and economic initiative, gave and are still giving the most concrete support to the Italian Government for whatever action tending to hasten the rehabilitation of the country, asking that it should be carried out and removing the main obstacles.

For what concerns the town of Naples and within the sphere of the activities for a speedier return to pre-war conditions, the following regulations should be made: derequisition of the transport concerns (such as the tramway repairshop at Croce del Lago), industrial concerns (such as the Breda plants and the C.I.S.A. VISCOSA plants) as well as the various preserves industries which were one of the main export sources of local economy.

Such derequisitions, besides representing a concrete beginning of active commercial and industrial life, would make it possible to absorb part of the unemployed manpower which is one of the main problems of the city.

The derequisition requested is normal in the technical and juridical sense of the word, i.e. the handing back to the lawful owner of the plants in working conditions.

However, we have been informed that some units received the orders to remove stocks and machinery from the plants they were leaving. In one of my previous letters, I already brought to your attention the case of the Siderificio Napoletano (Now Industrial Meccanica Napoletana) in whose plants the inventory of the material to be removed is being made. It appears that the same thing is going to happen to the Riccardi glass manufacture, and to other industrial concerns as well.

I do not attempt to conceal the alarming repercussions that such news had among the Neapolitan unemployed, nor the uneasiness of the industrial milieu. Should such orders be carried out, the classes concerned will lose all hope, however faint, of resuming works, this ~~were~~ without mentioning the damages caused by the impossibility of getting new equipment.

632

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

/continued ...

232

EC

Adm. Com. Sec. (2)

H. C. C.
E. C.

- 2 -

The many obstacles to the resumption of local industries bring about the present difficult situation of the workers: however, it appears that part of them might be most usefully employed in the harbour area, where the Italians are not allowed to work at present, and where they might be made to rehabilitate the harbour and also salvage the ships.

One of the most urgent problems in Naples, besides that of unemployment, is that of accommodation. I think that with the collaboration of the Allied Authorities, such a problem might be if not solved, at least improved. Before anything else, it should now be possible to forbid all new requisitions of private lodgings, and it would also be well for the organisms in charge to take the initiative of a speedy re-examination of the situation of the three thousand flats which are still at the disposition of the army forces and allied organizations, seeing that those who are no longer strictly necessary.

For what concerns public buildings which should be derequisitioned, I want to bring to your attention that where the Ufficio del Genio Civile ought to be able to function, it is useless to emphasize on its importance at the present time.

I also take the liberty of bringing to your attention, my dear Admiral, a problem of a chiefly moral character and therefore most important. The American agents of the M.P. who lately landed in Naples caused an understandable resentment among the Neapolitan population because of unjustified manifestations of unfriendliness, and also because they arrested and searched some citizens who are above suspicion. I believe that on such a matter also it would be advisable to see that there are no occasions of uneasiness between the population and allied organizations.

Trusting that you may take action so that the just wishes of the Neapolitans be granted, I remain,

Sincerely yours.

/s/ De Gasperi.

631

e/c

232

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

Ref. AC/5630/IND

7 February 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister :

I refer to your letter of 17 January 1946 concerning the proposed derequisitioning of the Industria Meccanica Napoletana plant at Fusaro by 693 B.M.W. REME and their proposed plans to remove materials and equipment from this plant.

On 22 January 1946 a member of the Industrial Staff of the Allied Commission made a personal inspection of the Fusaro works and discussed this problem with the military authorities in charge.

The military authorities in REME state that they have made no plans at the present moment for derequisitioning the plant and propose to continue their operations for some two or three months.

They further state that there have been no materials or equipment removed from the premises, except those materials produced in the plant, and that there are no plans for such a removal.

Some two or three months ago there was a discussion among military authorities as to the advisability of moving some of the equipment from Fusaro to other military operations but it was decided at that time not to take such action.

A survey of the operations does not indicate that there is now any movement or preparation for movement of any quantity of material or equipment from the plant.

I therefore feel able to assure you that there is no action at the present time being proposed or executed that would be detrimental to the conditions or operations of the plant when it is derequisitioned.

Very truly yours,

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency Alcide De Gasperi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome.

630

5 February 1946.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

A copy of my letter to you of 12
January 1946, file ES/5.16, with reference to
Italian material and equipment removed from
Italy by the Germans was forwarded to the British
Ambassador.

I am forwarding herewith for your
information a copy of the British Ambassador's
reply.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Hon. Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

629

230d

40415/100

5 February 1946.

Thank you for your letter of 30
January 1946, No. 53/8/46, on the subject of
the material and equipment, belonging to the
Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale, which
was removed from Italy by the Germans.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Sir Noel Charles, Bt., K.C.M.G.,
British Ambassador,
84 Via Venti Settembre,
Rome.

628

Longfellow
1043712

5 February 1946.

Thank you for your letter of 30
January 1946, No. 53/8/46, on the subject of
the material and equipment, belonging to the
Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale, which
was removed from Italy by the Germans.

ELLIOT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Sir Noel Charles, Bt., K.C.M.G.,
British Ambassador,
84 Via Venti Settembre,
Rome.

5 February 1946.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

A copy of my letter to you of 12 January 1946, file ES/5.16, with reference to Italian material and equipment removed from Italy by the Germans was forwarded to the British Ambassador.

I am forwarding herewith for your information a copy of the British Ambassador's reply.

Very truly yours,

ALLEY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Hon. Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

626

Long
4045/10

5 February 1946.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

A copy of my letter to you of 12 January 1946, file ES/5.16, with reference to Italian material and equipment removed from Italy by the Germans was forwarded to the British Ambassador.

I am forwarding herewith for your information a copy of the British Ambassador's reply.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Hon. Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

625

5 February 1946.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

A copy of my letter to you of 12 January 1946, file ES/5.16, with reference to Italian material and equipment removed from Italy by the Germans was forwarded to the British Ambassador.

I am forwarding herewith for your information a copy of the British Ambassador's reply.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Hon. Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

624

5 February 1946.

Thank you for your letter of 30
January 1946, No. 53/8/46, on the subject of
the material and equipment, belonging to the
Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale, which
was removed from Italy by the Germans.

ELLENY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Sir Noel Charles, Bt., K.C.M.G.,
British Ambassador,
84 Via Venti Settembre,
Rome.

623

2306

4045/11

E.C.

Personals

I think this
letter needs more
than Ecom
Sec. handling

622

GWS
CC

Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

58571/8.1

Rome, 31 January 1946

FEB 5 1946

Dear Admiral,

during the trip which I lately made to Naples, the local Government Authorities, some concerns and private persons pointed out to me some very important requirements which I want to bring to your attention, asking for your kind intervention with A.M.G.

The Allied Authorities aware of the need directly and indirectly to encourage every industrial and economic initiative, gave and are still giving the most concrete support to the Italian Government for whatever action tending to hasten the rehabilitation of the Country, asking that it should be carried out and removing the main obstacles.

For what concerns the town of Naples and within the sphere of the activities for a speedier return to pre-war conditions, the following regulations should be made: derequisition of the transport concerns (such as the tramway repair shop at Croce del Lago), industrial concerns (such as the Breda plants and the C.I.S.A. VISCOSA plants) as well as the various preserves industries which were one of the main export sources of local economy.

Such derequisitions, besides representing a concrete beginning of active commercial and industrial life, would make it possible to absorb part of the unemployed manpower which is one of the main problems of the city.

The derequisition requested is normal in the technical and juridical sense of the word, i.e. the handing back to the lawful owner of the plants in working conditions.

However, we have been informed that some units received the orders to remove stocks and machinery from the plants they were leaving. In one of my previous letters, I already brought to your attention the case of the Silurificio Napoletano (now Industria Meccanica Napoletana) in whose plants the inventory of the material to be removed is being made. It appears that the same thing is going to happen to the Riccardi glass manufacture, and to other industrial concerns as well.

621 I do not attempt to conceal the alarming repercussions that such news had among the Neapolitan unemployed, nor the uneasiness of the industrial milieu. Should such orders be carried out, the classes concerned will lose all hope, however faint of resuming work, this without mentioning the damages caused by the impossibility of getting new equipment.

Admiral Ellery A. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

E.C. DIST-5 Feb.

Action: E.C. 12

Info: C.C.

E.C.

2306

- 2 -

The many obstacles to the resumption of local industries bring about the present difficult situation of the workers: however, it appears that part of them might be most usefully employed in the harbour area, where the Italians are not allowed to work at present, and where they might be made to rehabilitate the harbour and also salvage the ships.

One of the most urgent problems in Naples, besides that of unemployment is that of accommodation. I think that with the collaboration of the Allied Authorities, such a problem might be if not solved, at least improved. Before anything else, it should now be possible to forbid all new requisitions of private lodgings, and it would also be well for the organisms in charge to take the initiative of a speedy re-examination of the situation of the three thousand flats which are still at the disposition of the army forces and allied organizations, seeing that those who are no longer strictly necessary.

For what concerns public buildings which should be derequisitioned, I want to bring to your attention that where the Ufficio del Genio Civile ought to be able to function, it is useless to emphasize on its importance at the present time.

I also take the liberty of bringing to your attention, my dear Admiral, a problem of a chiefly moral character and therefore most important. The American agents of the M. . who lately landed in Naples caused an understandable resentment among the Neapolitan population because of unjustified manifestations of unfriendliness, and also because they arrested and searched some citizens who are above suspicion. I believe that on such a matter also it would be advisable to see that there are no occasions of uneasiness between the population and allied organizations.

Trusting that you may take action so that the just wishes of the Neapolitans be granted, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

s. De Gasperi

61/0

6211

2306

BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

53/8/46

30th January, 1946.

My dear Admiral,

223d I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12th January on the subject of the material and equipment, belonging to the Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale, which was removed from Italy by the Germans.

This is a matter on which I am unable to express an opinion seeing that it must be settled, I presume, by the four Controlling Powers in Germany and I have not heard to date that a common policy has yet been formulated. However, I will of course inform the Foreign Office of the Italian claims.

Yours sincerely,

For/Charles

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

619

230a

1045/11

British Embassy,
Rome.

C
O
P

53/8/46

30th January, 1946

My dear Admiral,

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12th January on the subject of the material and equipment, belonging to the Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale, which was removed from Italy by the Germans.

This is a matter on which I am unable to express an opinion seeing that it must be settled, I presume, by the four Controlling Powers in Germany and I have not heard to date that a common policy has yet been formulated. However, I will of course inform the Foreign Office of the Italian claims.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Noel Charles

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

618

Sample
4045/10

C
O
P
Y

53/8/46

British Embassy,
Rome.

30th January, 1946

My dear Admiral,

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12th January on the subject of the material and equipment, belonging to the Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale, which was removed from Italy by the Germans.

This is a matter on which I am unable to express an opinion seeing that it must be settled, I presume, by the four Controlling Powers in Germany and I have not heard to date that a common policy has yet been formulated. However, I will of course inform the Foreign Office of the Italian claims.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Noel Charles

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

British Embassy,
Rome.

C
O
P
53/8/46

30th January, 1946

My dear Admiral,

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12th January on the subject of the material and equipment, belonging to the Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale, which was removed from Italy by the Germans.

This is a matter on which I am unable to express an opinion seeing that it must be settled, I presume, by the four Controlling Powers in Germany and I have not heard to date that a common policy has yet been formulated. However, I will of course inform the Foreign Office of the Italian claims.

Yours sincerely,

/S/ Noel Charles

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

616

Surplus
4045/cc

Hq ALCON

26 1009 JAN 46

CESARE MERZAGORA DIRETTORE GENERALE ET COMMISSARIO PIRELLI MILAN

599

UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT IS SYNTHETIC RUBBER PD

PARA ONE PD YOUR TELEGRAMMA LAMPO DATED TWO FIVE JANUARY ONE NINE FOUR SIX
RECEIVED WITH THANKS PDPARA TWO PD CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE USE OF AMERICAN
SYNTHETIC RUBBER FOR TYRES PD

PARA THREE PD RESULTS OF TESTS MADE ON THESE TYRES ARE AWAITED WITH INTEREST PD

PARA FOUR PD YOU CAN REST ASSURED OF ALLIED COOPERATION IN ALL ITALIAN EFFORTS
AT RECONSTRUCTION IN ALL FIELDS PD

SIGNED ADMIRAL STONE

CHIEF COMMISSIONER ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

615

PRIORITY

ECONOMIC SECTION

G. J. LEONE
CWO, USA
ASST. ADJUTANT

HARLAN CLEVELAND, A/VP ECON. SEC.

COPYTRANSLATION

CAMERA DEI DEPUTATI

Dear Admiral,

I bring to your attention the request for the derequisition of the preserved food Concern about which all particulars are to be found in the enclosed memorandum.

I trust that this activity which is so useful to Neapolitan economy may soon be resumed.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

s. Ivano Bonomi

Rome, 21 January 1946.

614

229a

40457 ac

COPYTRANSLATIONDerequisition of the Preserved Food Concern 'Viggiani Enrico Ltd' - Naples
(Poggioreale)

1. The Plant was requisitioned by the Allied Army Forces when the city was occupied, a few days after the Company finished repairing the 14 buildings, depots, steam generators, offices, etc. damaged by the war.
 2. At the time of the requisition the Allied Command (Supply Section) asserted that the plant was in good conditions, particularly from the point of view of a rapid resumption of works.
This efficiency was stated by Major HOFFMAN and by the representatives of the Local Manufacturers Union (Ing. Giardina and Betti) sent by the Naples Prefecture.
 3. Before the announced requisition by the above mentioned British Forces, several memoranda were sent to the Allied and Italian Authorities to prove that it was necessary to keep the plant working and that it should therefore not be requisitioned, for it was the only preserved food concern that escaped destruction in the Poggioreale zone, this to answer the requirements of the civilian population and also in relation with the pressure exercised by the Ministry for Industry, the Local Prefecture and other Authorities.
 2. The premises of the plant are occupied by the 557 B.O.D.R.S.D. - LANZA SIDINGS AREA, Poggioreale. (Senior Officers of the 557 B.O.D.R.S.D.: Lt. Colonel OVER and Major GRUTTENDEN; the offices of the unit are in the offices building).
 5. The Plant was completely occupied by the offices of the 557 B.O.D.R.S.D. for the disinfecting and repairing of field kitchen equipment.
 6. The occupying Command left at the disposition of the Viggiani the premises of the generator and also a shed to dump the materials and such machinery as could be moved.
 7. We ask for the derequisition of the Plant which is now a laboratory for disinfecting of kitchen utensils, and also in consideration of the fact that material to be repaired hasn't been coming in for a long time.
 8. The Plant, if derequisitioned, can give work to at least 500 workers and to more than twice that number during season working, besides a corresponding number of employees.
 9. 200 workers might be employed in fixing up the Plant: masons, bricklayers, fitters, mechanics, etc.
- 81610 The yearly foodstuffs output of the Plant amounts to 120,000 quintals, to the great benefit of the alimentation position.

e/c

229a

ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

JAN 24 1946

Ref: 4755/376/EC

22 January 1946

SUBJECT: Derequisitioning.

TO : R.A.A.C.
(Real Estate Section)
HQ No. 3 District
(Claims and Hirings).

1. Attached please find copy of letter dated December 14, 1945 from Cardinal Enrico Gasparri about the derequisitioning of a joint stock Company at Naples, and a service station in Rome.

2. It would be appreciated by this HQ if you could look into this matter and inform this office of any action you may be able to take.

B. SAMBSON

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

612
612

229

Cardinal Enrico Gasparri
Via della Scrofa 70 Rome

December 14 1945

JAN 18 1946

To Admiral Ellery Stone
Head of the A.C.I.
P.O. 8

Dear Admiral Stone,

Please permit me to call your kind attention on the sad situation brought about by the Allied requisitioning and occupation of two establishments belonging to me and my nephews, Camillo and Enrico Gasparri. These two establishments constituted our main living-source and the ineffectivity deriving from their occupation has paralyzed all our incomes and plunged us into a state of need which the present difficulties render all the more unbearable.

I

These establishments are:

- 1) The "Deposito di Verburanti", a joint stock company known as the "Cicam", located in Torre, via Araine 34, Naples, requisitioned by the British Forces.
- 2) The service-station and garage of the "Memento" company, located on Piazza Montecitorio, Rome, requisitioned by the American C.I.C.

II

The "Cicam" -Company premises in Naples were first requisitioned by the Germans, then by the Allies who subtracted all the machinery and other belongings. After five years of complete ineffectivity, our capital has suffered so much that our financial situation is now seriously impaired.

Last year the Allied Authorities were contacted on this concern through the courtesy of the British Minister to the Holy See, but the requisition of the aforesaid premises was not granted because of the

611
Already sent
to Rome, 1/15/46

Dear Admiral Stone,

Please permit me to call your kind attention on the sad situation brought about by the Allied requisitioning and occupation of two establishments belonging to me and my nephews, Camillo and Enrico Gemelli. These two establishments constituted our main living-source and the inactivity deriving from their occupation has paralyzed all our incomes and plunged us into a state of need which the present difficulties render all the more unbearable.

I

These establishments are:

- 1) The "Deposito di Carburanti", a joint stock company known as the "Gleam", located in Torre, via Arzine 34, Naples, requisitioned by the British forces.
- 2) The service-station and garage of the "Prometo" company, located on Piazza Montecitorio, Rome, requisitioned by the American G.I.C.

II

The "Gleam" - Company premises in Naples were first requisitioned by the Germans, then by the Allies who subtracted all the machinery and other belongings.

After five years of complete inactivity, our capital has suffered so much that our financial situation is now seriously impaired.

Last year the Allied Authorities were contacted on this concern through the courtesy of the British Minister to the Holy See, but the derequisition of the aforesaid premises was not granted because of the necessities of the war.

But now the war is over and the military necessities have remarkably decreased. In fact a number of establishments are being derequisitioned and restored to their proprietors, along with all the machinery. A compensation is often granted when their business was suspended during the occupation or any sort of damage was suffered.

My nephews and I, instead, have not been accorded any attention at all. The machinery has been all taken away from the establishments and the premises

611
Already sent
to ACW, 1/5/50
by letter
under 3/1/50
dated 1/5/50
No reply yet
received
(Miss S.) 2 2 2

17891 368

have not been restored as yet. We understand that all this was due to the fact that a war was on. We now trust in the new circumstances for a more favorable consideration. We did however expect a better treatment in consideration of all I, personally, and my nephew Camillo did on behalf of the British Army during the German occupation of Rome. Our home was always open to all the British soldiers who had managed to escape from the nazist P.O. camps after September 8, 1943, and so we spared the lives of a number of Allied Soldiers, hiding them and providing all necessary food and clothing at the risk of our own lives.

III

The other establishment is the "Romanto" Company Service Station. The prompt derequisitioning of these premises would enable us to improve our financial situation immediately, while our Naples establishment will require time and money before we shall be able to transact business once again.

IV

I would therefore beg you to do all within your power with a view toward granting the derequisition of the above-mentioned premises. I am sure you will also consider that it would be proper and equitable to grant the Cleam Company a compensation for the machinery that was taken away and the damages deriving from the constrained inactivity of the firm.

Thanking you in advance for the kindness you will show our case, I am.

Respectfully yours,

6711

III

The other establishment is the "Romanto" Company Service Station. The prompt derequisitioning of these premises would enable us to improve our financial situation immediately, while our Naples establishment will require time and money before we shall be able to transact business once again.

IV

I would therefore beg you to do all within your power with a view toward granting the derequisition of the above-mentioned premises. I am sure you will also consider that it would be proper and equitable to grant the Clean Company a compensation for the machinery that was taken away and the damages deriving from the constrained inactivity of the firm.

Thanking you in advance for the kindness you will show our case, I am.

Respectfully yours,

Cardinal Enrico GASPARRI

610

229

1363

Ref: BS/5.16

12 January 1946

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am enclosing a copy of a translation of a letter from Doctor Alcide De Gasperi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, reference 41/60242/1 dated 4 January 1946, and of my reply thereto.

Under instructions from AFHQ of 19 September 1945 (copy attached), I had previously informed Doctor De Gasperi of my inability to assist him directly in his efforts to secure the return of Italian machinery taken by the Germans.

I hope, however, that in view of the benefit to the Italian economy of a favorable decision you will consider sympathetically and transmit to proper authority for final decision the claims put forward by the Italian Government.

I am addressing the American Ambassador in similar terms.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H. E. Sir Noel Charles, Bt., KCMG, MC,
British Embassy,
ROME.

609

CI

227d

14045/10

copy"A"

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

19 September 1945

SUBJECT : Italian claims to property in Germany and
Austria.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference is made to your AC/5748/IND dated 6 September forwarding the Bondadori claims, which are returned herewith.

2. The disposition of claims to assets in Austria and Germany is primarily a matter for determination by the authorities at the place where the claimed assets are located.

3. It has been determined at this Headquarters that claims by Italians to property in Austria or Germany may be submitted by the Italian Government to the Russian, French, British or U.S. embassies as the case may require.

4. You are requested to advise the Italian Government that except in cases affecting a military interest in this Theater, this Headquarters will not undertake to forward Italian claims to property located outside the Theater.

(signed)

A.L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

608

228d

Ref: NS/G.16

12 January 1946

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

228a

I am enclosing a copy of a translation of a letter from Doctor Alcide De Gasperi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, reference 61/00242/1 dated 4 January 1946, and of my reply thereto.

Under instructions from AFHQ of 13 September 1945 (copy attached), I had previously informed Doctor De Gasperi of my inability to assist him directly in his efforts to secure the return of Italian machinery taken by the Germans.

I hope, however, that in view of the benefit to the Italian economy of a favorable decision you will consider sympathetically and transmit to proper authority for final decision the claims put forward by the Italian Government.

I am addressing the British Ambassador in similar terms.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Elmer W. Stone

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H. E. Alexander Kirk
American Embassy
R O M E

607

2280

4045/ce

C O P Y

"A"

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 518

19 September 1945

SUBJECT : Italian claims to property in Germany and
Austria.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference is made to your AC/5748/IND dated 6 September forwarding the Mondadori claims, which are returned herewith.

2. The disposition of claims to assets in Austria and Germany is primarily a matter for determination by the authorities at the place where the claimed assets are located.

3. It has been determined at this Headquarters that claims by Italians to property in Austria or Germany may be submitted by the Italian Government to the Russian, French, British or U.S. embassies as the case may require.

4. You are requested to advise the Italian Government that except in cases affecting a military interest in this Theater, this Headquarters will not undertake to forward Italian claims to property located outside the Theater.

(signed)

A.L. HANBLER
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

606

227

552

Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

JAN 21 RECD

Rome, 17 January 1946

Dear Admiral,

the Baia, Fusaro and Scoglio di S. Martino plants belonging to the Italian Torpedo-works of Naples - today Industria Meccanica Napoletana - were formerly requisitioned by the Allied Army forces for war requirements.

A request was made to the military Authorities that made the requisition that, when demobilization took place, all the property should be handed over to the company that owns it, and I was given the assurance that the Industry Sub-commission of the Allied Commission was favourable to such a request.

Now it appears that on leaving the plants, the units received the order to remove the equipment and raw materials. Among other things, the 693 B.M.W. ~~which~~ which is occupying the plant is already drawing an inventory so that we foresee that the removal of the machinery and materials is imminent.

If this action is taken, the problem of the re-employment of Italian manpower, which was already very grave because of the demobilization of the plants, will become hopeless and it will be impossible to carry out the plans drafted by the managers, with the sponsoring of the Italian Government, for a rapid transformation of works for peace requirements.

You are aware of the conditions of Italian industry and of the seriousness of the problems connected with unemployment. You can therefore realize how urgent is your intervention so that the authorities in charge leave the plants to the Neapolitan mechanic industry, to enable it to resume working at once.

For your information about the possibilities for a rapid transformation of the plants of this company, I bring to your attention the fact that in a small part of the Baia plant, left at the disposition of the Italians by the Allied Military Authorities, thanks to the great efforts of the managers and workers, it was possible long ago to transform the production and set the plants towards a normal development of work.

The other plants to be left free by the Allied Military units intend to do the same thing.

Trusting you will agree to my earnest request, I remain,

Yours very truly,

S. De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

E.C. DIST
Antez: Ea. Sec. (3)
Info: c.c.
P.C.
Marty S/C

e/c

2-86

231

Ref: NS/S.16

12 January 1946

My dear Doctor De Gasperi:

I refer to your letter 41/30248/1 of 4 JANUARY 1946 on the subject of Italian industrial equipment removed from Italy by the Germans. 227

As stated in my letter NS/S.14 of 30 September 1945, the Allied Commission has no direct channel of communication with the authorities in Germany and Austria except through Allied Force Headquarters. I have therefore written the British and American Ambassadors in Rome requesting their sympathetic consideration of your requests. 215

In regard to the final request contained in your letter, I take pleasure in forwarding to you herewith the tabulated translations of German lists of Italian machinery and equipment removed by them. 11045/cc

H/R Very truly yours,

ELBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

all

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
R O M E

604

228a

SECRET

Ref: ES/15.10/W

8 January 1946

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I refer to signal COM 346, from Washington, received 22 December 1945, on the subject of Rubber Compounding Information for Italy, of which a copy was sent your Commercial Counsellor, and to previous correspondence on this subject.

Inclosed for your information is a copy of a letter I have sent this day to the American Ambassador, requesting that future action on this subject be taken by his Embassy. Of the inclosures listed therein I attach one, namely a copy of the letter of 15 December from Lt. Colonel Robert A. Martino.

Very sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H.E. Sir Noel Charles, Bt., KCMG, MC
British Embassy
Rome

603
61

*All inclosures are in
Mr. Harlan Cleveland's File
under Lt. Col. Stone (JVM)*

SECRET

223

Ref: ES/15.10/W

8 January 1946

My Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I refer to signal COM 346 from Washington, received 22 December 1945, on the subject of Rubber Compounding Information for Italy, of which a copy was sent your Commercial Attache, and to previous correspondence on this subject.

Inasmuch as the Department of State and the Combined Liberated Areas Committee have agreed that future action to obtain agreement with the Italian Government should be the responsibility of your Embassy, it is desired to transmit to you certain of the original documents involved.

To this end I inclose (1) the original of the Letter of Intent signed by Prime Minister Parri and delivered to Brigadier Anderson of the Allied Commission on 2 October 1945, and (2) a file of thirteen (13) mixing formulae, with index sheet, and an ingredient code list with nine (9) pages of "Standard GR-S Factory Processing" instructions.

Also inclosed for your information is a copy, without inclosures, of a letter dated 15 December 1945 from Lt. Colonel Robert A. Martino, formerly of this Headquarters, addressed to the Allied Commission.

I am sending the British Ambassador a copy of this letter to you.

Very sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

602 H.E. Alexander Kirk
American Embassy
Rome

31

228
SECRET

Transmission

The Minister of Foreign Affairs

11/00242/1

one, 4 January 1946

JAN 10 1946

Dear Admiral,

I once more appeal to your kind courtesy for the very important matter which I brought to your attention in my letter dated September 20th: the recovering of the equipment and outfit taken away by the Germans.

Following your advice, I took up this problem which is of vital importance for Italian economy with the Allied Ambassadors in Rome, and the G.I. representatives in the Allied capitals; they were told that the matter would be taken in consideration with the greatest goodwill; however, till now, it hasn't been possible to obtain a final decision. Thus, there is the risk that the materials and equipments taken to Germany and Austria be considered as captured by the occupying powers, and might therefore be sequestered.

The case is particularly serious, that of the material removed by the German authorities of occupation from the plants of the Company belonging to the Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale, which as you know, includes several important concerns. Very important material for an incalculable amount have been taken from the plants of the Societa' Italiana Acciaierie di Cornigliano (S.I.A.C.), the Iva, Italian Blast-Furnaces and Steel-works, the Aero-Raffinerie plants and other companies. The loss of such equipment would not only represent a loss of many tens of milliards for the Italian State, but it would chiefly paralyze the economic rehabilitation of many regions, thus bringing about the unemployment of the workers, fact which cannot but have very serious repercussions on public order also.

I have no doubt that you, my dear Admiral, who follow with such interest the difficult and slow rehabilitation of Italian economy, will realize the importance of this problem and intervene with the Allied Governments so that our request may be quickly solved and taken in consideration with the necessary spirit of comprehension.

I have been informed that Mr. Edoardo Adler, intrusted by the Istituto per la Ricostruzione Industriale with the recovering of the material and equipment of the companies belonging to the said industrial group, contacted the Allied Commission during the last few days, and particularly Colonel Milton, to study the best means to proceed to the identification of and if possible detain the equipment belonging to the I.R.I. group which seems to be chiefly in the zones of Germany and Austria occupied by the Anglo American troops.

It seems that Mr. Adler particularly asked for the help of the Allied Commission to obtain the authorization to proceed to the above mentioned areas with an officer of the War Material Division of Bolzano and four techni-

Admiral Henry Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
Rome

E.C. DIST - 8 Jan

Action: E.C. Sec (2)

Info: C.C.
E.C.

227a

228b

228d

230a

228a

213

230c

215

230b

(M.H.)

- 2 -

136

sions of the main companies concerned. The Italian Government will greatly appreciate it if it is possible to grant Mr. Adler's request, and I shall be personally grateful if you take the necessary action to facilitate this mission.

I also take the liberty of reminding you, my dear Admiral of the archives of the material taken away by the Germans, which was found in Ortisei. Our companies are not always able to supply information about the location of the material that was taken away. In fact, such information was usually gathered on the basis of notes taken in haste and at their own risk by the staff. Besides in many cases the original destination may have been changed during the journey. You certainly realize the importance of being able to supply the various Governments with precise information, supported by documents, regarding the existence of Italian equipment in such zones of Germany and Austria as are occupied by their troops.

I therefore renew my request that the Italian Government may be allowed, as soon as possible, to become acquainted with these important documents.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours very truly,

A. P. Gasperi

e/c

600

OUTGOING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

DEC 27 1945

Date : 21 Dec. 45

FROM : H. ALCOM COMMERCE (FOREIGN TRADE)
TO (FOR ACTION) : ASAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC FOR CLAC
TO (INFORMATION) : SACOF LONDON FOR CABINET SECRETARIAT RPTD AFH,
FOR FHGEG

Ref. No. : 9550 Security Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

This is MOC 416.

Subject is RCL.

1. Your COM 345 noted. 217 against
2. All Italian exports RCL, import program and Military requirements are currently screened by ALCOM. It is responsibility of ALCOM of importing country to secure clearance from combined boards for exports from Italy.
3. If ALCOM clears exports as in the past, must ALCOM request allocations of certain items on RCL if importing country is not one which receives its allocations from combined boards, for example, Poland.
4. request clarification of (A) which countries receive allocations of all repeat all RCL items from combined boards and (B) which countries, if any, receive allocations only of selected items on RCL.

Copy to : Economic section

Precedence PRIORITY

Office of Origin : Commerce (Foreign Trade) S/C

Tel. No. : 330

Originators Signature : (Maj. S. J. S.)

Authenticated

G. J. LEONE
CMO USA
Asst adjut

DISTRIBUTION :

4045/CC

4045/PC

ty of ALCOM or of importing country to secure clearance from combined boards for exports from Italy.

3. If ALCOM clears exports as in the past, must ALCOM request allocations of certain items on RCL if importing country is not one which receives its allocations from combined boards, for example, Poland.

4. Request clarification of (a) which countries receive allocations of all repeat all RCL items from combined boards and (b) which countries, if any, receive allocations only of selected items on RCL.

Copy to ; Economic section

Precedence PRIORITY

Office of Origin : Commerce (Foreign Trade) S/C

Tel. No. : 330

Originators Signature : (Maj. S. J. L.)

G. J. LEONE
CWO USA
Asst Adjut

DISTRIBUTION :

ACTION DIRECTION ; Econ Sec 18
(CSO (6))
(Supply Group)
(Program Br.)
(Requisition Br. (3))

ADVANCE COPIES TO: Commerce SC 2
Finance SC
Food Agric SC 2
Ind Utilities SC 2
Coal Div 1
In SC 2

INFO : Chief Commissioner
Exec Comm 2
CC Br Emb
CA US Emb
WSA Rome
MTR
File

227

INCOMING MESSAGE
Headquarters Allied Commission

Originator's Reference: WOL 29459 Message Centre: G/6098
Date/Time of Origin: 152117 Date Time Rec'd: DEC 221630
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: WAR FROM CCS CITE COM FOR CIAC
TO: ALLIED COMMISSION INFO AMHQ FOR PHCEG AND UK BASE SECTION
FOR CABINET SECRETARIAT

UNCLASSIFIED

This is COM 346. Refer COM 374 rubber compounding information for Italy

1. Office of rubber reserve has recently acquired authority from its contractors to enter into long term formal agreement with Italian Government concerning exchange of information on compounding and ISE of synthetic rubber reference COM 277 and 283

2. British RAW materials mission in Washington indicates that British Government does not repeat not wish to enter into agreement but have authorized transfer of British Pirelli information to Italian Government after United States - Italian agreement has been concluded London will advise British Embassy in Rome on this matter

3. Department of state is transmitting by Airmail instructions to American Embassy in Rome to enter into a formal United States - Italian Government agreement. It will therefore not be necessary for Allied Commission to continue further negotiation under letter of intent 4. Colonel Martino is returning by War Department Mail AC file on subject. Copies of correspondence between office of rubber reserve, and British RAW Materials Mission with state department, and also letter of instructions from state department to American Embassy in Rome for AC information will be found in file. This file will give full background for reasons for change of pro-

4025/CC

1 3 7 7

4025/10

formal agreement with Italian Government concerning exchange of information on compounding and use of synthetic rubber reference COM 277 and 283

2. British Raw materials mission in Washington indicate that British Government does not repeat not wish to enter into agreement but have authorized transfer of British Pirelli information to Italian Government after United States - Italian agreement has been concluded London will advise British Embassy in Rome on this matter

3. Department of state is transmitting by airmail instructions to American Embassy in Rome to enter into a formal United States - Italian Government agreement. It will therefore not be necessary for Allied Commission to continue further negotiation under letter of intent

4. Colonel Martino is returning by War Department Mail AG file on subject. Copies of correspondence between office of rubber reserve, and British Raw Materials Mission with state department, and also letter of instructions from state department to American Embassy in Rome for AG information will be found in file. This file will give full background for reasons for change of procedure

598

AG DIST

ACTION DIRECTION: ECON SEC 18

CSO 6

SUPPLY GROUP

PROGRAM DR.

REQUISITION ER 10

ADVANCE COPIES TO: COMMERCE SC 2

FINANCE SC

FOOD AGRIC SC 2

IND UTILITIES SC 2

COAL DIV 1

TN SC 2

INTO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

EXEC COMM 2

CC BR EMB

CA US EMB

NSA ROME

MWR

FILE

226a

836

NOV 24 1945

209 45

Translation

The Minister of the Royal Household

Rl

16337

Rome, 24 November 1945

My dear Admiral,

I shouldn't take the liberty of bringing the following matter to your attention if it didn't concern our industrial and agricultural rehabilitation which the Allied Commission and the British and American Governments are so keen to promote.

The precarious situation of an industrial plant of the Regio, because most valuable machinery is still requisitioned by the Allies, has been brought to the attention of His Royal Highness the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom.

The concern in question is the Pietro Melchiorre concern, owned by Mr. Giovambattista Melchiorre, and manufacturing tools and agricultural machinery at Alberobello di Bari. On May 30th 1944, a unit of the 17 C.R.E. requisitioned from this concern all the machinery from the carpentry section, and several from the welding section, as from the enclosed list. All these pieces of machinery are at present in the possession of the C.R.E. works stationed at Bari; without such machinery, and leaving aside the damages suffered because of the inactivity of its sections during the last period, the Melchiorre plant cannot cope with the requests from local farmers, all over the region, who cannot obtain the necessary tools and agricultural machines, at a time when they do all they can to increase to the utmost the production of the land, not only in their own interest, but also in that of the nation, threatened with food shortage.

According to the wish of His Royal Highness, and knowing how concerned you are with the resumption of Italian industrial and agricultural activities, I take the liberty of bringing to your attention the position of the Melchiorre metallurgic concern at Alberobello, for whatever action you will deem it advisable to take to enable it to overcome whatever obstacle there might be for the de-requisition of the above mentioned machinery; I shall greatly appreciate it if you send me an answer so that I may inform His Royal Highness who is taking great interest in this matter.

Believe me, my dear Admiral,

Sincerely yours,

S. Lucifero

(Minister of the Royal Household)

597

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

Trans. e/o

EC DIST. 27 Nov

ACTION: ECON SEC (3)

INFO: CHIEF COMM.

: EX COMM.

226

NOV 23 REC'D

CP

FA/71-2

22 November 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

21/6

I should like to refer to your letter of 19 October 1945, bringing to my attention the desirability of an immediate allocation of sugar to the jam manufacturers of Southern Italy, in order to avoid unemployment and spoilage of fruit pulp.

In accordance with your suggestion, it has proven practicable to divert a portion of the sugar required for maintenance of the agreed ration, in anticipation of deliveries of sugar requisitioned for the manufacture of preserves. This has permitted an allocation to the jam manufacturers in Southern Italy, equal to 13 1/3% of the quantity stated in the Transitional Program for the October-December period.

Because of the difficulty of maintaining imports of sugar commensurate with the ration scale, I presume that you will want to take special action to insure that the quantity thus allocated to the jam manufacturers is repaid to the civilian ration program, upon arrival of the planned imports.

Very truly yours,

W. S. LUSH
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

596

Distribution:

Chief Commissioner (2)
Executive Commissioner (2)
Economic Section (2)
Food & Agriculture S/C

APPROVED

J. M. Merritt
James M. Merritt
Director
Food & Agriculture S/C
15 Nov 45

CWW

225

AFHQ PHASE FROM HQ ALQOM

8347

13 NOV 1945

PRIORITY

RESTRICTED

FORWARDED TO GEORGE DASH ONE MFOUSA BASIC COMMUNICATION FROM ECONOMIC SECTION,
OMA ALQOM OMA AND FIRST INDORSEMENT FROM COMMANDING OFFICER HEADQUARTERS OMA
TWO SIX SEVEN FIVE REGIMENT DATED ONE THREE NOVEMBER ONE NINE FOUR FIVE REQUEST
FOR AIR TRAVEL FOR LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT A MARTINO TO UNITED STATES AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE FOR PURPOSE OF ACCOMPLISHING AN URGENT MISSION IN CONNECTION WITH
AN ITALIAN RUBBER PROGRAM PD

PARAH TO AFHQ PHASE FROM HQ ALQOM PARAH

FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF MISSION COLONEL MARTINO WILL BE REDEPLOYED UNDER
REDEPLOYMENT REGULATIONS PD IT WILL BE APPRECIATED IF NECESSARY ASSISTANCE
BE GIVEN TO EXPEDITE THIS REQUEST SINCE MISSION IS BOTH SECRET AND URGENT PD

cc: Economic Section

395

Requisition Branch

549

ROBERT A. MARTINO
Lt. Colonel, S.R.
Requisition Branch

G. J. LEONE
CWO, USA
Asst. Adjutant

4045/ea

224

USFET FOR BISHENOWER AFHQ FOR COMBINED INFORMATION OFFICE
 MIL GOVT (WESTDIST) TRADE AND COMMERCE OFFICE PBS PBS (S)
 ALCON PORT LIAISON OFF NAPLES 9 NOV 45 PRIORITY
 8252

UNCLASIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR SUGAR THREE ZERO ZERO SEVEN EIGHT
 DATED TWO NOVEMBER PD

PARM TO USFET FOR BISHENOWER TO AFHQ FOR COMBINED TO INFORMATION
OFFICE MIL GOVT PARM WEST DIST PARM TO TRADE AND COMMERCE OFFICE
TO ALCON PORT LIAISON OFFICER NABBS
TO PETER BAKER EDGAR TO PETER BAKER SUGAR PARM SUGAR PARM/FROM
HQ ALCON SITE ACFT PARM

TWO TONS BUNA RUBBER STILL REQUIRED BUT TO BE FORWARDED TO MILAN
 INSTEAD NAPLES CONSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION MILAN
 FOR TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION PD PLEASE CONFIRM AND NOTIFY
 PORTS AND WAREHOUSE DIVISION ALCON HEADQUARTERS HOME IMMEDIATELY
 DISPATCH EFFECTED PD

594 copy to : Econ Sec (Req. Br.)

223

TRANSPORTATION SC

347

G.J. LEONE
 CWO. U.S.A.
 ASST. ADJUTANT

4045/ce

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's reference: WCL 18981

Message Centre No: G/3131

Date/Time of origin: NOV 072218Z

Date Time Rec'd: NOV 081200A

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ^{WAR}PCS CITE CCAC FOR CLAC

TO: ACTION: ALLIED COMMISSION

INFO: AFHQ FOR FHCEG AND UK BASE SECTION FOR

CABINET SECRETARIAT.

UNCLASSIFIED.

This is COM 283, rubber compounding information.

Italian letter of October 2 covering conveyance of rubber compounding information to ITALY, as altered by stipulations in COM 277, October 31, should be basis for agreement with Italian Government. Please communication to British and United States Embassies that this position is approved by both States Department and Rubber Reserve.

HILDING

Action Direction - Econ Sec (11)
(CSO (6), Supply group, program gr.,
Requisition gr. (3)).

Advance copies to - Commerce SC 2
Finance SC
Food-Agric. SC 2
Ind.-utilities SC 3
Tr. SC 2

Info - Chief Commissioner
Exec. Comm. 2
CC Br. Emb.
CA US Emb.
WSA Rome
MWTR
File

593

222

4045/ae

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
ROME

5 NOVEMBER 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador: (Kirk from Cleveland)

Re: rehabilitation & reconstruction of Italian utilities, financing
etc. also reorganization and establishing of an Industrial Projects Staff
under American Embassy when Economic Section is finished in AC.

This complete letter will be found in file 102/CC

4045/CC

592

721/a

INCOMING MESSAGE

Originator's Reference: VOL 217253 Message Centre No: G/2558
 Date/Time of Origin: OCT 312229Z Date Time Rec'd: NOV 011000
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: WAR FROM COS GIVE COAC FOR CLAC
 TO: ALLIED COMMISSION FOR ACTION EPID INFO: ATHQ FOR PHGIG AND UK
 BASE SECTION FOR CABINET SECRETARIAT.

UNCLASSIFIED.

This is COM 277.

Rubber compounding information.

1. Letter of intent received by ALLIED COMMISSION from Italian Government signed by President of Council of Ministers PARRI and transmitted by your NOC 345 is unacceptable in present form. With following changes, however, it meets with approval here.

2. In first "Whereas" paragraph of agreement, remove "manufacture" from clause beginning "Synthetic" between "Commercial and Experimental" and "rubbers". In both following places delete "experimental" in phrase concerning "results of tests conducted".

3. Make changes in paragraph number one of agreement plus a third insertion of "synthetic" in phrase "properties of commercial and experimental rubber".

4. It is assumed that phrase "thirteen secret mixing formulae" refers to information compiled by Britten. Please confirm. If

5. Unwilling disclose valuable information on manufacturing of synthetics as considered inadvisable to attempt to reactivate Italian synthetic industry.

NR

See

Government signed by President of Council of Ministers PARRI and transmitted by your 000 345 is unacceptable in present form. With following changes, however, it meets with approval here.

2. In first "Whereas" paragraph of agreement, remove "manufacture" from clause beginning "Synthetic" between "Commercial and Experimental" and "rubbers". In both following places delete "experimental" in phrase concerning "results of tests conducted".

3. Make changes in paragraph number one of agreement plus a third insertion of "synthetic" in phrase "properties of commercial and experimental rubber".

4. It is assumed that phrase "thirteen secret mixing formulae" refers to information compiled by Britten. Please confirm.

5. Unwilling disclose valuable information on manufacturing of synthetics considered inadvisable to attempt to reactivate Italian synthetic industry.

591

6. Please refer Italian revised document "WASHINGTON for final clearance.

DIST

ACTION REC BR 10
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
INFO COMMISSIONER 2
OO TO BR EMB
OO TO US EMB
DOON SEC 4
TW SC 2
FINANCE SC
FILE 2
FLOAT

4045/02

(221)

OCT 2 RECD

TOP SECRET66

Ref: 616/16/EG

30 October 1945

Further to my letter of even reference dated 15 October.

I am afraid that as far as the Army side is concerned we have not been able to get much further as you will see from the enclosed copy of memorandum TS/2/100 of 24 October from Major General Browning.

As regards the Navy, that subcommission is now making a survey of Italian munition plants which ~~was~~ engaged primarily with work for the Italian Navy. They are making every effort to complete the survey by 1st January next year but will let us have any data which they have managed to compile before that date.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier F.C.A. Parsons,
G-5 Section,
Allied Forces Headquarters.

*40-100
4005/100**Francis*

590

COPYTOP SECRETSubject:- War Reparations.

Land Forces Subcommittee A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
TS/2/100
24 October 1945

To:-

Headquarters Allied Commission,
for Office of the Executive Commissioner.

Reference A.C. letter 616/EJ of 20 October 45.

1. The Interim Italian Army at present is equipped with British Arms and ammunition (except the Internal Security regiments which have Italian personal arms). We do not yet know whether the future policy is:

- (a) to continue as at present, which would involve manufacture of small arms on a small scale.
- (b) to withdraw British Arms and ammunition and replace them by Italian Arms and ammunition, which (as insufficient Italian arms exist) would entail manufacture of all arms on a large scale.
- (c) to equip the entire Italian Army with British Arms and ammunition, which could certainly be done initially from surplus stocks. Future maintenance from British sources might, if so required, prove an easy means of control and a ~~useful~~ overseas market of British products.

I have represented to Chief of Staff A.F.H.Q. (Major General Ward) that I need an early decision on this.

The G.C.R.R. is and will continue to be equipped from Italian sources.

Until the above policy is settled it is impossible to say what arms and ammunition factories are required by the Italian Government.

2. Other kinds of equipment required for the Italian Army would, it is considered, be produced under contract by firms engaged also in the production of civil requirements as practically all such goods have civilian as well as army users.

3. Vide paragraph 3 of Brigadier PARSONS letter to you, I do not see how the Italian Government can possibly be expected to "have already done some planning in regard to the manufacture of equipment", when they are forbidden such manufacture, and do not know what to plan for.
4. Moreover, all the proposals for "assuming" this, that and the other whilst giving nothing away, put us in an impossible position as regards discussion or enquiry. We cannot "beat the pistol".
5. We cannot take these matters up with the Italian War Ministry until we are given direction on the above matters, and are permitted to refer definitely to the numbers and types of equipment required, i.e. until we have our terms of reference object clear. In fact, we cannot compete with "method" before we are given the "intention".
6. From the Army point of view I consider this is the only reply that can be given to A.F.H.Q.

/s/ Lt. Browning,
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

/fem

388

229

SECRET

FOR ACTION AGAIN FOR CCS FOR CCAC FOR CLAC RPTD UK BASE SECTION (LONDON) FOR
CABINET SECRETARIAT RPTD AFHQ RING 6-5

7627

25 October 45

PRIORITY

SECRET TO

THIS IS RUC THREE FIVE ZERO TO

SUBJECT IS RUBBER COMPOUNDING INFORMATION FOR ITALY TO

PARA ONE TO RUC THREE FOUR FIVE AND ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE TO

PARA TWO FOR ACTION AGAIN FOR CCS FOR CCAC FOR CLAC RPTD UK BASE SECTION (LONDON) FOR
CABINET SECRETARIAT RPTD AFHQ THREE THREE FIVE FIVE FROM ALCON CITY ACROSS FIVE

PARA TWO TO ONE PARA THREE RUC THREE FOUR FIVE TO BRITISH EMBASSY ROME HAS

INFORMED THE ALLIED COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS COLON QUOTE HE RECEIVED NINETEEN

OCTOBER AT THE EMBASSY AN URGENT TELEGRAM FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE IN LONDON QUOTING

THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF A TELEGRAM CMA RUCAT FIVE ZERO ZERO TWO OF OCTOBER NINETEEN

FROM THE BRITISH RAW MATERIALS MISSION IN WASHINGTON TO THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY

LONDON COLON QUOTE RUBBER RESERVE TELL US THEIR POSITION STILL AS DESCRIBED IN

FIELD'S LETTER OF SEPTEMBER TWENTY AND THEY THEREFORE HAVE NO AUTHORITY REPEAT HIS

AUTHORITY TO AGREE TO YOUR PASSING AMERICAN INFORMATION TO THE ITALIANS. TO HE

ARE HOPEING TO RUBBER RESERVE TO PUT THIS CONVERSATION ON RECORD AND SUGGESTING

THAT THEY DISCUSS WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO PLEASE SEND US COPIES OF DOCUMENTS

587 SEND TO AND THOSE SIGNED BY THE ITALIANS UNQUOTE THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND THAT

Economic Section

267

L. D. Denmore
Colonel, F.

G. J. LEONE
CSC, USA
ASST. ADJUTANT

- 2 -

(MOO 350 CONT)

IN VIEW OF THIS TELEGRAM I AM TO TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION IN THE PASSING OF
TECHNICAL INFORMATION TO THE ITALIAN PD UNQUOTE

PARA THREE PD BRITISH EMBASSY IS NOT REPORT NOT IN AGREEMENT AS INDICATED IN
PARA THREE MOO THREE FOUR FIVE PD

END

List:

Economic Section - 3
American Embassy
British Embassy
Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Industry S/C
Commerce S/C
Finance S/C
Col. Walton

387

219

FOR ACTION AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC FOR CLAC FOR MISTER VAUGHAN
RPTD UNITED STATES TREASURY PROCUREMENT NEW YORK RPTD UK SECTION
(CABINET SECRETARIAT) LONDON RPTD AFHQ FHGEG

7598

24 Oct 45

Rouhne

RESTRICTED PD

THIS IS MOC THREE FOUR EIGHT PD

SUBJECT IS MATERIALS FOR NEW TIRES PD

PAREN TO FOR ACTION AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC FOR CLAC FOR MISTER
VAUGHAN RPTD UNITED STATES TREASURY PROCUREMENT NEW YORK RPTD
UK SECTION (CABINET SECRETARIAT) LONDON RPTD AFHQ FHGEG FROM
ALCOM CITE ACIDY PAREN

PARA ONE PD ADVISE AVAILABILITY OF SIX ZERO ZERO TONS PINE TAR
FOR PLASTICISING GEORGE ROGER SUGAR AND RECLAIMED RUBBER PD ALSO
SIX ZERO ZERO TONS RUBBER SOLVENT PAREN BENZIN PAREN BOILING
RANGE ONE ZERO ZERO DASH ONE FIVE ZERO DEGREES CHARLIE PD ALSO
ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO TONS RAYON CORD AND FABRIC SUITABLE FOR USE
IN LARGE TIRE CASINGS PD

PARA TWO PD ADVISE QUANTITIES AVAILABLE CMA DELIVERY SCHEDULES
AND PRICES PD

PARA THREE PD ALL MATERIALS ON HAND FOR MANUFACTURING TIRES
EXCEPT ABOVE PD NO PRODUCTION OF LARGE TIRES POSSIBLE AND THESE
ARE URGENTLY NEEDED IN ITALIAN SIZES

Copy to: Economic Section.

INDUSTRY S/C

599

G. J. LEONE
CWO, USA
ASST. ADJUTANT

Mr. R. W. REMBERT

586

218

OCT 22 RECD

SECRET

FOR ACTION AGUAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC FOR CLAC RPTD UK BASE SECTION (LONDON) FOR
CABINET SECRETARIAT RPTD AFTER FIRMING G-5

2461

20/10-45

PRIORITY

SECRET PD

THIS IS NO THREE FOUR FIVE PD

SUBJECT IS RUBBER COMPOUNDING INFORMATION FOR ITALY PD

PARA ONE PD COM TWO ZERO FOUR REFERS PD

PARA TWO FOR ACTION AGUAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC FOR CLAC RPTD UK BASE SECTION (LONDON) FOR
CABINET SECRETARIAT RPTD AFTER FIRMING GEORGE FIVE FROM ALCON SITE ACECO PARA

PARA TWO PD FOLLOWING LETTER OF INTENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY ALLIED COMMISSION FROM
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SIGNED BY PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS PARLI CIE LUOTE
WHEREAS IT IS THE DESIRE OF THE RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION THROUGH ITS
OFFICE OF RUBBER RESERVE PARA HEREINAFTER CALLED THE COMPANY PARA AND OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF ITALY PARA HEREINAFTER CALLED THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
PARA THAT AN AGREEMENT SHOULD BE CONCLUDED BETWEEN THEM FOR THE RELEASE BY THE
COMPANY TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OF THE MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR CMA AND THE TECHNICAL
INFORMATION CONCERNING CMA THE COMPOUNDING CMA VULCANIZATION CMA MANUFACTURE CMA USE
AND PROPERTIES OF COMMERCIAL AND EXPERIMENTAL SYNTHETIC RUBBERS CMA THE METHODS OF
TESTING COMMERCIAL AND EXPERIMENTAL RUBBERS AND THE RESULT OF TESTS CONDUCTED ON
COMMERCIAL AND EXPERIMENTAL RUBBERS AND CMA WHEREAS CMA PENDING THE CONCLUSION OF

4045/c

583

see 206

217

(YOC 345 Cont'd)

- 2 -

SUCH AGREEMENT IT IS PROPOSED THAT AS AN INTERIM MEASURE A TEMPORARY AGREEMENT SHOULD BE MADE BETWEEN THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND OF THE UNITED KINGDOM CMA AND WHEREAS CMA THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT IMMEDIATELY AND BEFORE THE MAKING OF THE SAID TEMPORARY AGREEMENT CMA THE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHOULD BE RELEASED TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND OF THE UNITED KINGDOM CMA AND WHEREAS CMA THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND OF THE UNITED KINGDOM HAVE AGREED THAT FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE ZERO DAYS AFTER THE ELEVENTH SEPTEMBER ONE NINE FOUR FIVE OR SUCH LONGER PERIOD AS MAY BE HEREAFTER AGREED FAREN HEREAFTER CALLED THE PERIOD FAREN SUCH TECHNICAL INFORMATION WITHIN THE POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OR OF THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL BE RELEASED TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT UPON CONDITION THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT GIVES AND OBSERVES THE UNDERTAKINGS HEREBINAFTER MENTIONED PD NOW THEREFORE THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AFTER THE CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HEREBY UNDERTAKES AS FOLLOWS CMA ONE UPON RECEIPT BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE COMPOUNDING CMA VULCANIZATION CMA MANUFACTURE CMA USE AND PROPERTIES OF COMMERCIAL AND EXPERIMENTAL RUBBERS CMA THE METHODS OF TESTING COMMERCIAL AND EXPERIMENTAL RUBBERS AND THE RESULTS OF TESTS CONDUCTED ON COMMERCIAL AND EXPERIMENTAL

582

217

(MOG 345 Cont'd)

- 3 -

HEREBY CMA THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL SUPPLY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND BY MEANS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE COMPANY CMA ALL TECHNICAL INFORMATION WHICH NOW IS IN OR DURING THE PERIOD MAY COME INTO THE POSSESSION OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT RELATING TO SYNTHETIC RUBBER IN GENERAL AND IN PARTICULAR CMA BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO SUCH GENERALITY CMA RELATING TO THE MANUFACTURE CMA COMBINING CMA UTILIZATION AND USE THEREOF PD TWO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL NOT DISCLOSE ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED AS AFORESAID TO ANY PERSON CMA FIRM OR COMPANY IN OR OUTSIDE ITALY SAVE AND EXCEPT ONLY THOSE PERSONS CMA FIRMS OR COMPANIES IN ITALY WHOSE INTEGRITY AND LOYALTY HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PD THREE THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL OBTAIN AND ENFORCE FROM ALL PERSONS CMA FIRMS AND COMPANIES TO WHOM SUCH TECHNICAL INFORMATION IS DISCLOSED AS AFORESAID A COVENANT TO MAINTAIN SECRET ALL SUCH INFORMATION PD FOUR THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL OBTAIN AND ENFORCE FROM ALL PERSONS CMA FIRMS AND COMPANIES TO WHOM SUCH TECHNICAL INFORMATION IS DISCLOSED AS AFORESAID A COVENANT TO SUPPLY TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR COMMUNICATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND TO THE COMPANY ALL TECHNICAL INFORMATION WITHIN THE POSSESSION OF SUCH PERSONS CMA FIRMS AND COMPANIES RELATING TO SYNTHETIC RUBBER IN GENERAL AND IN PARTICULAR CMA BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO SUCH GENERALITY RELATING TO

583

511

217

(MOG 345 Cont'd)

- 4 -

MANUFACTURE CHA COMPOUNDING AND VULCANIZATION AND USE THEREOF UNQUOTE

PARA THREE PD UNCLE SUGAR AND BRITISH EMBASSIES HERE ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT ABOVE
LETTER OF INTENT IS SUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY DELIVERING THE THIRTEEN SECRET MIXING
FORMULAE TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BY ALCON PD REQUEST CONFIRMATION PD

PARA FOUR PD IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT FURTHER ACTION HERE RELATIVE TO SUBSEQUENT
AGREEMENTS IN THIS MATTER WILL BE TAKEN BY THE UNCLE SUGAR AND BRITISH EMBASSIES
WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION ON THE PART OF ALCON PD CONFIRMATION OR INSTRUCTIONS
REQUESTED PD

PARA FIVE PD IN VIEW OF THE CRITICAL NATURE OF THIS MATTER REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPLY PD

DIST: Econ Sec (3)
Requisition Br (13)
Am. Embassy
Br. Embassy
Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
(Internal Dist. by hand)

RB Dist
Industry Sec
Commerce
Finance
Col. Hutton

Economic Section
257
L. D. DENBROOK
Colonel, FA

G. J. LEONE
CWO, USA
ASST., ADJUTANT

582

217

see 206

Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

OCT 23 1945
CC 59

Chief Comm.

233

Rome, 19 October 1945

Dear Admiral,

The jam manufacturers of Southern Italy asked for my intervention to be allocated the necessary amount of sugar for the working of the large amount of fruit pulp they have in stock; However, as you well know, the national production of sugar is so scarce that it has been entirely destined by the Allied Commission to the rations of the civilian population, as integration of the amount of imported sugar put at our disposal by the Allied Commission.

The fruit pulp will soon deteriorate and be lost for good, if it isn't prepared before long, and we shall thus lose a valuable asset for our alimentary balance; Besides, the preserve industry of the South, which in normal times produces more than half the Italian production, and employs 60% of the workers of such industry in all Italy, giving work to about 10 thousand people, will have to reduce its activity considerably, and perhaps even bring it to a standstill. The position thus created will have particularly serious aspects in the Salerno province, where about a quarter of the workers work in this industry.

For this reason, I shall be most grateful if you kindly intervene to solve the difficult situation in which the preserve industry of the South happens to be; it would be advisable too that one fourth of the sugar supply for the manufacture of preserves, foreseen in the transitional plan for the October-December period, to be delivered in advanced, provided this wasn't to the detriment of the normal supply of sugar destined to alimentation.

Trusting in your kind intervention, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

S. Ferruccio Parri

581 Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

trans. a/o

EC DIST 23 Oct

ACTION: ECON SEC

INFO: EX COMM

- CHIEF COMM -

(216a)

225

OCT 11 RECD

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

Ref: 5012/27/45.

10 October 45.

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

TO: G-5 Section, A.S.H.Q.

Reference your 365.3/187 dated 2 August 45.

1. In paragraph 4(c) and (e), the Allied Commission is instructed "to inspect all tools and equipment which can produce only prohibited war-like stores, pending decision of possible use in the Allied military effort, and to make a survey of Italian war-like stores in arsenals, factories, depots, dumps and in the hands of the Italian armed forces." I would refer you to our letter 5012.03 dated 22 May 45, in which we indicated that such a survey would require a staff considerably in excess of that available in the Allied Commission.
2. To this opinion I firmly adhere. If these instructions are to be properly carried out a very large staff of technicians and experts would be required. It would in fact necessitate the formation of a Disarmament Commission. There is, however, a further point and that is what object is to be achieved by the survey. Is it to ensure that Italy shall not be in a position to rearm once more to any great extent? Surely this can be achieved by restricting the export to Italy of any raw materials. She has none herself. In the circumstances, therefore, I shall be grateful if further consideration can be given to the instructions in the paragraph referred to above.
3. As regards paragraph 4(a) and (d) this Commission is, as you no doubt are already aware, taking all the necessary action. Some difficulty, however, is found in carrying out paragraph 4(b). It is not known yet whether it is the intention that the Italian Army should be supplied exclusively from Italian sources or whether supplies should be made available from the large stocks of Allied arms and equipment that already exist in this country and which it is presumed will not be shipped back to the source of origin. May this point therefore be cleared up as soon as possible.

M. S. LUSH

✓
 CLARENCE F. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

P.S. Since writing the above I received on 8 October 45 PAN 621 of 29 September, which affects paragraph 4(b).

Copy to: Navy Sub-Commission
 Air Forces Sub-Commission
 Land Forces Sub-Commission (SMA)

Political Adviser (A)
 Political Adviser (B)
 CA Section
 Economic Section

5819

COPY

Ref. ES/5.14

30 September 1945

My dear Mr. Minister;

With reference to your letter 44/19926/51 dated 20 September 1945, I have been in communication with Allied Force Headquarters who are the only channel of communication I have with the authorities in Germany and Austria on the subject of Italian assets in these two countries.

They have ruled that the disposition of claims to assets in Germany and Austria is primarily a matter for determination by the authorities at the place where the claimed assets are located. They have asked me to advise you that except in cases affecting a military interest in this Theater, you should present your claims to property in Austria or Germany to the Russian, French, British or United States Embassies as the case may require.

I regret that I can not undertake to give you copies of all the captured German documents found in Ortisei (Bolzano) until their examination is completed and decision has been taken as to the ownership and future of the materials to which they relate.

Very truly yours,

Ellery W. Stone
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dottore Alcide de Gasperi
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
Rome

579

Surplus
4045/cc

Ref. ES/5.14

30 September 1945

My dear Mr. Minister:

With reference to your letter 44/19926/51 dated 20 September 1945, I have been in communication with Allied Force Headquarters who are the only channel of communication I have with the authorities in Germany and Austria on the subject of Italian assets in these two countries.

They have ruled that the disposition of claims to assets in Germany and Austria is primarily a matter for determination by the authorities at the place where the claimed assets are located. They have asked me to advise you that except in cases affecting a military interest in this Theatre, you should present your claims to property in Austria or Germany to the Russian, French, British or United States Embassies as the case may require.

I regret that I can not undertake to give you copies of all the captured German documents found in Ortisei (Bolzano) until their examination is completed and decision has been taken as to the ownership and future of the materials to which they relate.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

578

Dottore Alcide de Gasperi
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
Rome

215

SEP 30 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Civil Commissioner
APO 544

Ref. AG/5114/Commerce

29 September 1945

SUBJECT: Procedure for the distribution of industrial
products in Northern Italy

TO : Distributors Below

1. In anticipation of the impending turnover of the territory of the Northern Regions to the Italian Government, it is necessary to ensure uniformity of procedure in the distribution of industrial products in that area, so as to conform to the plan for the control of the manufacture and sale of industrial products of Northern Italy issued by this HQ on 3 July 1945, as well as decrees of the Italian Government which are now in effect in the rest of Italy.

2. As provided in the plan above referred to, the agencies for drawing up programs for the distribution and allocation of raw materials, equipment, tools and operating supplies, as well as finished products, are the various Industrial Committees. After such program have the approval of the IIC (North Italy Industrial Council) and the Allied Commission, any action running counter to their realization on the part of the Allied Military Government, of the Provincial authorities, or of the Committees of National Liberation in the various regions, is undesirable. Therefore, any Regional or Provincial order or proceeding which may interfere with carrying out such program will be obsolete and all action to the contrary taken thereunder should be suspended forthwith. Likewise, Committees of National Liberation will be restrained from taking action or exercising procedure which would tend to interfere with the carrying out of such program.

3. All blocking orders relating to materials other than those controlled by ARA(ITA) (Allied Forces Local Resources (Italian) Board) or the Ministry of Industry and Commerce shall be revoked, and the sole authorities which may issue blocking orders from now on shall be the Industrial Committees, with the approval of the IIC. The executive organs for publishing and giving effect to such blocking orders shall be the IIC (Office Provincial per l'Industria e Commercio). The Industrial Committees may avail themselves of the administrative assistance of the UPL in order to enforce controls of industrial

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

A20 5/4

Ref. AG/544/Commerce

29 September 1945

SUBJECT: Procedure for the distribution of industrial products in Northern Italy

TO : Information below

1. In anticipation of the impending turnover of the territory of the Northern Regions to the Italian Government, it is necessary to ensure uniformity of procedure in the distribution of industrial products in that area, so as to conform to the plan for the control of the manufacture and sale of industrial products of Northern Italy issued by this HQ on 3 July 1945, as well as decrees of the Italian Government which are now in effect in the rest of Italy.

2. As provided by the plan above referred to, the agencies for drawing up programs for the distribution and allocation of raw materials, equipment, tools and operating supplies, as well as finished products, are the various Industrial Committees. After such programs have the approval of the NIIC (North Italy Industrial Council) and the Allied Commission, an action running counter to their realization on the part of the Allied Military Government, of the Provincial authorities, or of the Committees of National Liberation in the various Regions, is undesirable. Therefore, any Regional or Provincial order or procedures which may interfere with carrying out such programs will be abolished and all action being taken thereunder should be suspended forthwith. Likewise, Committees of National Liberation will be restrained from taking action or exercising pressure which would tend to interfere with the carrying out of such programs.

3. All blocking orders relating to materials other than those controlled by AFM(1)B (Allied Forces Local Resources (Italian) Board) or the Ministry of Industry and Commerce shall be revoked, and the sole authorities which may issue blocking orders from now on shall be the Industrial Committees, with the approval of the NIIC. The executive organs for publication and giving effect to such blocking orders shall be the UPIC (United Provincial per l'Industria e Commercio). The Industrial Committees may avail themselves of the administrative assistance of the UPIC in otherwise enforcing controls of industrial

402

4045/4

2. As provided by the plan above referred to, the agencies for drawing up programs for the distribution and allocation of raw materials, equipment, tools and operating supplies, as well as finished products, are the various Industrial Committees. After such programs have the approval of the NIIIC (North Italy Industrial Council) and the Allied Commission, any action running counter to their realization on the part of the Allied Military Government, of the Provincial authorities, or of the Committee of National Liberation in the various Regions, is inadmissible. Moreover, any Regional or Provincial order or proceeding which may interfere with carrying out such programs will be abolished and all common orders, taken thereafter, shall be suspended forthwith. Likewise, Committee of National Liberation will be restrained from taking action or exercising pressure which would tend to interfere with the carrying out of such programs.

3. All blocking orders relating to materials other than those controlled by Axis(ism) (Allied Forces Local Resources (Italian) Board) or the Ministry of Industry and Commerce shall be revoked, and the said authorities which may issue blocking orders from now on shall be the Industrial Committees, with the approval of the NIIIC. The executive organs for publishing and giving effect to such blocking orders shall be the NIIIC (Ufficio Provinciale per l'Industria e Commercio). The Industrial Committees may, within the limits of the administrative assistance of the NIIIC in otherwise enforcing controls of industrial products set up by the Committees.

577

4. Reports of availabilities of any material subject to the control of an Industrial Committee are to be presented directly to the controlling Committee, with copy to the local NIIIC.

5. Industries included under the various Committees should present requests for the allocation of controlled materials directly to the Industrial Committees which shall, within the framework of programs approved by the NIIIC, provide for allocation on the basis of availabilities. Copies of all such requests shall be submitted by these industries to the NIIIC.

6. Industries not included under the various Committees and artisans, merchants, and parastatal agencies must present demands for the allocation of controlled products to the NIIIC. The latter, on the basis of such requests and the requirements of the civilian population, will make up detailed and comprehensive demands for its province, taking into account any instructions of the NIIIC, and shall transmit the same to the interested Committee, which will undertake to effect allocation in accordance with availability.

214

- 2 -

7. The distribution of the above mentioned products, insofar as they may be destined to industries included under the various Committees, shall be made directly by the Committees to the interested firms. Such allocations will be communicated to the Chambers of Commerce and to the UPIC of the appropriate provinces, which will be permitted to forward such comments to the Committees as are deemed necessary. However, the Industrial Committees may avail themselves of the services of the UPIC for the distribution of specified controlled materials destined to such industries whenever this might be deemed appropriate.
8. The UPIC will receive from the Industrial Committees allocations of materials and products intended for industries not included under the various Committees, and for artisans, merchants, perambulatory agencies and the civilian population in their respective provinces and will proceed to distribute the same in accordance with approved requests on file.
9. The Chambers of Commerce and the UPIC shall undertake to arrange for lists of all allocations to be open to public inspection.
10. Repeated reminders have been forwarded to Regional Headquarters urging that the UPIC be organized and placed in operation with the least possible delay. It appears, however, that in a number of provinces the UPIC have either not been set up or are, to all intents and purposes, inoperative. Therefore, appropriate instructions shall be issued to Provincial Commissioners in provinces where such a situation exists to establish the UPIC in those provinces without further delay, in order that the procedures set forth above may be carried into effect immediately. Compliance with this paragraph shall be reported to this HQ by signal.
11. Regional Commissioners will ensure that Provincial Commissioners are in possession of D. I. No. 315 of 21 September 1944 (Gazzetta Ufficiale No. 85 of 23 November 1944). Likewise, they will furnish each Provincial Commissioner, for the information of the UPIC, with copies of the present order, as well as of the order of this HQ dated 9 July 1943, ref. 1.00/23, above referred to. They will, in addition, issue the necessary instructions to Provincial Commissioners to ensure that the local Italian authorities carry out all of the foregoing instructions.
12. To the extent that each is concerned with the distribution of industrial products under the plan referred to in paragraph 4 above, the Milan offices of Industry and Commerce Subcommittees will undertake to ensure the implementation of the foregoing by the UPIC and the Industrial Committees.

urgency that the time delay is possible delay. It appears, however, that in a number of provinces, UPIC have either not been set up or are, to all intents and purposes, inoperative. Therefore, appropriate instructions shall be issued to Provincial Commissioners in provinces where such a situation exists to establish the UPIC in these provinces without further delay, in order that the procedures set forth above may be carried out as soon as possible. Compliance with this paragraph shall be reported to this HQ by signal.

11. Regional Commissioners will ensure that Provincial Commissioners are in possession of D. L. No. 345 of 21 September 1944 (Gazzetta Ufficiale No. 85 of 23 November 1944). Likewise, they will furnish each Provincial Commissioner, for the information of the UPIC, with copies of the present order, as well as of the order of this HQ dated 9 July 1943, ref. 1.00/ES, above referred to. They will, in addition, issue the necessary instructions to Provincial Commissioners to ensure that the local Italian authorities carry out all of the foregoing instructions.

12. To the extent that each is concerned with the distribution of industrial products under the plan referred to in paragraph 1 above, the Milan offices of Industry and Commerce Subcommittees will undertake to ensure the implementation of the foregoing by the IIC and the Industrial Committees.

Ellen W. Stae

MAJOR W. STAE,
Major General, USAR,
Chief Commissioner.

DISTRIBUTION:

All Regional Commissioners
Economic Section
All Subcommittees, Economic Section
AMQ C-5
Office of the Representative of the Chief Commissioner (Commerce Div.)
" " " " (Industry Div.)

Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

Rome, 27 September, 1945

Dear Admiral,

Steel The Finsider Company asked to be allowed to send to Germany and Czechoslovakia a group of technicians to ascertain the location and the state of *machinery* the siderurgical *ment* belonging to the controlled companies Ilva, Siac, and Terni, and taken away from Italy by the German troops.

This implies *machinery* and parts of equip^{ment} which are indispensable for the rehabilitation of Italian siderurgical industry, even on a modest scale adapted to the possibilities of our country. *Steel*

machinery Waiting for the decisions to be taken by the allied authorities about the handing over of the *ment*, I draw your attention on the fact that it would be advisable for the technicians of the Finsider to be able to ascertain from now on, on the spot, the amount and location of the equipment removed.

I beg you to take in kind consideration the justified request of the Finsider Co., and kindly see that its request is granted without delay.

I shall greatly appreciate whatever action you will deem it advisable to take, and I remain, my dear Admiral,

Truly yours,

s. Ferruccio Parri

enclosure : 1

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

EC DIST - 28 Sept 45

Action : Econ Sec (2)
Info : Chief Commr
Exec Commr

576

RETURN TO
Chief Commissioner

213a

184

SEP 28 1945
cc 1540

cc FILES

Gus

40451

particulars about the technicians appointed for the mission to Germany, to recover removed material.

- - - - -

- a) ADLER Edoardo, of the late Roberto and Stianny Enrichetta -
born in Milan, on September 8th, 1883 -
representative of the O.S.A. (Organizzazione Studio Applicazioni)
Industrial machinery (formerly An. Adler & Co.)
Milan, Via Marconi, 6
Domiciliated: Via Visconti Venosta, 3
Identity card : Milan, n. 450853 - 30 May 1945 -
- b) BAGLIONI Domenico of Andrea -
Born in Turin, 21st April, 1895 -
representative of the IRIAC (Societa' Italiana Acciaierie) -
Cormigliano
Domiciliated : Genova - Pegli -
Identity card : Milan, 471651 of August 23rd, 1939
Personale id. certif. : Genoa, 9/8/1945, without number
- c) CALONCHI Luigi of the late Alessandro -
born in Venice - 13 October 1901 -
Manager of the Central Co. ILVA -
Domiciliated in Genoa - at present a refugee in Voghera -
at ILVA's
Identity card : Genoa n. 3452896
- d) CROCE Roberto of Adolfo and Morandi Aurelia -
Born in Milan, on November 1st, 1909 -
Living in Rome, Via Domenico Ghelini, 9 - int. 3 -
profession : engineer
driving licence n. 114532, issued by Milan Pref. on 16/8/1938

- - - - -

particulars about the car that is to proceed to Germany

- - - - -

575

Lancia Augusta, 4 seats, registered MI 16182
engine n. 11361 - chassis n. 31 - 12880, HP 14
registered under the name of Rag. Frando Cavalli - Milan - Via Mario Pagano, 47

2/3a

EC. You may wish
 to get into this
 Extra-Treaty matter

Translation

State Department

11/19/46/52

SE 2 RECD

CC 1055

CC FILES

WCC

Rome, 20 September 1946

168

Dear Admiral,

I appeal to your kind courtesy about a matter which is of great importance for Italy. You know what an enormous amount of Italian industrial equipment has been removed by the Germans from the Northern provinces during the period of the occupation. To recover this material would mean an important positive factor in the reconstruction of the productive equipment of the country, to which the economic and financial rehabilitation of Italy are closely linked. Of course, this will meet with serious difficulties, also from the practical point of view. However, in the present state of things, any safeguard measure adopted by the allied organs in Germany would prove useful. Therefore, I shall be most grateful if you ask the British and American Governments to issue orders to the authorities of occupation in Germany and Austria, for the Italian industrial material found there to be listed and kept, waiting for the decisions which will later be made for its transport.

On its side, the Italian Government will supply as soon as possible and with great precision all necessary particulars for the identification of the material. To this end, it will make use of URMAT (Ufficio Recupero Materiale e Impianti tedeschi), to which, as it is well known, an ordinance of Colonel Poletti entrusted the task of ascertaining what the Germans had removed from Lombardia.

I take this opportunity to draw your attention on a circumstance which may greatly facilitate the work of documentation. It seems that the archives of the German office 'W.A.G.' has been found in Ortisei, (Bozzone); it consists of about 200 crates of documents, summing up the data about the transport of the goods, raw materials and worked products exported from Germany, across the border. This documentation, which was in the possession of the German Major von Reichelt, is now probably being translated by the allied authorities. The competent Italian organisms would like to be given a copy.

Believe me, my dear Admiral,

Yours truly,

E. M. Casper

574 RETURN TO
 Chief Commissioner

Admiral Henry W. Stone
 Chief Commissioner
 Allied Commission
 Rome

trans. e/c

EO DIST - 21 Sep 45

Action : Econ Sec (2)
 Info : Chief Commr
 Exec Commr

4045/c

FOR ACTION ALARM FOR COS FOR COAC FOR CIAC RPTD BY BASE SECTION (LONDON) FOR
CABINET SECRETARIAT RPTD APRIL 1945

5729

20 Sept. 45

ROUTINE

UNCLASSIFIED PD

THIS IS HQ THREE ZERO EIGHT PD

PARAN TO FOR ACTION ALARM FOR COS FOR COAC FOR CIAC RPTD BY BASE SECTION (LONDON)
FOR CABINET SECRETARIAT RPTD APRIL 1945 FROM HQ ALCON SITE 4084 PARAN

ITALIAN INDUSTRY IS HAVING DIFFICULTY PLAN ITS IMMEDIATE AND FUTURE OPERATIONS
DUE TO LACK OF INFORMATION COVERING STATUS OF SUPPLIES VARIOUS ITEMS OR REQUISITION
OWN BOTH CATEGORY ABLA AND BAKH PD ACCORDINGLY REQUEST REGULAR REPORTS ON SUCH
STATUS POSSIBLY FORTNIGHTLY BE FURNISHED ALLIED COMMISSION FOR UPWARD TRANSMITTAL
TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PD

DISTRIBUTION:

Industry S/O
Industry S/O Advanced
Transportation S/O
Finance S/O
Col. Tooby (Milan)
Col. Walton
Commerce S/O
Chief Commissioner
British Embassy
American Embassy
Economic Section

573

Requisition Branch

549

H. C. QUARTIER
Lt. Col., GND

NICHOLAS PICCINO
GND USA

4045/1001

36
SEPT 11/1230B

F/7306
SEPT 11/2030B
OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

ALCOM MILAN INDUSTRY SUB COMM SIGNED COLONEL GLENDINNING
HQ ALCOM FOR ECON SEC ATTENTION BRIGADIER ANDERSON

UNCLASSIFIED.

Prices for electricity in north ITALY remain the same as prior to liberation that is 1934 rates plus 20 percent. Immediate increase is essential for companies to operate. Price fixing board has approved a range of prices showing 100 to 200 percent increase. This is below central ITALY prices may I approve immediate enforcement as from 1 September

DIST

ACTION : ECON SEC (2)

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FILE (2)
FLAT

572

211

4045/2

IMMEDIATE ACTION

8 September 1945.

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Executive Commissioner.

Reference the attached letter from General Magruder, Acting Chief of Staff, G-4, AFHQ.

The derequisitioning of industrial properties essential to the rehabilitation of Italian economy is a serious and most important problem. I wish that you would personally take up this matter with the Economic Section and see that they immediately prepare the detailed list referred to in paragraph 3 of General Magruder's letter, and at the same time, copies be furnished to G-4, AFHQ, of all new requests for derequisitioning that are sent to area commanders.

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

571

40457/w

210

CC 590

8 September 1945

Dear General:

208

Thank you for your letter of 5 September 1945. I am in full agreement with you that top priority be given to the derequisitioning of those industrial properties that are essential to the rehabilitation of Italian economy.

The detailed list of installations on requisition by the U.S. Army in which the Allied Commission or Italian Government is interested in having returned are being prepared and will be forwarded to you as soon as possible. Instructions have been issued that your section will, in the future, receive copies of all requests for derequisitioning that are forwarded to area commanders.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNP
Chief Commissioner

Major General Carter D. Magruder, GSC
Acting Chief of Staff, G-4
Allied Force Headquarters
APO 394, U. S. Army

cc: Executive Commissioner

520

4845/60

209

D 2742

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

5 September 1945

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.,
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission,
APO 394, U.S. Army

My dear Admiral Stone,

With the end of hostilities, the U.S. Forces are now in a position to reduce the number of Italian premises that they occupy.

I am anxious to give top priority in derequisitioning to those industrial plants that are most essential to the Italian economy.

Formerly the Allied Commission sent to this section copies of all requests for derequisitioning that were forwarded to area commanders. We have not received copies of such requests recently. I would appreciate having a detailed list of installations on requisition by the U.S. Army in which the Allied Commission or Italian Government is interested in having returned at an early date to Italian industry.

The priority of the derequisitions should be indicated where a preference can be given.

Sincerely,

See (209)

Carter B. Macruder
CAPTAIN B. MACRUDER
Major General, GSC,
A.C. of S., G-4.

cc: EXEC. COMM.

569

(208)

4045/cc

RESTRICTED

71702 CAL
SEP 050920F/6903
SEP 091800
ROUTINE

TROOPERS

FREEDOM INFO ALCOH RUMS, WASHINGTON

UNCLASSIFIED.

Reference GEN 596 and MES 505.

1. Owing to changed circumstances in FAR EAST Ministry of Supply have decided not to proceed with production programme in ITALY (WHISKEY MISSION).
2. This decision renders it unnecessary for ALLIED COMMISSION to communicate further information regarding manufacturing to NO1.
3. ALLIED COMMISSION will presumably inform British Embassy ROMA that proposal for Italian production has been dropped.

LIST

INFO ACTION: Dec 2
 INFO: Chief Commissioner
 Ex Commissioner 2
 POLAD (A)
 POLAD (B)
 File 2
 Fleet

568

207

RESTRICTED

4045/cw

SECRET

WAPX 55349
AIX 2620002

F/5469
AIX 2713GB
ROUTINE

CCS SITE CCAD

ACTION ALLIED COMMISSION INFO AFTER FOR JHGG, UK BASE FOR CABINET SECRETARIAT

SECRET.

This is CGM 204. Rubber compounding information for ITALY.

Authorization given herewith for UNITED STATES element to join British element of AG for submission to Government of ITALY for signature the temporary agreement for releasing rubber reserves information of technical nature regarding using in ITALY the UNITED STATES synthetic rubber dealt with in Embassy cable 2226 dated 4 August to STATE DEPARTMENT (refer EMB 2963 dated 16 August). Following changes submitted:

A. "Reconstruction Finance Corporation through its office of rubber reserve" is to be substituted throughout document for "Rubber Reserve Company". Such alteration necessitated by company becoming an office of RFC on 1 July.

B. Alter 3 A and D of EMB 2226 for including ITALY's furnishing UNITED STATES and UNITED KINGDOM with data on "manufacture" as well as "use" of all synthetic rubber. Above cable seems to be a paraphrased version of rubber reserve letter of intent dated 14 June to WASHINGTON office of British Raw Materials Mission; however, in this respect, it is incomplete.

567 C. As 50 day period originally established in letter of intent began 14 June has expired, necessary that item-3 be altered. BRMM is being written by rubber reserve to extend authority for further 60 days, and this should now be incorporated. Initial intent letter provides for extension when needed.

SECRET

SECRET

- 2 -

(MARK 55349 cont'd)

ROME Embassy being cabled by STATE DEPARTMENT somewhat similar to above for rescinding temporary ban stated in DEPT 1328, dated 10 August.

DISK

ACTION: Reg Br 4
INFO: Chief Commissioner
Exec Sec
CC to Br Emb
CA to US Emb
Finance SC
File 2
Float

566

SECRET

206

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISS ✓
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref: 5009/EC

22 August 1945

Dear Eng. Einaudi:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 5 August 1945. I have read it with great interest. The Commission is fully appreciative of the situation in which Italian industry finds itself and is continuing its best efforts to effect some measure of rehabilitation. Many of the points which you raised have been heretofore studied by the Commission.

I have caused your letter to be read by the officers of the Commission most directly concerned and you may be assured that every proper effort will be made to bring about a readjustment which will contribute to the betterment of Italian industry.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Eng. E. Einaudi
Commissioner
Institute for Industrial Reconstruction
Milan

565

205

4045/12

Translation

Institute for Industrial Reconstruction

The Commissioner for A.I.

Milan, 5 August 1945

CC/035

AUG 12 1945

TO ADMIRAL ALBERT W. STONE
President of A.C.

ROME

1. - By the ordinance of June 7th of Colonel Poletti, and on the indication of the C.L.M.A.I., I was appointed Commissioner for Northern Italy for Industrial Reconstruction. You certainly know the importance of I.R.I. in the financial and industrial activity of Italy, and I need not describe it. From the greatest steel industry in Italy to practically all the shipyard industry, among which the Ansaldo in Genoa and the Cantieri Riuniti of the Adriatic in Monfalcone and Trieste known all over the world; from the telephone concerns to the great banks of national interest and to the greatest Italian shipping concern, connected with FIAT, a huge complex of interests and activities revolve round IRI. It is obviously impossible to conceive an IRI of the North ignoring or worse still, opposing the IRI of the South; but the appointment of a Commissioner for the North was made for purely temporary and formal, to solve the difficulty caused by the fact that the Rome Government and therefore the IRI Commissioner appointed by it, could have no jurisdiction in the North of Italy, still under A.M.G.
2. - The C.L.M.A.I. first, and then Colonel Poletti entrusted the IRI with the important mission of locating and blocking, keeping them at the disposal of those who were entitled to them, material belonging to German military administrations, which was not definitely for war purposes. This means an important quantity of materials of all kind whose value seems to amount to several tens of milliards, and which, turned over to the consumers within the country, as it seems logical even without a special agreement, might contribute to the resumption of the activity and of the civilian life of Italy.
3. - The entire Italian industry - and that which revolves round IRI in no exception - is now going through a very serious crisis, which is of a moral rather than of an economic character. The habit to work lost during the twenty months of German occupation; the possibility of reducing manpower to what was actually required, - limiting the number to the

of Northern Italy

plaintiff of the Aurielle in the world; from the telephone concerns to the great banks of national interest and to the greatest Italian shipping concern, connected with ENI, a huge complex of interests and activities revolve round IRI. It is obviously impossible to conceive an IRI of the North ignoring or worse still, opposing the IRI of the South; but the appointment of a Commissioner for the North was made for purely temporary and formal, to solve the difficulty caused by the fact that the Rome Government and therefore the IRI Commissioner appointed by it, could have no jurisdiction in the North of Italy, still under A.M.O.

of Northern Italy

2. - The C.L.M.A.I. first, and then Colonel Poletti entrusted the IRI with the important mission of locating and blocking, keeping them at the disposal of those who were entitled to them, material belonging to German military administrations, which was not definitely for war purposes. This means an important quantity of materials of all kind whose value seems to amount to several tens of milliards, and which, turned over to the consumers within the country, as it seems logical even without a special agreement, might contribute to the resumption of the activity and of the civilian life of Italy.

3. - The entire Italian industry - and that which revolves round IRI is no exception - is now going through a very serious crisis, which is of a moral rather than of an economic character. The habit to work lost during the twenty months of German occupation; the possibility of reducing manpower to what was actually required, - limiting the number to the ablest and most hardworking men - suppressed by the prohibition to dismiss anyone postponed to September 30th by the Italian Government in agreement with A.M.O.; the authority of the management of the concerns undermined as organisms and persons by the action of the C.L.M. either by epuration without political grounds - against which the early intervention of A.M.O. by ordinances 3 and 46 had no real effect or through its interference with the management themselves; by interfering with, or even sometimes by replacing the management, it interferes with their main and most jealously defended prerogative, i.e. the appointment of the managers; the uncertainty of the future made obvious to the most ignorant among the workers by the ever-increasing scarcity of the supplies of indispensable raw materials, coal in the first place, uncertainty which prevents even those of the dependants that have the greatest sense of responsibility, from working as in the past; disappointed expectation of impossible rapid and radical change in the social structure and organization of the concern which should bring - or should have brought - about a favourable solution for all the problems, great or small, which have been and still are a cause of

409-57

564

204

- 2 -

worry for those whose only means of living come from their work; disappointed expectation which is a cause of discouragement for many and of unrest for the few who are more enthusiastic and trusting or for those who hope to get personal advantages out of a state of unrest; these are some of the main causes of the moral crisis which is upsetting the life of the Italian concerns and preventing their regular functioning and development.

4. - It would nevertheless be a mistake to see in this moral crisis the first cause of the present and potential crisis which threatens most of the national industry. Not the weeds, but the fact that the field hasn't been ploughed makes it sterile; the plough opens the earth for the seed and makes it fruitful, destroying all weeds at the same time. To stop speaking in metaphors, the lack of work has brought about the moral misery of which I mentioned a few among the main causes, and made precarious the prospects of a future rehabilitation. The moral crisis, which is at the same time a political crisis, or rather is becoming its chief cause, would be solved for the main part by creating working possibilities for the Italian workers.

And this not only for a better present or a safer future because of freedom from need, but also, and mainly, because the main problem of every man would, as in the past, be his work, and politics would no longer be an empty, unstable and irresponsible academy for a crowd of unemployed dreamers; it would become the synthesis of the concrete aspirations and tendencies of a working nation, which draws its ideas on the organization of social life from its experiences and works.

Italy's potential productive forces, now made sterile by a moral misery which mainly comes from the threat of unemployment that he made faced by a concrete work to repair the numberless ruins caused by a disastrous war.

5. - For too long now, the Italian nation has been stopping at a cross-roads towards which it went full of hope when, answering the call of the Allies, it contributed to give the last mortal blow to the common enemy: one of these roads leads, through unemployment and chaos, towards a situation entirely similar to that of 1919; the other road, through work and renewed confidence in her own forces, and in international solidarity, will again make of Italy a valuable element of equilibrium and stability, at the side of all truly free nations, in the Mediterranean and in Europe.

6. - However, the task assumed by the Allies in winning the war cannot be considered as fulfilled in creating the necessary conditions enabling liberated Italy to reach this cross-roads; they must give her a helping hand to have her take

And this not only for a better present but for the future. We need, but also, and mainly, because the main problem of every man would, as in the past, be his work, and politics would no longer be an empty, idle and irresponsible academy for a crowd of unemployed dreamers; it would become the synthesis of the concrete aspirations and tendencies of a working nation, which draws its ideas on the organization of social life from its experiences and works.

Italy's potential productive forces, now made sterile by a social misery which mainly comes from the threat of unemployment must be made fecund by a concrete work to repair the numberless ruins caused by a disastrous war.

For too long now, the Italian nation has been stopping at a cross-roads towards which it went full of hope when, answering the call of the Allies, it contributed to give the last mortal blow to the common enemy; one of these roads leads, through unemployment and chaos, towards a situation entirely similar to that of 1919; the other road, through work and renewed confidence in her own forces, and in international solidarity, will again mark of Italy a valuable element of equilibrium and stability, at the side of all truly free nations, in the Mediterranean and in Europe.

However, the task assumed by the Allies in winning the war cannot be considered as fulfilled in creating the necessary conditions enabling liberated Italy to reach this cross-roads; they must give her a helping hand to save her from the only road which can remove all danger of future conflagrations. As a matter of fact, in winning this war, the Allies have assumed a very serious and high responsibility: that of building up peace, not only at home, but also in the European countries they occupied and liberated. Only if they know how to build up peace can they hope to avoid giving another contribution of tears and blood. For the world of tomorrow to be at peace, they must carry out the four Atlantic freedoms, of which freedom from need is the fundamental one. However, such a freedom cannot exist without work. For everyone to have his share of work in the huge reconstruction of Europe devastated by war, the Allies also must contribute to the effort, as in the past, as if the war was not yet over. And the more timely this contribution, the smaller will it be.

7. - We need a few essential raw materials, coal, cotton, a few other things to rehabilitate the economy of our country. People say, and very justly too, that serious difficulties oppose the sending of such supplies: scarce available tonnage, insufficient production, impossibility to transport them. War against Japan is absorbing all the available energies of the United Nations to fight this last enemy of peace. Yet if war wasn't yet over in the West, and could be won by a lapping to Europe the required amount of coal, cotton and a few other raw materials, wouldn't the United States and England find the necessary energy to send them adequately and in time? The question is useless for the answer cannot be anything but positive. So what? Don't you think, my dear Admiral, that peace requirements are nowadays as essential as war requirements.

563

24




- 3 -

8. - I don't think, my dear Admiral, that it is the case to speak about what some people might consider as our rights. Nowadays, we can only speak of duties, ours in the first place. But the Allies too have duties. Duties which they assumed not only towards themselves, but also towards the countries which they fought, defeated, occupied and liberated. Today, the facts prove - and the big three implicitly acknowledged it in Potsdam - that the Italian nationdefeated and liberated cannot be held knowingly responsible for what happened during the last few years. And therefore, the victorious Anglo-Saxon nations have to fulfill their duty as occupiers and liberators. If no adequate action is taken, Italian economic structure will be down, with a broken spine, and unable to pick itself up.

The idea of punishment having been set aside, would this be the price of our liberation? How could this be a price, if to you, victorious nations, it brings no benefit, and can only be a source of future provocations?

9. - The concrete help that you, the victors of this war, can and therefore must give us, defeated people, occupied and liberated, can also manifest itself under another form. The Germans in flight left in Italy an important and, for us, most valuable amount of materials: war material, and civilian material, raw materials, half worked and finished products, which can all be put to use at once to start our production machine which is now at a standstill. All such materials, as I said in n. 2) of my report, should depend from U.R.M.I.T., i.e. they should be located, blocked and quickly turned over to the consumers by this organization. Obstacles of all kind hamper our work. And to the difficulties which sometimes prove too much for us because of their complexity, we must add the difficulties caused by the lack of coordinated orders from the various regional Commands of A.M.O., and the opposed interests of the Commands of the 7th and VIIIth Allied armies stationed in Italy.

Up to now, the regional Government of Lombardia only acknowledged in U.R.M.I.T. the only concern authorized to fulfill this task; the regional Governments of Piedmont, Liguria, Veneto and Emilia haven't yet officially acknowledged U.R.M.I.T., which has therefore no legal character and no real authority to act, as for the Alto Adige, where most of the German material to be salvaged is to be found, it is under the direct jurisdiction of the Army Forces, which consider the very important depots that exist there to belong to them, do not allow them to be used in an organic and well regulated way and sometimes allow them to be practically looted by speculating black marketers.

under another form. The Germans in flight left in Italy an enormous amount of raw materials, war material, and civilian material, for us, most valuable amount of materials: war material, and civilian material, which can all be put to use at once to start our production machine which is now at a standstill. All such materials, as I said in n. 2) of my report, should depend from U.R.M.I.T., i.e. they should be located, blocked and quickly turned over to the consumers by this organization. Obstacles of all kind hamper our work. And to the difficulties which sometimes prove too much for us because of their complexity, we must add the difficulties caused by the lack of coordinated orders from the various regional Commands of A.M.C., and the opposed interests of the Commands of the Vth and VIIIth Allied Armies stationed in Italy.

Up to now, the regional Government of Lombardia only acknowledged in U.R.M.I.T. the only concern authorized to fulfill this task; the regional Governments of Piedmont, Liguria, Veneto and Emilia haven't yet officially acknowledged U.R.M.I.T., which has therefore no legal character and no real authority to act. As for the Alto Adige, where most of the German material to be salvaged is to be found, it is under the direct jurisdiction of the Army Forces, which consider the very important depots that exist there to belong to them, do not allow them to be used in an organic and well regulated way and sometimes allow them to be practically looted by speculating black marketers.

In Lombardia also, some warehouses containing goods of various sorts, all destined to civilians (including a large amount of civilian garments) have recently been requisitioned by units of the Vth Army, removed, and, it seems, sent to Livorno to be shipped overseas.

10. - I won't repeat the considerations made about the supplying of raw materials. I shall raise one question only: How is it possible to conciliate the U.R.M.I.T. shipping of worn clothing with the export from Italy of new garments, formerly German, it is true, but made in Italy, using the scarce remains of our raw materials?

11. - I have pointed out the moral crisis which strikes Italian industry; I have also pointed out a possible remedy, radical to my mind, which alone can prevent this moral crisis from degenerating into a still more serious political crisis: enable Italy to resume working. Another and possibly a better remedy can be added to this one: make Italy work for you. In the north of Italy, most of the plants are intact; our working forces, after the present crisis, which can become temporary, are able to resume their traditional efficiency; supply possibilities for the reconstruction of Europe are practically endless; exhausted by war, the Italian market cannot afford to use what its industries and workers are able to produce; why not make the most of this opportunity

Doc

561

Note: Art has been
seen by C.C. who
has commented EC
is now acting on CC;
comments on EC's

file (5009/EC)

204
14

8

File

9

100

- 4 -

and order from our firms the supplies which your industries, choked by all the unfulfilled orders of these years of war, cannot produce, Russia for instance, is already negotiating to obtain all the output of our navy yards, thus assuring work to tens of thousands of workers. Have you thought about the enormous political importance of this simple fact: it is true that the Allies have liberated us; but now, Russia is giving us work.

12. - Supplying of raw materials, a rapid turning over to our market of the former German materials in Italy, orders for supplies that you require, are a trump card in your hands, which, if properly played will be more valuable than any treaty freely accepted or freely agreed to. However, this trump card loses every day some of its value. Are the difficulties such as to prevent a timely use and a complete valorization?

I do not think that I am the first to draw your attention on what, clearly or confusedly, is in the mind of many of those who are responsible for the economy of our country. Before automatically losing my charge as temporary Commissioner of IRI in the North of Italy, as the jurisdiction of the former Government stretched to the North, I deemed it my duty, as you are the President of the A.C. and the highest allied authority in Italy, to draw your attention on these considerations on the present Italian situation, for, as the allied authorities put me in this very important observation post, I feel I must answer to them for my impressions and judgements.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours very truly,

S. R. Cisaudi

(Dr. Eng. R. Cisaudi)

E. C. DIST

Action: E. C. can Sec (2)

INFO: Chief Council

EX: Council

the A.C. and the highest allied authority in Italy, to draw your attention on these considerations on the present Italian situation, for, as the allied authorities put me in this very important observation post, I feel I must answer to them for my impressions and judgements.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Yours very truly,

S. R. Einaudi

(Dr. SRS. R. Einaudi)

E.C. DIST

Action: ECON SEC (2)

INFO: CHIEF COMR

EX COMR

trans. o/c

(207)

AUG 8

C C FILES

AFHQ PETROLEUM SECTION
 ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
 Tel : ROME 478875

PET 30/A/1

3 August 45

SUBJECT : Plan for the Control of the
 Manufacture and Sale of Industrial
 Products of Northern Italy.

HQ., Allied Commission
 Office of the Chief Commissioner,
 APC 390.

Reference our PET/30/A/1 dated 13 July 45.

1. Further study on the above subject was made by the under-signed on a recent trip through North Italy. It would appear that a committee to allocate the available supplies of Fuel Oil will be necessary in the North as this should be done by a government agency rather than by C.I.P., a commercial agency. The available stocks will be notified by this Section to C.I.P. who will in turn notify the government committee that does the allocating the quantity that is available and will be governed by their judgment in making deliveries. This has reference to your L.OO/ES dated 9 July 45.
2. For manufacturing operations that are functioning, C.I.P. will do the necessary engineering work, make recommendations of lubricants needed, and deliver them on demand, as industrial lubricants are not rationed in the sense that automotive products are rationed, and the government oil committee is not expected to function in this type of work.

JOHN L. KING
 Lt. Col., GMD
 Petroleum Section

Copies to : Petroleum Section, AFHQ.
 AFHQ Pet. Sec. (I.),
 c/o 60 Sub-Area, C.M.F.

EC DIST - 3 AUG 45

Action: Econ Sec (2)

INFO: Chief Commr
 Exec Commr

500

203

RESTRICTED

120.0h

AUG

PIEMONTE REGION

ALCOM

F/2395

ALG 030900

ROUTINE

RESTRICTED.

Subject is production of passenger cars.

Para 1. Refer your signal 2930-011600B.

Para 2. Fiat passenger car production 91 units in July.

Para 3. No production of passenger cars at TURIN plant of LANCIA.

Para 4. New cars allocated by Regional Transportation Officer.

DIST

ACTION INDUSTRY SC 2
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
BOON SEC
FILE 2
FLOAT

559

RESTRICTED

207

40456

HQ PIEMONTE REGION PERSONAL FOR COL. MARSHALL

2795

30 July 1945

Priority

CONFIDENTIAL PD

REFERENCE YOUR CABLE RC 2 JULY 29 ADDRESSED TO ADMIRAL STONE REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE
ON INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL FOR NORTHERN ITALY PD UNDERSTAND FROM TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
PAREN MAJOR SCOTTEN DASH MR. WHITE AT MILANO PAREN THAT PIEMONTE REGION WAS
REPRESENTED AT TODAY'S CONFERENCE BY PROFESSOR VALETTA REFERRED TO IN YOUR CABLE PD
PAREN TO FOR ACTION ALCOM HQ PIEMONTE REGION PERSONAL FOR COL MARSHALL FROM HQ ALCOM
PAREN

THEREFORE NO FURTHER ACTION APPEARS NECESSARY THIS END PD CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY
MATTER REFERRED HERE IN FIRST PLACE AS IN DIRECTIVE COVERING PLAN FOR THE CONTROL
OF THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS OF NORTHERN ITALY DATED 9 JULY
IT IS CLEARLY LAID DOWN IN PARA 3 PAREN B PAREN THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR APPOINTING
MEMBERS TO NORTHERN ITALY INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL FOR YOUR REGION RESTS WITH YOU AS
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER PD

358

Economic Section

267

E. B. McKinley
Brig. Gen. USA
Antenna B. P.

E.C.
Can you follow up pls? file
 RC 2/5
 JULY 29

CONFIDENTIAL

JUL 30 RECD

F/1760
 JULY 29 1000
 ROUTINE

HQ PIEMONTE SIGNED MARSHALL
 HQ AG PERSONAL FOR ADMIRAL STONE

CONFIDENTIAL.

1. TREVISANI who appears to have been recommended for PIEMONTE representative as member of Industrial Council for northern ITALY is completely disqualified for such appointment by reason of foreign interests which are his primary consideration.

2. The most competent and best qualified individual for PIEMONTE representative is Professor VALETTA former managing director Fiat. VALETTA was ejected from Fiat management by: but no operation proceedings have been initiated. Requests made by this Hq to: PIEMONTE Region and MORANDI CLNAI As to any objections have elicited no response. Efforts now being made to contact MORANDI to obtain definite answer.

3. Request representations be made to Italian Government that TREVISANI cannot be regarded acceptable and that VALETTA is considered best suited for appointment. Advice is requested earliest possible. Pending receipt PIEMONTE Region will not be officially represented at MILAN meeting 30 July.

557

DIST

ACTION ECON SEC 2
 INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
 SO TO CC
 EX COMMISSIONER 2
 FILE

CONFIDENTIAL

CC 4045

24 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Appointment of Commissario, Beryllium Plant at Chivasso (Turin), (owned by S.A.P.I., Milan).

TO : Colonel Robert E. Marshall, Regional Commissioner, PIEMONTE Region.

1. With reference to the attached papers, including my memorandum of 21 July and the Economic Section's concurrence of 23 July, I recommend that you appoint General Mario INFANTE as Commissario for the subject plant, in accordance with my memorandum of 21 July.

ELDERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Enclosure: (A) Translation ltr from Gen Infante to Minister I.A.F., 6 July 1945. (1972)
(B) Copy ltr 16 July 45 from Gen Infante to A.C. (1960)
(C) Copy memo from Adm Stone to Gen McKinley, 21 July 45. (1971)
(D) Copy memo from Gen McKinley to Adm Stone, 23 July 45. (198)

556 Copy (less Enclosures (A) and (B)) to: General Mario Infante,
3 Via Reggio Calabria,
Rome.

199

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref. EE/12.05

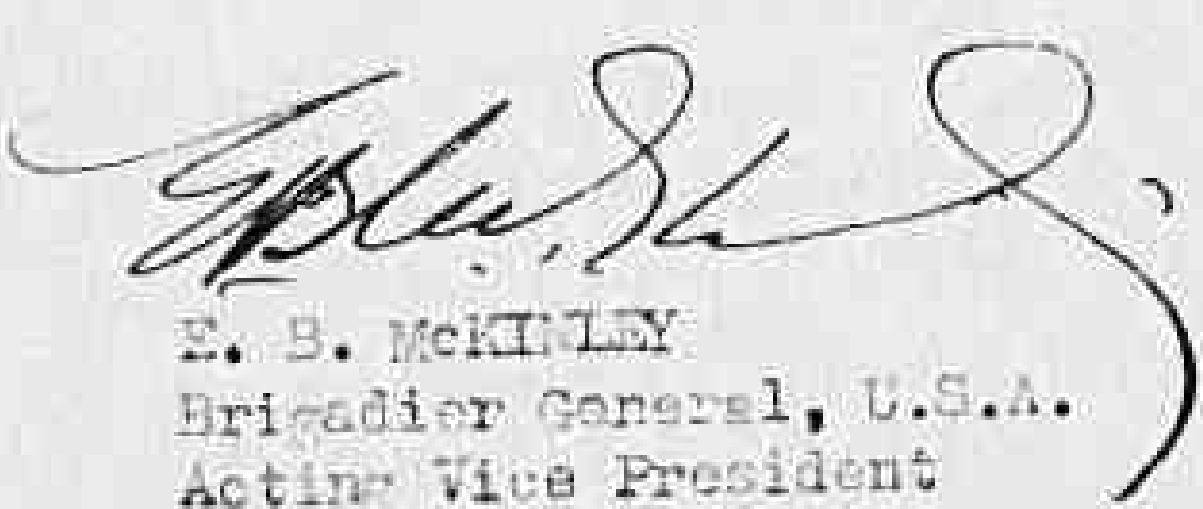
23 July 1945

SUBJECT : Appointment of General Infante

TO : Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

1. I have checked with Brigadier Anderson, who concurs that Economic Section sees no objection to the appointment of General Infante as suggested.

2. It is possible, however, that Colonel Marshall may have already taken some action in this connection.


E. B. MCKINLEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Acting Vice President

555

Incl. (2)

4045/c

21 July 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Brigadier General Edward B. McKinley, U.S. Army,
Acting Vice President, Economic Section.

General Infante has been well known to me personally
for many years as a man of the highest integrity.

With reference to the attached, I strongly recom-
mend that Colonel Marshall be advised to appoint him as Commissario
for the purpose of liquidating the state of affairs of this company
in order to derequisition it and return it to the owners and thus
to the control of the Italian Government should there be any ques-
tion of Fascist profits involved.

If you concur, I shall write Colonel Marshall to
this effect.

Will you kindly treat this matter as urgent.

See 198
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

354

197

NO DIST

Incl. (c)

4045/10

SECRET

K 211

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

SAC (P) (45) 16th Meeting
20th July 1945

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

• • • • •
EXTRACT

2. ITALIAN PRODUCTION ADVISORY BOARDS

(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 15th Meeting, Minute 2)

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERTSON reported that a signal* had been received from the Combined Chiefs of Staff approving in principle the establishment of Italian Production Advisory Boards, and stating that the matter is properly for the decision of the Italian Government and that no proposals should be presented which might appear dictatorial.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above report.

*TAM 614 (MC IN 20472 of 30 June 1945)

553

1946

44045-1

DR. ING. MARIO INFANTE

Rome July the 16th 1945.

ROMA-VIA REGGIO CALABRIA 3

JUL 19 1945
1300To the Allied Commission,
R O M E

Subject: Berillium Industry.

On the 22nd December 1941 the Air Ministry took measures for the requisition of the whole plant for the production of Berillium in alloys situated at Chivasso (Turin) and belonging to the S.A.P.P.I. of Milan; and gave over the management to Gen. Ing. Mario Infante, as Extraordinary Plenipotentiary Commissary.

The Commissary thus created a firm called "Berillium Industry - State Management" which worked as a private firm, completely disconnected from the S.A.P.P.I. which, however, still retained its own giuridical position.

After the liberation of the N. of Italy the Commissary went North, and found that the whole plant, as well as the accountancy had been saved and that the plant was still working for the production of pig-iron and that the funds were sufficient to cover workmen's wages for about four months.

The Commissary made a report to the Allied Commission at Turin, and proposed handing back the plant to the original owners, under certain conditions in order to avoid a repetition of blackmailing, such as had already been attempted on the Italia Governement. The Allied Commission in Turin declared itself favorable to resolving the question directly or allowing it to be resolved by the Italian Governement.

On his return to Rome, the Commissary presented a copy of the enclosed letter to the Air Ministry and conferred with the Air Minister and his Officers; but at the Air Ministry it seems to prevail the idea that after the German occupation, neither the Commissary nor the Ministry have any responsibility whatever with anything concernig the Plant.

The Commissary feels answerable to the Italian Government for his management as far as regards his employment of the funds; but considers himself to depend actually on the Allied Command of Turin, the Plant being situated in occupied territory; he therefore begs for information as to mode of action.

(197) (Gen.D.A.R.O. Ing.Mario Infante)

Ing. Mario Infante

1960

1300
JUL 14 RECD
OCC FILES

AFHQ PETROLEUM SECTION
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
Tel : ROME 478875
PET 30/A/1

13 July 45

SUBJECT : Plan for the Control of the
Manufacture and Sale of Industrial
Products of Northern Italy.

Hq. Allied Commission,
Office of the Executive Commissioner
APO 394.

Reference 1.00/ES dated 9 July 45.

1. Acknowledgement is made of the above mentioned program. It is noted under the list of industrial committees, in paragraph 3a of the attachment, two committees which are considered as duplications of an organization already in existence and operating and recognized by the Italian Government. These committees are :

- (a) Comitato Olii Minerali e Carburanti Sucedanei.
- (b) Comitato Olii e Grassi

2. The work contemplated by these committees is already being done by Comitato Italiano Petroli, and it is requested that they should not be set up and for this Section to be advised to that effect.

JOHN L. KING
Lt. Col. QMC
Petroleum Section

551 Copies to : Petroleum Section, AFHQ.
(w/letter ref'd to above)

AFHQ Pet. Sec. (N.I.),
c/o 60 Sub-Area, C.M.F.

13c DIST - 13 July 45
(4033/EC)

Action : ECON SEC.
INFO : Chief Comm
Exec Comm

1946

40451

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

JUL 11 RECD
1706

11 July 1945

Memorandum:

To : Chief Commissioner

Economic Section advises that the latest requisitions, forwarded by air 10 July, included cotton in sufficient quantity to supply the textile industry in Italy to full capacity. Other primary materials were also augmented, but have not been increased to the same extent for the reason that they have all been correlated to the availability of coal, and cotton textile manufacture requires relatively little coal as compared to the reemployment of labor.

7
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Acting Executive Commissioner

550

195

40451 w
m/5407

Chief Commissioner

AND UNITED STATES COMMISSION

NO 394

Office of the Chief Commissioner

Ref. 1.00/23

9 July 1945

SUBJECT: Plan for the Control of the Manufacture and Sale of Industrial Products of Northern Italy.

TO : Addressees Below.

1. The Plan for the Control of the Manufacture and Sale of Industrial Products of Northern Italy attached hereto and made a part hereof is transmitted for the information and guidance of all concerned. It will be implemented at once.

2. This plan was developed by the industry of northern Italy to provide through cooperation and self-discipline a means for re-establishing an orderly economy subsequent to the impact of liberation. The Italian government has approved the plan and will participate therein through its established AC/AG contact for that part which pertains to territory still under Allied Military Government. The presence of members of the Italian government on the Northern Italy Industrial Council and the North Italy Industrial Price Fixing Board assure the fact that the government is always informed.

3. Since the plan affects primarily the industry of northern Italy, with the seat of control at Milan, the plan must be implemented under the full authority of Allied Military Government. The plan embraces the entire north with the exception of Venezia Giulia and must be administered uniformly without regard to regional boundaries with the exception above noted. Therefore, the plan will be administered by the Allied Commission through its forward office in Milan. Regional Commissioners will be called upon extensively for advice and cooperation, and for local administration.

4. A forward office of the Industry sub-Commission, Allied Commission, will be established 10 July 1945 at the Milan office of the Allied Commission, 7 Via Spadari, Milan. This office will effect the necessary organization in the North to implement this plan. A forward office of the Commerce sub-Commission, Allied Commission, will be established at the same location within the near future.

Industrial Committees.

establishing an orderly economy subsequent to the impact of liberation. The Italian government has approved the plan and will participate therein through its established AC/MG contact for that part which pertains to territory still under Allied Military Government. The presence of members of the Italian government on the North Italy Industrial Council and the North Italy Industrial Price Fixing Board assure the fact that the government is always informed.

3. Since the plan affects primarily the industry of northern Italy, with the seat of control at Milan, the plan must be implemented under the full authority of Allied Military Government. The plan embraces the entire north with the exception of Venezia Giulia and must be administered uniformly without regard to regional boundaries with the exception above noted. Therefore, the plan will be administered by the Allied Commission through its forward office in Milan. Regional Commissioners will be called upon extensively for advice and cooperation, and for local administration.

4. A forward office of the Industry sub-Commission, Allied Commission, will be established 10 July 1945 at the Milan office of the Allied Commission, 7 Via Appiani, Milan. This office will effect the necessary organization in the North to implement this plan. A forward office of the Commerce sub-Commission, Allied Commission, will be established at the same location within the near future.

Industrial committees.

5. The organization of the committees listed in the plan will be completed without delay. As the occasion may demand, committees covering additional fields of industrial endeavor may become necessary. The proposed organization and plan of operations of such new committees must be transmitted to the Allied Commission for approval and inclusion in this order b, appropriate amendment.

6. Each committee listed in paragraph 3 a. of the plan will submit its organization, membership and list of officers, together with its detailed plan of operations, through the North Italy Industrial Council to the Allied Commission for approval. The Council will examine all plans and cause their modification and revision to fit the limitations of such general factors as coal, power and transportation availabilities, etc.; will secure the Plan's approval by the North Italy Industrial Price Fixing Board if price fixing is involved; and will present the plans to the Allied Commission. The Allied Commission will screen the plans for conflicts with existing plans for all of Italy and for coordination with the import program, and will suggest necessary modifications, before giving final approval.

199.

See 1946

4045/CC

- 2 -

7. Once the committee organization and plan of an industry group has been approved, this approved plan will form the basis upon which the industry will operate freely with its own management and without interference of anyone except when absolutely necessary. Emphasis must be placed upon permitting Italian industry and commerce to proceed under its own management and to provide for the enforcement of its own self-imposed restrictions.

North Italy Industrial Council.

8. The president of the North Italy Industrial Council will be appointed by the Italian Government. Each regional Commissioner will transmit promptly to the Milan office of A. C. his designation for member of the Council as provided in paragraph 3 b. of the Basic Plan. At the same time Regional Commissioners may transmit suggestions for the selection of the labor member of the Council.

9. In its operations the Council should be permitted full exercise of its powers provided in paragraph 3 b. (1), with only the minimum necessary limitation thereof through the overall and control provided in paragraph 3 b. (4) of the basic Plan.

North Italy Industrial Price Fixing Board.

10. The president of the North Italy Industrial Price Fixing Board will be appointed by the Italian Government. Each regional Commissioner will transmit promptly to the Milan office of A. C. a list of nominations of residents of his region engaged in the fields of endeavor specified in paragraph 3 c. of the Basic Plan. From the lists of nominations the members of the Board will be selected to give the coverage by callings and by regions provided in the basic Plan.

Distribution.

11. The planned distribution of existing frozen stocks of consumer goods must progress rapidly. Therefore, distribution plans must be approved and placed into operation at the earliest practicable date. Distribution plans for consumer goods must not be delayed pending submission and approval of more elaborate and time consuming production plans.

12. In those cases where necessary interim action has caused the creation of regional industrial committees or organizations which now become in conflict with this overall plan, every effort will be expended to effect the harmonious transition of the local organizations.

minimum necessary limitation provided in paragraph 3 b. (4) of the basic Plan.

North Italy Industrial Price Fixing Board.

10. The president of the North Italy Industrial Price Fixing Board will be appointed by the Italian Government. Each regional Commissioner will transmit promptly to the Milan office of A.O. a list of nominations of residents of his region engaged in the fields of endeavor specified in paragraph 3 c. of the basic Plan. From the lists of nominations the members of the Board will be selected to give the coverage by callings and by regions provided in the basic Plan.

Distribution.

11. The planned distribution of existing frozen stocks of consumer goods must progress rapidly. Therefore, distribution plans must be approved and placed into operation at the earliest practicable date. Distribution plans for consumer goods must not be delayed pending submission and approval of more elaborate and time consuming production plans.

12. In those cases where necessary interim action has caused the creation of regional industrial committees or organizations which now become in conflict with this overall plan, every effort will be expended to effect the harmonious transition of the local organization into the appropriate industrial committee created by this order. Failing this, local conflicting groups must be disbanded in furtherance of the subject plan.

13. General Order No. 41, Allied Military Government, is modified insofar as it is in conflict with the provisions of this order.

encl. subject Plan

Ellery W. Stone

ELLEARY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

- 3 -

DISTRIBUTION:

All Regional Commissioners
ASG Venezia Giulia
ASG 5 Army
ASG 8 Army
CMB IV Corps
C-5 AFHQ
RCS
R. No. 1 District
R. No. 2 District
R. No. 3 District
AFHQ(1)E
Ref. section AFHQ Adv.
all sections and sub-commissions AC

1 4 4 2

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785015

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 08-14-2001 BY 60322
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 08-14-2001 BY 60322

548

194

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

9 July 1945

PLAN FOR THE CONTROL OF THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS
OF NORTHERN ITALY

1. It is essential that a uniform plan be put into effect in all the regions of northern Italy which are under the jurisdiction of Allied Military Government, with the exception of the Venezia Giulia region.

2. In collaboration with the appropriate ministries of the Italian Government, the Allied Commission has approved the plan which is set forth below. This plan will be effectuated under the supervision and direction of the Allied Military Government and of the Allied Commission in Rome. The Italian Government will participate in the plan by following the regular channels of administration through the Allied Commission. The plan has been prepared with a view to an early withdrawal of Allied Military Government and the consequent transfer of the territory to the Italian Government.

3. The plan is as follows:

4. There will be set up by industry in northern Italy and recognized by Allied Military Government, industrial committees representing the various segments of industry. On each committee will be persons representing the plants of the various regions under Allied Military Government. The committees will be the following:

Comitato Macchine, Utensili e Macchine Utensili.
Comitato di Meccanica di Precisione e Ottica.
Comitato Elettrotecnica.
Comitato Autoveicoli.
Comitato Veicoli Ferroviari.
Comitato Fibre e Industrie Tessili - Anti Tessile.
Comitato Chimica e Gomma.
Comitato Cellulosa, Carta e Stampa.
Comitato Legno e Industrie Varie.
Comitato Ucielo.
Comitato Siderurgia.
Comitato Metalli non ferrosi.
Comitato Lavorazione del Ferro.

by following the regular channels of administration through the Allied Commission. The plan has been prepared with a view to an early withdrawal of Allied Military Government and the consequent transfer of the territory to the Italian Government.

3. The plan is as follows:

- a. There will be set up by industry in northern Italy and recognized by Allied Military Government, industrial committees representing the various segments of industry. On each committee will be persons representing the plants of the various regions under Allied Military Government. The committees will be the following:

Comitato Macchine, Utensili e Macchine Utensili.
Comitato di Meccanica di Precisione e Ottica.
Comitato Elettrotecnica.
Comitato Autoveicoli.
Comitato Veicoli Ferroviari.
Comitato Fibre e Industrie Tessili - Lati Tessile.
Comitato Chimica e Gomma.
Comitato Cellulosa, Carta e Stampa.
Comitato Legno e Industrie Varie.
Comitato Cuoi.
Comitato Siderurgia.
Comitato Metalli non Ferrosi.
Comitato Lavorazione del Ferro.
Comitato Monopolio Carboni.
Comitato Minerale e Cave.
Comitato Olii Minerali e Combustibili Sucedanei.
Comitato Olii e Grassi.
Comitato Pietre e Terre.
Comitato Elettricità.
Comitato Acque e Gas.
Comitato Armi, Munizioni, Costruzioni Navali,
Aeronautiche e Mezzi Corazzati.
Comitato Industriale Alimentazione.

The functions of these industrial committees will be as follows:

- (1) To survey the existing productive units within the industry and to formulate a plan for the utilization of plant capacity.
- (2) To control the nature of the products to be produced and the level of production to be performed by the several plants within the industry.

(194)

- 2 -

- (3) To recommend the closing of unproductive and uneconomical plants or parts of plants; and to recommend, where necessary, transfer of equipment between plants to effect sound economic production within the industry.
- (4) To recommend the allocation of: raw materials, obtained either by importation or from local resources equipment, tools and operating supplies necessary to carry out a scheduled production.
- (5) To supervise and control the flow of raw materials and semi-fabricated materials to and between plants within the industry.
- (6) To ascertain the amounts of the finished products within the industry available for distribution and to recommend the distribution of same.
- (7) To recommend which products of the industry, if any, should be subject to regulation and control in their manufacture and sale.
- (8) To recommend to the North Italy Industrial Price Fixing Board, the raw materials, semi-fabricated goods and finished products upon which prices should be fixed and the prices therefor.
- (9) To effect the observance and enforcement of the adopted plans throughout the industry.

b. There will be established a North Italy Industrial Council. The President of the council will be designated by the Italian Government. In addition there will be six members, one designated by the National Commissioner of each of the five regions of Allied Military Government and one appointed by Allied Military Government on the recommendation of the labor organizations to represent labor. This Industrial Council will have its office in Milan.

The functions of this Council will be:

- (1) To coordinate, direct and expedite the work of the Industrial Committees and to take final action on their recommendations.
- (2) To determine what goods...

should be subject to regulation and control in their manufacture and sale.

(c) To recommend to the North Italy Industrial Price Fixing Board, the raw materials, semi-fabricated goods and finished products upon which prices should be fixed and the prices therefor.

(d) To effect the observance and enforcement of the adopted plans throughout the industry.

b. There will be established a North Italy Industrial Council. The President of the council will be designated by the Italian Government. In addition there will be six members, one designated by the Regional Commissioner of each of the five regions of Allied Military Government and one appointed by Allied Military Government on the recommendation of the labor organizations to represent Labor. This Industrial Council will have its office in Milan.

The functions of this Council will be:

(1) To coordinate, direct and expedite the work of the Industrial Committees and to take final action on their recommendations.

(2) To determine what goods of North Italy industry are available for distribution to the consuming public of all of Italy.

(3) To supervise the administrative expenditures of the Industrial Committees.

(4) To transmit and interpret to the Industrial Committees, any directives, orders and instructions from time to time issued by the Allied Military Government.

c. There will be established a North Italy Industrial Price Fixing Board. The President of this Board will be designated by the Italian Government. There will be six other members, which will represent respectively the following: Industry - Commerce - Agriculture - Transport - Labor - Consumer. These members must be selected so that at least one member is a resident of each of the regions under Allied Military Government. The office of this Board will be located in Milan.

The functions of this board will be:

- (1) Upon recommendations of the Industrial Committees, to fix, where it is deemed necessary, the manufacturers' purchase and sale prices of raw materials and semi-fabricated goods and finished products.
 - (2) To establish, if deemed necessary, advisory committees, either on a regional or other basis.
- d. The North Italy Industrial Council will determine what goods are available for distribution to the consuming public (1) for the provinces under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government, and (2) for the provinces in Northern Italy under the jurisdiction of the Allied Military Government.

The distribution of the consumer goods which are to be regulated will be made in Northern Italy as follows:

The Industrial Council will allocate the amounts to each province. The Chamber of Commerce of each province in consultation with the Camera del Lavoro of the province will determine the method of distribution within the province and the retail prices.

The distribution of goods among the provinces under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government will be assumed by the Italian Government.

4. All products may be moved freely from one part of Italy to another with two exceptions: (1) the limited number of items retained under control by Allied Military Government (including Allied Forces Local resources board controlled and restricted items and those materials controlled by the Italian Government) and (2) those which are brought under regulation and control by the North Italy Industrial Council.

1 4 4 8

each province. The Chamber of Commerce of each province in consultation with the Camera del Lavoro of the province will determine the method of distribution within the province and the retail prices.

The distribution of goods among the provinces under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government will be assumed by the Italian Government.

4. All products may be moved freely from one part of Italy to another with two exceptions: (1) the limited number of items retained under control by allied Military Government (including allied Forces Local resources board controlled and restricted items and those materials controlled by the Italian Government) and (2) those which are brought under regulation and control by the North Italy Industrial Council.

975

7 July 1945.

My dear Mr. Minister:

I should be grateful if you would receive General Mario Infante, a retired officer of the Italian Air Force, who has been a close personal friend of mine for many years and in whose integrity you may place full reliance.

General Infante was appointed Commissario, or Administrator, of the Industria del Berillio Gestione Statale in Turin before the Armistice and requires instructions as to whether he is to continue in that position or, if not, to whom he should turn over the responsibilities which were formerly his.

Apparently he has had difficulty in learning from your Ministry what course he should take and it is for this reason that I would appreciate your receiving him.

Sincerely,

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

545

Avv. Mario Cevolotto,
Minister for Air,
Italian Government,
Rome.

COPY To:

193 GEN. MARIO INFANTE

FILE

4045/CC

28 (192) CC

189 a 185

Translation

Rome, July 6th, 1945

To H.E. the Minister of the R. Air-Force

Rome

Subject: Berilium Industry - State Management.

On December 22nd, 1945, on the request of the Ministry for War Production, and after an interministerial inquiry, which ascertained the bankrupt conditions of the S.A.P.P.I. of Milan, the R. Air-Force Ministry proceeded to requisition the plant for the production of Berilium, in Chivasso, which belonged to the S.A.P.P.I.

Required by the R. Air-Force Ministry to assure the production of Berilium, and having assumed the charge of Commissioner for the Italian Berilium Industry, State Management, the undersigned set to work and managed this Industry according to the Commerce Code and with the funds supplied by the R. Air-Force Ministry.

Among the various regulations which the undersigned had to enforce, the most important ones were:

- 1) the elimination of all technical and administrative directors of the S.A.P.P.I. who had brought about the bankrupt situation of the concern.
- 2) technical and administrative reorganization, and improvements of all kind introduced in the plant and in the working process
- 3) cancelling of all contracts for supplying Germany with Berilium; Germany had cleverly managed to get hold of most of the Berilium production, at the detriment of Italy and at prices which were greatly inferior to production costs.
- 4) complete separation of the S.A.P.P.I. from that of the new management which was called for this reason: Berilium Industry - State Management.

The S.A.P.P.I. which still existed as a concern, and which had kept its juridical personality, appealed against the requisition order and claimed a large sum for damages; besides, it tried to intimidate and blackmail the Commissioner who was charged with sabotaging the plant and the Axis war production, for he refused to supply Germany with Berilium; this brought about a long series of political and technical inquiries, up to September 8th 1943.

After this date, the directors of the S.A.P.P.I. (at present denounced by the undersigned to the Attorney of the Corte d'Assisi straordinaria of

Among the various regulations which the undersigned had to enforce, the most important ones were:

- 1) the elimination of all technical and administrative directors of the S.A.P.P.I. who had brought about the bankrupt situation of the concern.
- 2) technical and administrative reorganization, and improvements of all kind introduced in the plant and in the working process
- 3) cancelling of all contracts for supplying Germany with Berilium; Germany had cleverly managed to get hold of most of the Berilium production, at the detriment of Italy and at prices which were greatly inferior to production costs.
- 4) complete separation of the S.A.P.P.I. from that of the new management which was called for this reason : Berilium Industry - State Management.

The S.A.P.P.I. which still existed as a concern, and which had kept its juridical personality, appealed against the requisition order and claimed a large sum for damages; besides, it tried to intimidate and blackmail the Commissioner who was charged with sabotaging the plant and the Axis war production, for he refused to supply Germany with Berilium; this brought about a long series of political and technical inquiries, up to September 8th 1943.

After this date, the directors of the S.A.P.P.I. (at present denounced by the undersigned to the Attorney of the Corte d'Assisi straordinaria of Turin)) took advantage of the German occupation to offer their collaboration to the invader, and renew to the authorities of occupation the charges against the Commissioner and against Comm. Francesco Tucci of the R. Air-Force Department. This to obtain the restitution of the plant and the payment of the very large indemnity asked for the supposed damages.

The Germans then sequestered the plant as well as all the material (mineral, Berilium alloy, finished and half worked products, etc) and issued a warrant for the arrest of the Commissioner and Comm. Tucci. The latter was arrested; arrested by the SS during his attempted flight towards the South, the Commissioner was submitted to a new and severe investigation on the part of the S.S.; but he managed to save himself and remain in Rome till the arrival of the Allies.

During German occupation the plant was partly transformed and produced cast iron for the civilian population; this to prevent the technicians and workers of the plant from being deported to Germany. This production is still carried on.

The undersigned went North a short time ago and was asked by the C.I.M. of the plant to answer for the funds and for the industrial plants which had

- 2 -

been entrusted to him; he also felt he had to do this; he found that the plant was intact, and that the funds still existing made it possible to pay the workers for about four months. The authorities of occupation forbid to dismiss the workers before July 31st, and - legally speaking - they seem to consider the plant as booty. The undersigned pointed out that it was necessary as well as advisable to hand back the plant to its former owners, after making the necessary arrangements to prevent the carrying on of the action for damages formerly brought against the Italian State by S.A.P.P.I.,

either
The Allied Authorities seem willing to solve the situation directly or to leave the R. Air-Force Ministry solve it.

In the present situation, the State Management is paying the workers with funds which should go in the total debit-credit account between the Air-Force Department and the S.A.P.P.I.; besides, there is no longer any reason for the requisition. The undersigned suggests to issue a derequisition decree, and to start at once making an inventory to make it possible to hand back the plant to its former owners.

The necessary action will of course have to be taken to prevent more attempts at extortion at the detriment of the State.

(Gen. Mario Infante)

e/c

The necessary action will of course have to be taken to prevent more attempts at extortion at the detriment of the State.

(Gen. Mario Infante)

e/c

543

(192) a

DR. ING. MARIO INFANTE

Roma 6 Luglio 1945.

ROMA-VIA REGGIO CALABRIA 3

All'Ecc. il Ministro per la R. Aeronautica,
R O M A

Oggetto: Industria del Berillio Gestione Statale.

Il Ministero della R. Aeronautica, in data 22 Dicembre 1941, su richiesta del Ministero per le Fabbricazioni di guerra ed in seguito ad una inchiesta interministeriale che aveva accertato le condizioni prefallimentari della S.A.P.P.I. di Milano, provvedeva alla requisizione dello stabilimento per la produzione del Berillio, sito in Chivasso, e di proprietà della S.A.P.P.I. stessa.

Incaricato dal Ministero della R. Aeronautica ad assicurare la produzione del Berillio, ed assunta la carica di Commissario Straordinario per la " Industria Italiana del Berillio - Gestione Statale " lo scrivente provvedeva alla bisogna e gestiva tale Industria secondo le modalità del Codice di Commercio, e con fondi forniti dal Ministero della R. Aeronautica.

- Fra i vari provvedimenti che lo scrivente dovette adottare, notevoli furono:
- (1) La eliminazione di tutti i dirigenti tecnici ed amministrativi della S.A.P.P.I. che avevano determinato la situazione prefallimentare della Ditta stessa;
 - 2) La riorganizzazione tecnica ed amministrativa ed i miglioramenti di ogni genere intradotti nello Stabilimento e nel processo di lavorazione;
 - 3) L'annullamento di tutti i contratti di forniture di Berillio alla Germania, che si era abilmente assicurata tutta la produzione di Berillio possibile, a scapito dell'Italia ed a prezzi largamente inferiori ai costi di produzione;
 - 4) La separazione completa delle responsabilità della S.A.P.P.I. da quelle della nuova gestione, che venne a tale scopo denominata: Industria del Berillio - Gestione Statale.

La S.A.P.P.I., che era rimasta come ente a se stante e che aveva mantenuta la propria personalità giuridica, presentava a suo tempo ricorso avverso il provvedimento di requisizione, e pretendeva una fortissima somma per danni; essa inoltre iniziava e portava a fondo una opera intimidatoria e ricattatoria nei riguardi del Commissario che, per il suo rifiuto di fornire il Berillio alla Germania veniva accusato di sabotaggio agli impianti dello Stabilimento e alla produzione bellica dell'Asse; ciò che determinò una lunga serie di inchieste politiche e tecniche fino all'8 Settembre 1943.

Immediatamente dopo tale data i dirigenti della S.A.P.P.I. (attualmente denunciati dallo scrivente al Procuratore della Corte di Assisi straordinaria di Torino) approfittarono della occupazione tedesca per offrire la loro colla-

192

(segue foglio: Industria del Berillio del 6.6.1945.)

borsazione all'invasore e per rinnovare presso le autorità di occupazione le accuse di sabotaggio contro il Commissario e contro il Comm. Francesco Tucci del Ministero della R.A. Ciò allo scopo di ottenere la restituzione dello Stabilimento ed il conseguente pagamento della fortissima indennità richiesta per i presunti danni.

Ne conseguiva da parte tedesca: il sequestro dello Stabilimento e di tutto il materiale (minerale, berillio in lega, prodotti finiti e semilavorati, ecc.) nonché il mandato di cattura contro il Commissario ed il Comm. Tucci. Quest'ultimo venne arrestato; il Commissario, fermato dalle S.S. durante il suo tentativo di fuga al Sud, fu sottoposto ad una nuova e severa inchiesta da parte delle S.S. stesse; ma riusciva a salvarsi ed a trattenersi a Roma fino all'arrivo degli Alleati.

Durante l'occupazione tedesca lo Stabilimento venne in parte trasformato e produsse ghisa per la popolazione civile; ciò allo scopo di evitare la deportazione in Germania dei tecnici e delle maestranze dello Stabilimento. Tale produzione continua tutt'ora.

Recatosi in questi giorni al Nord e perchè richiesto dal C.I.N. di fabbrica e nel convincimento di dover rispondere del denaro e degli impianti industriali che gli erano stati affidati, lo scrivente ha trovato che lo Stabilimento era rimasto intatto e che le somme di denaro tutt'ora esistenti in cassa sono sufficienti ad effettuare la paga degli operai ancora per circa quattro mesi. Le autorità di occupazione hanno vietato il licenziamento degli operai fino al 31 Luglio e - giuridicamente - sembrano considerare lo Stabilimento quale preda bellica. Lo scrivente ha loro rappresentato la necessità e l'opportunità che lo stabilimento venga restituito ai vecchi proprietari, con opportuni accorgimenti atti ad impedire la prosecuzione dell'azione per danni a suo tempo dalla S.A.P.F.I. intentata contro lo Stato Italiano.

Le Autorità Alleate sembrano favorevoli tanto a risolvere direttamente la situazione, quanto a lasciare risolvere la cosa dal Ministero della R. Aeronautica.

Nella situazione attuale la Gestione Statale sta pagando gli operai con fondi che dovrebbero fare parte del totale dare - avere fra il Ministero dell'Aeronautica e la S.A.P.F.I.; d'altra parte la requisizione non ha più ragione di essere. Lo scrivente propone pertanto che venga emesso un decreto di derequisizione e che vengano immediatamente iniziate le operazioni di inventario per potere procedere alla riconsegna dello Stabilimento ai suoi originari proprietari.

Dovranno naturalmente essere adottati opportuni accorgimenti cautelativi affinché non venga ripetuta la già tentata estorsione ai danni dello Stato.

(Gen. Div. Aerea Ruolo d'Onore Ing. Mario Infante.)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

JUN 30 RECD

AHG/tks

Tel. 328

30 June 1945

Ref. AC/5587/IND

SUBJECT: Requisitioning and De-requisitioning of
Industrial Facilities in AC/AMG Territory.

TO: Distribution Below.

1. Changed circumstances from war to peace in Italy mean that the detailed procedure for A.C. de-requisitioning, contained in AC/5587/IND of 26 April 1945, is now no longer necessary.

2. AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 14 of 7 March 1945 is still the ruling document, but as the military now no longer require industrial premises for the prosecution of the war the interest of Italian economy will be given every consideration by military commanders.

3. In view of the above, AC/AMG industrial officers will keep in close touch with district and military headquarters in their respective areas so that they will be in a position to put forward on the spot the Italian case for preventing requisition or obtaining de-requisition.

4. It must be borne in mind that the armed forces do require accommodation and that cases for de-requisition should not be put forward by AC/AMG officers unless they are absolutely certain that the factory or works concerned are in a position to operate and will have the necessary power, fuel and raw materials.

Distribution:

All Regional Commissioners
(Attn. Industry Div) for:
All Provincial Industry
Officers
All Sub-Commissions, Hq, AC

A. H. GLENDINNING, Lt. Col.

W. J. MASKREY, Lt. Col.
Acting Director
Industry Sub-COMMISSION

341

and for information To:

AFHQ G-5 Section
AFHQ G-4 American
AFHQ G-4 British
AFHQ, RAMC.
HQ AMG 15 Army Group.
SCAO, AMG 5th Army
SCAO, AMG 8th Army
File 5615

197

4045/CC

CC FILES

PARAPHRASE OF TAM 614, DATED 29 JUNE 1945

AUG 1 RECD
CE 1730FILES: 292048Z
ROUTINE

S E C R E T

AFSC N 163/30
CR

FROM : ACWAR FROM CCS

TO : ACTION ALEXANDER INFO AMSSO FOR BCS

REF NUMBER THIS MESSAGE: VK-24419

29 June 1945

For FIGEG.

Cite CCAC

TAM 614

184

1. Subject is: Assistance to the Recovery of Italian Industry.

It is recognized as necessary under present conditions that the Italians establish effective economic controls including the control of the distribution of raw materials within Italy. No objection is raised to the suggestion that the Italian Government make plans in accordance with MAT 737 policy: No proposals to be presented that might appear as mere dictation, but rather clear as being a decision of Italian Government. An approach should be made to them by you therefore, warning them of the extent of control and guidance to be necessary in view of difficulties (shortages, etc.) as cited in MAT 737. They should be asked what plans they have in mind and then proposals in MAT 737 may be suggested as tentative alternative in the event they have no other plan.

2. Advisory boards would function with respect to all Italian territory, it is assumed, and also that their decisions would apply in AMC areas subject only to being overridden by considerations of military necessity in such areas.
3. Reference FAN 487's general policy, no Allied personnel, other as non-voters or as staff assistants should participate in actual operations or meetings of the boards. If, in the opinion of AC, attendance at board meetings of Allied personnel as observers is deemed necessary at the outset, such observers may attend to assure proper liaison. However, as soon as conditions permit, these observers should be withdrawn. It is to be emphasized that they are not to participate in deliberations of the boards but only to observe so that AC may be kept informed.
4. FAN 487 describes role of AC primarily one of furnishing to the Italian Government advice at a high level. AC will also comment upon and make recommendations on import requirements for Italy as submitted by the Italian Government.

40451 ()

141a

AFSC H 163/30

Ref. No. VX-24419

Cont'd

- 2 -

MAT 737 IS REF FX 87782 MC OUT 1453 5/6/45 G-5
PAN 487 IS REF VX 29633 MC IN 23763 31/1/45 G-5

ACTION: C-5

INFORMATION: SACS
G-4
US POLAD
RESMIN
CAO
Q(MAINT)
G-4(B)
C/S MTO
USN
CINC MED
MAAF
NSA
MPT
RECORDS
**

534

19/a

Ref: 5662/TMD.

26 June 45.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

There are in existence in Italy a number of plants for the production of chemical warfare gases. Of these the Cesano Romano Works are situated in territory under the administration of your Government, while the remainder are in territory still subject to Allied Military Government.

You will appreciate that the Allies must insist upon the abandonment of all production of chemical warfare materials at these plants. It is desirable therefore to agree upon a policy for the early conversion of these plants to peacetime industrial production in order to avoid the necessity of dismantling them totally.

Protracted negotiations have been in progress since November 1944 between this Commission and the Italian Ministries of War, Industry, Commerce and Labour and the Treasury on the question of the plant at Cesano Romano, which is only now in the course of being transferred to the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour for conversion to civilian uses.

The economy of Italy urgently requires the maximum use of all available industrial equipment and the question of the future of the plants should therefore be settled before the northern territories are restored to the administration of the Italian Government.

I suggest that, to achieve this, a Committee be formed immediately to include members from all interested Ministries, who can agree with this Commission upon a final solution of this important problem.

I shall be glad to hear that you agree with this proposal and that you will appoint this Committee forthwith. If you will notify me as soon as it is formed, the representatives of this Commission will arrange a meeting.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government.

538
331

191

4045/cc

RESTRICTED

369
JUNE 251345B

E/6687
JUNE 252020B
PRIORITY

AMG LIGURIA REGION SIGNED WILSON
HQ ALCOM AGECC

RESTRICTED

Subject is industrial establishments in Northern
ITALY. Your LSC/413 of 1 June 45 refers.

1. Industries GENOVA province figures as follows.
 - (A) Four firms employing total 570 workers.
 - (B) 13 receivers appointed but position changing daily.
 - (C) 70 no for 91 firms employing 42179 workers.
 - (D) 39 firms involving 49626 workers of whom 17594 only are working. Detailed lists posted today.
2. Information other provinces expected but unlikely arrive in time.

Dist

Action - Econ Sec
Chief Commissioner
File 2
Float

337

190c

RESTRICTED

404512

CONFIDENTIAL

F98524
JUNE 241508BT/6565
JUNE 241655B
PRIORITYAPPRO SIGNED SIGNED SITE PAGES
ALOCK ROSE

CONFIDENTIAL

Your comments desired soonest following travel applications from ASGAR JCS.

To survey Italian sulphur industry and determine whether ITALY can get volume production going to assist supplying world demand, MARTIN GENTRY representing entire American sulphur industry. US and British Governments indorse according State Dept.

Return to ITALY of ROBERT BLATTNER is desired by Corn Products Refining Company. Managing director until 1940 Company's 2 manufacturing and 3 other Italian corporations. Corn grinding, manufacture starch glucose dextrine, corn sugar oil and gluten, concentrated foodstuffs, rice glucose and starch, milling and operation farms are activities. Managers services needed formulate minimum program suited present conditions. Company advised principal properties good condition but only one small unit operating.

336

Dist

Action - Econ Sec 2
Info - Chief Commissioner
Industry 2
Food 2
P Safety
File 2
Float

1962

4045/14

40451

EXTRACT

HQ AC Ltr CC 1001

23 June 1945

SECRET

TO: SACRED

FROM: Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Future Policy toward Italy

* * *

5. An expression of positive policy toward Italy by the US and UK Governments is necessary. The policy should be one which,

by restoring confidence in herself and in the Allies, will assist Italy toward recovery as a healthy nation politically and economically. Moreover, it is in the interests of the Allies to make use of Italy. She is geographically important in any strategic plans for regional security in the Mediterranean. She owned a naval fleet (which still exists) which, if properly employed, would be an important addition to regional security. She has a small army which, reorganized under Allied guidance, has merit and would improve greatly under further Allied help. The industries in Northern Italy need only raw materials and coal to be employed immediately for Allied war production and to supplement in the Mediterranean the commodities necessary for the clothing and rehabilitation of Europe.

4045/CC

by restoring confidence in herself and in the Allies, will assist Italy towards recovery as a healthy nation politically and economically. Moreover, it is in the interests of the Allies to make use of Italy. She is geographically important in any strategic plans for regional security in the Mediterranean. She owned a naval fleet (which still exists) which, if properly employed, would be an important addition to regional security. She has a small army which, reorganized under Allied guidance, has won merit and would improve greatly under further Allied help. The industries in North-Italy have only raw materials and need to be employed immediately for Allied war production and to supplement in the Mediterranean the commodities necessary for the clothing and rehabilitation of Europe.

535

SEE CC FILE 1001 for complete document & further planning

SECRET

190/a

20 June 1945

General McKinley,
VP Econ Section

189
The Chief Commissioner invites your attention to the attached memorandum from Maj.-Gen. Wrisberg, British Economic Mission, detailing those items which the British Government wishes to obtain directly or by manufacture in Northern Italy.

/s/ L. W. Stearns

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
Staff Officer to CC

cc: American Ambassador } including
Executive Comm't. } inclosures.

201

See

334

190

40457cc

SECRET

K 200

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's SecretariatSAC (P) (45) 15th Meeting
18th June 1945

SECRET

COPY NO. 35

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)2. ITALIAN PRODUCTION ADVISORY BOARD

(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 14th Meeting, Minute 2)

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERTSON reported that no reply had been received to the signal informing the Combined Chiefs of Staff of the proposal to establish Italian Production Advisory Boards.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above report.

533

189 b

SECRET

4045/c

JUN 21 RECD
CC 1600HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

DO/312.1.M.

16th June, 1945.

My Dear Admiral Stone:

185

General Mario INFANTE presented himself at this office yesterday with your letter of 8th June.

We discussed his situation at length, but no definite conclusion was reached by reason of the fact that General INFANTE felt himself unable at the moment to make any specific decision in his own case.

At my suggestion, General INFANTE will consult his associates both in the Beryllium Works here, and in his other enterprises at ROME, and advise me further.

I shall, of course, be glad to act as you suggest as soon as General INFANTE makes his final decision.

Very truly yours,

Robert P. Marshall

532
Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
U.S.N.R.
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters,
Allied Commission,
C.M.F.

4045/cv

✓ 5

See 193

189a

CC 1530

JUN 13 1945

15 June 1945

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Attached Schedule of Stores

TO : Chief Commissioner
Headquarters Allied Commission

1. The stores on the attached list are those required for operations in Southeast Asia Command and which are not available from sources at present open to us. It is, therefore, proposed to recommend in London subject to the findings of the Mission during its stay in Italy that they be placed in this country.
2. Seeing that they are required for operations in S.E.A.C., delivery will be required to be completed by June 1946 and unless this proviso can be met, ordering can not be contemplated.

*F. G. Wisberg*May: Gen:
F. G. WISBERG
Major-General, C.B., C.B.E.

Enclosure

531

See (190)

(189)

4045/CC

C
O
P
Y

Schedule of Stores for Investigation of
Manufacturing Capacity in Italy

I. TEXTILE

Cotton (Woven)

- a. Piece Bleached, Dyed or Printed
Cambrics, Calicoes and Lawns
Sheetings
Drills & Twills
Gabardines, Poplins & Oxfords
- b. Coloured Woven
Flannelettes
Poplins & Gabardines
Twill Checks
- c. Other Classes
Lightweight Canvases & Ducks
Lenos
Towels (Terry, Huckaback)

Cotton (Lace)

Nettings

Rayon and Rayon-Cotton Mixtures
Lining Cloths

Flax

Scrim
Lightweight Canvas

Wool

Serge S.D. No. 4
Serge S.D. No. 10
Cloth D.M. No. 2 W.P.
Shirting Twill D.M.

Wool/Cotton Mixtures

Shirting Angola Drab No. 4

530

189

II R.E. Stores

Electrical

Fans electric ceiling
36" or 48" or 56" sweep, 110 volts D.C. or
230 volts A.C., 50 cycles, single phase, or
230 volts D.C. A. C. Fans complete with
choke type regulators

Fans electric table
12", 16" or 18" sweep voltages, etc. as for
Ceiling fans

Domestic Refrigerators
10, 15 or 20 cu. ft. capacity. 230 volts A.C.
50 cycles, single phase and 230 volts D.C.

Overhead Line Insulators
Shackle, bobbin, stay, reel, service or
suspension type. Either porcelain or glass.

House wiring fittings
Flat porcelain cloths, 2 way or 3 way and
plastic Lamp Shades (White)

General

Channel Track
Panels, Clips and Tools

524

(181)

III-INSTRUMENTS

Optical

Microscopes, 1/12, 2/3, 1/8 O.C.'s
Mechanical Stage

Microscopes Binocular 2/3 and 1/6 O.C.'s

Zeiss Multiplex Stereoscopic Projector & Equipt.
(one only, special requirement)

Cine & Still Camera Equip t

16 mm Sound Film Projectors

35 mm Portable Sound Film Projectors

Miniature Cameras of Leica type

(All above subject approval of sample)

35/16 mm Picture reduction printer

35/16 mm Sound reduction printer

35/16 mm Sound re-recorders

Cine film developing equipt

General

Fine Balances

Drawing Instruments

528

189

V. GENERAL STORES

Cutlery
Cook's Equipment & Scissors
Thermos Flasks
Nuts, bolts, Screws, Washers & Nails
Portable Heating Stoves (Valor Type)
Enamel & Galvanised Holloware
Paint
Containers (for paint)
5 Gallon & 40 gallon drums
Hand & Edge Tools
Cordage & Fish Netting
Surgical Instruments
Nails, Frost, Chisel Head
Cogs, screw, frost
Padlocks
Asbestos sheeting & packing
Brushes, Shoe Polishing
Brushes, Hand, Scrubbing
Brooms, Sweeping
Brushes, Tooth
Brushes, Hair
Brushes, Shaving
Three piece Glass Knives
Razor Blades & Holders
Butting

827

(189)

RESTRICTED

CAS/614
JUNE 151415B

E/5178
JUNE 151900B
ROUTINE

HQ 15 ARMY GP
5 ARMY, IV CORPS INFO 8 ARMY, ALCOM ROME, AND VENEZIA REGION

RESTRICTED

Permission given by this Hq to ALCOM for Mission of British Ministry of Supply to tour part northern ITALY including MILAN, TURIN, GENOA. Tour sponsored by Industry SC and is for approx 14 days. Mission leaves ROME 16 June and is composed as follows: Messrs W. LEMKIN, N. ORYER, J. W. PUGSLEY, P.W.B. COMB, Lt Col I. C. PARISH. Mission will be conducted by Col W. P. EVANS and Lt Col MASKERY above Sub Commission. Col EVANS will contact IV CORPS and if so indicated by them also 5 ARMY. Accommodation arrangements made by ALCOM. Appreciated if any required facilities and assistance may be extended to Mission.

Dist

Info-Action - Industry SC 2
Info - Chief Commissioner
Econ Sec
File 2
Float

526

RESTRICTED

4045/2

RESTRICTED

R/232
JUNE 1214503

R/4713
JUNE 121710
R06TIN2

ADD BILITA REGION
BY ALBOM FOR USE FOR ACTION

RESTRICTED.

Submit that signal 9203 AORCS 6 June 45 constitutes an intolerable assumption of operational authority over a Regional officer. Major BRUNBY is charged responsibility for all Industry this Region and his 5 day absence as result this ill considered announcement made without consultation with me not only suspends operations but nullifies my direct orders that no Regional Officer cross Region lines without my permission. Same remarks apply recent kidnapping Major AYRE Telecommunications Officer by Lt Col MILLER in my absence. Major AYRE has been in actual service this Region not more than 1 day out of 5 since Headquarters arrived BOLGNA and progress of Telecommunications work more critical here than anywhere is not satisfactory. Have tried to be tolerant and cooperative in such matters but have as yet not had as much as 5 minutes help from any officer of another Region and success of my mission depends on control of assigned officers I now find it necessary to instruct that all communications along lines of cited signal be disregarded.

DIST

ACTION - ECOM SEC 3
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER
INDUSTRY C/O 2
FILE 2
VLCAT

RESTRICTED

SECRET50387 DECA
JUNE 081315BE/4633
JUNE 120830
IMMEDIATETROOPERS
HQ ALGOM

SECRET.

My 98196 of 1st June. Personal for Brig DL ANDERSON Deputy Vice President Economic Section from DAVES.

1. Ministry of Supply Mission composed of following members leaving UK for ROME by air Tuesday 12th June.
2. Composition of Mission and general interest of each member.
Commander of Mission and general coordinator Major General FG WRISBERG
Director General Weapon production. MR W LEMKIN and N CRYER Textiles
Artificial Silk goods wool goods. MR JW PUGSLEY General Stores. Lt Col
DC PARISH Electric equipment refrigerators. MR TWB COMBE Optical
instruments.
3. Purpose of mission investigation with ref to our recent meetings in LONDON especially that with General FISHER.
4. Mission will report to you personally at start and will be grateful for your advice. In arranging programme of detailed visits. They expect spend some 10 days in country.
5. Grateful if you will arrange all transport accommodation and return passage.

DIST

ACTION - ECON SEC 2
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FILE

SECRET

4045/100h

See (188)

(186)

323
324

8 June 1945.

Dear Colonel Marshal:

This will introduce General Mario INFANTE, who is on the honorary retired list of the Italian Air Force.

General Infante has been a close, personal friend for many years and you can put the fullest reliance on his probity and integrity.

He was formerly in charge of a beryllium works in your region and got into difficulties with the Germans because of his refusal to supply them with beryllium. He will explain to you the situation in connection with his factory and you may consider it advisable either to confirm him in his former position or to appoint him as a Commissario. In any case, you can depend on his advice.

Very truly yours,

189a
s
Is/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

823
Colonel R. P. Marshal,
Regional Commissioner,
Piemonte Region.

185

✓3

4042/ce

TOP SECRET

EXTRACT

AFHQ Supreme Allied Commander's Political Conference

SAC (P) (45) 14th Meeting

7 June 1945

* * *

2. ITALIAN PRODUCTION ADVISORY BOARD

(Previous reference SAC (P) (45) 13th Meeting, Minute 6)

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERTSON reported that in accordance with instructions given him at the last meeting, he had redrafted the telegram informing the Combined Chiefs of Staff of the proposals to establish Italian Production Advisory Boards. After the necessary concurrences had been obtained the telegram had been dispatched.*

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above report.

* * *

MAT 737 of 5 June 1945

184

See 190h

TOP SECRET

322

4045/cc

184c

RESTRICTED

 JUN 9 RECD
 CC 1120

 FX 89247
 JUNE 071633B

 E/4181
 JUNE 081735B
 ROUTINE

 AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE PHSGS
 TROOPERS RPTD FOR INFO: AGWAR FOR CCS FOR COAC

RESTRICTED

 This is MSG 508.

 Full agreement. Entry of Mission proposed your 99093 CA 16.
 Consider Mission should proceed direct ROME and return CASERTA
 later unless there are problems of initial policy to be discussed.

Dist

 Info-Action - P Safety
 Info Econ Section
 Info - Chief Commissioner
 Exec Comm
 CA Sec
 Est Sec
 Liaison Div
 File

See

186

56 2/4

321

RESTRICTED

184

ANQ LOMBARDIA REGION RPTD ANQ VENEZIA REGION RPTD ANQ
 TOSCANA REGION RPTD ANQ EMILIA REGION RPTD FIVE SEVEN AREA
 FOR LIGURIA REGION ALCON RPTD ANQ PIEMONTE REGION
 9203 6 JUNE 1945 ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

SUBJECT IS HEMP ADMINISTRATION AND DISTRIBUTION PD

PAREN TO ANQ LOMBARDIA REGION RPTD ANQ VENEZIA REGION RPTD
ANQ TOSCANA REGION RPTD ANQ EMILIA REGION RPTD FIVE SEVEN
AREA FOR LIGURIA REGION ALCON RPTD ANQ PIEMONTE REGION FROM

ALCON CITE ACECO PAREN

PARA ONE PD IT HAS BEEN DECIDED CENTRALIZE ADMINISTRATION OF
 AMASSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP THROUGH BOLOGNA HEMP OFFICE
 AND WINTER BACKHOUSE IN CHARGE HEMP DIVISION NOW QUEEN ALCON
 TOGETHER WITH MAJOR BRADBURY SENIOR INDUSTRY OFFICER EMILIA
 REGION WILL SHORTLY VISIT ALL REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS IN ORDER
 TO DISCUSS AND ARRANGE FULLEST COORDINATION AND COOPERATION PD
 PARA TWO PD MEANTIME IT IS ESSENTIAL BLOCK ALL RAW HEMP AND
 TONS ALSO ALL HEMP PRODUCTS WHICH CAN ONLY BE RELEASED BY
 AUTHORITY FROM ABL FOX LOVE ROGER SUGAR

4045/0

181

RESTRICTED PD

SUBJECT IS HEMP ADMINISTRATION AND DISTRIBUTION PD
PAREN TO ARE LOMBARDIA REGION RPTD AND VENETIA REGION RPTD
AND TOSCANA REGION RPTD AND EMILIA REGION RPTD FIVE SEVEN
AREA FOR LIGURIA REGION ALCON RPTD AND PIEMONTE REGION FROM
ALCON CITE ALCO PAREN
PARA ONE PD IT HAS BEEN DECIDED CENTRALIZE ADMINISTRATION OF
AMASSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF HEMP THROUGH BOLOGNA HEMP OFFICE
AND MISTER BACKHOUSE IN CHARGE HEMP DIVISION HOW QUEEN ALCON
TOGETHER WITH MAJOR BRADBURY SENIOR INDUSTRY OFFICER EMILIA
REGION WILL SHORTLY VISIT ALL REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS IN ORDER
TO DISCUSS AND ARRANGE FULLEST COORDINATION AND COOPERATION PD
PARA TWO PD MEANTIME IT IS ESSENTIAL BLOCK ALL RAW HEMP AND
TONS ALSO ALL HEMP PRODUCTS WHICH CAN ONLY BE RELEASED BY
AUTHORITY FROM ABLE FOX LOVE ROGER SUGAR

INDUSTRY

432

Mr. W.S. Backhouse

NICHOLAS POMBINO,
CWC, USA,
ASST ADJUTANT

404576

copy:

Industry etc.
Caucasian Communities

181

184 aw

RESTRICTED

99093 CA 16
JUN 061628BE/3872
JUN 061900B
IMPORTANT

TROOPERS

FREEDOM INFO ALCON ROME

RESTRICTED.

GEN 596.

1. As result discussions with Brig. ANDERSON in LONDON Ministry of Supply Mission headed by Gen. WRIEBING proposes leaving ITALY beginning of next week to investigate and report what manufacturing capacity can be made available NORTH ITALY to supplement U.K. production of goods required for the prosecution of the war with special reference to items in short supply. This Mission is governmentally sponsored and falls under category A of MAT 729. Other members of mission are Lt. Col. PARSON and Messrs. W. LAMKIN N. CRYER J.W. FUGOLEY and T.F.B. COMBS. Please confirm earliest no objection.

2. Should party proceed direct ROME or go first CASERTA.

DIST

INFO-ACTION: P. Safety S/C
" Moon Sec

INFO: Chief Commissioner
Ex Commissioner 2
CA Sec
Rstab Sec
Liaison Div
File 2
Front

RESTRICTED

✓ BRITISH
MISSION
COMING

SECRET

EX 87782

JUNE 050945B

 JUN 6 RECD
 CC 1815
 E/3732
 JUNE 051645B
 PRIORITY

 AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER GITE PHOTO
 INFO ALCON RPT INFO ALCON ROME ATIRS ROME

SECRET

This is FAT 737.

Assistance to recovery of Italian Industry.

1. Telegram advising you of our views was in preparation when you
 TAD 505 (EX 89373 of 29 May) was received.

2. Summary of present industrial situation in ITALY. Industries
 in north ITALY have not sustained appreciable war damage and are capable
 of immediate reactivation at about 80% of normal production, subject to
 provision of coal and raw materials. Coordinated machinery for
 reactivation does not exist. Many plants are idle for lack of necessary
 supplies, owners are being compelled to pay their workers and are rapidly
 becoming bankrupt. Serious labour troubles already in evidence. AC
 experts calculate that unless matters are taken in hand unemployment to
 extent of 4 millions or more is inevitable. Industries in south ITALY
 suffered heavy war damage but considerable success has been achieved in
 restarting these industries for military purposes under Allied Military
 Control. There is, however, still room for appreciable further reha-
 bilitation. Allied Military Control must inevitably be withdrawn,
 use the personnel involved will disappear on redeployment, quite apart
 from desirability of such withdrawal in accordance with terms of FAN
 487. Both in north and south ITALY there are numerous examples of the
 evils of lack of coordination. Manufacturers producing luxury articles
 for make of profit instead of meeting essential needs of community.

40451-1

184

Sa 191a

Sa 184c

SECRET

Page 2

SECRET

Tendency to produce articles in types intended for export although same class of article is urgently needed in ITALY and in some cases is included in Allied rehabilitation programme. Certain classes of goods can only be produced by co-ordination resources of various manufacturers who will not cooperate without some pressure to persuade them to do so.

3. Having in mind situation outlined in second above it is considered that there is urgent need for some action with the following objectives:

- A. To prevent widespread unemployment which would inevitably lead to disease and unrest and political instability.
- B. To ensure effective and proper utilisation of rehabilitation supplies on import programme.
- C. To stimulate production of essential consumer goods of a character and quantity to help to arrest inflation which already well advanced.
- D. To ensure that Italian industry is exploited to such extent as may be necessary for military requirements in this Theatre or in other theatres.
- E. To apply the productive capacity of Italian industry to the extent desirable and practicable to alleviate conditions in other liberated countries.
- F. To ensure that when Allied supervision is withdrawn, the industries of south ITALY do not revert to chaos.

4. Following are considered to be the principles which should govern action to be taken.

- A. The underlying principle of FAN 487 must be observed, namely that ITALY must be encouraged to stand on her own feet.
- B. ITALY must determine her own economic system and the Allied must not make themselves responsible for imposing any particular system upon her except for insistence upon observance of Allied policy

SECRET

184

002
- 3 - **SECRET**

toward Fascism.

C. The Allies must provide some stimulus to action because it is unlikely that the Italian Government will take sufficiently prompt and effective action otherwise.

D. The Allies must necessarily be involved in any effective scheme for reactivating Italian industry because they control the essentials for reactivation, namely supplies of coal and raw materials and means of transport by land and sea.

E. Allied Military interests must be protected by subpara F. Legitimate Allied commercial interests must be safeguarded.

5. The type of organization which we favour is the establishment of a central Italian production advisory board with subsidiary boards for individual industries. All boards would be predominantly Italian in composition. Allied members would be non voting and advisory only. Boards could be nation wide in scope, action on their recommendations being taken by Italian Government in Italian Government territory and by AMG in AMG territory. Charter for these boards would be for definition by Italian Government but we should advise that they should follow generally the charter of parallel organizations such as WPE, without necessarily possessing the same degree of executive power. Accordingly the primary functions of the boards would be the establishment of priorities for production, allocation of raw materials and transportation. Since boards are intended to be advisory rather than possessing legal authority it does not seem that it will be necessary for Italian Government to pass special decrees in order to establish them. They will exercise sufficient influence through the control which they will possess over allocation of raw materials and means of transport to render establishment of special sanctions unnecessary. Some delay is foreseen in the establishment of central board. It is therefore proposed that boards for individual industries should be set up at once for the following vital industries: textiles, chemicals and fertilizers, steel,

184
- 3 - **SECRET**

SECRETPage 4

cement, lime and brick, and food processing. Meanwhile pending establishment of a central board the ALIEN COMMISSION will make every effort as a provisional matter to work out allocations in line with the objectives of para 3.

6. It will be for the Italian Government to accept, reject or amend the scheme proposed to them. Unfortunately time does not admit of delay. If Italian Government does not take some action on general lines of our proposal there would be no intention to force it but we should indicate that they would thereby be forfeiting Allied sympathy for their difficulties.

7. Early advice of your reaction to these proposals is requested.

List

Info-Action - Econ Sec 2
Info - Chief Commissioner
Exec Comm
Industry SC 2
Commerce SC
Finance SC
File

SECRET

5813

184

JUN 5 RECD
CC 0940

Ref: 413/EC

2 June 1945.

SUBJECT: German loot in Venezia Region.

TO : A/Vice President,
Economic Section (2).

1. Reference my signal No.1032 of 2.June, there is at BOLZANO a German officer who was responsible for the preparation of records of the movement of machinery and materials from their places of origin to Germany, Austria and to dumps in the Provinces of BOLZANO, TRENTO and BRILLUNO. This German is giving every cooperation to the Industry officer at BOLZANO Province and the following information has now been handed over and is being translated:

- (a) The location of 23 dumps believed to contain finished goods and at present under guard by American troops, who, as you will see from my signal, are likely to be moved. Information available includes the complete contents of each dump and its original owners. Examples of their contents are:

2167 motor tyres
29753 cycle tyres
wireless sets
automobile spares
20000 electric light bulbs
electric motors.

- (b) A map is available giving the location of factories, mainly underground, established by the Germans in what they called the "Alpine zone". These are believed to contain no less than 4,000 machine tools and details of ownership are being produced. It is not known if these are guarded.

- (c) On rail in the area North of BOLZANO are 1683 railway wagons, 604 of which are filled with consumer goods and 1079 contain raw materials. The truck numbers and details of their contents are known but the exact location of the wagons is unknown. Some, no doubt, are on portions of track isolated by bombing, others are in process of moving from siding to siding and all, no doubt, are being looted by the local inhabitants as they are not guarded. They should be concentrated in groups and arrangements made to guard them until disposal instructions can be obtained.

-2-

- (d) There is also available a map showing the principle industries in the area and what is being produced.

2. You may already be aware of some of the foregoing but I understand the more detailed information has only become available in the last two or three days. Full details are with Lieut. Colonel FELL at BOLZANO Province HQ who is collecting all the information from the German officer.

3. Every endeavour should be made without delay to locate, if this has not already been done, other Germans responsible for the remaining Northern Provinces in order to extract from them similar information and to take precautions against looting.

ESM/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
File
Float

ANG 5 Army
RC Venezia Region

183e

RESTRICTED

P 36337

JUN 23 1963

P/3337

JUN 23 1700

MONTREAL

AMTIC HIGHED HACHED CITY PHOEN

ALCON 1838

RESTRICTED.

Survey of north ITALY. Ref your 7:08 of 8 May and our 7:11 of 24 May. UNITED STATES AIR DIST does not consider it necessary to send Technical Mission at this time.

SITE

ATTENTION - IN COMMISSION 2
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSION 2
BOTH SEC
FOR ADV (A)
FOR ADV (B)
BE AMBASSADOR
BE AMBASSADOR
FILE 3
FLOAT

U.S.
WILL NOT
SEND MISSION

31512

RESTRICTED

CONFIDENTIAL

98196 DE (CA)
JUNE 011825

4/3519
JUNE 031801
ROUTINE

TROOPERS

ALLIED COMMISSION ROME

CONFIDENTIAL.

Personal for Brig: B.L. ANDERSON D.V. President Economic Section from DAVES.

For your personal information.

Heard M.O.S. are shortly sending a Mission headed by Gen WRISBERG to investigate manufacturing possibility Northern ITALY and opportunities to exploit for Ministry of supply requirements.

LIST

ACTION ECON SEC (2)
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EXEC COMMISSIONER
FILE

See 183b

511
321

183a

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

EXTRACT from the Minutes of SACRO's 15th Meeting (Political) held on 31 May 1945.

MINUTE No. 6.6. ITALIAN PRODUCTION ADVISORY BOARD.

(Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 27).

THE CONFERENCE had before them a paper recommending the eventual establishment, under Italian Government auspices, of a Production Advisory Board with Allied advisory representatives and recommending in the near-while the establishment of a temporary Industry Boards in AMG and Italian Government territory, and attaching a draft cable to the Combined Chiefs of Staff outlining the above proposals and requesting their comments.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER invited attention to telegram No. TAM 535 which had been received since the circulation of the paper before the Conference and which directed that, before recommendations were made to the Italian Government, details of the proposed program should be submitted to the Combined Chiefs of Staff for their approval. The proposed cable would require modification in the light of this directive, as it did not contain sufficient information to enable the Combined Chiefs of Staff to arrive at a decision. In addition, General McArthur asked for an explanation as to why it was considered necessary for the Allies to intervene in regard to Italian Industry which appeared to be a matter for the Italian Government.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE, in reply, said that the main problem was that of large scale unemployment in Northern ITALY. The factories there were at present working, but their stocks of coal were very limited, and if proper control was not exercised, there was a likelihood of up to four or five million Italian workers becoming unemployed. While substantial Allied forces remained in ITALY awaiting redeployment, it would not be possible to ignore the political unrest resulting from large scale unemployment. This might involve the maintenance of Allied forces in ITALY for a longer period than would otherwise be necessary. He felt the problem could not be tackled piecemeal, and that an overall plan, coordinated with the import program, was required. The control should also be directed so as to fuse the two economies of the North and South. The proposals for a Production Advisory Board had been considerably modified since they were first raised and he felt satisfied that, in their present form, they were in accordance with the intentions of the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

of the directives

to the Italian Government, details of the proposed program should be submitted to the Combined Chiefs of Staff for their approval. The proposal cable would require modification in the light of this directive, as it did not contain sufficient information to enable the Combined Chiefs of Staff to arrive at a decision. In addition, General MacFarland asked for an explanation as to why it was considered necessary for the Allies to intervene in regard to Italian industry which appeared to be a matter for the Italian Government.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE, in reply, said that the main problem was that of large scale unemployment in Northern Italy. The factories there were at present working, but their stocks of coal were very limited, and if proper control was not exercised, there was a likelihood of up to four or five million Italian workers becoming unemployed. While substantial Allied forces remained in Italy awaiting redeployment, it would not be possible to ignore the political unrest resulting from large scale unemployment. This might involve the maintenance of Allied forces in Italy for a longer period than would otherwise be necessary. He felt the problem could not be tackled piecemeal, and that an overall plan, coordinated with the import program, was required. The control should also be directed so as to fuse the two economies of the North and South. The proposals for a Production Advisory Board had been considerably modified since they were first raised and he felt satisfied that, in their present form, they were in accordance with the intentions of the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

of the directives

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERTSON agreed with the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission and added that it was not entirely possible for the Italians to organize their industry on a sound basis without help from the Allied military authorities, as the latter controlled the supplies of coal and certain other essential raw materials. Under the organization now proposed the military authorities would be in an advisory position only and could step out without difficulty as soon as the Italians were in a position to carry on unaided. He felt sure that without some such organization, industries would lie fallow and severe unemployment would result. He had discussed the matter on a recent visit to LONDON where, although the initial War Office reaction had been that the Allies should not become involved in what appeared to be a matter for the Italian Government, the proposals had finally been viewed with sympathy.

REAR ADMIRAL MACON observed that the shipbuilding industry was not covered by the proposed Industrial Boards. Any attempt by the Italian Govt. to expand this industry might have an adverse effect on Italian labour at present being employed in shipyards under Allied control. He asked how, in the event of the Italians proposing to take such action, it would be possible to stop them.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE, in reply, said that the Allies would retain the control of imported raw materials. In addition, in the event of the Italian Government failing to secure effective and equitable utilization of local resources in Italy,

the Supreme Allied Commander retained the power to impose the necessary controls or take other appropriate measures. He did not, however, consider that the Allies could dictate the suggested composition of the Production Advisory Board to the Italian Government. It could only be put forward as a suggestion. In reply to a question by the Deputy Chief of Staff, he stated that the Italian Government had not been approached in regard to the present proposals, though it had previously indicated that it did not look ~~much~~ with favour on the earlier proposal for a board under Allied control.

MR. KIRK agreed with the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission regarding the need for some overall control of Italian industry and in regard to the likelihood, in the absence of such control, of extensive unemployment in the North. The requirement was to stimulate the Italian Government to provide the proper control, but it must be their responsibility. The proposals amounted to suggesting to the Italian Government that control machinery similar to that in existence in BRITAIN and the UNITED STATES should be adopted in ITALY. If the Italian Government did not consider such machinery desirable, the Allied authorities would need to await the results produced by whatever alternative the Italians might propose. If these were not satisfactory, it would then be necessary for the Supreme Allied Commander to apply pressure in accordance with his existing rights. In regard to the proposed interim industrial boards, MR. KIRK thought it desirable that those set up in AEG territory and Italian Government territory should not be entirely separate but that close coordination between the two areas should be achieved.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER said that he accepted the need for some type of control by the Italian Government over Italian industry. The question as to how far the British and American authorities should go in enforcing any particular type of control was however a matter which must be referred to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

a. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer, in conjunction with the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, to redraft for his approval the telegram to the Combined Chiefs of Staff circulated under Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 27 so as:

- (1) to set out fuller details of the functions of the proposed boards;
- (2) to make it clear that the proposed machinery would merely be suggested to the Italian Government and not imposed on that Government against its will.

b. Directed that, pending the approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, no further approaches should be made to the Italian Government in regard to this matter.

Government territory between the two areas should be achieved.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER said that he accepted the need for some type of control by the Italian Government over Italian industry. The question as to how far the British and American authorities should go in enforcing any particular type of control was however a matter which must be referred to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

a. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer, in conjunction with the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, to redraft for his approval the telegram to the Combined Chiefs of Staff circulated under Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 27 as as:

(1) to set out fuller details of the functions of the proposed boards;

(2) to make it clear that the proposed machinery would merely be suggested to the Italian Government and not imposed on that Government against its will.

b. Directed that, pending the approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, no further approach should be made to the Italian Government in regard to this matter.

183

SECRETF 84576
MAY 30 1429BR/2976
MAY 30 1718
PRIORITYAFHQ SIGNED SIGNED CITE PERSO
ACTION TO ALCON ROVE**SECRET**

Message CCS referring to proposed industrial advisory board directs that before making recommendations to Italian Govt details of proposed program together with explanation and justification of purposes be submitted. Communication to CCS covering matter will be submitted for approval next meeting political committee. Meanwhile any discussions with Italian Govt should be suspended.

List

Action - Leon Sec 3
Info - Chief Commissioner
S. O. to Chief Commissioner
Exec Comm
File 2
Float

4045/cc

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS

MAY 1945

C.

808
30

82

CONFIDENTIAL

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat

SAC (P) (45) 27
29 May 1945.

CONFIDENTIAL

COPY NO. 35

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

ITALIAN PRODUCTION ADVISORY BOARD

Note by Secretary

1. In accordance with the directions at SAC (P) (45) 12th Meeting, Minute 8, the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, has submitted the detailed paper at Annexure "A." This paper shows that the proposals set out by the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, in his letter at Annexure "B" were accepted by the Supreme Allied Commander's Economic Sub-Committee.

2. Attention is invited to the following points:-

Planning for
a. Now that Northern ITALY has been liberated the need for centralized control over Italian industry is considered to be urgent.

b. An Allied controlled industrial board cannot be set up as it would be contrary to the current direction of the Combined Chiefs of Staff. An Italian government board, with allied representatives participating in an advisory capacity only, is therefore proposed.

c. As considerable time may elapse before the Italian government establishes such a board, it is proposed as an interim measure to set up separate boards for each important industry in MIG territory and to request the Italian government to create similar boards in its territory.

3. The Supreme Allied Commander is accordingly requested:-

a. To approve the policy for Italian Production Advisory Boards as set out at Annexures "A." and "B" and summarised at paragraph 2 above.

b. To approve the dispatch of the cable at Annexure "C" informing the

Annexure "A." This paper shows that the proposals set out by the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, in his letter at Annexure "B" were accepted by the Supreme Allied Commander's Economic Sub-Committee.

2. Attention is invited to the following points:-

a. Now that Northern ITALY has been liberated the need for centralized planning for control over Italian industry is considered to be urgent.

b. An Allied controlled industrial board cannot be set up as it would be contrary to the current direction of the Combined Chiefs of Staff. An Italian government board, with allied representatives participating in an advisory capacity only, is therefore proposed.

c. As considerable time may elapse before the Italian government establishes such a board, it is proposed as an interim measure to set up separate boards for each important industry in AMG territory and to request the Italian government to create similar boards in its territory.

3. The Supreme Allied Commander is accordingly requested:-

a. To approve the policy for Italian Production Advisory Boards as set out at Annexures "A" and "B" and summarised at paragraph 2 above.

b. To approve the dispatch of the cable at Annexure "C" informing the Combined Chiefs of Staff of the proposals and requesting their comments.

307

4045/CC
(copy) 1002-2/4

J. G. SMITHSON,
LIEUTENANT COLONEL,
SECRETARY.

EC DIST - 31 MAY 45

35 - CHIEF COMM

36 - EXEC COMM

37 - ECON SEC

- 1 -

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

K 136

DISTRIBUTION

Supreme Allied Commander
Deputy Supreme Allied Commander
Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean
Air Commander-in-Chief, MAF
Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Northwest African Waters
Deputy Air Commander-in-Chief, MAF
Commanding General, 15th Army Group
Chief of Staff
Chief Administrative Officer
Deputy Chief of Staff
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
Chairman, Mediterranean Joint Planning Staff
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5
Assistant Chief of Staff (Br)
Chief, Liaison Section
Director of Operations and Intelligence, HQ U. S. F.
U. S. Political Adviser
British Resident Minister
Director, FCB
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat
Syres

COPY NO.

1
2
3-4
5
6
7
8
9
10-11
12
13-14
15-16
17
18-19
20
21
22-26
27-29
30-33
34
35-37
38-40
41-43

27-29
30-33
34
35-37
38-40
41-43

Assistant Chief of Section
Chief, Liaison Section
Director of Operations and Intelligence, W. H. F.
Director of Operations
U. S. Political Advisor
British Resident Minister
Director, FBI
Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission
Supreme Allied Commander's Secretariat
Syndes

506

181

II

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

K 186

CONFIDENTIAL

ANNEXURE "A"

28 May 1945

ESTABLISHMENT OF ITALIAN PRODUCTION ADVISORY BOARD

Note by Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

1. At its seventh meeting, on 22 May 1945, the Supreme Allied Commander's Economic Sub-Committee considered proposals made by the Allied Commission, respecting the establishment of some form of centralized industrial control organization, to ensure that Italian industry is rehabilitated as promptly as possible and is employed on those forms of production best suited to the continuing war effort and to the reconstruction of Italy and other parts of Europe. The Economic Sub-Committee accepted the proposals as summarized in the Chief Commissioner's letter of 21 May (CC4045), attached as Annexure "B," and agreed that the matter should be raised at the next meeting of the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (Political).

2. At the Political Conference on 24 May, the Supreme Allied Commander directed that a paper be submitted at the next meeting of the Conference dealing with the organization and functions of the proposed Italian Production Advisory Board, together with a draft cable to the Combined Chiefs of Staff requesting their approval of the project.

3. It has been realized for some time that relinquishment of control of Italian industrial facilities by the Allied military establishment should be carefully integrated with resumption of Italian control of industrial production and unemployment are to be avoided. In addition, now that the major industrial area of Northern Italy is liberated, it has become essential and urgent that there be created some form of centralized control over Italian industry. This control is needed, from the viewpoint of Allied interest:

a. To assure the effective use of imported equipment and materials to reduce the need for critical imports as rapidly as possible; and

b. To determine suitable priorities in the reconstruction of Italian industries with a view to assuring maximum contribution to the further Allied

to the continuing war effort and to the reconstruction of Italy and other parts of Europe. The Economic Sub-Committee accepted the proposals as summarized in the Chief Commissioner's letter of 21 May (CC4045), attached as Annexure "B," and agreed that the matter should be raised at the next meeting of the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (Political).

2. At the Political Conference on 24 May, the Supreme Allied Commander directed that a paper be submitted at the next meeting of the Conference dealing with the organization and functions of the proposed Italian Production Advisory Board, together with a draft cable to the Combined Chiefs of Staff requesting their approval of the project.

3. It has been realized for some time that relinquishment of control of Italian industrial facilities by the Allied military establishment should be carefully integrated with resumption of Italian control of industrial dislocation and unemployment are to be avoided. In addition, now that the major industrial area of Northern Italy is liberated, it has become essential and urgent that there be created some form of centralized control over Italian industry. This control is needed, from the viewpoint of Allied interest:

a. To assure the effective use of imported equipment and materials to reduce the need for critical imports as rapidly as possible; and

b. To determine suitable priorities in the reconstruction of Italian industries with a view to assuring maximum contribution to the further Allied war effort, the prompt rehabilitation of Italy, and maximum aid to other parts of Europe.

4. Were an Allied-controlled Industrial Board to be set up, it would be in contradiction to the intention of the Combined Chiefs of Staff as expressed in F.A.N. 487 (see Annexure "B"). The Allied Commission therefore proposes to **503** immediately to the Italian Government the formation of an Italian Production Advisory Board, to be set up by the Government, and with Allied representatives participating only in an advisory capacity. This board would be given such powers as the Italian Government determined necessary to carry Italian industry through reconversion from military control and to accomplish the necessary rehabilitation. The Allied members would represent the Allied policy with respect to production for civilian use within the limits of the Allied interests as set forth in paragraph three above. While the Allied members would have advisory functions only, they should be in a position to exercise influence sufficient to protect Allied interests through their control of imported rehabilitation supplies, raw materials and transportation. In cases where production for military purposes or other direct military interest was involved, the Allied members could also rely on the power reserved

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

K 136

to the Supreme Allied Commander in FAN 487 to impose any necessary controls or take other appropriate measures such as requisitioning facilities for military purposes.

5. It is anticipated by the Allied Commission that considerable time may elapse before the Italian Government establishes the Production Advisory Board. In the meantime urgent matters must be handled relating to the allocation of raw materials and equipment and to the most effective utilization of Italian industrial facilities, as well as to the de-requisitioning of industrial facilities by the Allied Forces. It is therefore proposed, as a temporary and interim measure, to set up industry boards in AMG territory, and to request the Italian Government to create similar boards in Italian Government territory. These Boards would be established in the following industries (see Annexure "B"): textiles; chemical and fertilizer; steel and coke oven; cement, lime, and brick; food processing. They would be Italian in composition, and the Allied members would be in the minority and would act as non-voting advisers. In case of need, the sanctions at the disposition of the Allied advisors would be those mentioned in paragraph 4 above. These single-industry Boards would be designed primarily to allocate raw materials and equipment, and to determine priorities for industrial rehabilitation.

6. It is considered that the proposals outlined above conform to the policy of the U.K. and U.S. Governments as laid down by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in FAN 487. There is attached as Annexure "C" a draft cable to the Combined Chiefs of Staff outlining the situation and the proposals and requesting comments.

7. It is recommended that the cable attached as Annexure "C" be approved.

(Intld)

C.M.S.

tion.

6. It is considered that the proposals outlined above conform to the policy of the U.K. and U.S. Governments as laid down by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in F/N 487. There is attached as Annexure "C" a draft cable to the Combined Chiefs of Staff outlining the situation and the proposals and requesting comments.

7. It is recommended that the cable attached as Annexure "C" be approved.

(Intld)

C.N.S.

- 2 -

IV

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

K 186

ANNEXURE "B"

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
..PO 394

CC 4045

21 May 1945

SUBJECT: Formation of Industrial Advisory and Production Boards.

TO : Chief Administrative Officer, ..F.H.Q.

1. The survey which has been made in Northern Italy by members of the Economic Section of Allied Commission clearly indicates that the setting up of Industrial Boards as envisaged in the correspondence between us has now become a matter of considerable urgency. Nevertheless, there are still many difficulties in the way.

2. The main difficulties are:

(a) Agreement of the Italian Government is essential

(1) as to the composition of the Boards, and

(2) as to their powers and methods of working.

This will probably take some time to obtain on account of the political situation. The Boards will have to be largely Italian in complexion.

(b) The composition and powers of the Boards must be such that the scheme for their initiation will receive the support of the Allied Governments.

(c) If the Boards are largely Italian in complexion, they would probably be acceptable to the United States and British Governments as being in accord with F.N. 487. At the same time, if the Boards are Italian in nature, the U.S. and British Governments may fear that they may become instruments for the nationalization of industry, with possible injury to U.S. and British investments in Italy.

(d) Time is not now available for prolonged discussions with either the Italian Government or the Allied Governments.

(a) Agreement of the Italian Government is essential

- (1) as to the composition of the Boards, and
- (2) as to their powers and methods of working.

This will probably take some time to obtain on account of the political situation. The Boards will have to be largely Italian in complexion.

(b) The composition and powers of the Boards must be such that the scheme for their initiation will receive the support of the Allied Governments.

(c) If the Boards are largely Italian in complexion, they would probably be acceptable to the United States and British Governments as being in accord with F.N. 487. At the same time, if the Boards are Italian in nature, the U.S. and British Governments may fear that they may become instruments for the nationalization of industry, with possible injury to U.S. and British investments in Italy.

(d) Time is not now available for prolonged discussions with either the Italian Government or the Allied Governments.

We are therefore forced to compromise between the evils of the courses open to us.

503

3. The Allied Commission therefore proposes that the formation of an Italian Production Advisory Board be referred immediately to the Italian Government. Since some time will elapse before its creation, it is recommended that Italian Boards be set up by the Italian Government and I.M.G. for the following vital industries:

Textile industry;
Chemical industry, including fertilizers;
Steel industry, including coke oven industry;
Cement, lime and brick industries; and
Food processing industry.

4. It is proposed that the composition of these Boards be Italian, with Allied minority non-voting members participating only as advisors.

5. Until the Italian Government has set up the Italian Production Advisory Board (vide paragraph 3), the Allied Commission, acting on behalf of the Italian Government, will control the allocation of imported raw materials in common use by all industries, such as coal, etc. The Allied

CONFIDENTIAL

K 136

Commission representatives participating in the Production Advisory Board would be designated advisory members. Being so termed, the scheme would conform with the conditions and intentions of F.A.N. 487. The Allied members would, of course, exercise very considerable power as the import of raw materials would depend very largely on their advice and they would also control, through A.C./F.A.N., the facilities of movement of raw and manufactured materials between industries.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

1505

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785015

CONFIDENTIAL

- 2 -

.. 602

181

17

CONFIDENTIAL

DRAFT

K 106

ANNEXURE "C"

CONFIDENTIAL

PRIORITY

TO : AGLES FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF
HSSO FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

INFO : SHARP FORWARD
HQ ALCON

SIGNED: ALLIANCE

This is REF. _____.

Subject is organization and revival of Italian industrial production.

1. Under direction of Allied Forces some industrial capacity in Southern Italy was repaired and reintegrated for military purposes in course of military operations in Italy. Steel industry an example. Other industries unimportant for direct military use have been repaired only to extent made possible by limited amounts of imports and such local facilities as were surplus to war effort. Cessation of hostilities and the freeing of major Italian industries in North has made urgent the establishment of some form of Italian organization capable of assisting and directing the reactivation of industry on national basis with following objectives:
 - a. To assure most effective use of imported equipment and materials to reduce need for further critical imports;
 - b. To determine suitable priorities in reconstruction Italian industries

Effort to rehabilitate

Subject is organization and revival of Italian industrial production.

1. Under direction of Allied Forces some industrial capacity in Southern Italy was repaired and reintegrated for military purposes in course of military operations in Italy. Steel industry an example. Other industries unimportant for direct military use have been repaired only to extent made possible by limited amounts of imports and such local facilities as were surplus to war effort. Cessation of hostilities and the freeing of major Italian industries in North has made urgent the establishment of some form of Italian organization capable of assisting and directing the reactivation of industry on national basis with following objectives:

a. To assure most effective use of imported equipment and materials to reduce need for further critical imports;

b. To determine suitable priorities in reconstruction Italian industries in order to assure maximum contribution to Allied war effort, ^{to} rehabilitate Italian economy, to contribute to fullest employment, and to render aid as practicable to other parts of Europe.

2. In discussing with the Italian Government the creation of an Italian Production Advisory Board to allocate imported raw materials and guide rehabilitation of Italian industry. Consistent with conditions and intentions of F.A.N. 487 the Allied representatives participating in this Board would be advisory.

3. As considerable time may elapse before above Board begins operating, it

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

N 136

is planned immediately to establish boards (reporting to Italian Production Advisory Board upon its activation) for following vital industries: textiles; chemicals and fertilizer; steel including coke oven; cement, lime, and brick; food processing. These boards will be set up by Italian Government in its territory and by AMG in North with Allied members in non-voting minority as advisors.

4. Allied members of boards would be in position to use control of imports and transportation if required to achieve objectives set forth in paragraph 1 above. Allied Military also have power to enter into industrial contracts and S.C. retains full powers under paragraph 4 of F.A.N 487 as may be necessary to insure fulfillment of military commitment.

5. Your comments on above plans will be of assistance as discussions with Italian Government proceed.

1508

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785015

500

and SAC retains full powers under paragraph 4 of FIN 487 as may be necessary to insure fulfillment of military commitment.

5. Your comments on above plans will be of assistance as discussions with Italian Government proceed.

62
508

181

VII

- 2 -

CONFIDENTIAL

File under No.

[illegible]

File under No.

[illegible]

1512