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7	Memo Stone	4 Sep 44		Meeting with Bonomi. Rec to B that Govt relief program based on distribution of food etc rather than money would help re Lendlease
8	USIS Special	30 Aug 45	Italpress	Text of Ital section in US Lend-Lease Report.
2021 9	MTUSA-C 27707	12 Oct 45	AC	Prior approval necessary for Trvl of Allied civilian & mil personnel under lend lease.

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All travel of civilian and military personnel of Allied countries under lend lease arrangements must have prior approval of this Hq.

NEW PARAGRAPH. No change to procedure for preparing orders and accounting for lend lease travel.

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USIS SPECIAL Thursday, August 30

TEXT OF ITALIAN SECTION IN U.S. LEND-

LEASE REPORT

WASHINGTON, August 30 -- Following is the text of the chapter in President Truman's report today on United States Lend-Lease operations which concerns Italy:

"During the last phases of the war against Germany, Italy was a co-belligerent of the United States and Italian troops were fighting alongside our troops. Italy also declared war on Japan.

"Italy has not, however, been declared eligible to receive aid under the Lend-Lease Act and no aid has been furnished by the United States to the Italian Government on Lend-Lease terms.

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"In the Lend-Lease program for which Congress recently appropriated funds, 100 million dollars were included for the purchase of foodstuffs and other items required for the distribution in Italy. The supplies will be transferred to the army, which will administer the program and supervise the distribution of supplies.

"Considerable quantities of goods were shipped to Italy under Lend-Lease in the period between the invasion of Italy and the fall of Germany. All of these goods, however, were supplied to the British forces stationed there as Lend-Lease aid to the United Kingdom."

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Memorandum 4 Sept signed by Stone CONFERENCE WITH BORKEI 4 SEPT

Subjects discussed:

- x-386.8-1 1. Told B for his secret info that Greek Govt coming to Italy on 7 Sept. Premier happy about resuming relations. In Cava because of lack of accommodations at Rome.
- x-100-1 2. Question of frozen bank account of Marchese Giacomo Sol Vascello. B not too familiar but has no sympathy for the Marchese. Said I would be guided by him. He says will discuss with Sforza.
- x-000.1-2
x-091.1 3. Discussed Gen O'Byrne's recommendations contained in correspondence re "Representations to the Ital Govt", that It Govt should bring fwd as soon as possible a detailed program of relief & rehabilitation. We would prefer it to be on basis of increased food & clothing rather than on increased money allowances. He agrees.

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x-680.41 This program (see 3 above) might help B's govt's recommendations for application of land-lease to Italy.

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4. Asked B's reactions to my personal views on most effective help Allies could give Italy after the war. Discussed: Group of 5 US & UK experts; joint economic mission; either PMA or UNRRA; etc. B expressed himself in full accord.

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5. Asked B's reactions to proposal that Regional Com's staff be withdrawn from Sicily, leaving only a skeleton crew, giving Leah's and Spofford's views. He agreed with Spofford & welcomed it as an experiment.

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THIS IS A PARAPHRASE OF CABLE FROM AGWAR FROM EDGERTON SIGNED LUTES REF W 82071, 17 AUGUST 1944.

LEAD ISASE REQUISITION WITH FEA FOR 3000 GROS TONS BASIC PIG IRON HAS BEEN FILED BY BRITISH MINISTRY OF SUPPLY MISSION. AMOUNT IS REQUIRED BY MEDITERRANEAN COMMAND IN A MILITARY CONTROLLED PLANT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF STEEL IN ITALY.

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PARA. SCREEN AND TRACE PLEASE.

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Reply fr Cordell Hull to memo 22 Jul fr Bonnai --- 19 Aug 44.

Views various political & economic problems confronting Italy.

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 Rec'd 18 Aug 1944
 by [illegible] E.R.R.

MEMORANDUM

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20 AUG 1944

Next September will be the anniversary of Italy's entry into the war at the side of the United Nations. The process of evolution through which the Italian situation has passed both internally and externally during this year, is undeniable. Thus the changes of the position of September, 1943, now represent a situation historically and politically out of date. It would be an act of justice and of political wisdom to modify the legal position of Italy as fixed in September last in relation to the actual position to-day. The annulment period should now be considered concluded and misunderstandings should be finally removed as regards unconditional surrender, annulment and co-belligerency. The continuance of the present situation in politically sterile and prejudicial for us and for everyone.

2. The promises and pledges made by the United Nations to the Italian people are in any case explicit: the United Nations have solemnly promised that the modification of the annulment terms depends on the nature of Italy's contribution to the common war effort. Now, it is perfectly clear that if Italy is obstructed and prevented, as has been the case up till now, from participating adequately in the liberation of her territory, this will only perpetuate the vicious and sterile circle from which it is necessary to break loose. The Italian Corps of Liberation should therefore be greatly increased in numbers and effectiveness. We have the men and they want to fight: they should be armed and fed.

3. The Italian people feel themselves at the moment to be in quarantine, shut in as if hermetically isolated. They should be allowed back again into that free circulation of ideas and of international events which is one of the fundamental conditions for the resumption and the progressive development of free democratic institutions.

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Italy asks to be placed in a position where she will have to rely on little as possible on the resources of the Allies, especially in this crucial moment of the war. Her economic rehabilitation is consequently in her own and the common interest. Italian experts and technicians should be authorized to discuss the most urgent and serious problems in London and in Washington directly with the competent authorities. These are technical and not political problems. The inclusion of Italy in the lend-lease law would undoubtedly constitute a step forward in the right direction.

5. The Allied Control Commission should be relieved progressively of at least three quarters of its duties and directed towards a system of once long oppressive and less patently indicative of interference and intervention in all sectors of Italian life. There are already organizations in Italy ready to take on its heritage - for example, the High Commission, which could in their turn be charged into exacting like the Ambassadors' Conference which have in the past given proof of their capability and efficiency. The present situation should in any case be liquidated. It is not possible for a country to carry on for long, without serious risk under the administration of two Governments. It is equally impossible for a highly civilized people such as the Italian to be indefinitely subjected to a state of tutelage and minority.

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6. Almost everywhere in the world the vast, busy, industrious Italian colonies are subjected to a treatment which, in some countries, is even comparable to anti-Semitic persecution. Hundreds of families have been for years in concentration camps, women reduced to prostitution and misery; their sources of livelihood, fruit of their hard and patient efforts, jealously and compromised. We may quote as examples the cases of Italian colonies in the whole of the Mediterranean Basin and especially in Tunis and Egypt. The situation of our 40,000 prisoners in French hands has by now reached the limit of any possibility of physical or moral resistance. This anti-Italian crusade, which can be proved indisputably, should be stopped. It helps no one, except to cause deeper suffering and to sow seeds of future discord.

7. The new democratic Italy intends to set the country firmly on the old road of full, complete and faithful collaboration with the western Powers. In the very serious crisis, material and spiritual, which will convulse Europe on the occasion of hostilities, she wishes to re-emerge and to be an element of stability and of order. Her people are sober, industrious, hard-working. The strength of Italian labor is one of the fundamental elements of European reconstruction. Credit should therefore be paid to it. A decision should be made to initiate a really reconstructive policy in Italy. It should be realized that 45 million Italians cannot but be one of the fundamental elements of Mediterranean and European reconstruction, and the necessary dispositions and action should be taken. In short, action should be taken to implement the generous suggestions expressed on many occasions by President Roosevelt in accordance with the generous humanity of the North American people.

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