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27 January 1947.

The General Manager,
Chiozza Marine Contractors Company,
Naples.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letters dated 17 January and 21 January 1947, which have been carefully considered.

I regret to inform you, however, that no action can be taken by the Allied Commission to assist you in this matter, since it appears to be of an entirely internal and local nature which does not lie within the Allied Commission's province.

Sincerely,

10/ [Signature] J. W. Stone

ELLEN W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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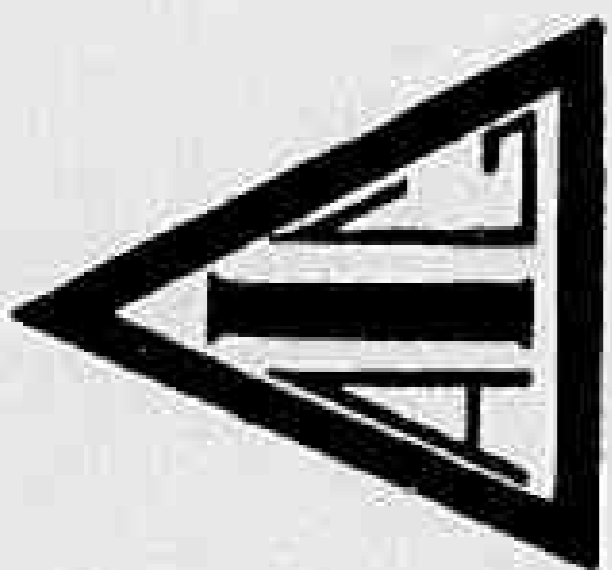
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associazione italiana alberghi per la gioventù

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13 gennaio 1946

AL SIGNOR
ADDETTO CULTURALE
dell' Ambasciata di.....
e. p. c.
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA, Chief Commissioner Office
Roma

Egregio Signore,
la Federazione Internazionale degli Alberghi
per la Gioventù (International Youth Hostels Federation) mi trasmette
gli Atti del Congresso del settembre scorso.

Le invio, Signore, la proposta del Delegato italiano, concernente
l'istituzione della Città di Alberghi per la Gioventù al Foro Italico
(ex Foro Mussolini) in Roma.

Tale proposta, accolta, è stata posta allo studio del Congresso,
e demandata al Comitato Esecutivo della Federazione.

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Porgo il mio ossequio.

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A. N. Pessina
SECR. GEN.

(18) Telefono: 489171 int. 126

Via Boncompagni 15, Roma

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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HOSTELS FEDERATION

First Post War Conference: Loch Lomond (Glasgow) 4/6 September 1946

THE YOUTH HOSTELS TOWN

The Italian Delegates's proposal.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Youth of all Nations,

At this moment do not consider me, if you please, as a man belonging to a single nation, but hear me as a voice that could be the voice of one of you all.

There is, in Rome, a modern forum erected a few years ago, composed of two stadiums, a large sports area, two swimming pools, and many marvellous buildings reflected in the Tiber's waters and protected by the Roman hills.

That forum was erected for the youth, but it was promoted for the wrong ideals.

Under my personal responsibility, as a man who loves the youth of the world, I propose to transform that complex into a Youth Hostels Town.

I am not planning to organise in Rome a centre for centralising the youth's movement, but I ask that such a splendid corner of the world in which History has many time engraved its words, could have honour of having as its guests all you young men and women.

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At present the forum is used as a rest camp. The buildings are in perfect order, but one, the largest one, is not yet finished.

We must be ready with the proposed plan, and settle up the necessary organisation, for the moment in which the Allied Rest Camp will leave.

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This seems rather a simple job, especially considering the fact that the buildings are there already. The problem of establishing a Youth Hostel more does not seem harder than that of establishing a new one in the competence zone of each Association.

The result would be noticeable and for our ideals. international Youth Hostels movement and for the future of our youth only: Now let us have a look to the future of our Youth Hostels Town.

Many fine mansions, many doors opened, many languages, our youth of the Youth. They will leave the house and will arrive at the corner of Hostels Town and then return North South East and West from a corner of the World where nationality was only considered necessary for a complete letter address.

The Youth Hostels Town is possible for the first time, I Ask you all to help us, to U.N.O. and U.N.E.S.C.O. to transform our project into a splendid reality.

CHIOZZA MARINE CONTRACTORS COMPANY
S.P.A.I.
DOCKYARD (MOLO PONTE CAVALLI) NAPLES

YOUR REFERENCE	O. R.	SUBJECT:
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To : H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

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MEMORANDUM

With reference to our letter dated 28th October, 1946, and to your reply dated 25th November, we would like to point out the definite purposes of our proposals, as we recognise that our previous letter (although it raised all points of the question) was not clear enough to explain our idea deeply.

First of all we would like to point out - in order that the Allied authorities understand that our proposals are very serious and worthy of consideration - that:

1) We have in mind to employ amongst the managing personnel of our firm those Allied officers released, who are willing to co-operate and whose names could be given to us by your Commission.

2) We will put at the disposal of the Davide Morgan Co., London - which is known as the controlling agency of H. Majesty's finances - all our ledgers. Doing so we believe to prove that our purposes are not connected with personal interests, but only with the interest of the Anglo-American mutilated soldiers and Italian workers.

In fact the Italian workers will take great advantage from our initiative as - as soon as our undertaking is started - it will be necessary to employ a great number of workers who are now unemployed. And, from the other hand, also the Anglo-American mutilated soldiers will have a benefit, as we thought it humanitarian and dutiful that they get the 40% percentage out of the profit.

So far as the marine material that we are asking to obtain is concerned, this could be included amongst the following items, which are hereby given only for an explanation :

Tug-boats, tankers, oil-tankers, crane pontoons, lighter pontoons, various tonnage cranes, material to be recovered, various vessels for mixed uses, captured ships to be recovered and already recovered, material at present kept by C.O.G.E.N.A. or stored at the Army Depot N. 23 B.L.D. and all marine material.

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On this subject we think it opportune to submit to your attention an official communication of the Italian merchant service, according which the Italian Technical Delegation at Washington notified that the American Government has already, or is going to sell by auction, for demolition, some of its own ships which are at present in the ports of Anzio, Naples, S. Giovanni a Teduccio, Palermo, Ancona and Bari. We therefore suggest that this naval material could be granted in stock to our firm which, in this way, would be enabled to undertake its work immediately.

Amongst the material requested in our letter previously referred to our Company intended to include - besides the marine material - also all the ground surplus war material or the Allied captured material which has not been allotted or sold to our Government and which is at present spread over all Italian territory. Such material is to be removed and we think it is a burden for the Allied Governments.

Our Company has also in mind to organise - when the permission is granted - various services on behalf of the Italian Government as well as for the Allies.

As an example we can specify, with regard to this point, that:

1) With the oil tankers obtained and put into efficiency we will be able to organise the P.O.L. refuelling service both for the mixed services and for the Allied nations calling at Italian ports. This would prevent the repetition of the unpleasant hydrancies which we heard to have occurred in Naples - not a long time ago - due to the fact that an American ship in transit could not be refuelled promptly, with a consequent delay in the service it was carrying out.

2. Having the necessary means, our Company would also be able to organise an effective mine sweeping system of the Italian seas - specially of the Adriatic and North Tyrrhen - which at present, after about 2 years from the end of the war, are still dangerous and do not offer a safe navigation.

Our Company could also organise other similar services and would carry them out with technical perfection, as it is well known that private firms are always to be trusted more than the public organisations run by the Government.

The perfection and promptness of our Company in carrying out their work are well known by the Allied authorities on behalf of whom the "Chiozza Marine Contractors" has undertaken very important tasks indispensable to carry out the war operations in 1943-1945. In this connection we would like to draw your attention to the photographic documentation attached to our previous letter which shows that our Company was the first one in Italy to work for the Allies after the 8th September, 43, and from that time has always been praised and very much esteemed for the important services rendered to the Allied cause.

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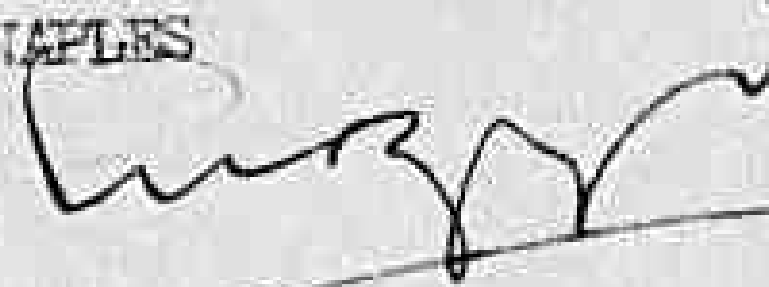
Of the requested materials those useful for civilian purposes would be made serviceable and accurately maintained so that they could be available for all eventual requirements and could be eventually used also by the Allied authorities.

We hope that our proposals will be taken into consideration by your Commission. We would like to point out the guaranties we offered stating that we would employ Allied managing personnel, and that we would submit our ledges to such auditors as the Davide Morgan Company, London.

Hoping that you will look favorably into this matter, we are awaiting for your early reply.

Yours faithfully

(Chiozza Marine Contractors)
NAPLES



Rome, 18th December, 1946.

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CHI LZA MARINE CONTRACTORS COMPANY
S. P. A. I.
DOCKYARD (Molo Ponte Cavalli) NAPLES

Roma, li 19.12.1946

OGGETTO : Aiuti ai mutilati Anglo-Americani.

Riprendendo la questione di cui alle nostre lettera del 28 ottobre alla quale codesta Commissione ha risposto in data 25 novembre successivo, riteniamo opportuno chiarire quali sono gli scopi ed i fini delle nostre proposte dato che abbiamo dovuto constatare che la nostra prima lettera - pur contenendo, in sintesi, tutti i punti della questione - non poteva spiegare, con sufficiente chiarezza la portata delle nostre idee.

Innanzi tutto teniamo a specificare, perchè l'Autorità Alleata possa considerare quanto serie e degne di considerazione sono le nostre proposte :

1°) che è nostro intendimento di assumere tra il personale dirigente delle nostre Imprese quegli Ufficiali Alleati ammobilitati che intendono prestare la loro collaborazione ed i cui nominativi potranno esserci segnalati anche da codesta Commissione.

2°) che intendiamo tenere a disposizione della David Morgan Co. di Londra che, come è noto, è preposta al controllo delle finanze di S.M. Britannica, tutta la nostra contabilità, con ciò ritenendo di dimostrare che la nostra iniziative non mira ad interessi personali, ma è volta soltanto all'interesse dei mutilati Anglo-Americani e dei lavoratori italiani.

Da queste iniziative infatti, trarranno grande beneficio i lavoratori italiani in quanto, una volta iniziate l'impresa, sarà nostra necessità assorbire una grande quantità di mano d'opera che ora è alla disoccupazione. E d'altra parte, dato che abbiamo ritenuto umanitario ed anche doveroso far partecipare agli utili di questa Impresa i mutilati Anglo-Americani anche questi ne avranno un notevole beneficio data la forte percentuale di utile - ascendente al 40% - di cui essi usufruiranno.

Ciò premesso vogliamo chiarire che, per quanto riguarda il materiale di marina che chiediamo in cessione, questo potrebbe essere compreso nelle seguenti voci che qui si specificano a semplice titolo esemplificativo :

- Rimorchiatori - Navi cisterna - petroliere - pontoni a

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grù - pontoni e chiatte - gru di vario tonnellaggio - materiale per recupero - natanti vari per uso misto - navi di preda bellica da recuperare o recuperate - materiale in consegna attualmente al C.O.G.E.N.A. o giacenti presso l'Army Depot. No.23 B.S.D. ed ogni altro materiale di marina.

A questo riguardo riteniamo opportuno portare a conoscenza di codesta Commissione un comunicato della Marina Mercantile Italiana secondo il quale la Delegatione Tecnica Italiana a Washington ha segnalato che il Governo Americano ha posto o sta per porre in vendita all'esta, per la demolizione, alcune navi di sua proprietà giacenti nei porti di Anzio, Napoli, S.Giovenni e Teduccio, Palermo, Ancona e Bari. Ed in merito osserviamo che tale materiale navale potrebbe essere in blocco concesso alla nostra Impresa la quale sarebbe in tal modo messa in condizione di poter iniziare immediatamente i propri lavori.

Nel materiale richiesto con la lettera in testa richiamata la nostra Società, poi, intendeva comprendere, oltre al materiale di Marina, anche tutto il materiale terrestre residuo di guerra o preda bellica che non sia ritenuto opportuno assegnare o vendere al nostro Governo e che attualmente giace in tutto il territorio italiano. Tale materiale dovrà essere in qualche modo rimesso ed esportato e si pensa costituisca un peso per i Governi Alleati.

La nostra Società si propone, inoltre, di organizzare, una volta ottenute la concessione, servizi vari sia nell'interesse del Governo Italiano che degli Alleati.

A titolo di esempio possiamo qui specificare, per quanto riguarda questo punto,

1°) Che le petroliere avute in cessione e rimesse in efficienza potranno essere utilizzate ad organizzare il servizio di rifornimento carburanti per i servizi misti e per le navi alleate facenti scalo nei porti italiani, evitando così il ripetersi degli spiacevoli incidenti che, si dice, si siano verificati a Napoli, or non è molto tempo, in occasione del transito di una petroliera americana che non poté essere rifornita sollecitamente di carburante, con conseguente disagio del servizio che stava svolgendo.

2°) Avendo i mezzi necessari la nostra Società sarebbe in grado di organizzare un radicale servizio di dragaggio nei mari italiani - e specialmente dell'Adriatico e dell'Alto Tirreno - che oggi, a circa due anni dalla fine della guerra, sono ancora pericolosi e non consentono una navigazione sicura.

Altri servizi del genere, inoltre, potrebbero essere organizzate dalla nostra Società e condotti con quell'esattezza tecnica

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che normalmente è frutto dell'attività di una impresa privata, la quale, come è noto, dà sempre più sicure rese degli organi pubblici dipendenti dalle Amministrazioni Statali.

L'esattezza e la sollecitudine nel condurre a termine i propri impegni da parte della nostra Società sono poi noti alle Autorità Alleate al cui servizio la Chiozza Marine Contractors Company ha disimpegnato incarichi delicatissimi ed indispensabili al regolare svolgimento delle operazioni belliche negli anni 1943-1945. E qui giova richiamare l'attenzione di codesta Commissione sulla abbondante documentazione fotografica allegata alla nostra prima lettera dalla quale si può rilevare come la nostra Società sia stata la prima in Italia a mettersi al servizio degli Alleati dopo l'8 settembre 1943 ricevendo sempre doti ed attestazioni di stima per gli ineccezionabili servizi resi alla causa alleata.

Dai materiali richiesti, infine, quelli utilizzabili per usi civili sarebbero rimessi in efficienza e resi oggetto di una accurata manutenzione in maniera da trovarsi a disposizione per ogni eventuale necessità di utilizzazione anche da parte delle Autorità Alleate.

La nostra Società nutre fiducia che le proposte qui così chierite saranno oggetto del più attento esame da parte di codesta Commissione, date anche le garanzie che abbiamo offerte, sia col dichiararci pronti, ed anzi lieti, di assumere tra il personale dirigente degli ufficiali Alleati, sia col voler sottoporre la nostra contabilità ad un organo di così sicuro controllo quale è la Dived Morgene Co. di Londra.

Restiamo in attesa dell'esame delle nostre proposte da parte di codesta Commissione e chiediamo la cortesia di una risposta il più possibile sollecita.

CHIOZZA MARINE CONTRACTORS COMPANY NAPLES

L'Amministratore Unico

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Subject is Salvage Benghazi and Tobruk Harbours.
With reference to our 84580/OET of Dec.7. FI Encl.
Request you advise position regarding visit to Cyrenaica of
persons named our above quoted signal together with recommendations
as requested.

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SECRET. SUBJECT IS SALVAGE OF BENGHASI AND TOBRUK HARBOURS.

AN ITALIAN FIRM SOCIETA ARCHIMEDE OF VIA REGINA GIOVANNA DI BULGARIA 5 ROME IS INTERESTED IN TUNDERING FOR SALVAGE THESE HARBOURS AND WISH TO SEND FOLLOWING PERSONS TO CONDUCT SURVEY. DOCTOR ENGINEER MARIO COLOMBO ENGINEER BARSANTI ENGINEER GERBINO ENGINEER SPINEELI DIVER CALCO DIVER BEGAMINI. BEFORE AGREEING TO THEIR ENTRY TO CYRENAICA WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD GIVE SECURITY CLEARANCE AND AN OPINION AS TO THE FINANCIAL STANDING AND ABILITY OF THIS FIRM TO UNDERTAKE TASK. AN EARLY REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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Subject is resuscitation of use of Trieste as entrepot port.
This is NAF 1245. Please expedite reply to NAF 1213. NR

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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AG 312.1/042

15 November 1946.

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SUBJECT: Rehabilitation of Leghorn Harbor.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

1. As you are aware, conferences have been held with representatives from the Italian Government, Headquarters, MTO and your office to accelerate the essential rehabilitation of Leghorn harbor facilities.

2. The cooperation of the Italian authorities has been excellent. In appreciation of this cooperation covering more than one Ministry, the Commanding General, MTO has addressed the enclosed letter to Dr. DeGasperi. It is desired that at an early date you transmit the letter to Dr. DeGasperi.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. HAMBLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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Del'd by Dr. DeGasperi
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Position of Trieste as entrepot port for General Europe Hg@lbeen
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to CCS with whom question is being pusued.

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APO 704.

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2. The cooperation of the Italian authorities has been excellent. In appreciation of this cooperation covering more than one Ministry, the Commanding General, MTO has addressed the enclosed letter to Dr. DeGasperi. It is desired that at an early date you transmit the letter to Dr. DeGasperi.

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A P O 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5402/118/EC

9 November 1945.

SUBJECT: Military Projects

TO : Provincial Commissioner,
A.M.G. UDINE Province.

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1. Reference is made to your CO/AC/ECR Dated 12 October 1945 on this subject.
2. In accordance with your request, authority is granted for approval by you for all Military projects certified necessary by U.S.S. GHO, CMF.
3. Your Headquarters should maintain a record of and keep this Commission informed as appropriate of all projects approved.

BY COMMAND OF THE ALLIED STAFF:

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M. CARR,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Chief Commissioner,
Director, A.F.A.
Economic Division.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Udine Province
Office of the Provincial Commissioner

PC/AG/OCT

12 Oct. 1946

SUBJECT: Military Projects.

TO : The Executive Commissioner
HQ. Allied Commission
Rome.

Authority is requested for the approval by me of all Military Projects certified necessary by C, R, E, G. HQ. GMP.

In the past my approval was valid for military projects up to a value of L. 1.000.000, in order to guard against pressure which might have been brought to bear by HQ. 13 CORPS.

Experience has shown that their demands have been very moderate and as there is now no technical branch at your HQ. handling Public Works projects, it is suggested that you might be disposed to decentralise authority for approval of all projects and thus save time in forwarding them to Rome.

Pending your reply I attach a further list of military projects for which authority is requested.

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H.M. BRIGHT, Lt. Col.
Provincial Commissioner

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APPENDIX TO PC/MS/OCT dated 12 Oct. 46 - Military Projects -
to the Executive Commissioner HQ, Allied Commission, Rome

a) UDI/1078/RM - Military Provincial roads

1. Papparotti - Cervignano	L. 3.800.000.--
2. Cervignano - Belvedere	" 2.250.000.--
3. Udine - Mortegliano	" 2.300.000.--
4. Route Comonese	" 1.500.000.--
5. Villa Vicentina - Ruda	" 250.000.--
6. Visco - Ponte Torre	" 520.000.--

Ordinary maintenance for the
 months of Oct-Nov-Dec 46

L. 10.720.000

b) UDI/1080/RM - Military Communal roads

1. Palmanova - Visco - Aiello	L. 1.528.000.--
2. Mortegliano - Luzzana	" 3.931.000.--
3. Saciletto to Route 14	" 980.500.--
4. Pozzuolo - Lavariano	" 475.000.--
5. Tizzano - Risano - Airfield	" 376.000.--
6. Pozzuolo - Airfield	" 565.000.--
7. Tizzano-Risano-Lavariano-Airfield	376.000.--
8. Palmanova-Codroipo	" 1.430.000.--
9. Ring road of Palmanova	" 502.000.--
10. Mortegliano - Flumignano	" 284.000.--
11. Provincial crossing Udine-Mortegliano Risano-Sammardenchia- Pozzuolo	" 504.000.--
12. S. Stefano - Tizzano	" 95.000.--
13. Pagnacco to Route 13	" 221.000.--
14. Bicinioco - S. Maria La Longa	" 252.000.--
15. Sammardenchia - Cortello	" 315.000.--
16. Ontagnano - Felettis - Bicinioco	" 347.000.--
17. Latisana - Lignano (maint. and extraordinary repairs)	" 4.822.568.50
18. Udine ring road	" 3.465.000.--
19. S.S. 13 to Tarcento	" 634.431.50

Ordinary maintenance for the months
 Oct-Nov-Dec 1946

L. 12.104.000

c) UDI/1085/RM - Route 54

Military State Highway

L. 5.000.000.--

Ordinary maintenance for the months
 Oct-Nov-Dec 1946

L. 5.000.000

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION
and
CHIEF, BUREAU OF REQUIREMENTS & DISTRIBUTION

REFID/6.600

26 September 1946

Professor Nicola Proto,
Corso Numaistrano,
Ricastro (Catanzaro).

Dear Sir,

1. Your letter addressed to Admiral Stone of the Allied Commission regarding the capacity of your company to carry out certain public works has been passed on to me.
2. I would point out, however, that UNRRA places no such contracts direct and that therefore we are not in a position to help you.
3. It is suggested that you approach the competent Ministries in the Italian Government, who will no doubt be able to inform you of all public works undertakings open to contract.

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Sincerely yours,

Harlan Cleveland

HARLAN CLEVELAND
DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION AND CHIEF,
BUREAU OF REQUIREMENTS & DISTRIBUTION

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cc.: Admiral Stone

APR 25 1946

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24 April 1946.

My dear Minister,

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With reference to your letter dated 16 April 1946 confirming our conversation relative to your Government's recommendations for relief of unemployment and the housing situation in Venezia Giulia, the matter has been referred to the 13th Corps, Allied Military Government, for consideration.

I will advise you as to the Allied Military Authorities' views on your proposal for implementing the present works' program as soon as a reply is received from that Headquarters.

Very truly yours,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Avv. Leone Cattani
Minister of Public Works
Italian Government
Rome

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TRANSLATION

IL MINISTERO DEI LAVORI PUBBLICI

Rome, 16 April 1946.

To: *Bea M.S. Lusk*
MS. A.C.

Referring to the conversation which I had the pleasure to have with you today, concerning the problem of disoccupation, and also about the housing for the homeless in the city of Trieste and in the Venezia Giulia, I beg to confirm the following:

1. The Minister of Public Works, who knows and appreciates the work done by the Allied Military Government in the Venezia Giulia, is convinced that he can offer useful collaboration for the construction of workmen's houses in the city of Trieste and of Monfalcone, for which he has already made ready plans and finance.
2. This Minister of Public Works is willing to provide immediately, upon the starting of the building of at least 1,000 apartments with about 3,000 rooms, to distribute to the most urgent cases of the two a/m centres, according to the plans already prepared and approved by the Istituto Autonomo per le Case Popolari della Provincia di Trieste, or according to plans of houses, type prearranged by this Ministry and which would be immediately sent to the Ufficio of the Genio Civile of Trieste.
3. For the necessary expenditure for the said constructions, this Ministry will provide immediately and directly.
4. If this programme meets with the approval of the A.M.G. this Ministry will arrange to begin work during the beginning of May, with the permission and control of the A.M.G.
5. This Ministry of Public Works states to be ready to engage in understandings with the A.M.G. a more vast programme of public works, should this be under the direction of your A.G., the same as took place in the province of Udine after negotiations of the 28 Jan 46 with Lt. Col. H.H. Bright M.B.E.
6. Should none of the proposals be acceptable at the moment, I beg you in any case to give to the discussions of this afternoon, a tone of cordial collaboration, and of comprehension of the troubled situation of the region of Trieste, where there are actually 20,000 unemployed registered at the Office of Works, and to which there will be added another 15,000 unemployed during the next few weeks. The problem of housing is also particularly grave, owing to the destruction by war events, to the requisitions, and to the afflux of refugees from the zone "B".

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Grateful for your kind reception and for what I am sure you will wish to do for the advantage of the population of the Venezia Giulia. With cordial salutations.

Yours

/s/ Leone Cattani

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Ref. ES/9.11

9 March 1946

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

In reply to your letter dated 16 February concerning the financing of Public Works' projects in the Department of Liguria, the following information is submitted.

The Provveditore in Liguria has been allocated over four billion lire since 1 January 1946 for Public Works to finance war damage projects and to relieve unemployment. Projects not already financed could well be financed by these funds as this is their purpose. It is my understanding that there also will be another allocation to the Provveditori, of which Liguria will most likely get its share.

Since the Allied Commission has no funds for this purpose, it is believed that the Provveditore should consult his Ministry regarding the financing of these projects as the matter has been discussed between the Ministry of Public Works and the Ministry of Treasury.

It also should be noted that a bad precedent would be established if every Provveditore decided to contact outside Allied agencies without going through his Ministry.

Sincerely,

Ellery W. Stone
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 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

The Hon. Alexander Kirk
 American Embassy
 Via Vittorio Veneto 119
 Rome

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Ref. ES/9.11

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Is/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLEERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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The Hon. Alexander Kirk
American Embassy
Via Vittorio Veneto 119
Rome

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John: ()

This is the one
the Col. wants
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23 February 1946

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Economic Section

1. Reference attached correspondence, the Chief Commissioner should like to have this matter thoroughly investigated and be informed as to what action can be taken to complete the public works program in Genoa.
2. Accordingly, will you draft an appropriate informative reply to the Ambassador's letter? Interim reply has already been given.

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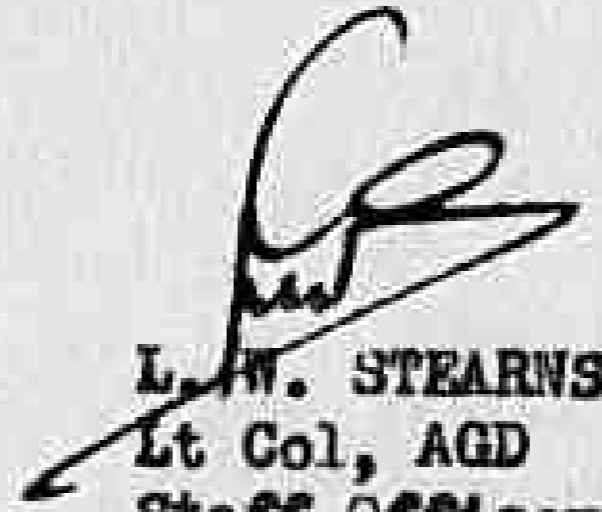
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L. W. STEARNS
Lt Col, AGD
Staff Officer to CC

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21 February 1946

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of 16 February concerning the completion of a public works program in Genoa. I will have this matter taken into consideration by the proper officials and will inform you of the result.

Sincerely,

ELLENY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Hon. Alexander Kirk
American Embassy
Via Vittorio Veneto 119
Rome

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Rome, February 16, 1946

My dear Admiral,

I am enclosing for your information and the consideration of the appropriate officials in the Allied Commission, a copy of a letter from the American Consulate General at Genoa, with enclosures, regarding the completion of a program of public works in Genoa which were begun under Allied Military Government.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ A. Kirk

Enclosure

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Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

C O P Y

Genoa, February 5, 1946

The Honorable
Alexander C. Kirk
American Ambassador
Rome

Sir:

The enclosed letter, with its enclosure, addressed to me on the 1st instant by the Regional Chief of Public Works for Liguria, is the result of a conversation I had with Dr. Fermi on that day when I promised to do anything I could to see that the request contained in the enclosure is brought to the attention of the appropriate office of the Allied Commission. Any assistance which the Embassy may be able and willing to give in the matter will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Lester L. Schnare
American Consul General

Enclosure:

Letter from Regional Chief
of Public Works for Liguria,
with enclosure, in duplicate.

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGIONAL SURVEYOR'S OFFICE
PUBLIC WORKS
LIGURIA

THE SURVEYOR

Genoa, February 1, 1946.

Dear Mr. Consul General,

In relation to our conversation of today, I send you the enclosed memorandum regarding estimates amounting to L. 1,400,000,000, approved but not financed by A.M.G.

It deals with the reconstruction of public works damaged or destroyed during the war, which have not been enclosed in the financial improvement, owing to delay in the clearance between the technical offices and Allied financiers.

I am grateful to you for your interest in the matter, and I know that your intervention with General Headquarters will ensure the financing of these works, allowing me to continue my reconstruction program, which got such a good start under the guidance of the Regional Allied Government.

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With many thanks, I remain,

(s) Ing. Lino Ferri.

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Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici

Provveditorato Regionale
alle Opere Pubbliche per la Liguria

Genova, li 1 febbraio 1946.

Il Provveditore

Signor Console Generale,

In relazione al colloquio che ho avuto oggi con Voi ed al cortese invito rivoltomi, Vi invio l'unito promemoria riguardante un gruppo di perizie, per l'ammontare di L. 1.400.000.000,- approvate dall'A.M.G. ma non finanziate.

Trattasi di lavori di ricostruzione di opere pubbliche danneggiate o distrutte dalla guerra per la quasi totalità già iniziate, le quali non sono state ammesse al finanziamento a causa di un ritardo verificatosi nella trasmissione degli atti fra gli Uffici tecnici e finanziari Alleati.

Vi sono molto grato, Signor Console Generale, per l'interessamento che avete dimostrato al riguardo e confido che il Vostro autorevole intervento presso il Comando Generale possa assicurare il finanziamento di detti lavori consentendomi di continuare l'opera di ricostruzione così bene iniziata sotto la guida consapevole e sollecita del Governo Regionale Alleato.

Mi permetto sottoporre al Vostro autorevole patrocinio un'altra questione che, sebbene di minore importanza, non può essere trascurata. Trattasi della sede degli Uffici di questo Provveditorato.

In seguito ad accordi da me presi a suo tempo col Signor Colonnello Lee venne stabilito che appena gli Alleati avessero lasciato i locali occupati al V° piano del Palazzo Gaslini in Piazza Dante, nei locali stessi si sarebbero installati gli Uffici del Provveditorato. A tal fine, e col consenso del detto Colonnello Lee, io promossi il Decreto di requisizione di tutto il V° piano.

E' accaduto però che nonostante gli accordi, i locali di cui trattasi sono stati occupati, nella quasi totalità, dall'U.N.R.R.A., lasciando ai miei uffici soltanto poche

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stanze, insufficienti al bisogno.

Risulterebbe ora che l'U.N.R.R.A. debba trasferire altrove i suoi uffici.

Qualora cio' sia esatto io vi pregherei, Signor Console Generale, di volere interessare il Comando Alleato perche' i locali che in tal modo verranno a rendersi disponibili siano assegnati a questo Provveditorato.

Vi porgo i piu' vivi ringraziamenti e con le espressioni della mia alta considerazione la ossequio.

/firmato/ Ing. Lino Fermi

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Appunto per il Sig. Console Generale degli S.U.A. in
GENOVA

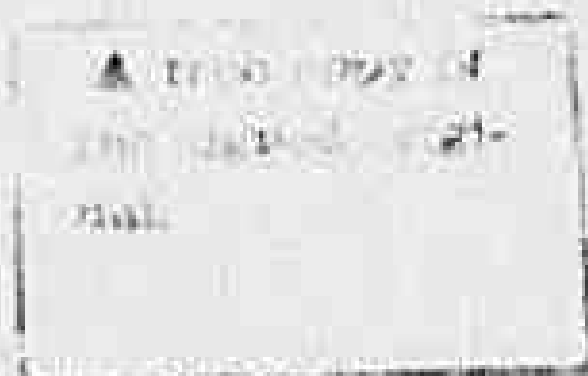
Il Comando Militare Alleato, A.M.G. ha approvato, ma non finanziato, un gruppo di perizie dell'importo complessivo di Lire 1.400.000.000,- riguardanti lavori di riparazione di danni di guerra ad opere pubbliche della Liguria.

Il mancato finanziamento di detti lavori, i quali sono per la quasi totalità già iniziati, è dipeso dal ritardo verificatosi nella trasmissione degli atti fra gli uffici tecnici e finanziari alleati, che ha impedito il perfezionamento degli atti stessi prima del passaggio della Regione Ligure dall'Amministrazione Alleata all'Amministrazione Italiana.

Il mancato finanziamento di detti lavori importa che la relativa spesa di L. 1.400.000.000,- dovrà gravare sulle normali assegnazioni di bilancio, riducendo di uguale somma la disponibilità dei fondi assegnati al Provveditorato Regionale alle Opere Pubbliche per la Liguria per il corrente esercizio finanziario.

Riuscirebbe pertanto, sommamente utile, ai fini della ricostruzione, se il Comando Generale Alleato potesse ottenere a questo Provveditorato il finanziamento dei lavori di cui trattasi per l'importo citato di L. 1.400.000.000,-, al di fuori delle normali assegnazioni di bilancio.

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TRANSLATION

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PUBLIC WORKS
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ALEXANDER FOR PHGEX RPTD INFO AECOM, AND UK BASE SECTION FOR CABINET SECRETARIAT.

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This is CAL 1494. Refer LAC 1305.

Highway Maintenance.

Reference is made to WAR DEPARTMENT Technical manual TM-38-420, September 45, 4 copies of which were forwarded to Headquarters G-4, CAS-ERTA, ITALY, 2 copies to Captain KOTON and 2 copies to Major General MAGRUDER.

Section IV paragraph 12 A of the reference TM authorizes overseas commanders to declare civilian type items (items for which there is a commercial equivalent on civilian market) as surplus to ANLC without reference to the WAR DEPARTMENT except for subsistence items, those items listed in Appendices A and B of the Reference document and those listed as in short supply in Appendix H.

Direct transfer of army items to FEA for sale to the Italian Government not approved. UNITED STATES items in question appear to fall within the classification of civilian type items, therefore, request that procedure as outlined in the reference TM be used to extent applicable. Where not applicable submit recommendations to WAR DEPARTMENT through UNITED STATES military channels.

Request that method of disposal of British items be arranged direct with the War Office.

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(This is LAC 1305)

Highway maintenance.

Para 1. Earliest approval to transfer equipment in MOC airgram 109 to Italian Government through EEA and/ of Ministry of Supply representatives is requested.

Para 2. Desire Italian Government assume responsibility for highways by 1 October because of redeployment requirements of Allied Military Engineering Units, hence authority for immediate transfer required. Please advise.

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Translation

A.L.C.I.A.

To Admiral Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
R O M E

Rome, 31.8.45

The A.L.C.I.A. Co, whose seat is in Rome, via Zanardelli, 36, and whose yards in Via dell'Albione, 1 (Via Appia Nuova), managed after months of work and great financial sacrifices, to mount a machine for the manufacture of small building blocks, with an output of over 15 mc an hour, which is at present ready to start working.

In the present situation, the importance and advantages of the said engine, (German made) for the building problem of the town and the province are easy to understand, especially for what concerns the building of a large amount of identical houses for refugees, and for the reconstruction of destroyed villages.

In fact, without mentioning the rapidity of the output, the material thus obtained represents a considerable difference on the cost of the buildings and yet the guarantees of soundness are the same as when the usual methods are employed.

The Company is already drafting plans for small houses for refugees to be built in the suburbs of the town. Their structure gives all required guarantees, and, above all, considering the rapidity and simplicity of the proceeding, they may be considered as being already built.

For the manufacture of these blocks, we use a poor material, such as 'pozzolana' (of which the Co owns a cave where the engine has been placed), scoria of coal, 'lapillo', etc.. which exist in abundance.

All this is held together by cement and lime in the proportion of 15% of the volume of the other materials.

When tests were made, besides numerous advantages, we saw that the products thus obtained gave very smooth walls that don't need to be whitewashed.

In consideration of these facts, we beg you kindly to examine the program which this Company means to carry out.

If this program is favourably considered, the company hopes to be granted all necessary help (allotment of raw materials, transport, etc.); otherwise, this initiative is doomed to failure.

We are at your disposal for all the informations you may want to ask, and trusting in your interest, we remain,

Sincerely yours,

THE MANAGER
S. Matteoli

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Orig. Sent to Econ. Section
for Col. Matton
to handle. 7/9/45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

MOC AIRGRAM 109 : 6 September 1945

FROM : ALCON CITE ACREQ

TO : CCAC for CLAC

SUBJECT : Requisition CLAC I-253, Highway maintenance equipment.

Stock No.	Description	Unit	Required	Remarks
1. 78-8138.325-0	Tractor, crawler type, diesel Engine Driven, 35-40 BHP, Standard. Complete with power control unit, cable-operating, Double-Drum, Rear mounted, Make and Model unspecified:	ea.	9	Avail U.S. Avail U.K.
2. 78-7585.05-0	Shovel, crawler mounted, gas engine driven, 1/2 cu.yd. with attachments ES-R-1443, Make and Model unspecified:	ea.	9	Avail U.S. Avail U.K.
3. 78-90232-0	Trailer, full low bed, 20 Ton, Make and Model unspecified:	ea.	3	Avail U.S.
4. 66-3270.105-0	Compressor, Air, Truck mounted gasoline engine driven, 105 CFM, with set pneumatic tools, including jack hammer, paving breaker, etc., Make and Model Unspecified:	ea.	2	Avail U.S.
5. 66-3270.105-0	Compressor Air, Trailer Mounted Steel wheels, gasoline engine driven, 105 CFM, with set pneumatic tools including jack hammer, paving breaker, etc., Make and Model Unspecified:	ea.	2	Avail U.K.

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6. 78-5175.290-0 Loader bucket, crawler

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6. 78-5475.250-0	Loader, bucket, crawler mounted gasoline engine driven, 25-40 cu.yd. per hour, Make and Model Unspecified:	ea.	15	
32 32	Lubricator, trailer mounted, complete with air compressor and brake fluid dispenser, Make and Model Unspecified:	ea.	20	
8. 78-2965.04-0	Crane, truck mounted, 3/8 cu. yd. with attachments, crane boom, dragline bucket, shovel and pile driver. Complete with two wheel trailer, Make and Model Unspecified:	ea.	4	Avail U.S. Avail U.K.
9. 78-2915.700-0	Crane, tractor operated, 20 ton, 20 ft. boom, two wheeled, pneumatic tired, equipped with double drum power control unit	ea.	2	Avail U.S. Avail U.K.

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MOC AIRGRAM 109: Cont'd.

Stock No.	Nomenclature	Unit	Required	Remarks
10. Fig. 137 in FMS-10 War Dept. Field Manual. Type B.	shop motorized, general purpose repair, complete with tools, truck mounted, standard 2½ ton, 6x6, including latho, generator air compressor, etc. self powered. Make and Model Unspecified:	ea.	4	Avail U.S.
11. 76-3295.100-0	Truck, 2½ ton, tank 750-900 gal capacity, Make and Model Unspecified:	ea.	4	Avail U.K.
12. 40-9514.3-0	Welding equipment, electric arc, trailer mounted, complete with tools and accessories, Make and Model Unspecified:	ea.	4	Avail U.S.

AWHQ advise that items 1,2,3,4,6,9,10,12 are immediately available from U.S. Army Theatre Stocks without replacement and British equivalent of items 1,2,5,8,9,11 are immediately available from British Army theatre stocks without replacement.

Authority is requested:

- a. For transfer of the U.S. Army equipment listed as immediately available in the theatre to Foreign Economic Administration for sale to the Italian Government.
- b. For sale of the British Army equipment listed as being immediately available to the Italian Government through the appropriate British agency.
- c. For sale to the Italian Government the balance of the items listed as they become available from either British or United States Army Theatre Stocks. It is not proposed to requisition any of this equipment for import into Italy.

Please advise the quantity of each item in para a and b that may be transferred to the Italian Government.

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It is also necessary that withdrawal of military maintenance unit will not interrupt the internal distribution of essential civilian supplies. Much of the automotive stock available for movement of civil supplies is in poor condition and failure to maintain the road network in reasonable condition will result in rapidly increasing rate of deterioration which will further jeopardize the movement of essential civilian supplies.

Ruined railways and lack of adequate deep water ports have placed great reliance on the highway system which itself has been badly worn and damaged.

With the termination of military responsibility for civilian supply it is desired that the Italian Government assume full responsibility for highway maintenance, and thus for internal civilian supply distribution which is dependent on the highway system. This can only be accomplished by transfer of the necessary equipment to the Italian Government.

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Damage to P. Work

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

23 Apr 44
J.S.

MSG Center No : N 38/22
Classification : NONE
Precedence : IMMEDIATE
From : FILPOT
To : ACG INFO 3 DISTRICT

Date Time Rec'd : APRIL 22/1928
Date Time Sent : APRIL 22/1800
Reference NR : Q 2063
Cite : NONE

REF YOUR FMM/RJ DATED 29 FEB 44 AND MY 2120/Q2 DATED 19 MARCH. WISH TO UTILISE IMMEDIATELY UP TO 30 HETS PRODUCED LOCALLY AT BENEVENTO. MANUFACTURER HAS CONFIRMED TO 3 DIST IN WRITING THAT RELEASE WILL NOT PREJUDICE CIVILLIAN REQUIREMENTS. THIS ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED TO BE ERECTED BY 5 MAY REQUEST YOU CONFIRM YOU AGREEMENT BY IMMEDIATE SIGNAL



15407/c

*Action copy to C. G.
23 Apr 44*

24 Apr 44

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Economic Sec.

Action - ~~Section~~

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Col. Jenney -

See the Chief
Commissioner's note
attached.

REW

ROBERT E. DOR
MAJOR, A. G. U.

Noted

W. J. Flinn, 9/4/44

When I next see the Minister of
320, I will tell him that a thorough
investigation was made - no other
action will be taken W.J.F.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

ACC 102 FWU
7 Apr 1945
L.A. Jenny

SUBJECT: Damage to Public Works.
TO: Secretary General A. C. C.

FILE No. ACC/102/FWU

3/4 1944

Would suggest that a reply be made by you to Marshall Badoglio enclosing copies of the letters which I have marked with a blue X in the upper right hand corner, to indicate that quite energetic action was taken to look into his complaint; that in some cases it was found necessary to have acted as they did and in others an effort is being made to avoid a recurrence. H.Q. A.A.I. should also be advised that no further action is needed.

The marked letters to
about 7 weeks old I do
propose to answer it.
hmm 9/4 P

~~See General
Can you put up Marshall
Badoglio's letter? I can't
answer reply without it.
hmm 7/4 P~~

L.A. Jenny
L.A. JENNY,
Lt. Col. C.E.
Director.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT

File No. 566

Feb. 23, 1944.

TO GENERAL NOEL MASON MACFARLANE

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

NAPLES

My dear General MacFarlane,

The Ministry of Public Works informs me of several inconveniences, harmful also to the war economy, which your prompt intercession can eliminate for the future.

I list them:

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C) For several days there have been some brick factories - Montaldo and Fontini of Lucera, Fantozzi of Benevento and others - completely blocked by your organizations: the taking away of even a single brick is not permitted.

It would be necessary that quickly an agreement be arrived at in regard to the production quota which the Allies wish to reserve for themselves, and what remains for reconstruction.

D) It occurs frequently that some of your vehicles manned by only a few soldiers who have been ordered to get construction material, take it where they find it ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ or where it is nearest without paying too much attention to the damage which they cause. Thus, during the past week, and at Benevento, they have demolished and carried away the balustrade of the monument to Pope Orsini; they have taken away Vesuvius rock from the city pavements; they have taken away stones already ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ placed for the building of a new road under construction which had precisely been asked for by the Allies because needed for the transit of heavy vehicles; they have taken away ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ cross bars from bridge parapets. The damage of such looting, apart from the destruction of works of art, is obvious; not only are we not given any receipts, necessary for accounting, but the gain of time of a few men turns into grave harm to other important undertakings in course.

Very cordially.

Signed BADOGLIO

SEC GEN X
J-2390

Subject: Damage to Public Works.

HQ ACC, 2120/02

HQ AAI (Adm Echelon),
C.M.F.

Rlw

Recd 31 Mar 14 15
By *JDS*

P.W. 10

2120/02.

29 Mar 44.

HQ Allied Control Commission.

Reference your FTM/rj dated 29 Feb 44 and HQ 3 District letter 560/Q dated 23 Mar 44.

1. The brickworks referred to in paragraph (c) of Marshall Badoglio's letter are being operated under the control of the D.D.W., and the full production is required for operational works. In the case of the Benevento Works the coal and electric power, vital for the operation of the plant, have been obtained specially by the D.D.W. in order that plant might be put to work.
2. As regards the railings round the statue of Pope ONSINI, it has been impossible to trace in any way the persons responsible. The question of indiscriminate removal of stone and rubble has already been covered in orders issued to Districts, and a copy is attached.
3. Will you please confirm that no further action is necessary by this HQ on your letter under reference.

Quinn L'W
Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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Subject: Removal of Boundary Walls.

HQ AAI (Adm Echelon),
C.M.F.

2062/6/Q2 .

18 Mar 44 .

No 2 District.
3 District.

1. Cases have been reported where boundary walls on farms and other property, not in military occupation, have been removed in order to repair roads, bridges, etc. This practice causes unnecessary damage and interference to civilian life and will only be resorted to when operationally necessary.
2. In cases where operational necessity demands immediate access to stone and the only available supplies are in walls records will be kept showing :-
 - (a) Site from which stone was removed.
 - (b) Approximate quantities removed.

These records will be passed to the nearest Claims Office for onward transmission to the Italian Authorities concerned.

(Sgd) Q.V. MOARE, Lt-Col.,

for Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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Copy to:- Works.
Claims Commission, C.M.F.

~~B/F 2/4~~ ⁰⁷² ~~AW~~

~~Colonel Jenney~~ ⁹²⁸¹

~~Public Works Sub Commissioner~~ ^{29/3}

Director.
323 ~~I suggest we must await 20~~
~~subject from HQ. AHI~~
~~(mentioned)~~
~~9/2~~
~~2/23.~~

to the Col. [unclear]
Public works

The attached dated 23 March
from [unclear] District has just
arrived.

Are you taking all necessary
action please in [unclear] necessary
for the [unclear] to the [unclear]
Commission?

Yours faithfully,
[unclear]
[unclear]
[unclear]

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SUBJECT:- Damage to Public Works

see Gen
U-2140 X

3 District
Tel Ext 19
580 Q

HQ Allied Control Commission

Q AAI (Adm Ech)

HQ ACC, 1103 3rd
25 Mar 1944
By *JFB*

23 Mar 44

I have investigated the matters set out in the letter from Marshal Badoglio, a copy of which was forwarded to this HQ with your letter CC/G/114 dated 29 Feb 44.

As certain of the actions referred to were taken on instructions from higher authority before HQ 3 District was formed, I have thought it best to send my report to HQ AAI (Adm Ech) who will no doubt communicate further with you on the matter.

ALC/wm

A. Cellis
Maj Gen
Comd

Cole J. ... TO Secretary General
Public works.

TF

You may wish to see the
later correspondence
attached.

Please return to Secretary
General.

Return to
Secretary General
Afshari
Capt. H.S.

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Thanks
Chapman
of Dept.

23/3/68 22 Nov.

SUBJECT:- Damage to Public Works

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[Handwritten signature]

HQ ACC. 470 304
Supt Gen.
7 May 1944
by *[initials]*

3 District
Tel Ext 19
580 9

1 Mar 44

ACMF (Adm Echelon)

Chief Commissioner, ACC. (your CC/C/114 dated 29 Feb 44 refers)
57 Area

Ref attached letter from ACC together with translation of a letter from Marshall Badoglio.

1. As it is understood that para A refers to bridges in 5 Army Area and that action under para B was carried out under orders DDW your HQ, the letter is passed to you for such action as you may consider necessary.
2. Enquiries have been instituted by this HQ regarding paras C and D.

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Alvin K. Clark Meyer
Maj Gen
Comd

RBL/wm

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② *by Gen.*
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Subject:- Damage to Public works.

HQ AAC (Adm Ech),
C.M.F.

2120/Q2.

19 Mar 44.

Hq Allied Control Commission.

Reference your memorandum EOM/RJ dated 29 Feb 44
a copy of which was sent to this HQ by 3 District under their
reference 580 Q dated 5 Mar 44.

Marshal Badoglio's complaint in respect of bridges
on the BENEVENTO - FRAGNETO road have been investigated, and
copy of Fifth Army letter AG 823-E is attached for your
information; This is self explanatory, and it is not consid-
ered that any further action is warranted.

no action
km 2/2-4
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Copy to:- No. 3 District.
G-4.

Quoant
Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

HQ ACC, APO 394

Sec'y Gen.

Rec'd *21 Mar 1945*

By *JDS*

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(Equals British CONFIDENTIAL)

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AG 823-E
HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY, A. P. O No 464, U. S. Army

To: Headquarters ACMF (Adm Echelon) A. P. O. No 400 U. S. Army.

1. Three small timber bridges on the road, BENEVENTO to PONTELANDOLPHO were recently replaced with Class 40 steel bridges.
2. The timber bridges were originally constructed by Italian civilians. The bridges were of the A frame type using stringers fabricated by clamping and bolting 3 railroad rails together. While the design may have been adequate, the construction of these bridges was very poor, and due to unsatisfactory foundations, it is doubtful if they exceeded Class 18.
3. With reference to the "waste of valuable materials", one bridge is still intact, with the exception of the flooring. The remainder of the railroad rail from the other two bridges is on the site and can be salvaged. The flooring and timber frame material has been removed by unknown parties.
4. Prior to replacing these bridges, officers of the 92nd Engineer General Service Regiment contacted the engineer who designed the bridges in an attempt to determine their designed capacity. While the military necessity of replacing these bridges is regretted, the plans of the bridges placed by the Italians were never submitted for the approval of the Engineer, Fifth Army.

For the Army Commander:

HQ AGC, APO 394

Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 21 Mar 1945
By *[Signature]*

CHARLES N. BOURKE,
1st Lt., A. G. D.
Asst Adjutant General.

17 MAR 1944

Sgt. Murphy,

Please see if you can locate other letters with reference to attached. The whole "batch" should be clipped together and placed in "TF". It is important that we keep Col. Jenny informed of any future developments.

Sgt. Edmiston

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17 Mar 44

NOTE:

Colonel Jenny, Public Works and Utilities Sub-
 Commission, wishes to be informed of any further
 developments--correspondence, letters to Marshal
 Badoglio, etc.--in regard to attached letter.
 Any documents sent to Colonel Jenny should go through
 Economics Section.

Sgt. Edmiston

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cc/2/114

29 Feb

To Hq. #3 Dist

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ltr. fr. Bad.
No. 566

25 Feb

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Answer to Marshal?

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ans. from 3 Dist?

No

Capt. Washer - Score Sec
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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY
of
PUBLIC WORKS

File No. 243/1

SUBJECT:

Salerno 24/2 1944

To Colonel Jenny
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Director of Public Works

= NAPLES =

Response to letter of
Div. _____ Sec. _____ No. _____

Dear Colonel:

It is my duty to report to you what I have personally noted in the province of Benevento in relations with the Allies, hoping that the misunderstandings that I am going to mention may in the future be eliminated, for the better interest of the reconstruction work that is the purpose of the Allied and our efforts.

1) On the Benevento - Campobasso highway the Benevento Genio Civile had reconstructed with admirable speed several bridges, with steel and timber supports, assuring the traffic of any type of vehicles, even those of heavy loads, as requested by the Allied Authorities to said Genio Civile, Benevento Office.

A few days ago Allied Engineers started, in various sections of this road, and particularly on the Benevento - Pragneto section, to cut the steel supports of such bridges with oxygen lamps, substituting the bridges themselves with steel bridges (Bailey) in order to take care of heavier loads than those previously indicated.

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322 In such cases the Genio Civile would like to be informed in advance, even only a few hours in advance, so that they could take care, with the necessary speed, of the demolition of the bridges, salvaging the materials to be used later on when the bridges (steel) are removed.

2) Benevento has been severely damaged, to such an extent that of a population of 30,000, 17,000 people are deprived of their houses and some live with other people in buildings not damaged; having made compulsory such cohabitation. For the others we were constructing 150 lumber huts to take care of about 400 families.

This week the Allied Authorities have taken over the materials for these 150 huts for their own use, placing the

Communal administration in difficulty in their dealings with the homeless people.

We would appreciate better comprehension of the needs of the population such as in Benevento, cruelly touched by the war, as the Allies know very well.

3) Together with Major Wilson, of the Allied Control Commission, we have visited, during the early part of February, several brick factories in Apuglia and in Benevento, paying a special visit to the most important among such factories the firm of Montaldo & Pontini at Lucera and Pantorri at Benevento; in order to establish their needs of materials so that we may know their production capacity to take care of reconstruction work. In the last few days, such factories have been put under the complete control of the Allied authorities, who do not allow shipment of a single brick. Always having in mind the reconstruction work we would like to know what percentage of the products of such factories can be allocated to reconstruction works in the damaged cities.

Referring to indemnities payable to the owners of factories, we would like to have a regular checking made of materials taken over by the Allies and prompt payments made, in order to give the factories the financial means to carry on their activities.

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- a) at Benevento during the current week they have demolished and removed the marble railing of the monument to Pope Greini.
- b) they have removed Vesuvius stone-blocks from the city pavements.
- c) have removed stone already in place for the reconstruction of roads, the reconstruction of which had been requested by the Allies as necessary to the traffic of their heavy vehicles.
- d) have removed travertini (special stones in large blocks) from the sidewalks of bridges.

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e) have removed the transmission belts of the Fantoni Bricks factory.

Such belts were recovered by the Allied MP's that followed the truck in which such belts were being taken away, and obtained their restitution.

Such appropriations of materials are usually made by a few soldiers having at their disposal trucks, who have apparently received instructions to secure some materials and take the same where they find it, without giving a thought to the damage they are doing.

We will appreciate if you could issue strict instructions stopping such appropriations, which, if continued and increased, will make it impossible to carry on any reconstruction work.

Respectfully yours,

The Minister,

RAFFAËLE DE CARO

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT

Handwritten: General *Elmer*

Feb. 23, 1944.

File No. 366

TO GENERAL NOEL MASON MACFARLANE

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

AS LIES

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Agreed on the urgent improvised emergencies of war, but why not notify ahead of time our Civil Engineers regarding prompt demolition, in order to avoid that such valuable material be uselessly lost? Only a few hours were needed, because on the day on which your steel bridges will be taken away, we will have to do the same work over with new material.

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The damage of such looting, apart from the destruction of works of art, is obvious; not only are we not given any receipts, necessary for accounting, but the gain of time of a few men turns into grave harm to other important undertakings in course.

Very cordially.

Signed BAUCULLIO

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IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

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In questa settimana un vostro Comando ha prelevato tutte le 190 baracche: il problema dei senza tetto torna così in alto mare con gravi preoccupazioni di quella amministrazione comunale.

Una maggiore comprensione delle necessità delle popolazioni duramente provate sarebbe stata gradita.

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C)- Da alcuni giorni vi sono fabbriche di laterizia - Montaldo e Fontini di Lucera, Fantozzi di Benevento ed altre - completamente bloccate dai vostro organi: non è consentito il prelevamento di un solo mattone.

Bisognerebbe venisse sollecitamente stabilito quale quota di produzione Gli Alleati vogliono riservarsi e quale è libera per le ricostruzioni.

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