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Request for information regarding Sicily

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Reply

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Attached questionnaire.

Acting Secretary, Allied Intelligence
Committee.

1st December 9

Replies to the questions, as requested in your memo of
29th November, are appended.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC.

No.1.

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conversation with local inhabitants of Sicily, I have been
informed that they have expectations in this regard.

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R. G. B. Spicer, Lt. Colonel.
Subcommission for Interior.

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1st. December 1943.

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LT Col SpicerLocal & Economic

1. Many Sicilians have relatives & connections in America. I have heard it expressed in one or two quarters that people are looking forward to the time when they can get away to America. This has not been in official contacts but from private sources.

It would appear

2. Would it not be more appropriate to have Public Works & Utilities to answer (1) & (2) & Public Health to answer (3)

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W. J. BarkerCapt.FOR Section

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A. J. Barker
 Capt.

FAR Section

30 Nov 43

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11. Since writing the above, the situation regarding grain shipments has been clarified. It is estimated that sufficient flour will be forthcoming which, together with local production will provide a daily ration of bread of 150 grams until May. This ration is still very low. ~~Therefore~~ I propose not to amend the above pertaining to relief measures.

A. J. Barker

1 Dec 1943

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urgentCapt. Parker

You must do your best in Lt. Col. Hagg's
absence to answer these questions - although
personally I do not consider they are within the sphere
of your F. A. R. Section -

2. Answer to Question 1 is :-

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A. N. M. M.
Lt. Col.

Nov. 30. 1967.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

29 November 1943

SUBJECT: Attached questionnaire

TO : Acting Chief, Interior Sub-Commission
" " Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission
" " Public Utilities Sub-Commission
" " Finance Sub-Commission
" " Mining Sub-Commission

1. The attached questionnaire has been forwarded to the Chief of Staff, A.M.G., by M.G.S., A.P.H.Q., for appropriate action.

2. You are directed to reply to questions marked in red, and forward same to Allied Intelligence Committee, Room 59, A.M.G., Hq., by 1700 hours, Friday, 3 December 1943.

3. Comment is invited but not required, on unmarked questions.

By command of Brigadier General McSHERRY:

John V. Hinkel
JOHN V. HINKEL
Major, M.I.,
Acting Secretary, Allied
Intelligence Committee

Incl.

Questions relating to Political, Social and Economic forces
in Sicily and South Italy. 12/1

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Social and Economic.

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3. When the latifondi are broken up, would some form of co-operative farming among peasant owners be desirable, e.g. a Co-Operative Society for purchase of machinery, seeds, fertilisers etc: and for the sale of produce?
4. Is there a strong movement for (a) State ownership of land or (b) Co-Operative Society ownership or (c) Peasant ownership?
5. Have any new industries taken root in Sicily or South Italy during the last seven years or as a result of the war?
6. Has electrification made any progress in Sicily or South Italy during the last seven years?
7. What are the conditions of the Sulphur Industry as regards (a) output, (b) conditions of labour?
8. Is there any evidence of the economic effects of Allied occupation (e.g. has the fruit juice industry been encouraged)?

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9. Are there signs of a wish to establish regular trade unions among (1) agricultural, (2) industrial workers ?

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