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SUBJECT : Removal of Industrial Plant
 German Provision of Coal for Industry
 Todt Organisation
 Industry Situation in Bolzano Province

TO : Distribution Below

Attached for information, notes on a visit by the Acting Director of this Sub-Commission to Bolzano Province. The reports mentioned therein are too voluminous for inclusion, but may be inspected if desired.

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3. During the afternoon of Friday, 18 May 1945, I was accompanied by von Reichel and his assistant, 1st Lt. Sment (who was formerly secretary to the German Embassy in Italy) to the Headquarters of R.O.G.E.S. (Rohstoff-Handels Gesellschaft m.b.H.) at St. Ulrich, where I interviewed a number of the officials of this concern. Separate reports are attached.

4. During the course of the day I also interrogated two officials of the Organisation Todt; Regierungsrat Wagner, who is head of the OT Regiment, Bolzano, and his assistant, Herr Kehr. Report is attached.

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6. On Saturday, 19 May 1945, I made the journey to Cortina d'Ampezzo to the Headquarters of the German 10th Army. I had been given the name of Lt. Forstreuther, 10 ACK 10, of 10th Army. This officer was alleged to be well-informed on matters of production by Italian firms for the German Armed Forces. The journey to Cortina d'Ampezzo and back involved a trip of 200 Kms. over mountain roads and turned out to be hardly worthwhile, as Lt. Forstreuther had acted in much the same capacity as a British Local Purchase and Production Officer of the Ordnance Services, and had merely purchased and paid for items necessary for the German Armed Forces by way of ordinary contract. Conversation with this officer, however, elicited the interesting fact that the contracts placed in Italy by the German Army went through ordinary commercial procedure. In other words, ^{90%} German, Austrian, French and Italian firms were requested to tender and the cheapest price, quality considered, got the order. Payment was made on a gold basis. Lt. Forstreuther stated, when I expressed some surprise that the hydro-electric stations and manufacturing plants had escaped destruction in the North, that the policy of Reichsminister Speer was to leave Italy in as good a position industrial-ly as was possible. Naturally the Minister might have

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Tarchi had interceded in vain with Rahn, the German Ambassador in Italy, on many occasions where German destruction of industrial capacity was contemplated.

7. Attached for information is a list of German superior officers and their formations in Italy, together with a list of telephone numbers which may possibly be of interest. The telephone exchange of the German Army Group "C" is "Lichtenfels". Attached also is a note of the locations of the 3rd German Army Group provided for me by Major Hothorn, who is personal assistant to Lt.Gen. Holfeld. Major Hothorn is probably the "Dr. Hothop" referred to in the first paragraph of this letter, and knows nothing of industrial matters.

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10 Army Genl. - Herr
14 " " - Lenelson
Ligurien-Marshal Graziani
C. of S. - Genl. Pensele
I. Fallsch Corps. - Genl. Heidrich
L. I. Gen. A. K. - Genl. Hanck
XVI Pz. Corps. - Genl. Senger v. Etterlein
L. XXVI Pz. Corps. - Lt. Genl. Graffen
Lombardia Corps. - Genl. Jahn
L. XXIII A Corps. - Genl. Bockle
C. in C. Prealpine Zone of Ops. - Genl. Schmidt-Hartung
Prealpine HQ. - Genl. Jordan
Genl. Plenipotentiary German Forces in Italy - SS Genl. Wolff
L. XXV A Corps. Genl. Schlemmer.

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ARMY GROUP "C" HEADQUARTERS

LEGION SWITCHBOARD (Controls Bolzano Area) 3471

AIG

- Colonel McBratney Liaison 29
- M/Sgt Shanzer (Clerks) Legion 50
- Albergo Centrale (Bille)

AIR OPERATIONS

Operations Office

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Air O.P.

REGIONAL PREFECT

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Report G, from Lt. Col. W. J. Masarey - 22 May 1945

R.O.G.E.S. (Rohstoff-Handels Gesellschaft m.b.H.)

GESCHAFTSTELLE ITALIEN

I visited the Alpenverland Headquarters of R.O.G.E.S. at St. Ulrich, North East of Bolzano, on Saturday, 19 May 45, in company of Major von Reichel and 1st Lt. Suent, where I interviewed the heads of the various departments (six in all). The object of my visit was to obtain information as to the transfer of complete and partial industrial installations from Italy to Germany. Attached is a first list of such transfers; others I have instructed the German Officials to forward through the Regional Commissioner Bolzano. Attached to the list is a note of the status of the transfer of industrial plants from Italy to Germany as of 28 Feb. 45, from which it will be noted that the value in Italian currency of the transferred plants is Lit. 28,125,073,990.50. I was informed that these transfers were correctly carried out as an ordinary business transaction.

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Report H., from Lt. Col. W.J. Maskey

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COAL AND COKE REPORTS FOR ITALIAN INDUSTRY:
INTERVIEW WITH ROESTOFF-HANDELSGESELLSCHAFT S.B.H.

AT ST. ULRICH ON 19 May 1945

Accompanying this report is Folder E which contains a note of the bids and allotments of imported and domestically produced industrial coal and coke for January 1945, a note of the German/Italian organization of coal distribution, a list of allotments of coal with indication of the German firms making the deliveries; these covering the months from August 1944 to March 1945 inclusive. Also included is a note on the mining of Italian coal.

The officer of R.O.C.E.S. concerned with coal importation into Italy is Lt. Lange, Reichsbeauftragter fuer Koehle. This officer was formerly employed by the important German coal concern BLEIGER, Berlin. The chief of the German organization for coal distribution in Italy is Herr Wunderlich, who is located in Milan. The officer concerned with the bidding on German sources for coal for Italian industry was Herr Franz Kossak who was previously located in Salzburg and who is now apparently living with his wife and family at Landegg, just over the Italian/Austrian border. I would have visited Herr Kossak had it been possible to get air clearance from 5 Army in the short time at my disposal. Herr Kossak was previously with the Rheinische-Westfaelische Kohlenindustrie, Essen. The bids for coal for Italian industry were received at the Bleiger coal concern in Berlin, Herr Bleiger being head of the allocating committee. The Italian organization collecting coal bids for presentation to the Germans was the Ministero dell'Economia (or Ministero delle Corporazioni). The Ministero had the duty of receiving demands from consumers of coal for the whole of the Italian industry. These demands were made at three-monthly intervals by the estatal Unione Industriale, who were also concerned with distribution of the coal on arrival. The bids for the three-monthly quantities were collected by the Unione Industriale and passed through the German channels mentioned above. Certain industries received priority for hard Upper Silesian and Ruhr coal; these included foundries and metallurgical industries and cement plants. Coke came from Lower Silesia, from Westphalia and from Ostrava Morava. The local distributing organization for (inter alia) Bolzano was the Monopoli Carboni at Verona. The Gruppo Carboni Milano, via Naviglio 2, Milan, should have in their records particulars of requirements and distribution for the whole of Northern Italy.

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It was explained to me by Lt. Lange that Italian requirements of coal are never fully met and this for a number of reasons. For instance, the bids for January 1945 totalled 500,000 tons, which included coke, and coal of Italian domestic production. The deliver-

ios of German coal totalled only 81,000 tons as against a demand of 850,000 tons. The figures below are self-explanatory :

	GERMAN COAL	ITALIAN COAL	COKE
Demand, January 1940	350,000	70,000	88,000 t.
Allotted	160,000	31,000	48,000 t.
Delivered	81,000	17,200	58,000 t. +

+ This increase to help coal situation as coke stocks had accumulated in Germany.

The status of coal when in transit from Germany to Italy was clearly defined. Frequently Allied bombings destroyed train-loads of coal and in such cases, the Army, the State Railways or other concerns holding high priorities, would intercept and divert coal on rail. It was not permitted, however, for any organization to divert Army or Railway coal, but coal for German civilian needs or for Italian Industrial or civil needs could be and often was intercepted and diverted for other purposes. When coal entered Italy and was stockpiled for distribution, this was done on the German-controlled portion of the Railway Line Brenner/Bozno.

I spoke also with Doktor Neuch, R.C.B.D. finance officer, who had been 'despatched' from the office in Milan to supervise the book-keeping in Bolzano. He had, however, little to tell me of industrial interest.

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RUSTUNG UND KRIEGSPRODUKTION

The information below was obtained by me from

- a) Maj. von Reichel, head of the Ruestungskommando, Bolzano, and
- b) from his assistant, 1st Lt. Dr. Saent, attached to the Ruestungskommando, Bolzano, formerly secretary to Eahn, the German Ambassador. These two officers may be contacted through the Headquarters of German Army Group C, Bolzano, and can be reached on the German "Lichtenfels" telephone exchange. Saent lives at the Villa Erika, Bolzano. The Ruestungskommando, Bolzano, under von Reichel, controlled 91 factories in the provinces of Bolzano, Trento and Belluno. Von Reichel is a particularly well informed and intelligent officer of Austrian origin. He speaks, however, no English. The 91 factories were those suitable for production of weapons, munitions of war and engineering supplies necessary to the German Army. In seventeen of these factories and in tunnels in the mountainsides are concentrated about 4,000 machine tools of which von Reichel stated that about 3,000 are not single-purpose machines and could therefore be used for production of civilian goods. These machines had been removed from plants damaged by air bombardment or had been brought to Bolzano for safety from air attack. One of the most important of these plants is that of the I.M.I. in the tunnel at Virgolo/Frangert which manufactures ball bearings. Von Reichel states that this plant can produce sufficient ball bearings for the whole of the present Italian reduced consumption. This plant is still working under German Army direction. Another small plant visited by the writer in company with von Reichel is that of the Italian firm Mediterranea-Gomma, whose head office is in Milan. This small tyre regeneration plant is still working under the German Army and is situated near the village of S. Pietro, a few kilometres from St. Ulrich. A fair stock of German Army and Italian civilian tyres exist in this plant which is run by a German engineer with Italian civilian personnel. They have enough raw materials for a further 6 to 8 weeks work. A sample of the vulcanized cotton used at the plant for tyre repair accompanies this report. The building in which the retreading machinery from Milan has been installed is an old factory purchased some years ago by the Montecatini combine but for some reason never used by them.

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to their homes and families and a decision must immediately be reached as to whether the plants should continue to operate where they are, or whether the machinery and workpeople to be returned. Electric power is available in Bolzano in abundance; sufficient coal is on hand for three months' work. This coal consists of the following:

Hard Coal ex Upper Silesia	5630 tons
Coke ex Ostrowa-Morewa	4210 "
Brown Coal Briquettes (Mattonelli di	380 "
Lignite for domestic use)	60 "
Anthracite from the Ruhr	40 "
Lignite, Italian origin	
Cardiff Coal recovered from a sunken	
steamer in Bence harbour (needs washing;	3000 "
probably about 1000 tons useable)	
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	14320 tons

Accompanying this report and marked A is a statement of machinery.

B is a list of materials in stock under the control of the RUK organisation, Bolzano, including a list of rail wagons with their numbers and locations and contents.

C is an aide memoire on the status of the 17 plants transferred to the Bolzano district.

D is a list of the 91 plants under the control of the RUK organisation, Bolzano.

E is a statement on the industry situation in Bolzano, with particulars of numbers of workpeople employed.

F is a statement of Coal and Coke requirements and distribution in Bolzano Region.

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ORGANIZATION TODT

The information contained in this report was obtained on 13 May 45 from the following officers of the Organization:

- a. Regierrungsrat Wagner, Head of the Todt organization in Bolzano.
- b. Herr Kehr, of the Finance Department of the Todt organization, who was previously employed by the Dresdner Bank at Frankfurt a/M.

The organization Todt, as is of course well known, concerns itself with the building of roads and fortifications and with any other construction work found necessary by the German armed forces. The headquarters of Wagner is 1 Einsatzgruppe, at Cortina, N.E. of Bolzano, and his organization covered the whole of Northern Italy, and part of Austria, from Landegg to Klagenfurt. Wagner is at present running an office in Bolzano at Runkelsteinerstr. 14. His telephone address is Standort OT Organization, Todt Regt. 40. The organization is divided into 19 groups, the chiefs of which are officers loaned by the Army.

The Todt organization recruited volunteer Italian labour and Wagner assured me that compulsion was never used in Italy.

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TO : A.M.G., Bolzano.

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gez. Albert Kehl

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