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Folio	DATE	REF.	FROM / TO
49	14 Aug	266/HQ	From CSO
50.	4 Sept.	CP/DAC/ca.	From SCAO. Palermo.
51. 2.	8 Sept	Notes from	Capt Peebles
53	7 Sept.	5036.	Letter to CSO from Col Pollett
49	14 Aug	266/CS	From CSO
50	7 Sept		
51.	9 Sept.	5036/CS.	From Col Pollett
52	4 Sept.	5036/CS	to SCAO. Trapani request reply
53. 30	7 Sept.	CP/Print/Inf.	From CSO To 2nd Tactical
60. 64	9 "	" " /ev.	" "
65. 67	8 "	15AG/2611/RE.	" Chief Eng. 15 Army Group
68. 69.	27 Aug	5036/CS.	From Società Industriale
70. 72	9 Sept.	5036/CS.	" Instituto Della Previdenza Sociale
73.	10 Sept	2611/RE	From Chief Eng 15 Army Group
74.	13 Sept.	5036/CS.	to Ditta Fiotta Palermo.
75. 79	14 Sept.	5036/CS.	From SCAO Palermo To 2nd Tactical
80.	15 Sept.	5036/CS.	To DDCSVR from Col. Demarec
81.	rec. 15 Sept.	5036/CS. (263HQ)	Extract
82-88	13 Sept.	5036/CS.	From SCAO Palermo To 2ND Tactical
89	16 "	5036/CS	From C.O. Island Broadcasting
90.	16 Sept.	Cable. 24Q.	To 15 Army Group
91.	17 Sept.	5036/CS.	From SCAO. Palermo 789
92	12 Sept.	CAT/18/CSD.	From SCAO Catania
93	15 Sept.	5036/CS. (Copy to Sicut)	From Col Dem. S.
94.	17 Sept.	5036/CS " " "	From CSO. To Società Industriale Elettrica Della Sicilia
95.	undated rec. 29 Sept.	(Note)	
96. 97	20 Aug rec. 20 Sept.		From Capt Peebles
98	19 Sept.	5036/CS.	To CE 15 Army Group.
99-110	23 "	10050/TCU.	From ENGINEER Sect HQ 1BS
111-124	7 Sept to Oct 1	10050	— Re Renzaria Trapani
125	24 Sept.	10050	To SCAO Catania

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~~70-72~~	~~9 Sept.~~	~~5036/CS~~	Institute Della Prevendenza Sociale
73.	10 Sept	2611/RE	from Chief Eng. 15 Army Group.
74.	13 Sept.	5036/CS.	to Ditta Fiotta Palermo.
~~75-79~~	~~14 Sept~~	~~5036/CS~~	~~from SCAO Palermo To 2nd Tactical~~
80.	15 Sept.	5036/CS.	To DDCS&R. from Col. Demmore.
81.	rec'd 15 Sept.	5036/CS (263HQ)	Extract.
~~82-88~~	~~13 Sept.~~	~~5036/CS.~~	~~To SCAO Palermo. To 2ND Tactical~~
89	16 "	5036/CS	To C.O. Salvatore Bonfiglio
90.	16 Sept.	Cable. 2449.	To. 15 Army Group
91.	17 Sept.	5036/CS.	from SCAO Palermo 789
92.	12 Sept	CAT/18/CSD.	from SCAO Catania
93	15 Sept.	5036/CS. (Copy to 5144)	from Col Dems.
94.	17 Sept	5036/CS " " "	from CSO. To Societa Fiumarella Elettrica Della Sicilia
95.	undated rec'd 19 Sept.	(Note)	
96. 97.	3 Aug. rec'd 2 Sept.		from Capt Peebles
98	19 Sept.	5036/CS.	To CE 15 Army Group.
99-110	23 "	10050/TCU.	from ENGINEER Sect HQ 1BS
111-124	25 Sept to Oct-1	10050	— Re Lercara Friddi
125	26 Sept.	10050	To SCAO Catania
126	15 Oct.	10050	To CAO Lercara Friddi

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1.	5036/CS.	20 Aug.	To Gen Elettrica Palermo. Request for Elec. Power
2-4	Transferred to 5072	19 "	From Società Anonima Imprese Elettriche Molinaggio
5.	—	24 "	Memo to Legal Div
6-A	Transferred.	25 "	To File 5072/CS.
7. A.	—	20 "	DISR. from CLO Elec Co (Palermo)
8.	—	26 "	To Gen Elec Coll Sicilia. Request for Elec Power
9. C	—	26 "	To CFO from Gl Sutty. Concerning of Power
10	15AG/47/CA.	25 "	To Various Officers from Gl Sutty (Water Supply).
11.	266/HQ	28 "	From Lt Col. McCaffrey SCAO. Electric Supply
12	—	29 "	To SCAO (Augusto) Memo re. Electric Sup
13. 14.	—	28 "	To Signal Corps. arrangement for Power
15	—	29 "	To CSO. Enclosure for Action
16-18	CP/MFN/nr.	27 "	To Lt. McGuire Request for Elec. Power
19.	Italian Copy. of.		No 12. Co Pedatt. dei Pantini Piazza Porta Palermo
20	CP/CB/ac	27 "	Pollett C.S.O Electric Energy
21.	—	30 "	To Egregio Sig Zava Electric Stazione
22.	—	28 Aug.	From HQ 6625 Grup Eng operation of Stazione Power Part
23	—	1 Sept.	To Capt Puffer Elect Sup. for Distribution from
24	CP/DAB/cb.	31 Aug.	From Col Pollett to CSO. Electric Energy
25. 26.	CP/GOS.	1 Sept.	To CSO from Col Pollett Electric Sup Palermo
27. 28.	208/HQ	2 Sept	From Capt Dawes Electricity
29-32.	15AG/26N/RE.	2nd	From Chief Engineer Copy Letter re Electricity Supply 15 Army Group
33.	CP/OSB/cb	31 Aug.	Memo from Col Pollett — Electricity for Hospitals
34	CP/DAB/cb.	1 Sept.	From Col Pollett Electricity re Signor Curatolo
35 36.	CP/DAB/rv.	2 "	From Col Pollett. Copy Letter
37	5036/CS	1st	Memo To Capt Puffer.
38. 39.	15AG/47/CA.	25 Aug.	To AMGOT. from Col McCaffrey SCAO
40 41.	5036	30 Aug	from Bolognetta

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12	—	29 "	To Signor Lava. for Power
13. 14.	—	28 "	To. CSO. Enclosure for Station
15	—	29 "	To. Lt. McGuire Request for Elec. Power
16 - 18	CP / MFN / mr.	27 "	To. CSO. Pompa Porto Palermo
19.	Italian Copy of	No 12.	779
20	CP/CB/ec	27 "	Poletti C.S.O Electric Energy
21.	—	30 "	To Egregio. Sig Lava Electric Station
22.	—	28 Aug.	From HQ 6/25 Gray Eng Thermal Power Plant
23	—	1 Sept.	To Capt Peffer Elect Sup. for Distribution
24	CP/DAB/cb.	31 Aug.	From Col Poletti To CSO. Electric Energy
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40 41.	5036	30 Aug	From Bolognetta
42	5036	4 Sept	To Telegrafonica Scoglione
43	5036	4 "	To Enrico Costa
44.	5036	28 Aug.	From S CAO. Messina
45	5036	6 Sept.	To Camp Commandant Capt Hamina
46.	5036	6 "	To SCAO Palermo
47.	5036.	6 "	To SCAO. Messina
48.	5036	6 "	To SCAO Trapani

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15/A 6/2630/RE From 15th Army Gp. Aug 14

Notes on Conference Engineers Sect. No 20-21

From Fld Pol. 27 Aug. No 33

Re Prisoner of War release

To 15 Army Gp. 16 Sept.
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Rates for Electric Service.

USCE/10050/MCU

Illumination Drago - Lorcara Friddi.

15 October 3

1. The following is entered regarding financial arrangements between Illumination Drago, S.C.S.S., and the Ferrara Sulfur Mine.

a. Drago Co. collect past due and current bills from its customers.

b. Drago Co. pay General Electric Co. the amount due for delivered current under contract.

c. Drago Co. pay the Ferrara Co. for current furnished its system at rates set forth in the Drago - G.E. contract.

d. The Ferrara Co. pay AMGOT for fuel furnished.

e. The Commune to pay the Ferrara Co. an amount to cover cost of electric production of the Ferrara Co. less the amount the Ferrara Co. receives from the Drago Co.

For the Director Transportation, Communication & Utilities.

CPB/MDG.

CLAIR P. BOGGAN,
Major, C.E.,
Utilities Officer.

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Copy sent to
CAO Lorcara Friddi

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AMGOT/10050/TCU

Request for Information.
S.C.A.O., Catania.

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24 Sept. 43

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1. Reference is made to your letter, dated 12 Sept. requesting "documents describing the Electricity Grid System".

2. We are unable to determine just what is requested and suggest that more specific details be provided. Maps of the system can be procured from the Catania office of the electric company.

FDP/tbw
FDP. 24 Sept 43

CHARLES W. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Staff Officer.

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Electric Supply - Lercara Friddi

AMGOT/10050/AGV

S. C. A. O., Palermo.

1 October 3

1. Reference: letter 27 Sept 43, copy attached., subject: Electric Supply - Lercara Friddi.

2. It is suggested that if you are in agreement with the policy as outlined in the attached report, that the C.A.O. of Lercara Friddi be instructed to handle as recommended.

GAB/MC.

L. D. [illegible]
Lt. Col., S. C.
Director, Transportation,
Communications & Utilities.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUBJECT Electric Supply - Lercara Friddi.

TO Chief Civil Affairs Officer

FILE No. AMGOT/10050/TCU

AMGOT HQ SICILY

27 Sept. 1943

1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 31 Aug.43 to Civil Supply wherein you requested full report and recommendations with respect to the electric power situation at Lercara Friddi. Your request was the result of a report which alleged that an abusive action had been taken by the Municipal Authorities with the knowledge and approval of the C.A.O. whereby certain private interests in one power plant (Ing. Aurelio Drago) connected with the General Electric Company, has been injured at the expense of another plant belonging to a competitor (The Ferrara Sulphur Mines).

2. Investigation indicates basic facts to be:

a. Prior to Allied occupation the Commune of Lercara received electric service from a distribution system owned and operated by Ing. Aurelio Drago, hereafter called the Drago Company.

b. The Drago Company purchased power wholesale from the General Electric Co. for resale to its Lercara Customers including the Commune and was served from the G.E. grid.

c. The Ferrara Sulphur Mine, hereafter called the Ferrara Company was not involved, but had certain electric generating equipment for their own purposes.

d. On July 30 due to the fact that the service supplied by the General Electric Co. to the Drago Co., as a result of military orders was intermittent and in order to insure a continuous supply of power for the Commune and to relieve the G.E. Grid of the Lercara load, the Commune authorities with the knowledge of the C.A.O. arranged with the Ferrara Co. to place the Generating equipment of the Ferrara Co. in service, ordered the connection of the Drago Co. disconnected

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e. The Drago Co. has not collected bills due from its customers including the Commune, for June, July, August or Sept., and has not paid the General Electric Co. for June or July, and no payments have been made to the Ferrara Co. for the current it has and is supplying. The Drago Co. customers meters were read for June and July 43. Current furnished by both the General Electric Co. and the Ferrara Co. has been

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metered.

3. In view of the circumstances action of C.A.O. was commendable; his prompt action made it unnecessary for this Headquarters to arrange for the starting of the Ferrara Co. plant.

4. Recommended:

a. Drago Co. collect past due and current bills from its customers.

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e. The Commune to pay the Ferrara Co. an amount to cover cost of electric production of the Ferrara Co. less the amount the Ferrara Co. receives from the Drago Co.

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L. D. Densmore
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Lt. Col., S.C.
Chief, T.C. and U. Division

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Mr Densmore.

In the absence of the CCAO I approve the report attached and recommendations.

Your action to carry into effect please.

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Electric Supply - Lercara Friddi. AMGOT/10050/TCU

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27 Sept. 3

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MINUTE

Civil Supply. ELECTRICITY AT LERCARA-FRIDDI.

With reference to my conversation with Colonel Seitz on the 26th, I shall be glad if you will investigate a report on the supply of electric light and power at Lercara. It is alleged that an abusive action has been taken by the Municipal Authorities with the knowledge and approval of the C.A.C. whereby certain private interests in one power plant connected with the General Electric Company have been injured at the expense of another plant belonging to a competitor.

Please let me have a full report with your recommendation.

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Società Generale Elettrica della Sicilia

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Direzione Generale

Indirizzo telegrafico: Secselicen Palermo

Telefono 15000

Palermo, 2 settembre 1943
40, Via Libertà

Referenza al N° /I

L.t.Col. SEITZ
Director of Civilian Supply & Resources
PALERMO

LERCARA FRIDDI

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Premettiamo che in Lercara Friddi il nostro compito si limita a fornire l'energia, in base a un regolare contratto che prevede anche un minimo di consumo impegnativo, al Sen. Aurelio Drago il quale è proprietario della cabina di trasformazione e della rete di distribuzione, e rivende ai privati e al Comune l'energia da noi fornitagli.

L'energia trasportata attraverso le linee ad alta tensione di nostra proprietà viene consegnata alla cabina di trasformazione del Sen. Drago.

La fornitura dell'energia è avvenuta sempre regolarmente, con le riduzioni stabilite dalle Autorità anche per gli altri Comuni, e continuò così pure dopo l'occupazione. Solo tre o quattro giorni dopo questa data, per disposizione dell'ex Sindaco Avv. Pace, il quale affermava di agire in nome del Commissario Civile delle Forze Alleate, e, senza ascoltare le proteste del nostro incaricato, alcuni operai della Ditta Ferrara si arbitravano interrompere la nostra linea ad alta tensione, di entrare attraverso una finestra nella cabina di trasformazione e di manovrarne gli interruttori, e di inviare direttamente corrente, attraverso i due tronchi di linea nostra così sequestrati, dai paesi della miniera Guardafant e Ferrara

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To start from the date of these facts we don't know how the distribution took place in Lercara and what are the rapporto between the Lercara Society and Sen. Drago.

A partire dalla data di questi avvenimenti non sappiamo più come si è svolta la distribuzione a Lercara e quali sono stati i rapporti tra la Ditta Ferrara e il Sen. Drago.

Distinti saluti.

SOCIETA' GENERALE ELETTRICA DELLA SICILIA
Direzione Generale

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Ing. AURELIO DRAGO
Illuminazione Elettrica
LERCARA

Palermo [redacted] Agosto 1943

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A S.E. IL GENERALE LORD RENNEL RODD

Commissario Civile in Sicilia

Al Sig.Ten.Col.CHARLES POLETTI

Capo Degli Affari Civili in Palermo

Al Sig.SINDACO di Lercara

e per conoscenza Alla SOCIETA' GENERALE ELETTRICA DELLA SICILIA

L'azienda di distribuzione elettrica dell'Ing.Drago,rappresentato con procura ut alter ego dalla figlia sig.na Maria Drago,funziona in Lercara da circa trenta anni.Essa e' alimentata dalla fornitura ad alta tensione -20.000 v.- della Societa' Generale Elettrica della Sicilia -S.G.E.S.- che nella cabina di trasformazione dell'Ing.Drago viene trasformata alle tensioni d'uso -150/380 v.- e distribuita al Comune e ai privati utenti di luce e di forza motrice.

Fra l'ing.Aurelio Drago e la S.G.E.S. e' intervenuto nel 1937 un contratto di fornitura che scade nel 1947,alla fine del mese di luglio,salvo tacito prolungamento o rinnovo.

In vista dell'attuale deficienza di energia elettrica e di carburanti il Comando delle FF.AA. ha recentemente disposto per tutti i Comuni di questa zona occidentale delle limitazioni di consumi,alle quali non solo tutti i Comuni della Provincia,ma la stessa citta' di Palermo debbono sottostare.

Ma il Comune di Lercara spinto,come e' evidente,dalla locale Ditta Ferrara,esercente di miniere di zolfo,ha creduto di non sottoporsi,come gli altri Comuni,alle limitazioni sudette e senza chiederne permesso,ne' alla S.G.E.S. ne' all'ing.Drago,ha interrotto,con un taglio di conduttori,la fornitura della prima e immesso nella rete del secondo l'energia elettrica fornita dalla Ditta Ferrara. E tutto cio' secondo direttive dell'ex Sindaco Avv.Pace.

Si noti che questa Ditta Ferrara e' anch'essa,e per disposizioni di legge e per contratto,obbligata a fornirsi dalla S.G.E.S. e che tiene,come riserva,una sua preesistente centrale termoelettrica alla quale,in vigore di dette disposizioni,non viene fornito carburante non avendo la Ditta Ferrara diritto alla fornitura di carburante che gli veniva assegnato dall'Ufficio competente della Finanza solo fino al giorno in cui venne completata (per altra disposizione di legge) la linea elettrica ad alta tensione della S.G.E.S.

Ammesso,e non concesso, che speciali transitorie ragioni possano aver indotto la Ditta Ferrara a chiedere al Comando delle FF.AA. del carburante per azionare i suoi gruppi elettrogeni di riserva a scopo esclusivamente minerario nessuno autorizzava la stessa Ditta Ferrara (e l'ex Sindaco sig.Avv.Pace) ad estendere la eccezionale richiesta di carburante ad altri scopi e ad altre Dit-

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Ing. AURELIO DRAGO
Illuminazione Elettrica
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te assolutamente estranee alla sua attivita'.

Chiaro ci sembra che l'operato dell'ex Sindaco e della Ditta Ferrara, mentre ferisce due interessi privati -quello della S.G.E.S. e quello dell'ing Drago-, non e' giustificato da alcuna ragione di publico interesse non essendo ammissibile che si richieda al Comando delle FF.AA., in momenti cosi' difficili, un aumento di fornitura di carburante per.....creare una situazione di privilegio e un lusso di consumi elettrici ad un solo Comune.

Pertanto si rivolge viva preghiera al Comando delle FF.AA. e al nuovo Sindaco di Lercara affinche' dispongano che tutto sia rimesso nel pristino stato e cioe';

1) Sia riattaccata la rete publica e privata della Ditta Drago ai conduttori della S.G.E.S..
2) Siano restituite alla Ditta Drago le bollette di consumo dei suoi utenti, bollette che non possono venir sottratte al legittimo possessore.
3) Sia obbligato il Comune di Lercara a saldare alla Ditta Drago il suo debito a tutto Agosto 1943 per canoni mensili e per consumi extra.

Sig. Aurelio Drago

Sig. Maria [redacted]

Chinica Gaetano
p.g. Drago
Palermo

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30th August 43

The Electric Distribution Concern of Engineer Aurelio Drago - represented by regular procuration by his daughter Miss Maria Drago - is working at Lercara since about 30 years.

The Concern gets the electric current furnished at high tension = 20.000 v. = by the General Electric Society of Sicily = "S.G.E.S." = In the electric transforming cabin of Eng. Drago's concern the current gets transformed to the normal tensions of 150/260 v. and is distributed to the Commune and to private users, for lighting and propelling power.

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Between Eng. Drago and the S.G.E.S. a contract has been stipulated in 1937, for the furnishing of the current, - which will expire in 1947, at the end of July, if not tacitly prolongued, or renewed. -

In consideration of the actual Deficien-
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of electric energy and of carburetting, the Command of the Allied Forces has recently disposed consumption limitations for all the Communes of the occidental region, Palermo included.

But the Commune of Sercara - certainly instigated by the local firm Ferrara conducting sulphur mines - has not submitted to the limitations; and, without asking the permission neither of the S.G.A.S., nor of Eng. Braga, the Commune has interrupted, cutting the conductors, the furnishing of the first one, and inserted into the electric system of the second one, the electric energy furnished by the firm Ferrara, according to the directions given by the ex-syndic Avv. Pace.

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We point out that the firm Ferrara is obliged - by law and by contract - to furnish itself at the S.G.B.S. - the firm is keeping - as a reserve - a preexisting thermo-electric station, which how-

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ever will not receive carburettings, not having any right to get such, the carburetting had been assigned to the firm Ferrara by the competent Finance Office only up to the day when the electric high tension line of the S.G.E.S. was completed.

Taken for granted that special transitory reasons may have induced the firm Ferrara to ask of the Command of the Allied Army Forces, carburetting for putting into motion its electric reserve groups exclusively for mining use, nobody has authorized the firm Ferrara (nor the ex-syndic Adv. Paca) to extend the exceptional request of carburetting to other objects and to the benefit of other firms, absolutely outsiders of its own activity.

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admitted that a larger quantity of carburetting be asked of the Command of the Allied Forces, only to create a privileged situation and a larger electric consumption for one single Commune.

We therefore beg the Command of the Allied Forces, and the new Syndic of Sercara, to dispose that everything returns to its precedent state:

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24 SEP 1943
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ENGINEER SECTION, HEADQUARTERS IBS, A.P.O. 550, 23 September 1943

TO: CG Headquarters AMGOT, Sicily.

1. Attention is invited to inclosure No. 3 wherein is shown the picture of the available power supply, load requirements, and distribution plan in effect as of this date. This picture differs somewhat from that set forth in letter, 15AG/2611/RE, Sept. 8, 1943, Subject, "Sicily - Electricity, Exclusive Messina Area," ie inclosure No. 2, due to existing status repair work on plants and availability of fuel and water supply.

2. Reference, par. 1a, and par. 2, basic communication, our recommendation is that the control of the power situation in Central and Western Sicily should remain under the direction of the Island Base Area at least until Nov. 1, 1943. Reasons for this recommendation are:-

a. Extensive troop movements in Western Sicily particularly in Palermo and Termini Immerese areas require conservation and strict allocation of all power usages to insure at all times sufficient power to meet troop movement demands.

b. In view of shortage of water for hydro-generating plants which cannot be improved until rainy season water yield is obtained, these hydro sources must be conserved until at least a 60 day supply of power would be available at these hydro sources to insure continued ability to meet the army demands of this 60 day period in case steam plants were rendered inoperative due to enemy action or operating breakdown.

c. Supplies of coal for steam generating can vary from day to day dependent on total availability of coal for army uses, ie railroad, etc., and this exact picture is known only to the army.

3. On or about Nov. 1, a survey of conditions existing at that time can be made which will reveal whether or not it seems advisable for the army to relinquish control of the power system.

For the Commanding Officer:

J.T. Bonsteel

W.T. BONSTEEL
Col., A.G.D.
Adjutant General.

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Status of Electric Power and Supply in Central and Western Sicily, 23 Sept. 1943

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HEADQUARTERS AMGOT
15 Army Group
Sicily

In reply refer to: AMGOT/5036/CE - 120

16 September 1943

SUBJECT: Sicily - Electricity

TO : Commanding Officer, Island Base Section

1. Reference is made to:

a. Letter 2611 RE HQ 15 AG, CMF, Sept. 10, 1943, above subject, copy attached as inclosure number 1.

b. Letter 15AG/2611/RE, Sept. 8, 1943, Subject, "Sicily - Electricity, Exclusive Messina Area," copy attached as inclosure number 2.

2. In connection with reference 1 a, in view of jurisdiction and operations of your command in this matter a statement as to requirements and status of rehabilitation in your area would be most helpful.

3. It is desirable to submit such information as is available along with our thoughts in the matter to CE 15 AG.

For the Commanding General:

R. Ruth Smith Lt.Col.

for CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer

Incl. No. 1 - Copy letter 10 Sept.
" " 2 - Copy letter 8 Sept.

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Authority NND 785021
By NARS, Date 8/27/03

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Subject:- SICILY - Electricity.

HQ. 15 Army Group, C.M.F.

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AMGOT, 15 Army Group

2611/RE

10 Sep. 43

1. Further to my 15AG/2611/RE of 8 Sep. It is estimated that all work essential for military purposes, including the CARLENTINI - SORTINO 40 kv line, will be finished by 1st Oct. and it is suggested that this would be a suitable date for you to take over the Electrical Services of the Island.

2. May I have your views on this matter.

/s/ ? ? ?
Brigadier,
Chief Engineer,
15 Army Group

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Subject: SICILY - ELECTRICITY. Exclusive MESSINA Area.

To : Q Maintenance.
Portbase for O.K.
AMGOT
The Engineer, 7th Army

15AG/2611/SE.
8 Sept. 1943.

Report on Situation 30 August 1943.

1. The electricity situation on the Island is reasonably good, although the Thermal stations are in bad repair and water for Hydro stations is short, very little damage has been done by the Battle and no serious sabotage has been carried out.

2. The Electric Power in SICILY is provided in the main by Hydro Stations supplemented by Thermals in the summer months, all stations being connected to an adequate grid. The main stations are shown in attached Appendix "A" which gives installed capacity, present max available, and anticipated max output, both the max figures are in kilowatts on a 24 hour basis, max demands of up to 1½ times the figures can be met in most cases. As well as the stations shown there are a considerable number of small diesel stations 400 to 1000 HP used for purely individual or local supplies; most of these are working.

3. The Grid (see map attached) (with these) may be taken as being divided into an Eastern and Western network connecting by a 70 KV line. This line is in good repair at the western end but has been badly damaged at the eastern end. The eastern network has a 40 KV line joining up subsidiary 20 and 10 KV lines, this system is partially operating at present and repair necessary to serve military requirements will be complete by 15th Sept. 1943. The Western network uses the 70 KV line as its backbone with subsidiary 20 and 10 KV lines as in the east. The main line is in working order as far east as CALTANISSETTA and all subsidiary lines are working east to ENNA.

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4. The main 70 KV line is badly damaged at the CATANIA end. It also fouls the DARUSSA Airfield and deviation here may be necessary. The only use of the eastern end of this line is to connect East and West. The time required to put the 70 KV line in order including deviation is estimated as at least 3 months, by this time the Hydro stations will be giving an increased output and the necessity for the line will be correspondingly reduced.

5. It will be seen from Appendix "A" that there is at present 3,500 KW available in the East and 3,270 KW in the West exclusive of Thermal stations and complete distribution of this power should be available by 15th Sept. 1943. It is not possible at present to estimate the essential military and civil demands but it is considered that when the grid has been repaired and the load factor improved (see a and c, para 7) that the Hydro supply will be able to meet all immediate requirements and that the increase in power due to rain will be able to cope with the inevitable increase in civil demand until by November the full normal supply will be in operation. It is possible that the supply in the East may decrease slightly before rain, if this is so some of the load at the western end of this sector CROTTACALDA, CALTANISSETTA, can be fed from the East through the 40 KV and 20 KV line via VIZZINI. This extra load can be supplied by CATANIA which is being held in reserve. The civil

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demand will increase as things become more normal. This fortunately can be met by the increase in output given by improved water supply through September and October reaching a surplus of power in December.

6. The present load factor is very bad there being practically no night demand.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS:

(a) Repair work on local H.T. network for essential military supplies is in hand. This should be pushed forward with all speed. The repair of non-essential lines for civilian use including the 70 KV line from CATANIA to the West is assumed an AMGOT responsibility. In order to assist, C.E. Forthase will carry out a survey of the 70 KV line from CATANIA to GROTTACALDA and prepare a list for AMGOT of all materials required. Demands for stores which are not available to AMGOT through civilian sources should be submitted to C.E. 15 Army Group as soon as possible.

(b) CATANIA station to be held in reserve to give a maximum of 2,000 KW per 24 hours. One month coal supply at 50 tons per day should be held in stock.

(c) Every effort should be made toimprove the present load factor. Most of the Hydro stations are without reservoirs, consequently water at night is running to waste. The civilian use of power for irrigation and other purposes could be greatly increased by night pumping. This will necessitate central control of power distribution by military authority. It is understood that this is being arranged by AMGOT.

(d) That AMGOT investigate the repair of CATANIA and PALERMO Thermal stations as purely a civil requirement for the rehabilitation of SICILY.

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BRIGADIER,
Chief Engineer,
15 Army Group.

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APPENDIX "A"

SICILY MAIN POWER STATIONS - EAST SECTION

Station	Type	Installed KW	Max Estimated output KW	Present output KW	Estimated output by Sep 30 KW	Remarks
CATANIA	Steam	26,000	14,000	2,000	2,000	Station in bad repair, should only be used as standby
ALCANTARA 1	"	4,600	3,400		2,000	In good condition, supply
ALCANTARA 2	"	4,800	4,300	2,500	3,000	waiting for rain.
ACI CASTELLO	"	2,000	1,500	400	800	In good condition, privately o and using irrigation water.
CASSIBILE		8,200	6,000	600	2,000	- ditto, simply waiting for ra
Totals, exclusive CATANIA			15,200	3,500	7,800	Maximum will be reached in De

MAIN POWER STATIONS - WEST

PALERMO	Steam	12,500	10,000	2,000	2,000	Plant in bad condition and damaged by Air raid. Major repairs and materials require
PORTO EMPEDOCLE	"	10,000	3,000	Nil	Nil	Badly damaged by Air raid and in bad repair. Should not be taken into account.
TRAPANI	Diesel	950	450	Nil	450	In good condition, switch gea damaged, repair in hand.
ALTO BELICE	Hydro	7,350	4,900	2,500	3,000	In good condition, reservoir f
SAN CARLO	"	10,450	7,500	1,770	3,000	- dito - waiting for wat
Totals, exclusive PALERMO and PORTO EMPEDOCLE			16,450	3,270	6,450	

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4,600	3,400	2,500	2,000	In good condition, supply waiting for rain.
4,800	4,300		3,000	
2,000	1,500	400	800	In good condition, privately owned and using irrigation water.
8,200	6,000	600	2,000	- ditto, simply waiting for rain.
	15,200	3,500	7,800	Maximum will be reached in Dec.

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950	450	Nil	450	In good condition, switch gear damaged, repair in hand.
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HEADQUARTERS ISLAND BASE SECTION
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER
A.P.O. 550

23 September 1943

Status Electric Power Supply in Central and Western Sicily, as of 22 September 1943.

1. Equipment:- All generators 3 phase, 50 cycle, 70% P.F.

A. Steam turbine plants--10,500 volt.

Location	No. Units	Installed Capacity k.w.	Total Installed capacity.
Palermo	1	5,000	5,000
	1	7,500	7,500
Porto Empedocle	2	5,000	10,000
Total	4		22,500

B. Hydro Electric Plants--10,500 volts.

Location	Water Supply Source	No. Units	Size Each KW	Total Capacity KW
Casuzze	Lake Piana dei Greci	3	2,450	7,350
San Carlo	Impounded lake from Socio River	3	2,150	6,450
Favaro	Discharge from San Carlo Plant	1	1,000	1,000
Poggio Dianna	Discharge from Favora Plant	1	3,750	3,750
Total Hydro electric		8		18,550

C. Diesel Plant--3,100 volts.

Location	No. Units	Installed Capacity KW	Total Installed Cap.KW
Trapani	1	590	590
	1	350	350
Total	2	940	940

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D. Transmission system consists of a 70KV loop from San Carlo to Palermo and a single 70KV line extending East of Enna which line, East of Cavopepe is under repair, lines of 20KV interconnect smaller load centers.

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2. Status of Power Generators:

Location	No. units available	Maximum KW continuous	Remarks
Palermo	1	3,000	Limited to one boiler, capacity on completion other boiler and gen. 7,500KW
Porto Empedocle	0	0	Under repair.
Casuzze	3	3,000	Water supply limited to 20 days at this rate. Plant is to be held in reserve until 60 days storage is accumulated.
San Carlo	3	850	Output limited to these figures due to shortage of water and will remain at these outputs until rainy season permits water storage to be accumulated to handle larger loads.
Favaro	1	75	" " "
Poggio Dianna	1	300	" " "
Trapani	2	700	Limited by cooling water facilities and condition of engines.
Total (exclusive of Casuzze)	8	4,925	

Other small diesel generators supply segregated loads at Agrigento and Caltanissetta.

3. Plan of Operation:

A. Distribution of Power:

	Load Areas	Power Source	Operation Schedule	KWH/day	total KWH/day
1.	Palermo and Trapani Provinces	Palermo Steam	24 hours-continuous operation.	48,000	
		San Carlo-1 Gen.	On line 24 hrs. but delivering maximum output only to meet varing load demands	12,500	
		Trapani Diesel	" " "	16,500	77,000
	TOTAL AREA LOAD				254
2.	Caltanisetta and Enna	San Carlo 1 Gen.	12 hrs/day 0600-1800	5,000	5,000

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	Load Areas	Power Source	Operation Schedule	KWH/day	total KWH/day
3.	Agrigento-Rocalmuto	Favaro	on line 24 hrs. as requirements demand	1,500	
		Poggio Diana	" "	6,500	
	Total				8,000
	TOTAL LOAD, 7th ARMY SECTOR (ie-Sum of 1,2,3)				90,000

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SUBJECT: Sicily - Electricity.

AFHQ/3036/1a
AFHQ Ir. [illegible]
19 September 43.

TO: G.R., 15th Army Group, AFHQ

1. Reference your request, contained in letter 2611 [illegible] dated 10 Sept. 43, subject same as above, our views are presented herewith for your consideration.

2. In the premise, we believe it fundamental that responsibility for system operation should remain with E.D.C. until such time as the present backlog requests of the American Troops have been completed, estimated to be 1 Nov 43.

3. It is suggested that AFHQ Engineers confer with 15th Army Engineers at your earliest convenience, for the purpose of:

a. Presentation of available information relating to the western half of the Island, including E.D.C. recommendations.

b. Full discussion of existent contingencies and problems.

c. Preparation of an acceptable plan of procedure.

4. It is further suggested that 15th and AFHQ Engineers spend the day following the above conference, with the British 78th and 77th GHT and Partisan Engineers for the purpose of:

a. Receiving and reviewing all British technical reports and recommendations.

b. Obtaining up-to-date information relating to status of rehabilitation, material requirements, stocks available, etc.

5. It is felt that conclusive acceptable plans can be formulated after all the facts and recommendations have been presented to 15th Army Engineers.

6. We await your direction in the matter.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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2. [illegible] for system operation should remain with I.B.E. until such time as the present tactical movements of the American Troops have been completed, estimated to be 1 Nov 45.

3. It is suggested that USFET Engineers confer with 15th Army Engineers at your earliest convenience, for the purpose of:

a. Presentation of available information relating to the western half of the Island, including I.B.E. recommendations.

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c. Preparation of an acceptable plan of procedure.

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For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

CHARLES M. GRAYSON
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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AP 7/5009/CS

13 August 1943

SUBJECT: Electric Supply--Preliminary Study

TO: Lt. Colonel J.F.R. Seitz

FROM: Frank D. Peebles, 1st Lt., A.C.

1. Area discussed herein is bounded on the north by the towns of Lentini, Enna and San Carlo, on the west by San Carlo and Scicoca and extending to the coast line south and east.

2. All known generating plants, important transformer and switching stations, and high voltage transmission lines have been inspected to the extent permitted by time limitations. Pertinent factors taken into account are:-

a. Operating condition of equipment.
b. Damage from military operations.
c. Available fuel and material stocks.
d. Maximum output of generating equipment under present conditions.
e. Information obtained thru contacts with electric company employees.
f. Load requirement reduction to absolute minimum.
g. Segregation of network into isolated systems to obtain full utilization of all generating equipment regardless of ownership.

3. The following tabulation includes all known generating plants in the area:-

Plant Name	Prime Mover	Installed Capacity KVA	Maximum Output Present Conditions KVA	Expected Output KVA	Expected Increase KVA
Lentini	Hydro	200	85 +	85	
Cassibile	Hydro	8200	600 +	600	
Pachino	Diesel	60		50	50
Pozzalo	Diesel	40		35	35
Ragusa	Diesel	660	130	440	310
Agrigento	Diesel	400		180	180
Grottocalda	Diesel	320	175	175	
Enna	Diesel	580		100	100
Caniostti	Diesel	460		320	320
Racalmuto	Diesel	1360		260	260
Poggio Diana	Hydro	5350	800 +	800	
Sciacca	Diesel	285		170	170
San Carlo	Hydro	9150	1000 +	1000	
Parara	Hydro	1900	400 +	400	
					1425
			3190	4615	

+ = Reduction due to low water

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Pozzale	Diesel	40		35	35
Ragusa	Diesel	660	130	440	310
Agrigento	Diesel	400		180	180
Grottocalda	Diesel	320	175	175	
Enna	Diesel	580		100	100
Caniatti	Diesel	460		320	320
Racalmuto	Diesel	1360		260	260
Poggio Diana	Hydro	5350	800 +	800	
Sciacca	Diesel	285		170	170
San Carlo	Hydro	9150	1000 +	1000	
Farara	Hydro	1900	400 +	400	
					1425
			3190	4615	

+ = Reduction due to low water

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Thus it is possible to substantially increase the generating capacity in the area by changing parts, providing fuel oil and lubricants, and installing minor additional circuits, all of which can be completed within a period of approximately three weeks.

4. Conclusions:

(a) Due to the wide variation in electrical characteristics of the several plants, it will be necessary to segregate the existing network into

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small isolated systems, in order to permit maximum utilization of each generating unit.

(b) The 70KV line from San Carlo to Catania, will be repaired as far east as Grottacalda by August 25 and should be used exclusively for transmission of the total hydro capacity to points south and east of Grottacalda until such time as the Catania Plant output can be distributed over normal routes.

(c) Even with the most prudent use, it is very doubtful if there is sufficient electricity in the area to provide for the essential requirements, if operated on normal schedules. A partial solution to this problem may be found in staggering the hours of water pumping between towns, operating flour mills on two or possibly three shifts and coordinating military use with other essential use.

(d) As prerequisite to the accomplishment of the foregoing a detail study must be made in the field to determine (1) essential load requirements and (2) all possible methods of combining diesel capacity thru switching etc.

5. Recommendations:

(a) Immediate issuance of orders to all producers and distributors of electricity (governmental and private) that service will be rendered for non-military use, ONLY upon written instructions of the effected S.C.A.O.

(b) Immediate issuance of a directive to all S.C.A.O.'s limiting until further notice the non-military use of electricity to the following categories:

1. Community water supply.
2. Hospitals, prisons and asylums.
3. S.C.A.O. and C.A.C. offices (lighting only).
4. Flour mills and bake shops which cannot convert to other means of power.

(c) Continued field work by AMGOT Staff representative in determining essential load requirements, possible diversity of load, repairs to damaged equipment, new installations and all other means of rendering an adequate electric supply.

FRANK D. PRESLES, 750
1st Lt., AC.

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group

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19 SEP 1943

Lt Drummond
for action
Lt Hayes

APHQ

~~No contact~~

Palermo

Can you arrange TRILOMI manger electricity searching of Sicily between at Palermo to attend conference at Palermo Headquarters 20 Sep.

Lt Col Blumberg

RESTRICTED

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I saw this for the first time monday a.m. 20 Sept. Dont believe the man can get to Fort Bragg at this late hour - He may be in Messenia -?

Drummond

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Subject: Rep. on Russia in Sicily etc

15 AG

The C.C.A.O. has directed that the attached report on the Russians in Sicily be submitted for the information of the G.O.C.-in-C. It is forwarded in triplicate so that copies can be sent to M.G.S., A.F.H.Q. if such action is thought fit.

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Copy to 5144 RJ 94

Subject: Work Stoppages--Public Service Employees

AMGOT/3036/08
AMGOT HQ SICILY
17 September 43

To: All officials, employees, and workers of Societa' Generale Elettrica Della Sicilia, and

Impresa Ing. Gaetano Marino De Giacomo
Via Liberta', No. 8, Palermo

CONCURRENCES

1 Utilities Sec.

2 Labor Officer

3 D.C. 17/9

4 Legal Officer as to form

1. Article VI Proclamation No. 1 of Allied Military Government of Occupied Territory provides that all officials and employees of public services are required to continue in the performance of their duties.

2. Article II Proclamation No. 8 of Allied Military Government of Occupied Territory provides that all rates of wages and labor prevailing on the 9th day of July 1943 shall remain unaltered until further order of the Allied Military Government and no person shall demand, receive or pay any sum for labor in excess of such rates.

3. An investigation is being made to determine whether or not any change in rates of wages is necessary.

4. Information has been received by Allied Military Government to the effect that certain workers of the Impresa Ing. Gaetano Marino De Giacomo, engaged in public service work have failed to continue in the performance of their duties and have demanded an increase in rates of wages.

5. Such workers are ordered to immediately continue in the performance of their public service duties. Failure so to do will subject guilty persons to imprisonment or fine or both, as the Allied Military Court may determine.

6. All concerned are notified that provisions of the proclamations & Orders of Allied Military Government will be strictly enforced and that any attempt to delay or interfere with public Services will be severely dealt with.

7. Societa' Generale Elettrica della Sicilia and Impresa Ing. Gaetano Marino De Giacomo are ordered to notify at once all officials, employees and workers of the contents of these orders.

By command of Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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By Command of Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

LBG/jrl

CHARLES M. ALLEN
Colonel, C. A. C.
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

Labor Officer
3 17/9
D.C. STAFF
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Legal Officer
as to form

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Subject: Electric Work Stoppages.

AMGOT/5036/CS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
15 September 43.

To : D. D. C. S. R. (Thru Labor Officer for concurrence)

1. The firm of "Impresa Ing. Gaetano Marino De Giacomo" has, for the past ten years, contracted for construction and maintenance work with the "Societa Generale Elettrica della Sicilia".

2. On 11 Sept. 43, the contractors' workers were engaged in repairing an underground cable which supplies a rather large area including the Villa Tasca. Prior to completion of the job, (and with possible knowledge of the effect on the Villa Tasca and other important military loads) seven key workers ("straw-bosses") refused to continue work unless their wages were immediately increased. This, the contractor refused, based (according to him) on the provisions of published proclamations. The seven workers have not returned to work.

3. The Societa Generale Elettrica della Sicilia has been ordered to submit a study of wage adjustments commensurate with revenue, which will cover the above class of employees. When all the facts are available, wage adjustments can be made, if proper, in connection with any general revision of wage rates for Sicily, which is now under study by AMGOT HQ Labor Office.

4. It is felt that these circumstances may establish a precedent, detrimental throughout the Island, unless corrective measures are applied as quickly as possible.

5. It is recommended that the striking workers be ordered back to work, under authority of Art. VI, Proclamation No. 1, at wages in effect 9 July 43, pending completion of the study mentioned in para. 3. Likewise that refusal to comply will result in trial before Allied Military Courts.

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L. D. Densmore

L. D. DENSMORE,
Lt. Col., S. C.
Chief I & R Section,
Civilian Supply Division.

FDP/EDG.

1. I concur. Principle involved of greatest importance.
David A. Morse
Capt., AC.
Chief, Labor Section
Civilian Supply Division
16 Sept 43

Approved. Speed is essential in such a case — work is urgent.
eHH 15/9

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
OF OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

PROVINCE OF CATANIA

Telephone No: _____

Office of the Civil Supply Division
Piazza della Borsa - Catania

To: AMGOT H.Q.
PALERMO.

Ref: CAT/ I8 /CSD.

I2 Sep. 43.

HEADQUARTERS C.S. Date 17 SEP 1943 AMGOT

May this H.Q. please be provided with 2 copies of the documents describing the Electricity Grid System on this island, which are required by the Civil Supplies Division of this province.

J. Kellerley

Lieut.Colonel.
S.C.A.O.
CATANIA.

GEM/JC.

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18 SEP 1943

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Palermo Province

CP/DAB/rv

HEADQUARTERS
CS
17 SEP 1943
AMGOT

17 September 1943

SUBJECT: Electric Wire

TO : Chief Staff Officer-AMGOT Headquarters

detached 9/24/43 JDR

1. 300 kg. of the inclosed sample electric cable are required by the Commune of Alimena.

2. May Seventh Army be asked, please, if it is possible to supply this material. It is needed to get two flour mills functioning.

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Senior Civil Affairs Officer

to CW
Col Hays

To Lieu
Capt. Boulden

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HEADQUARTERS AMGOT
15 Army Group
Sicily

In reply
refer to: AMGOT/5036/PS - LEB

16 September 1943

SUBJECT: Sicily - Electricity

TO : Commanding Officer, Island Base Section

1. References are made to:

a. Letter 2611 RE HQ 15 AG, GSF, Sept. 10, 1943, above subject, copy attached as inclosure number 1.

b. Letter 15Ag/2611/PS, Sept. 8, 1943, Subject, "Sicily - Electricity, Exclusive Messina Area," copy attached as inclosure number 2.

2. In connection with reference 1 a, in view of jurisdiction and operations of your command in this matter a statement as to requirements and status of rehabilitation in your area would be most helpful.

3. It is desirable to submit such information as is available along with our thoughts in the matter to GS 15 AG.

For the Commanding General:

CHARLES M. STOCKWELL
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer

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Incl. No. 1 - Copy letter 10 Sept.
" " 2 - Copy letter 8 Sept.

CSO IBS was not consulted by 15 AG and we would like their views.
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AOG 11263/1# 81
18 Aug 43
5036 Rlg

SECRET.

POWER.

(a) That military demands for power will be given first priority.
(b) That power is an Island wide problem and must be co-ordinated by 15th Army Group and AMGOT.
(c) That all non-essential uses of power would cease immediately. AMGOT for action.
(d) In the interest of co-ordination and control, 7th and 8th Armies would contact AMGOT prior to opening new factories etc.
(e) That all concerned must work to the common end of putting into operation the Island wide networks.
(f) That AMGOT would, after its survey of the Catania situation, submit to 15th Army Group a list of material and labor necessary to re-habilitate the plants and transmission lines. 15th Army Group would then allocate tasks and outlay of materials.
(g) That the 8th Army would be responsible for coaling the Catania plant and the 7th Army the Palermo and Porto Empedocle plants. AMGOT would be entitled to make other arrangements when the military had lost primary interest.

PA 15/9 JR

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Memorandum:

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AMGOT/5036/CS
ARMY HQ SICILY
13 September 43.

To: Ditta IAotta,
Via O. Pacini,
Palermo.

We are advised that you have in your possession certain articles necessary for the operation of the Central Electric plants. You are hereby ordered to deliver to the SCES at prices prevailing as of July 9, 1943, the stocks desired. These are necessary for furtherance of the Allied Armies.

JPRS/ccc.

J. P. R. SMITH
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Reconstruction.

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Subject:- SICILY - Electricity

11 SEP 1943

HQ. 15 Army Group.
C.M.F.

ADCOS, 15 Army Group.

URGENT

2641/EE.

6 Sep. 43.

1. Further to my 15AG/2611/EE of 8 Sep. It is estimated that all work essential for military purposes, including the CARINGNINI - SOMERO 40 kv line, will be finished by 1st Oct. and it is suggested that this would be a suitable date for you to take over the Electrical Services of the Island.

2. May I have your views on this.

HEADQUARTERS 12 SEP 1943 ADCOS

Brigadier,
Chief Engineer,
15 Army Group.

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HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH ARMY
Office of the Engineer

4 August 1943.

8 SEP 1943

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Commanding General, Seventh Army (Att'n: Chief of Staff).

1. Request the following be published to all appropriate agencies in the Palermo area.

a. "Orders are being issued by Army Agencies other than the Engineer of this headquarters to reopen commercial enterprises which will greatly affect the consumption of power and water and may be detrimental to the military effort.

b. "All matters relating to public utilities, including electric power, water supply, sewerage and maintenance of lines of communication are a responsibility of the Army Engineer. Any directive pertaining thereto will be referred to him for coordination and approval before being issued."

GARRISON H. DAVIDSON,
Colonel, G. S.,
Engineer.

Possibles Gen. Davidson

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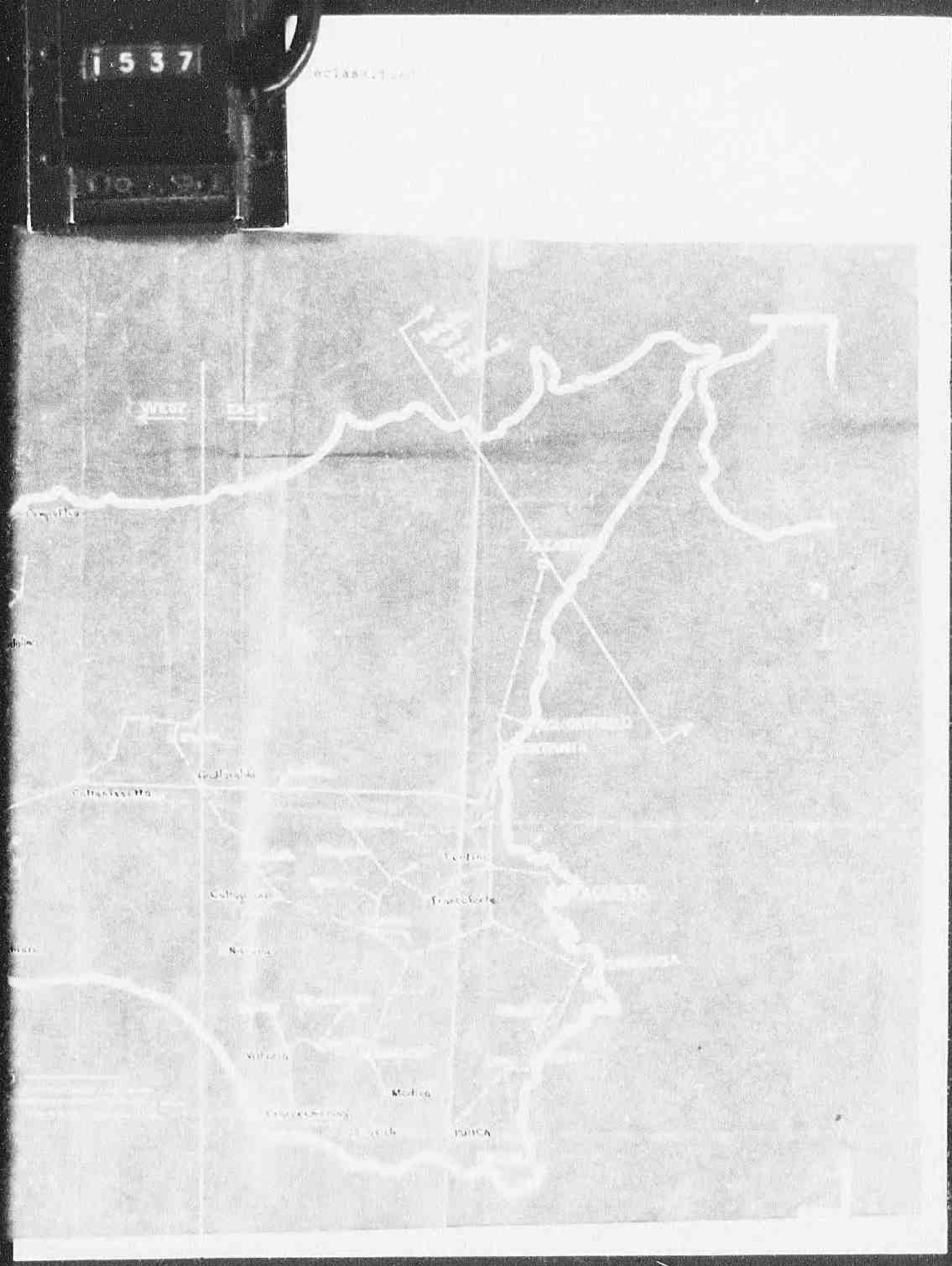

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AMGOT HQ SICILY

6 September 1943

SUBJECT: Trapani Electric Plant

TO : S.C.A.O., Trapani

1. The Engineer, Island Base Section, has requested that the materials listed herein be released by AMGOT for use by the Soc. Generale Elettrica della Sicilia in rehabilitating the subject plant.

2. You are authorized to take such steps as may be necessary in the accomplishment of Para No. 1, keeping an accurate record of quantities and descriptions for pricing by the Civilian Supply Division:

(a) Water supply from the municipal system, estimated at 100 cu. metres per day - existing agreement is 50 cu. metres per day.

(b) Approximately 20 metres of leather strapping in possession of a local firm in Trapani (Signor Fusiteri S.G.E.S. will supply details).

(c) Window glass (if procurable) for plant building and sub-station.

(d) Miscellaneous material located at the old Italian Submarine Base:

(i) Metering equipment and connections formerly owned by S.G.E.S.
(ii) Fire oil circuit breakers.
(iii) Fire distribution transformers.
(iv) Two air compressors with meters.
(v) Miscellaneous copper bus-bar and switches.

(e) Cement in amount of approximately 5½ tons.

3. You are further authorized to order the local ice company to operate the smaller of its two compressor units only, producing approximately 5 tons of ice daily plus refrigeration, all of which will be used by the Army.

4. Upon completion of the plant repairs, the output of the large unit will be fed in to the transmission network while the output of the smaller unit will be available for Trapani and surrounding territory. In authorizing uses of this service you should be guided by the general provisions of directive dated 14 August 1943 to the end that no fuel will be used unnecessarily.

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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AMGOT IN SICILY

6 September 1943

SUBJECT: Soc. Generale Elettrico della Sicilia

TO : S.C.A.O. - Messina

1. Ing. B. Saro Tricomi - Messina, is the ranking official of the subject Soc. and should be issued an island-wide pass permitting unrestricted travel, in the interest of adequate operations of the Soc.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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AMGOT/3036/GS
AMGOT HQ SICILY
4 September 43

Memorandum

To: Enrico Costa
Corso Olivuzza
Palermo

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JTR/jfl

J. T. R. SMITH
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources

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Subject:- Electricity S[illegible]

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HEADQUARTERS
3 SEP 1943
AMGOT

To:- A.M.G.O.T.
15 Army Group.

2 Sep 43.

The following copy letters received from CE. Fort Base are forwarded for information:-

C.E. 30 Corps	- EE/120/97	of 21 Aug.
C.E. Fort Base	- CE/3034	of 25 Aug.
H.Q. 73 C.R.E. Wks, C.M.F.	- W/41	of 29 Aug.

Brigadier,
Chief Engineer,
15 Army Group.

/Tel.
FIELD.

noted 11/9/43

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Encl.

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COPY

Subject:- Electricity Supply

C.R. 30 Corps,
RE/120/97
21 Aug. 43.

HEADQUARTERS
35th Div
AMGOT

C.E. Fort Base.

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1. C.R.E. 50 (N) Div. has made contact with a civilian details as under, who has offered his services for the restoration of the Electric Supply System in SICILY.

ING. B. SARO TRIGOMI
Manager
SOCIETA GENERALE ELETTRICA DELLA SICILIA.

2. At present this person resides at the CABINA ELETTRICA, ROCCALUMERA (D.2231) but is normally resident in PALERMO. He has produced documents showing the M.T. Distribution System over the entire island, and is anxious to locate his station and sub-station superintendants with a view to assessing the damage done to the system.

3. He states that he is perfectly prepared to get the system working again, but will require a vehicle with which he can visit the numerous stations and also a pass to permit this.

4. It is suggested that this official be employed and all facilities allowed him, as he can be of undoubted value to the Army Works Organisation, having the necessary knowledge and experience of the local arrangements. He can be contacted readily through C.R.E. 50 (N) Div.

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for Brigadier,
Chief Engineer,

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COPY

Subject:- Electricity Supply

HEADQUARTERS
7 SEP 1943
AMGOT

C.E. FORCE BASE.
CE 3034.
25 AUG. 43.

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73 C.R.E. (Works)

1. Reference attached letter from C.E. 30 Corps ref. RE/120/97 dated 21 AUG. 43.

2. Please ascertain from the Electricity Supply Society if DRG. B. SARO TRIOCHI was the manager of the Grid System and advise me if you will require his services, or if he should be recommended to 15 Army Group to co-ordinate the whole island system.

3. What arrangements are being made for the civilians to take over operation of the power stations and grid system and line maintenance when the repairs have been completed by 540 E. & M. Coy. Can one authority control EL CANTARA, ACICASTILLO, CATANIA and CASTELVETRANO?

(sd) G.R.S. Stow Major.
for Col.
C.E.

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Subject:- Electricity Supply

H.Q. 73 [illegible] Works,
C.M.F.
Ref:- W/41
Date:- 29/AUG/43.

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HEADQUARTERS
25 AUG 1943

C.M. Fort Base.

1. Ref. your CE 3034 of 25/8/43.

2. I will not require the services of ING. B. SARO TRICOMI, who was, I understand, a managing director of the whole island system, S.G.E.S. I suggest he should be recommended to 15 Army Group.

3. I have the managing director of CATANIA province (VITTORIO, FRANCESCO) working with me, and he controls ALCANTARA and CATANIA. AGI CASTELLO is a private enterprise separate from S.G.E.S. but capable of being linked to it. CASSARINI is controlled by a managing director GIUSEPPE SOZZI.

4. About 75% of the old operatives of S.G.E.S. have reported for duty, and are being employed in their old posts, under the direction of 540 S. & M. Coy, so that the whole system repaired can be operated by S.G.E.S. as soon as military control is no longer required.

(sd) ----------

Lt. Colonel, R.E.
C.E.M.

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ANKOF HQ UDINE
30 August 43.

Spett.le Sig. Rave,

Dopo la s/V di recarvi presso il sig. Giuseppe Piovo e figli, Piazza Sl. 40 Marzial (sulla Via Maggiola), ad investigare la situazione della forza elettrica, e Intend segnare se si può fare degli arrangiamenti per suddetta forza.

Vi Ringrazio,

A.T.J. BRUNS,
Lt. Col.
Civilian Supply Division.

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AMGOT H.Q. MESSINA
0 August, 1943

TO: Commanding General AMGOT H.Q. Palermo.

5 SEP 1943

Subject: Report on Non-Military Electric Service.

Reference: AMGOT /266/H.Q.

1. Reporting for Messina the extent of non-military electric service as of Sept. 1, 1943 is zero. The generating plant is not in operation.

2. Date estimated for resumption of service is 10 Sept. 1943.

3. Plant will be run for essential power purposes from 800 to 2000 hours each day.

STEPHEN B. STORY
Lt. Col. CMP
S.C.A.O. Messina.

SBS/ajm

HEADQUARTERS
4 SEP 1943
AMGOT

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AMGOT/266/AR
AMGOT HQ SICILY
28 August 43

Memorandum

To: 3010 Agrigento Province

266/HQ file

1. Reference is made to your letter of 25 August 1943, subject, "Electricity Supply".

2. Lt. Peebles of the Civilian Supply Division was in Province on 27 August 1943 and will give the necessary technical advice. It is necessary that you be taken off the high-tension line and depend entirely on your local plant for the City of Agrigento. This will probably necessitate cutting off current for private lighting which can be done either by switches or by cutting lead-ins, or by a combination of both. For your information this is being done in the City of Palermo.

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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HEADQUARTERS 6625TH BASE AREA GROUP (PROV)
OFFICE OF THE GROUP ENGINEER
A.P.O. 758 U.S. ARMY

28 August 1943

SUBJECT: Operation of Trapani Power Plant.

TO : Lt. Col. J. F. R. Seitz, Director Civilian Supply and Resources.

1. The operation of Trapani diesel power plant is essential to continued electric power service for army and civilian use. It is requested that the following materials and services be released by your direction for use by the Soc. Generale Elettrica della Sicilia in placing this power plant in an operating condition:

a. Sufficient water from the municipal system to operate the diesel engines. The quantity of water required is 100 cu. m. per day, whereas some existing agreement covers 50 cu. m. per day.

b. Approximately 20 m. of leather strap in possession of a local firm in Trapani, size to be specified by the power company. This is to be used for a starting air compressor.

c. Plate glass from local firm sufficient to restore windows in buildings for power plant and substations.

d. Material located at what used to be the Italian Submarine Base. Some of this material is essential to immediate repair, while other will be used for replacement and consists of:

1. Metering equipment and connections formerly owned by the power company.
2. Five oil circuit breaker switches.
3. Five distribution transformers.
4. Two air compressors with motors.
5. Miscellaneous copper bus bars and switches.

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e. Cement in amount of 5.5 tons which is reported not available in Trapani.

2. In line with power conservation program, it is requested that a directive be issued to the ice company to operate only the smaller of two compressor units. This will furnish refrigeration and 5 ton of ice daily, all of which is to be used by the army.

For the Engineer:

J. D. McGuire
J. D. McGUIRE,
1st Lt., C. E.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
(GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO)

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28 AUG 1943

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CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE
(UFFICIO DEGLI AFFARI CIVILI)

Agrigento, 25 August 1943

HEADQUARTERS
27 AUG 1943
Civil Supply
AMGOT

TO : AMGOT HQ., 15 ARMY GROUP

SUBJECT: Electric Supply.

1. Your AMGOT/266/HQ of 14 August refers:

2. Prior to the above instructions the following rationing plan had already been devised to put to the best advantage the amount of current available.

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3. 0700 - 2000 hours. Provincial Industries including Caltanisetta.

2000 - 2200 " Lighting and cooking

2200 - 0700 " Water pumping for Reservoirs. Enna Water Supply.

Agrigento and Porto Empedocle, Caltanisetta and Enna are supplied throughout the week. The remainder of Agrigento Province is divided into two sections each of which receives current for three days per week.

4. This plan was put into use as it was found impracticable to isolate consumers such as those enumerated in your para. 2, (the same distributing system is used for light and power,) from military users and the 60,000 nonessential civilians.

5. I should be grateful if you would allow this system to

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27 AUG 1943
Civil Supply
AMGOT

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Agrigento and Porto Empedocle, Caltanisetta and Enna are supplied throughout the week. The remainder of Agrigento Province is divided into two sections each of which receives current for three days per week.

4. This plan was put into use as it was found impracticable to isolate consumers such as those enumerated in your para. 2, (the same distributing system is used for light and power,) from military users and the 60,000 nonessential civilians.

5. I should be grateful if you would allow this system to continue as it is functioning satisfactorily.

H.Q. 266 refers.

G. H. McCaffrey
G. H. McCAFFREY
Lt. Col., Inf.
SCAO

Answered by field action - Agrigento to disconnected from grid. 1 Sept 43 FDB.

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AMGOT HQ SICILY
26 August, 1943

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MEETING ON POWER

Lt. Col. Seitz, Director of Civilian Supply & Resources
Lt. Col. L. R. Demmons
Lt. Col. C. K. Smiley, R. A. C.
Major Bowman, Electric Utilities, 7 Army
1st Lt. J. R. McCulloch, Electric Utilities Engineer
Engr. Sava, Palermo District Engineer
Engr. Modica, Superintendent of Production
Engr. Dolmani, General Manager
Engr. Colaianni, Superintendent of Power Plants
Ingiandero Sava, Administrative Director
Engr. Lanzetta, Interpreter
Major O'Toole, Operations Officer, R. A. C.

At a conference held in the office of the Director of Civilian Supply and Resources, AMGOT on 26 August, 1943, with the above mentioned persons present, the following agreements were reached:

1. Lt. Col. Smiley, R. A. C., is to check the figures of the available water supply at the Carlcone Dam, and upon such verification he will notify Col. Seitz. If sufficient water is available, Col. Seitz will arrange to have 30,000 gallons released to power company daily.

2. Mr. Sava has been directed to cut the power for the following places effective at midnight tonight, 26 August, 1943:

	Supposed daily consumption in kwh.
Officio Municipale Carte Annonarie, Via Liberta	20
Tipog. Giornale Sicilia, Piazza Giulio Cesare	150
Cabina Favorita Straggio, Compatura Acqua Castello Utraggio	100
Mineoni, Cabina conversione per ex vinio trasviario Castello	4000
Total	4270

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3. Mr. Sava, with such assistance from Lt. Col. Smiley as he can give him, will undertake to cut off all other non-essential uses of electricity within the city of Palermo. This includes electric lighting to houses.

4. Col. Seitz will undertake to have published in the "Sicilia Liberata" a statement to the effect that power will be shut off in

Major O'Toole, Operations Officer, R. A. C.

At a conference held in the office of the Director of Civilian Supply and Resources, AMGOT on 26 August, 1943, with the above mentioned persons present, the following agreements were reached:

1. Lt. Col. Scullen, R. A. C., is to check the figures of the available water supply at the Corleone Dam, and upon such verification he will notify Col. Seitz. If sufficient water is available, Col. Seitz will arrange to have 30,000 gallons released to power company daily.

2. Mr. Save has been directed to cut the power for the following places effective at midnight tonight, 26 August, 1943:

	Supposed Daily consumption in Kwh.
Ufficio Municipale Carte Annonarie, Via Libertà	20
Tipog. Giornale Sicilia, Piazza Giulio Cesare	150
Cabina Favorita Straggio, Ferrovaburn Acqua Castello Straggio	100
Nisceni, Cabina conversione per il viale tramviario Monbello	4000
Total	4270

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3. Mr. Save, with such assistance from Lt. Col. Scullen as he can give him, will undertake to cut off all other non-essential uses of electricity within the city of Palermo. This includes electric lighting to houses.

4. Col. Seitz will undertake to have published in the "Sicilia Liberata" a statement to the effect that power will be shut off in order that they may make other provisions.

5. Col. Seitz will give a report of AMGOT's inspection trip when the inspector returns specifying what has been done and what he recommends further to save power.

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J. F. R. SEITZ
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Director Civilian Supply
and Resources

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Distribution:

Lt. Col. Scullen, R.A.C.
Lt. Col. Polatki
Major Bowman
Mr. Save, General Electric Co.
Mr. Schmand, " " "

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				Consumo giornal. presunto Kwh.
CABINA	PIEDILEGNO	-Soc. Industria Autobus	-Via R. Favorita	90
"	VILLA IGEA	-Albergo Villa Igiea		150
"	ARMONE	-Officina Fiat	-Via A. Le Marmora	15
		-Sanatorio Arnone	-Via G. Ugdulena	25
		-Quartier Generale 7° Army	-Villa Perlato - Via Libertà	20
		-Officina Alfa Romeo		4
		-Ufficio Municipale Carte annonarie	-Via Libertà	20
"	CROCI	-Ufficio Soc. Gen. Elettrica	-Via Marchese Ugo	80
		-Albergo Excelsior	-Via Marchese Ugo	35
		-Tipografia I R E S	-Via Vincenzo Orsini	150
		-Ospedale U.S. Navy	-Via Florestano pepe	30
		-Deposito Filobus	-Via Bellilla	70
"	V.G. CUSMANO	-Quartiere Generale 7° Army	-Villa Trabia - Via G. Cusmano	20
		- " " " "	-Villa M. Teresa Id.	20
"	LOLLI	-Officina Ferroviaria Stazione Lolli		40
		-Sanatorio Noto	-Via Dante	20
"	MANICOMIO	-Ospedale Psichiatrico	-Via Piedemonte	200
"	PAPIRETO	-Caserma Carabinieri	-Corso Vitt. Emanuele	35
		-R. Questura	-Piazza Vittoria	40
"	S. Giuseppe	-Municipio	-Piazza Pretoria	120
		-Albergo Sole	-Corso Vitt/Emanuele	45
		-E.I.A.R.	-Piazza Bellini	400
"	CARMINE	-Commissariato Civile ex Prefettura	-Via Maqueda	80

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	-Quartier Generale 7^ Army	-Villa [illegible] Via Liberta	4
	-Officine Alfa Romeo		20
	X -Ufficio Municipale Carte annonarie	-Via Liberta	80
	-Ufficio Soc.Gen.Elettrica	-Via Marchese Ugo	35
• CROCI	-Albergo Excelsior	-Via Marchese Ugo	150
	-Tipografia I R E S	-Via Vincenzo Orsini	30
	-Ospedale U.S.Navy	-Via Florestano pepe	70
	-Deposito Filobus	-Via Bellilla	[illegible]
• V.G.CUSMANO	-Quartiere Generale 7^ Army	-Villa Trabia - Via G.Cusmano	20
	- " " "	" -Villa M.Teresa Id.	20
	-Officine Ferroviarie Stazione Lolli		40
• LOLLI	-Sanatorio Noto	-Via Dante	20
	-Ospedale Psichiatrico	-Via Pindemonte	200
• MANICOMIO	-Caserma Carabinieri	-Corso Vitt. Emanuele	35
• PAPIRETO	-R.Questura	-Piazza Vittoria	40
	-Municipio	-Piazza Pretoria	120
• S.Giuseppe	-Albergo Sole	-Corso Vitt/Emanuele	45
	-E.I.A.R.	-Piazza Bellini	400
• CARMINE	-Commissariato Civile ex Prefettura	-Via Maqueda	80
	Ufficio Assistenza	-Piazza SS.40 Martiri	10
• S.ANTONINO	-Banificio Militare	-Piazza S.Antonino	600
	X ~~Tipog.Giornale Sicilia~~	~~-Piazza Giulio Cesare~~	~~[illegible]~~
• INDIPENDENZA	-Palazzo Reale		20
• BANCO SICILIA	-Banco di Sicilia		180
	-Cassa di Risparmio		80

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			Consumo giornal. presunto Kwh.
CABINA ARCHIRAFI	-Deposito Medicinali 7^ Army	-Via Lincoln 12	10
	-Villa Rotondo	- " Archirafi	20
	-Orto Botanico	- " Lincoln	20
" GAS	-Frugorifero Randazzo	- " Messina Marina	40
	-Stazione Ferroviaria S.Erasmo		225
" BARI	-Quartie Generale 7^ Army	- " Bari,28	70
	Tipografia Lo Re	-Discesa Giovenchi	2
" POSTE	-Quartier Generale 7^ Army	-Palazzo Posta - Via Roma	200
	- " " " "	-Palazzo Credito Italiano-V.Roma	50
	-Tipografia Bellotti	-Via Gagini	100
	-Stazione Amplificatrice Telefoni interurbani		60
	-Albergo Biurno Cobianchi		90
" BANCA D'ITALIA	-Soc.Esercizi Telefonici	-Via Polacchi	150
	-Comando Sirene Allarme	-Via Roma Pal.Venezia	10
	-American Red Cross	-Via Cavour 106	120
	-Tipografia Giornale L'Ora	(Sicilia Liberata)	25
" KALSA	-Ospedale P.pe Piemonte	-Piazza Spasimo	20
" VERDI	-Sirena Teatro Massimo		
	-Caserma Pompieri		40
	-Cinema E.N.I.C.		40
	-Cinema Massimo		40
" ALBERGO PALME	-Albergo Palme		150
" POLITEAMA	-Quartier Generale 7^ Army	-Pal.Imperia V.E.Amari	70
" UCCIARDONE	-Staz. Pompatura Fognatura	-Via Consolazione	180
" BOSCOGRANDE	-Tipografia Giornale Sicilia	-Via Messina	
	-Quartier Generale 7^ Army	- Via E.Parisi,4	20
" CASTELLO	- " " " "	-Via Semmuzzo,25	30

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" BARI	-Quartie Generale 7^ Army	- " Bari,28	225
	Tipografia Lo Re	-Discesa Giovenchi	70
" POSTE	-Quartier Generale 7^ Army	-Palazzo Posta - Via Roma	2
	- " " " "	-Palazzo Credito Italiano-V.Roma	200
	-Tipografia Bellotti	-Via Gagini	50
	-Stazione Amplificatrice Telefoni interurbani		100
	-Albergo Diurno Cobianchi		60
" BANCA D'ITALIA	-Sec.Esercizi Telefonici	-Via Polacchi	90
	-Comando Sirene Allarme	-Via Roma Pal.Venezia	160
	-American Red Cross	-Via Cavour 106	10
	-Tipografia Giornale L'Ora	(Sicilia Liberata)	120
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" VERDI	-Sirena Teatro Massimo		20
	-Caserma Pompieri		
	-Cinema E.N.I.C.	724	40
	-Cinema Massimo		40
" ALBERGO PALME	-Albergo Palme		40
" POLITEAMA	-Quartier Generale 7^ Army	-Pal.Imperia V.E.Amari	150
" UCCIARDONE	-Stas. Pompature Fognature	-Via Consolazione	70
" BOSCOGRANDE	-Tipografia Giornale Sicilia	-Via Messina	160
	-Quartier Generale 7^ Army	- Via E.Parisi,4	
" CASTELLO	- " " " "	-Via Semmuzzo,25	20
" CAMASTRA	-Ospedale Militare	-Corso Calatafimi	30
"	-Officine Tranviarie	-Corso Calatafimi	330
	-Villa Tasca	-Corso Calatafimi	30
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			Consumo giornal. presunto Kwh.
CABINA FAVORITA UTVEGGIO	-Pompatura Acqua Castello Utveggio		100
" MANIFATTURA TABACCHI	-Pompatura acqua fabbrica Chimica Arenella		300
" BRANCACCIO	-Pompatura acquedotto Scillato Brancaccio		700
" CASTELLANA	-Stazione Ferroviaria Brancaccio		15
" ROCCA	-Cabina conversione per servizio filoviario Monreale		
" NISCEMI	-Cabina conversione per servizio tranviario Mondello		4000
" GALLIDORO	-Cabina conversione servizio tranviario		
" CASA DEL SOLE	-Quartier Generale 7^ Army- Ex Casa del Sole		50
" SCAMBIO CUSMANO	-Frigorifero Cusmano		35
" BARBERA	-Azienda Latte		120
" CONVITTO	-Ospedale Militare		80
" CABINA CINESE	-Comando U.S.Navy	-Villa Niscemi	80
	-Uffici S;G;E;S.	-Villa Spina	5
" SFERRACAVALLO	-Mulino Sferracavallo		20
" FRIGORIFERA	-Fabbrica Ghiaccio	-Via Parlatore	3000
" PARATORE	-Fabbrica Ossigeno e gas compressi	-Via Serradifalco	1600
" STAZIONE CENTRALE	-Impianti Ferroviari	723	2000
" DEPOSITO LOCOMOTIVE	-Impianti ferroviari		
		Totale Kwh.	16976

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Memo For C.F.O

Geoffrey –

At a power conference this morning, it was brought out that the the Baron di Sicila was using 300 kwh per day. This seems very high, inasmuch as Hopa is using this building as a headquarters, I did not wish to shut the power completely. Can you please ask them to conserve where ever possible for the situation is serious.

Dick

C.F.I. 722

Please sub this in at the B. of S.

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[illegible] per day. This seems very high. Inasmuch as [illegible] is using this building as a headquarters, I did not wish to shut the press completely. Can you please ask them to remove where now possible for the situation is serious.

[illegible]

C.F.I. 722

Please send this in at the B. of S.

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File ~~266/HQ~~

Civil Supply

15AG/47/CA

25 August

TO : AMGOT HQ., 15 ARMY GROUP

SUBJECT: Electric Supply.

1. Your AMGOT/266/HQ of 14 August refers:

2. Prior to the above instructions the following rationing plan had already been devised to put to the best advantage the amount of current available.

3. 0700 - 2000 hours. Provincial Industries including Caltanisetta.

2000 - 2200 " Lighting and cooking

2200 - 0700 " Water pumping for Reservoirs. ENNA.
Water Supply.

Agrigento and Porto Empedocle, Caltanisetta and Enna are supplied throughout the week. The remainder of Agrigento Province is divided into two sections each of which receives current for three days per week.

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4. This plan was put into use as it was found impracticable to isolate consumers such as those enumerated in your para. 2, (the same distributing system is used for light and power,) from military users and the 60,000 nonessential civilians.

5. I should be grateful if you would allow this system to continue as it is functioning satisfactorily.

Superseded by field arrangement. Agrigento isolated from network - F.D.B. 9/5/43

G. H. McCAFFREY
Lt. Col., Inf.
SCAO

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Civil Affairs Office, Agrigento
25 August 1943

HEADQUARTERS
266/HQ
26 AUG 1943
AMGOT

To: Chief Staff Officer
Subject: Electricity supply

1. Believe it is impractical to comply with letter of Amgot 266/Hq. 14 August 1943 for technical reasons. Lines are not constructed in such a way as to permit cutting off non-military consumers. Will try to get list of consumers, but frankly doubt practicability or usefulness, for reasons stated.

2. Being overwhelmed by orders for reports to such an extent that CAC's and Prov. Hqs. cannot handle essential primary functions of public order & feeding population if they are to also to gather information for these reports.

G. H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
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SUBJECT: Societa Generale Elettrica Della Sicilia.

AMGOT/5002/CS.

24th August, 1943.

To: D.S.C.R.

Whether or not the owners of the securities of this company are high ranking Fascists ~~or not~~ does not in any way affect the nature of the property nor does it render their interests "booty of war". It is only property belonging to the enemy government or actual arms, and ammitions in the possession of the armed forces, regardless of ownership, that may be seized without payment as "booty of war".

If it is shown that a substantial portion of the securities of this company are owned by the Italian Government a different situation may result.

W. CHANLER.
Lt.Col. AUS.
Chief Legal Officer.

AMGOT HQ.
15 Army Group,
PW.

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Subject:- Electricity

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27 AUG 1943
AMGOT

CS FORTRESS
CR 3034
22 AUG 43

S.C.A.O.
ADMIN.

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29 AUG 1943

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Will you please forward a further copy of your letter dated 17 Aug 43, showing in detail the supply of electric power for civilian needs.

PA/29/8 Wilfred Rew May
for Col.
C.S.

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Subject :- Electricity Supplies. HEADQUARTERS 5009/C3 AMGOT POS/AGO.

G.M.A.G.
H.Q., AMGOT.
PALERMO.

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Reference Directive of 14th Aug 43 - Subject - Electric Supply.

2. The amount of electricity for civilian purposes in this Province is scheduled by AMGOT in conjunction with PANTASS, on the basis of Army requirements.

(Copy Directive has been mislaid)

3. The present schedule was adopted after careful study by Army and AMGOT and could not be changed without the approval of 8th Army.

4. Daylight requirements have been cut to the bare minimum after strenuous efforts to convert all possible electric mills and bakeries, so that power could be available during the night for irrigation.

5. The amount of electricity available for civilian purposes during the daytime would never be sufficient to operate the smallest irrigation net, and it is only practicable to irrigate as under the present schedule.

6. The present schedule meets Army requirements, and ensures a maximum use of electricity. It is therefore requested that authority be granted to continue the present schedule.

7. Any change would mean that it would be impossible to supply Army with vegetables, and that the citrus industry would be ruined.

Lt. Col.
R.C.A.O.
A.M.G.O.T.

Syracuse.
19 Aug 43.

JW.

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AMGOT/3009/25
13 August 43

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Subject: Electric Supply--Rome

To : 1st Lt. Frank Foshlos, Utility Engineer C.M.S. Div. AMGOT
c/o H.Q.A.C. Simmons and Catania

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1. Reference copy of memorandum from C.C.A.O. AMGOT H.Q., 16 August 43, subject "Electric Supply".

2. Careful consideration should be given information contained in the memorandum. Report progress with respect to directive contained herein.

AMGOT HQ
15 Army Group
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J. P. H. SKINN
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
D. C. S. R.

Distribution: c/c SCAO Catania

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Civil Supply Division. COPY

In the course of my last tour I stopped at the Trabia Pozzo mines between Riesi and Sommatino, because I heard some machinery working. I discovered that under instructions from the C.A.O. (Captain Meade) the mine engineers had restarted a diesel generator to pump at least part of the mine. This led me to inspect the generating plant which I discovered consisted of 3 Fiat-Ford diesel motors and three generators of which one set only was working. The total output of the three sets generating is 900 kws at 5000 volts (i.e., 300 kws per set).

It appears that the mine was formerly equipped with six generating sets before the plant was linked by high tension line to the grid at Caltanissetta. This high tension line is a spur from the main grid at Caltanissetta and supplies only the mine. When this spur was built, three of the motors of the six generating sets were removed for use elsewhere, but the three spare generators were left. These three spare generators and the spare parts of the three motors which survived it are enough to keep the plant going, and, according to the engineer can keep the installation running for the present. Diesel oil or nafta is available from the big dump of which you are doubtless aware near Caniatti.

As you know Caltanissetta has no electricity owing to the interruption of the grid connection. Enna as you know depends precariously on a mine generating set at Grottacalda sulphur mine about half way between Enna and Piazza Armerina. This installation is in somewhat precarious condition and in any event it is only powerful enough to maintain the water level at the mine and give current for two hours a day to meet requirements at Enna.

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The position at Enna is extremely serious and needs to be dealt with immediately. There were rumours current which the C.A.O. Enna had heard that it was proposed to divert the Grottacalda current elsewhere, which would leave Enna with no electricity. Enna as you know is situated on the top of the hill and typhoid epidemic is likely if an adequate water supply is not restored.

Having regard to the three generating sets at the Trabia mine it would seem to be good policy to restore the high tension cable link between that of the mine and Caltanissetta as soon as possible. The distance is not great and the amount of material required to restore the line should not be enormous. I believe the line is a 15000 volt installation. If an electrical connection between Enna and Caltanissetta could be restored we might find at least some temporary solution by the course indicated for relieving the Enna situation.

G. in C. 15 Army Group has given instructions to both Armies to report priority for the repairing of electrical power lines.

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Please take up the [illegible]ation of the Trabia Power Station and the repairing of the Caltanissetta line as soon as possible, and report progress. You should at the same time consider in the view of the precarious situation at Bari whether the generating plants should not cease pumping at the mine and devote its output to supplying water and light. I understand this may mean considerable impairing of the generator property and I should like to have as early as possible a minute on this matter.

(Signed)
Major-General
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

AMGOT Hq
15 ARMY GROUP
16 August, 43.

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HEADQUARTERS 20 AUG 1943 AMGOT

5009/CS

From S.C.A.O.
To - all C.A.O.S.

E L E C T R I C I T Y

A very limited amount of electricity is available for civilian needs after have been met. Several communities have taken an undue amount of electricity and others na As a result, Army activities have been severely handicaped, and it has been impossible to irrigation.

From 1800 hours August 19 1943 electricity will be used from the Casuibile li communities and in the manner specified :

COMUNITY	PURPOSO	MAXIMUM AMOUNT	DAYS
SIRACUSA	Comigliaro mill	100	Sun, M, Tu, W, F.
BELVEDERE	Salonia Giovanni mill	10	M, W, F.
AVOLA	Le Perna e Di Pasquale mill	60	Tu, Thu, Sat.
	Hospital	5	S, M, T, W, T, F,S
FLORIDIA	Spoda mill	40	M, W, F.
SOLARINO	Cortelli G/ppe e F/lli Calafiore mills	20	M, W, F.
CANICATTINI	Cirinna Sebastiano mill	15	M, W, F.
N O T O	Ice Plant	30	S, M, T, W, T, F,S
	Hospital	5 15	S, M, T, W, T, F,S

Irrigation will take place entirly at night between the hours of 1800 to 06 directly from H.Q. 15 A. .C.O.S. The irrigation system has been divided into four section recieve electricity turn .

The first irrigation section will recieve electricity on about August 20.19 fewarded when a schedule has been worked out and passes should be issued to those who will curfew. -

Copy to H.Q. Fortbase
C.E.
H.Q. AMGOT ✓

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ELECTRICITY

AUGUST 17 1943

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August 1943 electricity will be used from the Cassibile lines only by the following
specified :

	MAXIMUM AMOUNT	DAYS	HOURS
	100	Sun, M, Tu, W, F. -	0600 to 1800
mill	10	M, W, F. -	0600 to 1800
quale mill	60	Tu, Thu, Sat. -	0600 to 1800
	5	S, M, T, W, T, F,S. -	24 hours
	40	M, W, F. -	0600 to 1800
F/lli Calafiore mills	20	M, W, F. -	0600 to 1800
o mill	15	M, W, F. -	0600 to 1800
	30	S, M, T, W, T, F,S. -	24 hours
	5	S, M, T, W, T, F,S. -	0600 to 1800
	15		1800 to 0600

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tion section will recieve electricity on about August 20.1943. Information will be
n worked out and passes should be issued to those who will have to be out after

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I TURNO

" Marantelle " Rotondo e Barrosi " Nava " Messina " Toito " Palma " Cataldi " Italia III	Kw 200	Cab. Confalone II " Cassola " Baiardo " Casa Bianca " Serramendola " Biancuzza " Cannarella " Innorta " Midiri " Giuliano " Agoti	Kw 200

II TURNO

Cabina Annino II " Ved. Annino " Annino I " Vinci " San Domenico " Carcoccia " Spinagallo	Kw. 150	Cabina Laganelli " Bordono " Plaheta " Mottiva Giarach " Gargallo " Rusoica " Santa Teresa " Midolo " Mutri	kw 200

Cabina Bonavia " Latalia " Alfieri " Di Stefano " Renella	a' Kw 100 a + a' z Kw 350

III TURNO

Cabina Mazzarella " Colonne " Abela " Carso " Italia I " Italia III " Mangiafico " Catania " Isola IV " Isola I " Isola II " Isola III " Giaracà " Alagona " Milocca " Cappello " Gullotta " Buferdeci II	Kw 300

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Cabina " Santa Teresa
" Midolo
" Butri

Cabina Bonavia
" Latalia
" Alfieri
" Di Stefano
" Renella

a' Kw 100
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III TURNO

Cabina Mazzarella
" Colonne
" Abela
" Carso
" Italia I
" Italia III
" Mangiafico
" Catania
" Isola IV
" Isola I
" Isola II
" Isola III
" Giaracà
" Alagona
" Milocca
" Cappello
" Gullotta
" Buferdeci II

Kw 500

IV TURNO
ZONA IRRIGAZIONE FLORIDIA

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Cabina Spada
" Roma
" Archimede
" Catania
" Cimitero
" Storace
" Moscat
" Passo Barone
" Cava Donna

Kw 100

Kw 90

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(seguito IV turno)

IRRIGAZIONE PRIOLO

Cabina	Corrente	Kw 240
"	Impellizzeri	
"	Calvo	
"	Cicero	
"	Puglisi	
"	Smistamento	Kw 120
"	Tiralongo	
"	S. Cusmano	
"	Spedalotto I	
"	Spedalotto II	

ZONA IRRIGAZIONE AVOLA

Cabina	Gallina	Kw 100
"	Toscano	
"	Cusi	
"		
"	Di Stefano	Kw 40
"	Belludia	
"	Saia Randeci	
"	Papa	Kw 60
"	Cariulo	

Totale .....Kw 200

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Civil Affairs Division.

In the course of my last tour I stopped at the Trabia sulphur mines between Vissi and Caltanissetta, because I heard some ordinary working. I discovered that under instructions from the C.A.O. (Captain Maule) the mine engineers had restarted a diesel generator to pump at least part of the mine. This led me to inspect the generating plant which I discovered consisted of 3 Fiat-Ansaldo diesel motors and three generators of which one set only was working. The total output of the three sets generating is 900 kw at 5000 volts (i.e., 300 kw per set).

It appears that the mine was formerly supplied with six generating sets before the plant was linked by high tension line to the grid at Caltanissetta. The high tension line is a spur from the main grid at Caltanissetta and supplies only the mine. When this spur was built, three of the motors of the six generating sets were removed for use elsewhere, but the three spare generators were left. These three spare generators and the spare parts of the three motors which survived are enough to keep the plant going, but, according to the engineer in charge, the installation running for the present. Diesel oil or waste is available from the big dump of which you are doubtless aware near Caltanissetta.

As you know Caltanissetta has no electricity owing to the interruption of the grid connection. Rome as you know depends preponderantly on a steam generating set at Grottaglie, a place about half way between Rome and Bizerta Airdrome. This installation is in somewhat precarious condition and in any event it is only powerful enough to maintain the water level at the mine but give current for two hours a day to meet requirements at Rome.

The position at Rome is extremely serious and needs to be dealt with immediately. There were rumours current which the Sul.A.C. Rome had heard that it was proposed to divert the Grottaglie current elsewhere, which would leave Rome with no electricity. Rome as you know is situated on the top of the hill and without water it is likely if an adequate water supply is not restored.

Having regard to the three generating sets at the Trabia mine it would seem to be good policy to restore the high tension cable link between that of the mine and Caltanissetta as soon as possible. The distance is not great and the amount of material required to restore the line should not be enormous. I believe the line is a 25000 volt installation. If an electrical interconnection between Rome and Caltanissetta could be restored we might find at least some temporary solution by the means indicated for relieving the Rome situation.

G. to C. If Army Group has given instructions to Civil Affairs to report priority for the repairing of electrical power lines.

Please take up the question of the Trabia Power Station and the repairing of the Caltanissetta line as soon as possible, and report progress.

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You should at the same time consider in the view of the precarious situation as from whether the generating plants should not cease pumping at the mine and devote its output to supplying water and light. I understand this may mean considerable upsetting of the generator property and I should like to have as early as possible a minute on this matter.

Rennell

Major-General.
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

GHQ H.Q.
15 Aug 1945.
15 August 1945.

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To report on this as soon as possible.

Copy sent to Mr Reebler.

B/E 24/8 Mr E 20/8

Off 20/8

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AMGOT/500
14 August 43

Subject: Electric Supply

To : S. C. A. O., Palermo

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1. Reference is made to directive entitled "Electric Supply" dated 14 August, 1943.

2. In the execution of above directive the premises described below will continue to receive electric service.

Villa Tasca
442 Corso Calatafimi
Property of Conte Alessandro Tasca

3. This exception is made based on the fact that the water supply is electrically operated.

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer,

AMGOT HQ

15 Army Group

Charles . Stoppford
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
Chief Staff Officer

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AMGOT/5009/CS
15 August 43

Subject: Società Generale Elettrica Della Sicilia

To : Property Controller

From : Director of Civilian Supply and Resources

1. We have been informed that the controlling interest in the above company is owned by Roman interests.

2. It is requested that a thorough investigation be undertaken to determine:

(a) The corporate structure of the company.
  I. Statutes under which it is chartered.
  II. Security issues, junior and senior rates of return.
  III. Profits and distribution thereof.

(b) Examination of the list of stockholders--all securities.
  I. Stockholders' Fascist connections.
  II. Possibility of state funds invested in company.

(c) Method of capitalization, overheads, etc., along with an analysis of the depreciation reserve.

3. If it develops that any part of the company is owned by high ranking Fascists, an opinion is desired as to whether or not such interests can be declared booty of war. If this theory is sound, then we propose to fix electric rates to the Allied Forces at levels which will exclude above referred-to interests.

4. Attached is one of the Company's reports for your use.

5. It is suggested that you contact Engr. Geimond, Palermo office, for further reference to the Company's records.

J. F. R. SEITZ
Lt. Col., C. S. C.
D. C. S. R.

AMGOT HQ

15th Army Group

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AMGOT/5000/GI
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AMGOT HQ
15th Army Group

J. F. E. BETTZ
Lt. Col., G. S. C.
A. C. S. R.

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SEP 1943

Subject:- Electric Supply.

AMGOT/266/HQ

14 August, 43.

To: All Senior Civil Affairs Officers.
All Civil Affairs Officers.

1. Electric requirements for military purposes will, in all cases, be supplied, upon request by proper military authority, to the exclusion, if necessary, of all non-military requirements.

2. Effective immediately, non-military use of electricity will be authorized in the following categories only:

a. Water purification and pumping, community supply.
b. Hospitals, prisons and other public institutions providing essential human needs.
c. Flour mills and bake shops which cannot convert to other sources of power.
d. Commercial refrigeration essential to the preservation of perishable foods.
e. Irrigation, Sundays only, to the extent permitted by closing down flour mills.

f. AMGOT Offices (lighting only), Red Cross buildings, Allied Forces newspaper facilities; police and fire stations.

3. Electric service now being rendered inconsistent with this directive will be terminated forthwith.

4. Each S.C.A.O. will submit by 1 Sept. a complete report of all non-military electric service now rendered showing consumer's name, category of use, hours of operation and KVA maximum demand. Subsequent approvals for service will be authorized in writing by S.C.A.O. and one signed copy forwarded to AMGOT H.Q. for record.

5. AMGOT H.Q. Sicily is responsible for the supply and distribution of electricity for non-military use throughout Sicily and all requests for service, not specifically mentioned herein will be referred to this H.Q. for prior approval. All requests for service involving AMGOT financial commitments will likewise be referred to this H.Q. for prior approval.

6. The acute shortage of electricity makes it imperative that every effort be made to reduce non-military use to an absolute minimum, especially between the hours of 20.00 and 24.00

For the Chief Civil Affairs Officer,

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CHARLES W. SPONFORD,
Lt-Col. G.S.C.
Chief Staff Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
5009/CJ
14 AUG 1943
AMGOT

MESSAGE CENTER NO. 2573A
CIPHER OFFICE NO. M356

1519/48

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

TO:- SEVENTH ARMY FOR AMGOT HQ PALERMO.

FROM:- FORTBASE. Q.182 13TH AUG.

REF. PARA EIGHT FORCE ADM. INSTRUCTION NUMBER 20 DATED 27TH JUNE.

ANTICIPATED DIFFICULTY IN OPERATING PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES IN EASTERN SICILY. LARGE DIFFERENCE WD RATES OF PAY AGREED BY YOU AND PREOCCUPATION RATES PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES. REQUEST IMMEDIATE CONFERENCE AMGOT P AND L AND RE SERVICES CONCERNED. STATE PLACE DATE AND TIME GIVING 48 HRS. NOTICE. SUGGEST THIS MEETING FORMS NUCLEUS FOR PERMANENT LABOUR COMMITTEE UNDER ISLAND RESOURCES BOARD FOR WHICH THERE APPEARS TO BE AN URGENT NEED.

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G-1 Info

P/a 705
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15 aug

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Repairs started Aug 7 under 7th Army. The first Lt. McGuire Lt. Mueller 1090th Special Utility Co. 7th Army

Palermo steam - started up Sept 6 25 to 3000 KW

IBS took over on Aug 18 - Mueller continued + 1090th was assigned IBS.

Empedocle - Cleanup started by 40th Combat Engr Reg.

Taken over by Lt. Reed of 1090th Aug 15 appx.

- Started up Oct 5 1200 KW

Activity Report—Transportation, Communications, and Utilities Division—month of Sept. 43
Chief Civil Affairs Officer

AMGOT/10128/TCU

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1. Transportation Section.

a. Railway Sub-section. (Capt. G. B. Minard, G.L.C.)

(1) Comments and recommendations made with respect to General Gray's report and survey of Sicilian railroad situation.

(2) During the entire month the railways continued to be operated under the military services. 727th Ry. Op. Bn. in the American area and MOTTRAM in the British Area were responsible for rail operations. With the creation of L.R.R. it became responsible for determining what movements should be made on lines in the American area. 727th Ry. Op. Bn. continued to be responsible for operation of the lines.

(3) In each area the military operating services made every effort to place the operation back into the hands of civilian personnel at the earliest date. By 23 Sept. all operations in both British and American areas were in the hands of civilians. R.T.O.'s remained for the sole purpose of supervising the movements of military trains.

(4) This office established liaison with the controlling military services in the American area and secured all possible movement of civilian freight. During the month this movement was very limited due to the great volume of military traffic. Most significant was the arrangement to move 10,000 tons of sulphur during the months of Oct. and Nov. Lack of personnel and communications have prevented effective liaison with military operating services in the British area. To date arrangements for movement of civilian goods in that area have been made directly by R.T.O.'s. Action is now under way to consolidate all requests for movements through headquarters.

(5) AMGOT having assumed responsibility for the payment of railway employees all questions with regard to payments were referred to this office and cared for by it.

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b. Motor Sub-section. (1st Lt. I. M. Calvanese, G.L.C.)

(1) During most of the month the only trucks available to this division were those belonging to Istituto Nazionale Trasporti (INT) the truck and bus subsidiary of the state railways. Because of tire shortages and mechanical difficulties it was [illegible]

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(1) During most of the month the only trucks available to this division were those belonging to Istituto Nazionale Trasporti (INT) the truck and bus subsidiary of the state railways. Because of tire shortages and mechanical difficulties it was possible to keep only seven or eight of them in constant operation. These were used exclusively for the movement of goods required by civilian supply division.

(2) As against the time when more trucks would be available to this sub-section two garages and repair shops were rehabilitated in Palermo and made ready for use of INT. This gives them three garages in Palermo capable of caring for approximately 100 trucks. When headquarters Administrative Transportation Officer turned over to this sub-section the vehicles delivered to him by Seventh Army, INT was immediately put to work rehabilitating

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a. RTT will be used as the agency for operating an island wide trunk service by this headquarters with terminal and storage facilities at all Provincial Capitals and at other important points.

(3) The bus service for governmental employees and other essential civilians was continued twice weekly on the route Palermo--Agrigento--Naguna--Siracusa--Catania--Trapani--Caltanissetta--Palermo. In addition to passengers, arrangements were made to carry civilian mail to the provincial capitals visited. Special bus service for General Electric workers in Palermo was started. Army workers are carried daily from Marsala and Santabella.

5. Water Sub-section (Major H. Tobey, U.S.N., S.O.)

(1) A water sub-section was set up during the latter part of the month with a naval officer in charge. Two schooners, the 420 ton water boat Erice and the 30 ton fuel oil barge were taken over by AMGOT. Water supply service continued to island of Ustica. Three small boats at Trapani were taken over and made available to AMGOT Trapani to carry grain Agrigento to Trapani. Two boats not under control of AMGOT used to carry food supplies from Palermo--Capri, Palermo--Marsala.

(2) Set up Civilian shipping organization to operate boats taken over and to be taken over by AMGOT.

(3) Requests have been made and further requests are being made for the assignment to AMGOT of additional shipping facilities.

2. Communications Section.

a. Telephone Sub-section (Capt. J. B. Davis, C.E.C.)

(1) Throughout the month of September, contact was been maintained with the C.E.C.'s of Fortress, Eighth Army, I.E.A., and Seventh Army and also with the Director of C.E.C. (Allied Control Commission).

(2) As per G.O. No. 13, continuous progress was made in the reversion of civil telephone exchanges to civilian operation and use, having due regard to military requirements.

(3) In the eastern portion of the island, i.e. the provinces of Messina, Catania, Siracusa, Ragusa, and Enna, all local telephone exchanges and urban facilities were released to AMGOT for civilian operation with the exception of that in the province of Ragusa which is being operated by Royal Marines.

(4) In the western portion of the island, i.e., the provinces of Palermo, Caltanissetta, Agrigento, and Trapani, the following civilian telephones were released by I.E.A. subject to military requirements for operation and maintenance by civilian personnel (C.E.C.) under AMGOT supervision.

(a) All local [illegible]

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2. Communications Section.

a. Telephone Sub-section (Capt. J. H. Doris, U.S.N.)

(1) Throughout the month of September, contact has been maintained with the C.S.O.'s of Fortress, Eighth Army, U.S.N., and Seventh Army and also with the Director of A.F.H.Q. (Italian Internal Telephone).

(2) As per G.O. No. 1, continuous progress was made in 702 restoration of civil telephone exchanges to civilian operation and use, having due regard to military requirements.

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(4) In the western portion of the island, i.e., the provinces of Palermo, Caltanissetta, Agrigento, and Trapani, the following civilian telephones were released by A.M.G. subject to military requirements for operation and maintenance by civilian personnel (U.S.A.) under AMGOT supervision.

(a) All local commercial telephone exchanges, including distribution facilities within each local exchange area except the exchanges and facilities in the towns or outskirts of Palermo, Marsala and Porto Empedocle.

(b) The two A.F.H.Q. Directors, each of whom is responsible for T.T.S. operations in half the island, were taken on an ins-

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position trip through their respective territories where they met with each of their Provincial Managers and made plans for restoration and rehabilitation of S.E.T. telephone exchanges and plant facilities as they return to civil operation and also made financial arrangements as were necessary to make collections and meet current expenses.

(6) Directives were issued to the S.E.T. Directors which presented the general policies and practices under which the S.E.T., through them, will function under AMGOT supervision.

(7) As the telephone exchanges and associated urban facilities were released by the Military for civil operation, immediate steps have been taken to restore them to as near normal operation as possible except for inter-urban service.

(a) Telephone exchanges in all Provincial capitals except Caltanissetta and Messina are operating and gradually expanding their service to civilian subscribers.

(i) Caltanissetta and Messina are expected to be operating by 15 October.

(ii) Palermo is being operated by Signal Corps of 7th Army, but is expected to be released to AMGOT in the near future.

(b) The small regrate exchanges in less important communes are also being put into operation by civilian personnel and rough in reports have not been received. It is estimated, however, that 10% of these exchanges were functioning by the 30th September 1943.

b. Telegraph Cable & Radio Sub-section (Capt. . S. Crawford, C.E.S.)

(1) The Telegraph rehabilitation plan for Sicily was drawn up during the first fortnight. In conjunction with Engineer Marines of the P & T and Engineers Signal and Blackstone of the Palermo construction section (C.C. .T.), the following plan has been evolved:

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(b) The next for repair will be those linking the large towns.

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(2) These latter circuits will only be restored as and when material is available from civilian sources.

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b. Telegraph Cable & Radio Intercommunication (Capt. [illegible] Brownlow, C.M.G.)

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(3) Letters were sent to each Provincial Telegraph Director asking for detailed information on the state of instruments, batteries and maintenance equipment.

(4) At a conference held on 21st September with the directors and chief engineers of the P & T and C.M.G.T., the following instructions were issued:

(a) All state telegraph offices will be under the central direction of the Palermo central office.

(b) Both the Palermo (W. Sicily) and Messina (E. Sicily) C.C.T.T.'s will be under the direction of the C.C.T.T. office, Palermo. This will facilitate administration in view of the lack of transportation.

(5) A letter was received on 28 September from I.S.S. granting permission to this division for the complete operation and maintenance of all telegraph terminals w.e.f. 1 October. In view of this all telegraph office operators have been instructed to commence at once the maintenance and repair of all telegraph instruments.

(6) As yet no lines have been released and all employees of these companies have been forbidden to approach any external pole wire, W.C. cable or other line.

(7) The main Telegraph Office in Palermo is in fair order. Unfortunately certain vital parts of special teletype machines have been removed. These were not removed by Signal Corps but obviously by non-technical vandals.

(8) The batteries have been topped up and charged and work has been commenced on the instruments.

(9) Little or no employment was found for the Ital Cable Company. In view of this the fifty employees have been placed at the disposal of the State Telegraph Company. Ital Cable's functions are similar to Cable and Wireless Inc. and their communications are by cable to the Italian mainland. Thus certain difficulties prevent their operation.

(10) The state submarine cable Palermo - Cagliari (Sardinia) is reported as being intact. Negotiations are taking place to enable testing to commence on this cable.

(11) All radio stations are under military control. Liaison with P.T.O. and Finance was carried out on the subject of the Radio Tax.

3. Utilities Section - Capt. Frank D. Peebles, Chief.

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(1) Two more diesel generating plants, Marsala and Mazara, were started up, thus further relieving the transmission network. The following towns are now supplied by isolated diesel plants, Marsala, Mazara, Lercara, Sciacca, Agrigento, Roccalumbo, a part of Caltanissetta, Sommatino, Piana Armerina.

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(2) The conservation program is being continued with a reduction of 2400 kw peak load in the Palermo - Trapani area.

(3) The Palermo steam plant is now in service carrying a maximum of approx. 3000 kw. If the present meagre supply of coal continues, this plant will be the salvation of the situation. Reduction in load requirements must continue in order to offset additional load requirements of the military as well as additional load created by shorter days and the change in time. Hydro plants are being used as little as possible, for the obvious conservation of water.

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(4) The Marsala and Mazara plants will permit the manufacture of wine to the extent of about 25% normal. Olive oil presses are being given electric service during off-peak hours.

(5) Preliminary plans for ANZAF HQ supervision of the entire Island electric system have been formulated, including personnel requirements. A request for conference with 15 Army Group has not been acted upon; however, a similar conference has been planned for the immediate future, with No. 1 District and Eighth Army G's S.P. to arrange details incident to ANZAF HQ supervision of the electric system in Eighth Army territory. The same problem in Seventh Army territory have been discussed with I.R.S., and substantial accord exists, covering the important provisions at issue. Nov. 1, 1943 is agreed on the date transfer can be made if directed.

(6) Study of Società Generale Elettrica della Sicilia rates and wage levels have continued and will probably be completed in three weeks. Certified inventories of war damage are under way and will be completed in approx. thirty days. Operating material requirements have been determined for the coming year and can be placed on requisition at any time.

4. Highway and Public Works Section (Lt. R.T. Loeb G.I.G.)

a. During the latter part of the month this section was set up with Lt Lt. Loeb in charge. Conference with British and American Military for designation of 1st and 2nd Priority Military and Civilian Highways.

b. Steps taken to re-establish A.A.S.S. (State Highway Dept.) organization for maintenance of State Highway system in 8 provinces (Palermo previously set up).

c. Steps taken to complete re-establishing "Provveditorato alle Opere Pubbliche" (Dept. of Public Works) organization on island wide basis as it operated prior to invasion.

d. Bridge contracts, and contracts to repair public buildings being checked for ZONO's for price and priority on road repairs.

e. Assistance rendered I.R.S. in connection with obtaining civilian contractors for repair work of 1st Priority military highways.

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Director, Requisition

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(6) Study of Società Generale Elettrica della Sicilia rates and wage levels have continued and will probably be completed in three weeks. Certified inventories of war damage are under way and will be completed in approx. thirty days. Operating material requirements have been determined for the ensuing year and can be placed on requisition at any time.

4. Highway and Public Works Section (Lt. R.T. Loeb U.S.C.)

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b. Steps taken to re-establish A.A.S.S. (State Highway Dept.) organization for maintenance of State Highway system in 8 provinces (Palermo previously set up).

c. Steps taken to complete re-establishing "Provveditorato alle Opere Pubbliche" (Dept. of Public Works) organization on island wide basis as it operated prior to invasion.

d. Bridge contracts, and contracts to repair public buildings being checked for 20%'s for price and priority on road repairs.

e. Assistance rendered C.M.P. in connection with obtaining civilian contractors for repair work of 1st Priority military highways.

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Lt. Col., S. C.
Director, Transportation,
Communications & Utilities.

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12 August 1943

SUBJECT: Electric Supply--Preliminary Study

TO: Lt. Colonel J.F.R. Seitz

FROM: Frank D. Peebles, 1st Lt., A.C.

1. Area discussed herein is bounded on the north by the towns of Lentini, Enna and San Carlo, on the west by San Carlo and Palazzo, and extending to the coast line south and east.

2. All known generating plants, important transformer and switching stations, and high voltage transmission lines have been inspected to the extent permitted by time limitations. Pertinent factors taken into account are:-

a. Operating condition of equipment.
b. Damage from military operations.
c. Available fuel and material stocks.
d. Maximum output of generating equipment under present conditions.
e. Information obtained thru contacts with electric company employees.
f. Load requirement reduction to absolute minimum.
g. Segregation of network into isolated systems to obtain full utilization of all generating equipment regardless of ownership.

3. The following tabulation includes all known generating plants in the area:-

Plant Name	Prime Mover	Installed Capacity KVA	Maximum Output Present Conditions KVA	Expected Output KVA	Expected Increase KVA
Lentini	Hydro	200	65 +	65	
Caltabiano	Hydro	8200	600 +	600	
Fachino	Diesel	60		50	50
Pozzolo	Diesel	40		35	35
Augusta	Diesel	660	250	440	310
Agrigento	Diesel	400		180	180
Grottacalda	Diesel	320	175	175	
Enna	Diesel	580		200	100
Geriocatti	Diesel	450		320	320
Andalusto	Diesel	1360		760	760
Poggio Diana	Hydro	5350	800 +	800	
Solacoa	Diesel	385		170	170
San Carlo	Hydro	9150	2400 +	1060	
Ferrara	Hydro	1900	400 +	400	
			5290	4635	2925

+ = Reduction due to low water

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c. Operating condition of equipment.
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3. The following tabulation includes all known generating plants in the area:-

Plant Name	Prime Mover	Installed Capacity KVA	Maximum Output Present Conditions KVA	Expected Out put KVA	Expected Increase KVA
Lentini	Hydro	200	80 +	80	
Casadile	Hydro	8000	600 +	600	
Padano	Diesel	60		50	50
Pozzolo	Diesel	40		35	35
Ragusa	Diesel	660	130	440	310
Agrigento	Diesel	400		180	180
Grottacalda	Diesel	320	175	175	
Enna	Diesel	580		100	100
Gardenti	Diesel	460		320	320
Aucalusto	Diesel	1360		260	260
Poggio Diana	Hydro	1360	600 +	600	
Solacca	Diesel	285		170	170
San Carlo	Hydro	4150	1000 +	1000	
Ferrara	Hydro	1900	400 +	400	
					1425
			3190	4615	

+ = Reduction due to low water

Thus it is possible to substantially increase the generating capacity in the area by changing parts, providing fuel oil and lubricants, and installing minor additional circuits, all of which can be completed within a period of approximately three weeks.

4. Conclusions:

(a) Due to the wide variation in electrical characteristics of the several plants, it will be necessary to segregate the existing network into

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small isolated systems, in order to permit maximum utilization of each generating unit.

(b) The 70KV line from San Carlo to Cabanas, will be repaired as far east as Gretamalde by August 25 and should be used exclusively for transmission of the total hydro capacity to points south and east of Gretamalde until such time as the Cabanas Plant output can be distributed over normal routes.

(c) Even with the most prudent use, it is very doubtful if there is sufficient electricity in the area to provide for the essential requirements, if operated on normal schedules. A partial solution to this problem may be found in staggering the hours of water pumping between towns, operating flour mills on two or possibly three shifts and coordinating military use with other essential use.

(d) As prerequisite to the accomplishment of the foregoing a detail study must be made in the field to determine (1) essential load requirements and (2) all possible methods of combining diesel capacity thru switching etc.

5. Recommendations:

(a) Immediate issuance of orders to all producers and distributors of electricity (governmental and private) that service will be rendered for non-military use, ONLY upon written instructions of the effected S.C.A.O.

(b) Immediate issuance of a directive to all S.C.A.O.'s limiting until further notice the non-military use of electricity to the following categories:

1. Community water supply.
2. Hospitals, prisons and asylums.
3. S.C.A.O. and P.A.O. offices (lighting only).
4. Flour mills and bake shops which cannot convert to other means of power.

(c) Continued full work by AMGOT Staff representative in determining essential load requirements, possible diversity of load, repairs to damaged equipment, new installations and all other means of rendering an adequate electric supply.

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AMG Military Government Section

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In order to operate electric plant at ZAIATEO it is necessary to recondition boilers from [illegible] to 2000 ons you obtain any refractory cement from ~~[illegible] or~~ any ~~other~~ source in N. AFRICA (.) Advise quantity and degree of heat resistance of cement available (.) From REINELL

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SUBJECT: Water Supply.

S.C.A.O.
Ragusa

Your letter, unreferenced, of 22 Jul.43.

1. The situation you report concerning flour mills in Ragusa province has been noted and the Division concerned informed.

2. It is regretted that it will be impossible for you to obtain additional power from Siracusa. This province is only permitted 180 k.w. a day and this amount will shortly be required by army installations.

3. A power expert is surveying the possibilities of developing additional power in the S.W. of the island. Major Young at your H.Q. is also aware of the power situation in Siracusa.

4. Meanwhile it is regretted that you will have to depend on local sources such as adoption of generators and use of Diesel auxiliaries. Use of tractors or water mills may afford alternative means which no doubt you are exploring.

for Chief Staff Officer.

D. Morley-Fletcher,
Major,
General Staff.

AMGOT HQ.
15 Army Group,
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Copy to S.C.A.O. Syracuse
Supply Division.

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Subject:- Railway Transportation.

To:- AMGOT H.Q. Syracuse. PR/RS.

From:- AMGOT,
Province of Ragusa. 30 July 43

I hope that the railways will be in working condition fairly soon. This would help to solve our transport problems which are extremely serious in view of the necessity of sending grain from producing to consumption centres, and the absence of motor lorries.

Suffolk Rec Centre and Ragusa
Rec Centre 7/31/43 Suffolk

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Lt-Col.
S.C.A.O. AMGOT,
Province of Ragusa.

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Subject:- Supply of Electric Power for Asphalt Works.

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To:- AMGOT H.Q., Syracuse.

PR/S/3.

From:- AMGOT, Province of Ragusa.

30 July 43.

1. Major Cumley yesterday (29 Jul 43) had a further interview with Maj. C.E. Choate and Maj. C.E. Richardson (U.S.A.) both of 3rd. A.S.A.C. Special Engineer H.Q. at present at Gela. These officers are negotiating the purchase of quantities of asphalt for building runways on L.Gs.

2. They have assured Maj. Cumley that the Porto Empedocle power plant is too damaged to be able to supply any current.

3. After some discussion they promised that they would supply Sig. Moy with some portable electric power generators (of which they appear to have any amount). This will enable him to run the mine without detracting any current from the generators running at present, which are indispensable in order to maintain the town water supply.

4. Will you also impress on the American Military Authorities the importance of providing these generators as quickly as possible. The mines could then be immediately re-opened doing away with much un-employment, and in accordance with the Military Governor's wishes.

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To see Lt Colonel Rutter - MP

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Lt-Col.
S.C.A.O. AMGOT,
Province of Ragusa.

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2nd July, 1943.

S.O.A.O.,
A.M.G.O.T.:
Ragusa.

C.C.A.O.,
A.M.G.O.T., H.Q.:
Siracusa.

Sir,

In order to re-establish the water supplies at Modica and Ragusa, and to supply the mills in Ragusa Province with power to make flour, an additional 200 to 250 K.W. is necessary from Siracusa.

As soon as it is possible, will you please authorise this ?.

The line also requires repair between Sortino and Cassibile.

Lt. Col.

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