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Feb. - Mar. 1946

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MINISTERO DELLA MARINA
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA MARINA MERCANTILE

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18 February 1946

Div. U.T.I.
Prot. 859

SUBJECT: Material for Repairs to Allied Vessels.

TO : Allied Commission - Economic Section - ROME.

According to recent arrangements Allied Vessels trading in the Mediterranean and requiring voyage repairs are to be given first priority by the Italian Shipyards in the execution of repair work dry-docking and reconstruction.

The preferential treatment thus requested undoubtedly refers to equipment, installation and labour; as regards the material employed and consumed the question needs a clarification.

It is a known fact that all branches of Italian activity and particularly Italian Naval Industry are suffering from lack of material so that it is not possible for the shipyards to supply the necessary material required for repairs to Allied Vessels unless said material is replaced or paid for in currency (foreign).

As the question of replacement is not of easy solution, the material concerned being generally speaking in small quantities but of various types and qualities, this Ministry considers that the most convenient solution would be that of payment in currency.

This Ministry would be very grateful if the Allied Commission were to take the matter up with the competent Authorities with a view to reaching agreement as early as possible in the sense suggested.

For the Minister

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This letter HC/20/73/TNC 21 Feb 46
 was not despatched - see HC.018 - 12 Feb 46.
 for sig of C.C. to Com C. re. the matter -

Called Mr. Giuliani 18/2/46 re ship
 repair facilities agreement - he says no answer
 to date - however the question (of the
 Ministry of Marine) has arisen as to
 the costs of materials + pay rest therefore
 is covered - see Mr. Giuliani's comments.
 in Trieste where he recommended that payment
 for materials should be in the currency of
 the country utilizing the repair materials.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ArO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel : 347
Ref : AC/20/73/Tn6

UAG/lp
1 February 1946

SUBJECT: Control of Ship Repair Facilities
and Dockings in Italy.

TO : Office of the Commander-in-Chief
MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

1. Reference our letter AC/20/69/Tn6 dated 27 Dec. 1945 on the above subject.

2. Attached, hereto, is copy of Agreement it is proposed to submit to Ministry of Marine, Rome, for signature which, it is considered, covers the points raised in your communication Med.45/829/4/18. dated 14 November 1945. It deliberately covers only the questions subject to agreement and does not deal with questions on which the Allies still give orders (dealt with Allied Commission letter NSC/4152 of 30 November 1945). The proposed agreement has been discussed unofficially with the Italian Ministry of Marine and tentatively agreed in its present form.

3. Your early reply would be appreciated to enable us to proceed with the completion of the document.

HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

Attachment:
As stated in para.2.

Copy to :
SACMED
FOIL
Navy S/C
Industries & Utilities S/C
Movements Div (Attn: Maj. Laraman)
MWTR (Italian Area) Rome
W.S.A. - Mediterranean
W.S.A. - Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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9 March 1946

Dear Mr. Minister.

Advice has been received that eighteen oil tankers of a capacity of 12,000 barrels each are available for disposal.

Fourteen of these vessels were constructed during 1943 and four during 1944 and have a speed of ten knots.

These vessels will be made available at Shanghai or Manila.

The original cost of these vessels was approximately 94,000 U.S. dollars. The probable selling price would be from 25 to 30 percent of the original cost, depending on the condition.

We would appreciate hearing if your Ministry is interested in acquiring any or all of these vessels.

We shall be obliged if this matter may be treated as very urgent and a reply sent at the earliest practicable date.

Yours very truly,

CHARLES W. HAZEN
Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice President
Economic Section.

The Minister of Marine
Raffaello De Courton
Ministry of Marine
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation & Shipping Sub-Commission

5 March 1946

AC/526/Tn.3.

SUBJECT : Tanker 'Portovecchio'

TO : M.W.T.(R) Naples
(Attn. Mr. Williams)

1. Reference is made to Motor tanker 'Portovecchio' a salvaged vessel now in Genoa which is expected to be ready within 10 days.
2. It is understood C.M.T.C.G. propose to requisition this vessel for carriage of POL for Italian civil needs.
3. It is suggested that this tanker should be operated by Cogema and freight paid by CIP for shipments of POL. This would appear to be in line with the general policy which has been brought into force within recent weeks with the approval of Allied Shipping Authorities.
4. It is requested that this proposal be considered by you and the interested authorities advised.

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P.D.G. BUCHANAN,
Colonel,
Director.Copy to : C Movements Liaison Office Rome
Co-gema, 3 Via dei Gestari Rome.

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COMITATO GESTIONE NAVI
CC. GE. NA.
Ufficio Presidenza

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Our ref.: 2421

Roma, 27 February 1946

SUBJECT: Tanker "PORTOVECCHIO"

TO: HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation & Shipping S/C.
Attn: Maj. W.P. Laraman, R.E.

Handwritten notes:
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1. Reference is made to recent conversation on subject matter.
2. It is hereby confirmed that motor tanker "PORTOVECCHIO" salvaged in the port of Genoa is expected to be ready for service within approx ten days' time.
3. Subject tanker has a carrying capacity of 700/750 tons gasoline or 800/850 tons diesel oil.
4. We understand that C.M.T.C.O. is considering to have this tanker requisitioned view to using her as a substitute to a similar Allied tanker, now employed to carry POL for Italian civilian's account, which would be released from this service.
5. As you are aware the Italian Ministry of Marine has adopted a policy by which all Italian ships over 300 GRT employed in the Italian coastwise traffic and intramed traffic with destination Italy have been derequisitioned as from January 16th, 1946, thus relieving the Ministry of a very great administrative burden and giving at the same time to shipowners an appreciated incentive for a better turn round of their vessels.
6. All these ships are still maintained under strict operative control of Cogenia, acting under the supervision of UNA Zone 3 Committee, and are being exclusively allocated to carry essential programmed cargoes at Cogenia fixed freight rates which are paid directly to shipowners.
7. It would seem consistent with the Italian Ministry of Marine's policy, duly approved by the competent Allied Authorities, if tanker "PORTOVECCHIO", like all other ships, could remain under Cogenia control without being requisitioned.

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8. Of course it would be understood that the absence of the requisitioning formality would make no difference in the employ of the tanker.

"PORTOVECCHIO" would be used only for such trips as requested by C.M.T.C.C., through Cogena, which would supervise and assume responsibility for the carrying out of the pertinent instructions.

9. "PORTOVECCHIO", like all other Italian ships over 300 GRT, would charge to the Italian agency concerned with her cargo approved Cogena freight rates instead of being paid requisition hire by the Italian Government.

10. It is kindly requested that the above proposals be submitted to C.M.T.C.C. view to having them concur on the employ of "PORTOVECCHIO" to carry supplies of POL for Italian civilian use on the same basis already effective for all other Italian vessels.

By Order of the President:

Amata
A.T. MAREMA

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10. It is kindly requested that the above proposals be submitted to C.M.T.C.C. view to having them concur on the employ of "ICERTOV3CCHIO" to carry supplies of FCL for Italian civilian use on the same basis already effective for all other Italian vessels.

By Order of the President:

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TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION AG
(RAIL DIVISION)
C/o Transportation (Br) Main,
C.M.F.

Tel.: 843209

Ref.: AC/192/Tn.4

5 February 1946

SUBJECT: Y.T. Programme.

TO : Col. Buchanan.

[1. Ref. Economic Section, Requisition Branch, letter
RB.415.1/1 dated 30th January 1946.

2. The items enumerated are still required by I.S.R.
for rehabilitation purposes.

3. Requisition Branch, Economic Section has been informed
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S. H. Lee
Chief,
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Copy to:- Requisition Br. Economic Section.

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