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RELEASE OF BERTHS TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
FOR HANDLING CIVIL SUPPLIES

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APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tel. 290
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9 April 1945

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT : Hand-Over of Warehouses.

TO : Col. M. J. Sieff
Movements Division

1. Reference your file 652/3/Tn1 - Hand-over of Warehouses attached. The proposed draft has been examined carefully and I have no comments to make.


R. M. BAZZANELLA
Chief, Port & Whse. Division
Transportation Sub-Commission

Attachment:

As stated above.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel: Ext. 318

5th April, 1945.

652/4/Tn. 1.

SUBJECT: Hand-Over of Warehouses.

TO :

Major
Capt. V.R. Bowers,

Transportation Officer, *(2 Copies)*
A.C. Naples.

1. Reference Major W.T. Martin's report, No. V.11, dated 1st April, 1945, the points made in paras 1 to 4 are noted.

2. Reference para 5, the lack of suitable outside labour supervision and the necessity for strengthening the Senior Warehouse Keeper grades are being taken up with the Headquarters of the Consorzio in Rome. At the moment it is presumed that you are taking the necessary action to bring about ^{an amelior} ~~this~~ improvement, *rectify as possible*

3. Paras 6 to 8 are noted.

4. Reference para 9, steps are being taken to hasten the clearance from the warehouse of those stores which it is considered have been there for an undue period, but it must be appreciated that some stores are held for stockpile purposes and so ^{may be in} ~~should be~~ *the warehouses for several months* there for a period of ~~some months~~. In addition, consignments

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5. Reference para 10, Major Klein will discuss these forms

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with you on his visit, but it should be realised that general release is now made by, and largely through, the Consorzio.

6. Reference para 12(a), the provision of these forms is being proposed to the Campbell Committee, as a recommendation to be included in their final recommendations to the Mediterranean Shipping Board.

7. Reference para 12(i), it is agreed that at times stores for export remain in the warehouse a considerable time, but this is necessary as it is more important to have the stores brought in and ensure that shipping opportunities (a) are not missed, and (b) that shipping when allocated is not delayed waiting for stores, than risk either losing the opportunity or delaying the shipping by not calling stores down in time.

8. Reference para 12(l), arrangements for coping with local festas, etc. should be made by you and should be in accordance with the general practice of the military organisation controlling the port.

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M.J. SIEFF, Colonel,
For MERRITT H. TAYLOR.

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M.J. STEFF, Colonel,
For MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
Director,
Transportation Sub-Commission.

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APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

MJS/vb

Tel: Ext. 318

5th April, 1945.

652/3/Tn 1.

SUBJECT: Hand-Over of Warehouses.

TO : Port and Warehouse Division,
Transportation S/C.

1. Reference report from Major Martin, No. V.11, dated 1st April, it is proposed to reply according to the attached draft. Your comments on the attached draft are requested.

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M.J. SIEFF, Colonel.
For MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director,
Transportation Sub-Commission.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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652/4/Tn 1

5 April 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Bertha to the Italian Government for Handling Civil Supplies.

TO : Economic Section
Attention: Colonel Murphy

1. Reference conversation Colonel Murphy/Colonel Sieff of even date and attached correspondence, herewith is suggested reply to Headquarters, MTOUSA, on the subject of Bertha for civil supplies.

M. J. Sieff

M. J. SIEFF, Colonel

for

MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director,
Transportation Sub-Commission

3 Incls:

- 1-Ltr to HQ, MTOUSA
- 2-RAW Sheet 31 Mar 45 w.
RAW Sheet, Remarks 1, 2 and 3,
Ltr 28 March 45, 652/1/Tn 1; and
Hq MTOUSA Rtn. Slip 18 March 45
w. incls. proposed directive, subj.
as above.
- 3-Ltr 3 April, 652/2/Tn 1

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APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

MSB/ah
Phone 487081

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April 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Berths to the Italian Government for Handling Civil Supplies.

TO : HQ, MTOUSA, C-4, Opns. Branch

1. References the minute on your informal routing slip dated 18 March 1945, attached, and proposed directive to PERSBAC on the release of berths in the port of Naples to the Italian Government for handling civil supplies.
2. AC concurs in principle with the directive.
3. If the scheme is to be effective, it would appear necessary to allocate a minimum area within the port for the working of civilian cargoes; this minimum area is one which, in view of existing and known future commitments, would in all probability remain for a reasonable period of time, and would not be liable to reduction in size and number of berths.
4. At present AC cannot produce M.T. for docks clearance at Naples, and is unlikely to be able to do so during the next few months unless there is an unforeseen increase in the availability of civilian transport, or unless the availability of civilian transport in the north, when liberated, is larger than that at present anticipated. AC will also require material assistance in docks gear until the demands submitted in the Category "A" Program for the prevention of disease and unrest are met.
5. It is agreed that Allied supervisory personnel will be required during the initial period if ships' turn around is not to be delayed. The rate at which this personnel could be withdrawn will depend on the rate at which the Italian authorities can assume the necessary responsibilities efficiently.
6. Reference paragraph 4 of the proposed directive, it should be clearly borne in mind that MMT, USA, POTO (Med), etc., are responsible for the efficient loading or discharging of ships. The responsibility of the Italian organization set up for running the civilian area of the port ends at the ship's side. This organization will be responsible in loading for bringing cargo to ship side and making up set on shore, and in discharge for receiving cargo at ship side from under tackle. This division of responsibility is in accordance with the instructions of the shipping authorities at ANAC.

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7. Detailed action will not be initiated by AG until some specific advice is received. In the meantime, the Campbell Committee - established by a Directive issued by the Chairman of MEDMO, dated 24 February 1945 - is examining and putting forward for AFHQ's approval a proposal for a suggested Italian organization for operating a "civilian area" within the port of Naples.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. G. ANTOLINI,
Acting Vice President,
Economic Section.

cc: C-4 (Mov & Tr) AFHQ
G-5, AFHQ

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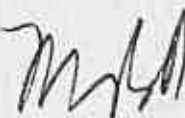
652/1/Tn 1

20 March 1945

Subject: Release of Berths to the Italian Government for Handling Civil Supplies

To : Economic Section

1. Transportation Sub-Commission agree in principle to the terms of proposed directive. It is, however, pointed out that certain liabilities of AC cannot be met at present.
2. AC cannot produce M/T for Hooks clearance at Naples, if required to do so, reference ultimate sentence, paragraph 4, of directive.
3. AC cannot produce cargo handling gear or shore facilities to handle ships expeditiously without material allied assistance.
4. Referring to paragraph 6 of the draft, it is considered that insufficient AC supervisory staff are available to cover satisfactory handling at present; the rate of return of responsibility to Italian Government must be dictated by AC and not by Penbase.
5. In paragraph 7 the words loading and discharging infer that AC is responsible for MHT and NSA commitments.
6. Finally, it should be pointed out that AC agrees with the policy of the directive and is anxious to implement its part but without material assistance from allied sources is not able to accept the proposals.



M. B. THOMAS, Colonel,
Deputy Director

cc: Port & Warehouse Div, Tn S/C
Movements Division, Tn S/C

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INFORMAL ROUTING SLIP
HQ MTOUSA
APO 512

Log D: 6.01

Date: 18 March 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Berths to the Italian Government for Handling Civil Supplies

No.	From	To	Date
1.	G-4 O	AC ROME thru AC	18/3 1945

1. The attached proposed directive to PEMBASE, on "Release of Berths to the Italian Government for handling Civil Supplies," is submitted for comments, recommendation and return to this section.
2. The proposed directive, as now written, has the concurrence of Transportation and G-5, this headquarters.
3. Request you call Major Morrison at Freedom 1064 or Lt. Col. Fish at Freedom 1093 and advise of your comments in order to expedite.

For the AC/S, G-4:

/s/
FRANKLIN W. FISH
Lt. Col., C.E.
Ex. O, G-4 Opns. Branch

1 Incl:
Proposed directive

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

Directive No. _____

TO: Commanding General
Peninsular Base Section
APO 782, U.S. Army

RELEASE OF BERTHS TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR
HANDLING CIVIL SUPPLIES

1. The Peninsular Base Section will make available to the Italian Government for its use in loading or discharging civilian supplies as many berths as practicable in the Port of Naples.
2. Careful consideration should be given to the numbers and types of berths made available to the Italian Government, so that conditions necessary for the proper handling of cargo peculiar to civil shipments can be met.
3. The number of ships which the Italian Government can load or discharge at any time in the Port of Naples will be determined by the number of berths which can be made available without jeopardizing military requirements. This allocation of ships will be controlled by Chief of Transportation, this headquarters.
4. Port clearance should be coordinated and so organized that it does not hinder the working of ships or turn-around of trucks. Arrangements should be effected and carefully supervised so as not to allow any delay in loading or discharging of ships, to meet schedule convoys, either to the U.S. or the next port of call. The Peninsular Base Section will be responsible for furnishing the necessary cargo vehicles for delivering civilian supplies from shipside to depots, until further notice from this headquarters.
5. Sufficient gear and equipment should be provided at berths to properly and efficiently accomplish ship loading or discharge.
6. It is desired to place the responsibility for handling civilian supplies upon the Italian Government and the Allied Commission to the maximum extent possible. A minimum number of Allied supervisory personnel must be provided to effect this plan. This staff will be steadily reduced by placing increased responsibility upon the Italian Government and Allied Commission.

7. The Italian Government and Allied Commission will be responsible for loading, discharging and checking of all civilian cargo as outlined in AFHQ G-4 (Mov & Tr) Memorandum, subject: "Admission of Italian Officials to Military Ports", file 5/86/GIM, dated 21 February 1945.

8. Berths and quay-side areas being operated by the Italian Government must be clearly defined and where necessary for security, should be enclosed by a fence or other suitable obstruction, which can readily be removed and still provide adequate security.

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