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FROM : Transportation Sub-Commission
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TO : Lt. Colonel M.J. Sierf

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Enclosure Letter FP/4024 dated 24 Jan.
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ALLIED COMMISSION

POGGIA Zone

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TO : HQ. Southern Region, Allied Commission (E & S Div)

FROM : Zone Commissioner- AC Poggia Zone

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300	tons to Cosenza
1800	tons to Naples
500	tons to Rome
250	tons to Lecce by sea

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Total 2850 tons per week

Whether the goods are shipped as grain or flour, transport must still be provided to carry supplies to railhead or Mill. At this stage more and more grain has to be taken from the more distant warehouses- largely due to the breakdown in previous shipping programmes. A proportion of this local quantity can be carried by animal-drawn transport, but as distances increase this proportion decreases. In addition to the foregoing 2850 tons per week there is the normal transport requirement for the internal movement of goods in this Province, where communes

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4. At the moment more than 50% of our local trucks (including civilian-owned vehicles) are used to lift goods for export, and, in an attempt to maintain as nearly as possible the export programme, we have been forced to work these trucks very long hours and at a very high mileage per day- suffered largely for the good of other Provinces. It is feared that this has

neither been appreciated nor will special consideration be given to the replacement of wornout trucks and tyres. The Province can no longer afford to supply both the goods and all the transport for export to other Provinces.

5. Our fears were increased by the fact that the only tyre distribution to date to this Zone consisted of 67 tyres allotted on a per capita basis, which clearly showed no appreciation of the fact that we are feeding many more than our own population.

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