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SUBJECT: Azienda Servizi Annonari, City Markets.

TO : Food Sub-Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission
R.C. Lazio Region

See AC. Fa/H1/2/RM
8 Jan 45.

Your attention is drawn to A.C. Agr/66 of 3 Jan 45.

This Section would be pleased to have your views on
this matter as early as possible.

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S.Q. 3. Economic Section

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MINO VATTIERS LIMITED COMPANY
 (20 394)
 Transportation Sub-Commission

Ref : AC.Tn/41/2/RM

3 January 1945

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TO : Economic Section

copy to : Agriculture Sub-Commission

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 AGR/66 dated 3 Jan 45.

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 HENRIET H. TALLON
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AGRICULTURA, SUB-DIVISION

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Tel. 478707

3 January 1949

SUBJECT: Azienda Servizi Annonari, City Markets.

TO: 1. Economic Section.

1. Reference has been made to interprovincial trade barriers, and other restrictions on the movement of goods, especially in connection with fruits and vegetables that are "surplus", and uncontrolled at points of origin. Private dealers have shown a great deal of initiative in this work, as rail transportation has become available, but the risk involved, in great with wagons scarce and heavy delays enroute, and the dealers consequently charge higher prices for their services than is normal.

2. Municipal market control organizations (Azienda Servizi Annonari) exist, with legal authority to control dealers by licensing, inspection, and overall price control. They also have been granted the right to buy and sell on their own account, at least in certain cities. The A.A.A. in Rome and Naples are now pressing to have rail transport assigned to them, so that they can control the private dealers by competing with them.

3. The following is quoted from an article in "Il Tempo" of 28 Dec 44: 2036

"We can affirm that 150 wagons were assigned to these firms (Fedespert and other importing firms) while not even a single wagon was allotted to A.A.A., at least up to the first days of January."

The article concludes with the statement that "the only way (to avoid speculation) is to assign all wagons available for food transport to A.A.A. and by so doing the population will get a profit in lower prices." As the market-control agency, A.A.A.

is apparently expected to reduce prices by having all rail transport under their control.

4. The head of the A.S.A. states that his organization has the legal power to control dealers, but says that this is not adequate - presumably because of lack of coordination with other law-enforcement agencies. However, there is obviously some question as to whether or not giving A.S.A. a virtual monopoly of importing unrationed food into Rome will produce lower prices in the long run, and certainly the regulatory body loses its authority as soon as it enters into direct competition with its dealers.

5. A.S.A. officials have expressed the same opinion as are contained in the newspaper articles. During the period in question they actually imported 9 wagons, against accepted bids for 3, all arriving in good condition. In view of the keen competition for allocation of rail cars, the matter should be clarified by the appropriate Ministry, in private dealers are to be expected to ship to Rome as well as to other cities in Southern Italy. The present handling may hinder the further development of private initiative, and render completely useless the regulatory power of the Azienda Servizi Al Consumatore.

6. A decision should be made to develop private initiative, or, on the other hand, to hold all such work under the operating control of the various governmental agencies if the emergency warrants.

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7. If the emergency does not warrant retaining such operating powers as were granted under the Fascist regime, then the basic rules laws, or statutes should be modified to prohibit unnecessary intrusion of regulatory agencies into work normally part of private commerce.

8. Attention should be directed to the coordination of the various agencies whose work implements such regulatory bodies, so that the commerce and its control are coincident.

9. The basic problem seems to be one of enforcement of the regulations promulgated by market control organization.

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and it is requested that the matter be considered with a view toward solving that by coordinated action, rather than by direct competition.

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