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TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

25 January 1946

File, Mt. 330

MC/ST&S/TC-3.

SUBJECT : Discharge of wheat ships in La Spezia

TO : Food & Agriculture Sub-Commission

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1. Reference your 51-776 of 22 January.
2. It is not at present proposed to use La Spezia for British or American vessels. The port will, however, be used for Italian coasters, colliers and schooners.
3. Until the line Genoa-La Spezia is open, the easier method at present would be for flour to be shipped by schooner from Genoa to La Spezia. Alternatively bagged wheat could be shipped for onward despatch to Pisa for milling there.
4. It should not be difficult to save reasonable tonnage by schooners from Genoa, as there are usually several returning in ballast.
5. An increased use of jumbo for civil supplies is likely in the near future and this port will be useful for supplying Florence, Lucca, Pisa etc.

For the Director

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[Handwritten Signature]
 H. J. LARSEN.
 MAJ. R. E.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.F.C. 194

Food & Agriculture Sub-Commission

SI-7/FA

20 January 1946.

SUBJECT : La Spezia wheat reception.

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TO : HQ. A.C. Tr. & Shipping S/C., (Attn. Maj. Laraman).

1. Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of letter reference AS/MI dated 15th January from the Federazione Italiana del Comerci Agrar. confirming conversation with Dr. Bacci on the a.m. subject.

2. In our opinion it will not be practical to put wheat ships into La Spezia port owing to the lack of local milling capacity.

W. Lee

W. J. LEE
Director

Enclosures
1 translation.

Distribution
FOOD DIVISION, (Attn. Maj. Hayden).

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*Food Div
Should be received
having to get wheat
by someone from Rome
perhaps through
see pages 172
etc*

FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA DEI CONSORZI AGRARI

Servizio Alimentari di Esportazione

TO : A.C. Food & Agric. S/C.

15 January 1946.

SUBJECT : La Spezia - 2000 tons wheat.

Ref. AD/mil

We reply to your letter ref. 51-7/FA dated 31 December and confirm telephone conversation of our Mr. Settel.

The port of La Spezia could handle the discharge of the a.m. wheat and the Consorzio Agrario of that town, if given due notice could handle all other relative operations besides eventual storage of the commodity.

The provincial milling capacity however has been reduced to such a low level that it can satisfy only one fourth of the provincial needs, making it therefore necessary to transfer the wheat to the mills of Genova, Parma or Pisa which at present is very difficult as the rail-lines radiating from that centre are not very efficient.

IL CAPO SERVIZIO

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Chief Clerk — There is copy of my last letter to Mr. [unclear]

Capt Tosi: Have Mr. [unclear] seen a copy of [unclear] basic signal re payment of pilots (Italian Gov. Expense)? If not or if it is not clear to them can you please send copy to them

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TRANSNATIONAL ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 194
Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

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Our Ref :- AO/574/12/En.1.

4 Jan. 1949

SUBJECT :- Use of La Spezia.

TO :- Direzione Generale della Marina Mercantile
Ministero della Marina - Roma-

1. Reference AO/574/12/En.1. of 19 December and
C in C Red's S 301101A addressed to Yoil.

2. In view of C in C Red signal, it is noted that
Liberty ships will not at present be routed to La Spezia,
pending widening of the entrance.

3. Meanwhile arrangements are being made for
colliers at Cardina to use this port and vessels will be
diverted accordingly in the near future.

For the Director :-

H. J. Lehman
H. J. Lehman
Major U.S.

Copy to :- Ports & Warehouse Div.
Industry & Utilities Sub-Comm. (Coal Div)
Food & Agriculture S/O
Economic Section

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WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION

Navy House, Naples

December 31 1948

To: HQ A.C., Transportation & Shipping Sub-Commission
AFV 394

From: W.S.A. Med.

Subject: Use of LA Spezia

Your Ref: AC/574/24/Tn-3

Upon receipt of your memorandum of December 18, we reopened the matter, and it is still found inadvisable to route vessels to the port of LA Spezia.

For your information we quote signal from Fall dated December 29, 1948:

"Entry of Liberty ships into port of LA Spezia will involve considerable risk and CINC MED has ordered that attention be drawn to following from WOIC LEHORN: 'The necessary angle through the entrance renders it a manoeuvre only possible by medium and coaster class ships and this subject to ideal weather conditions'."

Louis R. Smith
Louis R. Smith

Operations Mgr., Operations

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c.c. WSA Rome (Mr. Hansen)

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Chief Clerk

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.F.O. 738
Food & Agriculture Sub-Commission

SI-7/PA

31 December 1945.

SUBJECT : The receipt of wheat at port of La Spezia.

TO : Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari, Rome.,
(Attn. Dott. BERTI) See 91

1. Confirming conversation 28th December (Betti-Bernardi)
Will you please determine and advise us whether you can handle 2000
tons of bulk wheat at a time at the port of La Spezia.

2. We have been advised that it is now possible to make use
of La Spezia port for lightened liberty ships. There would be a sav-
ing in transportation if about 2000 tons of wheat for discharge at La
Spezia could be left on some grain ship discharging at Genova or Pim-
bino.

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W. J. LROG
Director

Distribution

- Hq. A.C. In. & Shipping B/C.
(Attn. Maj. Laraman)
- Hq. A.C. Food & Agric. B/C.
(Attn. Maj. Hayden)

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FOIL (X) WITH LENSES NOT USED FOR USE IN A RESEARCH S/C

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As it is apparent that entry of lenses into space would involve considerable risk even if space difficult were used it has now been decided that to be sure (2) are acceptable for such use it is not yet until entrance has been checked with letter should be raised for reconsideration that entry has to be made in all cases.

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NOTE (R) NOTIC ISMERS DEC AND VIA MED IN & SHIPPING 3/C

OTIS MED
10101A DEC.

IMPORTANT UNCLASSIFIED.

As it is apparent that entry of Spanish ships into Spain would
involve considerable risks even if Empire Griffin were used it
has now been decided that it is not (3) not adaptable for such
ships to use that port until entrance has been widened when
matter should be raised for reconsideration. Your 27/197 and
my 27/197 not to all refer. *WR*

WR

* 10101A DEC.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY,
AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

FROM: MIL(25)

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY,
AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C. IS RESPONSIBLE TO
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

.....FOR YOUR INFORMATION.....

REF: INFORMATION OF SYMBIONESE LEADERS IN BALTIMORE STATE TO APPELLA
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference:

Mission Centre No: 0/6245

Date/Time of Origin: 241500/ADSC

Date Time Rec'd: DEC 251200

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: R W T H MED

TO: F O I L INFO MTR ITALIAN AREA ROKE C IN C MED ALCOM FOR TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMISSION WSA MED

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171329A

Subject La Spezia. Reference your 151209A and C in C MED'S 171329A. Shall be glad to be informed of any expenditure involved on ships account as envisaged PARA 2 of signal under reference

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INFO ACTION: TR.S/C
INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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ROUTINE

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F O I L INFO MEX ITALIAN AREA ROME C IN C MEX ALDOM FOR TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMISSION TBA MEX

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Subject La Spazia. Reference your 151209A and C in C MEX'S 173329A. Shall be glad to be informed of any expenditure involved on ships account as envisaged PARA 2 of signal under reference

AC DEST

INFO ACTION: TN. B/C

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

ECOM. SEC.

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Mr. Major Roman.

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Sir

Re your to British Consul name of your AC stated
in SPECIM.

Will you please check listing on Operational Manual
- Movement of Ships, etc. address your letter to
FOIA with copy if necessary or direct to Navy etc.
This will have correspondence the starting toward
Navy etc. + no action being taken.

Sir

British Cons.
23/11/40

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W. J. [Signature]

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FOIL (R) O IN C MED (N) O IN C MED MVT MED WSA MED
TRANSPORTATION AND SUPPLY SUB COMMISSION

NOIC LAGHORN

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(1) FOLLOWING IS REPEAT OF SIGNAL RECEIVED LAGHORN ADDRESSED NOIC LAGHORN FROM ITALIAN PORT LA SPEZIA, SPAIN, IN REPLY TO TELEPHONE REQUEST BY INFO LAGHORN CONFIRMATION IS GIVEN THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO (2) TWO SMALL TUGS, HAVE NOT (R) NOT SUFFICIENT POWER TO GUARANTEE SAFE HANDLING OF LIBERTY SHIPS ALLOCATION OF ONE LARGE TUG TO LA SPEZIA IS NECESSARY FOR 191200 ZUS ...

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(2) IN VIEW OF O IN C MED'S 17123 INLETION AND THE DEFINITE NECESSITY FOR SUITABLE TUG FOR HANDLING SHIPS OF LIBERTY CLASS THE TUG EMPIRE GRIFFIN COULD BE ALLOCATED TO LA SPEZIA WHEN SHIPS ARE SAILED FROM LAGHORN TO LA SPEZIA AND RETURNED ON COMPLETION OF UNLOADING.

(3) EMPIRE GRIFFIN IS NOT REQUIRED LAGHORN DURING FAIR WEATHER PERIODS.

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REF. SHIPS FOR SPEZIA TO BE SAILED LAGHORN.

DIST. 0-5, 13, 16, 23(2), 25. LOG. SSC. 2 H/M TRANSPORTATION AND SUPPLY S/C.

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Office of the Wing Officer,
Italy and Liaison,
NSA.

20th December, 1945.

W.F.O.I.L. 670/3.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

(Copies for: The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Legation.

The Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission,
Headquarters, Allied Commission.

The War Shipping Administration.

RE: FURTHER LA BELLA.

The enclosed reports on the state of the Port of La Spezia, received from the Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission at Headquarters, Allied Commission are forwarded for information. They are believed to be of value to you as at 1500hrs December, 1945.

20.12.45

W. G. L. Hudson

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FOR YOUR RECORD.

Enclosures:

- 1. Copy of Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission, Dec. 1945 Report on the Port of La Spezia, 1945.
- 2. Copy of Report of the War Shipping Administration, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Dec. 1945 and enclosure 1.

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DEADWEIGHTED ALLIED OPERATIONS,
Transportation Sub-Committee
Economic Warfare
APO 372.

To : The Sub-Committee - Movement - Shipping (Att. Major Laurent)

Subject : VISIT TO PORTS OF LA SPEZIA - GENOVA - SAVONA -

Following your instruction I have left Rome on the 20th November by car and, after visiting the above mentioned ports, I have travelled to Milan where I have been delayed on account of weather conditions which prevented departure of plane.

PART ONE - PORT OF LA SPEZIA

21/11/1945: - To Flag Officer Maguire, R.N., and the Captain of the port have been contacted and the following information obtained:-

1. SAY KICHIME AND GREAT CHANNEL:- At this date, vessels bound to La Spezia are compelled to enter through a narrow passage (100 feet wide) between wooden vessels. This passage is expected to be soon after 250 feet wide, that is, as soon as the wooden freighter "Gaville" will be refloated and this is expected to take place within a few days.

At present two 250 HP tugs are available to help through, if required, ships of any size - another tug 100 HP, is expected soon from Savona.

Five mile passage begins a steep descent, marked with buoys, 600 feet wide which leads into the Bay of Genoa. Before reaching the Bay of Genoa another dredged channel, 500 feet wide, leads to the commercial harbor.

My fully loaded Liberty can navigate both channels, the minimum draft being over 21 feet.

According to the Flag Officer, who is copying your paper following information received from German prisoners all had knowledge of the channel and that the area and, so far, such information may be of

by way and, after visiting the above mentioned...
to Milan where I have been delayed on account of weather conditions
which prevented departure of planes.

LAKE CHASE - INLET OF LA SPEZIA

20/11/1964 - To Flag Officer Murgari, R.N.M. and the Captain of the
Port have been contacted and the following information obtained:-

1. BAY RICHMOND AND SOKET CHANNELS - At this date, vessels
bound to La Spezia are compelled to enter through a narrow passage
(100 feet wide) between rocky vessels. This passage is expected
to be open over 200 feet wide, that is, as soon as the sunken
freighter "Bavaria" will be refloated and this is expected to take
place within a few days.

At present two 250 HP tugs are available to help through, if
requested, ships of any size - another tug 450 HP, is expected
soon from Savona.

From this passage begins a swept channel, marked with buoys,
600 feet wide which leads into the Navy Dockyard. Before reaching
the Dockyard another dredged channel, 1/2 mile wide, leads to the
commercial harbor.

Any fully loaded Liberty can navigate both channels, the minimum
draft being over 30 feet.

According to the Flag Officer, after sweeping took place following
information received from German prisoners who had knowledge of the
mine laid down in that area and, so far, such information have been
found none.

He also said that at this date over 3000 tons of passenger traffic
is on in the channels. Vessels include: S.S. "Mentor" 2000 tons -
Petrobrás "Carabaliere" 2000 tons - Tanker "Ducaria" 1200 tons etc. -
The Italian S.M. Transporter "Cherub" is due within a week.

2. COMMERCIAL HARBOUR - Minimum draft in the port area, except
close to the wharves, as hereunder specified, 29' 6".
The following berths are available:

- 1) LAGATA SAN CIMILIANO - 513 feet long (of which 100' partly
dredged, now being repaired). Draft 23' along to the shore falling
gradually to 27' 6" at 16' away from the pier.
Two double track rail lines are running on the pier and on
side of Liberty's wharves. Inside protection on rail sidings allows
trucks to come alongside ships at will. One starting system is
available in the port. This Pier has no cranes.

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Discharge can also take place into barges on the other side of the ship. These barges can be quickly discharged on rail cars at Chieftain Dam Light Arsenal by means of two gantry cranes.

Resupplying speed from 10 to 12,000 tons. Coal is discharged from ships at this pier by means of Japanese slings of a capacity ranging between 800 and 900 kilos according to the coal size. Minimum output for coal discharge 750 tons per 8 hours. 2000/2100 tons per 24 hours.

Bulk wheat bagged in ship's holds minimum discharge output 750 tons per 8 hours, discharging 5 holds on more and two holds on barge.

Scissors for railway cars and trucks are available in the port area and are in working condition.

11) SALATA DOVA DASHI - 700 long - cranes 17' in use being cleared at week will be available for liberation within approximately two weeks time. It is now used for discharge from barges by means of grab crane as mentioned in (4). It is rail served - grabs can discharge directly into rail cars. One small warehouse is now under repair.

12) SALATA ELI LITVILIO - 650' long (210' damaged) can accommodate one million lbs of freight.

Resupplying space available for several thousands tons of bulk cargo.

One 1/2 ton crane in working condition.

13) Fully loaded Liberian one also more in port with shippers and other vessels as a buoy recently placed for this purpose. Same might therefore discharge into barge until sufficiently lightened.

14) TRANSOCEANIC LARSEN - Plenty of skilled stevedores labor is available.

15) BARBER - Supplemental barges are available for discharging any cargo.

16) CRANE - Available to company and Southern Bellis would be discharged at La Spezia and they would also contribute to railway

on barges.
Barges for railway cars and trucks are available in the port area and are in working condition.

11) LIBERTIA 200' LONG - 700' long - draft 17' 10" now being cleared of wrecks will be available for Libertias within approximately two weeks time. It is now used for discharge from barges by means of grab cranes as mentioned in (4). It is rail served - grabs can discharge directly into rail cars. One small warehouse is now under repair.

12) LIBERTIA 210' LONG (210' damaged) can accommodate one crane of 9' draft. Backfilling space available for several thousands tons of bulk cargoes. One of two cranes in working condition.

3. Fully loaded Libertias can also moor in piers with anchors and stern ropes on a buoy recently placed for this purpose. This might therefore discharge into barges with sufficiently lightened

4. STOWING LABOR - Plenty of skilled stowaway labor is available.

5. BARGES - Sufficient barges are available for discharging any cargoes.

6. Cargoes destined to Timony and Southern Shellia could be discharged at La Spezia and they would also contribute to relieve unemployment in this area.

7. By discharging rollers at La Spezia delivery of coal by barges on tow from Genoa could be avoided sparing in this way tug and barge which could be better used in Genoa.

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LAND 210 - STATE OF TEXAS

22 and 24/11/50. The following information has been collected from the Captain of the Port, the President of Houston Marine Club, the State Department, Litch, Texas, and other parties interested in this operation, mentioned during a meeting called at the City of Houston, Texas and during visits to the Port.

Considerable progress has been made in the last few months in the rehabilitation of the port and in particular to make moorings, repairs to wharves, cranes, tugs and barges.

Generally speaking all moorings are well equipped. Every one concerned except in the very exceptional cases is unable to furnish information as to the equipment and the distribution which are not alike.

1) RE-EQUIPMENT - Attached herewith (see enclosure 60-1) please find up to date schedule of moorings available in the port. Looking to next schedule it will appear that every port has a reservation for equipment to the possibility of alteration, to day and in the near future.

2) CRANE EQUIPMENT - Between 12 and 15, equipped with gear around, are continuously used for this purpose. If all equipment is required, a regular discharge of 7 to 1000 tons per day can be handled.

3) CRANE STAYS - It is estimated that in the last few months 100 stays will be able to handle liberty stays for discharge. Drafts West about 70 ft, East side 25 ft.

Stays fully loaded may lighten in weight to be checked by some means.

Until the end of December only two mooring piles will be in operation with an output of 1000 tons every 24 hours. In January all 6 piles with an output of 5000 tons per day are expected to be in operation.

Storage capacity 20,000 tons in December but can be 6,000 tons in January.

4) RE-EQUIPMENT OF ALL STAYS - It is considered advisable to discuss with the technical parties interested the following details have emerged:
a. It is not to be taken in consideration that approximately

1) RAIL OPERATIONS - Attached herewith (see enclosure II, III) please find set up to very conservative to order to fulfill requirements notwithstanding size and difficulties which are being met.

2) RAIL OPERATIONS - Berths 12 and 13, equipped with pipe cranes, are continuously used for this purpose. If rail clearance is supplied, a maximum discharge of 7 to 8,000 tons per day can be reached.

3) RAIL OPERATIONS - It is estimated that in or about December 1st (1942) will be able to accept Liberty ships for discharge. Drafts best size 27' 6", best side 36'.

Units fully loaded may lighten in barges to be discharged by new class.

Until the end of December only two section piers will be in operation with an output of 1,000 tons every 24 hours. In January all 6 piers with an output of 5,000 tons per day are expected to be in operation.

Storage capacity 20,000 tons on December 1st and 40,000 tons in January.

4) OPERATIONS BY RAIL - After considerable discussion with the technical parties interested the following points have emerged:

a. It must be taken in consideration that approximately four fifth of cargoes discharged in the port of Genoa are destined to the Lombardy Region and Milan in particular.

b. Rail clearance from the port of Genoa is considered between 10 and 12,000 tons per day. Unloading yards and rail lines repairs are progressing favorably so that this clearance will be increased during the next few months.

c. Presently there are two railway lines reaching Milan from Genoa, the others being impracticable as a result of damage caused to bridges by war action and floods occurred at the beginning of this month. Of these two lines, one is running by electric power via Foglietta-Ilvaia and the other, via Casale-Veronelli-Genova operated in great part with steam engines. According to Capo Dipartimento's statement, the Allied authorities are forbidding freight movements as Genoa to Milan by the second route (probably in order to save coal).

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4. Even if all rail cars requested could be supplied there would be at least a bottleneck at the filling near Berlin. This Berlin area currently exports a maximum of 40 to 50 trains a day (with in use direction and only in the other way) including 10 passenger trains. There remains in reserve, an average of 15 trains south bound with deposits of approximately 17,000 tons per day. The remaining 2,000 tons which can be cleared from the port of London would be directed via Sable-Forewell-Berlin.

5. At the end of the year the situation is expected to improve by using the Hambroviitz bridge on the Luxembourg-Berlin route, and under repair.

6. It is to be taken in due consideration that any cargo to be dispatched by rail from Germany has to be moved via Gdynia being the rail line Germany - Gdynia - Torun presently out of order on account of war damage.

7. There has been an acute shortage of covers for high sides. For this reason ships also been delayed considerably. A section of refusal to allow transport of rail loaded cars without covers. In agreement with Mr. Brucke (Prinz and Eisenwerk Div.), Metallgesellschaft and Deutsche Seereschiffahrt, (now also objected) have been instructed through IM/AC F.L.G. to Magdich immediately and also without delay in order to avoid further ship delay.

8. It has been pointed out that in March Italy there are thousands of rail cars registered in countries other than Italy which cannot be used in account of their state of repair, or are used only for unprofitable goods. R.K. allegedly does not have any solution for repairing said cars due to the fact that it is uncertain if these foreign cars will remain in Italy or will be returned to the countries of origin.

9. To do for the port of discharge for collection has been decided by Agency General Gdynia. That is why during the month of October Germany has discharged 1000 coal train cars, although before employed.

by using the Portobuffetti bridge in the Giannabris-Alien route, use under repair.

f. It is to be taken in due consideration that any cargo to be dispatched by rail from Genova has to be moved via Genoa being the rail line Genova - Cairo - Torino presently out of order on account of war damage.

g. There has been an acute shortage of covers for high sides. For this reason ships have been delayed considerably. Maintenance required to allow dispatch of rail loaded cars without errors. Manifestations in agreement with Mr. Crovato (Ports and Harbours Div.), Montecatini and Customs Representative, (who also objected) have been instructed through AM/AC P.L.O. to dispatch immediately said cars without errors in order to avoid further ship's delay.

h. It has been pointed out that in North Italy there are thousands of rail cars registered in countries other than Italy which cannot be used on account of their state of repair, or are used only for non-perishable goods. A.M. allegedly does not issue any notice for repairing said cars (due to the fact that it is uncertain if these foreign cars will remain in Italy or will be returned to the countries of origin).

i. So far the port of discharge for collectors has been decided by Agenzia Orientale Genova, that is why during the month of October Genova has discharged less coal than Genoa although better equipped.

Agenzia Orientale has made several objections but has finally accepted to send to Genova an empty stage as that port can accept and register class vessels in particular (see report on Genova).

RECOMMENDATION :- Summing up, hereunder are conclusions and suggestions for improvements for speeding up discharge in the port of Genoa. 310

1. Alliances to the port of Genoa not less than 5000 cars per week (i.e. an average of 300 cars per daily).
2. Alliances to the I.R.N. Genoa Compartimento's firms 2500 5000 covers for high side wagons.
3. Remove the existing prohibition to use the route Genova-Venedia-Alexandria for cargoes ex Genoa, until the route Alexandria-Montevideo-Alexandria is available.

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4. Route part of wine cargoes via Casale-Vercelli-Novara-Isoelle instead of Voghera-Milano-Chinaso. (Swiss Authorities would agree). This route will be substituted to Alessandria-Mortara-Novara-Isoelle, as soon as the Turroveretti bridge will be repaired. (see also Part I - cargoes destined to Switzerland).

5. Allowance to Swiss as many ships as it can quickly discharge (see report on Geneva).

6. A decision be taken by competent authorities in regard to repair of foreign cars now in Italy, so that they can be repaired and used instead of remaining idle in marshalling yards and depots.

Reference to the visit to Cagliari (1/3 November 1945) AMB/AC P.L.O. has confirmed that containers leaving houses for Sardinia leave often empty on account of objections raised by A.N.G. Liguria (Monomial & Supplies) even when outbound cargo had already been authorized by I.A.G. Lombardia Region.

PART 2 HIS CARGOES DESTINED TO SWITZERLAND

Mr. Bach (Swiss Commissary for Geneva) in the part of Geneva has also been approached and the following information were obtained.

1) There exist in Switzerland a shortage of rail cars for movements of goods from foreign countries into Switzerland. As Mr. Bach explained, Switzerland which imports much more than it exports (present approximate figures: imports 3,000,000 tons, exports 500,000 tons) used, before the war, to carry imported goods by means of cars belonging to the country in which port cargoes were discharged. All these countries are now suffering from an acute rail cars shortage which has repercussions on Swiss imports.

ii) Movements of Swiss cars to also hampered by known difficulties on Italian rail lines.

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PART 2. RAIL CAPACITY DEDICATED TO SWITZERLAND

Mr. Bach Swiss Commissary for Operation in the Port of Genoa has also been approached and the following information was obtained.

1) There exist in Switzerland a shortage of rail cars for movements of goods from foreign countries into Switzerland. As Mr. Bach explained, Switzerland which imports much more than it exports (present approximate figures: imports 5,000,000 Tons, exports 300,000 Tons) used, before the war, to carry imported goods by means of cars belonging to the country in which port cargoes were discharged. All these countries are now suffering from an acute rail car shortage which has repercussions on Swiss imports.

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ii) Movements of Swiss cars is also hampered by known difficulties on Italian rail lines.

iii) Mr. Bach does not foresee a substantial improvement in the near future.

iiii) Under the circumstances, when sure that one ship is in port cars are allocated in order to discharge as fast as possible one ship rather than two ships slower.

v) Discharge from bulk wheat ships is slow because of weighing and checking which are done with particular accuracy.

vi) One third of cargoes imported through Genoa could be shipped to Switzerland via Iselle Dumbasala, this would ensure a quicker turn over. The Swiss Government has already supplied 1000 Tons coal for this route.

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PORT OF GENOA - BUNKER SITUATION - 23/11/45

Bunker No.	Pier	Length feet	draft feet	Equipment	Remarks
1	Eritrea South	650	35	-	
2	Eritrea East	560	30	-	
3	Eritrea East	560	30	3 cranes	
4	Etiopia West	560	30	-	
5	Etiopia West	560	30	-	
6	Etiopia South	480	30	5 cranes	
7	Etiopia East	480	30	-	
8	Etiopia East	328	25	-	
9	S. Giorgio West	821	27	-	
9 bis	S. Giorgio West	-	-	2 elev.	
10	S. Giorgio South	450	27	-	
11	S. Giorgio East	560	27	-	
12	S. Giorgio East	560	27	3 elev.	
13	Cassio West	480	30	-	
14	Cassio West	480	30	-	
15	Assereto North	658	25	-	
16	Doria East	773	4	5 cranes	
	Doria East	-	-	-	
17	Mille West	329	27	-	
18	Mille West	480	27	-	
19	Ponte Mille East	246	26	-	
20	Ponte Mille West	263	27	-	
20 bis	Sylva West	329	27/27 1/2	-	
21	Sylva East	329	26	-	
22	Parodi West	600	21	4 cranes	

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PORT SITUATION - 23/11/45

Port	Length feet	draft feet	Equipment	Rail tracks	Remarks
South	450	20	-	-	Rail head 150' feet away On 15 Dec. three more cranes will be available
East	560	20	3 cranes	3	
West	560	20	2 "	3	
West	560	20	-	2	another crane will be available on Nov. 30
West	560	20	3 cranes	2	
South	450	20	-	1	
East	492	20	-	3	
East	318	23	-	3	Not ready on account of wrecks
to West	801	27	2 elev.	3	
to West					3
to South	450	27	-	-	
to East	560	27	3 elev.	4	
to East	560	27	3 "	4	
West	492	20	3 "	3	
West	492	20	2 "	3	
to North	658	25	4 cranes	-	(Wrecks will be removed by beginning of January 1946 Not ready on account of wrecks
East	773	24	-	-	
East					
East	329	27	-	-	
East	492	27	-	-	
to East	246	26	-	-	Not ready on account of wrecks
to West	263	27	-	-	Not guaranteed clear of mines
East	329	27/27 1/2	-	2	Rail tracks on Galata S. Libanina as above
East	329	26	-	2	
West	680	21	4 cranes	1	Expected dated of readiness March 1946.

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11	Parodi South	30	20	1 crane
12	Parodi East	2	2	1 "
13	Vine Silea, Calata Darveta	20	10	1 "
	Darveta			1 "
14	Morocini South	20	20	2 cranes
	Calata Salvo	20	20	1 crane
	Calvi North	20	10	2 cranes
	Calvi South	20	10	1 crane
15	Calata Notenda	20	10	2 cranes
	Spicula North	20	10	1 "
	Spicula South	20	10	1 crane
16	Sabrigoo South	20	10	2 cranes
	Sabrigoo North	20	10	2 cranes
17	Marinetta East	20	20	1 "
	Marinetta West	20	20	1 "
18	Molo Vecchio North	20	10	1 "
	Molo Vecchio North	20	10	1 "
	Molo Vecchio North	20	10	1 "
19	Stattino West	20	20	1 elev.
20	Calata Bettola	10	10	1 "
	Calata Magadino			
	Vine Silea.			

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South	300	20	3 cranes		Expected date of readiness March 1946
East	675	2	5 "	1	" " " " " "
Osaka, Osaka Daruma	290	18	"	1	" " " " " "
			"		Reserved for All Subcomm (not entirely cleared from wrecks)
South	300	15	"	1	
Alumi	250	15	2 cranes	1	
North	250	15	1 crane	1	
South	250	18	2 cranes	1	
Yokohama	250	7	1 crane	1	
North	360	18	4 cranes	2	Not ready on account of wrecks
South	460	18	"	2	
South	250	12	1 crane	1	
North	250	12	2 cranes	1	
East	300	12	2 cranes	2	
East	300	21	"	2	
Ohio North	426	18	"	2	
Ohio North	426	18	"	2	Not ready on account of wrecks
Ohio North	450	18	"	2	
West	410	20	1 elev.	3	Exp. date readiness 30/12/45
Attolo	1312	27	"	3	" " " " " " 15/2/46
Spadaccio					For wine tankers
Line Siles.					

C.I.P.I. /let

PART THREE - PORT OF SAVONA

23/11/1945 - A visit has been paid to the port as well as to the Conveyor bays (Pantiva)'s Terminal San Giuseppe.

PORT ACCOMMODATION - (See details in enclosure No. 2)

1. Fully loaded Liberty at Pier 22 (Conveyors bays 4, 5, 6)
 1. Fully loaded Liberty at Pier No. 12
 1. Lightened Liberty with general cargo at berths 2 and 3.
 2. Coasters (old port).
 1. Liberty holding berth (No. 13).
- Several others.

COAL DISBURSEMENT - 1) CONVEYOR BAYS (Pantiva). From berth No. 22 grab cranes can discharge at an average of 500 T per hour, that is, 5000 tons every two 8 hour shifts. Coal so discharged is carried away by conveyor bays to San Giuseppe at an average of 500 tons per hour, that is, 7000 tons maximum in 24 hours. Coal that cannot be conveyed immediately is deposited into the silos by means of 3/3 tonne barges outcastically loaded and discharged. Silos has a capacity of 12,000 tons. During the night, when discharge from the ship is suspended, conveyors move the coal from the silos to San Giuseppe where it is discharged into a silo of 1,000 tons capacity. Rail cars are quickly loaded from this silo. When cars are not available and the silos is filled up coal is dumped in a large open space having a capacity of 400,000 tons of coal.

At the date there were in San Giuseppe 22,000 tons of backpiled coal (9,000 for Switzerland and 13,000 for Italy). Rail clearance at San Giuseppe can reach as much as 18 to 20,000 tons per day, if cars are available.

It has been proposed upon the Pantiva's manager that it is imperative that during the month of December 200,000 tons of coal be discharged at Savona.

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- 1. Fully loaded Liberty at Pier 22 (Conveyors buyers)
- 1. Fully loaded Liberty at Pier No. 12
- 1. Lightened Liberty with general cargo at berths 2 and 3.
- 2. Coasters (old port).
- 1. Liberty holding berth (No. 13).
- Several schooners.

3. COAL DISCHARGE (1) - CONVEYOR BUYERS (Punitio). From berth No. 22 grab cranes can discharge at an average of 500 T per hour, that is, 8000 tons every two 8 hour shifts. Coal so discharged is carried away by conveyor buyers to San Giuseppe at an average of 300 tons per hour, that is, 7000 tons maximum in 24 hours. Coal that cannot be conveyed immediately is deposited into the silos by means of 35 tons barges automatically loaded and discharged. Silos has a capacity of 12,000 tons. During the night, when discharge from the ship is suspended, conveyors move the coal from the silos to San Giuseppe where it is discharged into a silos of 4,000 tons capacity. Rail cars are quickly loaded from this silos when cars are not available and the silos is filled up coal is dumped in a large open space having a capacity of 400,000 tons of coal.

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It has been impressed upon the Punitio's manager that it is imperative that during the month of December 200,000 tons of coal be discharged at Satorra;

The Punitio's Manager who has appeared to be very cooperative, has given assurance that the request will be fulfilled for the month of December. As this represents the maximum effort it has been pointed out that during the following months the coal discharge by buyers will have to be limited around 160,000 per month.

In order that this program could be fulfilled it had been requested that all license of time be avoided, that means that ships should berth and unberth even during night time and that hatches be opened before berthing.

Furthermore it has been suggested that "EMSA" class ships be sent to Savona rather than to other Ports because they are specially built for bulk cargoes (no tween decks and one piece hatch covers). A Liberty ship can be discharged in 24 to 30 hours whereas a "Sevan" would not need more than 22 hours.

Capt. Groves, U.S.A., has assured that proper instruction will be issued to ship's masters as per above.

Agencia Marittima, Genova has been requested to route to Savona all Sea vessels, whenever possible.

13) COAL BERTH No. 12: There is a possibility to berth a fully loaded collier at berth 12 which is rail served and has three gantry cranes. By using cranes in three holds and hand hoists, on the remaining hold, Port Authorities have given assurance that 2000 tons could be discharged in 15 hours.

A 10,000 ton berthing space is available on the pier. Various organization concerned in Port operation have asked that substantially one collier be sent also on Pier 12 in order to engage port labour (discharge with conveyor bays) requires very few men in the port) This point is also also from a political angle.

It must be taken in due consideration that coal discharged at berth 12 needs to be moved to the North by rail cars via Genoa, the direct line Savona - Cairo M. - Turin being out of order due to war damage.

It would mean in this way an additional movement of rail cars for 50 kilometers in comparison to coal discharged in Genoa.

It is suggested therefore that berth No. 12 be used in case that it is urgent to sail a vessel being Genoa already congested.

While in Milan, awaiting the air passage to Rome I have contacted Lt. Col. Harris, Chief the Officer A.C. Milan and have undertaken his ideas on the subject of freight forwarding from Genoa and onwards to the Lezardry area and to Switzerland. He has assured me of his cooperation and told that he does not find any reason why freight berth could not be delivered also through the route Alessandria - Casale - Novara - Milan. He also agreed to have some cargo for Switzerland routed to Iselle - Samedonella.

He has expressed the wish to have one copy of this complete report.

On November 25th the plans which was grounded for two days has finally succeeded in leaving Milan and reached Genoa in

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He has expressed the wish to have one copy of this complete report.

On November 25th the plans which was grounded for two days has finally succeeded in leaving Milan and reached Rome in the afternoon.

25th November, 1945

(Sgd.) A. VINTUS.
A. TOSI

Captain di Porto R.I.N.R.
Liaison Officer - Min. Marine

Copy to: FACTS & SINK DIVISION
RAIL DIVISION - In Sub-Comm.
COAL DIVISION - Industry Sub-Comm.

MINISTRY OF MARINE - Directorate General Merchant Marine
" " " " - Inspectorate of Ports operation

A.C. In Sub-Commission - Milan - Att.L.A. C.A. Harris
Capt. TOSI (2)

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Enclosure No. 2

FORT OF SAVANNA ACCEPTANCE.

BUOY	LENGTH	DRAFT	SHIP	CLEARANCE	CRANES
8	420'	30'	1-L	Conveyor Hoppers	
9	600'	28'	1-L.L. or 2 Ca.	Rail Serv. Double Track	4-50 cranes
10	300'	24'	1-C	Rail Serv.	No crane
11	220'	21'	1-C		No "
12	700'	29'	1-L or 2 Ca	Rail Serv. (four tracks)	1-50 ton crane
21	450'	25'	1-C or 1-L.L.	Rail served double track	1-5 Ton gantry or 2-3 ton cranes
18		14'	Schooners	Rail served	no crane
21		13'	Schooners		no crane

C. = center
L. = liberty
L.L. = lightened liberty

November 21st 1945

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PORT OF SAPINA ACCEPTANCE.

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DRAFT	SHIPS	CLEARANCE	CRANES	CARGOES	REMARKS
30' 28'	1-L 1-L.L. or 2 Co.	Conveyor Hoppers Rail Serv. double track	4-50 cranes	Coal General	Damaged warehouse now being demolished for rebuilding.
21' 21' 20'	1-C 1-C 1-L. or 2 Co	Rail Serv. Rail Serv. (four tracks)	No cranes No 1-50 gantry crane	One collier	Draft close to the wharf is 25' falling to 20', 10 feet away from the wharf. Bulk cargoes
25'	1-C or 1-L.L.	Rail served double track	1-5 ton gantry crane 2-1 ton cranes		
14' 13'	Pachonera Asobonera	Rail served	no cranes no cranes		

* coaster
* liberty
* lightened liberty

TRANSLATION

AS/11

Ref. 7898/D.I. Date 23 Nov. 1945.

Subject: Port of La Spezia

To: Transportation and Shipping S/C

From: Director General of Genoa-Venice Marine.

Reference to letter A.C. 572/14/Taf of 19 Nov.

Re attach copy of cable N. 111567 from Marine Spezia to Maritime with data for approach to Commercial Port.

The Port Commander informs too, of the possibility to land ships of a smaller tonnage at another pier, and that there are sufficient barges to lighten a full loaded Liberty ship so that it can get along side the pier.

Most Urgent

To : HAWAII
No. : 6441567

From : WAKINA.

Reference your No. 53761 of 24th instant, details are as follows:

Western channel width : 15 metres, which can be increased to 30 metres as soon as a.s. Aerial is floated, which it is expected will be in a few days time. Width of deep channel : 200 metres as far as Southern side of Logona atle and thence 110 metres as far as the Mercantile Harbour. Depth to the entrance and the channel are greater than 10 metres. Minimum depth in Mercantile Harbour is 9.2 metres except at the time where depths are 8.5 metres at 4 metres from the quay, and 7 metres alongside. Doubt concerning the safe channel is to be considered negligible in view of the accurate channel effected and of the large ships which have passed through under their own power. I consider it possible for vessels carrying port cargo to enter, with the assistance of tug men negotiating the entrance channel and of pilotage outside the port from Moa Island.

I will send an up to date plan by the first possible moment.

Sgt. Moutart

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LaSpezia etc

Off-loading of Coal at LaSpezia.

1 19Dec. Industry
S/C
Coal Div.

1. Admiral Warren of the Navy Sub-Commission stated this morning that permission has come in for coal to be off-loaded at LaSpezia. What capacity exists at LaSpezia and what is the rail situation?

Economic
Section

CHARLES P. WALTER
Colonel, AC
Chief, Supply Group

cc: Transportation S/C

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WILKINS

Vol. 514 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION *WPL/Amr*
LPO 394
Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

Dec 31

19 December 1945

AC/576/23/Tn.3

Subject: Use of La Spezia.

To: 1 Direzione Generale delle Marine Mercantile
Ministero Marina. Rome.

1. Extracts of the following signals are passed to you for your information and the necessary action

From FOIL to C in G Med: 151109A. - *FOIL 20*

"Consequent upon conversations between representatives of Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission with the Solo Leghorn and Commander M/3 Northern Italy in my office it is requested that Liberty ships may be sailed for discharge to La Spezia provided that pilots are embarked off Leghorn. Expense involved is accepted in view of urgent need of coal in Northern Italy. Blockship Ravello has not yet been received but entrance has been widened to about 130 feet. Local Italian Naval Authority accepts responsibility for berthing of ships in Harbours of La Spezia."

To FOIL from C in G Med: 171109A. - *FOIL 28 A*

"Your 151109 approved provided it is made clear to all concerned that no naval responsibility can be accepted and that ships are sailed to Leghorn for orders and not (2) not direct to Spezia."

2. A request has been made today to RMA to, their attitude to future routing of vessels to La Spezia.

1. Extracts of the following signals are passed to you for your information and the necessary action

Folio 20

From PULL to G in C Mod: 151209A.

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To PULL from G in C Mod: 171229A. - Folio 2B A

"Your 151209 approved provided it is made clear to all concerned that no naval responsibility can be accepted and that ships are sailed to Leghorn for orders and not (R) not direct to Spezia."

2. A request has been made today to VMA to, their attitude to future routing of vessels to La Spezia.

For the Director :

H. L. Cassman
S. J. LARSEN
Major R. S.

Copy to :
Pell/Navy Sub-Comm.
Forte & Base Division
Industry and Utilities S/C (Coal Division)

Tel. 834

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

MPL/lst

File 24

AC/574/24/Tn.3

18 December 1945

SUBJECT : Use of La Spezia.

TO : WSA Naples.

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1. Reference AC/574/7/Tn.3 of 8 November and your LRS/aya of 13 November.

2. In view of Foil's 181290A and C in C. Med's 171325A, may this HQ please be informed if your Administration is now prepared to route vessels to the port of La Spezia.

For the Director :

[Signature]
M.P. LARAMAN
Major U.S.

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FOIL (B) NOID UNKREEM MWTR MBD WHA MBD TRANSPORTATION AND SUPPLY S/O
FROM...C IN C MBD

RESTRICTED IMPORTANT TO FOIL

"YOUR 191209 APPROVED PROVIDED IT IS MADE CLEAR TO ALL CONCERNED
THAT NO NAVAL RESPONSIBILITY CAN BE ACCEPTED AND THAT SHIPS ARE
BILLED TO EXPENSE FOR CREW AND NOT (R) NOT DEBIT TO HPRAL." ^{FOIL 20}

.....171 529A INTERCOM.....

REF...LIBERTY SHIPS FOR DISBURSE TO LA SPYIA

DEST...G-5 13 16 23(2) 25 HQC E M/M'S TRANSPORTATION & SUPPLY S/O.

W/P P/L FOR...1945 HQC 17/12

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TRANSLATION

AS/ADM

Ref. O.602/21867

Rome 16 Dec. 1943

SUBJECT : Sending of Coal Ships to Port of Spezia
TO : AS Transportation S/C.
Commerce S/C.

1. We have been requested from the Authorities of Spezia that coal ships be sent again to discharge at that Port.
2. The a/m Authorities are making this request to alleviate the critical conditions of the stevedores who are presently without work.
3. From information received, we know that the Port of Spezia is equipped for the discharge of coal ships. We therefore beg you to take into due consideration and if possible grant the request made by the Authorities of Spezia.

Il Capo del Servizio

sgd illegible

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MINISTERO
DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DELLE FERROVIE
DELLA NAVIGAZIONE
E DELLE TELERADIO
COMUNICAZIONI

Servizio Approvvigionamenti
Ufficio Centrale Carboni

COMITATO

Ufficio Carboni
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Ufficio Carboni

ALLEGATO N. 2

COALITION ARMS COMMISSION
-Transportation Sub-Commission

Coalition Arms - Commission
Coal Division

FOIA

1. - Dalle autorità di Spezia sono pervenute rive pressare affidate alla ripresa l'invio di piroscafi con carico di carbone per sbarcare in quel porto.
2. - Le dette autorità sono state a richiedere l'invio di piroscafi allo scopo di alleviare la situazione critica degli approvvigionamenti del porto di Spezia che sono senza lavoro.
3. - Poiché da informazioni recentemente avute, provenienti dal porto di Spezia, come è noto anche a questa Commissione, è incombente al poter ricevere e accogliere piroscafi di carbone, di rinvio, per sbarcare in quel porto, fatta dalle autorità di Spezia, sia con la via del mare, sia con la via d'acqua, si è accolta favorevolmente.

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IN CARICHI DEL SERVIZIO

[Handwritten Signature]

Regina
La Spezia etc

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O INC MSD (R) MILD LAGGERS TRANSPORTATION & SUPPLY B/G LGA
WIA MIA MWR ITALIAN ANSA

FROM...FOIL (25)

IMPORTANT RESTRICTED

- 1. CONFIDENTIAL UPON CONVENTION BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION WITH THE MILD LAGGERS AND COMMANDER M/S VESUVIO ITALY IN MY OFFICE IT IS REQUESTED THAT LIGHTS BEING MAY BE HALTED FOR DISBURGANCE TO LA SPEZIA PROVIDED THAT FLIGHTS ARE MAINTAINED OFF LAGGERS.
- 2. REPENSE INVOLVED IS ADMITTED IN VIEW OF URGENT NEED OF COAL IN MEDITERRANEA.
- 3. MERCHANTS RAVELLO HAS NOT YET BEEN REMOVED BUT MERCHANTS HAS BEEN REDUCED TO ABOUT 150 TONS.
- 4. LOCAL ITALIAN NAVAL AUTHORITY ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR SEIZING OF SHIPS IN HARBORS OF LA SPEZIA.

.....1512024 UNRECORDED.....
 DIST...O-5 (3) 16 23(1) 25 MSD & B/G's TRANSPORTATION & SUPPLY B/G LGA
 S/P P/L TUB...1352 SCS 15/72

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

For use in Signal Department only	
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Office of the Flag Officer,
Italy and Liaison,
RMC.

4th December, 1945.

No. P.O.L.L. 2/33.

TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

PORTS OF SPEZIA, GENOA AND SAVONA.

It is requested that a copy of the report on a visit to the ports of La Spezia, Genoa and Savona, addressed by one of the officers attached to the Transportation Sub Commission for the attention of Major Larsman, may be supplied to the Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison.

*Copy of report
attached with a copy of
of La Spezia, Genoa and Savona
given to Mr. Williams
today 2/12/45*

F. H. Thomas

ADMIRAL'S SECRETARY.

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TRANSLATION

AS/CI

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Ref. 7398/ D.I.

Rome 29 Nov. 1945

Subject : Port of La Spezia

To : Transportation and Shipping S/C

Reference to letter A.C./574/14/Tm6 of 19 Nov.

We attach copy of cable N. 111357 from Marina Spezia to Maristat with data for approach to Commercial Port.

The Port Commander informs too, of the possibility to land ships of a smaller tonnage at another pier, and that there are sufficient barges to lighten a full loaded Liberty Ship so that it may get along side the pier.

*This should read
AC/574/14/Tm 3.*

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Roma 29 Novembre 1945

Ministero della Marina
DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA MARINA MERCANTILE

H. Q. A. C.
Transportation and Shipping
Sub - Commission

R O M A

SPETTORATO PORTUALE
DIREZIONE
Port. V. 7398/03 allegato 1

Risposta al telex del
Lun Lun 21

OGGETTO Porto di La Spezia.-

Non with file

Riferimento alla lettera AG/574/14/TAB del 19 corrente.

Si allega in copia il telegramma n. 111367 di Marina La Spezia, diretto a Mariestat, contenente chiarimenti sulle possibilità di accesso a quel porto mercantile.

Il Comandante del porto ha inoltre comunicato che è possibile l'accesso anche di un piroscafo di minore tonnellaggio ad altre banchine, e che vi sono galleggianti sufficienti per allibero rapidamente un piroscafo Liberty a pieno carico per poterlo poi affiancare.

IL COLONNELLO DI PORTO
ISPETTORE

[Signature]

Chief Clerk
Pl have a translation typed + returned
J.R. L.H.

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For Capt Tosi (upon his return)

Please see my last letter and get a
clear answer from W/Morris on
this point.

If Liberians are ^{not} able to use L.S.
are we permitted to use this port?

[Signature]

Capt Tosi

W/Morris
write on the
lines of your

Report -
M. speak on
Friday about

this L.S. port

[Faint handwritten notes and scribbles]
see report
please
29/11/78

de Spain's file
10/15/43
16A
28/10/43
See 18

NAVY'S OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
OPERATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS
NAVY DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C.

To : The Sub-Comander in Chief - Shipping (Attn: Major Laramore)
Subject : VISIT TO PORTS OF LA SPEZIA - GENOVA - SAVONA -

Following your instruction I have left home on the 20th November by car and, after visiting the above mentioned ports I have travelled to Milan where I have been delayed on account of weather conditions which prevented departure of planes.

LA SPEZIA - GENOVA - SAVONA

On 11/17/43 - The Flag Officer Comeri, A.I., and the Captain of the port have been contacted and the following information obtained:

1. NAVY'S OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY - At this date, vessels bound to La Spezia are compelled to enter through a narrow passage (100 feet wide) between wooden vessels. This passage is expected to be open over 100 feet wide, that is, as soon as the Russian freighter "Bavellu" will be refueled and this is expected to take place within a few days.
- At present two 150 ft tugs are available to sail through, if requested, ships of any size - another tug 150 ft, is expected soon from Genoa.
- The said passage being a swept channel, marked with buoys, 600 feet wide which leads into the Navy dockyard. Before reaching the dockyard another dredged channel, 100 feet wide, leads to the commercial harbor.

Any fully loaded Liberty can navigate both channels. The minimum draft being over 10 feet.

According to the Flag Officer, since sweeping took place following information secured from German prisoners and had knowledge of the above, it is done in that area and, so far, such information

PAGE TWO - PORT OF GALATI

21/11/1945) - The Flag Officer In Charge, R.I.C., and the Captain of the port have been contacted and the following information obtained:

1. MAX PERMANENT AIR SERVICE - At this date, vessels bound to the peninsula are compelled to enter through a narrow passage (100 feet wide) between such vessels. This passage is expected to be soon over 250 feet wide, that is, as soon as the steamer freighter "Mavella" will be refitted and this is expected to take place within a few days.

At present two 250 ft tugs are available to help through, if requested, either of any size - another tug 150 ft, is expected soon from Laros.

From said passage begins a steep channel, earned with buoys, 600 feet wide which leads into the Navy Dockyard. Before reaching the dockyard another dredged channel, 360 feet wide, leads to the commercial harbor.

Any fully loaded Liberty can navigate both channels, the minimum draft being over 30 feet.

According to the Flag Officer, since sweeping took place following information received from German prisoners who had knowledge of the above laid down in that area and, so far, such information have been found accurate.

It is also said that at this date over 3000 vessels' passengers took place in the channels. Vessels included U.S. "Merrill" 1900 TON - "Merrill" "Carabiniere" 2000 TONS - "Merrill" "Merrill" 4000 TONS etc. The Italian S.S. Transport "Merrill" is due within a week.

Weather - Minimum draft in the port area, except close to the wharves, as hereunder specified, 10 '5".

The following berths are available:

1) GALATI has 10 berths - 213 feet long (of which 101' partly damaged, now being repaired) - draft 11' close to the wharf falling gradually to 17' 6" at 16' away from the pier.

Two double track rail lines are running on the pier and can serve 4 Liberty's batches. Inadequate protection on rail sidings allows

Witness to once alongside ships as well. One starting engine is available in the port. This pier has no cranes.

Discharge can also take place into barges on the other side of the ship. These barges can be quickly discharged on rail cars at maina such as rail cars by means of two gantry cranes.

Backfilling space from 10 to 11,000 tons.

Coal is discharged from ships at this pier by means of Japanese cranes of a capacity ranging between 200 and 300 kilos according to the coal size. Minimum output for coal discharge 750 tons per 8 hours. Maximum 1000 tons per 8 hours.

Bulk wheat bagged in ship's hold; minimum discharge output 750 tons per 8 hours, discharging 3 bays on shore and two bays on barges.

Facilities for railway cars and trucks are available in the port area and are in working condition.

ii) SHIPYARD - 700 long - draft 17' 10" now being cleared of wrecks will be available for liberties within approximately two months time. It is now used for discharge from barges by means of grab cranes as mentioned in (1).

It is rail served - cranes can discharge directly into rail cars. One small warehouse is now under repair.

iii) SHIPYARD - 500' long (10' damaged) can accommodate one container of 19' draft. Backfilling space available for several thousands tons of bulk cargo.

One 10 ton crane in working condition.

3. Fully loaded liberties can also move in port with anchors, and stern ropes on a buoy recently placed for this purpose. Ships might therefore discharge into barges until sufficiently lightened.

4. SHIPYARD - vicinity of skilled stevedoring labour is available.

5. SHIPYARD - sufficient barges are available for discharging any cargo.

6. Cargoes destined to Cuba and Southern Mexico could be discharged at La Playa and they would also contribute to relieve unemployment in their port area.

11) SALADA, SANTA PALLI, ABRUZZI - 700 long- draft 17' 10" now being cleared of wrecks will be available for liberties within approximately two months time. It is now used for discharge from barges by means of grab cranes as mentioned in (1). It is well served - grabs can discharge directly into rail cars. One small warehouse is now under repair.

12) SALADA, SANTA PALLI, ABRUZZI - 600' long (110' arranged) can accommodate one coaster of 15' draft. Sufficient space available for several thousands tons of bulk cargoes. One 12 ton crane in working condition.

13) Fully loaded liberties can also move in port with anchors, and stern ropes on a buoy recently placed for this purpose. Ships might therefore discharge into barges with sufficient lightness.

14) STEFANO, SANTA PALLI, ABRUZZI - Plenty of skilled stevedoring labour is available.

15) SALADA - sufficient barges are available for discharging any cargoes.

16) Cargoes destined to Turkey and Southern Italia could be discharged at La Spezia and they would also contribute to relieve unemployment in this war torn town.

17) By discharging coalliers at La Spezia delivery of coal by barges on tow from Genoa would be avoided sparing in this way tons and barges which could be better used in Genoa.

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Tel. 334

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 334
Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

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AG/574/14/Tn.3

13 November 1945

SUBJECT : Use of port of La Spezia.

TO : Direzione Generale della Marina Mercantile
Ministero Marina.

1. It is understood from recent enquiries that the port of La Spezia can be used for lightened Liberties and also for coasters.

2. Following a request made to VDA to put a lightened liberty in the port, the following information was received from them on the subject. According to C in U. Sec's reply lightened liberty ships cannot use this port in view of the narrowness of the swept channel and danger from mines inside it.

3. It is requested that the position be examined and if coasters may use the port a confirmation would clarify the situation. It is probable that some use could be made of La Spezia and your reply is now awaited.

For the Director :

W. F. D. ...
W. F. D. ...
Major R. S.

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Tel. 534

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

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17 November 1945

AG/374/13/Ta.)

SUBJECT : Use of La Spezia.

TO : Food and Agriculture Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your 61/1/15/food of 10 October.

2. Enquiries have been made by you regarding your request to route lightened liberty ships to La Spezia. C in C Med's reply is that such vessels are unable to use this port in view of the narrowness of the swept channel and danger from mines inside it.

For the Director :

H. P. Lamm
H. P. LAMM
Major A.S.

Copy to : 335 Naples
AG La Spezia Province
(letter AG/374/13/Ta. of
28 October refers)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF FOREIGN TRADE
COMMERCIAL (FOREIGN TRADE) S/C

833/14

Tel: 475192

16 November 1945

Ref. 1075021/57/Commerce

SUBJECT: Shipment of Carrara Marble

TO: Institute for the Commerce of Rome

1. As quote as follows from a memorandum from Transportation Sub-Commission dated 8 November 1945, their ref. 107514/57/10/10

2. "It is understood you are interested in possible shipments of Carrara marble. In this case, it is suggested you keep in touch with this Sub-Commission on the latest developments in La Spezia, where schooners and coasters can now be accepted. There is also a possibility that lightened "Liberty" type vessels may be able to use this port.

3. "Well connections are not yet possible, but it is only a short haul from the marble quarries to La Spezia. This should make it possible to consider shipments from this port, if the ships can berth within draught limitations. In any event it is much more practical than Leghorno, which was proposed when the question was raised by you on a previous occasion."

[Signature]
F. F. TOOBY
Lt. Col., R.A.
Director

Copy to: U.S.C.C., Rome
Transportation S/C ✓

Commerce (Foreign Trade) S/C

WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION
November 18, 1945

Major M. P. Laraman, R.E.
Headquarters Allied Commission
A.P.O. 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

Subject: Use of port of La Spezia
Ref: AC/ST4/7/in 3

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of November 8th regarding routing lightened liberty ships to La Spezia, we have made inquiries to C in C, Med., S.O.I.C., Leghorn and S.N.C., Genoa. We will repeat C in C Med's reply:

"It is not (repeat) not acceptable for lightened Liberty ships to use La Spezia in view of narrowness of swept channel and danger from mines inside it."

Very truly yours,


Louis H. Smith
Operations Mgr., Mediterranean

LRB/eyz
c.c. W.S.A. Room

July 534

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

APC 196

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Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

AG/574/11/74J

16 November 45

Subject: Use of La Spezia

To : Economic Section (Supply Group)
 Food and Agriculture Sub-Commission
 Industry & Utilities Sub-Commission
 Commerce Sub-Commission (Foreign Trade)
 Office of War Reliefs
 Office of War Reliefs (Italian Area)
 Office of War Reliefs for the Zone
 Office of War Reliefs
 Office of War Reliefs (Mail Branch)
 Office of War Reliefs (Mail Branch)

1. Reference AG/574/2/74J of 18 October.

2. Please note on 16 November the railway between La Spezia and Pisa is expected to be opened. This will provide rail clearance from the port to Leghorn, Florence, Lucca, Bologna etc.

3. It is anticipated the line from La Spezia to Genoa will be reopened by January 46.

4. Intra-Mediterranean and Italian coastwise cargoes which are lifted by Sardinia and Corsica and are intended for areas which can be served by this port should be so routed. This would have the effect of avoiding a surplus of tonnage for discharge in the ports of Genoa and Savona and rail hauls from ports south of La Spezia could be saved. The limitations of the ports should, however, be borne in mind.

USX, Naples
Marechiale Div. (Mail Branch)
Rail Div.
Direzioni Generale della Marina Mercantile - Ministero Marina -
Cecenas/Imare - Via del Cantari, Rome -

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For the Director:

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S.P. LAMORNE
Major R.N.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

8 November 1945

AC/574/8/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Shipment of Carrara marble.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission

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Reference AC/574/2/Tn 3 of 18 October.

- 1.
2. It is understood you are interested in possible shipments of Carrara marble. In this case, it is suggested you keep in touch with this Sub-Commission on the latest developments in La Spezia, where schooners and coasters can now be accepted. There is also a possibility that lightened "Liberty" type vessels may be able to use this port.
3. Rail connections are not yet possible, but it is only a short haul from the marble quarries to La Spezia. This should make it possible to consider shipments from this port, if the ships can berth within draught limitations. In any event it is much more practical than Leghorn, which was proposed when the question was raised by you on a previous occasion.

For the Director

L. H. Laraman
 L. H. LARAMAN,
 Major R.E.

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TRANSPORTATION ALIENS COMMISSION
AIO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

8 November 1945

Ref : 534

AC/574/7/En 3

SUBJECT : Use of port of La Spezia

TO : S.S.A.
Naples

Reference AC/574/6/En 3 of 3 November.

1. Since the above communication, information received from the Region Commissioner states that the Admiral in charge of the Italian Navy in the port reports liberty ships may not be berthed in local harbors.

2. Further enquiries made through Ministry of Marine confirm that one liberty ship may berth at Solo "Galateo S. Cyrillaco" where the draught is 27'10", providing vessel is 11' away from the quay. Alongside the quay there is a draught of 23'.

3. There is ample labor. The berth mentioned is read and will served and will eventually be connected with main lines when they are repaired.

4. In view of this information you might consider sending a representative to investigate the situation, as this port might be useful for certain cargoes and, if Genoa and Savona are used to capacity, could serve usefully to relieve these two ports.

For the Chief Commissioner

7.50

Reference AC/574/6/2n 3 of 2 November.

- 1. Since the above communication, information received from the Region Commissioner states that the Admiral in charge of the Italian Navy in the port reports liberty ships may now be berthed in local Arsenal.
- 2. Further enquiries made through Ministry of Marine confirm that one Liberty ship may berth at mole "Calata S. Cipriano" where the draught is 27'10", providing vessel is 16' away from the quay. Alongside the quay there is a draught of 33'.
- 3. There is ample labour. The berth mentioned is road and will served and will eventually be connected with main lines when they are repaired.
- 4. In view of this information you might consider sending a representative to investigate the situation, as this port might be useful for certain purposes and, if Genoa and Savona are used to capacity, could serve usefully to relieve these two ports.

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For the Chief Commissioner

L.P. LAMARCA
 L.P. LAMARCA, Esq.
 Major R.N.

Port of La Spezia

Relevant information:

Most suitable Pier for a Liberty ship is

CALATA S. CIPRIANO - 313 feet of which 410' undamaged

Draft 23' along the pier - falling gradually to 27' 10" at 16' away from the pier -

rail and road used -

no crane.

Pier 'Jaco degli Alessi' now being cleared from rocks.

W. H. H. H.

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Part of La Guardia = 10 [unclear] / 7

may accept one delivery at Hotel Quai degli Armeni.
draft meter 8.40 (27' 10") at 15' away from the
pier - 6 meter (20') along side the wharf.
Dredging will remove sand lines connected with
main line -

Successors under repair
Priority of labor

AT 6 [unclear] [unclear]
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Tel: 534

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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AG/574/6/To3

2 November 1945

SUBJECT : Use of port of La Spezia

TO : WIA, Naples.

1. The Ministry of Marine recently reported that the port of La Spezia can be used by coasters, according to their report, berth No. 2 has 485 ft of quay with a draught of 22'11".

2. The Food Sub-Commission has asked if ^{it} would be possible to put a lightened "Liberty" ship with, say, 2000 tons of wheat into this port. If you were agreeable, it would be upon the understanding that adequate clearance facilities and port labour are available.

3. It was proposed to use this port for coasters, but if enquiries would be made concerning this proposal they would be useful for future movements of ships on the West Coast. Little use of the port is at present anticipated.

For the Director:

[Handwritten Signature]
W.F. LARAMAN
Major R.N.

COPI TO: FOOD S/C.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.F.C. 394
FOOD SUB-COMMISSION

AD/15

(5)

20th October 1945.

TEL : 466
REF : 61-1/15 /FOOD
SUBJECT : Opening to Spezia Port
TO : Mr. A.C. Th.S/C, (Attn. Maj. Larsen)

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1. Refer your letter AD/374/2/Th'S dated 13 Oct.
2. Please advise us whether it will be possible in the future to leave 1000 or 2000 tons of wheat on a liberty ship for second port discharge in La Spezia.
3. Unless Spezia can receive ill-fated Liberty ships we do not contemplate that we will make much use of the port. However shipments of wine and fruit will undoubtedly be made to La Spezia. However in Spezia will be furnished imported supplies by rail from Leghorn or by road from Genoa.

W. J. Lawrence

W. J. LAWRENCE
Major
Acting Director, Food Sub-Commission

Copy for info. to:

A.C. Th. Food C/C, (Attn. Maj. Larsen)

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HEADQUARTERS
LA SPEZIA PROVINCE
Allied Military Government

1 NOV 1945

JSC/ga
Ref. LIG/SP2/YD/198

Date 26th October 1945

SUBJECT : Unloading Facilities.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Liguria Region
(Attn: Regional Food Officer)

1. We have been advised by the Admiral in charge of the Italian Navy here in La Spezia, that loaded Liberty ships may be docked for discharge at the local Arsenal.
2. We are passing this on to you for your own information.

For the Provincial Commissioner

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1st Lt. Inf.
P.S.O.

To: HQ AC Rome } Attn
 HQ AC (Northern) Milano } Food S/C
 AC Warehouse Genoa
 P.L.O. Genoa
 Commissario Regionale, Liguria

30 October 1945

1. The above is copied to you for your information and action as required.

For the Regional Commissioner

S.F. Sealey
Major

S.F. Sealey R.A.S.C.
Regional Food Officer

SPS/LA

Copy to: PC La Spezia (Attn. Provincial Food Officer)

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AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

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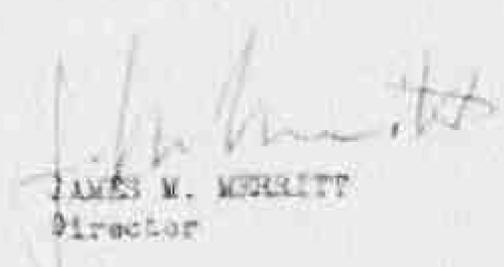
23 October 1945

SUBJECT: Port of La Spezia.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission

1. Reference your AC/574/2/Tn 3 or 18
October, 1945 on reference subject.

2. At present there are no products ordered
by this Sub-Commission that will require the facilities
of the port of La Spezia.


JAMES M. MERRITT
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

19 October 1945

REF 1- AC/LOC.196/T65

SUBJECT 1- Opening of Port of LA SPEZIA

TO 1- Regional Commissioner
A.S.O. LIGURIA REGION
(for att: Reg. In C.)

1. The Ministry of Marine have advised the opening of the Port of LA SPEZIA following the sweeping of the Channel. Berths are available for coasters and schooners with a maximum draft of 22 1/2 ft.
2. There is no rail communication from the Port at present. The line LA SPEZIA-VISA is expected to be repaired by the end of November and to Genoa in early part of 1946 .
3. This sub-Commission has no detailed information yet as to the tonnage which will be required to be cleared from this Port but it is expected that tons will amount to a sporadic maximum of 200 - 250 tons per day .
4. Will you please inform this Office whether it is expected that adequate arrangements can be made to clear all this tonnage by road until such time as part clearance can be effected by rail .

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BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE 2189

W. Taylor

C.W.G. TAYLOR
MAJOR R.A.

Copy to Gen Div (Shipping)

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315
SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

16 October 1954

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Shipping Method
Army Sub-Group

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Food Sub-Comm.
Agriculture Sub-Comm. - no shipping needed
Industry Sub-Comm.
Commerce Sub-Comm.
M.P. Rose
PWA June 2 Committee, Naples
Ports and Ware Div.
Investigate Division (Sull Branch)
Hards Division

1. The Ministry of Marine has advised the opening of the port of La Spezia following the opening of the Channel. Berths are available for coasters and submarines with a maximum draft of 24 ft.
2. There is no rail communications from the port at present. The line to Spezia-Flie is expected to be repaired by the end of November and to Genoa in early part of 1946.
3. Sub-Committee should advise what tonnage and tonnelites they consider could be conveniently discharged in this port in the future. This information is needed to ensure adequate arrangements in the port for labour, road clearance etc. if it is used for civil supplies.

For the Director :

Philip ...
M.P. LARSEN
Major R.E.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

AT/ga

SUBJECT :- Port of LA SPERIA

15 October 1945

TO :- Transportation Sub-Commission
Movements Shipping
(attn. Major Laraman)

1. Following information have been received from the
Ministry of Marine (Inspectorate of Ports operations).

Berths available for coasters and schooners in the port of LA SPERIA:-

No.	Name	Length (ft)	Draft
1.	Canale di S. Vito	390	15' 5"
2.	Calata Chiode	435	22' 11"
3.	" Congeghatori	164	16' 5"
4.	" Nard	278	22' 11"
5.	Presso mancina idraulica	146	13' 8"

2. Piers 3 and 4 rail served (although the town is not yet
connected with any rail lines which are under repair).
Piers 1 - 2 - 5 can be cleared by trucks.

3. The port is reached through swept channel.

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A. FOSI
A. FOSI
Liaison Officer
Ministry of Marine

Copy to : Ports & Warehouse
Food Sub-Commission
Industry Sub-Commission

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del porto anteorabile, con un solo motore di propulsione, con un motore
riserva del fabbricante della nave e delle scorie civili nel Golfo, il
calle Comando M.D., lo esposto all'arresto operato in un atto di
autonomia tra il paese di provenienza della nave e il M. Arsenale,
ha autorizzato con ogni serietà, nei limiti della possibilità sotto
specifiche, operazioni alle macchine del M. Arsenale, compiendo operazioni
di manutenzione.

Sono pertanto disponibili per il traffico mercantile nel M. Arsenale
4 seguenti posti di attracco:

- a) Attracco 791 al canale S. Vito. Macchine disponibili n. 100, fondelli n. 5
- b) Attracco 792 alla calata Chioderhennich disponibile n. 140 e n. 7
- c) Attracco 793 alla calata Cenghastari. Macchine disponibili n. 50
fondelli n. 2.

d) Attracco 794 alla calata Tord. Macchine disponibili n. 15 fondelli n. 7.
e) Attracco 795 alla calata presso la macchina idraulica. Macchine dispo-
nibile n. 15, fondelli n. 4, 6.
Per il rimpaccio della unità in entrata ed in uscita provvederà il
M. Arsenale con i propri mezzi.

Per il pilotaggio provvederà invece la Corporation dei Piloti che
dispone attualmente di tre piloti in servizio.
La nave potrà essere trasportata dalla macchina di cui ai punti 1,
2 e 3 fuori Arsenale mediante sintonizzatori e tralicci. Per le macchine di
cui ai punti 3 e 4 potrà essere utilizzato il grando fornito in ef-
ficienza lungo le calate, con particolare riguardo alle operazioni di
aracco del carbone.

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Major Luffman - for information

TRANSMISSION OF LETTER OF M. MAI AGRIA DIRECTOR OF ARSENAL
NO. 4 DATED 1945, A REQUEST TO U.S.C. PORT OFFICER SUPER.

SUBJECT: OPENING OF ARSENAL TO MERCHANT TRAFFIC.

The merchantile port, where there is work in hand, will be opened to civilian traffic, and in the meantime, in order to allow a partial renewal of the movement of ships and civilian goods, the local It. Naval Command, since a safety route has been opened between the western passage of the outer breakwater and the Arsenal, has authorized merchant ships, within the limits of possibility as under mentioned, to moor at the Arsenal ways to load and discharge.

There are now available for merchant traffic in the Arsenal the following mooring places.

- a) Mooring place No.1 - at S. Vito channel, quay available 20 metres, depth of water 5 metres.
- b) Mooring place No.2 - at Chioco wharf, quay available 145 metres, depth of water 7 metres.
- c) Mooring place No.3 - at Casacantori wharf, quay available 30 metres, depth of water 5 metres.
- d) Mooring place No.4 - at North wharf, quay available 85 m., depth of water 7 metres.
- e) Mooring place No.5 - at wharf near the hydraulic crane, quay available 45 metres, depth of water 4, metres.

For the towing of ships in and out, the Royal Arsenal furnishes it own tug.

Storage instead is done by the local pilots' corporation, which has three pilots in service.

The goods have to be clear from the ways 1, 2 and 3 by trucks and rollers. Ways Nos.3 and 4 above may be cleared by a railway sidings which are in efficient service along those ways, especially for coal.

Under the auspices of the It. Naval Command and the Arsenal Command, agreements in principle have been come to with the shipping agents and those interested in civilian traffic as to guarantee, in view regard to the military needs of the Arsenal, the rapid clearance of ships and ways.

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MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE

D. L. Generalio Estero
Gen. Trattati No. II

Rome (20 Sept. 43)

TO : Transportation DC

1. The Brazilian Embassy of Rome has requested the Italian Government for 1000 tons of marble of Carrara to be used as ballast of the S/B "Don Pedro II" which will shortly arrive in Italy. The transportation of marble from Carrara to Leghorn where it will be loaded will take place with the motor means of the Società Montecatini owner of the marble.

2. In regards the above we had the A.C. to give us assurance it will be actually possible to use the Port of Leghorn for the loading of the marble, keeping present that the piling of it on the pier will take 30 days. We further care has you to inform us if whether the "Don Pedro II" does not have the proper means to do the loading if it could be possible to utilize the means of the local Allied Commission.

We will appreciate an answer

THE MINISTER
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Copy to : AD Commerce S/C

Copy for La Spagna file

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