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TO : See Distribution List

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Office of the Chief Commissioner
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9 October 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I wish to refer once again to my letter of 31 July concerning the termination of the export activities of Allied Commission.

As a result of discussions held between Mr. Storoni, Undersecretary for Commerce, and Maj. Gen. Director of Commerce Sub-Commission, it appears that there has been some misunderstanding on the part of your Government as to the intentions of the Allied authorities on the subject of re-introduction of private trading between Italy and the Allies.

I wish to clarify, therefore, that the procedure outlined in paragraph 3 of my letter of the 31st of July specifies merely the manner in which it was intended that trade should be conducted between Italy and the US and Italy and the UK from the time (i.e., 31 July) that Allied Commission ceased to act as an intermediary and until such a time as your Government makes an arrangement with either or both countries to conduct trade on a different basis.

The full authority for your Government to make arrangements with all countries, including US and UK, is given in paragraph 5 of my above quoted letter, which states that, subject to the controls and regulations which your Government has agreed to create and operate, all countries are now free to deal directly with your Government on a Government basis or with Italian private traders on a private basis as you consider best. Although the implementation of this authority, in respect of countries other than U.S. and the British Commonwealth, is, as you know, temporarily in abeyance until your Government publishes the statutory

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I trust that the above clarification will serve to eliminate any misunderstanding which may have existed as to the intentions of the Allied authorities and that it will assist your Government in making more rapid progress towards a return to normal trading.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

Prof. Ferruccio PARRI
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government

R O M e

Our Ref: JHH/AREA/2.

MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT
MEDITERRANEAN REPRESENTATIVE,
NAVY HOUSE,
NAPLES.

29th September, 1945.

To Chairman MEDSO Naples
From Chairman Zone 3 Committee U.M.A. Naples
Subject: Italy - Imports: Export Trades

4/ Reference Tn. Sub-Commission A.C.'s memorandum AC/623/23/Tn3-5
of 20th instant with which was enclosed Commerce Sub-Commission's
letter AC/5127/A/Commerce of 15th instant, dealing with the above
subject, there are several points arising therefrom in connection with
the methods for bidding for tonnage.

2. So far as Exports from Italy are concerned, it will be the
duty of the Italian Authorities to see that the buying countries include
the goods on their Import Programmes, as it is only against approved
Import Programmes that shipping is provided by the United Maritime
Authority.

3. With regard to Italian Import Programmes, the proper procedure
is for the Programming Authority - whether the Italian Government or
Allied Commission - to place these bids for movement of goods to Italy
before SEPCO, i.e. the Shipping Employment Policy Committee in Berkeley
Square House, London, W.1., with a copy to Zone Three Committee in
Naples, when the movement of cargo is within the Zone 3 limits, i.e.
Mediterranean, Red Sea and Black Sea, including French Morocco and
Portugal.

4. As soon as these Import programmes have the approval of SEPCO that
Committee will advise Zone 3 in Naples where appropriate, and shipping
will then be made available where possible from Zone 3 Shipping
resources.

5. It is, of course, imperative that the programmes should be as
fully detailed as possible and on a forward basis of, say, four to six
months in advance.

James W. Henderson
for Chairman Zone 3.

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Transportation Sub-Commission

AG/623/23/Tn3

20 September 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Export Trade
TO : Mediterranean Shipping Board

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1. Reference our 618/78/Tn3 of 16 August.
2. Attached is a copy of Commerce Sub-Commission's letter of 15 September which sets out the position as regards future arrangements for Italian foreign trade.

For the Director:

L. Laraman
M.P. LARAMAN
Major R.E. *by*

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U.M.A. requests certain essential details and in order to ensure uniformity it is requested that the attached proforma be used when making bids for export or import shipments.

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Translation

C O P Y

The president of the Council of Ministers

n. 589

Rome, 1.8.1945

Dear Admiral,

1) Referring to your letter of the 31st, in relation with the cessation of the activity of the Allied Commission for what concerns exports from Italy, I must express the satisfaction of the Italian Government for the progressive resumption of its economic and financial autonomy.

2) In my opinion, considering that the territory which is at present under the control of the Allied Military Government is shortly to be handed over to the Italian Government, it would be useless to study a particular procedure concerning the exports which might take place in the above mentioned territory, for the drafting and enforcement of a regulation necessarily require a certain period of time that might be longer than the lapse of time till the handing over of the Northern provinces to the Italian Government.

In any case, as the Allied Commission well knows, the liaison organisms between the above mentioned territory and that which has already been handed back to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government exist and can be made use of in case of need.

3) The Italian Government recognizes that the Allied Commission will go on keeping some control on export activities. A few observations are nevertheless necessary.

Regarding the control mentioned in a) of para 3) it must be taken in consideration that if the Allied Commission goes on examining statements about exportable surplus, even not included on list a), this will cause, as in the past, complications and delays prejudicial to the development of a normal trade.

It would be a good thing, at least for a certain list of products to be agreed upon, for us to be free to negotiate the exports without needing previous periodical authorizations based on declarations difficult to make.

One of the most serious problems for my Government is unemployment; the problem might be partly solved by importing raw materials to be transformed in finished products to be exported, but to reach this result, a certain liberty of action is necessary.

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While waiting for the particulars of the programs of the economic war which will have to be forwarded by the British and American Embassies, I hope that the question concerning the black list at present dealt with by the Minister of Foreign Affairs will soon be solved.

- 5) While expressing my great satisfaction at acknowledging what you expressed in point 5) of your letter, i. e. that all Nations are now free to negotiate directly with the Italian Government, and assuring you that we shall do our best to comply with what is expressed in point 6) of the said letter, and therefore find the information contained in n. 7 most useful, I take the liberty, my dear Admiral, of expressing a few wishes, on the granting of which depends the possibility of effectively carrying out an international trade.

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a) As State control of private commercial initiatives must be established, it is obvious that the Government requires the effective functioning of the customs; without their collaboration, there could be no economic, financial and exchange activity of international trade.

The Government therefore deems it its duty to point out to the Allied Commission that its action in this sector would be frustrated if the resumption of the functioning of customs services and under the orders of the competent Italian central organisms is not allowed on all the frontiers of the State.

b) The Italian Government also deems it its duty to point out to the Allied Commission that though it will probably before long be able to resume foreign commercial correspondence, because the question of the black lists is shortly to be solved, the same thing cannot be said of foreign exchanges, which remains materially impossible till adequate means of transport, especially shipping, are available.

If freedom for international trade is to have a practical meaning, after being allowed to negotiate possible commercial agreements, Italy must have the material possibility of transporting wares with her own means, without depending for a hundred per cent from the other contractors who could make their privileged situation weigh heavily.

6) For what concerns the request which you expressed in point 9) of your letter, i.e. for my Government to take immediate action to organize its liaison offices and develop the necessary organization to carry out its new and indispensable requirements, I must tell you that I am doing everything to be ready as soon as possible to carry out these new tasks.

All the Administrations concerned are at present studying the question. The criterion which inspires them is to leave to private persons the task of managing, according to their own initiative, their relations with their foreign purveyors and clients, submitting nevertheless these relations to a strict control by the State. It will be necessary to draft a list which will include the greatest possible amount of exportable goods, and study at the same time a definite priority criterion for importable goods. All matters concerning foreign trade ought perhaps to be centralized in one State administration, the Industry and Commerce Department, which, with its Undersecretary for Foreign Trade, within the boundaries of the plan for imports and exports and according to the regulations fixed as exchange policy, will have a great possibility of action, and use as executive organ the "Istituto Commercio Estero", which has already had close contacts with the Allied Commission.

I shall send you the final organization draft on this matter, as soon as the Administrations concerned will be through with it.

Trans. e/c

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone

Chief of Commission of the Allied Commission - ROME

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31 August 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I thank you for your letter dated 1 August 1945, replying to my communication of 31 July, and in taking this opportunity of replying to the various points which you raise.

With regard to paragraph 2 of your letter, I agree that, in the existing circumstances, it is not necessary to prepare a special procedure to govern exports in the territory at present under Allied military control.

Further, I am in agreement with the suggestion made in your paragraph 3 that a list of items, of which an exportable surplus exists, should be prepared. Therefore, I suggest that your Government submit such a list to this Headquarters, so that it may be reviewed and, if possible, an overall clearance given.

While you will be the first to appreciate, my dear Prime Minister, the necessity for maintaining control over the movement of those commodities which are in world short supply, I have every hope and reason to believe that, with the final cessation of hostilities, the list of such commodities will gradually be reduced.

As regards your paragraph 4, the Combined Chiefs of Staff have advised us that the United States Proclaimed and British Statutory Lists should be adopted by your Government as a prerequisite to direct trade between Italy and those countries to which such lists have been applied.

I am gratified by the establishment of the new exchange control agency, the Ufficio Italiano dei Cambi, and I hope it will proceed to an effective control of Italian external assets as soon as possible.

As regards paragraph 5 (a), I may say that we are in full agreement concerning the effective functioning of the Italian customs service. As far as we are aware, the customs service is operating at all ports and on all frontiers, except at those ports or portions of ports which are being used for Allied military or naval traffic. On the initiative of the Allied authorities the customs services in Allied Military Government territory have been reestablished and are functioning under normal Italian laws and regulations. The customs organizations now functioning in Allied Military Government territory (except Venezia-Giulia) will revert to full Italian Government control when such territory is returned to your Government.

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With reference to the question of transport raised in your paragraph 5 (b), a control has not been set up to deal with the very involved question of world transport facilities, in order that all nations may receive their fair share of the availability. This controlling body is known as the United Maritime Authority (U.M.A.).

All applications for shipping should be submitted by the appropriate Italian authority to the Shipping Employment Policy Committee, Berkeley Square, London, with copy to United Maritime Authority Zone 3 Committee, Navy House, Naples. It is essential however, that all applications for shipping made on United Maritime Authority through Shipping Employment Policy Committee, London, should be coordinated with one Central Italian Organization.

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I am very gratified to learn of the plans which are being prepared by your Government for the furtherance and control of Italy's foreign trade and I shall be very interested to see these when they are completed.

In my letter of 31 July, I presumed that the Italian Government authority which would be responsible for carrying on export activities would be your Istituto Nazionale per il Commercio Estero. Your letter to which I am now replying leads me to believe that perhaps this assumption was not entirely correct. In any case, I feel it my duty to draw your attention to the fact that the Istituto Commercio Estero has not been, in the past, as fully effective as might have been desired, due perhaps to the very heavy burden which was placed upon it. I am sure your Government will bear this in mind when considering its reorganization plans.

Rest assured, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, that any assistance or advice which the Allied Commission can render toward a happy solution of the foreign trade problems will be readily given.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
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Nature of Cargo & Types of Packing Descrizione del Carico e dell'Imballaggio	Tonnage Tonnellaggio		Present Location & Nearest Port Luogo di giacenza e porto più Vicino	Date when Cargo Will be available Data in cui il carico è Disponibile	Final Destination & Port Preferred Destinazione definitiva e porto preferito
	Gross Weight Metric tons Peso lordo Tonn. metriche	Measurement Cubic metres Misura Metri cubi			

Details of heavy lifts over 5 tons, if any:
Dettagli di eventuali colli di peso superiore alle 5 tonn.:

Any other special remarks:
Altre osservazioni speciali:

This statement is approved
Si approva il presente trasporto

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Nome
Rank
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Sub-Commission
Sotto-Commissione

Signed
Firma

Submission of this bid does not guarantee the allotment of shipping space.
L'inoltro della presente richiesta non comporta garanzia di assegnazione.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Economic Section
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

IDD/sc

25 August 1945

Tel: 267

Ref: 2002 /IS

SUBJECT: Italian Export Trade

TO : Supply Division E/S
Commerce S/C
Transportation S/C
Finance S/C
Executive Commissioner
Political Advisors

1. This is in reference to letter n. 589 addressed to the Chief Commissioner dated 1 Aug. 45 (received by ALCON 23 Aug.) from the President of the Council of Ministers relative to above subject. A copy of such letter is attached.

2. It will be noted that a number of questions are raised by the Italian Government, among which are foreign exchange, shipping, control relative to exportable surplus, suggestion that a list of products that may be exported be made, black list, custom controls, etc.

3. With respect to above letter, the Chief Commissioner has directed the following note to the Executive Commissioner:

"E.C. Personal

This is an important letter. Suggest you call conference with Densmore, Commerce and Finance Sub-Commissions to discuss the approach before drafting reply. Polads may be helpful.

E.W.S. cc 24/8-45"

4. A conference will be held at 1600 hours (4 p.m.) Monday 27 Aug. at the office of the Executive Commissioner to discuss the matter.

5. It is requested that all addressees of this letter be represented.

FOR THE ACTING VICE PRESIDENT:

L. D. Densmore
L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, FA
Chief Staff Officer

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C O P Y

The President of the Council of Ministers

n. 589

Rome, 1.8.1945

Dear Admiral,

1) Referring to your letter of the 31st, in relation with the cessation of the activity of the Allied Commission for what concerns exports from Italy, I must express the satisfaction of the Italian Government for the progressive resumption of its economic and financial autonomy.

2) In my opinion, considering that the territory which is at present under the control of the Allied Military Government is shortly to be handed over to the Italian Government, it would be useless to study a particular procedure concerning the exports which might take place in the above mentioned territory, for the drafting and enforcement of a regulation necessarily require a certain period of time that might be longer than the lapse of time till the handing over of the Northern provinces to the Italian Government.

In any case, as the Allied Commission well knows, the liaison organisms between the above mentioned territory and that which has already been handed back to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government exist and can be made use of in case of need.

3) The Italian Government recognizes that the Allied Commission will go in keeping some control on export activities. A few observations are nevertheless necessary.

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Would be a good thing, at least for a certain list of products to be agreed upon, for us to be free to negotiate the exports without needing previous periodical authorizations based on declarations difficult to make.

One of the most serious problems for my Government is unemployment: the problem might be partly solved by importing raw materials to be transformed in finished products to be exported, but to reach this result, a certain liberty of action is necessary.

For that concerns control mentioned in letter b) of para 3) the Italian Government hopes that it may in time be lessened, so as to be able to use for foreign exchanges some important items of its commercial balance.

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While waiting for the particulars of the programs of the economic war which will have to be forwarded by the British and American Embassies, I hope that the question concerning the black list at present dealt with by the Minister of Foreign Affairs will soon be solved.

5) While expressing my great satisfaction at acknowledging that you expressed in point 5) of your letter, i.e. that all Nations are now free to negotiate directly with the Italian Government, and assuring you that we shall do our best to comply with what is expressed in point 6) of the said letter, and therefore

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find the information contained in n. 7 most useful, I take the liberty, my dear Admiral, of expressing a few wishes, on the granting of which depends the possibility of effectively carrying out an international trade.

a) As state control of private commercial initiatives must be established, it is obvious that the Government requires the effective functioning of the customs; without their collaboration, there could be no economic, financial and exchange activity of international trade.

The Government therefore deems it its duty to point out to the Allied Commission that its action in this sector would be frustrated if the resumption of the functioning of customs services and under the orders of the competent Italian central organisms is not allowed on all the frontiers of the State.

b) The Italian Government also deems it its duty to point out to the Allied Commission that though it will probably before long be able to resume foreign ~~trade~~ commercial correspondence, because the question of the black lists is shortly to be solved, the same thing cannot be said of foreign exchanges, which remains materially impossible till adequate means of transport, especially shipping, are available.

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6) For what concerns the request which you expressed in point 9) of your letter, i.e. for my Government to take immediate action to organize its liaison offices and develop the necessary organization to carry out its new and indispensable requirements, I must tell you that I am doing everything to be ready as soon as possible to carry out these new tasks.

All the Administrations concerned are at present studying the question. The criterion which inspires them is to leave to private persons the task of managing, according to their own initiative, their relations with their foreign purveyors and clients, submitting nevertheless these relations to a strict control by the State. It will be necessary to draft a list which will include the greatest possible amount of exportable goods, and study at the same time a definite priority criterion for importable goods. All matters concerning foreign trade ought perhaps to be centralized in one State administration, the Industry and Commerce Department, which, with its Undersecretary for Foreign Trade, within the boundaries of the plan for imports and exports and according to the regulations fixed as exchange policy, will have a great possibility of action, and use as executive organ the "Istituto Commercio Estero", which has already had close contacts with the Allied Commission.

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S. Ferruccio Parri

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

Foreign Trade Division

ERG/ram

Tel. : 245

22 August 1945

Ref. : AC/5127/A/Commerce

SUBJECT: Termination of Export Activities of the Allied Commission

TO : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs -
Italian Government

1. Reference is made to the letter addressed by the Chief Commissioner to the President of the Council of Ministers dated 31 July with regard to the above subject.

2. Particular reference is made to paragraph (1) in which it was stated that the activities of the Allied Commission with respect to Italy's exports would terminate as from 31 July 1945, both in territory which has already been returned to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government and in the territory which is at present under Allied Military Government.

3. In order that there may be no misunderstanding, we wish to point out that "disputed areas" such as Venezia-Giulia do not come within the terms of the above statement.

4. It is requested that the above clarification be communicated by you to the interested Ministries and Departments of the Italian Government.

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Major
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APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Foreign Trade Division

ERG/ram

31 July 1945

Tel. : 245

Ref. : AC/5127/A/Commerce

SUBJECT: Termination of Export Activities of the
Allied Commission - Tam 640

TO : See Distribution List Attached

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Commissioner to the President of the Council of Ministers
on 31 July 1945, for your guidance and whatever action may
be necessary.

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HEAD-QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

C O P Y

31 July 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

1. I wish to inform you that after 31 July 1945, the activities of the Allied Commission with respect to Italy's exports, will terminate. This decision refers equally to the territory which has already been returned to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government and to the territory which is at present under Allied Military Government. This means that the Allied Commission will no longer act as a channel of communication for export orders or for matters referring to the procurement or implementation of such orders.
2. Insofar as concerns the application of the decision which I now communicate to you in respect to territory under the Allied Military Government the appropriate Italian authority (which I presume will be the Istituto Commercio Estero) will carry on all export activities as a unit but, though acting as principal, will be subject to Allied Military Government control. Details of procedure will be worked out with your appropriate Ministry.

3. There are certain controls which it will be necessary for the Allied Commission to continue to retain, over Italy's export activities:

(a) In order that the Allied military and civilian supply program may not be impaired by conflicting export activities, the Allied Commission will continue to screen all declarations of exportable surpluses, will require monthly statistics of exports effected after 31 July 1945, and will have access to all other relevant data.

(b) The Allied Commission will continue to be responsible for insuring that those commodities which have been declared exportable by your Government and which fall under Category "A" (as defined in a letter written under reference AC/5127/A/Commerce dated 18 April 1945 and addressed to your Minister of Industry & Commerce) are reported to the appropriate Allied authorities and are subsequently exported to the country which such authorities shall specify.

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4. Export Operations

I refer to my letter to you No. 13432/F of 18 July, and particularly to paragraph 6 thereof. It is expected that your Government will institute an effective foreign exchange control and will adopt such trade controls as are necessary to support the economic warfare objectives of the Allied Governments. The details of such objectives are to be communicated to you in the near future by the British and American Embassies in Rome. I would mention here specifically the importance of the adoption by your Government of the U. S. proclaimed and British Statutory Lists and the prohibition of trade communications or financial relations with persons named in either of these two lists. Action on this matter has been repeatedly requested by Finance Sub-Commission in correspondence with the Ministry of Treasury.

5. However, within the framework of the essential controls and regulations which your Government is expected to create and operate (controls which, I may remark in passing, are general controls imposed by all liberated countries) all countries are now free to deal directly with the appropriate Italian export authority, or with Italian private traders on a Government basis, or on a private basis, as you consider best, and through whatever channels your Government may decide.

6. Contracts and Proceeds

As from 31 July 1945, your Government will be responsible for all export contracts and further, will assume responsibility for and carry out any uncompleted contracts concluded prior to that date. This Commission will not be responsible or accountable for exports even relating to uncompleted contracts signed prior to 31 July 1945. Your Government will be responsible for making arrangements for payment of Italian exports and also for the collection of the proceeds of such exports.

7. Information regarding the accounting for export operations concluded prior to 31 July 1945, is being obtained from the recipient countries and agencies, by the Finance Sub-Commission of this Headquarters.

8. Communications and Negotiations

The U. S. Commercial Corporation, in accordance with the offer previously made to and accepted by your Government, is expected to act as your agent in the United States as from 1 August 1945, as an interim measure, pending full restoration of private trade and, for this purpose, it is expected that the U. S. Commercial Corporation will open a liaison office in Rome. From 1 August 1945, the United Kingdom Government will conduct its government buying through the British Embassy who will deal direct with the appropriate Italian authority. Other purchases will be made by private United Kingdom traders who will deal direct with that authority and contract as principals in accordance with the procedure outlined in paragraph 4, (ii) a), b), c), d) of letter AC/5127/A/Commerce dated 6 July 1945 to your Ministry of Industry & Commerce.

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Professor Ferruccio Parri
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