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Tel: 534 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION MPL/fl
APO 394
Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

AC/525/49/Tn.3 8 December 1945

SUBJECT : Delays to Swiss ships in port of Genoa.

TO : Rail Branch ✓
Rail Division. *l v m*

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Park	"				
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G. Armstrong	"	8148	10/11	13/11 (X)	4/12
Frans Gort	cellulose	3000	13/11	13/11	16/11
Birkaland	"	2033	14/11	15/11	21/11
Tunisia	"	4241	14/11	15/11	18/11
Calanda	wheat	6900	27/10	3/11 (X)	16/11
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	alcohol				
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For the Director:

L. Laraman
M.P. LARAMAN
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Copy to:

Ports and Warehouse Div.

AC. PLO Genoa

Ministry of Marine

Dr. O. Rossetti, Swiss Legation Rome

WSA, Rome

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TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING SUB COMMISSION

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

AC/543/199/Tn.3

19 December 1945

SUBJECT : Clearance Port of Civitavecchia.

TO : Rail Branch (2)
Rail Div. (2) ✓

1. The immediate program for the Port of Civitavecchia is a heavy one.

2. To assist you in planning rail clearance, details of vessels now working and planned are summarised below : -

Vessel	Cargo	E.T.A.
Knute Rockner	8000 coal	Now unloading
Samstrall	6000 "	" "
R. Bassett	5000 grain	" "
Cygnat	4490 coal	20/12
N. Bacon	5974 UNRRA supplies	21/12
Rubicone	7000 coal	22/12
Punta Almina	1067 Vatican relief	23/12
Jason	600 salt	24/12
Pertusola	2000 salt	24/12
Highland Park	2000 wheat (Vatican)	25/12
R.S. Beam	8000 coal	28/12

J.H. Mackelton
J.H. MACKELTON
Captain, R.E.

Copy to : Ministry of Marine

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TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING SUB COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Tel : 478701

18 December 1945

272/161/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Wheat Import Programme for December loadings

TO : Rail Division (Tn 4) —

1. Agriculture & Food Sub-Commission advise that December loadings will amount to about 43 ships or about 344000 tons.
2. The above tonnage will probably be received in the latter part of December and in January. Shown below is a distribution of the tonnage among the various ports which represents approximately how the tonnage will be handled. The programme for handling the tonnage may, of course, be altered through diversions.

Genova	52,000	(Tons per month)
Fiombino/Livorno	20,000	" " "
Civitavecchia	24,000	" " "
Napoli	56,000	" " "
Reggio Calabria	8,000	" " "
Crotone	8,000	" " "
Bari/Brindisi/	40,000	" " "
Taranto		
Ancona	8,000	" " "
Venezia	56,000	" " "
Sicilia	48,000	" " "
Sardegna	16,000	" " "
Trieste	8,000	" " "
Total	344,000 tons	1401

3. Practically all of the above wheat will be in bulk.

C. F. Berridge
C.F. BERRIDGE,
Major R.E.

AFHQ (ACTION) WSA NAPLES (INFO)

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18 DEC. 1945

PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IMPORT OF CZECH SUPPLIES PD
PAREN TO AFHQ FOR ACTION TO WSA NAPLES FOR INFO FROM HQ ALCOM CITE
ACFTT PAREN

REFERENCE WSA ONE THREE ONE FIVE FIVE ²⁶⁶ ONE ABLE PD

PARA TWO PD CONSIDER VENICE SHOULD BE USED ONLY FOR DISCHARGE OF
 THESE SUPPLIES WHEN TRIESTE UNABLE TO ACCEPT VESSELS PD

PARA THREE PD VESSELS SHOULD BE NOMINATED INDIVIDUALLY FOR
 ACCEPTANCE IN VENICE AND REQUEST MADE BY AUTHORITY PLANNING DIVERSIONS
 PD

PARA FOUR PD UNDERSTOOD CZECH RAILWAY WAGONS AND NECESSARY GUARDS
 WILL ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE WHEN VENICE USED PD

PARA FIVE PD HAVE CZECHS ANY AVAILABLE WAREHOUSE ACCOMMODATION IN
 VENICE IN EVENT OF DELAY TO RAILWAY WAGONS PD

PARA SIX PD REQUEST INDICATION BE GIVEN OF CARGOES CMA TONNAGES
 AND RTAS OF ANY SUCH VESSELS IN ORDER TO ESTIMATE POSSIBLE TONNAGE
 PASSING THROUGH VENICE FOR FUTURE PORT ALLOCATION PD

PARA SEVEN PD PLEASE ADVISE DECISIONS MADE PD

COPY TO : WSA ROME

MWR ITALIAN AREA ROME, UNRRA, BRIG. FELLOWS SCITO ROME,
 PORTS & WHSE DIV, RAIL BRANCH, RAIL DIVISION

TRANS. AND SHIP. B/C

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C. F. Bailey
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G. J. LEONE
 CWO U.S.A.
 ASST. ADJUTANT

Tel. 534 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION MPL/ga
APO 394
Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

Our Ref :- AC/560/8/Tn.3. 7 December 1945

SUBJECT :- Increase^d use of port of Leghorn.

TO :- Industry Sub-Commission (Coal Div).
Ports and Warehouse Division
Rail Branch
Rail Division
AMG Liguria Region for PIO Genoa
AG Port Liaison Officer, Leghorn
Ministry of Marine Diraz. Gen. Marina Mercantile Roma
AC PIO Civitavecchia.

1. Please note that it has been agreed with RBS that one collier may in future discharge at Leghorn every two weeks. If satisfactory to all concerned additional ships may be routed to this port.

2. The following should be noted :-

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(b) All discharge operations will be solely a civilian responsibility, including lightening of vessels.

(c) Berth 53 (maximum draught 23 feet) will be used. This will result in lightened colliers being sent to Leghorn, there being no available lights for outside discharge.

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4. Industry Sub-Commission (Coal Div) are requested to study this question and to give the maximum notice of any future arrivals, in order to ensure satisfactory arrangements being made in advance. It is expected 1000 tpd can be discharged.

For the Director :-

M.P. LARSEN
M.P. LARSEN
Major R.S.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Tel: 534

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Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

3 December 1945

AC/525/49/Tn.3

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	gen.sps			
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AC. PLO Genoa

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WGA, Rome

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TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

4 December 1945

Tele : Ext. 534

AC/502/53/Tn.3.

SUBJECT : Clearance of Coal and Grain from Venice by inland water Transport

TO : Rail Branch
Rail Division (Tn.4.)

1.

Please note ANNI have advised the following destinations to which they are in a position to deliver cargoes from the port of Venice

- A) North of Venice :
Trieste (via Grado)
Udine (San Giorgio di Nogaro)
Treviso
Padova
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Rovigo (Cavarzere)
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Mantova

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It is understood that the unloading point at Mantova is rail served and thence it is possible to use secondary rail connections to Brescia, Verona and Milan. From Brescia there are convenient routes to Bergamo and Lecco.

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Major, R.E.
A/Chief Movements Division

Copy to : Industry Sub-Commission (Coal Division)
Food & Agriculture Sub-Commission
Ports & Warehouse Division

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
MILAN OFFICE
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

3rd December 1945

Tel: 632141 Ext. 40

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SUBJECT : Improvement Mantova Barge Harbor.

TO : Ferrovia dello Stato
Palazzo Litta
Corso Magenta 24-Milano

1. We are in receipt of information that a considerable tonnage of imported coal and grain will move from Venice into northwest Italy through Mantova within the next two months. It is intended to move as much as possible by barge from shipside and up the Po River to Mantova where it will be transhipped into smaller barges or onto rail wagons for final delivery.

2. Will you please examine the rail connections to Mantova barge harbor and bend every effort to effect a rehabilitation of your rail connections there so that the anticipated movement of fuel and feedstuff will not be impeded.

3. The dredging and clearing of the barge harbor will proceed apace with your improvements.

4. Please feel free to call upon this office for any help that you may need.

Original signed by
Lt. Col. M. Harris

M. HARRIS
Lt. Col. G.E.

Copies to: Transportation Sub-Commission Rome
Regional Public Works - Milan
ANMI - Milan
ANMI - Venice

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HOWARD'S ALLEY POSITION
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NEW! - Roll closure in Navy/White.

Dr. A.D. El-Dars

1. The notety aditps from Gannan have recently reported that the percentage of tail maggots and clearances on several days have not been low.

• The following information has been obtained in order to help in preparing new and revised materials:

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NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.
10	444	94	782
11	467	75	880
12	446	27	740
13	436	79	948
14	431	90	951
15	453	42	1004
16	491	44	1005
17	519	73	1059
18	562	103	1126
19	403	11	605
20	373	99	821
21	543	86	1059
22	546	90	515
23	502	46	1138

1. This question should be discussed with the Tax Officer in Charge and your solicitor or accountant. You should tax 1995

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2. The following information has been obtained in order to discover the regularity with which demands for rail clearance are maintained. These figures include sides wagons or those provided for Austria.

DATE	WAGONS SUPPLIED TO PORT OF GENOA	WAGONS SUPPLIED TO PORT OF SAVONA	TOTAL NO. WAGONS IN GENOA COMPANY
9 Nov.	444	94	782
10 "	467	76	680
11 "	446	27	740
12 "	426	79	940
13 "	431	90	971
14 "	493	44	1004
15 "	491	44	1005
16 "	529	73	1059
17 "	562	103	1126
18 "	403	11	625
19 "	379	69	821
20 "	542	86	1059
21 "	544	80	918
22 "	562	45	1135

3. This question should be discussed with the Air Officer in Genoa and your comments are sought. You should issue the minimum daily clearance by rail that is needed. 1395

For the Director :-

L. H. H. H. H.
W. P. HARRIS
Major R.S.

Copy to :- Nov Div. (Rail Section)
Rail Div.

Ref. 534 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION JHE/lmr
APO 394
Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

AG/699/34/Tn.3 26 November 1945

SUBJECT : Ports of Genoa/Livorno.
TO : Civilian cargo for Month of December.
: HQ Allied Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission
Milan

1. To assist you in your port planning the following are the tonnages of expected arrivals by sea for the month of December 1945 : -

2. Extra Med	
Wheat	44000 ✓
Food	4000 ✓
Rubber	2500 ✓
Cotton and wool	14500 ✓
U.S.N.R.A.	7500 ✓
Misc.	2500 ✓
Coal	300000 including 10 ships (Swiss a/o)
	375000
Intra Med	
Fruit and wine	18500 ✓
Food	2000 ✓
Salt edible	6000 ✓
" Industrial	16500 ✓
Phosphates	17000 ✓
Pyrites	5000 ✓
Misc.	3000 ✓

SUBJECT : Ports of Genoa/Savona.
 TO : Civilian cargo for Month of December.
 : HQ Allied Commission
 Transportation Sub-Commission
 Milan

1. To assist you in your port planning the following are the tonnages of expected arrivals by sea for the month of December 1945 : -

2. Extra Men

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Food	4000 X	
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Cotton and wool	14500 X	
U.S.R.N.A.	7500 X	
Misc.	2500 X	
Coal	300000 including 10 ships (Swiss a/c)	375000

*100000 Swiss
 275000 Italian*

Extra Men

Fruit and wine	18500 X
Food	2000 X
Salt edible	8000 X
" Industrial	16500 X
Phosphates	17000 X
Pyrites	5000 X
Misc.	3000 X

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70000

Swiss a/c

Bauxite	10000
Grain	20000
General	10000

40000

Grand Total

485000

NOT RECORDED IN THE FILES OF THE COMMISSION

For the Director :

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E.P. LORIMAN
Major R. M.

Copy to : A.O. Transportation Officer
Liguria Region
PIO Genoa (Lieut. Fortaro)
Rail Branch
Rail Division. ✓

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Tel. 534

HEAD QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

Our Ref: -AC/693/32/Tn.2.

26 November 1945

SUBJECT: - Cargoes planned for port of Venice during month of December 1945.

TO: - Senior Transportation Officer AG Venezia Region.

1. For your information the following tonnages have been bid for port allocation for the month of December. It is possible there may be amendments, but the tonnages shown will indicate the trend for increased tonnages of civil supplies especially of coal and grain which are planned for discharge in Venice.

Extra Ref.

Wheat	56,000 ✓
Food	2,000 ✓
Cotton & Wool	2,500 ✓
Misc. Textiles	550 ✓
Coal	130,000 ✓
	<u>191,050</u>

for
 Case 130,000. *for*
 7500.
 137,500.

Intra Ref.

Fruit & Wine	10,500 ✓
Food	750 ✓
Salt edible	2,500 ✓
" Industrial	2,500 ✓
Phosphates	15,750 ✓
Pyrites	7,500 ✓
Tonnage	1,851 ✓
	<u>41,351</u>

for
 36,000
~~7,500~~ *for*
 3050 Box
 15,450. *for*
 18,450.
 1,851
 41,351

Grand Total

232,401

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Case 130,000. 6 Nov
Pyria 7,000
137,000

Int're Med.

Fruit & Wine	10,500 ✓
Food	750 ✓
Salt edible	2,500 ✓
" Industrial	2,500 ✓
Phosphates	18,750 ✓
Pyrites	7,500 ✓
Tobacco	1,351 ✓
	<u>41,351</u>

Wheat 36,000
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18,250
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41,351

Grand Total 232,401

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3. If the coal cargoes cannot be cleared in agreed that up to 30,000 tons may be backpiled at

4. With this forward information in your will be able to make the necessary arrangements

2602
31

15 (38,900) (259)

40
69,000

30
210
120
2,000
100

9,901

It is presumed there will be ample labour to cope ^{with} the projected programme and any anticipated difficulties should be reported to this HQ as soon as possible.

For the Director :-

L. P. LARSEN
L. P. LARSEN
Major R.S.

Copy to :- PIO Venice

Ministry of Marine

IP + MR Committee Room 75, 3rd Floor INA Building
Via S. Niccolò da Tolentino - Rome

Rail Branch
Rail Div. ✓

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Tel: 534

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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APO 394

Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

AC/699/33/Tn3

26 November 1945

SUBJECT : Expected tonnages through port of Venice during December.

TO : Mov. Div. (Rail Branch)
Rail Div.

1. The total expected tonnages for the month of December are 232,401 tons. This total includes extra and intra Mediterranean cargoes of which coal amounts to 130,000 tons and grain to 56,000 tons.

2. If the entire cargoes of coal cannot be cleared it has been agreed by Coal Div. that 30,000 tons may be backpiled at Vetrocoke.

3. There is a marked increase in number of vessels planned for discharge in Venice during December and it is presumed there will be no serious clearance difficulties.

For the Director:

L. Laraman
M.F. LARAMAN
Major R.E.

Copy to:

Ports & Warehouse Div.
Industry & Utilities S/C - (Coal Div.)

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7500 TPD
Coal 11,700 per day
240 Highways
Grain 1800 Tpd
120 Box
needed

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21 Nov. 1945

SUBJECT: ALLIED COMMISSION

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Transportation & Shipping Sub-Commission

Date: Oct. 5th

AC/358/59/11.3.

SUBJECT: Use of port of Venice for civilian supplies

2. : Economic Section (Supply Group)
Food & Agricultural Sub-Commission
Industry & Utilities Sub-Commission
Commerce Sub-Commission (Foreign Trade)
Public Health Sub-Commission
Direct, General, Military Marine, Marine, Maritime Zone
Finance - Customs, Vis. de' Control, J. (Marine)
Legation for U. Commerce Affairs, Via Torino 107 Rome (Attn: Sigs. Document)
Government Division (Full branch)
Full Division (11.4a)

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3. During future months large shipments of coal are expected for the northern industrial towns, and Genoa, Venice and Trieste will be used to handle these cargoes. The tonnage involved, however, will necessitate northern use of the first two ports.
4. All clearance from Venice does not present any great difficulties and Sub-Commissions are requested when indicating ports of discharge to consider a greater use of Venice whenever the eventual destination is actually well served by Venice or Genoa.
5. It has been considered by Sub-Commissions and the Italian Ministry of the Navy to this port when saving requests in future for port tonnage allowances and discounts it is felt that greater use can be made of Venice. In consequence the port of Venice and Trieste are less likely to be overburdened. Bulk or bagged grain ships could be sent to Venice when the cargo is for Milan and regions, especially as the allies are now working in Venice.
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For the Chief Commissioner

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P. J. Auer

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Colonel.

Director

Tel. 534

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394

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Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

Our Ref :- AC/699/29/Tn.3.

23 November 1945

SUBJECT :- Clearance of Civilian Cargoes.

TO :- ~~Nav. Div.~~ (Rail Branch)
Rail Div.

1. Information has been received from Washington that it is proposed to load 43 ships in USA ports in December with bulk grain. This will mean a total of 365,000 tons of bulk grain. In addition it is expected several wheat cargoes will be loaded in the River Plate, assuming loading commences during the first days of the month, vessels should arrive in Italian ports from the latter part of December onwards.

2. The choice of ports and the possibility of accepting this grain programme in full is now being considered. Owing, however, to the heavy tonnages of coal for the same month (700,000 tons is planned) clearance by rail is bound to present a problem.

3. It is certain that bids made for port tonnage allocations for December and January, which have already been submitted to Import Programming & Port Reception Committee, will have to be amended in view of the information just received.

M.P. Laraman
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Major R.E.

Copy to Food & Agriculture S/O
Secretary
Import P & PR Comm.
Room 75, 3rd Floor
INA Building
Via S. Nicolo' da Tolentino - ROME.

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APO 394
Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

AC/558/58/Tn.3 19 November 1943

SUBJECT : Suggested increased use of Venice.

TO : Food and Agriculture Sub-Commission

1. Reference conversation (Haydon - Laraman spoke) concerning the possible use of Venice as an alternative port of entry for bulk cargoes of grain and flour which are destined for Milan and Lombardian region.
2. In view of possible congestion in the port of Genoa, consideration should be given to future discharges of bulk grain in Venice for onward despatch to Lombardian region.
3. Vessels carrying grain which have discharged or are planned to discharge in Genoa during recent months are given below for your review. It is understood a proportion of these cargoes are for Milan etc. and therefore Venice would be equally suitable, since rail clearance would not present a difficulty.

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TILLY LYKES	17 Sept.		7136
PHILANDER C. KNOX	4 Sept.		8357
		Sept: Tonnage	15,493
WM H. WILMER	20 Aug.		8584
		Aug: Tonnage	8,584
		Aug. - Nov. Grand Tonnage	51,133

For the Director :

M. F. LARAHAN
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Major R.E.

Copy to : Mov Div (Rail Branch)
Rail Division

Tel: 534 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION MIL/FL
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Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

AC/574/11/Tn3 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)
Ports & Warehouse Div.
MWT (Italian Area) Rome
MWT (R) Naples for U.S. Zone 3 Committee
WSA, Naples
Movements Div. (Rail Branch)
Rail Div.
Direzione Generale della Marina Mercantile-Ministero Marina-
Cogena/Immare -Via dei Gestari 3, Rome -

1. Reference AC/574/2/Tn3 of 18 October.
2. Please note on 18 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.
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MAJOR R. B. LATHAN

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Ref. 534 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 194
Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

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Our Ref :- AC/591/87/En.3.
16 November 1945

SUBJECT :- Delays to ships in Genoa & Savona.

TO :- Chief
Movements Div.

1. During this month there have been delays to ships in the ports of Genoa and Savona. One of the reasons advanced for delays to ships has been the lack of sufficient railway wagons for clearance of cargoes, the majority of which is destined for towns in the industrial regions in the north.
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For the Director :-

W. P. Latham
 W. P. LATHAM
 Major R.N.

COPY to :- Rail Div.
 Ports & Warehouse Div.

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

10 October 1945

Tel : 478704

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SUBJECT : Clearance of Colliers

TO : Rail Division (In 4)

1. Recently tonnages discharged from colliers in certain ports has fallen below average owing to shortage of rail wagons.

2. In some ports colliers, which should have normally discharged 850 to 1000 tons, were only able to discharge 450 to 500 tons daily per ship, this upsets programmes and may involve special diversions of colliers.

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For Chief Movements Division

CP. Smith
C.F. CONSTATANT,
Major R.A.

Copy to : Movements Division - Shipping Branch

Senior Transportation Officer, "AU Bari") for local
" " Ancona) action as necessary

Sharks

3 CV

65000 all the persons
eliminated

12000 East

18000 West

Sharks

1500 per day

2 sharks

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