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PGM/1aTRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
(RAIL SECTION)
C/o Transportation Increment
C.M.F.Tel: 843191-11
Our Reference: AC/16/12/Tn

3 January 1945

TO : Minister of Communications
(Attention General di Raimondo)

SUBJECT : Increased Train schedules for Sicily.

1. Referring to your letter M211-9217-231 dated 29 Dec.
2. The request for the tri-weekly passenger train Pozzallo-Ragusa is denied but the diesel Service as requested will be established, also the weekly Extra freight train is authorized providing it can be run on the present coal allotment.
3. Our Representative in Sicily, has been advised accordingly.

Proposed by TS
For
O.H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col. R.E.,
Chief, Rail Section.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
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C/o Transportation Increment
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Tel: 843191-11
Our Reference: AC/16/12/Tn

3 January 1945

TO : Dir. Supt. Tn Sub-Commission AC. Sicily Region

SUBJECT : Diesel Schedules Sicily

1. The increased diesel service requested in your letter dated 29 November, Reference DM/T/36 and modified by your letter DM/T/90 dated 19 Dec. is authorized except increased service requested on Palermo-Marsala-Trapani line is denied.

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O.H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col. R.E.,
Chief, Rail Section

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
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Tel: 843191-11

3 January 1945

Our Reference: AC/16/12/Tn

TO : Div. Supt. Tn. Sub-Commission AC.
Sicily, Region

SUBJECT : INCREASED Train Schedules.

1. On a recent visit to Sicily general di Raimondo was approved by the Prefect of Ragusa for the following increased train service :
 - (a) tri-weekly passenger train POZZALLO-RAGUSA.
 - (b) Diesel Service SIRACUSA-RAGUSA-GELA.
 - (c) Weekly freight train VITTORIA-RAGUSA-SIRACUSA.
2. For your information we cannot authorize service of the Pozzallo-Ragusa- passenger train but the diesel service is authorized as contained in separate letter to you this date. The weekly extra freight train is also authorized providing it can be handled within the present coal allotment, and you can be governed accordingly.

Phantom Capt. L.S.
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O.H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col. R.E.,
Chief, Rail Section

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Roma 29 DIC. 1944

M. 211-9217-231

Caro Colonnello,

In occasione del mio recente viaggio in Sicilia, il Prefetto della Provincia di Ragusa mi prospettò la situazione dei trasporti di quella Provincia.

- Dall'esame delle richieste, fatta anche alla presenza del Col. Adams e dell'Ing. Tuccio, si è ritenuto necessario attuare:
- un treno per viaggiatori trisettimanale Pozzallo-Ragusa;
 - un treno con automotrice Siracusa-Ragusa-Gela;
 - temporaneamente un treno merci settimanale Vittoria-Ragusa-Siracusa per esportare il prodotto di carrubbe tuttora esistenti nella provincia.

Il suddetto programma si attuerebbe stando nei limiti di assegnazione del carbone, variando leggermente il programma dei treni nelle provincie limitrofe.

Il Magg. Taylor che risiede a Palermo disse che nessuna obiezione egli avrebbe fatto qualora ci fosse il nulla osta da parte del Col. Lindberg.

Io la prego di esaminare con benevolenza la richiesta tenuto conto che la provincia di Ragusa, che ha dato agli ammassi il 90 % del grano prodotto sul suo territorio, non sia trattata diversamente dalle altre provincie che godono già delle comunicazioni ferroviarie preindicate.

La ringrazio e le invio i saluti più cordiali

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M. Col. LINDBERG
Setto Commissione Trasporti A.C.

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qui è l'ordinamento

16/12/8
Rome, 29 Dec. 1944

Dear Colonel Linberg,

when I recently went to Sicily, the Prefect of the Province of Ragusa referred to me about the situation of transports in his Province.

By an examination of the requests, discussed also with Col. Adams and Eng. Tuccio, we thought it necessary to operate:

- a passengers tri-weekly train Pozzallo - Ragusa;
- a Diesel-engine train Siracusa-Ragusa-Gela;
- a temporary weekly freight train Vittoria - Ragusa - Siracusa to export carobs, still existing in the Province.

Said program could be carried into effect without surpassing the limits of the coal allotment- by a small modification of trains program in the near provinces.

Major Taylor, residing at Palermo, stated that he had no objection on the matter provided your authority.

I beg you to examine benevolently the request, considering that the Ragusa Province, which has delivered to the "Ammassi" (State Accumulation) the 90% of the wheat produced in its territory, should not be treated differently than other Provinces, which benefit already of the above said railway communications.

I thank you and send you my best greetings.

I S R General Direction

Lt. Colonel Lindberg
Transport Subcommission - Building

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16/12/86

ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

T/cc

Ref : DM/T/90

Date: 19 Dec 44.

SUBJECT: Diesel Services in SICILY - Schedules.

TO : HQ AC for Tn Sub-Commission.

Reference AC 16/12/Tn dated 24 Nov 44 and my
reply DM/T/86.

1. Since writing my above quoted letter Dr Tuccio has been able to discuss the question of Diesel Schedules with Col Adams & General Di Raimondo during the visit of these Officers to SICILY *27 Nov.*

2. Dr Tuccio as a result of such discussions now requests that he be authorized to arrange instead of the Diesel Service mentioned in Para 3 (ii) of my letter a service GELA-RAGUSA-SIRACUSA making two journeys each week in each direction. The difference between this service and the one originally asked for is that instead of running from PALERMO to SIRACUSA (via AGRIGENTO-GELA and RAGUSA) & back once per week it merely does the later part of this journey & back twice per week.

3. The arguments advanced in support of the service originally asked for apply to this new service & Dr Tuccio informs me that Col Adams was well disposed to the new service so that General Di Raimondo, in various speeches he made, promised that the service would be arranged shortly.

4. May the GELA-RAGUSA-SIRACUSA service be authorized & also may I be informed if the two other services asked for in my above quoted letter can be arranged?

W. G. Taylor
C.W.G. TAYLOR
Major RA
Trans Sub-Comm
Div Supt AC

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W. G. Taylor RA. 4716
C.W.G. TAYLOR
Major RA
Trans Sub-Comm
Div Supt AC

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

T/cc
Ref : DM/T/86
Date: 29 Nov 44.

SUBJECT: Diesel Services in Sicily-Schedules.

TO : HQ AC for att Tn Sub-Commission.

Reference AC 16/12/Tn dated 22 Nov 44.

1. The remarks contained in above quoted letter regarding the additional PALERMO-MARSALA-TRAPANI service are noted and I put forward further reasons in justification of authority for this and other services being given.

2. In my letter DM/T/68 dated 27 Oct 44 paras 5, 6 & 7 I requested authority for a diesel service PALERMO-AGRIGENTO-SIRACUSA and as I have had no reply to this letter and in case it may have gone astray I attach a copy thereof. If the reply went astray may I please be furnished with a copy of such reply.

3. Authority for the following additional Diesel Services is now requested : -

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(ii) The opening of the PALERMO-AGRIGENTO-SIRACUSA service once per week in each direction (as mentioned in my letter DM/T/68 attached) and

(iii) The running of a "double headed" (i.e. two Diesel Cars coupled together) Diesel Service twice per week in each direction on the service PALERMO-CATANIA and the service PALERMO-CALTANISSETTA-GELA. The first of these is now a 4 per week & the second a twice per week service).

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4. I recommend that authority be given for all these additional services for the following general reasons : -

On the recent reduction in the coal allotted to the Sicilian Railways (of nearly 25%) the passenger services in the Island were reduced by approximately 27%. In figures of kilometers run by Steam Passenger Trains - for the week 25 Sept to 1 Oct this was 18230 and it is now 13345 kilometers per week. Thus there has been a reduction of nearly 5000 kilometers per week in

passenger train mileage and it is submitted that any possible additional passenger train should be operated in order to assist the economic life of the Island as far as possible.

5. I also submit the following special reasons in respect of each service asked for:-

(i) The number of requests received for seats on the PALERMO-TRAPANI-MARSALA service is very high, far higher in fact than can be completely satisfied even if the additional service asked for is granted. TRAPANI is a main market centre and both this town and MARSALA are centres of the fishing Industry which is particularly important at the present time owing to the food shortage. From the Railway point of view Dr Tuccio states that it is important to have a good service between CASTEL-VETRANO (which it may be remembered is a junction with a narrow gauge line) and TRAPANI. Lastly the High Commissioner for Sicily has recently requested that this service be extended. With regard to the statement contained in your letter quoted above the reason for requesting an additional two days, making five, per week is that the steam service now runs on Mondays and Fridays so that if the two additional days Diesel Services are authorized there will be a 7 day service on this line.

(ii) It is submitted that RAGUSA the only provincial Capital not now served by the Diesel, being an important centre should be connected with both PALERMO and SIRACUSA (and thus, on the existing services, with the other centres on the Island). A number of Government Officials frequently require to travel to RAGUSA and at present are compelled to use road transport which is wasteful both of their small petrol allowance, which is better used between small centres where there is no railway line, and of time.

(iii) The PALERMO-CATANIA service is at present run 4 days per week & the PALERMO-GELA service for 2 days per week. Both these services are in very great demand. CATANIA is second in importance only to PALERMO and naturally many officials and business operatives require to travel from one to the other. From the point of view of the Economy of the Island this is an important service and it would be of great assistance to Sicily if it

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6. May the above services be authorized please?

W. Taylor
C.W.G. TAYLOR
Major RA.
Trans Sub-Comm.
Div Supt AC.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

T/cc
Ref : DM/T/68
Date: 27 Oct 44.

SUBJECT: Diesel Services - PALERMO-AGRIGENTO-
CATANIA and GELA-RAGUSA-SIRACUSA.

TO : Director, Trans Sub-Commission ACC.

Ref your Tn/16/12 dated 10 Oct 44.

1. The approval contained in the above quoted letter was passed on to Dr Tuccio & detailed schedules were promptly prepared. When these were handed to me however I found that they did not conform to the schedule put before you (i.e. Monday and Thursday PALERMO to AGRIGENTO; Tuesday & Friday AGRIGENTO to CATANIA and return; Wednesday and Saturday AGRIGENTO to PALERMO.)

2. The schedule actually put into operation when the service commenced was as followed:-

Monday and Friday	Tuesday and Saturday
Dep. Palermo - 0705	Dep. Catania - 0750
Arr. Agrigento - 1000	Arr. Agrigento - 1200
Dep. " - 1410	Dep. " - 1355
Arr. Catania - 1805	Arr. Palermo - 1625

It will be observed that the same result is reached by running the diesel on 4 days a week instead of 6 and from the ACC point of view this schedule is preferable to the other as if any officer desires to visit Agrigento from Palermo he will now be able to return the next day instead of waiting two days for the return train. It is not likely ACC will require to use the service to any great extent between Agrigento and Catania.

3. I have informed Dr Tuccio that when a schedule is sent to you for approval I expect him to put up the schedule he wants and not put a different one into operation as soon as approval is obtained. He regrets the incident (which appears to me to be only important in prin-

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4. The service was put into operation on 23 Oct 44.

5. In view of the fact that the diesel car used for the service PALERMO-AGRIGENTO-CATANIA will now be used only 4 days a week and will be free on Wednesday & Thursday at PALERMO, Dr Tuccio asks for authority to use this car as follows:

Wednesday - PALERMO-AGRIGENTO-SIRACUSA)
(Via RAGUSA
Thursday - SIRACUSA-AGRIGENTO-PALERMO)

6. At present there is a bi-weekly service from PALERMO to GELA and back but the section of line from GELA through RAGUSA and NOTO to SIRACUSA is not served by the diesels at all and is now the only through section of normal gauge that is not served. The number of applications by civilian wishing to travel on the GELA diesel is very heavy and it is felt that in view of the fact that RAGUSA is the only town of any size not now served by the diesels, that the allotment of diesel oil is ample for this service and that the steam passenger service has had to be cut this service should be favorably considered.

7. I recommend that authority for this service be given for the above reasons. Though it is a service that will be used by civilians and is not required by ACC it will benefit the Island as a whole.

C.W.G. TAYLOR
Major RA.
Trans Sub-Comm.
Div Supt AC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

Tel: 478701
Our Ref: AC.16/12/Tn

22 November 1944

TO : Major C.W.G Taylor
Sicily Region HQ.

SUBJECT: Diesel Services in Sicily - Schedules.

1. Reference is to your letter IM/T/78 of 15 November.
2. More substantial reasons to justify the train referred to in your letter operating more than three days a week. ^{as needed} Five days a week is so difficult a schedule that there will follow the request for the other day.
3. It is not felt at the moment that the additional trains are essential.

L. O. H. Lindberg
O.H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col. R.E.
Tr. Sub. Comm.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

T/cc
Ref : DM/T/78
Date: 15 Nov.44.

SUBJECT: Diesel Services in Sicily - Schedules.

TO : HQ.AC."For attn.Director Tn.Sub-Commission."

1. Attached herewith for information is time table for diesel train service in Sicily which has been distributed to all AC and Military Offices in the Island.

2. Dr.Tuccio has requested that the service from PALERMO to MARSALA and TRAPANI and return, which, it will be seen from the table, now runs three days a week, may be extended to run 5 days a week.

3. The allotment of fuel is sufficient to cover this extra service & in view of the curtailed passenger services in the Island I recommend that it be authorized.

C.W.G. Taylor
C.W.G.TAYLOR
Major RA.
Trans.Sub-Comm.
Div.Supt.AC.

Major Taylor gives no reasons why the train should run 5 days a week. The curtailed passenger services in the Island is no justification for an increase on one particular section. Personally, I consider 3 days a week should suffice. *21/11/44.*

Arrived West 12:11 included.

DIESEL TRAIN SERVICE

PALERMO and CATANIA (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday)

Dep. Palermo	-	0745	! Dep. Catania	-	1335
Arr. Catania	-	1205	! Arr. Palermo	-	1800

PALERMO and MESSINA (Daily incl. Sundays)

Dep. Palermo	-	0705	! Dep. Messina	-	1510
Arr. Messina	-	1115	! Arr. Palermo	-	1915

MESSINA, CATANIA and SIRACUSA (Daily incl. Sundays)

Dep. Messina	-	1850	! Dep. Siracusa	-	0830
Arr. Catania	-	2100	! Arr. Catania	-	0954
Dep. " "	-	2105	! Dep. " "	-	0959
Arr. Siracusa	-	2230	! Arr. Messina	-	1200

PALERMO, MARSALA and TRAPANI (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday)

Dep. Palermo	-	0620 0730	! Dep. Tr. pani	-	1510
Arr. Marsala	-	1107 1012	! Arr. M. rsala	-	1543
Dep. " "	-	1108 1013	! Dep. " "	-	1544
Arr. Trapani	-	1140 1045	! Arr. Palermo	-	1840

PALERMO, CALTANISSETTA and GELA (Monday and Friday)

Dep. Palermo	-	0745	! Dep. Gela	-	1335
Arr. Caltanissetta	-	1016	! Arr. Caltanissetta	-	1542
Dep. " "	-	1027	! Dep. " "	-	1551
Arr. Gela	-	1225	! Arr. Palermo	-	1800

PALERMO to AGIGENTO (Monday and Friday)

Dep. Palermo	-	0705	! Dep. Agrigento	-	1355
Arr. Agrigento	-	1000	! Arr. Palermo	-	1625

CATANIA to AGIGENTO (Tuesday and Saturday)

Dep. Catania	-	0750	! Dep. Agrigento	-	1410
Arr. Agrigento	-	1200	! Arr. Catania	-	1805

RAILWAY SERVICE

Dep. Messina	-	1850	! Dep. Siracusa	-	0830
Arr. Catania	-	2100	! Arr. Catania	-	0954
Dep. C "	-	2105	! Dep. "	-	0959
Arr. Siracusa	-	2230	! Arr. Messina	-	1200

PALERMO, MARSALA and TRAPANI (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday)

Dep. Palermo	-	0820	0730	! Dep. Trapani	-	1510
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PALERMO to AGRIENTO (Monday and Friday)

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Arr. Agrigento	-	1000	! Arr. Palermo	-	1625	

CATANIA to AGRIENTO (Tuesday and Saturday)

Dep. Catania	-	0750	! Dep. Agrigento	-	1410
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TRIP SERVICE

Messina and Reggio C. (Twice Daily incl. Sundays)

Dep. Messina	-	0700	-	1500	! Dep. Reggio C.	-	0830	-	1615
Arr. Reggio C.	-	0800	-	1600	! Arr. Messina	-	0930	-	1715

1 November 1944.

(See back for directions)

for *M. Cataldo*
C.V.C. TAYLOR, Major R.L.
In Sub. Comm. Div. Supt. ACK.

1. Seats are reserved for Allied Military Personnel in all Diesel Trains shown on the table. Those who require seats should apply, in advance if possible, in the case of PALERMO to the (Italian Civilian) RTO, Central Station (Tel. 11381) and at other stations at the Military RTO (if any) or the station Master.

2. Seats are also reserved for employees of AC travelling on duty or other persons travelling on business for the Allied Military Forces or AC. When such a seat is required it will be reserved, if not already booked, on the production in advance to the RTO at Palermo or at other stations to the station Master, of a request for a seat signed by an Allied officer. When a seat for a return journey also is required two requests should be signed, one for each journey.

Requests should include a statement that the journey is to be made free of expense to the employee in the case of AC employees travelling on duty.

3. AC Officers may also sign requests for the reservation of seats for Italian Civilian Officials travelling on urgent and important State business. Requests will not be signed in respect of the families of such officials nor for individuals travelling on their own account or for family or domestic reasons.

4. All requests for seats will include a statement that the passenger is travelling on duty on AC business or on State business as the case may be.

5. No permanent reservations can be made.

6. Diesel Trains can be stopped at Intermediate Stations for the convenience of Allied Military Personnel and if necessary for the duties of AC employees or other persons travelling on Military or AC business. In each case at least 24 hours notice of the station at which it is required to stop the trains should be given to the office where the seat reservation is made. Such office will supply details of timings at Intermediate Stations.

for *M. Calabro*
C. F. C. TAYLOR
Major RA.
Trans. Sub-Comm.
Div. Supt. AC.

1 November 1944.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

T/cc
Ref : DM/T/68
Date: 27 Oct.44.

SUBJECT: Diesel Services - PALERMO-AGRIGENTO-
CATANIA and CILA-RACUSA-SIRACUSA.

TO : Director, Trans. Sub-Comm. ACC.

Ref. your Tn/16/12 dated 10 Oct.44.

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Ref. your En/16/12 dated 10 Oct.44.

1. The approval contained in the above quoted letter was passed on to Dr. Tuccio & detailed schedules were promptly prepared. When these were handed to me however I found that they did not conform to the schedule put before you (i.e. Monday & Thursday PALERMO to AGRIGENTO; Tuesday & Friday AGRIGENTO to CATANIA and return; Wednesday & Saturday AGRIGENTO to PALERMO).

2. The schedule actually put into operation when the service commenced was as follows:

<u>Monday and Friday</u>	<u>Tuesday and Saturday</u>
Dep. Palermo - 0705	Dep. Catania - 0730
Arr. Agrigento - 1000	Arr. Agrigento - 1200
Dep. " - 1410	Dep. " - 1355
Arr. Catania - 1205	Arr. Palermo - 1625

It will be observed that the same result is reached by running the diesel on 4 days a week instead of 6 and from the ACC point of view this schedule is preferable to the other as if an officer desires to visit Agrigento from Palermo he will now be able to return the next day instead of waiting two days for the return train. It is not likely ACC will require to use the service to any great extent between Agrigento and Catania.

3. I have informed Dr. Tuccio that when a schedule is sent to you for approval I expect him to put up the schedule he wants and not put a different one into operation as soon as approval is obtained. He regrets the incident (which appears to me to be only important in principle) & states that alteration was made after consideration in view of his desire to ask for the service mentioned in para 5 hereof.

4. The service was put into operation on 23 Oct.44.

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5. In view of the fact that the diesel car used for the service PALERMO-AGRIGENTO-CATANIA will now be used only 4 days a week and will be free on Wednesday & Thursday at PALERMO, Dr. Tuccio asks for authority to use this car as follows:

Wednesday - PALERMO-AGRIGENTO-SIRACUSA
(Via RAGUSA)
Thursday - SIRACUSA-AGRIGENTO-PALERMO

6. At present there is a bi-weekly service from PALERMO to GELA and back but the section of line from GELA through RAGUSA and NOTO to SIRACUSA is not served by the diesels at all and is now the only through section of normal gauge that is not so served. The number of applications by civilians wishing to travel on the GELA diesel is very heavy and it is felt that, in view of the fact that RAGUSA is the only town of any size not now served by the diesels, that the allotment of diesel oil is ample for this service and that the steam passenger service has had to be cut, this service should be favorably considered.

7. I recommend that authority for this service be given for the above reasons. Though it is a service that will be used by civilians and is not required by ACC, it will benefit the Island as a whole.

W. H. Taylor LA.

C. W. S. TAYLOR
Major RA.
Trans. Sub-Comm.
Div. Supt. ACC.

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission

AFO 394

10 October 1944

Tel. 478701

ACC.TN/16/12

TO : Major C.W.G. Taylor
Div. Supt. ACC.
Tn. Sub-Commission

SUBJECT : Diesel Service - Palermo - Agrigento - Catania.

- 1 - Reference your DCM/54 dated 25 Sept. 44 and attachments
- 2 - The request for diesel service made by Dr. ING. TUCCIO is approved by this HQ, the recommended schedule being agreeable.
- 3 - Please advise when this service commences to operate.

William J. Adams

W.S. ADAMS
Colonel C.E.
Director, Tn. Sub-Comm.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

T/cc
Ref : DM/T/54
Date: 25 Sept.44.

SUBJECT: Diesel Service-PALERMO+AGRIGENTO-CATANIA.

TO b Director, Trans. Sub-Commission ACC.HQ.

1. Attached hereto is a request from the Director Sicily Department ISR and supported by the Director AGRIGENTO Chamber of Commerce for a diesel Car service to link AGRIGENTO with the other towns served by the Diesel Service.

2. This application is recommended. AGRIGENTO is a Provincial Capital & the nearest existing service is that which runs between PALERMO & GELA. Also in view of the fact that the existing steam passenger service will have to be reduced on the reduction in the coal allotment for the Sicily ISR by nearly 25%, it is suggested that the Diesel service should be extended as much as possible within the fuel allotment.

3. May instructions please be given as to whether this service can be authorized.

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ITALIAN STATE RAILWAYS
SICILY DEPARTMENT
PALERMO

File: CC/780.2/1944.
Date: Sept. 23, 1944.

SUBJECT: Diesel Service Palermo-Agrigento-Catania.

TO : C.W.G. TAYLOR, Maj.R.A.

1. Attached request from the Director of the Agrigento Chamber of Commerce.

2. Request is fully justified and the diesel train will be utilized in full.

3. A schedule is recommended as follows:

MONDAY : Palermo-Agrigento.
TUESDAY : Agrigento-Catania, Catania Agrigento.
WEDNESDAY: Agrigento-Palermo.
THURSDAY : Palermo-Agrigento.
FRIDAY : Agrigento-Catania, Catania Agrigento.
SATURDAY : Agrigento-Palermo.

4. A diesel coach to undertake this service is available at the Palermo roundhouse and our present fuel oil allocation is ample enough for the purpose.

5. Authority is asked for.

Very faithfully yours,

P. Tuccio
Dr. Ing. Pietro Tuccio,
Director.

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CAMERA DI COMMERCIO

AGRIGENTO

Num. 11163 di prot.

AgriENTO, 19/9/1944.-

OGGETTO : Ripristino del servizio di automotrici.

RACCOMANDATA
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Da Palermo e da Catania partono le automotrici secondo i seguenti itinerari: Palermo - Catania e viceversa; Palermo - Gela e vi-

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ceversa.

Quest'ultimo servizio-transita attraverso il territorio della Provincia di Agrigento toccando la stazione di Canicattì.

Ma non tocca Agrigento ch'è Capoluogo d'una importante, vasta e popolosa Provincia.

Agrigento è una cenere-tola.

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