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Memo for Col. Vining:

At Palermo Navy Yard there is quantity of material - not needed for ship repairs but most useful to railways.

Any of this we can get will reduce amt. to be brought from U.S. or U.K., and ease Maj. Walker's supply tasks.

Have written attached letters (a) to Captain Nichols, U.S.N., Commandant of the yard - for delivery by hand of Lt. Col. Lindberg (b) to Lt. Col. L.

Material is going to be an increasing problem and I hope to get our hands on every possible pound - to help Maj. Walker.

Capt. Nichols gave me "tip" that Taranto Navy Yard also has some materials not nec. for current ⁴⁹²⁶ work - and that we may obtain for rps. This can be explored in due season, after Aqua comes under Jn S/c.

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Our reference : ACC Tn/17/2.

Date : 24 June 44.

To : Lieut-Col. O.H. Lindberg, Tn.S.C. Rep.,
C/o Hq. A.C.C., Region I, Sicily.

SUBJECT : Material for Railway Repairs.

1. Attached is letter addressed to Captain O.L. Nichols, U.S.N., which please deliver personally.

2. Captain Nichols and his staff were most cooperative in making certain urgently needed ferrous materials available during Lieut-Colonel Brown's recent visit to Sicily.

3. It is believed that Captain Nichols may be in position to release other materials, of which we currently have no knowledge, and which are not required for naval work but very necessary for railway rehabilitation. Every pound obtained from this source is one less pound to be shipped from U.S. or U.K.

4. Major Walker's supply task would be much lightened if we had approximation of what we may hope to obtain at Palermo Navy Yard. It is suggested that you and Captain Long give matter special attention. Any materials released should be promptly removed by railway personnel with accurate list of the material being given this office.

5. Please keep me informed, by mail or telephone as to what you accomplish.

L.B. VINING,
Lieut-Colonel,
Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

Copy to : - Lieut-Colonel C.G. Brown, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.
Major W.B. Walker.

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Our reference : ACC Th/17/1.

Date : 24 June 44.

TO : Captain G.L. Nichols, U.S.N., Commandant,
United States Naval Operating Base,
Palermo, Sicily.

SUBJECT : Materials for Railway Repairs.

1. My Deputy, Lieut-Colonel Brown, has told me of very real assistance afforded by you and members of your staff in making available certain ferrous materials urgently needed for railway rehabilitation. This assistance is indeed appreciated.

2. There is a great need for rivets, sheet and structural steel for structure and rolling stock repairs in lines of Italian State Railways, now or shortly to be under supervision of Transportation Sub-Commission. Practically all sizes can be made use of for some purpose or another. You will appreciate that for over a year the railways have received no stores supplies, so that normal maintenance as well as war damage must be provided for. Much needed material would have to be brought from U.S. or U.K., at expense of valuable shipping space so that any materials which you can release to the railways will serve a double purpose.

3. It would be much appreciated if this Sub-Commission could have an approximate list of materials which are not needed for naval operations. With such a list we can control ordering from U.S. or U.K.

4. Any miscellaneous lots of material, such, for example, as the jumbled lots of rivets, can, if agreeable to you, be immediately removed to railways' Palermo storehouse, for sorting and issue. All this will be done with railway labor and without interference with naval operations.

5. Let me again assure you that your cooperation is appreciated.

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L.E. VINING,
Lieut-Colonel,
Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

Copy to:- Lt-Colonel C.G. Brown, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.
Major W.S. Walker,
Lieut-Colonel O.H. Lindberg, Th.S.C. Rep., C/o HQ.ACC. Reg. I, Sicily.

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