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Our reference : ACC Tn/16/
Date : 2 July 44.

TO : HQ. ACC.,
Economic Section.

SUBJECT: Sicily - Railway Scrap.

1. There are now in Sicily some 1600 railway wagons, damaged beyond repair, and which the I.S.R. people have agreed should be broken up. In any breaking plan it is desirable of course, that all undamaged, readily reclaimable parts such as couplers, wheels and axles, journal boxes and springs, as well as small parts, be reclaimed for use in repairing other cars.
2. Matter of reclamation has been under discussion for considerable time. Lieut. Barron of I.S.R., at one time stated he had orders to proceed with work shipping scrap to U.S.A. At that time, concurrence of I.S.R. had not been obtained. More lately, Lieut. Barron advised that he was told to hold up work on railway scrap.
3. With re-opening of all but a small portion of standard gauge line in Sicily, it is desirable that wrecked cars be disposed of so that railways may have use of sidings etc., now blocked and proceed to complete repairs.
4. In this connection, please see our ACC Tn/16/114 of 7 May 44, addressed to you. Also letter to this Sub-Commission from Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, ACC/5065/1/IC, dated 24 May 44.
5. It is believed you will concur that it is highly desirable to quickly determine what is to be policy for disposition of scrap, and get the programme under way. May we expect prompt advices please?

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

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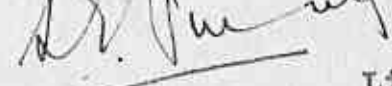
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Our reference : ACC Tn/16/
Date : 2 July 44.

TO : Minister of Communications,
Naples. (Attn. Gen di Raimondo).

SUBJECT: Ferrous Scrap ex Wrecked Cars - Sicily.

1. There are on I.S.R. lines in Sicily some 1620 cars, wrecked by war, and which local officials consider unrepairable.
2. On many of such cars there are parts such as coupling gear, axle boxes, brake shoes, springs and wheels, which at little cost can be salvaged and used for repairs and maintenance to other cars.
3. Remains, after salvage has been made, in addition to totally wrecked cars, are merely scrap metal. Clearing and disposal of latter is an item which it is desirable to undertake if for no other reasons than to make available tracks and improve appearance.
4. There have been, heretofore, several plans for removal of scrap metal, some of which have been put in effect for one reason or another. It is now desired to formulate a firm plan and your views in the matter are desired.
5. Please advise position of Italian State Railways regarding ownership of the scrap. It may please be stated whether or not the Italian State Railways relinquish any claim to such scrap and whether they agree to the removal of the scrap by Allied Forces, either by their own personnel, military or civilian, or by forces of the railways, singly or jointly?
6. Your recent visit to Sicily no doubt convinced you of desirability of getting work under way promptly; it will be appreciated if you will reply to this letter at an early date.

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Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

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Our reference : ACC Tn/16/
Date : 2 July 44.

TO : Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission,
HQ. ACC.

SUBJECT: Sicily - Ferrous Scrap from wrecked railway cars.

1. Reference your ACC/5065/IC letters of 24 May 44 and 15 June 44.
2. The question of the disposal of scrap appears to require clarification.
3. A decision is required as to who is undertaking the work of collecting scrap, and it is also to be decided what credits are to be accorded to the Italian State Railways.
4. I.B.S. (U.S.) is now withdrawing from Sicily, and it is doubtful if they have any labour, military or civilian, to undertake this work.
5. The matter of acetylene and oxygen gases is important - and affects any plans. The position as regards this requires defining.
6. If no other agencies are able or willing to undertake work of dealing with scrap for salvage, it may be possible that the Italian State Railways may undertake to do it, but a decision should be arrived at as to who will pay the labour engaged in this work.
7. It has also to be decided where scrap is to be loaded, i.e., at Palermo, Messina, Syracuse, Catania, Augusta or Iecato or all points closest to actual location. How it is to be loaded, and by whom.
8. It would be appreciated if all foregoing points be clearly defined. This Sub-Commission will then take up matter with Director General of Railways of Italian Government for his concurrence and necessary action.

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Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.
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Ref. AOC/5065/4/IC

15 June 1944

SUBJECT: Ferrous Scrap from Wrecked Railway Cars

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

1. We refer to our AOC/5065/4/IC of the 24 May 44.
2. L.R.S., HQ AAI have now released wrecked rail cars on the mainland and AFIA (Sicilian) Board have similarly released those in Sicily. Both decisions are made on the understanding that only cars that cannot be repaired will be cut up for scrap and that full salvage of serviceable parts will be effected.
3. It is pointed out by LRS that owing to shortage of industrial gases and scarcity of military labour, it would not be possible to supply at present from the mainland of Italy any oxygen or acetylene for cutting up these cars nor to assist with any labour. The Sicilian Board also reports that no acetylene is available.
4. Major Gent of this Sub-Commission recently spoke to Lt. Col. Lindberg in Palermo on this subject and it was understood that IRE (M Branch) were fully prepared to carry out this task in Sicily and had materials available, but in view of the information given by LRS we think it would now be advisable to obtain confirmation as to availability of all necessary materials.
5. We shall be glad of your comments on this and also whether any action is possible on the mainland in view of the scarcity of oxygen and acetylene.
6. Will you also inform us whether you have made any official approach to the Italian Government on this subject?

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W. P. EVANS
Colonel,
Director, Industry and
Commerce Sub-Commission.

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Ref : Br/OHL/11
Date: 20 June 1944

SUBJECT : Use of Scrap Metal in Sicily.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

1. I received your letter dated 29 May ACC Tn/16/137 and as instructed have taken no further action.

2. I should inform you that I.B.S. will be leaving in the near future, and if you are still unable to authorize the work to proceed now, I fear we will not be able to take advantage of the help and facilities offered by I.B.S.

3. Dr. Tuccio asks if he may be allowed to put out contracts, to be getting on with the job, pending your instructions.

O. Lindberg. Lt. Col.
O.H. LINDBERG, R.E.,
Lt. Col., Trans. Sub-Comm., ACC.,
Rep. at HQ. Region 1

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Our reference : ACC Tn/16/137
Date : 29 May 44.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Region I.
For attention of Lieut-Colonel O.H. Lindberg, Tn.S.C.rep.

SUBJECT: Use of Scrap Metal in Sicily.

1. Reference is to my ACC Tn/16/136 of 25 May 44.
2. Attached is copy of letter received from Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission.
3. Please postpone action in the matter until I advise you further.

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

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