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TO: Deputy President, ACC.

1. Attached are two memoranda handed to me by Signer Santoro and Signer Reale, representing the Metropolitan Committee of National Liberation, and translations.
2. Most of the suggestions relate to matters with which we are already dealing. In other cases we will carry through where appropriate.
3. Some of the suggestions in these memoranda will be of interest to the Sub-Commissions of the Administrative Section.

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TRANSLATION

In order to avoid the Italian people should be overcome by the anguish and all difficulties of adapting themselves to the tragic status of being continuously indent, it is necessary to stimulate, by every possible means, private initiative every branch of economic activity and personal industry.

To ascertain with Italian technical advice what factories can be immediately and autonomously rehabilitated, which can be economically rehabilitated with some help, and which other cannot be at present rehabilitated.

3. Turn over the job of studying and performing the actual rehabilitation of productive activity in the country to men who are capable and competent and chosen, if possible, from the same trade for which rehabilitation plans are made.

4. Except in extraordinary cases of proven competency and indispensability do not use men who have been connected with Fascism.

5. Do not consent to the increase in the price of public services. In any case, take certain first off that these increases are exclusively destined to increase in salaries and stipends and are not for the aggrandizement of the utility as would appear to be the case for aqueducts, wherein the cost of water has increased 140%, the electrical companies who have been authorized an increase of 100% and the telephone companies. Every increase in the cost of public services is the road, always and more, towards the most ruinous inflation. The public utilities are all in the hands of Fascist capital and every effort towards a raise in price must be seen as an attempt to sabotage the country's climb towards freedom.

6. The setting up of the mense aziendali (this was an organization created by each large factory to provide one hot meal a day to the workers) should be given every consideration in all these undertakings which are part of the program for economic recuperation of Italy.

7. The setting up of direct delivery of food to employees and laborers should also be favored, when these persons cannot have the advantage of the one meal a day described above.

8. Arrange for the furnishing to white collar workers and laborers of clothing.

9. Try by every means possible to keep those persons with fixed incomes from having to go to the black market.

10. Make a study of possibilities whereby Italy will resume, at the earliest possible time, internal traffic and resume manufacturing of such industrial products as may be of service to the Allied allies.

11. Reduce to a minimum the amount of land which remains uncultivated as a result of war operations and help out that cultivation by furnishing seeds and fertilizers.

12. Reorganize shipping and internal transportation facilities between the regions of liberated Italy, starting with those that are indispensable to the distribution of food supplies.

13. Give consideration to the tragic conditions of want which will be found at the liberation of those territories now occupied by the enemy. 6276

14. In short, bring back to life after the passing devastation of Germany and the effects of war, starting with Italy as the first liberated country, the economic, political and moral reconstruction of Europe.

The degradation condition of National Liberation; in view of the enormous gravity
the Indian military crisis, which is the principal origin of persistent disorders
National Economic Center, through the reason for the public education and the un-
derstandable reason in a political crisis when the lower classes find themselves;

1. a. Establish a new system of non-military police service covering elementary services with the essential help of civilian volunteers; especially those that are assigned floor (for making bread and pasta), weaving and textile work, and other work of the same and baking, distribution of bread, pork, and other goods (oil, wine, and vegetables);

e. Integrate the alimentary needs of the city families with the Government and larger imports of flour, wheat and oats, medicines and condensed milk for sick people and children;

3. American for the present and only as an experiment, the direct sale to the public is to be by means of display and price comparison stores to be set up and to function under the immediate and direct control of Allied and Italian personnel.

11. The Allied Government in Occupied Albania should, making itself aware of the needs and aspirations of the country, ask for from experienced and competent Allied authorities, in conjunction with the Albanian members of the Advisory Council for Italy, that the following points should be taken into consideration:

4. And as a general principle, recognition of the United States is conditional in agricultural and in other economic and industrial and transport organizations, which persons should consider themselves independent with respect to the rights of liberated Italy, notwithstanding the fact that they may be under and acting in dependence of that jurisdiction.

TRANSLATION (cont.)

4. Give to the General Food Supply Office the fullest powers for decisions, coordination, requisition and the fixation of market prices of all the alimentary resources produced and to be produced in liberated Italy.

5. Pool together also to form part of the Food Supply Office, as it is indicated above. Italian citizens of proven worth who are active, clearthinking, selected outside of those bureaucratic cliques that up until now, have been working on services of this type, and have these selected persons act on an equal basis with the Allied leaders.

6. Establish proper transportation services, both rail and road, with military personnel, which will be destined exclusively to the refurnishing and exchange of foodstuffs between the various regions of Italy and between the provinces in these regions.

7. Rehabilitate of the pasta mills of southern Italy and guarantee their supplies in order to assure a quantitative and regular supply of the principal diet of the people of the region.

8. Consider it and investigate the possibilities of adopting a form of forced savings and allotment to individuals or families, which will limit, within reason, the ample purchasing power of each soldier of the Allied armies.

9. Prohibit direct purchase of foodstuffs with the exception of surplus. This regulation is to be enforced for both large and small units of the Allied armies or at least channel these purchases through the Allied Food Supply Office in order to provide coordination.

10. Allow that the competent Allied Supply Officers have the authority to draw an overall allied plan for the supply of food to the Italian people, this plan to be subject to changes, for better or for worse, which may occur within the country as the military operations progress. The rehabilitation of Italian agriculture and the hoped-for return to normalcy, in as far as internal trade and international trade is concerned, should also be taken into consideration in the overall plan.

NOTE: This order of the day was approved January 16, 1944, by the Neapolitan Committee of National Liberation and was then presented to the Economic Section of ANS.

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