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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION
Foreign Trade Division

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Tel. 478192

Ref. AC/5203/30/Imp/Commerce

20 August 1945

SUBJECT: Railway Sleepers

TO : Transportation Subcommittee, HQ AC

1. Reference is made to your letter AC/346/Tm.4, dated 10 August 1945, in which you request information about the railway sleepers offered to the Italian Government by J.C. Gilbert Ltd., London.

2. This Subcommittee has already replied to a similar enquiry by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce regarding the supply of railway track by J.C. Gilbert Ltd., a copy of the letter, reference AC/5203/30/Imp/Commerce, dated 15 August 1945, was sent to your Subcommittee. The points discussed in this letter are equally applicable to railway sleepers.

for
H. A. GENT
Major
Director
Commerce Subcommittee
Wm. Hottel
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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, A. C.
(Rail Division)
% TRANSPORTATION (BR) MAIN, C. M. P.

Tel. 843238
Ref. AC/346/Tn4

21 August 1945

SUBJECT : Railway Track Offered by J. C. Gilbert, Ltd. London.
TO : Commerce Sub-Commission

1. Reference is to your letter AC/5203/30 of the 15th of August addressed to the British Embassy.

2. It is noted that the request you are dealing with concerns a quantity of railway track, and we are anxious to know if this forms part of the same offer made by the firm of J. C. Gilbert Ltd., for Brazilian Railway ties which was referred to you by our letter of 10 August 1945.

Arthur May
for Director

Copy to: Director,
In Sub-Commission HQ AC (ref. 430/57/Tn1).

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION
Foreign Trade Division

Tel. 478192

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Ref. AC/5203/10/Imp/Commerce

15 August 1945

SUBJECT: Railway track offered by J.C. GILBERT,
Ltd., London

TO : Sir Richard Neworthy, RUCG
British Embassy

1. Reference is made to the enclosed copies of letter No. 20480, dated 21 July from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce regarding an offer by J.C. Gilbert Ltd., London, to supply railway track.

2. This is a transaction which the Italian Government should conduct through their purchasing agent in London. However, today, in referring the matter back to the Ministry, this Subcommission has undertaken also to refer to the British Embassy for any assistance which may expedite the matter.

3. Accordingly, it would be appreciated if the Embassy could take any action which would assist the Italian purchasing agent in his negotiation with the appropriate authorities in London.

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4. There are approximately 54,000 tons of railway track on Category "A" requisition and now in procurement but it is not proposed to ask for corresponding reduction of this quantity until

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it is known that J.C. Gilbert Ltd. will be able to supply.

For the Chief Commissioner:

H. A. GENT
Major
Director
Commerce Subcommittee

Encl:

2 copies of letter as per para 1.

Copy to: Transportation Subcommittee —
(with 1 Encl. as per para 1.
Requisition Branch, Econ.Sec.
(with encl.)

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MINISTERO DELL'INDUSTRIA
DEL COMMERCIO E DEL LAVORO
Direz.Gen.Commercio Estero
Serv.Trattati-Div.I

Roma 21 Luglio 1945

Alla Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione per il
Commercio
Divisione Commercio Estero

Prot. N° 20480

OGGETTO: Importazione rotaie d'armamento per le ferrovie italiane.

La Ditta J.C. Gilbert Ltd. di Londra ha offerto alle Ferrovie Italiane dello Stato di assumersi la fornitura di un quantitativo di rotaie d'armamento, a condizioni tuttora da convenirsi.

Le Ferrovie dello Stato sono disposte a trattare l'acquisto di tonn. 15.000 di rotaie d'armamento e attendono che la predetta ditta inglese faccia un'offerta dettagliata specificando il prezzo e le condizioni di consegna.

Si prega codesta Commissione di voler cortesemente prendere in esame la possibilità di consentire la fornitura predetta, che dovrebbe, in caso di favorevole conclusione per le trattative, considerarsi in deduzione dal quantitativo di rotaie la cui assegnazione è stata richiesta ai Combined Boards con il piano di primo aiuto.

Prima di dare alla ditta le comunicazioni richieste, si prega di voler fare conoscere se codesta Commissione Alleata intenda rivolgersi direttamente alle Autorità Britanniche competenti per l'assegnazione dell'acciaio occorrente per la fabbricazione delle rotaie e per la concessione della licenza di esportazione del materiale finito, ovvero se debba essere interessata a tal fine l'Ambasciata d'Italia a Londra.

Per il buon esito dell'operazione proposta dalla ditta Gilbert sarebbe inoltre necessario ottenere dall'autorità Britanniche assicurazioni circa la precedenza (High Priority) nel trasporto marittimo.

Si resta in attesa di un cortese cenno di riscontro e si prega di voler tener presente l'importanza essenziale che la fornitura in questione avrebbe ai fini della riattivazione dei trasporti ferroviari in Italia.

IL MINISTRO
Pio Geronzi

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 384
COMMERCE SUBCOMMISSION
Foreign Trade Division

Tel. 478192

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Ref. AC/5203/30/Imp/Commerce

15 August 1945

SUBJECT: Railway track offered by
J. C. Gilbert Ltd. London

TO : Ministero dell'Industria e Commercio, Rome

1. Reference is made to your letter No. 20480, dated 21 July, regarding the offer of J. C. Gilbert Ltd, London to supply railway track.

2. It is pointed out that, if the Italian Government are prepared to order 15,000 tons of railway track, to be paid for from their sterling credit, the placing of the order may be done through the Italian purchasing agent in London.

3. A copy of the above-mentioned letter has today been forwarded to the British Embassy requesting their assistance in expediting any negotiations which the Italian purchasing agent may undertake with the appropriate authorities in London.

H. A. GENT
Major
Director
Commerce Subcommission

Copy to: Transportation Subcommission —

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Ref. R-28

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SUBJECT : Railway Sleepers MGS-294-TC 23 July 45
TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
APO 394
(Attn. Transportation Sub-Comm.)

1. As indicated the letter of transmittal dated 7 May 1945 with which this Headquarters forwarded the Program of Essential Imports - 1945 to Combined Chiefs of Staff, WASHINGTON, Requisition MGS-294-TC is considered to be a Category B requirement. The channel of communication regarding Category B items is directly from AC to CCAC and not through this Headquarters.

2. With reference to the possibility of importation of railway ties from Brazil, your attention is invited to letter AG.091.3/053GEG-O issued by this Headquarters on 21 June 1945 subject responsibility for Italian Trade matters.

3. It is believed that the foreign trade section, Commerce S/C is the responsible Section within Allied Commission to negotiate for the purchase of the lumber required.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 :

D.E. LATHROPE,
Capt., CAC
Economic and Supply

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Copy to : Economic Section
Commerce S/C



MINISTERO
DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
FERROVIE DELLO STATO
DIREZIONE GENERALE

Servizio Approvvig. ti

OGGETTO

Traverse ferroviarie.-

ALLEGATI N. _____

Roma 4 Agosto 1945.-A-

N. A/246.1113/569/Scu/5797/53

Al N. _____ del _____

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione Trasporti - R O M A

- 1°) Preghiamo favorire un cortese sollecito cenno di risposta alla precedente lettera pari numero della presente in data 16 marzo c.a., che trascriviamo:
- 2°) Per mezzo della R. Ambasciata Italiana in Londra ci è pervenuta un'offerta di traverse di legno del Brasile, fatta dalla ditta J.C. Gilbert Ltd. di Londra.
- 3°) Prima di entrare in concrete trattative con la ditta offerente, preghiamo comunicare e o meno possibile effettuare il trasporto in un porto italiano delle traverse in parola.-

IL CAPO DEL SERVIZIO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tel: 220

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430/57/TN 1

SUBJECT: Railway Sleepers (Ties)

18 July 1945

TO : G-5, AFTR

1. Reference your R 28, 30 March, subject: "shipment of Railway Sleepers from Brazil".
2. The Ministry of Transport of the Italian Government has again raised the question of the vital necessity of obtaining sleepers (ties) and other lumber for use of the Italian State Railways.
3. Sleepers (ties) are included in AG-TC-96-45, MOS-294-TC. This appears as Item 38 in the referred to requisition.
4. It should be borne in mind that the Italian State Railways are in effect a part of the Italian Government under the Ministry of Transport. Your consideration is requested.


MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
Director.

cc: Rail Division, Tn. S/C
Economic Section
Supply Division, Economic Section
Commerce Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Ref: 229

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Doctor Ugo La Malfa,
Minister of Transport,
Rome.

12 July 1945

My dear Dr. La Malfa:

We refer to the question of availability of timber as discussed at our meeting 3 July 1945 and made the subject of your letter of 5 July 1945.

Timber in the Calabrian forests is being withdrawn by the Military Authorities for use as packing and damage necessary to troop redeployment operations. We are requesting allocation in part for ISR requirements.

Possibility of imports from Austria is the subject of discussions now being conducted with AFHQ and an effort is being made to clear present commercial restrictions.

As you are aware, shortage of this item in the United States is extremely critical. We are endeavoring to ascertain availability from world stocks and we shall advise you of our findings.

Yours very truly,

MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
Director.

copies to: Major Ping, Rail Division
Charles Ryan, Planning Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Transportation Sub-Commission

Our Ref.: AC/651/46/Tn.3

4 April 1945

SUBJECT: Shipment of Railway Sleepers
from BrazilTO : Rail Division (Tn 4)
Transportation Sub-Commission

1. Reference your Minute AC/14/Tn.4 dated 21 March '45 addressed to the Deputy Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, and this Division's letter AC/651/63/Tn 3 dated 27 March '45 to G-5 A.F.H.Q.
2. Attached is copy of reply from G-5 dated 30 March '45.

H.B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director

Copy to : Shipping Sub-Commission

H.W.M.
W.S.A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-5 Section

APO 512

30 March 1945

Ref. R-28

SUBJECT: Shipment of Railway Sleepers
from BRAZIL.TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Economic Section)

1. Reference your 10/651/63/Tn.3 of 27 March 1945 advising of an offer through the Italian Embassy, LONDON, of railway sleepers in BRAZIL.
2. There are no sleepers included as a part of your current requisitions for Italian railway equipment.
3. It is to be further noted that export trade between individuals is not presently authorized. All imports into ITALY must be arranged on a government to government basis.
4. No action is being taken regarding the provision of the subject supplies.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

J.R. BUTTERWORTH
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief, Economics & Supply Div.

Copy to: G-4 M & Tn
Shipping Sub-Comm., A.C.
Transportation Sub-Comm., A.C.
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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

Ref. AC/74/Tn.4

TO : Deputy Director, Tn Sub-Commission HQ AC.

SUBJECT: Ties for tracks.

1. The point raised by I.S.R. in the attached communication is a policy one which it is not possible for this Division to answer, involving the question of sea transportation from Brazil to Italy.

C. H. LINDBERG
Lieut. Col. R. E.,
Chief, Rail Division.

Transportation Sub-Commission (Ralls)

Tel. 841238

21 March 1945/2

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