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SUBJECT: Rails for Transportation.

TO:

Transportation Sub-Commission

Attn: Mr. R. P. Moss Chief, Rail Division.

1. Reference conversation with Mr. Moss regarding the necessity for producing rails for the Italian State Railways, and your letter of 1 September 1945, AC/363/Tn4.

2. I have been advised by Mr. Sacerdoti, head of the Technical Mission, who has just returned from the States that a quantity of rails have been purchased in the States and should be delivered in the very near future. I thought you should know about this as the rail production in Italy will not be available for a short time.

for:

A. H. GLENDINNING

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Acting Director

Industry Sub-Commission

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