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TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION, A. C.
(Rail Division)
% TRANSPORTATION (HR) MAIN, C. A. F.

Tel. 843209 ✓
Ref. AC/401/Tn4

27 November 1945

SUBJECT : Import Program.

TO : Director General, ICR.

1. You are aware of the increased import program for Italy for the next few months. The importation of coal and grain alone for Italy amounts to over one million tons for the month of December.
2. The facilities and ability of the railways to successfully handle this amount of tonnage is going to be taxed to the limit and it is necessary that immediate examination be given this problem to determine the possibilities of increasing the availability of equipment necessary for this movement. Also plans must be made by the railway for the receipt and handling of these cargoes.
3. It is recommended that the following action be taken immediately:
 - a. Repairs to cars and bring into service the maximum amount of equipment which can be repaired and put to service;
 - b. That consideration be given and a study made, that if necessary, to reduce the internal movement of low priority or non-essential traffic when the heavy movement starts;
 - c. A study be made of the rail facilities at the reception ports to determine if they are in condition to operate efficiently at their maximum capacity.
4. It is felt that the ICR will be on trial and we wish that everything be done to efficiently and successfully handle these increased imports. There is no doubt that the Import Program will sooner or later be based upon the capacity and ability of the railways to successfully and expeditiously handle these supplies.

R. P. MOSS
Chief, Rail Division

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TO : Director, MMS.

1. The Import Program set up for Italy for the month of December and succeeding months will be greatly increased over past receipts. It is estimated that over one million tons of coal and grain alone will be received.

2. The question of equipment, and especially box cars, is of much concern to this Division and it is important and urgent that as many box cars as possible be brought into service by a repair program and that the inter-change of box cars with Austria be balanced.

3. Your attention is directed to the fact that Austria now owes Italy over 600 box cars. Further, there is a movement of Polish troops going home which will require approximately 810 box cars and on a 30 day turn-around, this means that over 24,000 car days will be lost. It is recommended that consideration be given to the transfer of these troops at Milan to Austrian or German equipment, and that every means be taken to ensure that the maximum number of box cars be available in Italy during the next few months.

4. The matter of repair of cars has been brought to the attention of the Director General, IER, and it has been recommended to him that a study and survey be made of the rail facilities, ports, and other action taken to ensure the receipt and quick handling of these supplies when received.

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