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In reply
refer to : TN/23/1/1

19 January 1944

subject : Functions of Internal Transportation and shipping
sub-commissions A C C

To : Chief Internal Transportation sub-commission
c/o Mov and Tr. AFHQ Adv Adm Ech GME
APO 512 U S ARMY

1. Reference is made to your AGC TN/11/10 dated 15 Jan 44,
relative to the above subject.

2. For your information attached is copy of letter AGC-AFHQ
dated 24 December with respect to "Composition and Functions of
(Merchant) shipping sub-commission."

3. Mr. Ian D. Campbell, Chairman Mediterranean shipping Board
(Italy) is now head (acting for Mr. J. C. Graham) of AGC shipping sub-
commission. Mr. Campbell is located in Naples and at the moment is
preparing appropriate detailed instructions for issuance by the com-
mission, implementing the basic directive.

4. It is suggested that you contact Mr. Campbell and work-out
with him the relative functions with respect to the responsibility for
the internal working of Ports as between the two sub-commission effected.

5. You will of course forward to this headquarters for approval
such arrangements as are agreed upon by you and Mr. Campbell as well as
the directive referred to in para 2 of your letter 15 Jan 44 (AGC
TN/11/10.).

WILLIAM W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Vice-President
Communications section

cc Hq AGC
Shipping sub-commission

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as per para 2 above

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

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24 December 1943

SUBJECT: Composition and Functions of (Merchant) Shipping
 sub-Commission.

TO : Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, Acting Deputy President,
 Allied Control Commission.

1. Copy of directive regarding the composition and functions of the shipping sub-commission, as agreed at this Headquarters with C in C Mediterranean and MMT/MSA, is enclosed herewith for your guidance and for necessary action.

2. It will be noted that the sub-commission is to consist of the senior representatives of War Shipping Administration and Ministry of War Transport, namely, Mr. G. W. Kallcock Regional Director MSA, North Africa and Mr. J. G. Graham, and necessary staff. The following have been designated as the staff personnel:

Ian D. Campbell (Naples)
 Robert Nicol (Naples) (MSA Representative, Italy)

It is anticipated that these designees will prepare appropriate detailed instructions for your issuance, implementing the basic directive.

3. The position of Major Hickingbotham (and any other officers now acting in the shipping sub-commission) and the definition of their duties will be as directed by you, on the advice of the senior representatives MMT/MSA, and Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic, and Liaison, Italy.

/s/ J. C. Holmes
 /t/ J. C. HOLMES
 Brigadier General, G.S.C.
 Chief, Military Government Section

Copy to:
 HQ AMB
 AFHQ Adv Adm Ech (Att: Major Todd)
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 MSA

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SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION

1. The Shipping Sub-Commission of Allied Control Commission is established as part of the Communications Section.
2. It will be composed of the Senior Representative of the War Shipping Administration and the Senior Representative of the Ministry of War Transport at Allied Force Headquarters and necessary staff.
3. It will deal with matters affecting the use of Italian merchant ships, exercising its functions through appropriate representatives in Italy, subject to the limitations in paragraph 4.
4. All matters relating to the movement and control of ships in port or at sea are subject to the orders of the Commander in Chief, Mediterranean.
5. During such time as matters affecting Italian Merchant Shipping are handled by the Italian Minister of Marine, all such matters will be dealt with through the Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison, Italy direct, or via the Naval Sub-Commission.

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Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC., *Reed*
 C/e Mov & Tn.,
 AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon, *15 Jan 44*
 C.M.F.

Our reference : ACC Tn/11/10.

Date : 15 Jan 44.

TO : HQ., ACC.

SUBJECT: Functions of Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

1. Reference this Sub-Commission's letter ACC Tn/11/3 dated 8 Dec 43, and conversation with Col. Spofford 26 Dec 43.

2. It is not possible to complete a directive in respect of the duties of Regional Internal Transportation personnel on changing over from AMG to ACC or to decide the number of officers required until the functions of this Sub-Commission have been decided.

3. The outstanding point appears to be whether the responsibility for the internal working of Ports is to remain with this Sub-Commission, or be transferred to the Shipping Sub-Commission. In this connection attention is drawn to para 11 (b) of this Sub-Commission's "Report of activities" dated 4 Jan 44, which reads as follows :

"11. Ports.

(b) It was always assumed by this Sub-Commission that Shipping would be controlled by MEDBO and no difficulties were foreseen in connection with the responsibility for the internal workings of Ports which was included in the functions of this Sub-Commission. Since, however, the decision was made at HQ to set up a separate Shipping Sub-Commission the question has arisen as to which Sub-Commission under ACC conditions should be responsible for Ports. The functions of the ACC Shipping Sub-Commission had been understood to be the supervision of Italian ships and shipbuilding.

The draft of the functions of the Shipping Sub-Commission puts the control of "harbours", which is understood to embrace Ports, in their functions. It is understood the purpose of this was to prevent two Sub-Commissions dealing with the Italian Ministry of Mercantile Marine. The Internal Transportation Sub-Commission considers that Ports ought to remain under their supervision. Ports are regarded as primarily an internal terminal facility, bound up with railways and road transport for the delivery to and clearance from them of all goods carried by ships. In the Operational Forces set up, Ports are operated and controlled by Tn. and Movements. In order to have all possible information available, this Sub-Commission, by arrangement with the Shipping Sub-Commission has requested Gen. di Raimondo for details of the working of his functions at Ports and a similar enquiry was to be made from Admiral Barone by the Shipping Sub-Commission. Replies have not yet been received."

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Amleto Colonel,
 Chief of Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

Enclosures/3

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Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.,
C/O Mov & Tr.,
AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon,
C.M.F.

Our reference : ACC Ta/12/2

Date : 19 Dec 49. ✓

TO : Gen. di Raimondo,
Undersecretary of State for Railways and Highways.

SUBJECT: Responsibility for internal working of Ports.

1. It is necessary to have a clear definition of your responsibilities as regards Ports in relation to those of Admiral Barone, Undersecretary for Merchant Marine.
2. Will you please let me have the necessary information in writing within the next few days.
3. If the definition of responsibilities shows that Admiral Barone is responsible for the Administration of all Ports, including the entire control and direction of all work done in the Ports, will you please let me have particulars of the organisation which will ensure efficient cooperation between the Railways and Ports. For example what is the organisation to ensure that Railway facilities (wagons, engines, etc) will be made available when required for incoming cargoes requiring distribution by rail, and outgoing cargoes requiring rail transportation to the Ports, without involving undue delay to either ships or railway facilities.

(signed) *Barone* Colonel,
Chief of Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

Copy to:
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Chief of Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

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Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.,
C/O Mov & Tn.,
AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon,
C.M.F. (1A)

Our reference : ACC Tn/17/5

Date : 8 Jan 44.

TO : Shipping Sub-Commission, ACC.

SUBJECT: Responsibility for internal working of Ports.

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2. The enclosed is copy of reply which has now been received from Gen. di Raimondo.
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(sgd) *Saatchi* Colonel,
Chief of Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

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RELATION.

MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO

PER LE FERROVIE - MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE E TRASPORTI IN CONCESSIONE.

File. No. 462/0.143.0/sect.

Brindisi, 3 January 1944.

CONCERN: Responsibility for internal working of Ports.TO: Colonel Fitch

Chief of Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon, C.M.F.

NAPLES.

I answer your letter, file ACC/Tn/12/2 dated 19 December 1943 which I received today.

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2. The Undersecretaryship of State for Railroads is responsible for the railway service also in the port-areas, as all the lines and plants of the ports belong to the State Railway system.
3. In almost all the important ports exists a State Railway station. All people who have to effect transportation of the from the ships dis-embarked freight, forward a request to the qualified State Railway Station Master, who provides to ask for cars and locomotives at the depot from which he depends. For transportation of freight to be embarked, the concerned made a request to the State Railway master of the despatch-station, who provides consequently as for every other movement.
The coordination of all embark, disembark and railway movements, in order to avoid delays, is made in the ports by the shipping agencies of the different Shipping Companies, under the control of the Port-Commanders.
4. Its known, that actually in all the most important ports in the free provinces, every activity is assured accordingly to provisions which are given directly by the Allied Forces and that no responsibility is left to the pre-existent Italian organizations for the development of all port-services.

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
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