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Roma, 2 ottobre 1944

PRO MEMORIA

L'Istituto S. GIOVANNI BOSCO al Quartiere Lombardo in MESSINA subì a più riprese ingentissimi danni per effetto delle incursioni aeree nemiche ed a causa dei soldati che ne avevano requisito una parte abitabile.

L'Istituto è diretto dalle Suore " Figlie di Maria Ausiliatrice " fondate da S.Giov.Bosco, le quali svolgono un'opera educativa altamente benemerita per la città di Messina, mediante l'istruzione impartita a giovinette che frequentano le classi Elementari, Magistrali, Liceo, Ginnasio.

Molte sono le richieste di iscrizione ai vari Corsi d'insegnamento, ma le Suore loro malgrado sono costrette a dilazionare, dovendo porre mano a lavori di riparazione in un secondo lotto dello stabile.

La perizia del Genio Civile di Messina, per l'importo di Lire 400.000,- fu trasmessa dal medesimo Genio Civile, in data 26 agosto 1944 - prot. 13948 - al Provveditorato dei Lavori Pubblici di Palermo, che in conformità alle nuove recenti disposizioni l'ha inviata all' A. C. C. di ROMA.

Le Superiori dell'Istituto rivolgono calda istanza perchè venga affrettata la conferma dei lavori, ed aggiungono che il Colonnello Inglese da cui dipende la pratica si chiama JENNY.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
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16 August 1944

ACC/105/PWU

Subject: Project Financing, Sicily.

To : Ministry of Public Works.
Att/ Sig. Tizzano.

1. It has been reported to this Headquarters by Major Gamble, A.C.C. Field Engineer, Sicily, that no funds are available there for financing work on Military Highways. He further reports that representatives of the Genio Civile Palermo, have both written and telegraphed your Ministry in attempts to alleviate this condition.

2. It is estimated that funds in the amount of £ 25,000,000 will be required in Sicily to cover obligations incurred to date and work now being initiated.

3. If action has not been taken, please ensure that sufficient funds are made available so that these urgent works may proceed without delay. -

L.A. JENNY
Lt. Col. G.E.
Director.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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Tel. 478709

1 August 1944

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SUBJECT : Prisons - Sicily.

TO : Director Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission.

1. Prisons of Sicily are overcrowded, and on 28 June 1944 arrangements were made by your Sub-Commission for the repair and rebuilding of:-

1st Priority:- NAVIGNANA - Penal. Region I.

Closed on 26/8/43 because of poor hygienic conditions and war damage. To make quickly available, work can be done in two stages.
a) Undamaged premises renovated using labor of convicted masons. This can be done in 1 month and provide accommodation for 400.
b) Repair work on Sections 4 and 8. This can be done in 3 months and provide accommodation for 150.

2nd Priority:- AUGUSTA - Penal - Region I.

Has been requisitioned until recently. Requires a) Repair of several sections of collapsed roofs. b) General inspection of roofing. d) Repair of locks and gates. Time to be taken 2 months. Accommodation for 500.

3rd Priority:- CALEARISSETTA. - Judicial. Region I.

Repair 44 cells and 15 Dormitories. Time to be taken 3 months. Accommodation for 102.

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Completion of this building and repair programme will provide accommodation for a further 1,152 prisoners.

2. On 14 July 44 Col. A.W. HANCOCK Regional Commissioner, Sicily, wrote to Executive Commissioner pointing out the serious prison overcrowding that would arise as a result of enforcement of the grain laws in the island. A special drive is being made against farmers who are not surrendering grain with the result that up to 28 July, 2000 had been denounced. These offenders will be firmly dealt with at Court, and the necessary extra prison accommodation does not exist on the island. The main prisons taken together are already holding 1000 more prisoners than their normal capacity.

3. Colonel Hancock suggested the construction of a prison camp in North Africa but this is not approved.

4. Two islands - USTICA and LIPARI - situated north of Sicily could be used as penal settlements.

5. USTICA was used for prison purposes by the Italian authorities until our occupation in September 43. The Colony consists of 31 stone buildings, and also a number of houses with window gratings, and barred doors with padlocks. One stone building is in use by CC.RR, and four are occupied as an RAF Store. The remaining 26 buildings provide accommodation for 600. One hundred specially adapted houses are available giving accommodation for 400. Total accommodation available 1000.

6. Almost all the premises are in fair condition and do not need substantial repairs. However, whitewashing, painting and repairs to doors and windows, adjustment of hydraulic and sanitary plants are needed.

7. The hydraulic plant is served by a cistern placed about 50 metres above sea level with a capacity of 90 tons into which is pumped water carried by steamers in

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service between Palermo and Ustica. Another pump can carry the water from the first well to another large well situated on the highest point on the island with a capacity of 2000 tons.

8. If a prison is set up in the island, the steamer service now twice weekly (Tuesday and Thursday) will need to be increased to 3 or 4 trips weekly. The water reserve in the large well will have to be built up.

9. Kitchen facilities available could cater for a 1500 meal capacity.

10. The existing buildings at LIPARI are used as a school. They are in good repair and could hold at least 300 prisoners. Electric lights is available and they meet hygiene requirements. The local water system is insufficient, and water is brought from Messina. Other camps could be constructed on the island on the stockade principle using prison labour.

11. The use of USTICA and LIPARI will be cleared with AAI, and a cable forwarded to Col. Hancock when this has been done.

12. As a result of a conference with Col. Jenny at 11.30 am., 1st August it is understood that Major Highland of your Sub-Commission will proceed to Sicily to arrange

- (a) The repair of Favignana, Augusta and Caltanissetta at the earliest opportunity.
- (b) Inspection of USTICA and LIPARI with a view to their use as prison settlements, at the earliest opportunity.

13. Col. Hancock and Lt. Col. Snook (RPSO) are at Palermo and will give every assistance to your representative.

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14. The Minister of Grace and Justice has been spoken to, and he has appointed Dott. Columbo at present at Palermo to represent the Italian Authorities in this matter. A letter of authority to Dott. Columbo from the Minister is attached.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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