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Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

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28 Oct 44

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting held on 24 Oct 1944.

TO : The Minister of Public Works  
H.E. Signor Mancini.

1. Enclosed please find two copies of the notes taken during the meeting held on 26 Oct, for your personal and immediate attention.

2. Will you please return to us one copy with any remarks you may wish to note thereon.

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G.E. RHODES,  
Lieut-Colonel, R.E.,  
Acting Director.

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NOTES reMEETING WITH MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS  
on 26 Oct 1944DISCUSSION

## Present: -

A.C.O. Lt.Col. Rhodes (B) - Acting Director  
 Lt.Col. Thompson (B) - Chief P.W.Div.  
 Major Barry (A) - " Elec. "  
 D.Solomon - Civ. (A) - (Housing)

Ital.Govt. His Excellency Sig.Mancini - Minister of P.W.  
Sig. Tizzano - Dir.Gen. P.W.

1. Electrical Undertakings (War Damage)

Major Barry questioned time and method by which Operating Companies will receive repayment of approx. L.35,000,000 expended on above, up to end of June.

Minister stated that a Decree was recently passed but not yet promulgated (probably not fully passed & as yet requiring certain signatures) providing 2 billion lire : 1-1/2 billion to be allotted Ministry of Industry & Commerce and balance, 1/2 billion lire, to Ministry P.W., including for the rehabilitation of hydro- & thermal elec.systems. Minister stated a part of the above claim (35,000,000 lire) should and probably would be paid out of Ministry of Industry funds. He did not definitely say when, but indicated the time (for this payment) as possibly a few weeks. He stressed that expenditure for machinery, and repairs of same, come out of Ministry

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of Industry & Commerce portion.

Major Barry pointed out that Operating Companies had funds available for only about 6 weeks operation and mentioned that banks charge 7% on loans. Major Barry asked whether banks could advance loans to Operating Companies prior to Decree's issue. No clear answer was given. Interest rates were also discussed, and Minister said something is in hand towards reducing interest rates on all loans. Generally, the Minister was made fully aware of the very serious financial position of many of the Companies.

## 2. Housing (& Repairs).

Discussion revealed that the Aug. 1944 Decree, previously thought by us to have been withdrawn, is now possibly under reconsideration and Minister presented copy of 12 Oct. 44 letter from Commodore Stone to Italian Govt. which seemed possibly to confirm this reconsideration (This Decree may set up complete new Boards - Govt. and private persons - and new head of Housing - apart from Ministry of P.W.).

The recently submitted proposed Repairs Decree sent about 8 Oct 1944 was then discussed, and all agreed that it is imperative to have same clarified and promulgated expeditiously, because until people know exactly where they stand financially (as to Govt. assistance) they show slight desire to proceed with repair work. Lt. Col. Rhodes pointed out that "Uncertainty fosters Inactivity".

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Minister pointed out that delay in framing of Decree is largely due to

differences of opinion between himself and Treasury Minister, as to generosity of grants to be permitted. (Treasury favours only small grants.).

Lt. Col. Rhodes impressed on Minister that we were not primarily interested in size and details of grants or loans, but were interested deeply in the speedy issue of the Decree, in order to stimulate repairs activity.

Minister said Decree is ready for submission to Ministers as soon as differences between him and his Treasury are settled, and indicated that it might be promulgated within ten days to two weeks.

Minister was asked whether the possible reconsideration of the Original Decree was holding up consideration of the Repairs Decree: He gave an emphatic NO!

3. Minister agreed with Lt. Cols. Rhodes and Thompson, and Mr. Solomon, that 90% of the approach to the Housing and Re-Housing problem is bound up with "Repairs"; at any rate for the immediate future.
4. Lt. Col. Thompson raised the question of increasing or adjusting salaries of Genio Civile officials, alleging that non-settlement of this matter is interfering with necessary work.

G.E. RHODES,  
Lieut-Colonel, R.E.,  
Acting Director.

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10 Sept. 44

Subject: Conference held 31 Aug. 44.

To : Ministry of Public Works.  
H.E. Sig. Mancini.

We enclose copy of minutes of Conference held at this HQ  
on 31 Aug. 44.

*Gen.*  
G. E. PHOLES,  
Lt. Colonel, R.E.,  
Deputy Director.

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Encl: Minutes of Conference.  
(31 Aug. 44)



Conference with Minister. 9 am 31st Aug.44

Minister (Sig. Mancini)  
Col. Jenny  
" Rhodes

1. Organisation Genio Civile

The Minister gave some information in his letter 5259 of 18 Aug. What we want, and what he promised, is a CHART showing functions, appointments, and names of present holders. Only down to the level of Provinces. (To include electricity also).

2. Cantoniere.

NOT to be reduced without our approval.

Letter from CRE (14 CE Works) of complaint, d/d 28 Aug. shown to Minister. Also complained that no funds were available.

3. Contractors.

List of firms with bad records, to be sent to us. So that we may be sure they are not employed in future. (Received).

4. Elec. Engrs.

Italian ones appointed to contact the REGIONAL Engineer at once, to take his advice and instructions. (These men replacing, to some extent, our Elec. expert now on the work).

5. Sardinia.

Capt. Smith being taken away about 15 Sept.

Min. said would be happy to take all responsibility, and will appoint a man to take his place, and act as adviser to the Regl. Commr. His name to be given to us, so that we can advise Commr. Made clear that this is an experiment. (Some talk about Sig. Buttini there now. Confidential)

6. Reports.

Re Sardinia, due on 25 Month..... 1 to Minister one to Regl. Commr., and one to this HQ.

(Headings of this report to go to Minister).

7. AASS.

Further orders needed by Minister, in view of recent refusal of AASS in Grosseto or Siena to act.

8. High costs. (Sig. Mancini, Caserta).

Investigation now in hand. Min. said started today.

9. Italian Territory (More powers).

Schemes below 500,000 lire need not, from now, be submitted to Regl. Engr. for approval. (But lists to be sent to him at end each month). Regl. Engr. to be notified of this, by us.



10. Housing. Law. Repairs, etc.

Minister said a meeting being held today, to define position. Will let us know result.

11. Vesuvius (projects).

Pointed out that ..... if there is a disaster there, in the Autumn, we will take no responsibility because.....

(a) since last April and May we have been asking for at least rough details of Gen. Civ. actual proposals. Never received.

(b) at last meeting here with Sig. Tizzano, 3 weeks ago, position was gone over, and he promised most solemnly to let us have the infn. within a week. Never received.

We told Minister that, in absence of such, our Finance S.C. are unlikely to approve, and will certainly not do so until WE see the scheme.

Again, for the Nth. time, we stressed urgency.

12. Defascism.

Position stated. Imperative orders from highest Army and ACC Authority. My letter to him of 20th. Aug. referred to.  
 ? apptt. of more than one Commission to do the work.  
 ? report due 30 Aug. not received.  
 ? Minister told he must accept no excuse for delay.

Generally this vital matter was put to the Minister in the sense of its importance, and extreme urgency.

G.E. RHODES  
 Lt.Colonel, R.E.  
 Deputy Director

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INTERVIEW WITH MINISTER

20th of September 1944.

1. Several questions were discussed with the Minister by the Director, (accompanied by the Deputy Director.) The position about sunken ships was mentioned, letter~~s~~ sent to Signor Bonomi by the Acting Commissioner 2 days ago; the unsatisfactory particulars given in the forms concerning Defascistization, received with the Minister's letter of the 15th September, were also explained. A fresh set will be furnished at once, showing progress made as at the end of August and as on 15th September. Staffs other than State employees, e.g. certain Utilities companies, to be shown on a separate form.

2. The principal matter discussed was the Minister's wish to withdraw the 180% surcharge recently approved for electricity in Rome. He fully agreed that, on the evidence and the figures, the companies must have such an increase. His point was that it is not at the moment "politically opportune". He was told that the matter is one of hard fact and necessity, which ought not to be connected with politics and that, if the companies do not get a higher income, then the only alternative will be an immediate Government subsidy.

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4. It was further agreed with him that, in future similar cases, ~~no~~ <sup>any</sup> increases will be put into force <sup>not</sup> retrospectively.
5. Agreed that the Minister will write us a letter today, setting out clearly his wishes, and generally confirm<sup>ing</sup> the above.

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22 Sept, 44

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting 20 Sept. 44.

TO : The Minister of Public Works.

We enclose copy of the Minutes of the Meeting held at this H.Q.  
on 20 Sept. 44, for your information.

~~D/F 3/9~~  
G.E. RHODES,  
Lieut-Colonel, R.E.,  
Acting Director  
Chief of Adm.



Notes on meeting held in Col. Jenny's Office  
Sat. 5 Aug 44

Present: Col. Jenny, ~~Col. Rhodes~~, High Commissioner for Sicily (Dr. Alvisio Salvatore) and Sig. Tizzano.

Col. Jenny . It has always been my policy to let the Italians do as much as they can for themselves. I have always tried as much as possible to relieve myself of the responsibility of Supervisioning them and I have only one American Engineer in Sicily now - four having been withdrawn elsewhere. The more they work to put all Engineering Work under one head the better for Sicily.

Sig. Tizzano Explained to H.C. types of work they have to deal with and the procedure for dealing with them including types of projects in order of priority.

Col. Jenny. We have just approved additional Prison accommodation for Sicily due to the increase in arrests brought about by the people failing to turn in their grain. Col. Jenny, went on to explain that he wished to discuss Programmes for Reconstruction with Sig. Tizzano, for one year after the war, and this will be of interest to the High Comm. He requested that programmes be prepared for him on his return from U.S.A. Col. Jenny explained how he had prepared his report on this subject, for their guidance. Stated that should the war finish quickly he would like to see the Italians ready to tackle the rebuilding one year after the war and to have an extended programme prepared.

It is important that good programmes be prepared to enable the Finance Ministry to allocate funds for the most useful projects. Sig. Tizzano was asked to inform the Minister of Col. Jenny's wishes regarding the post war programmes.

Sig. Tizzano was instructed that, in preparing programmes for Col. Jenny, separate figures were to be shown for machinery which has to be imported and also for buildings and installations etc. (On similar lines to Col. Jenny's report.)

Col. Jenny explained possibility of the amalgamation of Regions into Areas.

The High Commissioner was told that he could return to Sicily fortified with new ideas for his people and also convince them of the work the Ministry is doing for them.

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CONFERENCE WITH MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SIG. TIZZANO  
25 July 1944.

Problems Discussed.

1. The Minister was advised that the Regional Engineer of Region I complained that the Genio Civile assigned to the Provincial Public Health Officers in Sicily were doing a considerable amount of work requiring critical materials without coordination with the Genio Civile Headquarters or the Regional Engineer and that Region I desired to have these officers placed under the jurisdiction of the Genio Civile and to have all Public Health engineering problems handled through regular channels. The Minister will issue instructions accordingly.
2. The Minister was advised that in many Regions the A.A.S.S. was apparently still functioning as such and that, in fact, we were receiving correspondence from officials in many areas of Italy using the letterhead of the A.A.S.S. and that in order to have a clear cut divorcement from its former autonomous status, the name of A.A.S.S. should be changed. The Minister advised that the name of A.A.S.S. has been changed now by the Ministry and that this organization was dissolved and the functions and control over all state highways was now being performed by the branch of the Genio Civile to be known as Ufficio Speciale della Viabilita and that an attempt would be made to also remove all A.A.S.S. signs.
3. The Minister was advised that we had received a communication from Allied Naval authorities asking whether or not we would be prepared now to undertake the raising of sunken ships in various harbors in the toe of Italy and Sicily; that this problem had previously been handled by the Ministry and us, but that we had been advised by this naval authority that it was their function and for this reason we had ceased all activity. However, it apparently was the plan of this naval authority now to permit us to do this work. The Minister stated that Sig. Tizzano had advised him of this and that the Ministry was prepared to undertake these tasks if and when instructions to that effect were issued.
4. The Minister was advised that we were instructed again to take up the question of defascistization with the various Ministries and to make sure that strenuous efforts were being made to carry out this program by first eliminating all former Fascists within the personnel under the control of each Ministry and by further controlling contractors, etc. who would be acceptable for work to be done and by eliminating contractors who have had Fascist records. The Minister agreed to press this matter.

5. The Minister was advised that we were asked to request that key personnel be made available by the Ministries to be sent to forward areas as required and we were advised that no Italian officials were found when certain Provinces were taken over. He was further advised that it was agreed that when such officials are assigned to a certain post within a Region they remain in that post and be not replaced by an official who may be found later on who has held that post previously as to do so would be confusing and raise embarrassing situations, as we have already experienced when an engineer was assigned to Region IV and later on replaced by the official functioning in that Region. The Minister will arrange to have five or six capable engineers available to be sent on short notice to any forward area if and when required.

6. The Minister was advised that the question of financing the rehabilitation of the Pontine Marshes and adjacent areas would have to be done by the Italian Ministry of Finance. The Minister was advised that the present indicated estimates would call for the appropriation of approximately 50,000,000 lire and he was directed to have this money made available and to be expended in a similar manner as the 600,000,000 lire highways fund.

7. The Minister was advised that each Ministry was to make a request upon the Prime Minister for automobiles required by that Ministry and that all these requests were to be submitted to A.C.C. as one over-all requirement of the Italian Government. The Minister was asked to discuss this problem with the other Ministers so that a uniform system would be followed in making these requests. As the Ministry of Public Works will need a relatively small number of trucks as well as passenger cars it was agreed that such an estimate be included in their over-all requirements.

*L. A. JENNY*  
L. A. JENNY,  
Lt. Col. C.E.  
Director.

CC to: Sig. Tiziano ✓

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22 Jul. 44.

Subject: Conference with Sig. Tizzano & Sig. Reggiani.

To : Ministry of Public Works.  
Att. Sig. Tizzano. Dir. Gen.

1. We enclose one copy of the minutes of the above meeting for your information.

L. AL JENNY.  
Lt. Col. C.E.  
Director.

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CONFERENCE WITH SIE. TIZZANO AND SIE. REGGIANI.

21 July 1944.

Problems Discussed

1. Mr. Tizzano was advised that we had received information to the effect that Cantoniari along Route 6, who were ordered to do extra work by the 8th Army had not been paid and that military authorities had asked us to have the matter promptly settled. Mr. Tizzano will take prompt action.

2. We were advised that the Cantoniari on Route 85 (Region III) were going on strike as of this date if their rate of pay was not increased to 65 lire per day. Military authorities had requested us to take action. Mr. Tizzano stated that the regular Cantoniari were receiving from about 50 to 75 lire per day, depending on special allowances plus free lodging at the Cantoniari houses. He further stated that other employees engaged as assistants to these Cantoniari were receiving the standard 65 lire per day. However, he will look into the matter and have this question settled.

3. Mr. Tizzano was also told that we were advised that in Benevento Province there were no funds to pay Cantoniari, and he was asked to take this matter up with Region III and arrange for proper financing to pay his Cantoniari.

4. Mr. Tizzano was advised that we had received information to the effect that apparently not sufficient foresight had been exercised by Genio Civile in asking for fuel for their automobiles and that their cars could not operate because of lack of fuel to be allocated to them. He will look into the matter immediately and have proper estimates made in the future.

5. Mr. Tizzano was advised that we had received information to the effect that the region around Arcinazzo between Subiaco and Guercino would be practically cut off from contact outside of that region unless the highway from S. Cesareo through Palestrina, Cave and Piglio were improved.

An inspection of this highway was made by the Director of this Sub-Commission on 20 June. It was found that there was an obstruction of the highway in the town of Cave where the Germans had blasted buildings on a steep hill over the highway, making it necessary to use an old by-pass down a steep ravine and up again on the other side which cannot be used except in dry weather. It was also found that near Orsino a small bridge had been destroyed and that some clearing of rubbish seemed to be in process <sup>6 1/2</sup> <sub>7 1/2</sub> <sup>the time</sup> of inspection.

Mr. Tizzano was directed to take immediate steps to clear the highway

at Cave and to expedite the reconstruction of the small bridge at Orsino. The work at Cav requires a considerable number of men working with hand tools and using excavators for removal of the debris. A good organization should be set up as to clear that without delay. The road from S. Cesareo to Cave was found to have asphalt dressing with not in very good condition in many places. Between Cave and Piano d'Arcoimasso was water-bound macadam. The road is passable throughout if the above obstructions are taken care of.

6. Mr. Tiziano was advised that we had received a request from the Mediterranean Naval H.Q. asking whether A.C.G., with the Ministry of Public Works, were prepared to take over the raising of sunken ships in the harbor of Vibo Valentia, Augusta, Sicily, and other points in the southern part of Calabria. Mr. Tiziano will discuss this matter at his Ministry and clear with the Italian Navy so that should we be requested by the Allied Naval Command to take over this work, the Ministry of Public Works can proceed to do the work.

7. Mr. Tiziano was asked when we would receive the corrected list of equipment required for the various harbors throughout Italy, so that this request may be sent in the form of a requisition to America.

L. A. JENNY,  
Lt. Col., C.E.  
Director.

CC to: Lt. Col. Thompson.

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22 Jul. 44.

Subject: Conference with Minister of Public Works.

To : Ministry of Public Works.  
Att. Sig. Tizzano, Director General.

1. We enclose two copies of the above meeting for your information.

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

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 UNITED STATES COMMISSION  
 Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission  
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CONFERENCE WITH MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

19 July 1944.

Problems Discussed1. Plan for financing work in Pontine Marshes.

The Minister was advised that we were informed that no money was available for work to be done or already done and that proper arrangements would have to be made through the Minister of Finance to carry over temporary work until a proper project can be approved. The Minister agreed to have proper arrangements made.

2. Organization of Ministry Personnel.

The question of a single, yet effective organization in the Ministry was discussed with relative grades to be assigned to the officers holding key positions.

The Ministry now has a Director General in charge of all technical work of the Ministry. The Minister has already considered the problem of dividing Italy into three areas, the same as the Public Works Sub-Commission has done, i.e.

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|---------------------|--|
| (1) South Italy :   | Regions I, II, III and VII.              |
| (2) Central Italy : | Regions IV (incl. Rome), V, VI and VIII. |
| (3) North Italy :   | Regions IX, X, XI and XII.               |

This area division will permit not only the placing of highly-qualified engineers in positions of considerable responsibility, but it will permit the Ministry to conduct its work more efficiently and with fewer heads reporting to the Ministry. It was recommended to the Minister that, since the officer in over-all charge is called Director General, the three officers in charge of each of these areas should be called a "Director", and the officers in charge of Compartimenti to be called Inspectors General, the same as is the practice today. The Minister agreed that this would be a logical procedure.

Since the present Inspectors General are No. 5 grade officials, the question of giving proper grades to the officials above that was discussed and the recommendation made that the Directors be made No. 4 grade officials and the Director General No. 3 grade. Thus, the officials of the Ministry of Public Works would have similar grades to those of other Ministries and would not be working at an inferior level as is the case today. 6447  
 The Minister was asked to take this matter up and to arrange for having proper



grades given to these officials.

The Minister was also asked what had been done on the question of paying more adequate salaries to their engineers who, as highly-trained technical experts, receive salaries inferior to others performing what we consider primarily clerical work.

### 3. Vesuvius Clearance.

The Minister was asked what progress was being made on the plans and implementation of these plans for the clearance of debris from the Vesuvius eruption and the installation of protection walls on Vesuvius. We were advised that some progress was being made, but that there was some delay in financing. The Minister is to look into this question and see that the matter is cleared for action at an early date as, otherwise, the work could not be done before rains begin to fall and damage may be caused to villages below Vesuvius.

### 4. Work Relief in Brna.

The Minister was advised that information received by us indicated that about 4½ million lire per month was being spent in Brna Province on work relief projects without proper engineering supervision. We considered it to be important that, if such large sums are spent, engineers should be assigned to supervise such work. The Minister agreed to look into this matter and have engineers assigned.

### 5. Requisitioning of Automobiles.

The Minister had previously been instructed by this office to provide by requisition the necessary automobiles for Ministry Officers and Genio Civile and that ample cars were available at Rome which could be requisitioned if a strong effort were made on their part. The Minister was advised that we were not satisfied with the progress being made and he was requested to take strong measures and, if necessary, through higher Italian authority to obtain the proper requisitioning of good automobiles now available at Rome.

### 6. Surveys of Highways 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7.

The Minister was asked what surveys had been made of these highways by his Headquarters Engineering Staff. We were advised that certain surveys had been made, but the Minister was advised that these surveys were inadequate and that it was most essential that his engineers at H.Q. be provided with proper automobiles and that they promptly proceed to make thorough surveys on all these highways so that projects might be prepared and executed.

### 7. Town Planning.

The Minister was asked what was done in the way of town planning, with reference to Cagliari in Sardinia, as a number of small projects

such as schools, etc. were to be rehabilitated and we felt these should not proceed without first having a proper town plan prepared. The Minister will look into this matter and advise us at an early date.

#### 8. Cost of Running Garages.

The Minister was asked for an estimate covering 3 months for operating and maintaining garages to serve automobiles and trucks used in connection with highway work. The Minister will have such an estimate prepared and a proposal submitted to us for approval covering 3 months, to include all garages under the Genio Civile or A.A.S.S. used for maintaining equipment, performing work on military highways, and which maintenance cost is to be paid out of the 600,000,000 Lire fund.

#### 9. Inspection of Materials and Plant Used.

The Minister was asked what detail inspection was provided by the Genio Civile to make certain that a complete record exists showing what materials have been furnished by the Allied Armies and what trucks and other equipment have been loaned in connection with military highway reconstruction plans. The Minister was advised that we felt that a thorough inspection system had not been instituted and that it was quite likely that, having an inadequate system there might be considerable differences in the claims to be made by the Allies after the war for such assistance and what the Italians may show they have received. The Minister agreed to look into this matter and provide thorough inspection.

#### 10. Defascistization.

The Minister was advised that we had received instructions to the effect that each Ministry was to provide a Committee whose function it will be to defascistize personnel within the Ministry and also to review requests by us in connection with contractors to be used on projects under the Ministry. The Minister was also advised that we felt that this was a matter to be handled entirely by the Italian Government as a political question and that we would submit to them lists of personnel coming to our attention, wishing to do work for the Ministry. Such a list was given to the Minister covering a number of persons to be investigated. The Minister stated that the Government has this matter under consideration and that he expected their system to function shortly. He was advised that as soon as such a Committee was formed we wished to know the names of the officers in his Ministry to act as a Committee so we can have them checked by our Security Officer.

#### 11. Future Planning.

The Minister was asked what his Ministry was doing in the way of future planning, such as rehabilitation of electric power plants, vitally needed in Italy before any reconstruction of industries could take place, also the re-

habilitation of ports and other public utilities, or the reconstruction of vitally needed factories and other institutions. It was apparent that nothing was being done at this time although this question had been discussed with Ministry Officials many months past and on several occasions. The Minister was advised that unless they did such planning now, they would be left behind and could not rehabilitate their country for many years to come as it takes much time to effectuate any such plans. Such plans naturally must include some system of financing such projects and this problem alone might take not only weeks but possibly months to develop. The Minister promised to look into this matter as a question of prime importance for the future of Italy, particularly since war damage reconstruction is a problem to be handled by the Ministry of Public Works.

L. A. JAWY,  
Lt. Col., C.E.  
Director.

CC to: Minister of Public Works  
Sig. Tiziano ✓

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5 July 1944

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Subject:

To : Director General  
Ministry of Public Works.

At the conference with the Minister and yourself at this H.Q. on the 26 May it was arranged that when the draft Decree in connection with allowing rate increases to Utility Companies was finally ready, it would be submitted to us before it was printed. We do not appear to have received it as yet.

At the meeting with you on 6 June it was agreed that you would show us a draft of a new decree about financing etc. of Street Works. Can we see this please.

GER.  
G.E. RHODES,  
Lt-Colonel, R.E.,  
Deputy Director.

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MEMORANDUM OF  
CONFERENCE WITH SIGNOR TIZZANO AT ROME,  
6th Jul. 44.

1. Office hours of Genio Civile.

In view of the fact that the Genio Civile, here, only work from 8.30 to about 1.30, the Director General has been requested to have his offices open from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., so that we may be able to function with them during normal office hours.

(Poto fia)

2. Pontine Marshes.

The Director General was advised that when I came up on Route 7 on 4th Jul., I found no one working anywhere. Signor Tizzano was requested to arrange for a large force of men to be sent there immediately to undertake the task previously outlined to him.

3. Highway-re-construction.

The Director General was advised that, while coming up on Route 7, I had not encountered a single force of men working on this highway. Instructions were therefore issued to immediately place whatever contractors were needed in places where considerable work has to be done, or bridges to be re-built, and to place 3 or 4 cantonieri on the highways for everyone now on these roads. The routes under discussion were Routes 5, 6 and 7.

4. Italian Organisation.

The question of perfecting the Italian Ministry organisation under the Director General was discussed. The fact was stressed that good men must be selected and that these men must immediately function. There seemed to be a lack of initiative. The Director General agreed that he would spend 4 days each week in Rome, which is his headquarter now, and the other 3 days at Salerno. He will come to Rome very early every Tuesday morning, arriving here about 9 o'clock, and remain till about 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, after which he will return to Salerno or Naples. It is deemed very necessary for him to spend

the major part of his time at his headquarter here where so much organisational and vitally important work is to be done

5. Position of Signor REGGIANI.

Some time ago, it was agreed between Signor TIZZANO and Minister TARCHIANI that Signor Reggiani, who had been sent by us to Frosinone to take charge of the Compartimento of Lazio, be made a liaison-officer between the Ministry and this Sub-Commission. This change was agreed to because the engineer in charge of Lazio was found to be functioning at Rome. The position assigned to Signor Reggiani would have meant a promotion for him. He had worked with us very efficiently and we believed that he deserved a promotion. When he was to be assigned as liaison-officer because of the above facts, Signor Tarchiani had agreed that this officer should receive this promotion which was promised to him. Upon arriving in Rome, I found that Signor Reggiani was still in Frosinone and that the engineers here in Rome did not seem inclined to accept him. Signor Tizzano was requested to take this matter up with the Minister of Public Works and to see that Signor Reggiani receives the promotion which was promised him and to which we feel he is entitled, and to send him to Rome immediately to act as liaison-officer.

6. Requisitioning of cars.

Italian engineers here claimed that they were unable to go out into the field to make proper inspections because of lack of transportation. I instructed the Director General to have an officer assigned, the same as was done at Naples, whose task it would be to requisition whatever cars were required for the Genio Civile, as there are many automobiles in Rome which can be requisitioned, many of which belong to fascists. The Director General was asked to render me a report upon this on Monday, 10 Jul.

7. Jurisdiction over Region IV and V.

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Signor FACCENDA was advised that his jurisdiction would not cover the Provinces of Foggia, Campobasso, Chieti, Aquila and Pescara, but that it would cover the Provinces of Teramo, Ascoli, Macerata, Ancona and Pesaro in Region V, as well as the Compartimenti of Umbria and Lazio and the Rome Governatorato.

(7 cont'd)

This change over jurisdiction in Region V was made necessary because of the fact that Signor VALERIO, who has rendered good service in Campobasso, had already extended his work into Aquila and Chieti Provinces and that it was felt that he should continue to have jurisdiction over that area. Signor Tizzano was to send instructions to Signor Valerio accordingly.

L.A. JENNY  
Lieut-Colonel, C.E.,  
Director.

O.C. to Signor TIZZANO  
" Lieut-Col. RHODES.

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Translation.

Ministry of Public Works

Naples 26 June 1944

Prot. N° 40/NA

Subject: Conference, Venerdì 26 May 44.

To : Lt. Col. L.A. JENNY

On point 4, 8, and 9- The transportation means requisitioned, are mostly trucks, and in general are in bad conditions. Therefore we beg you to furnish us with the two good military vehicles. Thanks for the concession.

On point 3 - Regarding the technical functionaries to be employed in Rome and further North. From preliminary plan in course of transmission for the various Regions are:

- Chief Region IV and V  
Dr. Engr. Faccenda, Giovanni  
President of Sect. Superior Council of Public Works.
- Chief Compartment Region IV  
Inspector General Dr. Engr. Alicata Antonio
- Chief Compartment Region V  
Inspector General Dr. Engr. Gra Eugenio
- Chief Region VIII and IX  
Dr. Engr. Casalini, Arturo  
President of Sect. Superior Council of Public Works  
now residing in Grosseto.
- Chief Compartment Region VIII  
Inspector General Dr. Engr. Pignoni Filippo
- Chief Compartment Region IX  
Inspector General Dr. Engr. Lenzi Alfredo.
- Chief Region X, XI, XII:  
Dr. Engr. Fallucchini Annibale  
President of Sect. Superior Council of Public Works
- Chief Compartment Region X  
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- Chief Compartment Region XI  
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- Chief Compartment Region XII  
Inspector General Dr. Engr. D'Orlando Ermete

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We call to your attention that the Engineers assigned to Regions IV, V, X, XI, and XII reside all in Rome, except Inspector Lauzi who lives in Milan.

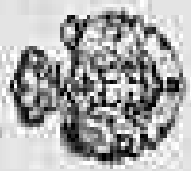
The three engineers assigned to Regions VIII and IX are respectively in Grosseto, Firenze, Grosseto.

Will you please indicate where these officials should be placed.

The curriculum for the functionaries residing in Rome are ready and will be soon submitted.

For the other will be prepared as the terrain is liberated.

The Director General.



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AL LT. COL. L. A. JENNY

DIRETTORE SOTTOCOMMISSIONE LL. PP.  
ed UTILITA' ACC

THE OIL

**OGGETTO:**

Riunione venerdì 26 maggio 1944

*Risposta al foglio del*

Dir.

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-Capo Compartimento Regione V

Ispettore Generale Dr. Ing. Gra Eugenio

- Capo Regione VIII e IX :

Dr. Ing. Cassalini Arturo

Presidente di Sez. Consiglio Superiore LL.PP.  
ora residente a Grosseto.

Dear Mr. [unclear]  
 I have just received  
 your letter of the 10th  
 and am glad to hear  
 that you are well.  
 I am also well and  
 hope this letter finds  
 you the same.  
 I am, Sir, very  
 respectfully,  
 Yours,  
 [unclear]

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Ispettore Generale Dr. Ing. Lenzi Alfredo.

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use Valium.



- Capo Regione X, XI, XII:  
Dr. Ing. Pallucchini Annibale  
Presidente di Sez. del Consiglio Superiore dei LL.PP.-
- Capo Compartimento Regione X  
Ispettore Generale Dr. Ing. Prezioso Pasquale -
- Capo Compartimento Regione XI  
Ispettore Generale Dr. Ing. Lauzi Rocco -
- Capo Compartimento Regione XII  
Ispettore Generale Dr. Ing. D'Orlando Ernes

Si fa presente che gli Ingegneri assegnati alle Regioni IV, V, X, XI e XII risiedono tutti a Roma, ad eccezione dell'Ispettore Lauzi (XI) che risiede a Milano.

I tre Ingegneri assegnati alle Regioni VIII e IX sono rispettivamente a Grosseto, Firenze, Grosseto.

Vi complacerete indicare le residenze da assegnare ai detti funzionari.

I curriculum per i funzionari residenti a Roma sono già pronti e saranno subito presentati. Per gli altri si redigeranno a misura che i territori saranno liberati.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

*Dejani*





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Al LT. COL. JENNY

Risposta al foglio del

CAPO SOTTOCOMMISSIONE LL.PP.

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OGGETTO:

*These referred to  
para. 2 - 10/5 - 23/6 -  
in file - 1090 - 508*

Trasmette copie dei provvedimenti  
da me adottati in relazione alla vostra  
segnalazione circa gli addebiti contro  
l'Ingegnere CROGETTA - Capo Sezione AA.SS.  
ed il cantiniere LONGO Salvatore.-

IL MINISTRO

*Ch. Meini*  
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*Al. Rhodes  
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*lt. Col.*

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TELEGRAMMA

24 GIU. 1944

CAPO SEZIONE AUTONOMA A.A.S.S.

POTENZA

COMANDO ALLEATO HA DENUNCIATO VOSTRA MANCATA COLLABORAZIONE!  
PUNTO DEPLORE VOSTRO CONTEGNO PUNTO RIPETENDOSI ADOTTERO  
PROVVEDIMENTI VOSTRO CARICO.



MINISTRO MANCINI

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*Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici*

TELEGRAMMA

24 GIU 1944.

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CAPO SEZIONE AUTONOMA A.A.S.S.

POTENZA

PROVVEDETE IMMEDIATO LICENZIAMENTO CANTONIERE LONGO SALVATORE  
PERCH7 INVIATO COMANDO ALLEATO PROVVEDERE LAVORI SULLA AULETT  
SALA CONSILINA PONTE 251 HA DETTO CHE NON GLI RIGUARDAVA

MINISTRO MANCINI

*Col Thompson*  
*Per ordine 26/6*  
*26/6*  
MINISTERO DEI LAVORI PUBBLICI  
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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS

24 June 1944

Lt.Col. Jenny  
Naples.

No.24456

I transmit copy of order adopted by me in relation to your information about the debits against Eng. Crocetta - Capo Sezione AA.SS. and the Cantoniere Longo Salvatore.

TELEGRAM

No.24421

24 June 1944

CAPO SEZIONE AUTONOMA A.A.S.S. POTENZA

ALLIED COMMAND DENOUNCES YOUR FAILURE TO COLLABORATE. I DEPLORE YOUR ATTITUDE. WE REPEAT WE SHALL ADOPT <sup>MEASURE AGAINST</sup> ~~ORDER TO DISCHARGE~~ YOU.

MINISTER MANCINI

TELEGRAM

No. 24420.

24 June 1944

CAPO SEZIONE AUTONOMA A.A.S.S. POTENZA

ORDER IMMEDIATE DISCHARGE CANTONIERE LONGO SALVATORE BECAUSE ALLIED COMMAND ENVOY ORDERED WORK ON AULETTA SALA CONSILINA PONTE 251. HE SAID THIS DID NOT CONCERN HIM.

MINISTER MANCINI.

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MINISTERO

DEI

LAVORI PUBBLICI

Prot. N. 12/NA Alligati

OGGETTO:

✓  
 Riunioni Martedì 23 e 30 maggio 1944

N A P O L I

Risposta al foglio del

Dir.

Sez.

N. 12

Transmitta

Sul punto 2 - Questioni per ritardi di finanziamenti non dovrebbero esservene più dopo le modifiche alla legge del Ministero delle Finanze per lo stanziamento di 600 milioni per riparazioni strade a carattere Militare.

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Dodici camion consegnati, avevano bisogno di riparazioni, e si sono disposte.

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Al LT. COL. L. A. JENNY

Direttore Sottocommissione IL.PP.  
 e Utilità ACC.

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Prof. N. <sup>28</sup> / NA Alligati

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## OGGETTO:

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

*Dejana*

*Dr. Col. Rhodier*

File - *to me*  
*26/5*  
*27/5*

*Re unione 26/5*  
*Sono replying 26/5*  
*Apd.*

TRANSLATION

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Naples 26 June 1944

Ministry of P.W.

No. 38/Na

Subject: Meetings of 23 and 30 May 1944

TO: Lt. Col. L.A. JENNY

Ref. Para 2 - Difficulties in the delay of financing should not arise anymore after the modifications to the Law of the Ministry for Finances concerning the 600 millions for repair on roads of Military character.

Ref. Para 6 - The organization for the garages and the maintenance of the trucks is working well and the service will be improved and perfected.

Twelve trucks needed repairs and the work is being done.

Ref. Para 12 - As soon as the programs for the repairs on Communal and provincial roads reach us they are submitted for approval. However the program for the continuation of the work of repair on provincial roads in Salerno has still to be approved by us.

Ref. Para 17- We confirm that the decree for application of the increase of water Rates on the aqueduct Pugliese was approved by the Council of Ministers in December 1943. The same decree does not deal with an increase of price but only with an additional compensation for the maintenance of the sewers which by law are built and maintained by the aqueduct. The said compensation is not yet definite and will be submitted for approval to your Sub-Comm. before its application.

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**MINISTERO  
DEI  
LAVORI PUBBLICI**

Nepoli 26 giugno 1944

Al LT. COL. L.A. JENNY  
DIRETTORE SOTTOCOMMISSIONE LL.PP.  
ed UTILITA' A.C.C.

Prot. N. 32/48 Alligati

N A P O L I

OGGETTO:

Risposta al foglio del

Riunione martedì 16 e 23 maggio 944 Dir.

Sez.

N.

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Cio anche in risposta al punto 5 della riunione di venerdì 26 maggio 1944.

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Lt. Col. L. A. Jenny,  
A. C. C.

Meeting, Tuesday 16 and 23 May 1944.

I reply within the bounds of my office regarding the development of arguments debated in the meeting of Tuesday, 16 May 1944.

Point 13. ✓ It is provided to furnish drivers and trucks furnished up till now. Of these 12 are lying in Salerno Province for repairs now under way.

Point 15. ✓ The chief official at Catanzaro, as mentioned verbally, is Inspector-General Dr. Eng. Gleyeses Pietro, formerly Chief Eng. of Reggio Calabria.

The new names resulting from the prospect are in course of transmission.

Point 16. ✓ Dr. Eng. Russo has taken possession of his post as Provider to the OO.PP. for Sicily with headquarters at Palermo.

Point 17. ✓ There will be no delays in financing.

Point 18. ✓ A new engineer has been sent to the Road Section of Foggia. We would like to know if the Allied Command is satisfied with the work of this official.

This also is in reply to Point 5 of the meeting of Friday, 26 May 1944.

The Director-General

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission  
APO 394

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ACC/090/PWU

26 Jun 44

Subject: Correspondence (unanswered letters).

To : Ministry of Public Works,  
att: Sig. Tiazano, Director General.

1. I invite your specific attention to certain letters, of which the following is a list, to which replies cannot be traced in this office.
2. Please let me have the list back again, as a tabular statement, with a "Remarks" column opposite each, giving your observations.
3. Please see also my letter ACC/090/PWU dated 1 Jun 44, para. 5.

*GER*  
L.A. JENNY,  
Lt.-Col., C.E.,  
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission  
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ACC/090/PWU

25 Jun 41

Subject: Notes on meeting with Sig. Mancini and Sig. Tizzano.

To : Ministry of Public Works,  
att: Sig. Tizzano, Director General.

1. We enclose copy of notes taken at the Meeting held here on Friday 23 June.
2. Will you please take action on paras. 2, 3, 6 and 7.

① Director

*notes sent 26/6 GER*

② file to me

*GER*

G.B. RHODES,  
Lieut-Colonel, R.E.,  
Deputy Director.

Enclos: Copy of letter from C.E. No. 3 Dist. dated 12 June.  
" " " " Capt. Hibberd " 17 June.

*25/6*

*Copy*  
Project - Route Auletta - Sala Consilina

58A  
Chief Engineer,  
3 District, CMF.  
Tel IIII Extn 94  
CE 45II

Lt-Colo. V.S. Thompson  
Highways Div.  
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm. ACC

12 June 1944

At 1700 hrs on 5th June 1944, reported were received that heavy rain had caused damage to the above mentioned route. Investigation revealed that Culvert N°251 at CONSILINA was completely blocked and 30 yards of road covered to a depth of 15" by earth and stones swept down the mountainside by the rain.

The local Cantonieri (LONGO SALVATORE, Centre N°19) was contacted at the Cantone office at SALA CONSILINA and he was asked to provide assistance in clearing the road. He stated however, that he was not interested and would not assist in any way.

The necessary work was accordingly carried out entirely by WD labour.

It will be appreciated if this matter can be taken up through ACC channels and instructions issued to AASS representatives to assist the WD in emergency road repairs at all times.

(H.B.MORRIS)  
for Brigadier,  
Chief Engineer.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission  
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Salerno AreaField Office

Ref : SAL/2.I/PWU

17 June 1944

Subject: Repair and Maintenance of Military Highways  
by Civil Organisations (A.A.S.S.)

C O N F I D E N T I A L

To : Regional Engineer Region III

1. After a brief experience as a Field Engineer concerned with the repair and maintenance of important Military Highways within Salerno Province, I am forced to certain conclusions regarding the Civil Organisation responsible for this work which I wish to bring to your notice.

- (a) That the existing A.A.S.S. personnel are incompetent, or deliberately non-cooperative.
- (b) That certain Contractors employed by A.A.S.S.- notably ALFREDO SENIA and MARIO DEL MESE- are on their present showing incapable of good and expeditious work.

2. In support of the opinions expressed in 1 (a), and 1 (b) above many specific cases could be given, but in general terms the contractors completely ignore instructions given to them on the methods of working to be employed and on the number of men it is considered necessary for the economic performance of the work. Repetead requests, and indeed latterly, instructions given to A.A.S.S. Ing. Scalera and his assistants have despite their assurances that immediate remedial measures would be taken, proved completely negative. In this connection it is of note that A.A.S.S. personnel do not supervise the work being so ill-performed by certain of their contractors, but remain in the office at Salerno.

3. The situation which has been briefly described above caused me to have a frank discussion on the entire matter with Sig. Grauso, Ispettore Genarele, Genio Civile, and it is noteworthy that he too strongly deplores the existing conditions and agrees entirely with the opinions I have expressed in para 1 (a) and 1(b), and also with the recommendations I shall make in para 4 of this letter. In fact Sig. Grauso expressed keen satisfaction when I announced my intention of reporting the state of affairs to a higher level of ACC authority.

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4. In view of the foregoing it is strongly urged that:
- (a) A.A.S.S. Ing. Scalera and his assistants be transferred to some sphere of duty more suitable to their exhibited standard of competence.
  - (b) That the present contracts held by Contractors SENIA and DEL MESE for Road repair work be terminated and new contracts let to suitable contractors.

R.M.J. HIBBARD,  
Capt. R.E.  
Field Engineer.

C.C. Lt-Col.V.S. Thompson  
Major N.W. Hyland  
Sig. Grauso.

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission  
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16 Jun 44.

ACC/090/PWU

Subject: Minister's instructions to Genio Civile re War-damaged buildings, and repairs thereto (dated 7 Jun 44).

To : Ministry of Public Works,  
att: Sig. Tizzano, Director General.

1. Please refer to para. 1, meeting on 13 Jun 44 with Sig. Tizzano, copy sent with our letter ACC/090/PWU dated 14 June. This referred to the above subject.
2. We have no special observations to offer, save that it is to be clearly understood by all your staff throughout S. Italy, Sicily and Sardinia, that no such repairs to private properties, that involve controlled and critical materials (e.g. cement, timber, steel etc.) can be put in hand at the present time.

Director.

To all.

L.A. JENNY,  
Lt.-Col., C.E.,  
Director.

I want file again for action  
about (b) - A. GER. (b)b.

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS

SALERNO 7 June 44

**Buildings**

SUBJECT: WAR DAMAGE TO ~~Factories~~ **Buildings**.

AMC of Naples has noted the great number of houses destroyed and uninhabitable, the population without a roof over it and the masses of people in wrecked buildings aggravated by anti-hygienic conditions. As a special measure consent has been given to make necessary repairs in such buildings, as for example to rebuild staircases, some portions of the walls, etc. if thereby the house can be rendered fit for habitation.

In analogy to all that has been done at Naples, it is consented equally as a special measure that in houses of the city with numerous destroyed ~~factories~~ **Buildings** means can be supplied to repair those ~~factories~~ **Buildings** that are damaged and at present uninhabitable, which with slight work can permit the persons to remain there.

The work must be done based on instructions issued so long as it concerns work with or without blocked or contingent materials.

For the selection of ~~factories~~ **Buildings** and compilation of fixed standards, some regulations must be observed.

1. For the damaged ~~factories~~ **Buildings** in the new part of the city - except for special circumstances which recommend the demolition or modification instead of rebuilding and without retaining actually the execution of the work to obtain the livability of the lodgings, which otherwise would lead to an ulterior decay.
2. Damaged ~~factories~~ **Buildings** in the old part of the city are not worthy of reconstruction and therefore consideration must be given:

a) If a plan exists for recovery of the city and in the affirmative case if the damaged zone enters into the plan for demolition or not. In the first case without doubt no work will be done on these ~~factories~~ **Buildings** and the actuation of the regulating plan can be started by the Comune providing the expropriation and completing the demolitions. Special privileges can be extended by the Comune to the proprietors who with the revocation of the price for reparation of the damage and eventual expropriation, intend to reconstruct in the zone of enlargement of the city.

In the second case, when the damaged zone is not included in the plan of recovery and equally it is not advisable to reconstruct and in relation to the major or minor entity of the destruction or damage, it will be opportune to provide for a different plan of recovery, to exhaust to the maximum the above misfortune. The best hypotheses of few damaged ~~factories~~ **Buildings**, also the provision of containing the demolition or removal only to these ~~factories~~ **Buildings**, following therefore a simple clearing in complex of old constructions and under all advantages **6478** points; ~~precise~~ viz:- it will be most advantageous



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1) for hygienic purposes, for the consequent ventilation of the confusion of little streets (courts) and for the major effects of the sunrays; this will not represent a little thing being that it is a question of unhealthy lodgings.

2) to create clear space useful for merchants or to build a playground for children.

When however the zone is greatly damaged thought can no longer be given to maintain firm the plan of recovery of the city with the provision of proceeding to the most serious destruction with the demolition of other zones; in this case the plan of recovery will be modified and replaced by projects varying with said plan, referring to the activity of the zone heavily damaged, proceeding to the elimination or reduction of existing ties for the zone of recovery provided in the approved project.

The zones inhabited by some communes are crossed by state roads carrying great traffic of limited width.

In the case of damage to ~~factories~~ <sup>BUILDINGS</sup> which front said roads it is suitable for the Administration interested, that said ~~factories~~ <sup>BUILDINGS</sup> be not rebuilt, and it occurs that either they provide expropriation of the remaining ~~factories~~ <sup>BUILDINGS</sup> and to complete demolitions and clearings to adopt the area as a place for exchange and eventual carrying of vehicles. The proprietor who has suffered the damage can, with the indemnity of reparations and expropriation rebuild in another locality.

As much as has been said it results that it is urgent to proceed with the study of the plan of recovery in the zone hit in the old part of the city.

The syndacals could, in the present period of reconstruction, depend specially on the lack of construction materials, provide to make an executive plan, making the study with a <sup>FREE</sup> professional ~~engineer~~ if it is a question of limited damage and in concord with the compensation wherever it proceeds to x public concourses, fixing the directives and stabilizing various categories of prizes: to the 1st winner and consolation prizes.

The suppliers of the work, the Inspectors-General and the offices of the Genie Civile to whom this circular is addressed, will provide the execution and those will be returned for all that obtains to the reconstruction and always when has been presented by the proprietor who suffered the damage the instance according to the model proposed by the Minister of Finance. To the ultimatum of the work should be communicated the Finance "Entendensa", the sum of recuperating according to the law: which constitutes the difference of the cost of the work vis-a-vis the prices of April 1940 and from the improvement of the manufactures.

Further I recommend to the above named officials to ~~ask for any~~ <sup>GIVE</sup> assistance to the Syndacals for advice and to address to them and to prospect at once this Ministry for any difficulties which may arise.

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THE MINISTER

MINISTERO DEI LAVORI PUBBLICI  
PALERMO

Salerno 7 Giugno 1944

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In analogia a quanto si sta praticando a Napoli, consento, ugualmente in via eccezionale, che nei casi di città con numerose distruzioni di fabbricati, si possa provvedere a redigere le perizie per la riparazione di quei fabbricati sinistrati ed ora inabitabili.



li, i quali con lavori di non notevole entità possano permettere la permanenza delle persone.

Le perizie dovranno compilersi in base alle istruzioni già emanate, a seconda che trattasi di lavori con o senza materiali contingentati e bloccati.

Per la scelta dei fabbricati e la compilazione delle perizie fisso alcune norme che dovranno osservarsi.

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Speciali agevolazioni potrebbero essere concesse <sup>dal Comune</sup> a quei proprietari, che, col ri-

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cavato del prezzo, per risarcimento del danno e per eventuale espropriazione, intendessero ricostruire nella zona di ampliamento della città.

Nel secondo caso, quando la zona sinistrata non è compresa nel piano di risanamento, ugualmente non è consigliabile la ricostruzione, ed in relazione alla maggiore o minore entità delle distruzioni e dei danni, sarà opportuno provvedere ad una variante del piano di risanamento, sfruttando al massimo la disgrazia subita. Nella migliore delle ipotesi di pochi fabbricati danneggiati, anche la previsione di contenere le demolizioni e sgombrare solo a questi fabbricati, eseguendosi, cioè, un semplice diradamento nel complesso delle vecchie costruzioni, è sotto tutti i punti di vista vantaggioso; e precisamente *è vantaggioso*;

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2°) per creare degli spiazzi utili per mercatini, o per costituire <sup>641</sup> un po' di aiuole per trattenimento e svago dei ragazzi.



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Quando invece la zona è fortemente sistematizzata, non è più da pensare di poter mantenere fermo il piano di risanamento della città, con la previsione di procedere ad ulteriori gravi distruzioni con le demolizioni di altre zone; occorrerà

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in tal caso modificare il piano di risanamento e redigere dei progetti di variante di detto piano, rivolgendo l'attività a queste zone fortemente danneggiate, procedendosi altresì alla eliminazione o riduzione dei vâncoli esistenti per le zone di risanamento previste nel progetto approvato.

Le zone abitate di alcuni Comuni sono attraversate da strade statali o comunque di grande traffico di limitata larghezza.

Nel caso di danni <sup>le</sup> ai fabbricati che fronteggiano dette strade, è conveniente, per le Amministrazioni interessate, che i detti fabbricati non vengano ricostruiti, ed occorrerà che sia provveduto alla espropriazione del fabbricato residuo ed al completamento delle demolizioni e sgombri, per adattare l'area di risulta a piazzuola di scambio e di sosta eventuale dei veicoli. Il proprietario danneggiato potrà con le indennità di risarcimento e di espropriazione ricostruire in altra località.

Da quanto è detto innanzi risulta che è urgente procedere allo studio del piano di diradamento e di risanamento delle zone colpite nella parte vecchia delle città.

I Sindaci potrebbero, nell'attuale periodo di stasi nelle ricostruzioni, dipendente specialmente dalla mancanza di mate-

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I Sindaci potrebbero, nell'attuale periodo di stasi nelle ricostruzioni, dipendente specialmente dalla mancanza di materiali da costruzione, provvedere a far compilare piani esecutivi, affidando lo studio ad un libero professionista, se trattasi di limitati danni e concordando il compenso, ovvero procedendo a pubblici concorsi, fis-

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sando le direttive e stabilendo varie categorie di premi: al 1° vincitore, e premi di consolazione.

I Provveditori alle Opere, gli Ispettori Generali e gli Uffici del Genio Civile ai quali è diretta questa circolare, provvederanno agli adempimenti ad essi devoluti, per quanto ha attinenza alla ricostruzione e sempre quando è stata presentata dal proprietario danneggiato la istanza secondo il modulo proposto dal Ministero delle Finanze. Alla ultimazione dei lavori dovrà comunicarsi alla Intendenza di Finanza, la somma da recuperare secondo la Legge: che è costituita dalla differenza del costo dei lavori, in confronto ai prezzi dello Aprile 1940, e della miglioria conseguita dal fabbricato.

Inoltre raccomando ai suddetti funzionari di voler prestare ogni assistenza ai Sindaci per consigli e per indirizzarli, e di prospettare subito a questo Ministero eventuali difficoltà che potessero presentarsi.

IL MINISTRO

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**MINISTERO DEI LAVORI PUBBLICI**  
ISPETTORATO SUPERIORE DEL GENIO CIVILE  
CON SEDE IN NAPOLI

N. 2342

Risposta al foglio del

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Allegati N.°

13/6/1944

Napoli, addì

ANNO

13 JUN 1944

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Al **MINISTERO DEI LAVORI PUBBLICI**  
Divisione Affari Generali e Per-  
sonale **SALERNO**  
e p.c. Al Col. A. JENNY - Diret-  
tore della Sub-Commissione Lavori  
e Pubblica Utilità della A.C.C.  
**NAPOLI**

**OGGETTO** Personale dell'Ing. REGGIANI Enrico.-

Si comunica di aver disposto, su richiesta dell'A.C.C.,  
che l'Ing. Enrico REGGIANI, del locale Ufficio del GENIO  
CIVILE, si rechi in missione nel Lazio quale Capo Comparti-  
mento per la riorganizzazione degli uffici dipendenti dal  
Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici, a cominciare da Frosinone  
ed andando verso il nord, per la Regione del Lazio, con  
ultima residenza a Roma.-

IL CAPO DELL'ISPETTORATO

① D. del. Reggiani For file 1090  
11/6/6  
To [unclear]

② File (Hel. Personnel)  
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Si prega trattare per ogni lettera un solo argomento, e indicare nella risposta il N. di Protocollo a cui si risponde.



HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission  
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ACC/090/PWU

14 Jun 44.

Subject: Weekly Meetings - Notes 13 Jun 44.

To : Ministry of Public Works,  
att: Sig. Tizzano, Director General.

We enclose copy of the minutes of the above meeting for your information.

L.A. JENNY,  
Lt.-Col., C.E.,  
Director.

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*Director**To: Ozel, & back to me*Meeting with Sig. Tizzano. <sup>Sun.</sup> Tues. 13 ~~May~~ 44.

Present Lt Cols Rhodes and Thompson.

1. Translation being made of a suggested letter to all Gen. Civ. about minor repairs to bldgs. etc. Our opinion on it will be given when trans. is ready.
2. Ing. Reggiani being sent to Frosinone, to start with, and later North. Letter No. 2342 of 13 June, copy, handed to us. (Being translated). List of 9 assistants etc he wants to get up there also submitted; told him that we cannot arrange for these to go yet. He must consult Regional Engineer IV and enlist his assistance, later, when he (Reggiani) has explored the position.
3. Told him we had taken action, see file 134, re getting Reg. IV to extend a Decree about continuing some branch of his Office. We wrote to Col. Polletti on 9 June. (To be B/F on 18/6).
4. He understands that Sig. Pugliese will stay on here, in Naples. We said we knew nothing to the contrary. Other officials of the same standing will be found in Rome, (Sig. Tizzano says.)
6. Sewers at Battipaglia. }  
Hospl. at Salerno. }  
 } Wanted to know position re these two schemes. They are with Reg. Engr. IV at present, and with them a copy of the special reports made.  
 Lt Col. Thompson to clear these, finally, with Lt Col. Hensley, and the LATTER should write direct to Dir. General.
7. I gave him an up-to-date list of all our Regl. Engrs. and made it very clear to him that from now, onwards, they will take over responsibility for everything in their respective Regions, including Mil. H'ways and Elec. matters.  
 He will have several copies of the list made, to circulate to all his people.

*no, never**Lt Col Rhodes*

Regional Engineers are not to contact Ministry officials direct on any matter. On purely local problems they work with the local Genio Civile, or the head of the *Compartimenti*.

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*a mistake. should have read Gen. Civ. GER 14/6.*



# Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici

an. *Direzione Generale* Opere Varie  
Affari Generali e Personale

N. di prot. 22980

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Salerno, addì 7 GIUG 1944

Allegati N.

Risposta al foglio del 2/6/44

NACC/090/PWU

Al Lit. Col. G. E. RHODES

Public Works and Utilities

Sub Commission

OGGETTO:

Ricevuta.-

NAPOLI

Palazzo della Provincia

Nell'acusare ricevuta dei  
permessi trasmessi con foglio n. ACC/  
090/PWU del 1° corr. si ringrazia vi-  
vamente.

IL MINISTRO  
(A. Tarchiani)

Receipt for permits  
(Sal. - Naples).

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission  
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ACC/090/PWU

7 Jun 44.

Subject: Weekly Meetings - Notes, 6 Jun 44.

To : Ministry of Public Works,  
att: Sig. Tizzano, Director General.

We enclose copy of the minutes of the above meeting for your information.

L.A. JENNY,  
Lt.-Col., C.E.,  
Director.

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MEETING WITH SIG. TIZZANO  
Tuesday 6 June 1944.

FOR FILE 090

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I have passed  
one copy to  
Lt. Col. Thompson

Present: Lt. Col's. Jenny, Rhodes and Thompson.

② Attached, to go to  
D. G.

1. Matters referred to in our letter 1 June to Sig. Tizzano were examined. Position is now as follows:-

- a) He has received the permits to travel from Salerno to Naples and these are in order.
- b) Sig. Tizzano advised not to take any instructions from Major Denning at Salerno, but to have dealings only with Lt. Col. Mensley at Naples regarding Region 3 matters. As soon as the list of Regional Engineers is finally settled, we are to let him have a copy of it.
- c) Table of Genio Civile Organization is ready, and will send final copy to us tomorrow.
- d) Requisitioning of Vehicles. Lt. Col. Thompson explained the position. Sig. Basso to be sent again here to clear up with Major Boucher about the circulation permits, etc.
- e) The expenditure lists <sup>to</sup> for the end of April will be ready in a few days.
- f) Explained to Sig. Tizzano that we can do no more for the moment about getting prisoners of war released. We have been told that the lists submitted will be considered shortly, when a procedure has been worked out.
- g) Regarding Decree Pugliese Acqueduct, agreed to drop it; though Sig. Tizzano's explanation was not very clear.
- h) Sig. Tizzano promised to let Col. Thompson have his garage scheme by the 15 June and to discuss it in detail with him.

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## 2. Other Matters.

- a) Question of Lauria Bridge raised by Sig. Tizzano. Told that it must be considered out of the question. Reasons explained.
- b) Lt. Col. Thompson will deal with the four projects Captain Weeber has been dealing with, and will issue instructions.
- c) Details submitted regarding Vesuvius eruption estimates. (Being translated).
- d) Letter <sup>for</sup> ~~from~~ Major Babcock. Sig. Tizzano asked for it to be forwarded

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to him (concerning travelling allowances.)

- e) Referred Sig. Tizzano to meeting 25 April about general salaries of his staff. Some discussion about this, and its complications on the Italian side. Finally we agreed we had better drop it.
- f) Sig. Tizzano put in a request from the Company Messrs. Sicily. Informed by Col. Thompson that the company cannot be allowed to operate on this side of Italy for the present.
- g) Col. Thompson mentioned three schemes, one for a garage (one of 3.1 ml. lire for clearing ashes from roads caused by eruption. Told that this would be included in the Vesuvius estimate) Another proposal to spend 56,000 lire on buying two typewriters and a calculating machine; Sig. Tizzano was told that under no circumstances would items of this kind be debited against the 600 million lire fund. *Garage scheme, agreed.*
- h) Papers regarding roads in Brindisi town submitted. I cleared this with Sig. Pugliese ten or twelve days ago, and I am having papers looked up.
- i) Sig. Tizzano mentioned a new Decree about financing, etc. of street works. Told we wish to see the draft of it before it is printed.

*G.E.R.*  


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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
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ACC/090/FWU

2 Jun 44.

Subject: Travel Permits.

To : Ministry of Public Works,  
att: Director General.

1. Refers. para. 2 of this office letter No. ACC/090/FWU of 1 June 44, I send herewith fifteen permits.
2. Please acknowledge safe receipt.

*They have not  
sent it. I will  
send it today. Have  
received it.*

*B/F 6/6. File*

*GER.*  
G.E. HODGES,  
Lieut-Colonel, R.E.,  
Deputy Director.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission  
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ACC/O90/PWU

1 June 1944

Subject: Meeting on Tuesday 30 May 1944.

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

1. I send herewith a copy of notes re the above, for your information and action.

2. As to para.1, the permits are being obtained and will be forwarded.

3. As to para.3 it is to be clearly understood, from now onwards, that (with the exception that amounts spent will be notified in arrears in the consolidated statements as arranged) you will submit us only projects that involve controlled and critical materials. This was made clear in para.11 - Meeting 26 May, and also para.4 - Meeting 23 May. From a prior approval standpoint we are not concerned with projects for which you can find labour, local materials, etc., yourselves.

4. (a) Accordingly we return herewith 3 of the sheets that you left here on 30 May.

(b) We retain one, the Salerno Hospital project (3.130.000 lire) which is being examined.

5. We invite your early attention to the following matters:-

(a) Meeting 28 May 44. Para.1 (Gen.Civ.organisation)  
(b) Meeting 26 May 44. Para.4 (Requisitioning vehicles -  
progress)

" 7 (Expenditure to end April)  
(c) Meeting 23 May 44. Paras.6 and 7 (garages etc.)

Para.11 (Release of war-prisoners,  
Engineers)

Para.17 (Decree, water rates Pugliese  
Acqueduct; Explanation)

Enclos:

- (1) Copy of notes Meeting 30 May 44.
- (2) 3 lists of projects  
(re para 4 above)

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L.A.JENNY,  
Lt-Col.C.E.,  
Director.

For file 43  
-1090)  
(later).

To: Director

Meeting with Sig. Tizzano  
Tuesday, 30 May 1944.

Present:

Lt. Col. G. E. Rhodes  
Lt. Col. V. S. Thompson  
Signor Tizzano

1. Sig. Tizzano handed in the list attached, 15 special permits needed for travel between Salerno and Naples. The list gives Ration Card Nos. for identity purposes. We should arrange for these permits to be sent to Sig. Tizzano as soon as possible. The list includes the name of the Minister himself.

2. The attached lists covering 5,232,200.00 lire of schemes in Regions 2, 3 and 7 were submitted. Totals are as follows:-

a)	Region 2	819,000.00 lire
b)	Region 3	3,130,000.00 "
c)	Region 3	23,000.00 "
d)	Region 7	1,260,200.00 "
		<u>5,232,200.00 lire</u>

I pointed out to Sig. Tizzano what we had agreed on the 26 May, copy sent to him on 28 May, and particularly Para.11 (refer to File 090). **Attached**

Only one of the above projects involves controlled materials, viz. the 3,130,000 lire scheme for a hospital at Salerno. I have given Lt. Col. Thompson the whole project together with that list of materials, which to my mind is rather a foolish list, as it asks for nearly 1500 sq.m. of special window glasses of seven different kinds. However, Col. Thompson is having the scheme examined generally and will report in a few days.

3. I asked Sig. Tizzano why he had brought to us, on the four sheets attached, ~~the~~ schemes that do not involve controlled materials, in view of Para.11 of the meeting 26 May. He replied that you had ordered him to bring to us each and every project that may have been sanctioned by the Minister, even if it did not involve controlled materials. He is therefore working under two sets of instructions, the latest of which I understood to be the Para.11 referred to. Will you please make the position clear, as it is causing considerable confusion?

4. Lt. Col. Thompson raised with Sig. Tizzano the question of credits at Catania in the bank, arising out of Capt. Gamble's recent report. Sig. Tizzano said that 5 million lire had been placed with the Bank of Italy as an initial step. The question of Sig. Russo going to Sicily was also raised and I got Sig. Tizzano to telephone from here to Sig. Russo at Catanzaro. He has

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I had asked for all projects to be sent here up we would know what is going on. Gradually, we learned that necessary projects did not require critical materials, and we decided then to have them sent us only projects requiring critical materials and when our help is needed.



been delayed because he could not get a permit to cross the Straits, but the message was, from Russo, that he is leaving for Sicily today.

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Meeting with Sig. Tizzano Sunday Morning 28 May 44.

Present : Lieut-Colonel Jenny  
Lieut-Colonel Rhodes  
Lieut-Colonel Thompson  
Sig. Tizzano

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Copy given to  
Lt. Col. Thompson.

1. A chart of the General Genio Civile organisation was promised.
2. Regarding flooded Pontine Marshes Region 4 requires a Specialist Italian Engineer immediately, Sig. Tizzano will send tomorrow to this office Sig. Zoppi and an assistant and we will take him to Region 4, to go north at once.
3. Sig. Tizzano informed that he should consider using 1,500 or 2,000 miners now said to be on the Island of Ponza for work on the flooded marshes.

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Other Matters.

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1. Reference talk with Wing Commander De Haan of the Air Force Sub-Commission on 3 May at this office, papers attached received through Major Knight at Bari, handed over to Lt. Col. Thompson. Latter to take extracts and pass the information on to Commander De Haan.

Done.

2. Decided not to send Lieut. Shepherd to Region 4, but to send Major Evans instead. Captain Preedy to note, and Lt. Col. Thompson to take Major Evans to see Lt. Col. Findlay.

3. Lt. Col. Birchett, A.M.C. 5th Army came; urgent demand more Engineering staff for Rome; latest information 2,000,000 people now in Rome. Party loading baggage this afternoon :-

- (a) Urgently wants Captain Rosson to go today. (Arranged)
- (b) Informed that Lt. Col. Breth is not Region 4, but is under Lt. Col. Birchett.
- (c) Stated that Lt. Col. Findley has now a Captain with him (apparently not known to us).
- (d) Birchett's phone No. is 11722 extn 3.

Capt. R. called 2.30pm.  
Informed he should  
see Lt. Col. Liffers this  
evening. (He will go tomorrow  
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~~Liffers~~ 1) Lt. Col. Liffers - to see  
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28 May 1944

Subject : Weekly meetings - Notes. 26 May 44.  
To : Ministry of Works.  
Att. Sig. Tizzano. Director General.

1. We Enclose copy of the minutes of the above meeting for your information and record.

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L.A. JENNY  
Lt-Colonel-C.E.,  
Director.

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## CONFERENCE WITH MINISTER

Friday, 26 May 1944.

Present: Sig. Tarchiani, Minister  
Sig. Tizzano, Director General  
Lt. Col. Jenny  
Lt. Col. Rhodes  
Lt. Col. Lapper  
Lt. Col. Thompson

1. Concerning Italian Public Works staff now in Rome, or to be made available there, Minister mentioned that the Administrative Chief is a certain Sig. Romano, who is now understood to be a refugee within the Vatican City. Being a fascist, however, Sig. Tarchiani would not wish to employ him. Agreed that, not later than tomorrow, Saturday 27th Minister would let Lt. Col. Jenny have a list of names, with a probable indication as to who will act for the Minister in Rome (and for Sig. Tizzano) the moment the time comes.

2. Sig. Tarchiani expressed a great wish to go to Rome himself as soon as possible. He was told that this must depend on certain military factors, most of which may be outside our control. Agreed that there will be advantage, nevertheless, for the Minister to visit Rome at the earliest possible date.

3. Concerning more Italian engineer staff for Rome and farther North thereof, Minister and Sig. Tizzano said that they expect to find an amply sufficient technical staff in Rome itself.

As to present requirements for supervising engineers in Lt. Col. Thompson's area now, Lt. Col. Thompson will let the Director have a specific list of locations.

4. Recent requisitioning of 20 vehicles in Naples fully discussed as example of what can be done by energetic action. Agreed that Sig. Tizzano is to be given a special letter, authorizing Sig. Basso or other official nominated by him with a view to assisting in further requisitioning either in Italian Government territory of north thereof (Letter attached herewith, along with copy of these notes)

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5. Minister informed that there are still complaints about inefficiency and slackness on the part of certain engineer officials. He said matter would be taken up again. In the meantime a new engineer has been appointed to Foggia sig. Deriso.

6. Director General had incorrectly stated that ACC Finance Sub-Commission had objected to the transfer of certain funds as credits at banks, e.g. Foggia and Naples. Since discovered that it was Italian Finance Minister that had objected. (Letter sent to Salerno by Finance Sub-Commission on 25 May, putting this particular matter right.)

7. Sig. Tizzano will present next week a list of expenditure up to end of April. A monthly compilation will be made afterwards, and will be ready not more than one month in arrears.

8. Impressed on Minister and Director General that the principal engineers of their Department must take time to get away from their offices and carry out tours of inspection. No proper control can be exercised without this. Sig. Tizzano said that transport difficulties had prevented. (This not understood, seeing that 20 vehicles have been got within the last few days.)

9. Director said that he would try and get two good and reliable military vehicles to be placed at Sig. Tizzano's disposal, one for the North and one for the South, so that there could be no excuse on this ground, from now onwards. Minister gave positive undertaking that such inspection tours would be insisted on.

10. Concerning visit to Sardinia, Friday, 9 June was provisionally fixed, and the Minister will probably get one of the three private aeroplanes that are held at Marshal Badoglio's disposal.

11. Lt. Col. Thompson raised the point about approvals for projects. It was agreed, finally, that whilst all projects to be debited against the 600 million lire fund should continue to come up to this office through Lt. Col. Thompson's staff, all other projects of every kind will continue to come through Sig. Tizzano's office. Such projects will be those involving control and critical materials only, and Sig. Tizzano will see that they are commented on by our Regional Engineer on the spot.

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before they come to us for approval. This will save time, as they will then not have to be sent back again for a local report from our representative. (To assist Sig. Tizzano in this matter, a list of Regional Engineers' names and addresses is being forwarded to him).

12. The Minister submitted a draft Decree in connection with allowing rate increases to Utility Companies. He was told that we did not wish to see it at the present stage but we must see it when it is finally ready, and before it goes to print.

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26 May 44.

Subject: Weekly Meetings - Notes.  
(a) 16 May 44.  
(b) 23 May 44.

To : Ministry of Public Works,  
att: Sig. Tizzano.

1. I enclose herewith a copy of the above, for your information and record.
2. The notes are intended only as reminders, and it is understood that you took fuller details yourself.

Encls: 1 copy of each.

L.A. JENNY,  
Lt.-Col., C.E.,  
Director.

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## WEEKLY MEETING WITH SIGNOR TIZZANO

Tuesday, 23 May.

## Present:

Lt. Col. L. A. Jenny.  
 Lt. Col. G. E. Rhodes.  
 Lt. R. W. Shepherd (rep. Lt. Col. Thompson).

The following points were discussed:-

1. Road improvement required at Scafati, elimination of awkward corner and establishment of one-way traffic. (Lt. Col. Thompson to examine.)

2. Letter re finance, translation attached. Director informed Sig. Tizzano that at Foggia and other places credits are not available for prompt payments. This to be remedied at once. (In connection with this matter it is to be noted that on Thursday, 18 May, Captain Timmons of Finance Sub-Commission, called here saying that the Italian Minister of Finance was in his office requiring to know whether his separate and specific sanctions should be given to all road and bridge projects. In reply, I showed him the report of our meeting with Sig. Tarchiani on 2 May, Item No. 7, File /090/; see attached. I told Captain Timmons that it is essential that the Minister of Finance should relax such minute and detailed controls and should let the Public Works Ministry of the Italian Government function much more freely, i.e. ~~as~~ against large bulk allocations of funds, as opposed to double sanctions being required, viz. both Public Works Ministry and Finance Ministry. I added that, from an A.C.C. standpoint we were exercising control over these matters to the maximum possible extent. He was satisfied with this, and said that Finance Sub-Commission would instruct the Ministry of Finance accordingly). *(Finance S.C. since seen & funds will be made available for Foggia & Naples - through Finance Ministry)*

3. Agreed that projects on ~~the~~ Military Highways ~~also~~ including bridges, would come up to this office ~~by way of~~ through our field engineers. We get three copies, one for our file, one back to Lt. Col. Thompson, and the third one going to Sig. Tizzano's office. Sig. Tizzano said that he did not appear to have had all the latter. I told him that he would get another batch in a day or two.

4. All other types of projects that involve controlled materials will come to us through Sig. Tizzano's office after "screening", with lists of such materials approximately, not in bulk, but set out for each project.

4a. Map of Regions given to him, and he will in future put up these projects classified as to Regions. Left undecided as to ~~whether~~ we shall get our local engineers' opinion on them, or whether Genio Civile will do that prior to their consideration in Sig. Tizzano's office.

5. Instructions given at last week's meeting about getting drivers

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for 200 trucks (see Item 13) to be held in abeyance for time being. Military may wish to use their own drivers temporarily viz. 170 from A.A.I. and 30 from P.B.S. Sig. Tizzano to discuss with Lt. Col. Thompson where these trucks are required.

6. Discussion about garages and maintenance. Genio Civile to organize these at locations agreed. Present position at Caserta, Bari, Potenza and Foggia specially discussed (as to these garages) following Director's recent visit to those places.

7. Suggestion to get Italian army mechanics to help with running <sup>repairs</sup> ~~affairs~~, at any rate temporarily. Sig. Tizzano said he would get in touch with Italian army authorities, mentioning the name of General Basso.

8. Position of Sig. De Sanctis discussed again, and his official relationship to Sig. Valerio.

9. Discussion about electric rationing, etc. in Salerno district, Major Denning apparently having said that he is the responsible officer and that the Committees are not important; or something to that effect. (Lt. Col. Lapper to look into this.)

10. Sig. Tizzano thought that there is waste of electricity in street lighting in Naples (for Lt. Col. Lapper).

11. He wishes to get the release of Italian prisoners of war who are civil engineers. Promised to submit lists and particulars.

12. Question of repairs to Provincial and Communal as well as State Roads. Requested to submit program.

13. <sup>(a)</sup> Fricks required for repairs at various points result of Vesuvius eruption, also transport for haulage. Requested to submit details <sup>of</sup> Journeys between Salerno and Naples from 25 May may be controlled. Sig. Tizzano told to submit a list of people for whom he requires special permits.

14. Director was handed a letter about 100 tons of asphalt for various secondary roads near Bari.

15. Lists of projects in Salerno Province said to have been approved by A.M.G. and they financing them. In hand now. Director said we will investigate.

16. Referring to Item 8 above, it was stated that there are complications on the Italian side as between Foggia and Bari ~~control~~ organizations, <sup>as to</sup> Director said he would advise Sig. Tizzano later. <sup>design & technical matters</sup>

17. Decree by Italian Government in April about raising water rates Pugliese Aqueduct. Sig. Tizzano specially requested, again, not to let decrees of this kind be published without first consulting this Sub-<sup>Commission</sup>. (We have sent an official letter about this to him, asking for a specific explanation.)

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20 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of transport by Genio Civile.  
TO : Director General (for the attention of Sig. Tizzano).

1. On the above subject, the importance of which has been stressed at several recent meetings with the Minister and yourself, we asked you on Tuesday, 16 May, to send two officers here who might be concerned with the matter, and we would put them in touch with the departments who might be able to be of assistance.

2. I attach herewith a report dated 19 May by Major Boucher of this Sub-Commission, which is self-explanatory. Apparently five vehicles were obtained for your use within an hour or two. This is a very good beginning.

3. The report states that Sig. Basso will keep in close touch with Lt. Fielding, whom he now knows and it is hoped that you will impress on him, and on all concerned in your Department, the importance of energetic, and if necessary drastic, action.

4. Apart from what may be going on in this direction in Naples, it is clear that you could with similar benefit employ these methods in other places. This would apply particularly to Salerno and south thereof, including the Islands, where the authority of the Badoglio government is now paramount.

5. We consider this requisitioning of vehicles for your use to be so important that I must request you to let me have a weekly report from now onwards as to what steps you are taking and how many vehicles you have, in fact, obtained.

G. E. RHODES,  
Lt. Col., R.E.,  
Deputy-Director.

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Copy of Major Boucher's Report 19 May.

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Subject: Requisitioning of Transport  
by the Genio Civile.

To : Lt.Col.G.E.Rhodes.

As arranged with Sig.Tizzano the following representatives of the Genio Civile attended at this H.Q. on Friday 19 May 44:-

Sig. Basso, Genio Civile, NAPLES  
Sig. Salzano, Genio Civile, attached  
Min.of Public Works, SALERNO.

They were interviewed by me and stated that no progress had been made in obtaining transport.

We discussed the matter with Capt.Dradshaw of Transportation Sub-Commission (Roads) who intimated that no vehicles were available in any Regional Pool and could not assist in the matter. The question of tyres for civilian vehicles was discussed but no indication of the source of supply could be given.

H.Q., Region III was visited and contact made with Lt.Fielding, Transportation Officer. The urgency of the position was explained, but no vehicles were available in the Regional Pool or any earmarked for requisitioning.

He was going to inspect vehicles which had been impounded and we accompanied him to the car park. He indicated the vehicles available for requisitioning. Sig. Basso and Salzano inspected the vehicles and selected five, one car and four small trucks, which appeared to be suitable. (List attached). The vehicles are in running order having been taken off the road during the last few days.

We visited the Dept of the Prefect and arranged for immediate requisitioning.

Arrangements were made for Sig.Basso to contact Lt.Fielding frequently to ascertain if any other impounded cars were available. The urgent necessity of transport for the Genio Civile was pressed at Region III and the Dept. of the Prefect and full assistance promised.

It was emphasized to Sig.Basso and Salzano that contacts having been made and vehicles obtained they must follow up with initiative and action.

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VEHICLES REQUISITIONED BY GENIO CIVILE  
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WEEKLY MEETING WITH SIGNOR TIZZANO  
Tuesday, 16 May 1944.

Present:

Lt. Col. L. A. Jenny, Director.  
Lt. Col. G. E. Rhodes, Deputy-Director.  
Lt. R. W. Shepherd (rep. Lt. Col. Thompson)

Notes for record.

1. Map of Sicily was discussed and Sig. Tizzano told probable revised military highway priorities.
2. Informed about organizational changes in Sub-Commission, Lt. Col. Laboon having gone and Lt. Col. Thompson now responsible his duties.
3. Regarding projects approval procedure, Sig. Tizzano informed that detailed particulars of all projects are retained locally by the Italian engineers; they do not come to this office; if Sig. Tizzano wants them, he must ask his local representative for them.
4. Sig. Tizzano submitted a list of personal particulars regarding 13 principal engineers in his various offices in Sicily. I have sent these on to the Public Safety Sub-Commission for their examination or comment.
5. Sig. Tizzano raised a question about a certain ship, under repairs. Informed that this question is under discussion and he had better take no definite action until he receives further instructions.
6. Lists submitted of materials' prices in April 1943 compared with April 1944. I am having these translated and made clearer, and am passing them to Lt. Col. Lapper and Lt. Col. Thompson for note.
7. Four requests for materials submitted and urgently needed, as follows:-
  - (a) Road Carolio to Nisida - 240 quintals of Bitumen, and to authorize withdrawal from Pozzuoli quarries of 950 mc. rubble and 150 mc.
  - (b) Outlets <sup>storm</sup> ~~stop~~ water sewers near Via Caraccio, Naples, 300 quintals cement wanted, and request that contractor Martorelli be authorized to draw the cement from the Ilva Company at Bagnoli, contractor paying for it on delivery.
  - (c) Foundations of building Colonia Maria Vittorio Emanuele III at Arco Felice to prevent further sea damage, 650 mc rubble from Pozzuoli quarries and 300 mc sand from shore at Lucrino.



(d) State road San Gennaro from Pozzuoli to Lucrino, 7000 kilograms of bitumen required; intensely heavy traffic. I have passed these to Lt. Shepherd, in original, so that he can clear them as between Region III and his own branch.

8. A further list of materials required for 16 bridges furnished by the Genio Civile, Salerno office. Asking for 4<sup>2</sup>/<sub>2</sub> quintals cement, 505 mc lumber, 62 quintals steel and 378,000 bricks. Sig. Tizzano said that these cover requirements over the next 4 months. Passed in original to Lt. Shepherd to be discussed with Lt. Col. Thompson on return (in triplicate).

9. Lists of approved projects up to 30 April are being prepared by Provinces. A list of six projects totalling 8,772,606 lire was submitted period 1 to 10 May 1944 with actual sanctioning Decrees<sup>13</sup> attached. I am not sure whether our formal endorsement of this is required or not. (refer to documents in file marked 9 attached).

10. List of six projects totalling 2,398,000 lire submitted by Sig. Tizzano originating from his Potenza office, with complete file, plans, sections, etc. These six works all No. 1 priority. I have passed the complete file to Lt. Shepherd for examination, and he will be responsible for its safe return to the Genio Civile. *Formal approval part.*

11. A similar list covering five projects and totalling 12,300,000 lire all No. 1 priority, one at Battipaglia, three in Salerno Province and one in Catanzaro Province. Letter of formal approval being sent to Director-General and file handed over to Lt. Shepherd for similar action<sup>as</sup> in preceding paragraph.

12. Sig. Tizzano asked for 15 trucks for Calabria from the 200 trucks that A.A.I. are loaning to us. Lt. Shepherd noted this request.

13. Impressed on Sig. Tizzano that they must furnish, very urgently, drivers for the 200 trucks. They are available immediately but drivers must be furnished. *(later - modified)*

14. Sig. Tizzano had no real progress to report about requisitioning private vehicles for use of Genio Civile. Said that vehicles exist but have no tyres, etc. Instructed to send the officer they have on this special duty to see me on Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock when I will put him in touch with the proper people either in this office or in Region III office. Proper collaboration urgently necessary. Made clear to Sig. Tizzano that we can do no more than make these contacts. We will not do anything further about requisitioning. The definite action must be taken by them.

15. Notified that Major Chamberlin is taking over responsibility for Public Works with headquarters at Catanzaro and is taking some approved lists of projects with him from here. Sig. Tizzano promised to let us know the name of his officer at Catanzaro or Reggio.

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16. Notified that Sig. Russo is taking over the chief appointment in Sicily, at Palermo, in a few days' time.

17. Sig. Tizzano informed that Genio Civile are not taking instructions from military (engineer) officers in the way they should do in certain cases. He asked for specific instances, stating that he had given most positive orders about this to all his men. *Details* in financing projects also mentioned to Sig. Tizzano. *Delays*

18. He was asked to arrange for the replacement of Sig. Di Sanctis at Foggia, by a more energetic officer. Sig. Tizzano said it is a difficult matter and wanted to know if Foggia could not be placed under Bari (as it was before the war) in order to get over the difficulty. He was advised that we must keep "King's Italy" separate from the Army Zones because of differences in our degree of control.

19. He was informed that Palermo advises us that his engineers in Sicily had been instructed to go ahead with projects costing less than 200,000 lire without submitting them to us. He replied that he had authorized his staff to go ahead with urgent projects only and not to spend more than that sum on them, pending our approval. If we should reject them later, then the project would stop. His engineer was instructed to send a telegram ~~not~~ *about* ~~to find~~ any such cases. Lt. Col. Jenny thought this was a reasonable arrangement.

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DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SIG. TIZZANO ON TUESDAY, 2 MAY 1944.

Present: Lt. Col. Jenry  
Lt. Col. Rhodes  
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1) This was the first meeting with the new Minister. Arrangements made to visit Sicily on Friday, 5 May, Director, Minister and Sig. Tizzano. (Is it advisable to write Lt. Col. Bolick informing him?)

2) Two papers relating to contracts in Reggio handed to Sig. Tizzano. February and March (considerable delays.) Agreed all such should go to Genio Civile first, in future. Minister promised to send circular to all Provinces on this matter.

3) Repeated to Minister what was said to Sig. Tizzano last week about requisitioning vehicles. Minister agreed vitally important, and will take energetic action.

4) Minister informed that A.A.I. yesterday promised 200 trucks. About 250 Italian drivers required. Minister promised to arrange this, and also have parking and maintenance facilities at Salerno, Bari, Foggia and Naples or Caserta. These depots also to be used, later, on a larger scale when equipment arrives from U.S.A. Made clear to Minister ~~was~~ servicing and repairs an Italian responsibility, and they must make preliminary arrangements now.

5) Minister was reminded that transport is available in Sardinia and if they will arrange with their War Dept for trucks, etc to be shipped, say at Cagliari, we will endeavor to help in getting ship transport to Italy.

(Sig. Tizzano talked, again, about getting 15 trucks for transport of lignite. Reminded that this is a minor matter, compared with the main points discussed).

On ~~with~~ these matters (the 200 trucks coming now, ~~to~~ 250 drivers, service and parking arrangements, and regarding the big consignment coming from USA) Minister promised immediate active steps.

6) Sig. ~~Impiese~~ to get in touch with Lt. Cols. Thompson and Laboon about size of depots etc., for the 4,000 tons coming from USA. To be borne in mind that depots must be capable of being closed, and properly guarded.

7) No expectation that roads in Sardinia will require any of the fund, which has been started at 600 million lire. Must be made available, however, for Sicily at once. Also, generally, this fund must be made



freely and quickly available for use without calling on further A.L.G. financial assistance.

Sig. Tizzano gave long explanation of his difficulties with Italian Finance Ministry on this matter. Minister promised that he himself will take it up, so as to speed up the financial side in the matter of sanctions and approvals, or preferably eliminate Finance Department approvals altogether.

8) Impressed on Minister that more Italian engineering staff urgently needed. Minister said low salary scales are the main difficulty. Cannot get good men. Question of using Italian military engineering personnel also discussed. Minister will see War Minister, with that in view.

9) Salary scales discussed. Minister said had raised it at a recent cabinet meeting. Very unfavorably received. Added that A.C.C. hold the view that increased salaries may lead to more inflation. Lt. Col. Jenny stressed that absence of Italian engineering staff is practically sabotaging our efforts. Agreed that scales set out do not represent full emoluments. Agreed that Director will send letter to Minister pointing out the seriousness of present position. (Sig. Tizzano to give to Director a list with present details and his considered proposals.)

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10) Equipment lists regarding ports must be expedited.

11) Minister gave a copy of Major Hartman's letter concerning salvage of lighters and barges, and reminded that very little had been done on salvage program. ~~A fuller service required~~

12) ~~Survey~~ <sup>Service</sup> ~~req~~ required for shipyard facilities, in conjunction with Italian Ministry of Marine. Sig. Tizzano said this was a matter for Italian Minister of Industries.

13) Discussion about sunken ships in harbors (actual salvaged ships to be got up first).

Letting of contracts.

Question of getting over to mainland <sup>special</sup> ~~specific~~ firm recently operating in Sardinia. Minister promised quick action, and would get his Hydrographic Branch to work.

14) Records of expenditure on public works and reconstruction generally required, say up to 31 December 1943, and from 1 January 1944 to 30 April.

In any suitable form, by separating buildings, streets and roads, ports, utilities, sewers, war damage etc. ~~required~~ for Sicily and Sardinia separately from mainland. Agreed by Minister and Sig. Tizzano that ~~638~~ <sup>638</sup> have no knowledge at present of such expenditure. They agreed that it was an urgent matter.



15) Lt.Col.Lapper explained position regarding the 2 Decrees on rationing and price fixing for utilities. long discussion. Satisfactory immediate arrangement arrived at, and in future after our counter signature on such Decrees agreed that no changes will be made by anybody, at all, on Italian side. Minister agreed to try and get the position clear, so that decree will be passed at next meeting of Ministry on 11 May.

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CONFERENCE WITH SIGNOR TIZZANO.

25 April 1944. 2574

Present: Lt. Cols. Jenny, Rhodes, Thompson, Laboon.

The following matters were discussed:-

1. Projects within the 5th and 8th Army areas need not come to this Sub-Commission for approval. All others must come.
2. Sig. Tizzano raised the question of a cement factory near Benevento which has stocks of lignite coal. Sig. Tizzano was informed that Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, probably with us, will settle allocation of production. Not Lt. Col. Hensley. Sig. Tizzano to send particulars of factory and Lt. Col. Thompson may inspect ~~the~~ latter.
3. Sig. Tizzano wanted 15 or 20 trucks for transportation of lignite coal, now in two places. Suggested to him to get transportation from Italian Army in Sardinia. He said this would involve much delay in getting Italian Army to agree, and difficulties about ships. This matter raised a long discussion. At the end of the discussion Sig. Tizzano was told, very clearly, that it is time for him to establish a special staff for requisitioning of vehicles and transportation generally, working in with Prefectures and Police, taking special instructions from his Minister, or if necessary from Sig. Badoglio and, in general, "getting tough" about this whole question of requisitioning vehicles. Unless this is done, on his side, he was told that we must absolutely refuse any further transportation assistance except the vehicles that are included in the equipment demands to Washington, now in hand. These latter cannot be expected to arrive for a good many weeks. (This was ~~probably~~ the most important subject discussed at the conference).
4. Last night's air raid was discussed, and damages reported. Sig. Tizzano said that about 100 bombs had been dropped, according to his information.
5. Lists of equipment referred to in (3) above were shown to him, and a copy promised within a day or two. Instructed to have men ready to take over on arrival, probably a whole shipload at the port of Naples.
6. Visit to Sicily mentioned, ~~is~~ now an urgent matter. Director wants minister and Sig. Tizzano to accompany.
7. Understanding reached about certain huts at Benevento.
8. (a) Sig. Tizzano was asked (at each Tuesday morning meeting) to present to us on the first Tuesday of each month details of all expenditure on Cantoneri up to the end of the

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month but one before e.g. on the first Tuesday in May as <sup>up to</sup> the end of March and so on. This to be separated as to the two zones, South Italy and Army, and Cantieri expenditure on military highways to be shown separately from other ~~any~~ expenditure. (It was agreed that completeness and accuracy is the main point, and that a month in arrears should be sufficient for Sig. Tizzano's office to get the information ready.)

(b) On the contracts, each Tuesday we shall be supplied with a list of contracts signed already, to a certain date, not involving critical materials. Also a list of contracts proposed, with outline lists of critical materials required. These latter will be approved or disapproved on the spot, as far as possible.

(c) Generally, at these Tuesday morning meetings Sig. Tizzano will furnish in suitable form, as much financial information as possible ~~and~~ about the activities of his organization, from which we can take such extracts as we require. Details not required, but a broad outline in summarized form.

9. Lt. Col. Laboon raised the question of letting of contracts which amount only to labor "brokers". Sig. Tizzano advanced a number of reasons in favor of continuing the practice, and it seems unlikely that it will be altered.

10. Lt. Col. Laboon gave Sig. Tizzano a short list of special roads on which an average of five men to the kilometer should be provided. Sig. Tizzano promised to comply.

11. Lt. Col. Laboon also raised the question of complaints by Brigadier Dixon about Italian engineer staff not doing their best; not sufficiently active in districts like Bari, Potenza, Salerno, Cosenza, etc. If no improvement results may be serious, possibly dismissals. Sig. Tizzano raised the general question of insufficient salaries and travel allowances, stating that even high Italian officials get less pay than an American soldier. Lt. Col. Jenny asked him to furnish lists of actual salaries paid right down the scale to the lowest posts together with his suggestions for improvement. Sig. Tizzano promised to do this in a few days. Matter may be raised by us through Labor Sub-Commission.

12. Finally, pointed out to Sig. Tizzano that the contract for River Sele had not yet been signed.



Report of Conference with Minister De Caro.13 April 1944

A conference was held at this office on the following points:

1. New Engineer for Sicily. We had asked that a more vigorous man be appointed and the Minister stated his office was looking into the matter and would shortly have someone else for that job.
2. Visit to Sicily. The minister was asked to accompany the Director of this Sub-Commission on a trip to Sicily planned for some day the latter part of next week to review the present unsatisfactory situation and to settle numerous matters. The trip is scheduled for 20 April.
3. Order to their Engineers on Procedure and Financing. The minister stated that this was in hand, but was trying to work out some method of simplifying the procedure to expedite the work. Several methods were suggested including the transmission of correspondence through our engineers. It was agreed that the Minister should review all projects, sift them and only submit to us such projects he considers essential. We will then see what we can do on the question of materials.
4. Plants producing Construction Materials. The Minister was asked to have a thorough survey made of all plants, (cement, lime, brick, asphalt, stone quarries etc.) with a view to submitting to us a program for Italian operation under A.C.C. jurisdiction. Army forces have discussed this with us. Italians to supply all needs, Army and A.C.C. civil requirements.
5. Automobiles. The Minister was informed that we were not satisfied that they were doing all they could to requisition cars for themselves and that this required aggressive action on their part; that they should establish some kind of registry system and make individual checks on the use of cars. If licensed by A.C.C., but not essential now, we would assist in obtaining release. The Minister stated one of the difficulties was tires. He was advised that we were now looking into the problem of supplying tires for his dept. on requests approved by us.
6. New Decree re Utility Rates. The Minister was advised on our proposed procedure and what we believed needed in the way of a Decree, merely cancelling such portions of old Decrees referring, among other things, to Utility Rates. He was also told that our Finance Sub-Commission was planning to add a tax to users of electricity for heating and cooking and to increase the tax to the City of Naples on gas. On the question of whether one or two Decrees were needed he stated it would be better to have only one Decree to cover both, rate change and tax.
7. Equipment for Cantonieri. The Minister was advised of our effort to try to obtain highway construction equipment for them so as to put their highway construction forces on their feet again and function properly. However, in connection with that we would control the equipment during the war and wanted assurance that they would set up proper and adequate repair depots to keep this equipment in good repair.

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Report of Conference with Sig. De Caro, Under Secretary of Public Works  
Held in Naples 1 Feb. 1944.

Present: Sig. De Caro.  
Sig. Tizzano, Director of Public Works.  
Lt Col. L.A. Jenny, P.W. & M. Sub-Com.

1. Reports had been received from Army personnel that when Italian military engineer troops, or other troops, were used in highway work, the military officers wanted to direct work instead of the official Genio Civile under whose direction the troops were to function. The Minister stated that this was highly improper and that it had been agreed previously that when troops are used, their officers work under the direction of the Genio Civile.
2. The Minister agreed that they would do everything possible to expedite the reconstruction of military highways, now turned over to us by A.F.H.Q. and other military authorities, or to be turned over in the future.
3. The question of electric power rationing was discussed and it is thoroughly understood that military necessity is dictating the actions to be taken and that such actions are bound to be drastic.
4. The Minister will see that prompt action is taken on the issuance of a decree permitting utility rate increases. He stated that Sicily and Sardinia were to be more or less autonomous States and that, as he understood the problem, his Ministry would have nothing to do with rate problems on these islands. (This is of extreme importance. We have maintained that these problems must be solved on a national level.)
5. The P.W. Ministry has appointed an Engineer to handle Industrial rehabilitation problems. After some questioning it was not clear as to just where the division will be between Public Works and Industry and Commerce. It is apparent that much work will shortly have to be done to rehabilitate essential industries, but it is equally apparent that there must be close cooperation between P.W. and Ind. and Commerce. The Minister will hold further conferences on this and advise at an early date as to the decision reached regarding division and authority and who is to carry the engineering work to be done.



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6. Sometime ago M. Tizzano was advised that we had received information to the effect that there were several small shipyards available where, with some reconstruction, small ships could be built or repaired. He stated that an engineer had been appointed to look into this matter and make a report at an early date. The Minister expressed appreciation for calling this, and many other things to their attention; and stated that they were anxious to get such plants functioning as work in such plants had a very far reaching effect. They would rebuild the plants to be operated by their owners.
  7. The Minister has asked for permission to move the seat of his Ministry to SCAPATI, a small town just south of Pompei within Salerno Province. He stated that at this place he could have all of his personnel together, that there was space available for immediate occupancy and that it would be so much nearer to Naples where much of the work must be done. He was advised that this matter would have to be taken up with higher authority and that an effort would be made to advise him as soon as possible.



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Conference at PBS (Engr) H.Q. Wed. 26 Jan. 44.

Present..... Col Burns      PBS      Eng.  
 Capt Johnson      "      "  
 Sig. Pugliese      Gen. Civ.  
 Col. Messore      Italian Engrs. (Military)  
 Maj Tizzano      "      "

1. Re addl. roads N. of Naples, that Col. Burns is anxious we should take over at once, I have given you copy of a letter 25 Jan. sent by him to DDW at AFHQ, together with a large scale map. This was the main object of my visit, but as I was leaving Col. Burns said he had the Gen. Civ. and Gen. Militare coming almost at once, and he would like me to stay and take part in the discussion. I agreed. Owing to interpreter troubles the discussion lasted nearly two hrs.
2. The following points emerged :-
  - (a) Conference was to settle preliminary details about those same roads, and (more important) to find out whether Ital. Gen. Mil. can assist Gen. Civ.
  - (b) Capt Johnson is going over them with a rep. of Sig. Pugliese at once, but only for general information. No orders will be given, except through us.  
 If we do not hear from AFHQ officially, about the letter 25 Jan., we must remind them within 2 days.
  - (c) I explained the financial arrangements we have made (with Fin. SC) and said I did not think the addl. roads would cause any difficulty on that score.
  - (d) Col. Burns will arrange to pass to us any debits for US Army assistance, like the DDW, so that Ital. Govt. can ultimately be debited.
  - (e) Sig. Pugliese said what we have been told before i.e. he will want both transport and certain materials. Col. Burns agreed, but before committing himself turned to Col. Messore (Gen. Mil.) and asked what help he could give.
  - (f) This led to an endless and not very conclusive talk, Col. Messore saying he has literally nothing, no lorries or materials, or men. He said he would like to have a military zone given him where he could work separately from the Gen. Civ.; his men recalled from furlough, and various other such demands. Not favourably received by Col. Burns, who said the calling up of soldiers would mean demands for boots, clothing, and food; and he does not favour separate areas or zones.
  - (g) Agreed, eventually, that neither Col Burns nor us (ACC) will have any dealings with the Gen. Mil., but if they give any help at all it must be within the framework of the Gen. Civ. Col. Burns will deal with us, exclusively, and we to deal with Gen. Civ. exclusively.
  - (h) We got the impression that the Gen. Mil. were not very keen on doing anything, though we hope we may be mistaken. Col. Burns insisted, however, that we have a right (or he has) to have an inventory of their

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resources, large or small, and of their qualified officers etc.

Col. Burns and I agreed this matter to be of such importance that it might be as well to approach the matter through the Minister of P.W., with a view to orders being given by the Minister of War, to General Basso and through him to Col. Messore. (Gen. Basso has offered to help, and is perhaps more co-operative than his subordinates; technical).

This aspect of the matter is for your consideration, as a matter of policy.

- (i) At the moment, however, Sig. Pugliese said he has quite enough technical staff and can carry on. Also has many contrs.
- (h) Col. Messore again talked about a distinction between military and civil roads. He was told there could be no such distinction. If he helps the Gen. Civ. it must be as and where required, under arrangements to be worked out between him and Sig. Pugliese (and Sig. Tizzano)
- (g) Agreed, that roads pre-existing town to town or village to village, and that will continue to exist after the war, may any of them come into the picture. And the only strictly mil. rds. are probably those newly made for special purposes, e.g. to dumps etc etc. (PBS will continue to look after these themselves.)

This conference was of some importance, and it may be as well to send a copy of these notes to Col. Burns, for his records.

- 3. In the meantime, and in advance of getting further orders from AFHQ about these rds. N. of Naples, I said we could probably arrange for an officer to go over them with a Gen Civ engineer. Capt. Johnson is doing so himself, at once.

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P.S.

I gathered that quite a lot of the work N. of Naples is the clearing of ditches, & improving drainage etc. This will involve only man-power, & the simplest tools. No special plant or materials needed, except in certain places.

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