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POINTS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS

- Conference 13 December 1944 -

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1.- Problems under consideration.

- (a) Increase of the number of engineers working on various public works. *(many complaints)*
- (b) Increase in salaries of engineers.
- (c) Setting up of Electricity Rationing Committees in Southern Region.
- (d) Financing of many projects. Projects are approved but apparently no funds are made available. Too much delay in financing.
- (e) Housing Decree. Passing and publication of Decree. *over comments*
- (f) Provision for financing of Housing Projects.
- (g) Provision for increase of engineer and architectural personnel to handle Housing under Ministry of Public Works. Arrangements for increased financial appropriation to meet this increased personnel.
- (h) Necessity of Genio Civile engaging and paying Bonifiche engineers.
- (i) Defascistisation (Epuration). On 7th December was requested a report on status of epuration within Ministry of Public Works. Report requested by Higher Authority A.C.

2.- Organisation of Public Works Ministry.

See my recommendation of 20th September 1944.

3.- Organisation for reconstruction of Italy.

Recommendations submitted. Effective organisation most essential to success.

4.- Organisation of Work turned over to Italian Government.

All civil projects requiring no critical materials from the other Allies no longer require A.C. approval in accordance with recent instructions issued. Most essential that Italian engineers be properly organized and that a spirit of high accomplishment be inculcated into these engineers, so that they may carry on the additional very heavy duties in such a manner as to do credit to the Ministry of Public Works and avoid criticism of the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission for having prematurely granted these additional functions handled independently by Italian Engineers.

5.- Organisation for North Italy.

It is necessary to have high type engineers available to go to Northern Italy to take over important engineering functions in case present engineers may not be available when this territory is liberated or who may be found undesirable. It is desired that Italian engineers engage in the planning necessary for the early reconstruction of this area, so as to permit them to carry on these functions with as little Allied control as the military situation may permit.

6.- Control of Building Materials.

Due to excessive costs some central control would seem to be needed. Recommendations submitted.

7.- Present Status of Responsibility.

A statement is submitted outlining the present status of responsibility of Allied and Italian engineers.

8.- 150 Million Dollar Importation.

Proper division must first be made of amounts or percentages of total sum available to be allocated to each of the interested Ministries. Then details for requirements up to that sum for each Ministry.

9.- Statistics.

It is extremely important that reliable and proper statistics be prepared each month to show the number of projects in hand in each Province, the number of new projects, the number of projects completed, with costs in each case, the number of bridges destroyed and the number of those rebuilt or under construction, the number of people engaged during the month on public works, etc. The total figures in each case will be so staggering and such convincing proof of the work being done by the Italian engineers, under our supervision, that proper authorities and, in some instances, the public should know about these, so as to appreciate what is being done.

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

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MEETING OF RECONSTRUCTION COMMITTEES -
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS
 and
PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES SUB-COMMISSION

28 November 1944

Present:

Ministry of Public Works:

Signor Tizzano, Director General,
 " Prezioso, Chief of Housing Division,
 " Visentini, Chief of Electrical Divn.

Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission:

Col. Jenny, Director,
 " Thompson, Chief Public Works Division,
 Capt. Laughlin, representing Chief of
 Electrical Division.

HOUSING.

The question of expediting Housing and of setting up a proper procedure and organisation on the Italian side was discussed in considerable detail. We pointed out that we were afraid that, unless the work were considerably decentralised, the machinery would be apt to break down; that too much clerical responsibility seemed to be placed upon the local Genio Civile and that more use should be made and more responsibility placed upon the Prefects and Sindacos of the various Communes; that these should appoint committees to work out the problems of receiving applications and of paying amounts due to owners for work done upon the approval of the Genio Civile; that this work was more of a political and clerical nature and could more advantageously be handled in that manner than directly by the Administration Division of the Genio Civile.

Mr. Tizzano and his Committee members seemed to feel that, having had much experience with such procedures, *6/8/44*

work would be seriously retarded, if it were not left wholly to the Genio Civile with such assistance, as may be given by the Prefect and the Sindaco, who always should have certain responsibilities in connection with this work. It was pointed out that after the last war they functioned in a similar manner, in order to provide roofs over people's heads who were homeless and to get quick action, which was not possible when handled by other branches of the Government. Col. Jenny pointed out that at the present time we were primarily interested in emergency housing problems and not long term planning; that the present and immediate program will only represent a very small fraction of the total rehabilitation necessary and that it would be foolish at this time to think of long term housing rehabilitation procedure.

Mr. Tizzano stated that that was exactly their program and that after the war they would probably be organising Entes to do the permanent reconstruction of houses, the same as stated in North Italy after the last war. Mr. Tizzano also stated that he felt their present procedure was the most efficient and they want to get quickest results, speaking from long experience with such matters in Italy.

Col. Jenny pointed out that while A.C. was deeply interested in this problem, it was now an Italian responsibility and that we would make that point clear should any complaints be made, and that if the Genio Civile failed in this the head of the Italian housing division would probably get his head chopped off.

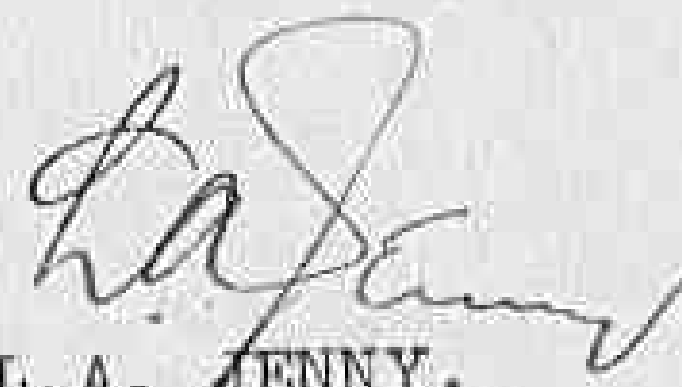
Mr. Tizzano was asked to submit to us an outline of the organisation and a program of procedure on which we may offer suggestions if we believe that modifications should be made therein.

ELECTRICAL REHABILITATION.

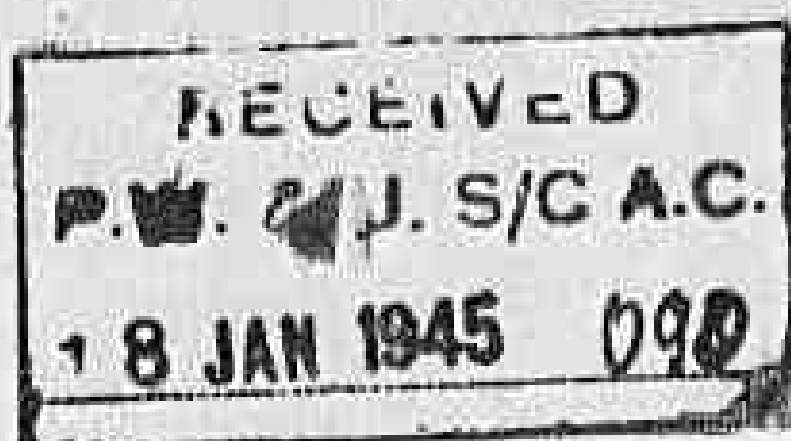
In the way of electrical rehabilitation Col. Jenny pointed out that he would like to have the Italians appoint a Liaison Officer to work more closely with the Electrical Division of the P.W. & U. S/C.

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Mr. Tizzano will look into this question and try to find some suitable official. He stated that it was appreciated that this was a helpful forward step which would allow the Ministry of Public Works to be more fully acquainted with the work which the P.W. & U. Sub-Commission must, of necessity, continue to do as a Military requirement, but which will some day become their responsibility.


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

C.c. to: Signor Tizzano,
Economic Section.



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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17 January 1945

SUBJECT: Memorandum on Meeting with Minister Ruini.

TO : Col. Jenny

1. Reference para 7 of the memorandum on meeting with Minister Ruini, 12 Jan 45.

2. Because of the considerable ramifications of the subject matter of the reference paragraph, it is requested that discussions on the subject not be held with Minister Ruini by individual Sub-Commissions, but be referred to the Economic Section.

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L.D. DENSMORE
Colonel, FA
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

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MEMORANDUM, MEETING WITH
MINISTER RUINI, 12 JAN.45.

I t e m s d i s c u s s e d :

1.- HOUSING DECREE.

The Minister was given a Memorandum outlining some of the comments which we had to offer and which he will consider in connection with the possible modification of the two Decrees, so as to clarify some of the clauses of the Decrees and inequalities in connection with refunds.

2.- UTILITY RATES.

The Minister was asked to review the Decree which had been framed several months ago and upon which we had offered comments. This Decree would legalise surcharges to be made instead of permitting rate increases which we consider improper while economic conditions are so unstable in Italy. The Minister, not having seen the Decree, will look into the matter promptly.

3.- DIFFICULTY ON FINANCING.

It was pointed out to the Minister that we still had difficulty with numerous projects because of lack of financing. The Minister stated that he was aware of this condition and was hopeful that with the money now made available this condition would no longer exist in the future.

4.- DEVASTATION QUESTIONNAIRE REPORTS.

Some time early in September the Minister of Public Works sent out 22 different types of questionnaires to be answered, giving full information regarding damage to various types of structures. As we have not received any information on that subject, we are anxious to have

these questionnaires turned in. The Minister will press this matter from his end as much as possible.

5.- FEES FOR GENIO CIVILE.

The Minister was advised that we had received reports that the Genio Civile in some cases were accepting percentage fees from contractors. As we did not think this a proper practice, he was asked to look into the matter.

6.- GENIO CIVILE HOLDING MORE THAN ONE JOB.


It was pointed out to the Minister that we had been informed of numerous occasions where some of the Genio Civile were holding more than one official position and were being paid for all of these positions. In view of the large amount of work placed in the hands of these officials it was considered wholly improper for them to hold more than ^{one} official position. If the Government wished them to act as Advisers to certain other Government agencies, they should do so without extra remuneration.

7.- DIVISION OF CREDIT IN U.S.

The Minister was asked to try to establish some method of division of the credit to be established in the U.S. for exports to Italy, so that plans can be made shortly for placing orders in the U.S. for equipment to be paid out of that fund.

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The Minister stated that in many of the above named points he was actively engaged in working on the problems indicated and that he hoped to get these matters settled before long. He is fully aware of some of the problems cited above and will take energetic action.


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

c.c. to: Economic Section,
" " Minister of P.W.

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

REFERENCE : 090/PWU.

22 Dec. 44.

SUBJECT : Minutes of Meeting, held 21 Dec. 44.

TO : Ministry of Public Works.
(Attn: Director General).
Economic Section

1. We enclose copy of minutes of meeting held at these H.Q., on Thursday 21 Dec. 44., for your information.

B/F to me
on 27/12
G.E.
G.E. RHODES
Lt-Colonel, R.E.,
Deputy Director.

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NOTES RE MEETING WITH SIG. TIZZANO. (Director General).21st December 1944.

PRESENT : Lt-Col. Jenny
 Lt-Col. Thompson
 Lt-Col. Rhodes

1. Sig. Tizzano explained the unfortunate event that happened this morning, resulting in the Minister returning to his office, through the mistaken zeal of the sentries (in this building). Lt-Col. Jenny at once went to see the Minister, in order personally to express his extreme regret, and to apologise for the occurrence. The circumstances are now the subject of an investigation at A.C. Hdqrs.
2. In the Minister's absence, the following matters were discussed.
 - (a) Utility Companies. (Increase of rates to consumers)
 Sig. Tizzano was asked to try and simplify the procedure for handling these applications. He said that the administrative organization, and the number of Ministries concerned, make it all very complicated. As a matter of urgency he promised to inform the Minister, and in turn to inform us, so that quicker decisions can be reached. (It has been made clear to them, for some time, that we wished to be no longer concerned, save as holding a mere "watching brief" on behalf of the Allied Commission). The matter has a bearing on the letter No. 027002 Ministry Ind. & Comm., to Allied Commission dated 12 Dec. 44.
 - (b) Housing repairs (Decree). Subsidies and Grants.
 This is now law, but the question arises as to the "machinery" by and through which executive action is to be taken.
 - (1) We said that the burden of taking decisions, dealing with applications from private persons by the thousand, and all the rest, should not fall on the already over-burdened Gen. Civile.

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Sig. Tizzano apparently had ideas that they (his organization) should take it on. We stressed that the Genio Civile should be technicians only, and advisers, and perhaps in some cases the ^{co-}operative agency. But they would be well-advised to keep clear of all the vexatious claims and counter-claims that will arise, the purely financial aspects of the matter, and also its many personal and political aspects. They should stick to their normal duty as Engineers and Builders, and confine themselves to carrying out such decisions as may be arrived at by properly constituted official local councils, committee, or whatever they may be called. We pointed out that in England there is distribution of the detailed work amongst about 1400 Local Authorities, each working with a Regional Office of the War Damage Commission, and that the (British) Ministry of Works merely carries out decisions arrived at by these others. The utmost degree of de-centralisation is the solution.

- (2) What the local councils or committees may be, their terms of reference, and their constitution, is a matter for the Italian Government to decide. Certain it is that the Decree will remain largely useless, unless and until simple and effective local machinery is set up to administer it.

- (3) Points mentioned included :-
Whether the local deciding authority should be at Provincial or Compartimento levels?

Who should be on it? Prefects, Sindacos, local Capo of Genio Civile, local men with tech. knowledge and business experience..... and so on.

- (4) Sig. Tizzano promised to bring these matters to the notice of the Minister, and to inform us of the result.

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

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CONFERENCE WITH SIGNOR TIZZANO7th December 1944.

The following questions were discussed : -

1. Housing Projects for Calabria.

Signor Tizzano was asked what had been done regarding the Housing project submitted to us a few days ago by our engineer in Calabria and which we transmitted to the Ministry of Public Works for decision because of the fact that these Housing problems are now an Italian function, but in which we are deeply interested.

Mr. Tizzano stated that the project was reviewed and instructions had been sent to their engineer in Calabria to proceed with a portion of the program submitted; that the total project was too large for them to handle at this time making it necessary to concentrate on the most essential first-aid projects.

2. Payment of Bonifiche engineers.

Mr. Tizzano was informed that we had received information to the effect that in several cases it was necessary to engage the engineers working for Bonifiche projects in the restoration of such projects but that, owing to the flooding of large areas the farmers were unable to make their proper contributions, making it necessary for the Genio Civile to engage these engineers to assist them and to pay the wages of these engineers.

Mr. Tizzano stated that he would have instructions issued to the various Genio Civile, particularly in the areas north of Rome authorising the Genio Civile to engage these engineers to assist him in the restoration of Bonifiche projects.

3. Defascistisation.

Mr. Tizzano was asked for the status of defascistisation

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within the Ministry of Public Works, as we had received a request for a report.

Mr. Tizzano will look into this matter and render a report as quickly as possible.

4. Total program of reconstruction.

Mr. Tizzano was advised that A.C. desires to have information on the total requirements in the rehabilitation of Italy and that such requirements should indicate : -

- (a) - the quantities of various types of machines, plant or equipment needed by categories in such detail as it was possible to give them,
- (b) - the estimated cost of such materials.

The above program to be all inclusive segregated between requirements South of the Pisa-Rimini line and estimates for North Italy, giving the basis and assumptions used in arriving at the estimates for North Italy.

Mr. Tizzano will arrange to have such an overall program prepared and submitted to us possibly in two weeks.

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

c.c. to: Mr. Tizzano
Economic Section.

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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING WITH
MR. TIZZANO - 24th Nov. 44.

1. Money for Housing Projects.

Mr. Tizzano was advised that we had received many complaints because the Housing projects were all being held up because of lack of financing. The Ministry should make temporary arrangements for financing these projects pending the approval of the Decree, so as not to hold up the work. The situation is very serious.

2. Delay on projects in Littoria.

We had received numerous complaints that projects in the Province of Littoria, outside of the Bonifica projects, were being held up because of lack of financing. The statement was made that over 12 million lire worth of miscellaneous projects were held up. Something should be done immediately.

3. People working on Public Works projects.

Mr. Tizzano was asked to furnish us every month a statement indicating the number of people that had actually been working on works of all kinds under the Genio Civile. That includes men working for contractors, men engaged by local Authorities for debris clearing or other similar projects. We were advised that in Messina Province alone over 100,000 people were actually engaged in one way or another on public works, as there was no other work to do. It is very important for the Ministry of Public Works, as well as this Sub-Commission, to have this information.

4. Complaints from Southern Region.

(a) Mr. Tizzano was advised that we had received complaints that Mr. Ruggiero was not functioning properly in connection with electrical rehabilitation. It was recommended that he concentrate on water problems and that another man with practical experience on electric power problems be engaged

to handle gas and electricity problems for the Southern Region.

(b) The Electricity Rationing Committees which were supposed to be set up in every Province, have not been set up in the Southern Region, and only in some Provinces they are functioning. It is important that all Provinces be organized, so as to be ready to handle such problems, should any emergency occur requiring work to be done.

5. In view of the large area to be covered it is very important that Mr. Pugliese have more assistants who are capable of going out into the field and review work being done. At the present time such supervision as is given is mostly by Allied officers. As we withdraw these officers, the Italians must function themselves. We have a very considerable responsibility in this connection and by giving the Genio Civile the liberties which were given them recently, it is most important that they function properly, so as to merit the confidence placed in them and not to make it necessary for us to withdraw the liberties given.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 394
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

REFERENCE : 090/PU.
SUBJECT : Minutes of Meeting, held 14 Nov. 44.
TO : Minister of Public Works.
H.E. Pietro MANCINI.

16 November 1944.

1. We enclose copy of minutes of Meeting held at these
H.Q. on Tuesday 14 Nov. 44., for your information. and personal perusal.

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

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3. Major W.

4. Mr Solomon.

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14 November 1944.

Meeting with Minister Sig. Mancini, Tuesday 14 November.

Present : Minister

Sig. TIZZANO

Lt-Col. JENNY

Lt-Col. RHODES

Lt-Col. THOMPSON

- 1) Letter re. retention of Sig. TIZZANO was handed to Minister.
- 2) Housing.

Minister said Italian Government is really determined to go ahead. Finance is a constant difficulty. He has 500 M.L. block grant, to spend at his discretion.

As to new Decree we will let him have our comments very shortly.

Discussion about the words "may" or "will" in the Decree. Minister explained that the former word really means the latter one - (As to this we still remain unconvinced).

Minister said it may be some weeks before Decree is in force.

- 3) Reorganisation (Ministry Public Works).

Little progress has been made, on our letter of September. Still five or six high Officials on administrative work and only one on technical. Minister stated that former are all fully employed.

- 4) Appointment of Sig. ROLITA (Commissario Elettricità Roma).

Minister told we have no objection to the appointment but it must be very clearly understood that the appointment will carry no power whatever as to the rehabilitation and reconstruction program, in view of ARHQ Memorandum No. 43 dated 5th October last.

Similarly, he will have no power whatever as to allocation and distribution of energy in Rome, which remains a function of Rome Area Allied Command. His recent Press articles must stop if he is made an official. If he has any suggestion or complaints to make, after his appointment, he will make them exclusively to this Sub-Commission or to Rome Area Allied Command **646** respectively, under the two matters mentioned.

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5) Extension of powers to Italian Government (Public Works).

Minister informed that within next few days instructions will be issued to our Regional Engineers, effective immediately, to the effect that all civil projects, irrespective of their cost, provided they involve no critical materials from the Allies, can be carried out without further reference to this Sub-Commission. The Minister's Department will prepare and approve the plans and calculations, arrange financing, provide supervision, and see them through to completion.

Our Finance Sub-Commission have officers stationed at the Italian Finance Ministry, and they will check expenditure and

review financing questions. The Minister may come to us in cases of special difficulty or urgency. It was very specifically stressed to the Minister that he must be prepared, in the exercise of these wide powers, to take a firm stand against political and private interests. The measure of his success may, in fact, lie more in the direction of rejecting schemes in large numbers, rather than in approving them. (The recent case of the 8 M.L. scheme for Rome University was given by Lt-Col. THOMPSON as an example of this).

The Minister was promised our full assistance and advice in any doubtful cases, or cases where he may feel that our "backing" is necessary, when he may have to withstand outside pressure.

We said that we would regard it as very unfortunate, for example, if it should come to our notice in the future, that time, money, and materials were being spent on colleges, churches, or hundreds of other really unessential works, whilst at the same time there are hundreds of bridges to be rebuilt, and hundreds of thousands of people without proper homes to live in.

The Minister said he was in full agreement with these views, and he would see that his Department acts in accordance with them.

6) Sardinia, Sicily, Calabria.

We have had no representative in Sardinia for the last two months. The Minister said that Sig. BUTTINI, now in charge, is leaving Cagliari owing to various local troubles. We said the matter was no concern of ours under present circumstances, but that the Regional Commissioner is still there, to give any general administrative advice.

By 1st January 1945 the position in Sicily will be the same as Sardinia, our one officer there being withdrawn at the end of December.

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(The Minister will write both to Sicily and Calabria accordingly, with instructions to make contact with our representatives, preparatory to taking over).

7) Monthly reports.

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statistical purposes).

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

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MINISTERO
DEI
LAVORI PUBBLICI

Alla Commissione Alleata di Controllo
Sottocommissione Lavori Pubblici
e Pubblici Servizi -
Quartier Generale

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Prot. No. 1777
Risposta al foglio del 28.10.1944
No. ACC/050/EWU.

SUBJECT: Answer to the notes concerning the meeting of 24 Oct. 1944.

1. The legislative measures for the allocation of 2 milliards Lire for reconstruction of hydro-electric plants has been approved by the Cabinet of Ministers and has been submitted to the proposing Minister for his signature. As soon as available, a copy will be forwarded to you.

2. The Decree covering subsidies and loans in connection with Housing Repairs was approved as the 7 Nov. by Council of Ministers and the application of this Decree is now up to the Ministry of P.W. I attach a copy of the approved decree.

3. Re salaries of G. Civile: There are fixed salaries plus recent increases, plus additions for bombardment indemnity (this is not paid in all Provinces), plus a family allowance which varies according to family make-up.

In Rome Province, the total inclusive of all allowances (excludes family allowance) is as follows:

Engineers

4th Grade	6,500	lire	8th Grade	3,400	lire
5th "	5,800	"	9th "	3,100	"
6th "	4,300	"	10th "	2,600	"
7th "	4,000	"			

Surveyors

8th Grade	3,500	lire
9th "	3,200	"
10th "	2,900	"

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Assiatants

8th Grade	2,600	lire
9th "	2,200	"
10th "	1,800	"

Because of the actual cost of living, these aforesaid allowances should be tripled, in order to provide for minimum indispensable needs.

But such an increase if applied only to Genio Civile Officials, would create disproportion with the treatment of employees of other Govt. Administrations and therefore it is foreseen that such a proposal would be unacceptable.

This being so, and bearing in mind the urgent need of bettering the Genio Civile salaries (note that theirs is not the normal sedentary office work but rather is the preparation of surveys for planning, directing and accounting for work) we hold the opinion that increases in the form of percentages on the planning and direction of works should be paid: these to be proportionate with reference to the Officials grade.

The Minister

(signed: P. Mancini)

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Al la Commissione Alleata di Controllo
Sottocommissione Lavori Pubblici e Pub-
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Risposta al foglio del 22.10.1944

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ROMA

OGGETTO

Risposta agli appunti concernenti la riunione del 24 ottobre 1944.

- I. Il provvedimento legislativo per l'assegnazione di due miliardi per la ricostruzione degli impianti idroelettrici è stato già approvato dal Consiglio dei Ministri e trovandosi in corso di firma da parte dei Ministri proponenti. Non appena se ne avrà una copia sarà trasmessa a codesta Commissione.
2. Il decreto per la concessione di contributi e mutui per le riparazioni delle case sinistrate è stato approvato il 7 corrente in Consiglio dei Ministri. Le relative attribuzioni vengono deferite al Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici.
Unisoc copia del decreto approvato ieri.
3. Gli assegni corrisposti ai funzionari del Genio Civile si compongono di una parte fissa (vecchi stipendi maggiorati dei recenti aumenti), di un'aggiunta per indennità di bombardamento, che non viene corrisposta per tutte le provincie, e di un'aliquota per assegni familiari, variabile da funzionario a funzionario a seconda della composizione della propria famiglia.

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 Dir. _____
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OGGETTO

Risposta agli appunti concernenti la riunione del 24 ottobre 1944.

- I. Il provvedimento legislativo per l'assegnazione di due miliardi per la ricostruzione degli impianti idroelettrici è stato già approvato dal Consiglio dei Ministri e trovasi in corso di firma da parte dei Ministri proponenti. Non appena se ne avrà una copia sarà trasmessa a codesta Commissione.
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Per la Provincia di Roma, mediamente, gli assegni, comprese tutte le aggiunte di cui sopra, sono i seguenti :

Ingegneri			
Grado		Grado	
4°	I. 6.500	8°	I. 3.400
" 5°	" 5.800	" 9°	" 3.100
" 6°	" 4.300	" 10°	" 2.600
" 7°	" 4.000		

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Geometri

Grado 8°	L.	3.500
" 9°	"	3.200
" 10°	"	2.900

Assistenti

Grado 8°	L.	2.500
" 9°	"	2.200
" 10°	"	1.800

Fer poter soddisfare i bisogni minimi indispensabili, in relazione al costo della vita odierna, gli assegni sopraindicati dovrebbero essere triplicati.

Un tale aumento per i soli funzionari del Genio Civile porterebbe però ad una sperequazione nel trattamento economico degli impiegati delle altre Amministrazioni statali, ed è da prevedere che una proposta del genere non verrebbe accolta.

Ciò stante, e tenuto conto della necessità assoluta di migliorare i detti stipendi, ai funzionari del Genio Civile, in considerazione che essi non svolgono attività sedentaria d'ufficio, ma provvedono anche ai rilevamenti per la progettazione, per la direzione e contabilizzazione dei lavori, si esprime parere che, in aggiunta agli assegni suesposti, potrebbe corrispondersi un compenso, proporzionale agli assegni stessi, ed in relazione al grado, sotto forma di percentuale per progettazione e direzione dei lavori.

IL MINISTRO

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Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici
GABINETTO

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Oggetto: Appunti concernenti la riunione
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Roma, 5 NOV. 1944

Alla Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione Lavori Pub-
blici e Servizi -
Quartiere Generale

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Con riferimento alla nota A.C.C./090/P.W.U. in data 28 ottobre 1944 si restituisce una copia degli appunti presi durante la riunione tenuta il 26 ottobre in merito ai quali non vi sono osservazioni da fare.

Si comunica, peraltro, che il decreto riguardante la costruzione e riparazione di alloggi sarà riesaminato dal Consiglio dei Ministri nella seduta del 7 novembre 1944.

IL MINISTRO

Alcide De Amicis

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5 Nov. 1944
Director

*The Ministry for
Economic Relations
with the Italian Republic
has received the English
version of the report
and is asked for
copy*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

URGENT & PERSONAL

ACC/090/PWU

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.R.
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: -

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

<u>Ital.Govt.</u>	<u>His Excellency Sig.Mancini</u>	- <u>Minister of P.W.</u>
	<u>Sig. Tizzano</u>	- <u>Dir.Gen. P.W.</u>

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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".

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

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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.

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

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