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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 594  
ECONOMIC SECTION

*Col. J. R. Campbell*  
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5.10/ES

25 November 1944

SUBJECT: Salvage.

TO : Agriculture S/C - Pub. Wks. & Util. S/C  
Commerce Sub-Comm. - Transportation S/C  
Industry S/C - Finance S/C

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APO 394

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20th November 1944

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IN REPLY QUOTE : H4/ENG/700.1

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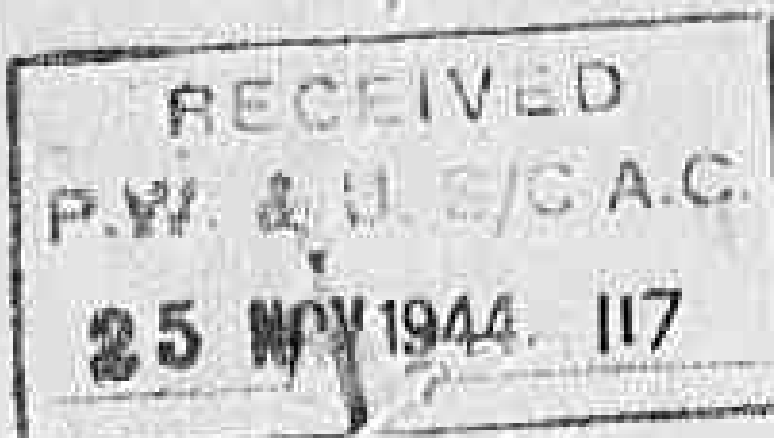
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Out on distributor list of salvaged material  
 British: No restrictions on removal for  
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Paper, Books, chain, books, coffee, biscuits  
 small M.G. sets, picks - shovels  
 Angles, iron plates, pipe etc.

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APO 324

9th November 1944

REPORT ON THE MEETING HELD AT THE CAMPIDOCIO BY THE COMMISSION  
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2. Town Councillor Canina expressed his astonishment that notwithstanding this surplus of electric power, a recent diminution has been brought to the tramway services. The situation of transport in Rome has become desperate. Incidents due to overcrowding in trams are increasing and it is foreseen that they will undergo a further increase.

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In week days every body comes out of work, and school, at 13 and not at 15 hrs.

3. Ing. Rovelli explains that the Allies do not want coal to be consumed in order to supply the necessary quantity of power to make trams go in those hours.

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4. Assessor Gerini, Ing. Lattanzi and assessor Libonati say that the tram service is an essential necessity for the population and the Allies should understand it and allow that the necessary coal should be burnt. As for the time-table it is necessary that, once that the necessary quantity of power has been assigned, the A.T.A.G. should arrange services as they think best.

5. The press representative Todd requests that, according to what proposed in preceding meeting, the streets should be slightly illuminated, on account of the augmenting of Night assaults.

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10. Ing. Poinelli of A.T.A.G. makes a report on the arrangements made with the Transportation ~~Department~~ <sup>Authority</sup> to organize a public service to complete the tram one by requisitioning 400 taxis and 400 small camions to use for this purpose. This project cannot be realized. But he says that the 400 and more small camions that actually are going about Rome use about 6000 Kg. of fuel. If an equal quantity of fuel were used in Diesel Stations 20.000 KWH could be supplied and he would be able to organize a tram service 50% su-

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terior to the actual one.

11. To this purpose the representative of the Transportation office says that his office has always excess of Naphta and that the preceding month he had to refuse more than 200,000 Kg. of it. He could propose to pass this excess of Naphta to the AGRA which would transform it in electric power.

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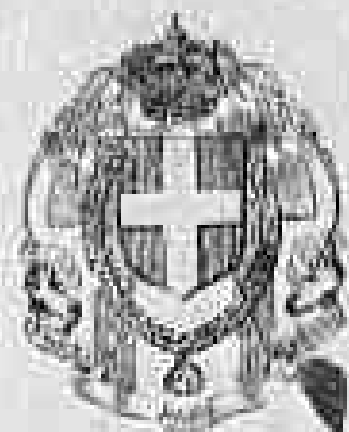
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15. The Assessore Canina says that night work will not be possible until the problem of night transport and street light so necessary for the safety of workers will be solved. He closes the meeting saying that the Commission will meet again when the Prime Minister will refer to the above Commission the result of steps taken.

*Ing. Ramer*

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**MINISTERO DEI LAVORI PUBBLICI**  
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~~SERVIZIO TECNICO CENTRALE~~  
 DISTRIBUZIONE ENERGIA ELETTRICA

Roma, 27 ottobre 1944

Prot. N° 230 Allegati

Risposta a nota del

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OGGETTO: Riunione Commissione

*Ala* COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CON-  
 TROLLO = SOTTOCOMMISSIONE  
 LAVORI E SERVIZI PUBBLICI

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Pregiomi comunicare che questa Commissione  
 si riunirà martedì 31 corrente alle ore sedici pres-  
 so il Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici (IV° piano, stanza  
 n. 80).

Si gradirebbe l'intervento di un rappresen-  
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IL PRESIDENTE  
 (ing. Marco Visentini)

*M Visentini*

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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE 112.

Acting Director

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FORWARD REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS'  
CONFERENCE AT SIENA

- Wednesday, 27 Sept. 44 -

1.

I attended the above named Conference as representative of the P.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

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Reference was made to the weakness of the Government, as exemplified by the bad organisation of the Caruso trial and the failure of the Carabinieri to maintain order and to prevent the lynching of Carretta.

From right to left the Government appears to be unanimous on one point, viz. that the A.C.C. does not allow the Government sufficient responsibility. In this connection the change in the title (and, presumably, functions) of the Commission, as already noted above, was remarked upon.

(d) Transfer of officers.

There was a lengthy discussion about the transfer of officers from A.M.G. (Armies) to Regional staffs under formation. Strong opposition was voiced by Brigadier General HULE (5th Army A.M.G.), but 8th Army A.M.G. raised no

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objection. It was argued by General Hume and other officers that it is wrong to withdraw officers from jobs in which they are doing vital work, merely to transfer them to formations in which they can at present take part only in planning. Brigadier LUSH, in reply, insisted that such transfers were absolutely necessary and he asked everyone to bear in mind the unfortunate <sup>fact</sup> ~~and~~ undeniable ~~effect~~ that, because our ceiling strength is so low - and not likely to be raised - the efficiency of our organisation is bound to diminish in inverse proportion to increases in the extent of the territory administered.

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III.- Hire of Freight Transport. - Transport hire rates have recently been revised under the direction of Tn. Sub-Commission: anomalies have been removed, and the overall effect has been a slight general increase in rates. These revisions ~~would~~ <sup>will</sup> be covered by an Italian Government Decree within a few days.

(g) S. Marino.

As a matter of interest it was noted that the Republic

of San Marino has not declared war to Germany. News reports were incorrect.

(h) A History of the A.C.C.

A historical review, bearing <sup>the</sup> above title, is at present being compiled by Public Relations Branch and is expected to be published some time in November. Contributions to this history are invited, especially from the Forward Areas.

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(n) Food (again).

Mr. Antolini then spoke on food rationing, especially ~~of~~

bread ration. He was followed by Lt.Col. STEWART. (Food Sub-Commission) who spoke on many aspects of the food problem.

(o) Prefects.

A list of prospective prefects of Provinces not yet liberated was read out. This was followed by a few remarks on applications for, and supply of, other Italian officials.

(p) Mine clearance.

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I.- There is a special provision that fascist titles, such as "squadrista", may be disregarded if they were not conferred in recognition of political activities.

II.- The scheme is not conceived in any sense to mete out punishment, but simply to remove political fascists from their jobs.

III.- Any decisions that may be made under the proposed procedure would be subject to subsequent review by the appropriate Italian Ministerial Commission which will be in a position to amend such decisions, to be either more ~~severe~~ or less severe, and will have full discretion regarding pay. Nothing in these provisions, however, will prejudice the Allied Commission's power to dispense with the services of any official at its discretion.

IV. - The proposals do not imply that action must necessarily be taken regionally, but merely that it may be so taken at the discretion of the Regional Commissioner. The intention is that the Commissioner should order such action if the Italian Government does not act promptly under the Decree 159. There is no doubt that Regional Italian epuration commissions would work without the kind of delay that is shown by the Ministerial commissions.

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M. W. WESTERDAHL  
MAJOR, R.E.

2 Oct 44

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H. W. WICKHAM  
MAJOR, RE

2 Oct 44

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**ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION**  
**INCOMING MESSAGE**

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TO: HQ ACC  
 FROM: ACC REGION 6  
 REFERENCE No: ACC 23  
 DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: SEP 211846A  
 SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 73/21  
 CLASSIFICATION:  
 PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE  
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RESTRICTED. REFERENCE CABLES FROM LAFER NUMBERS 3184 AND 3521. RUGGERI  
 LEFT SARDINIA BY AIR 18TH STAYING OVERNIGHT BASTIA AND ARRIVING ROME 19TH.

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*Major Bawing*  
*To see 303*  
*25-9-44*  
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DATE and Time of RECEIPT SEP 211910A

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HWB/BB

23 Sep. 44

ACC/117/PWU

SUBJECT: Forward Conference, 27 Sept. Accomodation  
for Major H.W. Westwood, R.E.

TO : Regional Commissioner, HQ. Region VIII.

1. Accomodation is desired, please, at SIENA, for Major H.W. Westwood, R.E., and one Italian civilian driver, for Tuesday night, 26/27 Sept. and Wednesday night 27/28 Sept.

2. Major Westwood has been detailed to attend the Forward Regional Commissioners' Conference on 27 Sep. as representative of this Sub-Commission.

3. In compliance with instructions received, this letter is intended to afford you 48 hours notice of the required accomodation.

4. Your assistance will be appreciated.

5. This confirms our cable no. 3755.

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

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Tel: 489081

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Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission  
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ACC/117/FWU

23 Sept. 44

SUBJECT: Forward Conference.

TO : HQ., Economic Section, A.C.C.

1. Ref. your letter ES/20 of 23 Sept. 44.
2. This Sub-Commission has no items for inclusion in the Agenda of the Forward Regional Commissioners Conference at SIENA on Wednesday, 27 Sept.
3. Major H.W. Westwood, R.E., is detailed to attend the conference as the representative of this Sub-Commission.
4. This letter confirms telephone conversation (Westwood-Atkins) of 1145 hrs. today, 23 Sep. 44.

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

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To: Director  
 File 117

CONFERENCE AT SIENA

- Wednesday, 13 Sept. 44 -

1. Reference the attached letter dated 2nd of Sept. 44.

I attended the above Conference at Siena. Most of the morning session was taken up in political and administrative questions, of no direct concern to this Sub-Commission.

The afternoon session went into details on certain matters, and in reply to what was said by the speakers I considered it necessary to make observations on the following points:-

(a) Electricity Rationing.

Regional Commissioners stressed the vital importance of getting the grain crops to the mills for grinding, and put in a plea for first priority of any power available for running these flour mills.

I said that I was sure that Lt. Col. Lapper and all his officers were fully aware of the urgency, and that it would obviously be the duty of each and all of the Regional Engineers in the Northern Regions to see to this. As an actual example I said that the Regional Engineer VIII had informed me (the day before) that he had been in

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078 (b) Mines clearance.

This had been mentioned by a speaker in the morning, and by another in the afternoon, but only in an incidental manner. I said I wished to draw the attention of all present to the fact that roads, buildings and particularly bridges reconstruction are being retarded by the presence

of uncleared mines. It was not fair to expect the Genio Civile and their contractors and workmen to approach such places, in many instances, under present conditions. I mentioned the case in Region IV in August, where an Italian Army Engineer unit had come, had stayed nearly 4 weeks, and having no equipment and no training, they had gone away without clearing a single mine. I said this kind of thing could not go on. I said that in areas in Regions IV and V, and particularly south of Rome, there may be very many thousands of uncleared mines, impeding every kind of reconstruction work.

The Conference seemed to agree about all this, and Brigadier LUSH asked Col. CRIPPS to explain what has been done recently. This was to the effect that, for obscure reasons, <sup>the</sup> Italian Army will not undertake this work. It is to be done by Italian civilian agency, with 5 mine-clearance training-schools established at different places, and at these about a hundred civilians each will be taught the work. Later, they will go out in teams of about 10 each. The question of feeding and transport was raised, pointing out that this would be much more difficult for civilians than for Army personnel. No answer was given.

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#### 176 — (c) Re-housing.

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This was mentioned by several speakers. I outlined the present position, as I knew it, and remarked that we would like to know the legal position in this country about re-using such things as steel girders, timber, fittings, and particularly bricks from demolished buildings. Does the ownership of this material vest in the original owner, or does it re-vest in the local authority or the Government, and is an individual certificate given, <sup>as to</sup> ~~for~~ each property? I said that with the autumn and winter coming on, the main

thing is to get a roof over people's heads, and that by re-using such materials, including tiles for roofing, an enormous amount of transport will be saved because buildings only partially damaged, say in an adjacent street, can perhaps be repaired. I said that proper use of such salvage material may be expected, possibly, to go 25% of the way towards urgent first-aid repairs, at any rate so that many people may have a watertight roof over their heads.

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Letter re

Conference.

G. E. Rhodes

~~Lt. Col. R. E.~~

15. 9. 74.

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Letter re  
Conference. }

G. E. Rhodes

~~lt. Col. R. E.~~

15. 9. 44.

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REGION SIX

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PUBLIC WORKS

NECESSARY ENGINEER RUGGERE SOCIETA ELETTRICITA SARDA ATTEND THIS OFFICE  
FOR CONFERENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PD PAREN TO REGION SIX FOR REGIONAL  
COMMISSIONER FROM HQ ACC FOR LATTER SIGNED STONE CITE 3184 PAREN PLEASE  
ARRANGE AIR PASSAGE

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29 August 1944

SUBJECT: Questions to be asked by the Italian Press at Conference

TO : Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission

The following question will be asked by the Representatives of the Italia Libera. Therefore, will you submit an answer to the following question as soon as possible.

What has been done about re-activating the electric centers at Terni and Tivoli?

*W. O'Dwyer*  
WILLIAM O'DWYER  
Brigadier General, USA  
Vice President  
Economic Section

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Lt. Col. Jimmy G.

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## " ISTITUTO DI STATISTICA "

24 Aug 44

1. In connection with the above I attended a meeting to-day in Mr. Antolini's office. It lasted more than 1½ hours. It was concerned with the industrial rehabilitation of Italy up to the Pisa-Rimini line.

2. So far as I could gather (from many surprising statements) Lt. HICKS of the Finance Sub-Commission is to be charged with it, with offices at 16, Via Balbo. He will have a thousand or more people working for him and many calculating machines, which are now being got ready. Millions of forms are to be sent out, to every Comune in Italy and hundreds of questions are to be answered. A part of the census or survey is to be "demographic", with questions answered by the people themselves, and the other part of the survey will be dealt with by provincial or communal officials.

3. When this had been explained, I said that even in peace times in England (a fairly civilised country) we had never found time or money to carry out such a "grand inquisition". Much less, with the war still raging.

4. Somebody said that there is a paper shortage, but this was brushed aside as a minor matter.

Questions to be answered will cover such things as the following:-

Fuel (kind, quantities and cost),  
Social,  
Industries (358 different classes),  
Clothing  
Economic  
Stocks and stores (producers, wholesale, retail),  
Transport of all kinds (except, perhaps, child's "scooters")  
Farm implements  
Live-stock  
Bicycles  
Traffic statistics.

6. In order to get the latter, for example, road blocks are to be established for periods of 72 hours all over the country and thus every vehicle will be noted; what is its load, origin, and destination.

7. All Sub-Commissions are requested to have a representative available to go through the list of questions, in draft form, and to suggest better ones, or greater numbers of them. With this object in view I am to attend at 16, Via Balbo, on Friday afternoon, 25 August 1944, and present the ideas of this Sub-Commission.

8. The task is to be completed, it is said, by early Oct. (To a person like myself this seems optimistic.)

24. 8. 44.

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2. 8. 44.  
Lt Col. R.E.

Lt Col. Rhodes

noted.

I fully agree with your views, but  
Orders are Orders, and I suppose we have  
to struggle through that one also.

Tel: 489-081

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Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission  
APO 394.

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AOC/147/PWU

27 July 1944.

Subject : Forward Areas -- Transport

To : H.Q., Region II,  
Att. Regional Engineer.

1. Attached is a copy of a letter forwarded to Economic Section regarding the provision of transport for you and your officers.
2. At the same time we must point out that it is the responsibility of your Regional H.Q. to provide you with transport.
3. We will advise you of any developments.
4. Capt. Rogers is doing useful work at this H.Q. and will be sent forward when you feel you are ready for him. Major Gamble has not yet reported.

L.A. JERRY,  
Lieut-Col., G.E.,  
Director.

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Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission  
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AOC/117/PWU

25 Jul 44.

Subject: Forward Area -- Transport.

To : Economic Section.

1. Refce. your letter ES/20 dated 21 July 44.
2. The following officers have been assigned or are in the process of being assigned to Region IX:-
  - (a) Major William R. Spann (A) as Regional Engineer
  - (b) Major W.H. Gamble (B) as P.W. officer
  - (c) Capt. Edgar H. Rogers (A) as Elect.Util.officer.
3. Will you please make representation to the Establishment Branch, in accordance with the Executive Commissioners suggestion, requesting that these officers be supplied with suitable transportation to enable them to carry out their duties in the new Area.

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

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

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ACE/11.7/PWU

18 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Conference Forward Areas.  
TO : Economic Section. Attention: Lt. Col. Sharp.

Reference your communication of even date.

1. We are advised that entirely inadequate provisions are made for transportation for Public Works Officers in Forward Regions. We have had a complaint about Region VIII very recently.

2. The question which should be discussed is that it is the responsibility of the Regional Commissioner to see that his personnel, which must have transportation to function, such as Public Works Officers, will have to be supplied with good transportation as they must go over very rough roads and must have dependable equipment. Regional officers should be directed to requisition every available car so as to provide civilian transportation for such regional officers as do not require the same type of military transportation as do Public Works Officers.

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

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5 July 1944.

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Dear Jenny:

Mr. Grady had his weekly meeting here this morning (Wednesday). The following were the main points:-

(a) A more efficient pool of translators is to be set up for the Economic Section.

(b) He wished to thank Sub-Commissions for their short and very concise notations handed to him after last week's meeting, i.e. of work in hand and accomplished. He considered it was "very, very good". The Advisory Council had been much impressed by it at the meeting last Friday and it had in fact been "enthusiastically received". A summary of the notations has been multigraphed and copies have been sent to A.F.H.Q. Washington and London. He thought that each Sub-Commission might like to have a copy of it. (I am applying for one).

(c) There had been a meeting yesterday (4 July) with 3 Italian Ministers here in Naples. Owing to the political situation, A.F.H.Q. have not yet replied to the wire sent a week ago about the general move to Rome. It may be in a week or two weeks, or longer. On the other hand orders may come any day. In the meantime it is to be clearly understood that the official H.Q. of A.C.C. is in Naples. He approved of the general idea of each Sub-Commission having its Director at one place and the Deputy-Director at the other, as things now are. (He made some caustic comments on the action of the Mines Division in moving to Rome completely, Col. Evans saying that he had not been consulted about it in any way. The Mines Division had further complicated matters by sending out an official notification that their H.Q. are now in Rome).

(d) There was considerable discussion, initiated by Col. Legge of the Food Sub-Commission about trucks wandering over Region III and V from Rome with official permits, buying up food and fruit in large quantities. Mr. Grady said that very drastic action would be taken to stop this today.

Yours sincerely,

At Col. Grady  
Thompson M 8/7

G. E. Rhodes

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

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ACC/117/PWU

6 July 44

Subject: British Embassy

To : Regional Engineer, Rome Region.

1. The British Embassy is being reopened at Via Pastrengo off Via XX Settembre and it is requested that water and electricity supplies be made available.
2. As an important meeting is to be held there early next week, it is requested that you arrange for the Genio Civile to have the premises inspected and see that facilities are made available both for water and electricity.
3. It will be appreciated if you can treat this matter as urgent.

W.M. LAPPER  
Lieut-Colonel  
Chief, Utilities & Adm.Div.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
REGION VI

11 JUN Recd

8 June 1944. *17*  
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TO : Public Works and Utilities Sub-  
Commission, H.Q., A.C.C. APO 394.  
SUBJECT : Conference, H.Q. Public Works and  
Utilities Sub-Commission 12 June.  
REFERENCE : TPTN/1620 (ACC/117/PWU)

1. Reference your memo of 3 June, subject as  
above, advise that I will be on hand for the Con-  
ference.

2. Title will be changed as suggested.

For the Regional Commissioner,

HEADQUARTERS  
10 JUN 1944  
A. C. C.  
WMS/pd

*William M. Spann*  
W. M. SPANN.  
Major AUS.  
Regional Engineer Officer.

*Director*  
*To*  
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*(8 For file - 10/7/44)*

*11 June*  
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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission  
APO 394.

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AOC/117/PWU

3 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Conference Headquarters Public Works and Utilities Sub-  
Commission with Regional Engineers.  
TO : Regional Commissioner, Region 6.

1. A letter was sent you yesterday, signed by Brigadier Lush, asking that your Regional Engineer Officer attend a meeting to be held at this office on 12 June 1944 at 9:00 AM.

2. The Regional Engineer Officer in each Region is the senior Engineer Officer, in your case Major W. H. Spann. These officers, in addition to handling Public Works and Utilities matters usually also handle Transportation. Will you, therefore, please arrange to have Major Spann attend this meeting?

3. In order to follow a uniform pattern in all Regions it is suggested that the official title of Major Spann, which now appears to be that of "Regional Transportation Officer" be changed to "Regional Engineer Officer". All other Regions are now following that practice. In our correspondence with Regional Engineer Officers they are addressed as such and other engineers within the Region are subordinate to and will take instruction on engineering matters from this Regional Engineer.

4. I also wish to advise you that tentative arrangements have been made for the Minister of Public Works, the Director General of the Ministry of Public Works, and myself to visit Sardinia possibly on or after 9 June. Whether or not we are able to carry out this contemplated visit will depend upon military developments surrounding Rome.

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

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lt Col Rhoades  
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W.H. L. To see  
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Jenny  
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Director . Re: Decrees, Proclamations, Gen. Orders

1. I attended the conference called by the Legal Sub-Commission <sup>on 13 May,</sup> <sup>(vide the attached letter.)</sup> Colonel Upjohn presided, and all the Sub-Commissions were represented in Economic Section. 70

A 2. A new series of General Orders is to be started. These will relate to A.M.G. areas North of ~~Kings~~ Italy, the Armies preferring this method of control, until such time as a proper Region is established. The Armies do not care about the various Decrees issued by the Italian Government, though in particular areas such Decrees can be made applicable by a suitable endorsement.

3. There was considerable discussion mainly with the Labour, Food and, Agriculture Sub-Commissions. Asked for the views of this Sub-Commission I said that we would probably be interested only in three things, so far as can be seen at present, viz :-

(a) A General Order putting into force electric rationing in a newly occupied area as soon as possible after occupation.

(b) A General Order permitting Utility Companies to make application for increased charges to consumers.

(c) Possibly altering the figures relating to the movement of materials, ~~the~~ limits being now laid down, for example, in No. 3 issue of the "Sicily Gazette", Article V, and the schedule with it. It was decided, after discussion, that Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, would let Legal Sub-Commission, have their views about this within 3 or 4 days, (I do not think we are special interested in these particular figures but Industry and Commerce may ask us for our opinion).

Lt. Col. Laffan

On return

G.E.R.

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G. E. Rhodes

U. G. R. E.

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MONTHLY STAFF CONFERENCE

to be held on 14 April 1944

PRECIS - PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES SUB-COMMISSION1. Military Highways.

Work is progressing, but we are greatly handicapped because of insufficient personnel and equipment. We have been asked to extend and accelerate our organization and steps have been taken to accomplish this.

2. Utility Rates.

A program of procedure was submitted and approved at a Special Economic Section meeting. This permits of periodic adjustments being made in the form of a surcharge without disturbing the old basic utility rate structure. A Decree is in preparation cancelling former decrees "freezing" these rates.

3. Electricity Rationing.

Because of a delay in getting the Decree for rationing of electricity passed, rationing was actually undertaken by us before the Decree became effective, and the demand was kept within the amount allotted by the Local Resources Board. When the Decree was published in the Gazette we found that it did not conform to the final draft which we had approved and which was stronger and more precise than the published form. After discussing this matter with the Legal Sub-Commission we requested the passage of a new Decree in the form approved by us and cancelling the one in effect now.

4. Ports and Ships.

Studies are in progress in cooperation with the Ministries of Public Works and Merchant Marine, for raising sunken ships in various harbors so as to clear harbors and make use of the ships, and five million lire have been appropriated for this. Studies are also in progress for the rehabilitation of shipyards capable of building small wooden vessels from 200 to 800 tons.

5. Inspections.

Officers of this Sub-Commission have visited Sicily and Sardinia and have studied P.W.U. conditions in these two Regions. Some changes are being contemplated in Sicily.

6. Plants Producing Construction Materials.

A.C.C. has just been asked to study the question of taking over and operating various plants producing critical construction materials.

7. Power Line to Rome.

Work of restoration has been assigned to P.B.S. Financing the project and providing labour and food for workers assigned to A.C.C.

8. Italians handicapped.

Army and many A.C.C. regional and provincial units have requisitioned automobiles and trucks belonging to the Italian engineer forces. This practice must cease. We are planning to issue special permits to them, with the cooperation of the armed forces, "freezing" their equipment so they can function.

9. Miscellaneous.

A very large number of varied problems have been handled including repairs to buildings and building a Ricerco for the Volturne Building and even the recent eruption of Vesuvius added to our tasks.

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Report of Conference with  
Minister of Public Works and  
Marshal Badoglio, 21 March, 1944.

In view of the fact that the Italian Government had failed to pass a Decree in connection with Electricity Rationing in Southern Italy by 15th March, as promised, steps were taken immediately to find out the reason for this delay. We learned that, although all Ministries had ample time to make comments, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce had raised objections at the Cabinet Meeting at which this Decree was to be passed to certain phases which we had approved, thus delaying our progress. As a result a meeting was arranged with the Minister of Public Works on 21 March, 1944 for the purpose of definitely settling this problem and obtaining prompt action.

The Minister of Public Works advised me then that Marshal Badoglio had expressed a desire on several occasions to meet me, and that he now wished to see me in connection with this Decree. I, therefore, accompanied the Minister to see Marshall Badoglio. I explained the situation to him and the need for urgent action and that we could not hold this up any longer. I explained also that we had consented to such changes in our original draft, previously submitted by them to us, as we could and that to make the changes now proposed would weaken our position and that we could not agree to the new proposals.

It was then agreed to pass the Decree as then prepared in revised form, that action would be taken at the Cabinet Meeting to be held on the 23 March and that I would have 100 copies in my possession on the morning of 24 March. However, due to transportation difficulties because of the Vesuvius eruption, the 100 copies were delivered on the morning of 25 March, 1944.

When the Decree was received it was discovered that one paragraph had been eliminated at the Cabinet Meeting. However, as this was a paragraph which they themselves had requested be included and to which we had no objection, we had no particular interest in the elimination.

At this writing, 27 March, we are still waiting for advice that the Decree has been signed by the King to make it official. I have issued instructions in the meantime to distribute copies to our officials throughout Region II to make all necessary preparations accordingly.

*[Signature]*  
L.A. JENNY,  
Lt. Col., C.E.  
Director.

C.C. to V.F. Economic Section.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission  
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ACC/117/PWU

17 March 1944

Subject: Meeting of Electric Power Committee

To : HQ A.C.M.F. (Adm. Echelon).  
Local Resources Section C.M.F.

1. Reference the agenda for the fifth meeting of the above board to be held on Tuesday next the 21st inst.

2. Lt-Col. W.M. Lapper of the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission of ACC will attend as the ACC representative.

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

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Engr. Ugo Pellegrini

Delegate Administrator  
Telephone Co. *acted as interpreter*

Engr. Ivo Vanzi

Delegate Administrator  
Southern Secondary Rail-Roads

Engr. Guido Cavalli

Chief Engr. Gas Napoletane Companies

Engr. Tommaso Gualano

Chief Engr. Comune of Naples

Engr. Girolamo Maglione

Central Manager of the <sup>Societa</sup> Southern  
Electrical Companies  
*Meridionale**Conferences**file*

These representatives  
of Utilities called upon  
Gen. Mas Farlane, but were refused  
to us. They offered their cooperation  
and were advised of our procedure  
including rate matters

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*[Signature]*

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Works and Mines Sub-Commission

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7 Feb 44

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Subject: Correction in Minutes of Executive Council Meeting  
4 Feb 1944.

To : Major L.H. Van Dusen, Jr.

1. The following correction should be made in these minutes:-

Pg 7 Section 244, para. C, states that I had said:  
"Therefore, it is not only this Sub-Commission but also the  
Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission will have to deal with  
that Ministry". That statement is incorrect and should  
be revised to read as follows, which is what I did say:-

"The Public Works Ministry is not yet certain as to where  
the division will be in the functions between Public Works  
and the Industry and Commerce Ministry. Whatever that  
will be, it is quite apparent that there will have to be close  
cooperation between our Public Works and Industry and  
Commerce Sub-Commissions".

2. Will you, therefore, please make that correction as, under  
A.C.C. procedure, only one man is to deal with a Minister <sup>as</sup> other-  
wise there is bound to be confusion.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
and  
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission

LAF/cw

13 November 1943

Subject: Wage Conference.

To: Director, Labor Sub-Commission.

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. in reference to Wage Conference to be held at 1000 hours on the 22nd inst. and would inform you that Lt. Col. W. R. Lapper will attend on behalf of this Sub-Commission.

L. A. JENNY.  
Lt. Col., C. R.  
Acting Director.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENTSUBJECT: Island Resources Board.

FILE No. AMGOT/5142/ES

TO: Lt. Col. Densmore, Director T.C. & U.  
Major Chayton, Director Agric. Div.  
Captain Morse, Director Labor Div.

AMGOT HQ., SICILY

27 October 1943

1. Will you please forward to me your proposed agenda for the Second Meeting of the above Board on 5 Nov. 43.

2. I am doing this by names on the basis of our old organization pending a decision who is to run this Board when the change-over is complete; but you will no doubt consult those A.C.C. Officers or Region I officers who are likely to be concerned.

CJH/EXA.



Lt. Col., R. A. S. C.  
Deputy Director, Economics  
and Supply Division.

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