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Public Works and Utilities
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28 Oct. 44

My dear George

Your letter of 25 Oct. to Ispettore Generale del Genio Civile with copy to us is noted with interest.

You are quite right in correcting them for issuing instructions to Provinces outside their jurisdiction; and this will be corrected.

I feel however that your attitude in objecting to technical instructions being issued by Senior officials of the Ministry to their subordinates is liable to prevent initiative, which is exactly what we don't want.

So long as you are kept informed by copies of all such instructions, and in consideration of the fact that no such instructions are contrary to our policy of doing "first things first", I feel that any action on their part should be an encouragement, to us, that we are getting nearer to the end of our job.

This office has constantly pressed for Italian initiative, please do not step on the spark, but blow on it, and turn it into a flame.

Yours

G. E. Rhodes

Lt. Col. G. de C.E. Findley V.C., M.C., R.E.,
Region Engr. Lazio-Umbria Region.

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LAZIO UMBRIA REGION

(Engineering Division)

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1. Thank you for sending me a copy of this letter which is just what is required as regards general Policy.

From my observation the amount for LITTORIA appears unduly small in proportion to FROSINONE and ROMA, as the southern part is very badly damaged. -

2. It is noticed that allotments have been made to Ing. Capo del Genio Civile di PESCARA and TERNI and the letter sent to them. -

These provinces are in AMG territory and NOT under the jurisdiction of the MINISTERO. -

A letter must be issued immediately by you making it absolutely clear that this is so and that the letter and the limits therein prescribed do NOT apply to them while in AMG territory and that the instructions framed under my B4/ENG/120 dated 4 October forwarding instructions from B4.100. for AMG Territory stands.

3. Please send a copy of your instructions to this office.

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Phelan
Regional Engineer
Lazio Umbria Region AMG.
Lt. Col. R.E.

Copy to:

B4.100.(P.M.)

1. Reference above and translation of letter by Ministero dei Lavori. - I will NOT tolerate instructions on technical matter being issued without my jurisdiction by outside Authorities.

TO : Repettore Generale Compartimentale
del Genio Civile per il Lazio e Umbria,
U. G. M. S., Via Monsabato 10

OGGETTO: Richiesta di Riparazione per i Ristrutturamenti

IN RISP. QUOTE: RA/REG/120.

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From my observation the amount for LITTOFIA appears unduly small in proportion to PROCONONE and ROMA, as the southern part is very badly damaged. -

2. It is noticed that allotments have been made to Ing. Capo del Genio Civile di PERBOLA and TERNI and the letter sent to them. -

These provinces are in AMG territory and NOT under the jurisdiction of the MINISTERO. -

A letter must be issued immediately by you making it absolutely clear that this is so and that the letter and the limits therein prescribed do NOT apply to them while in AMG territory and that the instructions framed under my RA/REG/120 dated 4 October forwarding instructions from HQ.ACC. for AMG Territory stands.

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Copy to:

HQ.ACC.(P.E.)

Pracchi
Regional Engineer
Lazio Umbria Region AMG.
Lt.Col.R.E.

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2. Will you please make it clear to Minister that he has no right to issue instruction within AMG Territory and request him to inform the two Provinces of PERBOLA and TERNI that it does NOT apply in AMG Territory.

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3. While gradually taking over the Region the Regional Commissioner arranged with AMU Armies to send to his future Provincial Commissioner still working in ARMY arm advanced copies of Regional Instructions provided they were clearly marked "HOF to take effect until under Regional Control".

On similar lines Ministerial instruction could be issued - marked HOF to take effect till in Italian Government Territory".

Lt.Col.R.E.

Regional Engineer

Basic Umbria Region AMU.

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1. The first step in the process of taking over the Region is the establishment of a Regional Administration. This will be done by the Regional Commissioner, who will be assisted by the Regional Engineer and the Regional Engineer's Office.

2. The second step is the establishment of a Regional Police Force. This will be done by the Regional Commissioner, who will be assisted by the Regional Engineer and the Regional Engineer's Office.

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10. The tenth step is the establishment of a Regional Transport Service. This will be done by the Regional Commissioner, who will be assisted by the Regional Engineer and the Regional Engineer's Office.

11. The eleventh step is the establishment of a Regional Communication Service. This will be done by the Regional Commissioner, who will be assisted by the Regional Engineer and the Regional Engineer's Office.

12. The twelfth step is the establishment of a Regional Information Service. This will be done by the Regional Commissioner, who will be assisted by the Regional Engineer and the Regional Engineer's Office.

Translation by: ac

MINISTERO DEI LAVORI PUBBLICI
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI SERVIZI SPECIALI

11 October 1944

TO : Ingegnere Capo Genio Civile.

SUBJECT: Repairs to premises to be used for sheltering war destitutes.

FILE NO: 1218

With reference to circular letter dated 13 September ult. and bearing in mind the necessity of expediting the execution of the works of re-housing necessary to provide war destitutes with shelter, and whilst awaiting the results of the definite situation of the requirements of your Province, which will be re-examined in accordance with the telegraphic instructions N°1118 of the 10th inst., I assign to your province a first allotment of L. (1) for the execution of the most urgent works. For the expenditure of the above amount you will arrange without delay to compile a detailed plan which should be submitted as soon as possible to this Ministry.

The plan should include repairs to buildings with indication of their location, number of rooms, estimated expenditure for each room and total expenditure, besides the number of persons who can be housed indicating also if dwelling can be used for one or more families.

In the preparation of this plan and for the choice of premises to be repaired you will bear in mind that the object of this administration is not to bring help to the proprietor, but to achieve an object of public utility which is that of providing for the housing of the greatest number possible of war destitutes. From the plan therefore must be excluded those premises which for any reason whatsoever do not answer to this purpose.

Precedence consequently must be given to those premises either State owned or of private property, which with the least expense give the highest returns, keeping in mind for the quality of same the condition of those most urgently in need of a roof (i.e. public servants, labourers, etc...)

In the appraisal of expenditure and in the projection of the estimates which must fulfil the most stringent criterion of economy, no place should be found for those works not indispensable for the immediate sheltering of war destitutes, with particular reference to those dealt with in Circular Letter 819 of the 8th inst. (Direzione Generale Tecnica)

I will hold you personally responsible for any infract-

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I will hold you personally responsible for any infraction to the above policy, the exact interpretation of which I may have ascertained.

(2)

Together with the preparation of plan you will arrange to prepare a separate estimate for each building and owner and you are authorized to order immediate commencement of works not exceeding L. 200.000, and for which their proprietor has tendered a request and consents in writing to their handing over.

The commencement of such works must be preceded by the drawing up of a consistency report in the presence of the owner, or his legal representative, to be invited with 5 days notice.

At the same time, until you receive written approval of plan, you will inform this Ministry by telegram of every work to be commenced indicating amount of estimated expense, number of rooms to be repaired and number of persons who will be housed in same.

The Minister
Signed: Mancini

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Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
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27 Oct 44

SUBJECT: Housing.

TO : Regional Engineer, Lazio - Umbria.

1. Attached is copy of a list of localities where
the Genio Civile has initiated repairs to damaged private houses.

2. For your information.

V.B. THOMPSON,
Lieut-Colonel, R.C.E.,
Chief Pub.Wks.Div.

Copy to: Mr. Solomon.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
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23 October 1944

Subject: Repairs to Genie Civile Offices.

To: 1 Regional Engineer, Abruzzi-Marche.

1. Forms ACC/1 covering the Repair of Genie Civile Offices at S. Benedetto del Tronto are returned herewith for the signature of the Regional Engineer.

2. These documents will be given further consideration upon resubmission.

V.S. THOMPSON
Lt. Col. R.C.E.
Chief, Public Wks. Div.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

EAST MEDITERRANEAN REGION

(Engineering Division)

APO 394

21 October 1944

TO : HQ. A.C.C. (P.W.)

SUBJECT : Relicensing

IS REPLY QUOTE: 24/HQ/120.

Reference your ACC/176/HQ dated 6th October in reply to my DM/HQ/120 dated 29th September.

1. A verbal explanation by the Director and by a member of your staff on a major change of policy does NOT satisfy me.
- (a) It leaves the Regional Commissioner officially uninformed of the change.
- (b) It is apt to result in misunderstanding and confusion. -

2. Present Position as I understand it should be.

HQ. ACC (P.W.) has assumed since early September sole responsibility for initiating all Relicensing including New Schemes and Repairs and Reconstruction of Damaged Houses which cannot be dealt with separately. -

HQ. ACC (P.W.) will handle direct with Minister of Works all projects for these including approval and approval of contracts. -

When any project has been approved and contract accepted HQ. ACC (P.W.) will notify Regional Engineer who will then become responsible for supervision and providing facilities for execution so far as they rest with HQ especially Patrol and Controlled Materials. - HQ. ACC (P.W.) will send ACC/1 and ACC/2.

3. This procedure was decided on by Col. Tenny Director when a special Minister without Portfolio with a special centralized ~~19/19~~ was to be set up.

This has been reversed and Relicensing is again under Minister of Works. - I am uninformed as to whether he has set up a special department to handle it centrally. It appears to me that all work is still done by local Councils.

Yours faithfully,

TO : HQ. A.C.C. (P.W.)

SUBJECT : Rehabing

IN REPLY QUOTE: 24/LMG/120.

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HQ. ACC(P.W.) will handle direct with Minister of Works all projects for these including approval and approval of contracts. -

When any project has been approved and contract accepted H.Q. ACC(P.W.) will notify Regional Engineer who will then become responsible for supervision and providing facilities for execution so far as they rest with AMS especially Petrol and Controlled Materials. - HQ.ACC (P.W.) will send ACC/1 and ACC/2.

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May I be informed. -

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4. (a) So far only the following projects have been notified as approved by HQ, ACC (P.W.)

Remarks.

AREZIO	53 Dwellings	Notified 23rd September. Plans and estimates
CASSINO	126 Dwellings	to follow NOT received by 20th October.
VALMONTONE	50	Notification Received 15th October
GENESE	20	No plans, no estimates received. -
FRACOSTI	40	"
LARIVIO	20	"
PIVOLI	30	"
VELINERI	60	"
Total 393 houses		may 1,800 persons.

also specimen houses as arranged generally with ACC.WA. and agreed with Genio Civile.

	2 blocks each for 26 persons -	11th October
TERRACINA	1 " " 38	" "
CISTERNA	1 " " 36	" "
POSTOCCO	1 " " 42	" "
CASSINO	1 " " 42	" "

(b) The following schemes were approved in principle by Regional Engineer on order but nothing heard of them.

	2nd September
101,116 CISTERNA 46 houses for 1,000 people	20th "
101,153 TERRACINA 21 " " 470	" "
101,154 MONTESICO di GASTA 16 houses for 450 people	20th "

(c) No notification has been received of any action on repairs to houses. - Although we have heard from Genio Civile that MINISTRO of LAVORO had given orders to give absolute priority to schemes for repairs. -

(d) Heard verbally that ACC.(P.W.) has approved schemes for GASTA and TERRACINA, but no notification.

(e) Heard through Genio Civile or Press that following houses were proposed:

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Cisterna	50
Terracina	40
Pomilia	40
Pondr	20
Itri	20
Castellforte	20
Minturno	20
Santa (Vilens)	20
Aprilia	10

240 at say 3 persons each say 1,000 people.

Some such list was in possession of Director H.H. aid September and promised to be sent but never came.

5. Observations on Working of Scheme.

(a) This Region is not being kept informed of intentions, it is therefore impossible to make provision in advance. e.g. Petrol has to be forecasted 30 to 60 days in advance, one scheme requires 20,000 litres, impossible to find without warning.

(b) Controlled Materials are drafted when a project first passes through and often entail reference back to get further particulars under this arrangement no action can be taken until after contract is accepted.

(c) If priority orders are given without notification on a portion of work under control of HQ. ACC (P.W.) progress of other works in correspondingly delayed without even being considered and only discovered through Genio Civile, NOT the proper way. -

(d) The Regional Commissioner is uninformed of intentions and has no opportunity, except perhaps from the press, of forming an opinion of how the remaining roofless people will affect his administration. -

(e) No knowledge exists as to whether the scheme recommended and approved in principle are the ones coming forward for approval or not.

(f) It is understood from Genio Civile that a limited funds are at the disposal of Minister and that this will be suballotted to Regions. -

Confirmation of this is requested and the amount as it is unlikely to meet requirements and all projects must be retained.

Priorities cannot be decided at Regional Level if HQ. ACC. can draw against this fund for large housing schemes - otherwise chaos will result and works started will be starved of funds and have to be closed down.

The position requires clear definition.

Castelforte	20
Vinturao	20
Geats (Elena)	20
Aprilia	10

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I prefer the normal procedure which everyone understands the charge of organisation on which this was based has been reversed and I recommend reversal to normal procedure. -

If it stands I will continue to do my best to make it work and in para 5 suggest the lines as which it should be defined.

6. Suggested Definition if scheme is to remain

(a) HQ/ACC. have assumed sole responsibility for Rehousing schemes in the following provinces only. Such schemes will include all methods of providing accommodation as they are interdependent.

PROVINCES - LATVIA - RUSA

(Note. This may be defined as specific towns if preferred).

(b) In these provinces the Regional Commissioner and his staff are relieved of all responsibility for initiating or preparation of schemes.

(c) HQ/ACC. undertake to notify scope of proposals and later approvals to Regional Commissioner to enable him to adjust his administration to conform and his staff to operate.

(d) HQ/ACC.(P.W.) will arrange for Regional Engineer to be provided with a copy of estimation and plans at earliest possible moment.

(e) HQ/ACC.(P.W.) will approve schemes and contracts and when completed pass technical documents to Regional Engineer who then assumes responsibility for supervision of execution as for other projects.

(f) The Regional Commissioner will remain responsible for provision of essential accommodation in remainder of Region.

(g) Only a limited sum is available in this quarter year for all works in Region - The funds for Rehousing in the above 3 provinces will be financed from special funds and NOT be chargeable against this fund.

Copy to:

Regional Commissioner L & U (2 copies)

Lt. Col. R.E.

Regional Engineer

Latvia, Estonia, Finland

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Economic Section
APO 394

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ACC/176/PWU

18 Oct. 44

SUBJECT: POLICY (HOUSING PROJECTS - NEW BUILDINGS).

TO : Regional Commissioners,
(att: Regional Engineers).

1. The Italian Government proposed program on the construction of new housing projects presents many factors outside purely technical difficulties e.g. in regard to supply of materials, transport, etc.

2. These factors must be settled at Ministerial level and the location of these projects in Italian Government Territory is not, primarily, the concern of Regions. For this reason it is felt that Regional Engineers should not interest themselves in such projects until they have been approved by Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission. Headquarters, after consultation with Finance S-C and the Italian Government. Once it has been decided to go ahead with any project of this nature funds will be authorized, and contracts let by the Genio Civile.

3. The project will then be carried out under the general supervision of the Regional Engineer, in the same way as other works within the Region.

4. It has been decided that Mr. D. Solomon, who has recently arrived from the United States, will be responsible to the Chief of Public Works Division (Lt.Col. Thompson), for all preliminary negotiations with the Italian Government in connection with new civilian housing projects.

5. This letter has no concern with repairs (as such) of privately owned properties, which are being dealt with under a proposed new Decree the terms of which will be communicated later.

By Command of Commodore Stone.

A.G. ANTOLINI,
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff,
Economic Section.

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18 October 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Reference your letter No. 6736/3501 of 29 Sept 44 on the urgent need for rebuilding Pescara.

The Commission realizes fully that the situation in Pescara is serious but I do not believe it should be placed in a special category for treatment when so many other communes are deserving of equal consideration.

Since Pescara is now under the formal administration of your government, the plans for rehabilitation will initiate with the Minister of Public Works. It is anticipated that he will issue the necessary instructions to the Genio Civile to survey the damage and specify the material and manpower requirements to effect the essential repairs.

A copy of your letter has been sent to the Regional Engineer, Marche-Abruzzi, through the Public Works Sub-Commission, AGC with the instructions to lend every possible assistance.

In your request for the composition glass needed to repair the windows of private houses, may I refer to specific instructions issued by your Minister of Public Works in the circular letter dated 7 Oct 44 to all his officers in the Genio Civile. Imports of composition glass for these repairs are not available immediately for projects in Pescara.

Yours very truly,

(Sd) ELLERY W STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
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HEADQUARTERS
ARMY CONTROL COMMISSION
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 104
MAILING DIVISION

AGC/5035/Commerce.

14 October 1944

SUBJECT: Hemp - Canvas For Cassino Housing.

TO : Civil Affairs Branch
ATTN: Major Falbet.

1. In order to assist in the housing program for Cassino and Frosinone Provinces, the Commerce Sub-Commission presented bids for canvas and similar materials to the Miscellaneous Purposes Committee, AFHQ-APHC with the following results. The allocation figures are approximate and will be issued as release is about one week.

	<u>BIDS</u>	<u>ALLOCATED</u>
Canvas, cotton sq. yards	50,000	30,000
Heavy " "	20,000	10,000
Grey Canvas " "	5,000	5,000
Water proof canvas sq. y.	7,000	-
Total delivery for Gov.	82,000	55,000

2. During the month of October, 5,000 square grey canvas were released for the Cassino project. This material must be collected by means of the release orders issued to Region Lazio through the Army Control Office, Naples, by the end of October or the release becomes void. If unable to collect notification to this office may provide some extension. *1944*
orders for the approximately 100,000 sq. yards of canvas will be issued to Region Lazio - Frosinone as soon as authorized by AFHQ-APHC.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

W. F. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

Copy to:

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~~Provincial Commissioner, Ensenada Province~~
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
AFO 394

Ref. AOC/5021/Commerce.

12 October 1944

SUBJECT: Hemp - A.C.C. October Bids for H.P.C.

TO : H.Q. AFIRS.

1. Telephonic conversation of to-day's date between Capt. Loudon - Lt. Kocheleff refers.

2. Attached hereto is a copy of an Emergency demand dated 11th inst submitted to this Sub-Commission by Civil Affairs Branch H.Q. A.C.C. for immediate release of 73,311 sq. Metres Canvas - Hemp for housing of a portion of the population of the Cassino Area.

3. May this demand please be treated as urgent and suitably represented to the H.P.C. at the Meeting on the 14th inst.

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To see - 2 to
Mr. Solomon.

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Loudon
W.P. EVANS
Colonel
Director

Commerce Sub-Commission.

Copy to:

~~Civil Affairs Branch.~~~~Industry Sub-Commission (Hemp control office).~~~~Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission.~~

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Mr. Information - see letter re Hemp Canvas

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
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12 October 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In my letter of the 16th of September I made various suggestions on the decree which your Government was considering in order to deal with the very urgent problem of emergency housing. I understand that this decree has not yet been published.

I would like to tell you again of my great interest in the action contemplated by your Government in establishing regional building bodies to deal with this reconstruction work and to re-emphasize that the full cooperation of this Commission is available to you for a solution of this pressing problem.

I shall appreciate hearing from you of the progress being made.

Yours very truly,

ELMER W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
ROME

cc: Economic Section
PW & U Sub-Commission
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACC/176/PWU

10 Oct. 1944

Subject: Pescara - (Rebuilding)

To : Economic Section.
(att. Col. Denamore)

1. Your letter ES/15 of 6 Oct. 44.
2. We attach herewith a suggested reply, for the signature of the Acting Chief Commissioner.

GER
G.E. RHODES,
Lient-Colonel, R.E.,
Acting Director.

*o/c**C/P.W.**To see**GER**11/10*

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Oct. 44

Subject: Rebuilding of Pescara.

To : Il Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri
Ministro dell'Interno.

1. Refer. letter N° 6756/3501 of 29 Sept. 44 from the President.

2. It is fully realized that the situation in Pescara is serious, as it is in many other places, but I do not feel that any one town can be singled out for special treatment of the kind requested.

3. Since Pescara will come under Italian Administration on 16 Oct., the matter must rest with the Minister of Public Works, and no doubt he will give his instructions to the Genio Civile.

4. At the same time, a copy of the letter is being sent to the Regional Engineer, Marche, Abruzzi, through the Public Works Sub-Commission (A.C.C.) with instructions to give all possible assistance.

5. As to para 2 of your letter (glass for windows of private houses) it is pointed out that specific instructions as to this were set out in the Minister of Public Works circular-letter (un-numbered) dated 7 Oct. 44, to all his officers in the Genio Civile. (Para (i) of that letter refers).

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Commodore
Acting Chief Commissioner.

Sir.

Will you please return
to General Office.

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Just to mention
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them but can do no harm. (PS)
M. 10/10

- 9 OCT 1944

MINISTERO DEI LAVORI PUBBLICI
Direzione Generale dei Servizi Tecnici

7 OTT 1944

CIRCOLARE-URGENTE

- A TUTTI GLI UFFICI DEL GENIO CIVILE

e per conoscenza:

- AI DIRETTORI DI GRUPPI DI REGIONE

- AI CAPI DELLE REGIONI

- AGLI ISPETTORI COMPARTIMENTALI
DEL GENIO CIVILE- ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI
SERVIZI SPECIALI

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- ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELL'EDILIZIA

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Lavori di riparazione di fabbricati
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Sono ben note a codesto Ufficio le
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1) C) pw.

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Dovranno perciò essere esclusi gli intonaci interni ad eccezione di quelli relativi ai tramezzi di mattoni in foglio e i soffitti, quando gli ambienti sono già o vengono protetti da tavolato

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AGLI ISPEZIONI COMPARTIMENTALI
DEL GENIO CIVILE

- ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI
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DELL'EDILIZIA.

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sotto tetto e da solai, le carte da parati, le tinteggiature e le verniciature, le persiane; gli scaldabagni di qualsiasi tipo, gli impianti di cucina oltre il semplice focolare, i cessi doppi, i lampadari, dovendo limitarsi l'illuminazione ad una sola lampadina per ambiente con impianti fuori traccia, i gruppi da bagno e da bidet e qualsiasi altra opera d'abbellimento, di lusso e voluttuaria non consentita dall'attuale disponibilità dei materiali da costruzione.

L'applicazione dei vetri dovrà essere limitata ad un solo vetro per infieso esterno e comunque della superficie non superiore a mq. 0,20.

I rimanenti riquadri delle vetrate potranno essere chiusi con legnami compensati, cartoni semplici o catramati e simili.

Ciò premesso colestio Ufficio dovrà attenersi nell'esecuzione dei lavori esattamente alle istruzioni suddette.

IL MINISTRO

It. Menzoni

Translation

Ministry of Public Works
Dir. Gen. of Technical Service

Rome, Oct. 7, 1944

URGENT CIRCULAR

to: all Genio Civile Offices
and for information of,
all Regional Group Directors
all Regional Chiefs
all Compartment Inspectors of Genio Civile
Director General of Special Services - Rome Hdqts.
Director General of Building - Rome Hdqts.

Subject

Building Repair Work to be executed by the Government.

The non-availability of building construction materials (in the open market) is clearly recognized by all of you, it is due to the destruction of tile products furnaces (by the Germans) and also to a lack of raw materials.

Furthermore, all must realize that sheltering of persons rendered homeless by Warfare does not permit of any delays, and therefore all available construction materials must be utilized in the most essential manner.

To achieve the best result possible, and in conformance with advice of the Allied Control Commission Public Works Sub-Comm., it has been decided to concentrate all immediate activities toward repairing such damaged buildings as are susceptible to such action; this work will be limited to buildings absolutely essential for habitation, as follows:

- (a) repair or reconstruction^{of} damaged or demolished or unsafe masonry walls.
- (b) repair^{of} roofs, floor construction and exterior openings such as doors and windows.

Therefore unessential work to be excluded from this emergency program includes.

- (c) Internal plastering (except on plank ceilings and interior sheet brick partitions).
- (d) Interior painting, wall paper, etc.
- (e) Exterior shutters.
- (f) Kitchen installations (other than minimum requirements such as fireplaces.)
- (g) Hot water bath heaters - more than one water closet - lights (other than one single bulb per room) plumbing fixtures such as baths and bidets.
- (h) Any and all embellishment not contemplated by the present emergency repair program.
- (i) Window glass (other than one pane not exceeding 0.20 sq. meter in size). (Balance of window opening to be of ply wood, tarred cardboard or similar simple material).

It is ordered that all addressed by this Circular, carry out these instructions implicitly.-

(signed) MANGINI
Minister

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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Tel: 415

6 October 1944

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SUBJECT: Urgent need to provide for rebuilding of
Pescara.

TO : Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission

1. Reference to attached letter No. 6756/
3501 from H. E. Bonomi, dated 29 September,
to Allied Control Commission relative above sub-
ject; attached also is rough translation.

2. It is understood that Pescara will come
under Italian Government Administration 16 Oct.

3. It is requested that your Sub-Commission
take appropriate action in this matter and pre-
pare draft of letter for the Acting Chief Com-
missioner's signature, acknowledging the letter
and stating the action taken.

For the Acting Deputy Chief of Staff:

L. D. Densmore

L. D. DENSMORE
Col, Sig C, CSO
Economic Section

Incl - above

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To discuss.

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*(Mr. Solomon - to see
also)*

TRANSLATION

C. Bonomi

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Letter from BONOMI

No 6756/3501

Roma, 29 September 1944

SUBJECT: Urgent need to provide for rebuilding of Pescara.

The problems underlined are in urgent need of solution, for the rebuilding of the town of Pescara badly damaged by the war.

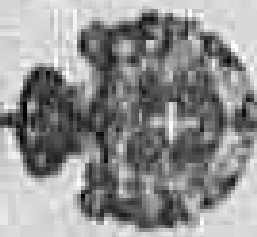
1. Because of the great damage caused to the houses and the impossibility to import construction material, it is necessary to reactivate in the outskirts of the town, the yards for the production of lime, bricks and chalk. It is necessary to assure the supply of mineral coal for the functioning of the furnaces, because mineral coal is not to be found in the town, and must be imported.
2. Almost all private houses are without glass in the windows. The glass factories of Southern Italy cannot supply the entire need. Only the competent Allied Authorities can take care of the matter by arranging for a large supply of "Vetrolina" from America. Being paper material capable of being rolled and not cumbersome it could be easily transported on naval transports.
3. Having to depend mostly on sea transport as the land transport is in lack of gasoline, the Porto Canale of the ships scuttled by the Germans, is urgently needed in order that the Porto Canale can be used. It is also urgent the repairs be made to the bank broken in few places as well as to the portcullis (or lift gate) and sewerage system for the protection of Pescara Porta Nuova.

We, then, beg the Allied Control Commission to give this matter their early attention.

signed/ The Minister
Bonomi

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IL PRESIDENTE
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
MINISTRO DELL'INTERNO

Roma, 29 settembre 1944.

N°6756/3501

Oggetto: Provvidenze urgenti per la rinascita di Pescara.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

ROMA

Viene segnalata la particolare necessità che i problemi sottoelencati abbiano urgente soluzione, al fine di consentire lo svolgimento di ogni attività diretta a contribuire alla rinascita della città di Pescara, tanto martoriata dal ciclone della guerra:

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2°) Quasi tutte le abitazioni private sarebbero rimaste senza vetri, mentre non è possibile provvedere per la fornitura necessaria se non con importazione dalle vetrerie dell'Italia meridionale, le quali, peraltro, non sono in grado di approntare l'intero fabbisogno.

Solo l'interessamento delle competenti Autorità Alleate potrebbe consentire una larga fornitura di vetrolina, merce l'importazione da America. Trattandosi di materiale di carta resistente, avvolgibile, non ingombrante, potrebbe essere trasportato agevolmente anche su naviglio stinato a trasporti militari.

3°) Occorrendo fare largo assegnamento sui trasporti marittimi, difettando quelli terrestri per la penuria di carburante, si rende necessario che, in via di urgenza, si provveda al ripristino del Porto Canale.

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Urge, altresì, che siano riparate le sponde del fiume, interrotte in più punti, nonché le saracinesche a difesa della fognatura di Pesca-

ra Porta Nuova.

Si rivolge, pertanto, a codesta Commissione Alleata di Controllo viva preghiera di volere intervenire, con ogni migliore disposizione, presso gli organi competenti onde sia esaminata benevolmente l'opportunità che, nei limiti consentiti dalle superiori esigenze della guerra, siano accolti i desiderata suesposti della benemerita cittadina

anza di Pescara, con l'incarico di trasmettere il presente al MINISTRO

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

Draft Circular
from P. H. H. 5-50

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ATC 394

Tels. 417 and 553

21 September 1944

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SUBJECT: War Damage.

TO : All Regional Finance Officers.

1. The problem of the financing of the work of repair, replacement or reconstruction of war damaged property has lately been under consideration and the policy adopted for AEC territory is stated in the following paragraph.
2. War Damage is divided into that involving:
 - (a) Public property (including industrial property of primary importance)
 - (b) Private property (including housing)
 - (c) Minor damage to private houses and institutions
 - (d) Personal chattels (e.g. clothing, furniture, domestic utensils).

3. PUBLIC PROPERTY

An appropriation has been made in the Italian State Budget to cover all expenditures on public works arising from war damage. An allotment of this appropriation has been given to each province where works are contemplated. Expenditures will only be authorized when estimates of work projects have been approved by the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, SO 420.

In AEC territory, credits will only be authorized for public works arising from war damage in the following circumstances:-

- (a) Projects, not involving the use of critical materials and not exceeding 200,000 lire in estimated cost, approved by the Banco Civile, and for which budget estimates on forms S.S. have been approved by the Intendente di Finanza and the Provincial Finance Officer.

- (b) Projects, not involving the use of critical materials, exceeding 200,000 lire but not 1,000,000 lire when, in addition

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In AGC territory, credits will only be authorized for public works arising from war damage in the following circumstances:-

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- (b) Projects, not involving the use of critical materials, exceeding 200,000 but not 1,000,000 Lire and, in addition, be approved by the Regional Engineer Officer.
- (c) Projects exceeding 1,000,000 Lire in estimated cost must be approved by the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission,

HQ AGC.

Authorizations of credit will be individual to each project and limited to the amount of the approved estimate.

Copy to Col. Rhodes.

Cent. to Col. Rhodes.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APC-394

Tele. 417 and 553

Draft Circular

from P. H. M. S.-C.

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21 September 1944.

13194/P

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In any territory, credits will only be authorized for public works arising from war damage in the following circumstances:-

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Authorizations of credit will be individual to each project and limited to the amount of the approved estimate.

Copy to Lt. Plavio.

But it is all signed by the RT ACC. 27/

4. PRIVATE PROPERTY

In Italian Government territory a comprehensive scheme is to be introduced to provide for the repair or reconstruction of war damaged private dwellings. The scheme will not apply to territory under Allied Military Government at present but it will be extended to such territory as soon as it is transferred to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government. No authorization of credit should therefore be made by AMG Finance Officers in the field, to provide for any general scheme of repair or reconstruction of private houses or public institutions. If any such scheme is deemed to be necessary in order to provide a mere subsistence level to the civilian population, it will be made the subject of a works project, and approved as stated in paragraph 3 (c).

5. REPAIRS TO PRIVATE HOMES OR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

(i) Two classes of persons are involved:-

(a) Those who may prefer a claim against the Italian Government (under RDL 26 Oct. 1940, n. 1543).

(b) Those who are excluded from the provisions of RDL 26 Oct. 1940, n. 1543.

(ii) Persons who have a legal claim against the Italian Government must present their claim in writing to the Intendente di Finanza as provided in Art. 13 of RDL 26 Oct. 1940, n. 1543, using the approved Italian Government form of claim. The Intendente will be empowered to approve claims up to L. 10,000 provided he is satisfied, and certifies as to the bona-fides of each claim; that 1897 for the work are available locally; and that no critical materials are involved.

(iii) Persons who have no legal claim may make a claim to the Sindaco, using the Italian Government form of claim. The Sindaco will be required to certify each claim in the same manner as is required of the Intendente (see para 5 (ii) above).

(iv) A credit will be established by the Provincial Finance

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MINOR DAMAGE TO PRIVATE HOMES OR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

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(b) Those who are excluded from the provisions of RDL 26 Oct. 1940, n. 1543.

(11) Persons who have a legal claim against the Italian

Government must present their claim in writing to the

Intendente di Finanza as provided in Art. 13 of RDL 26

Oct. 1940, n. 1543, using the approved Italian Government

form of claim. The Intendente will be empowered to approve

claims up to L. 10,000 provided he is satisfied, and

certifies as to the bona-fides of each claim; the

for the work are available locally; and that no critical

materials are involved.

(111)

Persons who have no legal claim may make a claim to the

Sindaco, using the Italian Government form of claim.

The Sindaco will be required to certify each claim in the

same manner as is required of the Intendente (see para 5

(11) above).

(iv)

A credit will be established by the Provincial Finance

Officer under capitolo 89 in the budget of the Genio

Civile, for "minor repairs or replacements of war damaged

property".

(v)

The claims certified by the Sindaco will be sent to the

Intendente to authorize payment against the credit

established in para 5 (iv).

(vi) The Intendente di Finanze will furnish to the Provincial Finance Officer at the end of each month an account of claims authorized and of payments made.

6. CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL CHATTELS lost or damaged by war action will be dealt with similarly. As, however, little or no replacements can be purchased locally, no payments should be authorized unless clothing, etc. is known to be available. The Intendente (or Sindaco) should certify on the claims that the claimant has suffered the loss of the articles claimed.

7. BUDGET ESTIMATES

Expenditure for any work of repair, replacement or reconstruction of war damaged property is chargeable only to the budget of the Ministry of Public Works (Genio Civile). No expenditure for such work may therefore appear in the budgets of communes or provinces.

By Order of Captain Ellery W. Stone, U.S.M.R.

Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
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ACC/176/PWU

6 Oct. 44

SUBJECT: Housing - General

TO : Regional Engineer, Lazio Region.

1. Your letter R4/ENG/120 from 29 Sept. 1944.

This has, it is understood, been settled in a discussion with Lt. Col. Thompson on 2 Oct. 1944.

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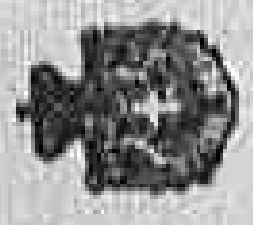
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Lieut. Colonel, R.E.
Acting Director.

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MINISTERO
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Al SIG. TEN. COL. R. C. L. THOMPSON
Capo Divisione Pubblici Servizi della
Sottocommissione Lavori e Servizi Pub-
blici dell' A. C. S. ROMA

e, per conoscenza:
Al V.P. SEZIONE ECONOMICA ROMA

Prot. N. 1663 / Dic.
Allegati N. 1
Risposta al foglio del 23-9-1944
Dic. Sez. ACC/176/PWV.

OGGETTO

Costruzione di casette
ricovero nel Lazio.

C/P.W.
R. Vacca
Temi important
Libri

In relazione alla lettera suindicata, diretta alla Sezione Zoologica e trasmessa a questo Ministero per opportuna conoscenza, con la quale, pur comunicando l'approvazione dei progetti relativi alla costruzione delle casette di cui in oggetto, vengono fatte osservazioni sull'entità della spesa all'uopo occorrente e nutrite preoccupazioni sul rilevantissimo ammontare della spesa che si incontrerebbe applicandosi lo stesso tipo di costruzione per tutta l'Italia, devo precisare quanto segue:

- 1) La costruzione delle casette ricovero in alcuni dei comuni maggiormente colpiti delle provincie di Roma, Prosinone e Littoria venne stabilita d'accordo col Sig. Colonnello Janny per provvedere al più presto possibile di alloggio le numerose famiglie senza tetto. In proposito venne diramato un comunicato stampa, di cui allego copia, pubblicato sul giornale "L'Unità" del 16 settembre scorso, e ciò per tranquillizzare i sinistrati, i quali sono in viva agitazione, resa ancora più giustificata per l'imminenza dell'inverno.

- 2) Com'è dettagliatamente esposto nella relazione di cui ho trasmesso

Prot. N. 1663
Alligetti N.
Esposta al foglio del 28-9-1944
Dir. Ser. ACC/170/PWV.

OGGETTO

Costruzione di casette
ricovero nel Lazio.

C/P.W.
R. Luciani
Pini is important
L.R.

In relazione alla lettera suindicata, diretta alla Sezione Economica e trasmessa a questo Ministero per opportuna conoscenza, con la quale, pur comunicando l'approvazione dei progetti relativi alla costruzione delle casette di cui in oggetto, vengono fatte osservazioni sull'entità della spesa all'uopo occorrente e nutrite preoccupazioni sul rivantissimo ammontare della spesa che si incontrerebbe applicandosi lo stesso tipo di costruzione per tutta l'Italia, devo precisare quanto segue:

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nuta conveniente e quindi prescelta l'unica offerta di L. 2900 presentata dall'impresa Pinto per tutti i comuni, come ha ritenuto all'unanimità la commissione d'ingegneri da me nominata.

3) Non ho alcuna intenzione di generalizzare la costruzione di sifonate cassette nei centri colpiti; anzi ho già disposto, a mezzo di telegramma circolare, di cui allego anche copia, la ripresa a cura degli Uffici del Genio Civile dei lavori di riparazione dei fabbricati danneggiati, utilizzabili subito per ricovero dei senza tetto, ritenendo questa la soluzione più vantaggiosa. Quindi in effetto non si avranno a verificare le temute ripercussioni finanziarie in tutta Italia, dovendosi ritenere circoscritto ad alcune regioni del Lazio l'esperimento testè fatto della costruzione delle cassette ricovero, regioni dove non vi è alcun modo, come specialmente per Cassino, di attuare l'altro sistema per mancanza di fabbricati riparabili.

Per le suindicate ragioni ed anche per l'impegno già assunto, reso oramai pubblico, prego vivamente la Commissione Economica, alla quale trasmetto anche la presente, di voler autorizzare la spesa occorrente fornendomi un cortese cenno di assicurazione.

IL MINISTRO

Alcide De Gasperi

Translation

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS

CABINETTO

Prot. No. 1463

Reply to letter of 28th Sept. 14

ACC/176/FWB.

Rome - Sept. 30th

To Lt. Col. R.C.E. THOMPSON

Chief of division at the

Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm.

Rome

and for the attention of the

Vice-President of the Economic

Section - Rome

SUBJECT

Construction of small houses
for sheltering roofless
people in Lazio Provinces.

With reference to the above quoted letter addressed to the Economic Section and submitted to this Ministry for information, with which though informing of the approval of projects covering the construction of the houses as mentioned in above Subject - observations are being made on the high cost and concern about the exorbitant expenses is pointed out in case this type of construction is to be carried out throughout Italy, I must state the following:

1) The construction of small houses in some of the most damaged Communes of the Provinces of Rome, Prosinone and Littoria has been decided in agreement with Lt. Col. JENNY, with a view of providing with the utmost speed, a shelter to the numerous roofless families.

With respect to this a communication has been sent out to the press - of which I attach copy - and was published by the newspaper Unità of Sept. last; it was meant to reassure the roofless people whose agitation concerning the approaching winter was rightly justified.

2) As I specified in the with Note 1634 attached, copy of which has been submitted to you, 237 Firms had been invited to present bids, but only 95 completed for this work presenting bids varying from 4000 to 7000 Lire. It was deemed convenient to choose the Firm FIMO, the only one which presented a bid of 2900 Lire for sq. m. of covered area. This decision has been taken unanimously by the Commission of Engineers which I myself had appointed, and the Firm Fimo was to carry out the work.

3) I have no intention to construct as a general type of houses in all damaged centers. On the contrary; I have already taken measures to reassume work of repair of such damaged buildings which could be used as a shelter for the roofless population and have sent, in consequence, a circular telegram - copy of which I am attaching - to the Genio Civile Offices which are to carry out this work of repair. We think this to be the best way of solving the question.

Therefore the financial reflex you were afraid of will not occur. The recently performed experiment to construct houses in areas, where, like in Cassino no possible repairable building are left is expected to be only an exception.

For the above mentioned reasons and also because of the engagement already undertaken and already known by the Ministry.

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For the above mentioned reasons and also because of the engagement already undertaken and already known by the public, I warmly beg the Economic Section to authorize the necessary expenditure and to kindly give me a word of reply to reassure me on the matter.

The Minister
signed: LANCINI

28 settembre 1944

TELEGRAMMA

PROVVEDITORE OPERE PALERMO
ET CONOSCENZA ALTO COMMISSARIO PALERMO

PROVVEDITORE OPERE CAGLIARI

ET CONOSCENZA ALTO COMMISSARIO CAGLIARI

ISPETTORI GENERALI COMPARTIMENTATI GENIO CIVILE AQUILA BARI
CATANZARO NAPOLI POTENZA ROMA

ET PER CONOSCENZA DIREZIONE GENERALE TECNICA S E D E

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MINISTRO

F./^{to} MANCINI

Per copia conforme
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO



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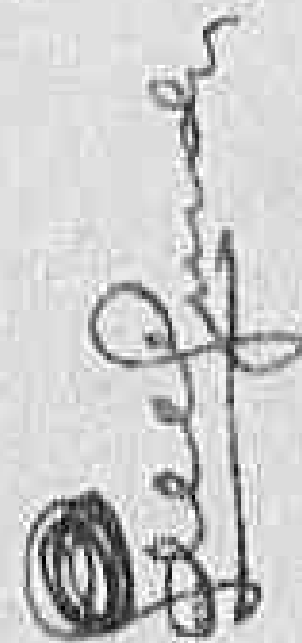
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Translation

Sept. 28th 1944

TELEGRAM

To: Purveyor of works - Palermo and for the attention of the High
Commissary - Palermo.
Purveyor of works - Cagliari and for the attention of the High
Commissary - Cagliari.
General Inspectors of Genio Civile Compartments of Aquila,
Bari, Catanzaro, Napoli, Potenza, Roma and for the attention
of General Technical Direction - Rome.

Div. 27 N. 802

Starting from now the orders revoking the restoration of the
buildings useable as shelter for the homeless given by circular N.1
dated Aug. 4th, are countermanded. Offices are to begin again
stopped works and commence new works having above mentioned aim.
By consequence orders given by circular N.546 dated Sept. 13th
must be speedily executed sending immediately telegraphic informa-
tion about same to Ministry.

Please issue conforming orders and acknowledge receipt.

THE MINISTER

Signed: Mancini

True copy
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
signed: ?????

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Ministry of Public Works

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Rome, 30 Sept 44

Subject: Construction of shelter houses in Lazio.

To : Lt. Col. V.S. Thompson, Chief P.W. Div.

Reference your letter ACC/126/PW dated 28 Sept. 44. to Economic Section with copy to this Ministry for information, in which although informing of the approval of projects relative to the construction of house above captioned, observations are being made on the great expenditure and it is felt that an exorbitant would be the expenditure encountered if the same type of construction is to be carried out throughout Italy: I must enlighten you of the following:

- 1.) The construction of shelter houses in some Communes heavily damaged in the Provinces of Rome, Frosinone and Littoria was established in accordance with Col. Jerny for providing as soon as possible shelters for the numerous roofless families. Regarding this, an Article was published on the News Paper "l'Unità" of 16 Sept / copy attached hereto) that, was, to pacify the roofless people, who are terribly worried more so justified by the imminence of the winter.
- 2.) As it is in detail related in the report copy of which I transmitted with my letter No. 1634 of 27 Sept were invited to bid 234 contracting firms out of

which only 95 participated, submitting bids varying from £4000 to £7000 per sq. meter of covered area, consequently it has been deemed convenient and therefore unanimously chosen by the Committee by me appointed the only tender of £2900 submitted by Contractor Pinto, for all the communes.

3.) I have no intentions of going ahead with a general construction program for building such houses in the damaged centers; in fact I have already sent a circular telegram instructing the offices of Genio Civile to resume the repairs of damaged houses that may be used immediately as a shelter for the roofless, also retaining this to be the most economical solution. Therefore there is nothing to worry about the foreseen financial repercussions throughout Italy, being the experiment of building shelter house limited only to some parts of Lazio where there is no alternative due to total destruction. Cassino for example.

For the above reasons and for the obligation assumed and made public I vividly beg the Economic Section to kindly authorize the expenditure, furnishing me with a courteous sign of assurance.

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THE MINISTER.

H.Q. A.C.C. ECONOMIC SECTION

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MINISTERO
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Al SIG. TEN. COL. R. C. E. THOMPSON
Capo Divisione Pubblici Servizi della
Sottocommissione Lavori e Servizi Pub-
blici dell' A. C. C. ROMA
s. per conoscenza:
Al V. P. SEZIONE ECONOMICA ROMA

Prot. N. 1663 Dic.
Allegato N.
Risposta al foglio del 23-9-1944
Dir. Ser. ACC/176/PWV.

OGGETTO

Costruzione di cassette
ricovero nel Lazio.

In relazione alla lettera suindicata, diretta alla Sezione Economi-
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ta per l'imminenza dell'inverno.

La relazione suindicata, esposta nella relazione di cui ho trasmesso

Prot. N. 1663

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3) Non ho alcuna intenzione di generalizzare la costruzione di sifonate cassette nei centri colpiti; anzi ho già disposto, a mezzo di telegramma circolare, di cui allego anche copia, la ripresa a cura degli Uffici del Genio Civile dei lavori di riparazione dei fabbricati danneggiati, utilizzabili subito per ricovero del senza tetto, ritenendo questa la soluzione più vantaggiosa. Quindi in effetto non si avranno a verificare le temute ripercussioni finanziarie in tutta Italia, dovendosi ritenere circoscritto ad alcune regioni del Lazio, l'esperimento testè fatto della costruzione delle cassette ricovero, regioni dove non vi è alcun modo, come specialmente per Cassino di attuare l'altro sistema per mancanza di fabbricati riparabili.

Per le suindicate ragioni ed anche per l'impegno già assunto, reso ormai pubblico, prego vivamente la Commissione Economica, alla quale trasmetto anche la presente, di voler autorizzare la spesa occorrente fornendomi un cortese cenno di assicurazione.

IL MINISTRO

Di Vignani

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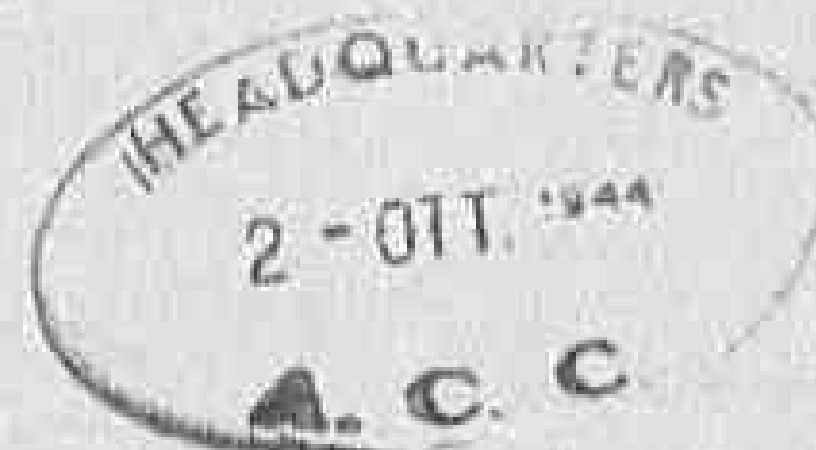
HEADQUARTERS
LAZIO REGION A.M.G.
(Engineering Division)
APO 394

29 September 1944

TO : HQ.ACC.(P.W. & U. Sub-Commission) ✓

SUBJECT : Housing - General

IN REPLY QUOTE : R4/ENG/120



1. At a conference with Lt. Col. Jenny early in September he informed me that henceforth HQ.ACC.(P.W.) was assuming responsibility for Rehousing and would deal direct with the new Minister without Portafoglio thereon and would keep me informed thereon as regards Region IV.

In my R4/ENG/120 dated 9th September 1944 (copy to Regional Commissioner) I enclosed letters from Finance at various levels showing they were blocking for repairs to private houses and emphasising the grave consequences of this action.-

Your reply ACC/176/PWU dated 13 September 1944 indicates that your office is dealing with the matter and says that I will be kept informed.-

The only further information I have had is the enclosed translation of an article in the "Il Popolo".

I object strongly to being informed through the press what is about to happen.-

Further in connection with the article itself it implies that action has just been taken on initiative of the Minister of Works, with approval of Lt. Col. Jenny while in fact action was initiated in July by the Region and the only schemes that I have so far heard of being presented are Cassino, Gaeta, Terracina, Cisterna, Anzio and one for Valdemonte, all of which have been under preparation on Regional Initiative in cooperation with Genio Civile long before the matter was taken up at a higher level.-

2. Could you please define officially in writing what my position is as regards Rehousing as it is a major matter of Policy on which there should be no ambiguity or possible misunderstanding as unless officially relieved of that responsibility I deem that the Regional Engineer is

*This has been all
straightened up at
meeting at R.E.(W) today 2/10/44*

*U. Col.
Thompson
I agree that
he is entitled
to a clear
statement of
position.
(Jenny is
confused
& present
situation
is not
clear)
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under order of and responsible to the Regional Commissioner for all works in the Region and is only Subject to Technical Direction and Instruction from the ACC. Sub-Commission in exactly similar lines as a Chief Engineer or CRE in British Army is under orders of the Commander and all orders on matters of policy are conveyed through the Commander. I believe it is similar in the American Army.

Goldwindley

Lt.Col.R.E.

Regional Engineer
Lazio Region AMG.

Enclosures

Copy to:

Regional Commissioner LAZIO Region.

ACC/176/PRO *Replies*

To RE of LAZIO REGION

Subj: HOUSING - GENERAL

1. Your letter RH/ENG/120 from 24 Sept. 1944
This has been understood, been
settled in a discussion 18 Oct.
Lt. Col. Thompson on 2 Oct.

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Translation" IL POPOLO "

Friday, 15 Sept 44

Construction of small shelter houses

The Minister of Public Works, in accordance with Col. Jenny, director of Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission A.C.C., has ordered the construction of small shelter houses in the Communes of the Provinces of Rome, Frosinone and Littoria, the most seriously damaged by war operations.

The competent offices of the Genio Civile are occupied with the preparation of projects for the construction of housing groups in the Communes of Velletri, Valmontone, Lariano, Genzano, Frascati, Tivoli, Ausonia, S. Giorgio, Pignataro, Piedimonte, Pontecorvo, Cisterna, Itri, Aprilia, Terracina, Fondi, Elana, Minturno, Castelforte.

The offices have been instructed to submit, as soon as possible, their estimates for further removal **1885** demolition works and to have rapidly examined the estimates compiled by those private owners who intend to start the repairs on the damaged buildings.

W. for Thompson ~~NO 9/10~~

pass on to see 8
to Mr.

Solomon.

Actual Reading

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Not official.

A Press article
only.

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DAL GIORNALE "L'UNITA'" DEL 16 SETTEMBRE 1944, seconda pagina prima colonna:

CASSETTE RICOVERO PER I SENZA TETTO

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Il Ministro dei Lavori Pubblici d'accordo con il Sig. Col. Ienny Direttore della Sottocommissione Alleata di controllo ai lavori e servizi, ha disposto la costruzione di cassette ricovero nei comuni delle Province di Roma, Frosinone e Littoria più gravemente danneggiati in dipendenza della guerra.

Per Cassino è stata già sperimentata una gara tra varie imprese, ed è stato ordinato senz'altro l'inizio di un primo lotto di alloggi, cui seguiranno immediatamente altri due lotti.

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Translation

From the paper "L'Unità" of Sept. 16th. 1944, page 2, column 1.

Small houses for sheltering the homeless.

The Minister of Public Works in agreement with Lt. Col. Jenny Director of Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission of the A.C.C., has ordered the building of small houses as shelters in the communes of the Provinces of Rome, Frosinone and Littoria seriously damaged by the war.

A competition between various firms has already been tried at Cassino, and the order has been given to start on a first lot of dwelling at once; two other lots will follow immediately.

At Anzio the works of adaptation of the shed in masonry which was occupied by the "Milizia" is to be started immediately according to orders, so as to obtain an adequate number of dwelling in a short time.

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It seems that works on a first group of dwelling may be started before the end of the current month. This group will include 60 dwellings at Velletri, 50 at Valmontone, 20 at Lanuvio, 20 at Genzano, 30 at Tivoli, 40 at Frascati.

The dwellings will be built in masonry and stone throughout, excluding cement and iron, almost entirely bricks. They will be of two models: one model, of m. 7.50 by 5.40, made up of one room besides a small lobby, a small kitchen and a lavatory; the other, of m. 6.20 by 6.20, made up of two rooms, besides the lobby, kitchen and lavatory, height m. 3.50 from the ground, tile-covering. Each dwelling will have moreover, according to the available area, a plot of ground intended for a kitchen-garden which may vary between 50 and 100 sq. m. The average cost of the dwellings will oscillate according to the localities between 5500 and 7000 lire the sq. m. of covered surface. Each "cell" (building) may include more than one dwelling, always of one room.

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ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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2 October 1944

SUBJECT: Emergency Housing

TO : The Acting Chief Commissioner

1. In line with recent conversation with the Acting Chief Commissioner relative to the above subject, there is submitted

- (a) Letter ACC/176/PWU, 28 September — (30)
- (b) Letter from Minister of Public Works, 27 Sep
- (c) Memo ACC/176/PWU, 30 September. — (31)

2. From the attached it will be seen that the independent emergency housing project being carried on with the Minister of Public Works at the instigation of Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission only had reference to some 560 apartments. As pointed out in the memorandum of 30 September, this is only a drop in the bucket.

3. It would appear that relief can be afforded by an aggressive program for repairing damaged houses. It is felt that the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission has done about all that they can do in order to get the Government to take active steps in this matter. With this background and information in the Acting Chief Commissioner's file with reference to the proposed emergency housing decree, it is suggested that if this matter was mentioned to Prime Minister Benoni, he might be able to get his government to become more aggressive.

For the Acting Section Head:

LDD
L. D. DENSMORE
Col, Sig C, CSO
Economic Section

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Incl a, b, c, above.

cc: Pub Wks & Util S/C ✓

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you will see that 2 letters have created an impression. Gen. 5/10.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
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30 September 1944

AGC/176/TWU

Subject: Memorandum of Housing.

To : Col. L.D. Denemore, Chief of Staff Officer.
Economic Section.

1. Reference conversation regarding progress of new house construction.

2. The projects mentioned in my letter AGC/176/TWU of 28 September 44 provide for approx. 560 apartments. This work has been approved by this Sub-Commission and instructions given to the Ministry of Public Works to proceed.

3. It is felt however that, in spite of the cost, such schemes are only scratching the surface of the housing problem and whatever propaganda value they may have, the problem must be tackled along other and more widespread lines.

4. The first and greatest contribution must be the immediate passing of the decree clarifying the position of owners of damaged property.

5. Until this is done there will be no general effort on the part of the local authorities who are the only people who can solve this problem on a national scale.

6. Damaged houses can be divided into three categories:

- (a) Slight damage, easily repairable.
- (b) Heavy damage, but structurally sound. 1887
- (c) Structurally unsound.

7. The following points have been clearly emphasized to the Ministry of Public Works. Every effort must be made and assistance given to local authorities to repair type (a) at once.

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followed of course by type (b). Type (c) should be wrecked and the materials cleaned and stored under Genio Civile direction for use on types (a) and (b).

8. Once the legal position of the owners is assured the writer is firmly of the opinion that good progress can be made using local materials, not the least of which is the personality of the Sindaco strengthened by the local Genio Civile.

9. In conclusion, no new houses should be built until all possible repairs are at least well under way in the neighbourhood.

V.S. THOMPSON
Lt. Col. R.C.E.
Chief, Public Wks. Div.

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Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
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28 September 1944

ACC/176/PWU

Subject: Civilian Housing.

To : V.P., Economic Section.

1. The Ministry of Public Works, acting on instructions, has recently prepared estimates for the building of small groups of new houses in the following communes:

	No. of Rooms	Cost in Millions of lire
Cassino	200	26.6
Valmontone	85	13.9
Genzano	35	4.9
Frascati	70	10.8
Lanuvio	35	4.9
Tivoli	55	8.2
Velletri	105	16.2
Terracina	232	28.0
Montesecco di Gaeta	224	27.0
	1041	140.5

2. The average size of the rooms in these houses is 4.6 x 4.5 m. and the average price for all the projects works out at L. 135,000 per room. In consideration of the fact that these prices exclude plumbing, wiring, water and streets, and that the houses are of necessity of the simplest possible construction, these prices are outrageous. 1879

3. I have therefore referred the matter to the Minister of Public Works and his reply is attached hereto.

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4. In consideration of this reply and to prevent the obvious repercussions if this urgent work is delayed further, I have approved the projects, but I must place on record in the strongest terms that there is no justification, in my opinion, for the prices asked.

5. The total number of people sheltered when these plans are completed will be 5725, on the basis of 5 persons to a room, at a total cost of L. 140,500,000. Final figures for the whole of Italy stagger the imagination.

V.S. THOMPSON
Lt. Col. R.C.E.
Chief, Public Wks. Div.

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Il Ministro
dei Lavori Pubblici

Rome, 27 Sept. 44

To: Lt.Col. Thompson
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
Allied Control Commission
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In accordance with your suggestion personally greatly appreciated by me and for which I thank you, I have submitted the prices for the construction of the small economical houses in the six communes in Rome Province for examination to a Committee of five senior Engineers of the Genio Civile.

This Committee, after an accurate examination has presented me with a report, of which I am forwarding a copy, that conforms the admission of the estimated prices, prepared by the office of the Genio Civile of Rome.

I am accepting therefore the opinion of the Committee, and I deem that the projects may be approved keeping in mind the urgent necessity of a prompt initiation of the works.

(Sgd) C. Mancini

MINISTERO DEI LAVORI PUBBLICI

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI SERVIZI SPECIALI

Roma, addì 13 Settembre 1944

AI CAPI DEGLI UFFICI DEL G.C.

e per conoscenza:

AGLI ALTI COMMISSARI PER LA SICILIA
E LA SARDEGNA - CAGLIARI - PALERMO

Div. 27° no 546

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PALERMO - CACIARI

AI CAPI DEGLI UFF. REGIONALI DEL G.C.

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Contemporaneamente provvederanno a redigere le relative perizie, curando, che non sia previsto impiego di materiali contingentati né di materiali di difficile approvvigionamento sul posto. Le perizie dovranno essere compilate distintamente per ciascuna abitazione, e meno che non si tratti di più abitazioni appartenenti allo stesso proprietario: in ogni caso per rapidità di procedimento e facilità di finanziamento sarà opportuno che esso non siano di rilevante ammontare. Inoltre poiché è intendimento di questo Ministero che di norma, per ragioni di rapidità, i lavori vengano eseguiti in economia le SS.LI. dovranno, attenendosi alle disposizioni di cui alla circolare n° 493 del 10 settembre 1944, ed eventuali successive, intavolare trattative con imprese idonee e di fiducia che diano completo affidamento sotto tutti i riguardi di essere in grado di portare a termine rapidamente i lavori, escludendo in modo assoluto la concessione di preordini al termine di ultimazione che verrà stabilita. All'uopo i lavori potranno essere raggruppati per modo da formare dei lotti di importanza tecnica e finanziaria corrispondente alla capacità delle singole imprese da accollarsi ciascuno con unico contratto di cottimo.

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Confido che le SS.LI. e il personale dipendente alla cui sensibilità di funzionari e di cittadini non sfugge l'alto dovere civico che è insito nella risoluzione del problema dei senza tetto, daranno il più completo e sollecito ed empimento alle istruzioni della presente circolare.

Resto ed ogni modo in attesa di assicurazione.

IL MINISTRO

F.to Mancini

PER COPIA CONFORME/

IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE

Mancini

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS

GENERAL DIRECTION OF SPECIAL SERVICES.

Rome, Sept. 13th 1944.

Div. 27 No. 546.

SUBJECT: Preparation of
shelters for those whose
dwellings have been seriously
damaged or destroyed in the war.

TO: The Office Chiefs of the
Genio Civile.
and for the attention of:
The High Commissioners for
Sicily and Sardinia -
Cagliari - Palermo
The Technical Director General
of the Ministry of P.W.
Headquarters.
The Director Generals of
the Ministry of P.W.
Headquarters.
The Surveyor of P.W.
Palermo - Cagliari
The Regional Office Chiefs
of the Genio Civile.

It. Col. Thompson

*I think you should
see this file. 488
25/9.*

By means of circular No. 188 of the 9th inst. we have instructed you regarding the general survey of war-damages to be drawn up and, especially with regard to the dwellings which can be saved by means of easily and rapidly carried out work, we have ordered the respective verifications to be effected with an absolute priority over those of other categories of work and then forwarded to this Ministry as soon as possible.

As the same circular clearly states, the intention of making use of such dwellings to shelter the homeless has given rise to this special order. The preparation of these dwellings and therefore the execution of the necessary works must be carried out with the utmost speed, so that at least the greater number of needed shelters may be got ready before the beginning of winter.

It is therefore necessary that, apart from the fulfilment of the instructions mentioned at the beginning which we ratify entirely, you should give the proper orders for ascertaining immediately which and how many damaged dwelling-houses can be repaired and made use of as stated above, in every commune where are homeless people, what this work will cost and the number of persons capable of being sheltered in this way. You will telegraph these data to this Ministry as soon as possible, together with the number of people needing shelter which the Prefecture or the Commune will furnish you with.

At the same time you will draw up the respective surveys, taking care not to include controlled materials or materials not easily obtainable on the spot among the ones to be used for the work. The surveys will have to be drawn up separately for each dwelling, unless there be question of several dwellings belonging to the same owner; in any case so as to proceed with rapidity

and finance the work easily, they should not amount to any considerable sum.

Inasmuch as this Ministry wants the works to be regularly carried out on a cost plus basis for reasons of speed, you will also, while following the instructions given in circular No. 483 of Sept. 1st 1944 and succeeding ones if any, open negotiations with suitable and approved firms that may be entirely trusted to carry out the work rapidly. You will absolutely refuse to postpone the date settled on for the completion of the work. With this end in view the works may be grouped together so as to form lots of technical and financial importance corresponding to the capacity of the individual firms, to be allotted by a single contract.

The preliminary telegraphic informations mentioned above must reach this Ministry this month without fail, and the surveys accompanied by definite proposals for awarding the works and, if possible, by the outline of the contract agreed upon with the firms, not later than Oct. 15th.

As your feelings of officials and citizens must urge you to help in solving the problem of the homeless, I trust that both you and the staff under you will carry out the present instructions as completely and as speedily as possible.

I await however to be assured of this.

THE MINISTER

(signed: Mancini)

True copy
the Chief Divisional Inspector,

(signed: M. Vitale)

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Lt Col. Rhodes
Thompson

16 September 1944

My dear Prime Minister:

Res note & file (Housing file)
Ind. 18/9

Reference is made to memorandum 1/285 for the Political Section AGC dated 19 August 1944 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and "Rough Translation" of a proposed legislative decree, which was attached to the memorandum, on the constitution of regional building bodies for the most urgent repairs and construction works, and also to a recent conversation with you relating to the subject matter.

The Commission is in thorough accord with the need for initiating as rapidly as possible a series of shelter projects before the onset of winter. In fact, it has been engaged for some time in assisting your Government along these lines.

In general we are in agreement with the provisions of the proposed Legislative Decree subject, however, to the following:

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ARTICLE I

From the language in the second sentence of this Article and from our conversation it appears that you intend to use the competent technical services of Genio Civile but the present wording is open to misinterpretation. This sentence could be made more definite and precise in outlining the structure of the regional building bodies.

ARTICLE II

From the description of the functions of the regional building bodies it would appear that many administrative and operative conflicts would develop. It is desirable to change the regional building bodies from Operative to Advisory bodies. The Genio Civile is fully organized in every province and is prepared to function immediately. Their engineering skill and thorough knowledge of local conditions would be invaluable in completing plans, executing contracts and supervising production. The work already done over a period of several months

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by the Genio Civile working in cooperation with our Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission in making plans and surveys for this vitally needed reconstruction should be utilized to the fullest extent in eliminating duplication of effort and the attendant wastage of time and resources. Since the creation of an Advisory Body is unusual in Italian practice, the decree should expressly provide that in addition to the normal legal safeguards the members of the Advisory Body should not receive salaries by virtue of their membership in the body and no member of such a body can have a monetary or material interest in a contract awarded under this decree.

ARTICLE III

The effect and purpose of this Article could be incorporated into the provisions of Article II.

ARTICLE IV

No provision is made to require that in effecting repairs and reconstructions every caution should be exercised in using only non-critical materials to minimize in so far as possible the impact on the price structure by the disbursement of one milliard lire within a short period. An amendment is recommended to provide every safeguard in relation to the present position of currency circulation and prices.

The proposed decree appears to depart from the normal procedures established by Italian law and the terms of the Armistice governing the acquisition and requisition of materials, the making of contracts and expenditure of funds. Section 1 of this Article fails to set any limit on what salvage materials, etc., can be used and how acquired. It is recommended that an amendment should be provided here that no materials, etc., required for the war effort may be so employed.

The same observation applies to Article II. It is also pertinent to observe here that the same competence to make this judgment should be employed as in all other cases of requisition.

Section 1 also provides that statements and inventories must be drawn up "whenever possible". Does this comply with the normal requirements of Italian law? If it does not comply, is there a justification for such a departure?

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ARTICLE V

Section 3 of this Article provides that whenever owners fail to request such permit to effect repairs or reconstructions "within the prescribed time" action may be taken to effect them. I have been unable to discover what the prescribed time is. It would be advisable to establish a definite time limitation.

ARTICLE VI

The first sentence of Article VI relieves the contracting body from the obligation of following the normal regulations of Italian law on State Expenditures. Experience has shown that adherence to the normal regulations does not impede operations relative to the Armed Services or road repairs. Is it necessary that these contracts should be exempted from normal regulations of law?

The fourth sentence of Article VI exempts instruments and contracts from dues and taxes, even land taxes. No reason is perceived why these exemptions should be granted in relation to land taxes.

ARTICLE VII

Coordinating activity by the President of the Council of Ministers should be most helpful in stimulating action.

ARTICLE VIII

The provisions of this Article should be effectively incorporated into revised Article II.

ARTICLE IX

One milliard lire is appropriated under this Article as an amendment to the budget of the Ministry of Public Works. The authority to make disbursements appears to have been placed in the Regional Bodies. This would be contrary to the present Italian legal and accounting systems. This difficulty can be eliminated, however, if the recommendations relating to Article II are carried out since the regional building bodies will be Advisory and the contracting and disbursing authority will be the Genio Civile. Since progress payments will be necessary

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ARTICLE X

The provision of this Article is quite acceptable and conforms to normal procedures.

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Pending the ultimate determination of this matter and to expedite the work now in progress under the studies and plans completed by the Genio Civile in conjunction with our Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, it is suggested that this program be permitted to continue.

It is evident from this letter that the problem of preparing an effective decree is sufficiently technical to require considerable detailed work. Realizing the many demands upon your time I would suggest that you refer whoever is charged with the responsibility from your Government for this project to the Economic Section of the Commission where he may consult readily with all officials who have an interest in the speedy completion of this worthy project. You have my assurance that we shall devote our best energies toward achieving an effective shelter program.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain (USNR)
Acting Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government

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My dear Prime Minister:

25 September 1944

In further reference to my letter of 16 September 1944, may I express my continued interest in the action contemplated by your Government in establishing regional building bodies for the most urgent repairs and construction works. Full facilities of our Commission are available to you in expediting this vitally needed program for emergency shelter.

Your advice on the progress being made will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

ELDERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government

cc: Economic Section
PW & U Sub-Commission --

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
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26 Sept. 1944

SUBJECT: War Damage.

TO : Regional Engineer,
Southern Region.

The attached letter is forwarded for return to the
Genio Civile at Salerno. No action is possible at this
Headquarters.

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

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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.

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(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 1867 of reconstruction work.

The Conference seemed to agree about all this, and Brigadier LUSH asked Col. CIPPS to explain what has been done recently. This was to the effect that, for obscure reasons, the 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 500 trained civilians each will be taught the work. Later,

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I said that it seemed to me, under this training scheme, that we may be lucky if we get these teams to clear any mines much before Christmas; even if the training scheme is successful and these people get necessary equipment.

However, the position is that Col. Cripps is now sponsoring this proposal.

(c) Re-housing.

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, as to 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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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

ACC/176/PWU.

21 Sept 44

SUBJECT: Re-housing Projects.

TO : Regional Engineer, Region IV.
(Lt.Col. FINDLAY, V.C., R.E.)

1. Reference the offer made last week by a firm of contractors (Messrs. NARDONE), to construct on a site selected by you a sample structure of a type suitable to re-house people during the coming winter. I think the suggestion is a useful one.

2. The idea is to make the maximum use out of damaged and demolished properties near the site selected, so that hardly any transport will be involved, and an absolutely minimum quantity of materials. Even bricks could be cleaned for re-use, instead of calling on brick-fields for new ones.

3. It appears to me, however, that in order to get the best results more than one firm should be set the task. By this I mean, particularly, firms who have a competent designing and controlling staff, and who would not need to be given precise instructions. The matter to be one for the individual initiative of the firms employed (probably 2 or 3 in number) erecting their sample structures in different places, so that they would not be likely to copy each others' ideas.

4. Not only would this give examples of what private enterprise can do, technically, but it would give valuable data as to actual costs. To this end it might be necessary, during the short period of construction, for you to have spot-checks made every few days of the number of men actually engaged, and examining other expenditure items as they go on.

5. If you could get such reliable firms to erect the structures, giving them a fairly free hand, the arrangement

might be that they would be re-embursed their actual expenditure only, plus say 10% for overhead costs. The incentive would be that the firm producing the best result, at the lowest cost and in the shortest time, would have a prospect of further contracts on a proper basis.

5. Decision would be made by the Genio Civile, in conjunction with yourself, and probably an officer from these Headquarters.

6. I am sending a copy of this letter to Signor TIZZANO, the Director General, for information and to discuss it with me next time he is in Rome. In the meantime will you please telephone me, and let me have your general views.

7. Lt. Col. Thompson is in general agreement, & can suggest one or two firms.

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

Copy to: Signor Tizzano.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 5
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FINANCE DIVISION

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REF: RS/SP D/1

SUBJECT: War Damaged Property

TO: Provincial Commissioners
(Attention: Provincial Finance Officer)
CHIETI - PESCARA - TERAMO
ASCOLI PICENO - MACERATA
ANCONA
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AQUILA

1. Letter from the Finance Sub-Commission, HQ. A.C.C., dated 10 September 1944, file 13194/F, subject: "War Damage", is quoted for your information and guidance.

"The general question of the repair and reconstruction of war damaged property has been under consideration, and it has been decided that no expenditures will in future be authorised under capitolo 89 (capitolo 91 in 1943/44) budget of the Ministry of Public Works.

Special appropriations are to be set up covering different classes and schemes of work, and the approval of all projects and the financing and control of expenditures will be dealt with directly by Headquarters, A.C.C. in conjunction with the Italian Government.

In future no expenditures will be approved or credits authorised by Regional Finance Officers for any work of repair or reconstruction of war damaged property".

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

N.T. BEARD, Lt. Colonel
Regional Finance Officer

15 September 1944
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Copy to: Engineering Division, Region V.

Tel. 489081

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
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19 Sept 44

SUBJECT: Financing of Housing Projects.
TO : Finance Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

1. We have this day approved the following housing projects:-

<u>P.W. & U.</u>	<u>Register-No.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	M. 53	Reconstruction of barracks at Anzio	4,500,000 Lira
	M. 54	Construction of 120 new one-family houses at Cassino	33,000,000 "

2. In view of the fact that the preparation of a new Decree will take some time and, in view of the urgent need for speed in this work, it is requested that funds be made available to cover the above two projects as we are authorising work to begin immediately.

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

C.C. to: Lt.Col. Thompson,
" Minister of Public Works,
" file 176.

Tel. 489081

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
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15 Sept 44

SUBJECT: Housing Expert.

TO: : Maj. Gen. David McCoach, Jr.
Chief Engineer AFHQ.

1. At the meeting held yesterday at this Headquarters with AFHQ. representatives some one apparently proposed bringing a housing expert from England to help in the present housing situation in Italy. This idea should be discouraged for the reasons outlined by me in the attached letter. Our greatest difficulty is the finding of explosives to be used in quarries, gasoline and oil for transportation, and transportation itself. In addition the finding of doors, window frames, glass and appliances will be one of the principal difficulties.

2. Perhaps you can do something to prevent such an expert being sent here, as he is really not needed.

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

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15 Sept 44.

SUBJECT: Housing Expert.

TO : Economic Section.

1. I have been advised that at yesterday's meeting with AF.HQ. representatives the proposal was made to bring a housing expert from England to Italy to assist in the housing problems.

2. I wish to go on record in opposition to this viewpoint. We do not need any housing experts. The problems which we are tackling are first aid shelter problems which require relatively little skill. The Italians have good engineers and architects who can do this work and understand their problems. We have men at this Headquarters who are also experienced and who can assist.

3. The problems in Italy are so radically different from those in England that they will have to be treated from an entirely different viewpoint.

4. What is needed is not expert technical skill, but transportation equipment and men who can go around to locate available materials. But even in this last task we find that the Italians are probably as expert in this field as anyone else.

5. It is suggested that whenever such proposals are made they should first be discussed with this Sub-Commission before any decisions are made.

L.A. JENNY 1867
Lt-Colonel, C.E.
Director.

COL. JENNY

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16 September 1944

My dear Prime Minister:

Reference is made to memorandum 1/285 for the Political Section ADC dated 19 August 1944 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and "Bough Translation" of a proposed legislative decree, which was attached to the memorandum, on the constitution of regional building bodies for the most urgent repairs and construction works. Also to recent conversation with you relating to the subject matter.

The Commission is in thorough accord with the need for initiating as rapidly as possible a series of shelter projects before the onset of winter. In fact, it has been engaged for some time in assisting your Government along these lines.

In general we are in agreement with the provisions of the proposed Legislative Decree subject, however to the following:

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ARTICLE I

From the language in the second sentence of this Article it appears that you intend to use the competent technical services of Genio Civile but the present wording is open to misinterpretation. This sentence could be made more definitive and precise in outlining the structure of the regional building bodies.

ARTICLE II

From the description of the functions of the regional building bodies it would appear that many administrative and operative conflicts would develop. It is desirable to change the regional building bodies from Operative to Advisory bodies. The Genio Civile is fully organized in every province and is prepared to function immediately. Their engineering skill and thorough knowledge of local conditions would be invaluable in completing plans, executing contracts and supervising production. The work already done over a period of several months by the Genio Civile working in cooperation with our Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission in making plans and surveys for this vitally needed reconstruction should be utilized to the fullest extent in eliminating duplication of effort and the attendant wastage of time and resources. Since the creation of an Advisory Body is unusual in Italian practice, the decree should expressly provide that in addition to the normal legal safeguards the members of the Advisory Body should not receive salaries by virtue of their membership in the body and no member of such a body can have a monetary or material interest in a contract awarded under this decree.

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ARTICLE III

The effect and purpose of this Article could be incorporated into the provisions of Article II.

ARTICLE IV

No provision is made to require that in effecting repairs and reconstructions every caution should be exercised in using only non-critical materials to minimize as far as possible the impact on the price structure by the disbursement of one milliard lire within a short period. An amendment is recommended to provide every safeguard in relation to the present position of currency circulation and prices.

The proposed decree appears to depart from the normal procedures established by Italian law and the terms of the Armistice governing the acquisition and requisition of materials, the making of contracts and expenditure of funds. Section 1 of this Article fails to set any limit on what salvage materials, etc., can be used and how acquired. It is recommended that an amendment should be provided here that no materials, etc., required for the War effort may be so employed.

The same observation applies to Article II. It is also pertinent to observe here that the same competence to make this judgment should be employed as in all other cases of requisition.

Section 1 also provides that statements and inventories must be drawn up "whenever possible". Does this comply with the normal requirements of Italian law? If it does not comply, is there a justification for such a departure?

ARTICLE V

Section 3 of this Article provides that whenever owners fail to request such permit to effect repairs or reconstructions "within the prescribed time" action may be taken to effect them. I have been unable to discover what the prescribed time is. It would be advisable to establish a definite time limitation.

ARTICLE VI

First sentence of Article VI relieves the contracting body from the obligation of following the normal regulations of Italian law on State Expenditures. Experience has shown that adherence to the normal regulations does not impede operations relative to the Armed Services or road repairs. Is it necessary that these contracts should be exempted from normal regulations of law?

The fourth sentence of Article VI exempts instruments and contracts from dues and taxes, even land taxes. No reason is perceived why these exemptions should be granted in relation to land taxes.

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ARTICLE VII

Coordinating activity by the President of the Council of Ministers should be most helpful in stimulating action.

ARTICLE VIII

The provisions of this Article should be effectively incorporated into Article III.

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One milliard lire is appropriated under this Article as an amendment to the budget of the Ministry of Public Works. The authority to make disbursements appears to have been placed in the Regional Bodies. This would be contrary to the present Italian legal and accounting systems. This difficulty can be eliminated, however, if the recommendations relating to Article III are carried out since the regional building bodies will be Advisory and the contracting and disbursing authority will be the Genio Civile. Since progress payments will be necessary under this reconstruction program it would be advisable to adopt the procedure already perfected under RIL 72 (7 Mar 44) requiring that the allocation of funds from such appropriations must be made by agreement between the Ministry of Public Works and the Ministry of Treasury. It is thought that Article VI could be deleted if the above suggestions are incorporated into the decree.

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The provision of this Article is quite usable and conforms to normal procedure.

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Pending the ultimate determination of this matter and to expedite the work now in progress under the studies and plans completed by the Genio Civile in conjunction with our Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, it is suggested that this program be permitted to continue. It is evident that from this letter that the problem of preparing an effective decree is sufficiently technical to require considerable detailed work. Realizing the many demands upon your time I would suggest that you refer whoever is charged with the responsibility from your Government for this project to the Economic Section of the Commission where he may consult readily with all officials who have an interest in the speedy completion of this worthy project. You have my assurance that we shall devote our best energies toward achieving an effective shelter program.

Yours very truly,

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ELBERT W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government

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SUBJECT: Legislative Decree on the Construction of Regional Building Bodies for the most urgent repairs and construction works.

TO : Prime Minister Bonomi.

1. Reference is made to the memorandum for the AGO Political Section dated 19 August 1944 from the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the attached Legislative Decree.

2. The AGO is in thorough accord with the need for initiating as rapidly as possible a series of projects to provide shelter before the onset of winter. *in fact it has been engaged for some time in selecting your government among these lines.*

3. In general, we are in agreement with the proposal and embodied in the Legislative Decree subject, however, to the following exceptions.

a. The Decree makes no attempt to require that in effecting repairs and reconstructions, care should be exercised to use only non-critical materials in order to minimize insofar as possible the impact on the price structure by the disbursement of the sum of one billion lire within a very short period. *It is submitted that in view of the present position of circulation and prices that the Decree be amended to have this effect.*

b. It is felt that the work which has been done over a period of several months by the Genio Civile in making surveys and plans for reconstruction should be utilized to the fullest extent so as to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort and the attendant waste of time. *in cooperation with our Public Works and Utilities Com. Bureau*

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this body of highly qualified technicians. However, I feel that the language of Article I could be more precise on this point since it is sufficiently general as to be capable of misinterpretation.

d. So far as this Decree departs from the normal procedures established by Italian law and the terms of the Armistice governing acquisition of materials, requisition of materials, making of contracts and expenditure of funds, I feel that it establishes a dangerous precedent. For example, Article IV, Section 1, fails to set any limit on what materials, etc., can be used. It is submitted that this Article must be amended to provide that no materials, etc., required for the Allied war effort may be so employed. The same observation applies to Article II. It would also be necessary in this connection to provide that the same competence to make this judgment should be employed as in all other cases of requisition. Further, in Article IV, Section 1, it states that statements and inventories must be drawn up "whenever possible". This does not comply with the normal requirements of Italian law. No reason is seen for this departure. Further, Article V, Section 3, provides that whenever owners fail to request such permit "within the prescribed time", the Decree does not at any point provide a prescribed time. The first sentence of Article VI relieves the contracting power from the obligation to follow the normal regulations of law on state expenditures. It has been demonstrated that following the normal regulations does not impede operations of the Armed Services or of road repairs. No reason is perceived why these contracts should be exempted from normal regulations of law. The fourth sentence of Article VI exempts instruments and contracts from duties and taxes. The draftsmanship is rather loose but it would also seem to give an exemption from land tax. No reason is perceived why these exemptions should be granted.

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disbursing authority will be in the Genio Civil. Enaction of this suggestion would also remove most of the objections based on Article VI since Article VI could then be completely deleted from this Decree.

4. Pending the ultimate determination of this matter, it is suggested that in order to advance as rapidly as possible in view of the approach of winter, the work now in progress under the studies and plans referred to in 3.b. above, ^{be permitted to} continue.

5. As is evident from the discussions above, this problem is sufficiently complex, that considerable detail work will be essential to its implementation. Having regard to the many demands upon your time, I would suggest that you refer whoever is charged with the responsibility for this project with your Government to the Economic Section of the Commission where he can consult readily with all members of the Commission who have an interest in the speedy effectuation of this project.

EXETER

WILLIAM W. STONE
Captain (USNR)

Acting Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
APO 334

ACC/176/PWU.

13 Sept 1944

SUBJECT: Housing.

TO : Regional Engineer, Region IV.

1. Reference your R4/Eng/120, 9 Sept 44.

2. The entire question of providing housing has been the subject of many conferences at these Headquarters with various interested Sub-Commissions and with interested Ministers of the Italian Government. A Decree is in preparation under which the entire responsibility for housing projects is placed under the Minister of Public Works and made a national, rather than a regional problem. We are dealing with the matter here and are pressing it to the utmost.

3. It is expected that contracts for housing in Cassino and Anzio will be ready in a few days and work should proceed quickly. At Cassino 120 one-family houses are to be constructed on a site west of the present town. At Anzio Military barracks are to be repaired.

4. We shall keep you posted on all matters pertaining to your Region, so that you may know at all times what is being done.

*Lt Col Thompson**Per note & file*

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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
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ACC/276/PWU.

13 Sept 44

SUBJECT: War Damage (Housing Projects)

TO : Finance Sub-Commission,
attn.: Lt. Commander J.J. LAWLER,
Acting Joint Director.

1. Reference your 13194/P, 10th Sept. 44
2. The original Housing Decree has been withdrawn, but a new one is being prepared. Under either of these Decrees the Minister of Public Works can make repairs to private buildings if deemed necessary in order to provide emergency housing.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394
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10 September 1944.

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SUBJECT: War Damage.

TO : Public Works and Utilities sub-Commission. ✓

1. In reply to your letter ACC/108/PWV of 8th September 1944, it is understood that the proposed draft decree - of which you enclosed a copy - has been withdrawn and will not be published.

J. J. Fowler
Acting Joint Director,
Finance sub-Commission.

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Vani distrutti	N. 18.000
" gravemente danneggiati	" 28.800
" lievemente "	" 9.900
Abitanti senza tetto	" 30.000

Spesa prevista per la riparazione dei vani lievemente danneggiati L. 12.000 in media per vano e in complesso per n. 9900 vaniL. 118.800.000

L'Ufficio del Genio Civile ha già approvato n. 238 perizie presentate da privati il cui importo é, meno poche perizie, inferiore a L. 100.000. I proprietari stanno già lavorando. Si trovano in esame altre 50 perizie.

Ciò premesso, è considerato che i privati hanno espresso lo intendimento di provvedere da sé, con l'aiuto del sussidio statale, e considerato pure che con la riparazione dei 9900 vani lievemente danneggiati si rimetterebbe al coperto gran parte della popolazione ora senza tetto, si esprime parere, concordemente col Genio Civile, che non sia il caso di provvedere alla costruzione ex novo di alloggi.

Un contributo notevole sarà anche dato dall'Istituto per le Case Popolari e dalla Soc. Terni riparando rapidamente gli alloggi di loro pertinenza.

Mi risulta che l'Istituto sta preparando i preventivi di spesa e che la Terni ha commissionato le tegole alla fornace Briziarelli di Marsciano.

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Roma 1 Settembre 1944

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Rome 1st Sept. 1944

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Destroyed rooms	No. 18.000
Rooms seriously damaged	26.000
Rooms slightly damaged	9.000
Roofless inhabitants	30.000
Foreseen average cost for repair of slightly damaged rooms: for each room L. 12.000 and for the total cost of No. 2500 rooms	L. 116.800.000

The Genio Civile has already approved No. 238 surveys presented by private ^{Genio} which amount is generally - with some single exceptions only - inferior to L. 100.000. The proprietors are already on work. 50 more surveys are being examined.

This stated beforehand and considering that the private ^{Firmen} have expressed the wish to repair themselves with the aid of the statel subsidy their dwellings and considering too that with the repair of 8000 rooms, slightly damaged, a great part of the population now roofless would be sheltered, we are of the opinion, in accordance with the Genio Civile, that there is no necessity to provide for new dwellings.

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I have heard that the Institute is preparing an estimate of cost and that Terni Firm has already ordered the necessary bricks to the furnace Ercolanelli of Marsciano.

Signed: Prezioso

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HEADQUARTERS REGION IV
Allied Control Commission
(Engineering Division)
APO 394

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11th September 1944

TO : H.Q. A.C.C. Public Works & Utilities Sub+Commission ✓

SUBJECT: TERNI Rehousing

IN REPLY QUOTE: R4/ENG/11(p)

HEADQUARTERS
12 SEP 1944
A.C.C.

Following conversation Lt. Col. Jenny/ Lt. Col. Findlay provincial Commission reports that the number of workmen necessary for essential industries that cannot be housed in winter in accomodation at present available is 15.000.

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Lt.Col.R.E.
Regional Engineer ACC IV

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MEMORANDUM
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

#0 334

Tele. 417 and 553

6 September 1946

SUBJECT: War Damages.
TO : Economic Section.

1. While sums spent to-date on reconstruction of war damage have been great, they have been maintained at a level which has not disproportionately affected the national economy.
2. The receipt of budget estimates covering the ensuing periods, however, indicate that there is contemplated a program for reconstruction of war damages which, if prosecuted, undoubtedly will have a disastrous effect on the Italian economy. As a matter of fact the Italian State Budget for the fiscal year 1944-45, including relatively modest sums for reconstruction of war damage, already is 8% unbalanced. In other words deficit financing is now required to carry out present estimated commitments of the Italian State to the extent of 8% lire out of every 100 lire.
3. Relief from increased revenues and collections of taxes can do very little to alleviate the problem since even if the estimated revenues are increased threefold they will cover only 54% of the estimated expenditures. And this is on the basis of an approximation of only 15 million lire for war damages for all of 100 Italy out of a total budget of 58.3 billion lire.
4. It therefore seems imperative that no widespread program of reconstruction be initiated until all aspects of this problem are thoroughly understood, and a definite policy laid down for the guidance of all concerned.
5. With this purpose in mind there is attached a draft policy to be adopted jointly by ACC/AMC and the Italian Government, under which specific projects may be determined to be allowable or not.
6. There is also attached the proposed accounting procedure to be followed to record the financial transactions involved in whatever reconstruction of war damage may be allowed.
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8. Your early consideration of this matter is requested.

AMPS/t

Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

WAR DAMAGE

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1. In order that the Italian Government may formulate a policy with regard to the repair and reconstruction of war damaged property, and make proper disposition of its available wealth and resources compatible with the needs of Italy as a whole, the following procedure is recommended.

2. Each provincial officer of the Genio Civile will at once prepare estimates for all war damage repair or reconstruction projects that can be done in the current financial year. A detailed list accompanied by a summary of these projects will be sent to the Ministry of Public Works.

(a) Estimates of Genio Civile should contain an appendix listing the essential raw materials and manufactured goods that are required to carry out each project (see para 6).

3. The summary will show by province the total cost of these projects divided into the following classes:

REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION WORK

(a) Military necessity

- 1) Roads and bridges
- 2) Water and sewage systems
- 3) Power and light
- 4) Communications
- 5) Other.

(b) Essential to vital industries

- 1) Roads and bridges
- 2) Water and sewage
- 3) Power and light
- 4) Communications
- 5) Buildings
- 6) Land reclamation, drainage
- 7) Other

(c) Essential to needs of community

- 1) Roads and bridges
- 2) Water and sewage
- 3) Power and light
- 4) Communications
- 5) Housing
- 6) Hospitals and institutions
- 7) Education
- 8) Other

(d) Rehabilitation (none essential)

Mr. Sullivan
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- 1) Roads and bridges
- 2) Water and sewage
- 3) Power and light
- 4) Communications
- 5) Ports and harbours
- 6) Land reclamation
- 7) Public buildings.

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4. The Ministry of Public Works shall scrutinize these projects with a view to their proper classification in the categories above and extend whatever pertinent remarks are desirable, submitting such work to the At. Public Works Sub-Commission.

5. The Public Works Sub-Commission shall be responsible for obtaining the recommendation of the interested division of the Ministry concerning individual projects.

6. All approved projects shall be translated into kinds and quantities of raw materials required, distinguishing:-

- (a) raw materials presently available locally (to the project);
- (b) raw materials presently available but requiring transportation;
- (c) raw materials not presently available but which can be produced in Italy (within sufficient time to carry out the project); and
- (d) raw materials not available but required to be imported.

7. On the basis of the information described in paragraph 6 and on the basis of the category as listed in paragraph 3, the Public Works Sub-Commission shall establish a priority list indicating the order of reconstruction.

8. The Public Works Sub-Commission shall submit all approved projects together with their priority status to the Finance Sub-Commission for its information. These data must include the total cost of the project, estimated length of time for completion of the project, the provincial locale of the project, and sufficient description of the project to enable it to appraise the inflationary effect of the proposed expenditure.

9. The Public Works Sub-Commission shall submit all approved projects to the Ministry of Public Works with instructions for their detailed execution.

APPENDIX FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION

1. It will be noted that the above procedure is designed to operate primarily in the territory but its application to the territory is feasible with certain modifications. In the application to the territory it must be pointed out that the allied officers on the provincial and regional levels are not concerned with the mechanism of operation of the program. This may be supported on several bases:-

- (a) Under the conditions of general reconstruction of war damage should be undertaken, due primarily to existing conditions. Work should be limited to two classes:-
 - (1) Such reconstruction which is required by the military and ordered by them; and
 - (2) Work necessitated to provide only a more subsistence level of existence for civilians.

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7. On the basis of the information described in paragraph 6 and on the basis of the category as listed in paragraph 8, the Public Works Sub-Commission shall establish a priority list indicating the order of prosecution.
8. The Public Works Sub-Commission shall submit all approved projects together with their priority status to Finance Sub-Commission for its information. These data must include the total cost of the project, estimated length of time for completion of the project, the provincial locals of the project, and sufficient description of the project to enable it to appraise the inflationary effect of the proposed expenditure.
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APPENDIX A - PUBLIC WORKS

1. It will be noted that the above procedure is designed to operate primarily in MC territory but its application to MC territory is feasible with certain modifications. In its application to MC territory it must be pointed out that the Allied officers on the provincial and regional levels are not concerned with the mechanics of operation of the program. This may be supported on several bases:-

- (a) Under MC conditions no general reconstruction of war damage should be undertaken, but primarily to existing conditions. Work should be limited to two classes:-
- (1) Such reconstruction which is required by the military and ordered by them; and
- (2) Work necessitated to provide only a mere subsistence level of existence for civilians.
- (b) Under MC conditions difficulties of supply, materials, transportation and manpower are so pronounced that little effective reconstruction is possible.
- (c) Under MC conditions neither Allied officers nor local Italian officials are in possession of sufficient information on which to base an overall reconstruction program.

2. On the other hand if it is felt generally desirable to extend the overall reconstruction program to the territory this may be accomplished by channeling the original estimates through the officers.

3. Specifically the following is suggested:-

(a) In each Province the Prefect will immediately form a committee of Public Works Review, consisting of himself, the heads of the various departments of the Province, for the purpose of:-

- (1) recommending on all new programs exceeding 10,000 lire;
- (2) reviewing all heretofore approved programs.

(b) Programs, as reviewed, will consist of all projects hitherto falling under the control of the Public Works, as well as all other projects exceeding 10,000 lire. There will be only two classifications:-

- (1) Projects ordered by the Military Command;
- (2) Projects considered absolutely essential for maintaining the health and security of the Province during the next six months.

Under class (1) above, specific orders must have been received for the project in question. Due to the movement and changes of forces, the Committee will supply the AGU/AM Regional Engineer with a list of such projects.

Under class (2) above, priority will be given to the projects for which material is at hand.

(1) Only roads and bridges essential for supply and minimum communication will be considered.

(2) Water and sewer facilities will be considered only on basis of non existence of other sources or danger to public health.

(3) Clearance of debris and erecting will be limited to requirements of safety and to clear essential roadways, and will be performed to extent possible by unemployed being carried on public assistance rolls.

(4) Public housing will be restricted to reconstruction and eliminated if other accommodations are available, both as to offices and dwellings.

(5) Private housing will not be undertaken at public expense without certification by the Committee that public health and welfare will otherwise be endangered and that no other accommodations are available.

(6) Schools will be repaired only to prevent serious deterioration at reasonable cost, and the same principle will apply to churches and church institutions. Schools will be conducted in substitute buildings wherever possible.

(7) The Review Committee shall submit such projects as are absolutely and immediately essential as above described to Provincial

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(c) The Review Committee shall submit such projects as are absolutely and immediately essential as above described to Provincial Engineering Officer for recommendation. Projects recommended by the Provincial Engineering Officer when approved by the Provincial Commissioner shall be financed by the Provincial Finance Officer. (The method of financing is described below).

(d) Reports shall be submitted monthly by the Provincial Engineering Officer to the Regional Engineering Officer, with a copy for AGC Public Works Sub-Commissioner. The Provincial Finance Officer will render monthly reports to the R.E.O. with a copy for AGC Finance Sub-Commissioner. The Public Works Officer will render a monthly report to the Minister of Public Works.

PROPOSED ACCOUNTING PROCEDUREFor AOC Territory

1. The Minister of Public Works having received the approved projects from AOC Public Works Sub-Commission shall determine from his Capo Regionale Centrale the availability of appropriated funds for the prosecution of the above work. In the event sufficient appropriation funds are not available he shall cause a decree to be prepared submitting it to the Ministry of the Treasury for approval.

2. Having determined the availability of funds the competent division of the Ministry of Public Works handling the specific project shall cause an ordine di accreditamento to be drawn for submission to the Capo Regionale Centrale.

3. The Capo Regionale Centrale will cause such ordine di accreditamento to be registered with the Corte del Conti.

4. The Corte del Conti will transmit to the Tesoreria Centrale the registered ordine di accreditamento with notice at the same time being sent to the provincial Genio Civile that funds are available at the provincial treasury section of the Bank of Italy.

5. At periods not shorter than one month the provincial Genio Civile shall issue ordine di pagamenti to contractors for work done by private concerns. For work done by public employees the usual Italian Government forms will be used to make all payments.

6. At the close of each month and not later than the 5th day after each close the Genio Civile shall render a report of all ordine di accreditamento received and all payments made against them, together with available balances. A copy of these reports will be submitted to the Capo Regionale Centrale who will render a summary report by province to the Ragioniera Generale dello Stato for his information and the information of Finance Sub-Commission. The report of the provincial Genio Civile shall include a statement concerning the percentage of completion of each project.

For AOC Territory

All Regional Finance Officers will be notified that no authorizations to spend will be issued by them or by provincial finance officers covering projects in this program. ¹⁸ After words to the effect all authorities expenditures under capitolo 83 - fiscal year 1944-45, Ministry of Public Works.

For projects falling within the para. 3(b) the financing shall be done on the provincial level using the normal S.B. or S.C.B. forms for authorization of expenditures. Reports collected for in 3(d) must cover distinctively all such

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS

To: Director of Public Works and
Utilities Sub-Commission of ACCSubject: Regional Body
for Reconstruction

Rome, Sept. 7, 1944

I have examined what has been recommended and remarked in your letter ACC/176/PWU of 31.8.1944, appreciating once more your interest for the reconstruction of war-damaged centres.

I must nevertheless point out that the organisation of popular housing is not dependent on Public Works Ministry, and thereby the said organisation does not provide to the planning and execution of works within this Ministry's competence.

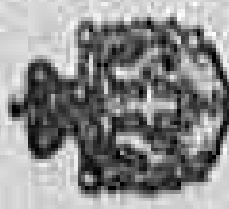
On the contrary, the said are Autonomous Institutions for building and managing popular houses; such Institutions - of mostly administrative nature - are completely independent upon the Ministry, which only supervises their activity, complying with the provisions now in force concerning the popular buildings.

As a general rule, the Offices of Genio Civile will plan and carry out works in the various damaged centres, yet considering the great entity of damages and consequently the vastness of required interventions - the work of Genio Civile will be supported by the Bodies which deal with house-building activity namely the National Insurance Institution, the Social Previdence Institution, the Popular Houses Institution, and the National Institution for State employees Houses, as provided for by art. 8 of the Decree of establishment of the Regional Body for Reconstruction, in course of enactment.

THE MINISTER.

voided by A.C.C.
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Prot. N. 4398 Alligati

OGGETTO

Ente regionale per la
ricostruzione.

ROMA, -7 SET, 1944

Al DIRETTORE DELLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE
LAVORI E SERVIZI PUBBLICI DELL'A.C.C.

ROMA

Risposta al foglio del 31-8-1944 ACC/176/P.W.V.

Dir. Sez. N.

Ho esaminato quanto è stato raccomandato ed osservato nella lettera sopra distinta ed ancora una volta ho apprezzato tutto l'interesse di V.S. per la ricostruzione nei centri colpiti da offese belliche.

Devo però osservare che l'organizzazione delle case popolari non è alla dipendenza del Ministero dei LL.PP. e quindi non provvede alla progettazione ed alla esecuzione di lavori di competenza del Ministero stesso. Trattasi invece di Istituti Autonomi per la costruzione e la gestione di case popolari; tali istituti, di natura prevalentemente amministrativa, sono affatto indipendenti dal Ministero, che esercita soltanto una vigilanza sul loro funzionamento, a norma delle disposizioni vigenti sulla edilizia popolare.

In massima gli Uffici del Genio Civile provvederanno alla progettazione ed alla esecuzione dei lavori nei vari centri colpiti. Data però la grande entità dei danni e, quindi, la vastità di interventi, allo scopo di assicurare tempestivamente e contemporaneamente la esecuzione dei lavori, l'opera del Genio Civile sarà affiancata dagli enti che svolgono attività edilizia e cioè dall'Istituto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni, dall'Istituto di Previdenza Sociale, dagli Istituti per le Case Popolari e dall'Istituto Nazionale Case Impiegate dello Stato, così com'è previsto dall'art. 8 del decreto di istituzione dell'Ente Regionale per la ricostruzione, in corso di emanazione.

IL MINISTRO

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Prot. N. 1398

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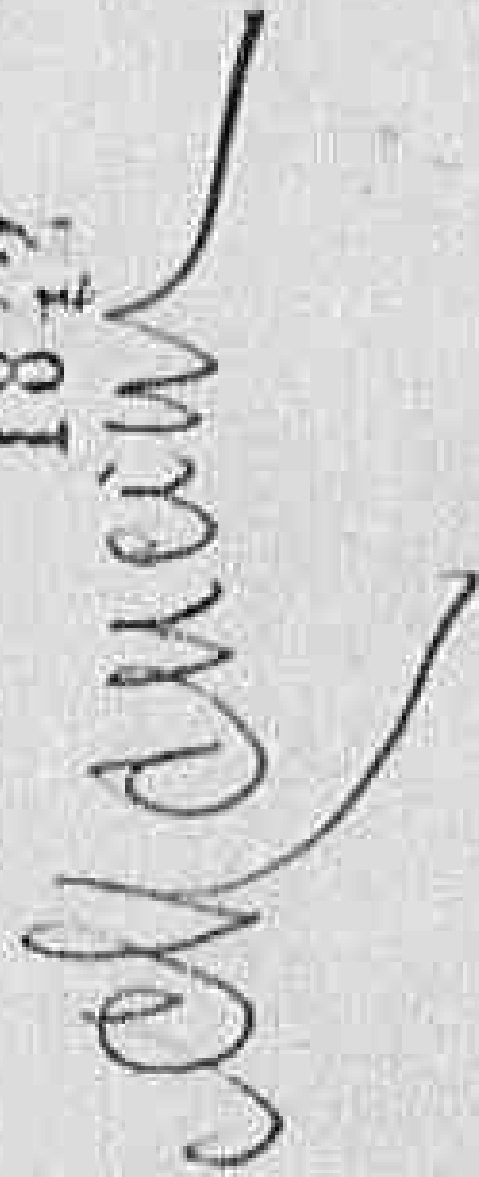
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LEGISLATIVE DECREE ON THE CONSTITUTION OF REGIONAL BUILDING BODIES FOR THE MOST URGENT REPAIRS AND RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

Article 1. - The President of the Council of Ministers may create by Decree, and under his control, Regional Building Bodies for the most urgent repairs and reconstruction work.

The Boards of these Bodies will be presided over by a High Official of the Civil Engineers and will be composed of expert and administrative officials belonging to both State and Public Bodies engaged on building works.

Article 2. - The task of these Regional Building Bodies will be to effect in the shortest possible time and with the most possible rapid procedure, repairs and build shelters, even temporary, for the homeless.

To this effect, these Bodies have power to:

- 1.- examine the sites and prepare the necessary plans;
- 2.- declare an urgent and not to be postponed, repairs and reconstructions necessary for winter shelters;
- 3.- facilitate immediate repair and reconstruction of their own buildings by private individuals;
- 4.- provide, either by tender or directly, whenever necessary, for the repair of reconstruction of damaged or ruined buildings, as well as for the building of refuge-houses of an economical type and of rapid construction.
- 5.- collect materials, and tools and equipment and eventually effect their distribution amongst the interested parties, the better to attain the aims contemplated by the present decree.
- 6.- promote and, if necessary, manage activities and industrial production of building materials and subsidiary means of production for purposes of repairs and reconstruction.

Article 3. - The Regional Building Bodies will coordinate the activities of the Provinces, Communes and other Bodies and all local initiatives that are capable of assisting the various Bodies in their task.

Article 4. - In order to obtain their aims, the Regional Building Bodies have the power to:

- 1.- dispose of the materials, plants or fragments in public areas or existing in damaged or ruined private premises, provided these are not required for the Allied war effort. Whenever possible, proper statements and inventories must, in these cases, be drawn up in respect of the interested parties for future settlement.

Consequently, following the rules and criteria employed in requisi-

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- 2.- requisition, following the rules and criteria employed in requisitions for war purposes, materials and working means belonging to third parties, insofar as they are necessary for urgent repairs and reconstruction work; and are not required for the Allied war effort.

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Article 5. - In order to concentrate every effort, materials and means for the supply of urgent shelters for the homeless:

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works and utilities sub-commission. A.C.C. for review and approval in the same manner as other objects are submitted and with a date on this sub-commission may require.

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APO 394

Exts 417 and 553

16 August 1944.

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SUBJECT: Danni di Guerra.

TO : Director, Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission.

1. It is observed that in budgets presented by the Genio Civile that estimates of expenditure are given for capitolo 91 in the budget of the Ministry of Public Works, without any elaboration of the purpose of the expenditure.

2. Capitolo 91 reads "Spese per l'esecuzione di lavori urgenti di riparazione e ricostruzione di opere pubbliche anche di interesse di enti ausiliari dello Stato, nonché di ripristini di fabbricati di proprietà privata, danneggiati o distrutti in conseguenza di azioni belliche".

3. It is the agreed policy not to permit the Genio Civile to undertake the repair or reconstruction of damaged or destroyed private property, and no authorisations of expenditure for this purpose will be granted.

J. J. Lawler
J. C. Cullen

Colonel,
Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

Atty

Translation of Par. 2

Expenditure for the carrying out of public works also pertaining State Auxiliary Bodies, besides the ones of private buildings damaged or destroyed by the war.

By Col Rhodes

Will you please discuss this with Finance. Under the new housing deal (in full) the Italian Government can finance the reconstruct. of private property, if it deems the property needed in its housing program.

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(TRANSLATION)

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02 SEP Recd Roma, 2 settembre 1944

Sig. Lt.Col. Jenny

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Ho tardato a inviarLe la copia del Decreto di costituzione dell'Ente che dovrà occuparsi della ripresa edilizia e specialmente della riparazione degli edifici danneggiati. Desideravo inviarlo con la traduzione inglese.

L'Ing. Reggiani mi ha detto che Lei lo desiderava subito e quindi lo mando nell'originale italiano.

Mi risulterebbe essere intenzione del Governo di pubblicare al più presto il Decreto.

Colgo l'occasione per mandarLe il rapporto della visita effettuata dall'Ing. Prezioso a Terni in seguito a disposizione da Lei ricevuta.

Stallenda

Housing file

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ART. I

Con decreto del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri possono essere costituiti con personalità giuridica Enti regionali edilizi per le riparazioni e le ricostruzioni più urgenti.

Gli Enti regionali edilizi sono retti da un Presidente e da un consiglio di amministrazione, nominati dal Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri.

Il Presidente dell'Ente è scelto fra i funzionari superiori del Genio Civile; il Consiglio è composto dal presidente e da non più di otto membri, scelti:

a) fra funzionari tecnici e amministrativi dello Stato, di cui uno del Consiglio di Stato o dell'Avvocatura dello Stato ed uno del Ministero del Tesoro;

b) fra funzionari tecnici ed amministrativi di enti pubblici che svolgono attività edilizia.

ART. 2

Compito degli Enti regionali edilizi è di provvedere nel più breve termine e con le più semplici procedure possibili a ripari e ricoveri anche provvisori per i senza tetto.

A tal fine gli Enti hanno potere di :

- 1) predisporre i piani occorrenti;
- 2) dichiarare urgenti e indifferibili le riparazioni e ricostruzioni necessarie per i ricoveri;
- 3) agevolare i privati nelle opere immediate di riparazione e di ricostruzione dei loro fabbricati;
- 4) provvedere per appalti o anche direttamente, ove ciò occorra, alle riparazioni dei fabbricati danneggiati, nonché alla costruzione di case ricovero, di tipo economico ed ultrarapido;

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5) raccogliere materiali e mezzo d'opera e curarne eventualmente l'assegnazione fra gli interessati per la migliore attuazione dei fini previsti nel presente decreto;

6) agevolare, promuovere e, se del caso, gestire attività e produzioni di materiali e mezzi sussidiari ai compiti di riparazione e ricostruzione.

ART. 3

Gli Enti regionali edilizi provvederanno ad agevolare e a coordinare le attività delle provincie, dei comuni e di altri enti nonché le iniziative locali, che li possano coadiuvare nei loro compiti.

ART. 4

Gli Enti regionali possono :

1) disporre dei materiali, impianti ed avanzi, esistenti in aree pubbliche o in aree di fabbricati crollati o in fabbricati danneggiati; per la liquidazione dei rapporti con gli interessati vengono redatti, salvo che ciò sia impossibile, stati di consistenza e verbali di accertamento.

2) requisire materiali e mezzi d'opera, necessari per le riparazioni e ricostruzioni urgenti.

Le requisizioni sono disposte con provvedimento del Consiglio dell'Ente. Nel provvedimento è determinata in via provvisoria l'indennità di requisizione. L'indennità diviene definitiva se non è impugnata avanti l'autorità giudiziaria competente nel termine di trenta giorni dalla notifica del provvedimento.

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Art. 5

Allo scopo di concentrare tutti gli sforzi e le disponibilità di materiali e di mezzi per fornire ricoveri urgenti ai senza tetto;

1. gli Enti regionali hanno potere di vietare che si proceda da parte di privati a riparazioni e ricostruzioni che intralcino o ritardino l'esecuzione immediata delle opere di riparazione, urgenti ed indifferibili ai sensi del n.2 dell'art. 2;

2. ai proprietari che chiedano di eseguire nei loro fabbricati riparazioni e ricostruzioni indifferibili ed urgenti, attenendosi ai termini e alle altre prescrizioni e sotto la vigilanza degli enti, possono essere concessi mutui, finanziamenti e agevolazioni fiscali; può altresì essere accordato un premio fino al 20% dell'ammontare delle spese sostenute a coloro che provvederanno tempestivamente alle riparazioni onde rendere abitabili i fabbricati entro e non oltre il 15 dicembre 1944;

3. quando i proprietari non lo richiedano o non compiano i lavori nel termine o alle prescrizioni di cui al n.2, o comunque quando gli Enti lo ritengano necessario per raggiungere i loro scopi, gli Enti possono eseguire i lavori nei fabbricati privati, direttamente o per mezzo di appalto, concedendo l'uso ~~temporaneo~~ temporaneo dei locali restaurati a chi ha l'effettiva necessità, salva a suo tempo la definizione del rapporto coi proprietari, tenuti al rimborso delle spese.

Art. 6

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Gli Enti edilizi possono stipulare contratti con imprese private o con cooperative e concedere appalti prescindendo dall'osservanza delle norme previste dalla legge sulla contabilità.

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L'approvazione dei progetti e contratti dopo che il Consiglio dell'Ente abbia espresso parere favorevole, è resa definitiva col visto del Presidente dell'Ente.

Tutti gli atti e contratti relativi alle opere previste nel presente decreto sono esenti da ogni tassa di bollo e di registro, ipotecarie, sulle concessioni governative e da diritti catastali.

Art. 7

Gli Enti regionali edilizi sono posti sotto il controllo del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri, che lo esercita mediante un Comitato interministeriale ed un ufficio speciale.

La revisione dei contratti, e delle contabilità degli Enti è affidata ad una Commissione, composta da un Consigliere di Stato, presidente, da un Consigliere della Corte dei Conti e da un funzionario del Ministero del Tesoro.

Art. 8

Gli Enti edilizi si valgono di personale del Genio Civile e degli Istituti parastatali che svolgono attività edilizia, nonché di personale direttamente assunto.

Art. 9

Per l'attuazione del presente decreto è per intanto stanziato nel bilancio di previsione delle spese del Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici per il corrente esercizio un fondo di un miliardo di lire, che sarà messo a disposizione degli Enti mediante ordini di accreditamento su preventivi di massima presentati dagli Enti stessi con l'approvazione del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri. Tali ordini di accreditamento saranno soggetti al rendiconto annuale nelle forme prescritte dalla legge e dal regolamento di contabilità di Stato.

Housing Decree

Addenda

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Capt. Paddy

*Pls place this with my other
comments on the Housing
Decree*

P.D. 5/7

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ROUGH TRANSLATION

LEGISLATIVE DECREE ON THE CONSTITUTION OF REGIONAL BUILDING BODIES FOR THE MOST URGENT REPAIRS AND RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

Article 1 - The President of the Council of Ministers may create by Decree, and under his control, Regional Building Bodies for the most urgent repairs and reconstruction work.

The Boards of these Bodies will be presided over by a High Official of the Civil Engineers and will be composed of expert and administrative officials belonging both to State and Public Bodies engaged on building works.

Article 2 - The task of these Regional Building Bodies will be to effect in the shortest possible time and with the most possible rapid procedure, repairs and build shelters, even temporary, for the homeless.

To this effect, these Bodies have power to:

- 1 - examine the sites and prepare the necessary plans;
- 2 - declare as urgent and not to be postponed, repairs and reconstructions necessary for winter shelters;
- 3 - facilitate immediate repair and reconstruction of their own buildings by private individuals;
- 4 - provide, either by tender or directly, whenever necessary, for the repair or reconstruction of damaged or ruined buildings, as well as for the building of refuge-houses of an economical type and of rapid construction;
- 5 - collect materials and tools and equipment and eventually effect their distribution amongst the interested parties, the better to attain the aims contemplated by the present decree.
- 6 - promote and, if necessary, manage activities and industrial production of building materials and subsidiary means of production for purposes of repairs and reconstruction.

Article 3 - The Regional Building Bodies will coordinate the activities of the Provinces, Communes and other Bodies and all local initiatives that are capable of assisting the various Bodies in their task.

Article 4 - In order to attain their aims, the Regional Building Bodies have the power to:

- 1 - dispose of the materials, plants or fragments in public ¹⁸³³or existing in damaged or ruined private premises, provided these are not required for the Allied war effort. Whenever possible, proper statements and inventories must, in these cases, be drawn up in respect of the interested parties for future settlement.
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- Article 5 - In order to concentrate every effort, materials and means for the supply of urgent shelters for the homeless:

Review

1 - the Regional Building Bodies have the power to prevent private persons from effecting repairs and reconstructions not connected with the above aim;

2 - owners may apply for permit to effect to their own premises urgent and not to be postponed repairs and reconstructions under the rules and regulations of the Regional Bodies. In such cases owners may be granted assistance and financial aid up to 50 per cent of the total cost, subject however to revision, in due course, in proportion to the eventual indemnity for war damages;

3 - whenever owners fail to request such permit or to effect repairs or reconstructions within the prescribed time, and whenever the Regional Building Bodies deem it necessary in order to reach their aim, they may forthwith effect the necessary work in respect of private premises either directly or by tender, being thereafter free to dispose of the rebuilt premises to the actually homeless, subject, however, to define in due course their legal status towards the owners (whether tenants, etc.) and the relative indemnity payable to the owner.

Article 6 - (a) The Regional Building Bodies may sign contracts with private concerns and with cooperative societies and may entrust the work to tenders without obligation to follow the regulations contemplated by the law on public expenditure.

(b) The approval of plans and contracts, after the Board will have given its favourable consent, becomes definite when signed by the President of the Regional Body.

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Article 10 - Rules for the application of the present decree will be issued

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Rome, 2 Sept. 44

ACC/176/PWU

SUBJECT: Regional Building Bodies
TO : Economic Section.

We did not see the Decree before this. I fully agree with the Comments of Ind. S/C re-amendments to article 4 - 1 and 4 - 2.

We wish to offer the following comments:

Article 5 (a). This seems loosely drawn and is not fully understood. Standard contract forms and procedures should be followed the same as are used by the Genio Civile.

Article 6 (b). This should read as follows:

"Plans will be prepared under the supervision of the local Genio Civile in accordance with the directions of the Regional Body. These plans, will be submitted through the Ministry of Public Works to the Public Works and Utilities Sub - Commission, A.C.C. for review and approval in the same manner as other projects are submitted and with such data as this Sub-Commission may require".

This procedure is very necessary and gives us the control of materials and expenditures which we feel we must have while the war lasts. The plans submitted for Cassino were worthless and had to be revised very materially. They wanted cement, bricks and steel and stated they had to have these. We showed them how to do this work without these materials. They had not looked into the question of water supply or sewage, yet they had provided running water in each house, flush tanks in toilets, electric lights in each room etc, all of which were changed and a few fountains provided with cesspools at the houses instead.

Article 8. This is superfluous under the change proposed for article 6 (b). There is a shortage of engineers and if additional engineers are needed they should work directly under the Genio Civile. The Genio Civile are generally capable engineers and can handle this work in connection with their other tasks. If a

separate engineer force is set up for this, as is plainly the intention, there would be overlapping of functions within the commune and confusion.

It is not necessary.

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

Encl: Attached a copy of a letter
to the Minister of Public Works.

Tel: 189081

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LAJ/67

Aug 31st 1944

ACC/176/PWU

SUBJECT: Housing Projects.

TO: Minister of Public Works

I note that the "Ente" created to direct the urgent housing program is planning to engage engineers from the Genio Civile and also where to do its engineering. I do not agree with that program. It seems to be setting up a new organization all the way through similar to the procedure followed by the fascists instead of making full use of available organizations.

In the first place I would like to call attention to the fact that you have within your own Ministry an organization known as "Case Popolari" which organization is to occupy itself with the creation of new housing projects, but which organization has nothing to do today. I would like to know why all of this new housing work is not turned over to this already existing organization?

Secondly, there is a shortage of engineers in the Government Service, so why try to create a new engineering force without making full use of your engineers such as the Genio Civile who can handle this program without difficulty and avoid duplication and confusion. Your Genio Civile know now what our requirements are and it would be very helpful if they were to direct this work instead of new people.

Will you please look into this matter and advise me?

L.A. JESSE
Lt. Colonel, C.E.
Director.

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Lt. Col. Rhodes

Leeper

Thompson

29 August 1944

Pls note & file

Aug 30/8

Memo for Gen. O. Dwyer.Housing-Cassino

At my request the reservoir, which they wanted to use, was inspected and found empty. The aqueduct broken. Repairs will take 2 months.

They wanted to put 1 Contractor on the housing project. I requested they put on 3 Contractors.

Agreement reached this morning.

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5. Sewage
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(What is the policy on expanding private housing?)

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new field projects
Housing

What is the policy re. repairing private houses?

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Ing. Prezioso.

ovv. Ghezzi - Traduttore.

S. E. Rucini.

Cassino

Agreement 29 Aug. 1944

1. General Plan

2. Type of houses

3. Arrangement of houses - open spaces

To make study at Terni.

CASSINO

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N° 14.000

N° 600

- 1 - In habitants without any roof
 2 - " " who can be lodged in the n° 120 lodgings to be built

3 - The buildings will be made at the entrance of the town, down the highway, next to the cross-road for Ausonia (Encl. I)

4- The type of building is as follows:

On ground-floor; masonry formed by stones and mortar; partitions made by single-headed bricks; wood-framed roof covered by "Marseille" tiles and with ceiling underneath; flooring made by "graniglia" storing-tiles in the rooms and by sandstone or "caspigiane" in the kitchens, rough coating outside and smooth coating inside.

Fir-wooden window-frames for outside and chestnut-wooden window-frames for inside.

Floors will be set up on stones.

The hydraulic-sanitary system will consist of a wash-basin, a closet, and completed by a hopper.

In the kitchen a fireplace with chimney, two stoves a sink with a cement-board will be placed.

A set of piping for direct distribution is foreseen.

The electric lightning-system will consist of a line "out of trace" and of an electric bulb in every room.

The house will be surrounded by a stone-pavement.

Every lodging covers an area of 40 square-meters and a cubage of 160 cube-meters, empty x full. (see encl. sketches)

5- Materials:

a) Total need:

Stones

Full bricks

Holed-bricks

Tiles

Cement

Lime

Storing-tiles (for flooring)

Window-frames

Timber

mc. 4.320

N. 252.000

" 120.000

" 88.000

QL. 2.500

" 8.000

square met. 4.000

N. 840.000

mc. 100

250000 lbs.
 = 125 tons

b) Materials to be found on the place:
stone

c) Materials to be brought from other places:

cement from Colleferrro

lime

tiles " Sabaudia

full bricks from Rome

holed-bricks " "

storing-tiles " "

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Window-frames from Rome
Timber " "

d) Materials to be supplied by Allied Governments:

Fuels:
Naphta
Petrol
Oil

e) Contractor : Soc.Gen.Immobiliare

f) Time foreseen for buiding up the a.s.I20 lodgings: four months
In the end of the third month n° 30 could be finished
" " " " " fourth " " 90.

CASSINO

N. 14.000

" 600

1. Abitanti senza tetto
 2. Abitanti che si possono ricoverare nei 120
da costruire
 3. Le costruzioni vengono fatte all'ingresso
dell'abitato, a valle della strada statale,
subito dopo il bivio per Ausonia (All. I).
 4. Tipo delle costruzioni a pian terreno in mu-
ratura di pietrame e malta ordinaria, con tra-
mezzi a mattoni a una testa e tetto con ordi-
tura di legno e copertura con tegole marsi-
gliesi con sottostante soffitto; pavimenti
in mattonelle di graniglia nelle stanze e di
grès o campigiane nelle cucine, intonaci fra-
tazzati rustici all'esterno e lisci internamen-
te.
- Infissi in legname abete per l'interno e in ca-
stagno per l'esterno. I pavimenti poggeranno su
vespaio di pietrame. L'impianto idraulico-sani-
tario consisterà in un lavandino e vaso, saranno
completi della cassetta di scarico. Nella cuci-
na vi sarà un focolare a cappa con camino e due
fornacelle, uno sciacquo con tavoletta di gra-
niglia di cemento. E' previsto anche l'impianto
di conduttura con distribuzione diretta. La il-
luminazione elettrica sarà predisposta con linea
fuori traccia e con una lampadina al centro di o-
gni ambiente. In giro alla casa sarà eseguito un
marciapiede con acciottolato.

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3. Le costruzioni vengono fatte all'ingresso dell'abitato, a valle della strada statale, subito dopo il bivio per Ausonia (All. I).
4. Tipo delle costruzioni a pian terreno in muratura di pietrame e malta ordinaria, con tramezzi a mattoni a una testa e tetto con orditura di legno e copertura con tegole marsigliesi con sottostante soffitto; pavimenti in mattonelle di graniglia nelle stanze e di grès o campigiane nelle cucine, intonaci frazzati rustici all'esterno e lisci internamente.

Infissi in legname abete per l'interno e in castagno per l'esterno. I pavimenti poggiano su vespaio di pietrame. L'impianto idraulico-sanitario consisterà in un lavandino e vaso, saranno completi della cassetta di scarico. Nella cucina vi sarà un focolare a cappa con camino e due fornacelle, uno sciacquo con tavoletta di graniglia di cemento. È previsto anche l'impianto di conduttura con distribuzione diretta. La illuminazione elettrica sarà predisposta con linea fuori traccia e con una lampadina al centro di ogni ambiente. In giro alla casa sarà eseguito un marciapiede con acciottolato.

Ogni alloggio copre mq. 40 ed ha una cubatura di mc. 160, vuoto per pieno (vedi schizzi alleg.n.2)

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5. Materiali:

a) fabbisogno totale

pietrame	mc.	4.320
mattoni pieni	N.	252.000
mattoni forati	"	120.000
tegole	"	88.000
cemento	Qli	2.500
calce viva	"	8.000
marmette per pavimenti	mq.	4.000
infissi	N.	840
legnami	mc.	100

b) materiali che si trovano sul posto:

pietrame

c) materiale da portare di fuori:

cemento da Colleferro
 calce da Colleferro
 tegole da Sabaudia
 mattoni pieni da Roma
 mattoni forati da Roma
 marmette da Roma
 infissi da Roma
 legnami da Roma

d) materiali che dovrebbero fornire i governi Alleati:

carburanti:	Tonn.	I60
nafta	"	1,20
benzina	"	16
olio		

e) impresa: Soc.Gen.Immobiliare

f) tempo che si prevede per la costruzione dei 120 alloggi:

mesi quattro

Potranno essere ultimati alla fine del terzo mese alloggi 30

Alla fine del 4° mese

"	90
	120

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cemento	q.li	2.300
calce viva	"	8.000
marmette per pavimenti	mc.	4.000
infissi	m.	840
legnami	mc.	100

b) materiali che si trovano sul posto:

pietrame

c) materiale da portare di fuori:

cemento da Colliferro
calce da Colliferro
tegole da Sabaudia
mattoni pieni da Roma
mattoni forati da Roma
marmette da Roma
infissi da Roma
legnami da Roma

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Potranno essere ultimati alla fine del terzo mese alloggi 30

Alla fine del 4° mese " 90

120

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

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23 Aug 44

ACG/115/DM

SUBJECT: Regional Building Bodies.
Rehousing schemes.

TO : Vice-President, Economic Section.

1. This subject has been discussed with the Minister of Public Works on several occasions, as well as with regional and provincial officials. It is a very serious matter and the Italian plan should be encouraged. It is their own idea and seems reasonable and practical. Articles 4-1 and 4-2 are very important. Article 5-1, unless coupled closely with 5-2, would not be fair. There appears no objection to having an owner of a building make application to this Body before he can begin reconstruction of his private property, particularly if he wants Government aid later on. However, should a private owner want to re-build his house, and no town plan exists that would change the size of his property nor type of building to be erected at that point, it would seem that the owner should have the right to rehabilitate his own property as soon as he is able to do so and desires it.

2. As to overall control the question is submitted to our Finance Sub-Commission

- (a) Is it necessary from a financial viewpoint to retain over all control of expenditures?
- (b) What procedure would be desired? Would Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission's approval, within limitations fixed by Finance, suffice in order to facilitate prompt action?

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

Col Rhodes
Pls note & file
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P.S. I think some control is necessary because at Terni they wanted to rehabilitate 23,000 rooms without any practical proof of necessity. I stated to our Provincial Commissioner that such a plan would be disapproved at this Headquarters; that a study should be made of the number of people that might be employed provided we could furnish electricity and then rooms should be provided only for about 1/4 of that number, as many will find rooms with farmers or in other places.

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VELLETRI	60 alloggi e riparazione case
VALMONTONE	"
LANUVIO	"
GENZANO	"
ERASCATI	"
TIVOLI	"
	<u>250</u>

AUSONIA	10 alloggi e riparazione case
SAN GIORGIO	"
PIGNATARO	"
CASSINO	"
PIEDIMONTE	"
	<u>50</u>

CISTERNA	50 alloggi e riparazione case
APRILIA	"
TERRACINA	"
FONDI	"
ITRI	"
FORMIA	"
ELENA	"
MINTURNO	"
CASTELFORTE	"
	<u>250</u>

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AUSONIA 10 alloggi e riparazione case
 SAN GIORGIO 20 " "
 PIGNATARO 20 " "
 CASSINO 120 " "
 PIEDIMONTE 40 " "
240

CISTERNA 50 alloggi e riparazione case
 APRILIA 10 " "
 TERRACINA 40 " "
 FONDI 20 " "
 ITRI 20 " "
 FORMIA 40 " "
 ELENA 20 " "
 MINTURNO 20 " "
 CASTELFONTE 20 " "
340

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Angio

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 210
 250
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