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To : C.E. - A.P.H.Q.

1) - Attached copy letter received from DW A.A.I. is forwarded for information.

W.M. LAPPER
Lt-Colonel
Chief Elec. Div.

enclosure :
copy of letter 30/11/44

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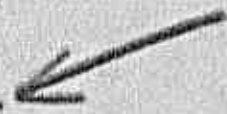
TO : Chief Engineer A.F.H.Q.

1. As promised at our recent conference, I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter which I left in Washington with the International Division of the Combined Civil Affairs Committee, the Foreign Economic Administration and the War Production Board.

2. I was advised by the C.C.A.C. that no action could be taken until an official request were made from A.F.H.Q. We are now engaged in compiling data necessary for the justification which is to go with a requisition for this equipment. I will advise you, as soon as we have this data compiled, so that you may review it.

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

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EQUIPMENT FOR NORTHERN ITALY

Northern Italy, or that portion of Italy still in enemy hands, is known as the Industrial North of Italy. Aside from being the industrial heart of Italy, that region:

- a. Produces about 80% of all hydro-electric power in Italy.
- b. Produces from 40 to 90% of all agricultural products grown in Italy depending upon the type of crop.

Northern Italy, therefore, is of the utmost importance from a military as well as a civilian rehabilitation viewpoint. While the war is still on many of the factories in that region must be rehabilitated to produce things needed by the Army. Other factories must be opened to produce essential civilian needs and reduce import tonnages. In addition, every effort must be made to provide work for the vast army of workers thrown out of work because of the destruction of plants and to reduce to a minimum possible uprisings. It will be cheaper and better to provide work for these people than to have to control them with a large army of occupation.

We must assume that the Germans are going to carry out the same scorched earth policy as they pursued in Central Italy and as they are doing elsewhere. We must also assume that they are going to flood some of the large number of "Bonifiche" or drainage projects in the Po Valley region, as they have done in the Pontine Marshes. We must, therefore, be prepared to provide sufficient electrical generating plants to serve the most essential military and civil needs and we must also provide a considerable number of large capacity portable pumping units to drain flooded areas.

In order to save time, it is essential that prompt and positive action be taken now to provide such equipment and not to wait for the receipt of a formal requisition from us which will be prepared as soon as I return to Italy. I am advised that a "Letter of Intent" is all that is needed at this time so as to permit manufacturers to proceed with plans and **5691**

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preparations, all of which will entail some time. It is requested, therefore, that such a "Letter of Intent" be executed by such agency as will eventually order this equipment and that such Letter of Intent be made out to cover the following equipment:

A - ELECTRICAL GENERATING PLANT

1. Floating Power Plant Unit "A", now in operation at Pensacola and which can be freed by 1 January 1945, capacity 25,000 KW at 50 cycles. This unit to be prepared immediately for the transocean voyage and to be equipped in the same manner as provided in the memorandum prepared by Lt. Col. Lapper for Unit "C" now at Pittsburgh.
2. Small portable Diesel electric generating units of from 300 to 800 KW capacity each at 50 cycles, aggregating a total of 75,000 KW.

B - DIESEL DRIVEN PORTABLE PUMPS

100 complete sets of portable pumps as per plan prepared by the S. Morgan Smith Co., of York, Pa., dated 10/17/44, Drawing Number P-5780, known as Type "B".

The Utility Division of the War Production Board is familiar with our requirements and the units and plans mentioned above, also as to permissible variations.

The quantities given above are tentative and may be modified after a further study in Italy.

It is requested that a copy of such Letter of Intent be forwarded to me at above indicated address.

(Sgd)

L.A. JENNY

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

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