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14th. August, 1945

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S/87

Mr. Howard B. Barr,  
American Relief for Italy Inc.,  
Via Boncompagni 2,  
R o m e.

Dear Mr. Barr,

I do not know what information you may have received from A.R.I. Headquarters in the States as regards the negotiations which are going on there between our two organizations as to the allocation of used clothing for Italy.

In order to bring you up to date on what I know, I am attaching copies of three cables, the first sent by me to Washington and the other two, Washington's replies. From these it appears as if the situation is still not completely clear although much progress has been made.

If you hear anything further on this, I should appreciate your informing me.

Sincerely yours,

Abe Hackman  
Director of Supply

Distribution:  
Sorieri  
Bannister  
Prince  
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*Cables enclosed:*  
(1) Our 571 to Wash  
(2) 549 from "  
(3) 559 " "



C O P Y

*Taylor*

DC/RMW76 WASHINGTONDC 300 CNT PCTNS 11 1437

NLT UNRRA ROME

ADDRESSED TO ROME AS 559 AND RPTD TO LONDON AS 3293 HENDRICKSON FOR KEENY, RE YOUR 571 TO WASHINGTON, OUR 549 AND 3222 TO LONDON. FOLLOWING LETTER TRANSMITTED TO MYRON TAYLOR BY ME DATED 11 AUGUST. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 3 AUGUST IN WHICH YOU EXPRESS APPROVAL OF THE ARRANGMENTS GOVERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE AMERICAN RELIEF FOR ITALY IN THE DISTRIBUTION FOR RELIEF OF USED CLOTHING COLLECTED IN THE UNITED STATES. THERE IS ONLY A POINT OF DIFFERENCE NOW REMAINING. AND I AM SURE THAT WHEN I OUTLINE THE REASONS FOR OUR POSITION YOU WILL AGREE WITH US. IN YOUR LETTER OF 3 AUGUST, YOUR CONCLUDING SENTENCE STATES " IT IS OUR DESIRE IN THE INTEREST OF SIMPLIFICATION THAT THE MATERIALS ALLOCATED TO AMERICANRELIEF FOR ITALY SHOULD BE SHIPPED BY YOU TO AMERICAN RELIEF FOR ITALY IN ITALY AND CODE MARKED ARI. " PURELY BECAUSE OF SIMPLIFIED ARRANGEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH SHIPPING WE DESIRE TO SEND ALL CLOTHING TO ITALY IN OUR BOATS ALONG WITH OTHER CARGO CONSIGNED TO OUR MISSION. OUR INTENTION IS, AND WE ARE PREPARED TO INSTRUCT MR KEENY TO THAT EFFECT TO TURN OVER AT LEAST 50 PERCENT OF THIS CLOTHING TO ARI IN ITALY. THIS WILL RELIEVE A GOOD DEAL OF STRAIN ON OUR SHIPPING PEOPLE AND THE RESULT SHOULD BE EXACTLY THE SAME. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE ADDITION OF CODE MARKINGS WHICH ARI MAY DESIRE TO AND TO THE MARKINGS ON THE BALES IN ITALY. WE BELIEVE THAT BY HANDLING THIS CARGO ALONG WITH OTHER CARGO, MORE ECONOMICAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE, AND THE SHIPMENTS GREATLY EXPEDITED TO THE SATISFACTION OF ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING OF COURSE ARI

LEHMAN

14/8      cc:    for Taylor file



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MR. KANTHAKY

*Taylor  
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FROM UNRRA (WASHINGTON) TO UNRRA (LONDON)

No. 3222

Dated: 10th August 1945

Received: 10th August 1945

Re your 2743. Reply received from Taylor August 3rd. The following is the substance of both letters. To Taylor dated July 28th 1945:

"1. Thank you very much for the recent opportunity we had to discuss personally with you the problems connection with relief in Italy. I hope we made very clear to you UNRRA's interest in strengthening in every way possible the efforts and energies of such private voluntary relief organizations as American Relief for Italy, Incorporated. The relief needs of Italy are of such magnitude that even the combined efforts of UNRRA and the private relief organizations can hope to alleviate only a part of that need. UNRRA is therefore most anxious that American Relief for Italy, Incorporated, shall succeed in its endeavour to bring assistance to the people of Italy.

2. This letter will confirm the statement I made to the effect that at least 50% any clothing allocated for shipment to Italy shall be made available to American Relief for Italy, Incorporated, for distribution to the general population of Italy, through RUSI (sic); the other 50% will for the time being be required for distribution to Italian and allied displaced persons who are being assisted through the UNRRA Mission in Italy. We hope very much that the amount made available to Bari can be increased as time goes on, this will depend to a considerable extent on the rate of which displaced persons are returned home. Thus if the needs of the UNRRA Mission in Italy diminish in the future, we are prepared to consider an increase in Bari's share of the clothing allocated to Italy.

3. Will you let me know as early as convenient so that we may properly inform the Chief of our mission in Italy, whether American Relief for Italy, Incorporated, desires to take ~~some~~ possession of the clothing made available to it in the United States or in Italy. In either case the clothing made available to Bari would be turned over to your representative in Italy. In view of the fact that appropriate shipping arrangements require some time, your early reply on this point will be helpful.

4. The cooperation of the representatives of Bari in connection with the National Clothing drive in which Bari and UNRRA were both deeply interested, is much appreciated. The drive, under the leadership of Mr. Kaiser, was a great success and of great advantage to the needy people of the liberated areas.

5. In the Bureau of Supply, which is under my immediate direction, we have a division of contributed supplies headed by Mr. Dan West, who came with me to the meeting with you at the Mayflower. Mr. West stands ready to be of any possible assistance to Bari, to cooperate with it in the exchange of information or in any other matters which may arise from time to time. I believe it is particularly important that close and cordial relationships be maintained between UNRRA and the various voluntary organizations whose continuous efforts will, I am sure, be needed after UNRRA passes out of existence. There are many opportunities for teamwork and UNRRA, as a matter of both policy and practise, is anxious to cooperate in every way.



Sincerely yours, Roy F. Hendrickson."

From Taylor dated August 3rd, 1945. "My dear Mr. Hendrickson, I have your letter of July 28, which follows the trend of the recent discussion in Washington with you and Messrs. West, Xanthaky and your other confreres. The matter has been discussed with Judge Marchisio, and we are in accord that it sets forth satisfactory arrangements governing the participation of American Relief for Italy in the donated materials so successfully gained as a result of your National Drive, and we believe that the conclusion therein expressed is fair and reasonable. We would like to take the added precaution before making a further commitment on this subject, of telegraphing the substance of the text of your letter to our Deputy Mr. Howard Barr, who as you know is representing American Relief for Italy in Rome in my absence, in order that in contacting Mr. Keeny, your Representative here, he may have the opportunity of expressing his reaction. This when done should bring the controlling officials both in USRA and AGI into complete harmony as to future relations. I appreciate very much the frank and constructive way in which you and your associates discussed this matter with me and believe that the conclusion if carried into effect will be of greater benefit to the suffering people of Italy than any other arrangement that could have been made. It is our desire in the interest of simplification that the materials allocated to American Relief for Italy should be shipped by you to American Relief for Italy in Italy and Code marked ARI. Sincerely yours, Myron Taylor."



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TELEGRAM

*Taylor*

QWL/RC

RMW25 WASHINGTONDC 55/54 8 1255 CNT PNS

NLT UNRRA ROME

ADDRESSED ROME 549 REPEATED LONDON 3142 YOUR 571.

HAVE DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH TAYLOR. NO DECISION YET RE ARI.

OUR 537 ADVISED YOU 5,600,000 POUNDS USED CLOTHING PROGRAMMED  
SEPTEMBER LOADING, PART MAY BE SHIPPED AUGUST AS FILLER CARGO,  
LONDON INFORM WEINTRAUB. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

LEHMAN

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Rec'd UN/Rome 9/8/45 10:30

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UNRRA

WASHINGTON 571  
REPEATED UNRRA LONDON 432 FOR KEENY

FURTHER OUR 537 TRANSFERRING TODAY HALF GRIPSHOLM CLOTHING TO ARI.  
PLEASE INFORM DECISIONS MADE WITH TAYLOR ON FUTURE POLICY ALLOCATIONS  
ITALY AND EXPEDITE SHIPMENTS BOTH ORGANISATIONS

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C A B L E

16th July 1945

UNRRA  
WASHINGTON

537 PARA ONE KEENY WEINTRAUB HACKMEN MET WITH BARR AMERELIEF ITALY AND  
FOLLOWING FROM BARR TO TAYLOR SUMMARIZES DISCUSSION QUOTE ARI 60.PD  
FOURTEENTH IN MEETING TODAY WITH WEINTRAUB DEPUTY DIRECTOR SUPPLIES  
UNRRA WASHINGTON KEENY AND OTHER UNRRA STAFF FOLLOWING POINTS.  
CLARIFIED COLON WHEN ARI SIGNED COMBINED CLOTHING DRIVE CONTRACT  
IT AGREED THAT ONE ALL CLOTHING COLLECTED WOULD BE ALLOCATED TO  
GOVERNMENT THROUGH UNRRA TWO WHEN A GOVERNMENT REFUSED CLOTHING THROUGH  
UNRRA ALLOCATION WOULD BE REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE UNDER WILLIAM  
BATT APPOINTED FOR ALLOCATION TO PRIVATE PARTICIPATING AGENCIES  
INTERESTED IN THAT PARTICULAR GOVERNMENT AND DESIGNATED BY PWCB  
THREE NO AGREEMENT WAS MADE WITH ARI AS TO AMOUNTS FOR ITALY BASED  
ON PREVIOUS COLLECTIONS ARI.PD OR WAS ANY AGREEMENT MADE THAT ARI  
WOULD PARTICIPATE IN PROCESSING SHIPMENT OR ALLOCATION PD ALL  
CLOTHING BEING SENT ITALY IS AT PRESENT CONSIGNED TO UNRRA MISSION  
ITALY THEY HAVING RECEIVED THREE HUNDRED TWENTYNINE THOUSAND POUNDS  
FROM NATIONAL DRIVE ON GRIPSHOLM PD PARA DURING MEETING KEENY  
RECEIVED CABLE STATING CONFERENCES BEING HELD WASHINGTON PD HOPE  
THAT WEINTRAUB WILL REACH <sup>THERE</sup> ~~THREE~~ FOR MEETINGS PD MAY I RECOMMEND  
FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS WITH UNRRA COLON ONE CLOTHING FOR UNITED



NATIONS NATIONALS AND ITALIAN REFUGEES BE ASSIGNED TO UNRRA FOR DISTRIBUTION THESE TWO CATEGORIES WHICH ARE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TWO ALL OTHER CLOTHING BE ALLOCATED AND SHIPPED TO ARI FOR DISTRIBUTION ENDSI GENERAL POPULATION THREE THAT SUCH CLOTHING SHIPPED ARI BE ADDRESSED ARI TO BE RECEIVED BY OUR PORT AND WAREHOUSE ORGANIZATION FOR ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION BY NATIONAL COMMITTEE PD NO QUESTION ABOUT FACT THAT ARI AND UNRRA CAN COOPERATE WITHOUT MAJOR DIFFICULTY HERE HOWEVER TO PROTECT POSITION ARI AND ENDSI AS WELL AS TO CLARIFY UNRRAS ACTIVITIES IT IS NECESSARY SHIPMENTS TO UNRRA BE FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS AND REFUGEES AND ARIS FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION PD PARA WEINTRAUB POINTS OUT THAT UNRRA IS CONCERNED OVER RELATIVE SEVERITY OF CLIMATE IN OTHER NEEDY COUNTRIES SUCH AS POLAND AND RUSSIA AND FACT THAT SOME NEEDIEST COUNTRIES HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED CLOTHING PD IF ALLOCATION COULD BE MADE TO ARI COULD NOT OUR PROCESSING AND SHIPPING FACILITIES THERE EXPEDITE MATERIAL FOR ITALY AND PERMIT UNRRA TO CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORTS ON OTHER COUNTRIES PD OF THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTYNINE THOUSAND POUNDS RECEIVED BY UNRRA FROM GRIPSHOLM FROM NATIONAL DRIVE KEENY RECOMMENDING TO GOVERNMENT THAT FIFTY PERCENT THIS MATERIAL BE GIVEN ARI FOR DISTRIBUTION ENDSI PERMITTING US TO CONTINUE DISTRIBUTIONS NOW COMMITTED PD THIS ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTYFOUR THOUSAND POUNDS TO BE TURNED OVER ARI HERE ON ACCOUNT PENDING FINAL ARRANGEMENTS YOUR MEETING REGARDS HOWARD BARR UNQUOTE PARA



PARA TWO BARR AND ABOVE AGREE IF POSSIBLE MEETING WITH TAYLOR  
REFERENCE YOUR 492 SHOULD BE SCHEDULED AFTER TWENTY FIRST JULY  
WHEN WEINTRAUB CAN ATTEND WITH LATEST INFORMATION  
PARA THREE OLD CLOTHING RECEIVED TO DATE ONE MILLION AND FOURTYFOUR  
THOUSAND POUNDS OLD DRIVE PLUS THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTYNINE THOUSAND  
GRIPSHOLM NEW DRIVE PD KEENY RECOMMENDING TO GOVERNMENT TRANSFER  
HALF GRIPSHOLM SHIPMENT TO ENDSI

KEENY



30 July 1945

*Taylor*

TO: A. Hackman  
FROM: S. M. Keery  
SUBJECT: Transfer of Gripsholm Clothing to ARI

This matter was referred to Avv. Montini by letter of 17 July. Avv. Montini replied on 24 July that the decision is ours, Since the clothing has never been turned over to the Government. I am taking this reply as meaning that the Government representative has no objection, and I am authorizing you to turn one-half of the Gripsholm shipment of 329,000 pounds over to the ARI to Mr. Barr.

Will you please inform Washington when this has been done and needle them once more about the basic decision on the clothing and the whereabouts of shipments.

SMKEERY/rw

cc: Keery ✓  
Contini  
Registry (2)

P.S. Montini has since filed a statement of no objection, of which Contini will send you a copy



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TO: A. Hackman  
FROM: S. M. Keeny  
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SMKEENY/rw

cc: Keeny ✓  
Contini  
Registry (2)



29 July 1945

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Then Pending

TO: P. Contini

FROM: S.M. Keeny

SUBJECT: Montini's letter re clothing on Gripsholm - ARI

Would you turn over one-half of the Gripsholm shipment on the basis of  
Avv. Montini's letter. I would like to have a statement on file that ~~you~~ *Montini*  
have no objections, if that is the case.

If you think that it will be embarrassing to raise the matter with Avv.  
Montini again, I will authorize the clothing to be transferred.

SMKEENY/rw



Translation

24/7/45 Keeny

I answer yours of the 17th July on used clothes, I take notice of what you say, i. e., that the clothes are UNRRA property.

I have not been present at the discussions on that subject, so I cannot express my opinion.

Besides, if I have understood it correctly, UNRRA's original request seems to be to import used clothes for the Citizens of the United Nations and for the Italian refugees, without my being in any position to know the percentage destined to the 2 categories.

My approval must therefore be given only to a general principle, i. e., that clothing for refugees be brought into Italy according to Resolution 58 and to the Agreement with the Italian Government.

The arrival of an invoice of clothes on the "Gripsholm" concerns me only when I shall know which part of that invoice belongs to the program agreed with the Italian Government. I do not feel that it is for me to decide whether a part of that invoice should be assigned to ENDSI on behalf of ARI, at least if I consider the informations available to me up to this moment. I am very pleased to note that the shipping cost ought not to be charged to the budget of the Italian Mission. It answers a wish which we often have expressed concerning all of UNRRA's supplies.

I am also waiting for precise proposals concerning the assignment of the clothes which will be done by the Italian Government through our Delegation. Such proposals will be submitted to your approval, and to mine, after they will have been eventually examined by the Delegation.

Cordially yours,

Avv. Lodovico Montini

GMiegge/cr

TO: Mr. S.M. Keeny  
Chief UNRRA  
Italian Mission

FROM: Avv. L. Montini

R 708

25 JUL 1945





*Mezze o Continui  
Troncali  
per*

Roma 24 Luglio

1945

Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

DELEGAZIONE DEL GOVERNO ITALIANO  
PER I RAPPORTI CON L' U. N. R. R. A.Al Mr. S.M. KEENY - Capo della Missione  
Italiana dell'UNRRA

Via S. Nicolò da Tolentino, 78

R O M A

Serv. \_\_\_\_\_ Uff. \_\_\_\_\_

Prot. N. 2211 Del. \_\_\_\_\_ Posiz. \_\_\_\_\_

Risposta al foglio del \_\_\_\_\_

Dir. \_\_\_\_\_ Sez. \_\_\_\_\_ N. \_\_\_\_\_

OGGETTO \_\_\_\_\_

Egregio Sig. Keeny,

in risposta alla Sua lettera in data 17 luglio, riguardante il vestiario usato io prendo atto che tale vestiario è di proprietà dell'UNRRA.

Non avendo partecipato ad alcuna delle discussioni relative a questo oggetto non sono in grado di esprimere il mio parere motivato.

D'altronde, se bene ho compreso, la richiesta originale dell'UNRRA, riguarderebbe l'importazione del vestiario usato per i sudditi delle Nazioni Unite e per gli sfollati italiani, senza che io possa conoscere la percentuale destinata per le due categorie di soccorsi.

La mia approvazione non può quindi riguardare se non un principio di massima e cioè che si introducano in Italia dei capi di vestiario per sfollati, in relazione alla risoluzione 58 e alla Convenzione in corso col Governo Italiano.

Il fatto dell'arrivo attuale di una partita di vestiario per mezzo del "Gripsholm" non investe la mia competenza se non in quanto mi sia indicata quale parte di tale carico rientra nel programma concertato con il Governo Italiano. Che una parte di tale carico venga assegnato all'ENDSI, per incarico dell'ARI, non è cosa sulla quale io possa deliberare, almeno per le informazioni che fino ad oggi ho avuto in merito. Mi è molto grato notare che il bilancio della Missione Italiana dovrebbe essere sgravato delle spese di spedizione. Ciò corrisponde al desiderio da noi più volte espresso nei riguardi di tutta quanta la fornitura dell'UNRRA.

Per quanto infine riguarda l'assegnazione del vestiario che dovrà essere fatta al Governo Italiano attraverso questa Delegazione, io attendo proposte precise che saranno sottoposte alle deliberazioni di Lei, Sig. Keeny, e mie, dopo aver eventualmente sentito il parere della Delegazione.

Con cordialità, La saluto

IL PRESIDENTE DELLA DELEGAZIONE DEL GOVERNO  
ITALIANO PER I RAPPORTI CON L'UNRRA

(Avv. Lodovico Montini)



INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Ref.No. S/87

July 26, 1945

To: S.M. Keeny ✓  
Chief of Mission

From: Abe Hackman *Abe Hackman*  
Director of Supply

Subject: Avv. Montini's letter of July 25th. on clothing for ARI

1. I do not dare try to interpret whether this letter is a blessing or a curse.
2. Smith is ready to work with ARI in Naples sorting the stuff out, when he gets word from us here.
3. Please instruct.

Distribution:  
Registry (2)  
File

*Where is the letter  
smc*  
x17

26 JUL 1945

R 730



*Weintraub*

U.N.R.R.A.

Italian Mission Rome

21st July 1945.

To: Mr. Hackman

From: S.M. Keeny

Will you please prepare the necessary papers for transferring from American Relief for Italy half of the 329000 lbs of clothing received on the "Gripsholm".

I understand that you will check with Mr. Barr of ARI confirming that it would be satisfactory for him to take a half of each category of clothing included in the shipment.

The papers of transfer should refer to my Memo confirming our agreement while Weintraub was here and also to Avv. Montini's letter which has not been received but which should arrive on Monday.

SMK/pbg

cc/ Registry (2)  
File



c. Keeny  
Registry  
Hackman  
Weintraub

ROME.

17th July, 1945.

Avv. Ludovico Montini,  
Via Sallustiana 10,  
Rome.

Dear Avv. Montini,

Distribution of Used Clothing

During a visit of Mr. Weintraub, Deputy Director for Supply of our Washington Headquarters, I arranged a meeting with Mr. Barr of American Relief for Italy in order to clarify the working arrangements with ARI for clothing collected in the United States in the United Nations' Clothing Drive in which ARI participated. You will note from the attached documents that we are attempting to work out an arrangement which will relieve our \$50,000,000 budget from any charge for shipments. The decision on this point, however, rests with Washington.

Since a considerable part of the clothing in the drive was collected by Catholic agencies and others especially interested in ARI, it seemed to Mr. Barr, Mr. Weintraub and myself that, pending the final decision in Washington as to the division of the clothing, Unrra should turn over to ARI for ENDSI half of the 329,000 lbs of clothing which arrived on the Gripsholm. This was the first shipment of clothing obtained through the joint drive. If you will approve this transfer, I shall arrange for the release of this clothing immediately. The clothing is now held as Unrra property, having been consigned to Unrra Italy. Unrra wishes, however, to be sure that the proposed arrangement has your full approval and it will appreciate it if you will confirm your agreement in writing.

Sincerely,

S.M. Keeny  
Chief of Mission.

SMKEENY/ss

Enclosure



ROME

16th July , 1945.

Howard Barr,  
American Relief for Italy,  
6, Via Lucullo,  
Rome.

Dear Barr,

I am sending you for your file a copy of the memorandum on used clothing, which we discussed with Weintraub and which I revised in line with that discussion for him to take back to Washington.

I am also attaching a copy of the cable sent by us, which includes your cable. This draft was left with me by you and was revised by Weintraub. I am glad that the revisions, which I telephoned you, met with your approval. You did an excellent job on the original draft.

Sincerely,

S.M. Keeny  
Chief of Mission.

SMKEENY/ss

Enclosures

cc Keeny  
Registry

Hackman  
Weintraub



ROME.

16th July 1945.

To: Mr. Howard Barr,  
A.R.I.

From: S.M. Keeny

I am sending you for your file a copy of the memorandum on the subject of the A.R.I. which was discussed with the Committee on 15th July. I have also included in this copy a copy of the letter from the Committee dated 14th July, which was also discussed with the Committee on 15th July. I have also included in this copy a copy of the letter from the Committee dated 14th July, which was also discussed with the Committee on 15th July.

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Sincerely,

S.M. Keeny  
Chief of Section

Hackman  
Reinhardt

cc Keeny  
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Keeny

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION  
Italian Mission  
ROME.

2 copies sent Washington  
with Mr. Weintraub-  
15/7/45.

M e m o r a n d u m  
for discussion with  
with  
Mr. Weintraub  
Deputy Director for Supply Unrra Washington  
and  
Mr. Barr  
American Relief for Italy

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Rome, 14th July 1945.

1. Mr. Weintraub, Deputy Director for Supply, from our Washington headquarters, has reviewed my memorandum to Mr. Taylor of 4th June and my letter to Mr. Weintraub's chief, Mr. Hendrickson, of 5th June, on the subject of used clothing.
2. In our discussions I have emphasized with Mr. Weintraub the desirability of maintaining the interest of the A.R.I. constituency in the Italian program. He, in turn, has pointed out a number of problems involved in the overall allocation of the clothing procured in the joint drive. Some of these factors tend to operate against Italy: e.g. (1) the relative severity of climate in other needy countries, such as Poland and Russia; (2) the earlier date at which winter begins in the North; (3) the fact that several of the neediest countries, such as Poland, have hitherto received no aid whatever.
3. According to cable No. Italy has been allocated 3,000,000 lbs from the first 50,000,000, or 6%. If the future allocations are at the same rate, and if the total joint drive yields only 100,000,000 lbs, this will mean that Italy will get only 6,000,000 lbs. It is understood from Mr. Weintraub that 100,000,000 lbs is reasonably certain but that any amount above 100,000,000 lbs is problematical. If the 150,000,000 lbs target is reached, Italy's share of 6% would amount to 9,000,000 lbs.
4. In terms of Italian need, UNRRA has requested 8,000,000 lbs for refugees and United Nations' nationals and it is understood that the A.R.I. last year got about 5,000,000 lbs - a total of 13,000,000. The request of UNRRA Italy for 8,000,000 lbs has been based upon a plan agreed upon by Mr. Keeny and Mr. Barr that UNRRA will be responsible for importing used clothing for all United Nations' nationals in Italy and for all Italian refugees, and that the A.R.I. would be responsible for importing used clothing for the general population. (This plan is, of course, subject to formal approval by the Italian Government, but no objection is likely to arise.) The division agreed upon with Mr. Barr concerns only



used clothing and shoes received from the joint drive.

5. In my letter to Mr. Taylor I urged that if there has been a commitment of any sort, that A.R.I. get as much from the joint drive as it did from its independent drive, then such an agreement should be faithfully kept, whatever the consequences to the UNRRA program. It is obvious that if we get only 6,000,000 lbs and if A.R.I. gets 5,000,000, the UNRRA program will be most seriously affected, since 1,000,000 lbs will be totally inadequate to meet the UNRRA needs in Italy.
6. The settlement of this matter has been referred to Mr. Hendrickson in Washington, in consultation with Mr. Taylor. We urge that this arrangement be maintained, and that Mr. Weintraub carry back this memorandum for discussion in Washington.
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12/7/45

Draft Cable  
to  
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VIA RCA

# RADIOGRAM

Charge: AMERICAN RELIEF FOR ITALY

~~2 Via Boncompagni~~ 6, Via Lucullo Rome.

(«E.N.D.S.I.»)

MYRON TAYLOR MARCHISIO

AMRELITAL NEWYORK

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REGARDS

HOWARD BARR.

Chg / Amrelifit Rome  
July 14, 1945  
HBB.sm.



U.N.R.R.A.

Italian Mission Rome

21st July 1945.

To: Mr. Hackman

From: S.M. Keeny

Will you please prepare the necessary papers for transferring from American Relief for Italy half of the 329000 lbs of clothing received on the "Gripsholm".

I understand that you will check with Mr. Barr of ARI confirming that it would be satisfactory for him to take a half of each category of clothing included in the shipment.

The papers of transfer should refer to my Memo confirming our agreement while Weintraub was here and also to Avv. Montini's letter which has not been received but which should arrive on Monday.

SMK/pbg

cc/ Registry (2)  
File —



Italian Mission

*Tell  
Taylor*

5 June 1945  
(Dictated 4 June 1945)

U R G E N T

Mr. Roy Hendricksen  
UNRRA  
1344 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Roy:

Washington telegram 394 was received today and a copy given to Mr. Myron Taylor. Mr. Taylor felt that the absence of an agreement meant that UNRRA was not keeping its bargain on the Joint Clothing Drive. He accepted my letter (copy attached) as a fair statement of our understanding here.

He is returning to the United States about 12 June. I urge that you get him and Judge Marchisio together and pin down the arrangement. I think ART should get turned over to them in the United States not less clothing than they get in their own drive previously. I suggest that this be turned over to them to process and ship, so that they will have control of it from the States and so that the charge for processing and shipping will not be made against our \$50,000,000.

The rest of the clothing may be shipped to UNRRA for us to divide here; but if we could shift processing and shipping charges for some more, I'd be glad to work out the allocation on paper from here when I know availabilities and cable you how much more to turn over to them.

Please read my letter to Mr. Taylor carefully and see to it that UNRRA carries out its part of the arrangement faithfully. Any more fumbling of this situation will be bad for our relationship here.

Sincerely yours,

S. M. Keeny  
Chief, Italian Mission

SMALZNY/rw

cc: London  
Cochran  
Keeny



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*Keeney*

ROME.

4th June , 1945.

Mr. Myron C. Taylor,  
Chairman, American Relief for Italy Inc.,  
Via Boncompagni 2,  
ROME.

Dear Mr. Taylor,

In accordance with your suggestion made at the meeting in your Office on 28th May, Mr. Barr, Mr. Vicentini and I met this morning to confirm working arrangements between UNRRA, ARI and ENDSI. It was agreed that the problems are limited to two:

- (1) distribution of milk
- (2) distribution of used clothing contributed through the joint clothing drive in the United States.

Agreement was reached as follows:

(1) - The distribution of milk to Institutions - It was agreed that the plan developed in Naples and Rome should be continued and extended wherever ARI is prepared to provide milk. This arrangement is no proof that, in institutions where ENDSI provides milk, UNRRA will not provide. In these institutions UNRRA will collaborate by providing other needed foods for supplementary feeding according to established UNRRA standards. According to plans worked out, ENDSI remains responsible for distributing UNRRA foods as well as its own. Under this arrangement ENDSI acts for the individual institution in the same way as the superintendent of schools acts for the schools. This arrangement has proved mutually satisfactory.

(2) - Distribution of used clothing - It was agreed that UNRRA should distribute clothing required for United Nations' nationals and for Italian refugees, including those returned from abroad. All other used clothing from the joint drive will be turned over to ENDSI for distribution.

Where provincial committees responsible for UNRRA programs have need for clothing for children and nursing and expectant mothers, they will present their requests to ENDSI.

This arrangement is subject to approval by Avvocato Montini, who represents the Italian Government on the UNRRA Joint Committee. I am sending a copy of this letter to Avv. Montini and requesting his approval of the plan.



Mr. Myron C. Taylor

4.6.45.

While we were in conference the attached cable arrived from Washington in answer to an enquiry cabled by me on 5th May (our number 316) and followed by a second cable on 23rd May (our number 158) to London. Today's cable was equally surprising to Barr and to myself, for we had assumed that an agreement had been reached in Washington by which ARI was to be guaranteed at least as much clothing as they had got by their own independent drive preceding the present one. If such was the understanding, it should be confirmed and adhered to unless modified by mutual agreement between UNRRA and ARI in the States.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Roy Hendrickson, Deputy Director General, and asking him that he take advantage of your presence in Washington to bring together the representatives of UNRRA and ARI in order to confirm any existing understandings and to settle any outstanding questions. This action in the United States seems necessary to Mr. Barr and myself prior to further operational decisions here.

In order to prevent confusion, I should prefer that any goods definitely allocated to ARI be consigned directly to your organization. On receipt of information as to agreements reached and as to the goods available, Mr. Barr and I will then work out with Avv. Montini an equitable arrangement for the distribution of used clothing that may be consigned to UNRRA beyond that allocated to ARI.

In the absence of information to the contrary I must assume that processing and shipping costs for all used clothing consigned to UNRRA for distribution to Italians will be charged against the budget of \$50,000,000. If possible, I ask that the processing and shipping costs for the goods allocated to ARI be carried by the National War Fund, thus adding to the relief funds available for Italy. Avv. Montini has asked me whether this could be done.

I hope that this whole matter can be settled in Washington to give complete satisfaction and in such a way that the maximum relief becomes available to Italy. Please use this letter, if necessary, to support your position that ARI should get out of the joint drive at least as much clothing as it got by its independent drive.



Mr. Myron C. Taylor

4.6.45.

I shall probably not return from my trip to the North until after your departure. If any further steps on my part appear necessary, please let me know and I shall take immediate action on my return.

With best wishes for your journey,

Sincerely,

S.M. Keeny  
Chief of Mission.

SMKEENY/ss

Enclosure - copy of cable.

Cc Keeny  
Washington (attention of Mr. Hendrickson)  
London  
Montini  
Cochran  
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Registry (2)



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In coming Message  
Headquarters Allied Commission

394  
June 011855Z

E/3452  
JUNE 031300B  
ROUTINE

From: WASHINGTON

To: ROME

RESTRICTED

ADDRESSED TO ROME AS 394 11855

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Received  
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23 May 1945

UNRRA  
LONDON

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5. EXPEDITE WASHINGTON DRILL ON PURCHASE SURPLUS. ESSENTIAL FOR PROCUREMENT TRANSPORT

S.M.KEENY

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UNRRA - ITALIAN MISSION - Via S. Nicolo' da Tolentino 78

ITALIAN MISSION  
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION  
UNITED NATIONS



5 MAY 1945

UNRRA  
WASHINGTON

315 YOUR 304 RECEIVED GARBLED. ASSUME FIVE POUNDS ASSIGNED ITALY UNDER RESOLUTION 57 AND TWO AND ONE HALF MILLION POUNDS FOR DISPLACED PERSONS ITALY UNDER RESOLUTION 58. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT THE TWO AND ONE HALF MILLION POUNDS IS ADDITIONAL TO ANY QUANTITIES COMMITTED FOR DELIVERY TO AMERICAN RELIEF FOR ITALY IN U.S. FOR BUDGETING PURPOSES WIRE WHETHER, AFTER REQUIREMENTS UNITED NATIONALS ARE MET, YOU ACCEPT OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT WE DISTRIBUTE CLOTHING FROM ANY SUPPLIES ALLOCATED ITALY TO CIVILIAN ITALIANS RETURNING FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. WE UNDERSTAND MILITARY GIVE RETURNING ITALIANS THIS THEATRE STATUS DISPLACED PERSONS. REQUIREMENTS RETURNING ITALIANS HEAVY AND URGENT RESPONSIBILITY IMPOSSIBLE MEET OTHERWISE.

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SM KEENEY

ITALIAN MISSION  
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION  
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① Taylor  
② Transport  
AMERICAN RELIEF FOR ITALY, INC.

May 24, 1945.

The following is the statement of the use of the 54 American Relief for Italy trucks in the service of the National Committee:

With the arrival of the first 4 trucks the program of transportation of relief supplies was begun with the National Committee. These first trucks were Ford Thornton 100 quintal (10 tons) tractors vans. As no spare tires were included with the vehicles it is necessary to rotate the trucks through the garage for preventive maintenance, using the tires from one truck as spares for the three trucks in service. With the arrival of the 50 Ford 2, 1/2 ton truck in March the program of transportation of the National Committee was expanded as rapidly as the vehicles were assembled and serviced. The 50 trucks were not accompanied by spare tires and so 10 of the vehicles are constantly in the garage, the tires of these vehicles being used as spares for the 40 operative vehicles. This does not necessarily mean a loss of utility in as great a proportion as it would seem as preventive maintenance requires that trucks be rotated through garage service to protect their operation. Although this report covers the period from the 15th of February to the 15th of May, a 3 month period, the arrival of the first vehicles and the gradual use of the second group of 50 do not give an average 3 month operation that can be expected in the future. It could be estimated that this 3 month's period activity would be approximately 50% of what could be expected in the next 3 months' period. The organization of the National Committee Transportation Section has adopted a business basis for recording the services of the vehicles, putting the service in quintal kilometers and converting this into lira value, using the quintal kilometer rate established by national law. The use of the vehicles is in three categories:

1. Use for distribution of relief supplies furnished to ENDSI by American Relief for Italy and other contributing agencies;
2. Gratuitous transport of critical supplies of other agencies including Italian Red Cross, hospitals, orphanages, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Welfare, Protestant Welfare Association, Catholic Charities and Association of Jewish Welfare Groups.
3. The full use of back loading (return trips from hauls of the first two categories) to augment the food supply under the Ministry of Food and other public utilities. This includes the bringing of grain potatoes, rice, eggs and other foods into the metropolitan area from rural districts and the hauling of electric transformers, cement, wiring, water mains and other critically needed industrial reconstruction supplies on transport space which would otherwise be wasted on return trips. At the request of the Ministries of Food and Industry repayment for this service was accepted by ENDSI by Government transfer of funds for this service. This income is then converted into maintenance service and labor cost of the National Committee Transportation Section.



The following is the account of the three categories of service in quintal kilometer converted into lira value:

First category: - distribution of relief supplies - quintal kilometer 3,508,168, lire value 4,014,755.

Second category: - gratuitous service to indigenous agencies - quintal kilometer 1,623,624; lire value 2,160,613.

Third category: - transport on back haul for general public service under the Ministries of Food and Industry - quintal kilometer 1,951,034; lire value 2,319,889.

A total operation, for the 3-months' period of quintal kilometer 7,082,826, or lire value of 8,495,257.

It is anticipated that the quintal kilometer and lire value of transport for the next 3 months' period will be double as full use of the vehicles is anticipated within this period. To convert the total lire value of transport in the 3-months' period into dollars results in a value of \$84,952.57.

Had the equivalent service performed by the National Committee been on a rental basis the cost to the National Committee (Category 1) and indigenous agencies (Category 2) would have been 6,175,368 lire or \$61,753.68. It is apparent that the furnishing of 54 trucks by American Relief for Italy to the National Committee for the 3-months' period alone has effected an excellent economy and permitted the functioning of this vital agency.

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Dear Dr. Zanotti-Bianco:

On several occasions you have suggested that you would be receptive to suggestions in respect to the general reorganization and expansion of the activities of the Italian Red Cross. The following suggestions are borne of the relationship which has existed between American Relief for Italy and ENDSI, including the Italian Red Cross, with which it has been my pleasure to be associated during the period since the liberation of Rome last June.

It seems the time has come when the Italian Red Cross must expand and improve the personnel of its organization and its plan of action within the liberated territory in order to be prepared to operate efficiently in additional territory when the remainder of Italy is liberated. It seems to me that the Italian Red Cross is now in a position to make comparable progress to that being made by the Italian Government in the same fields at this time. I offer the following suggestions:

#### 1. Governmental Charter

That official recognition of the Italian Red Cross be made by the present Italian Government. I have been informed that the decree under which it now operates was made by a previous Government. It would seem advisable that such decree would recognize the Italian Red Cross as an official welfare organization of the Italian Government authorized to carry out certain specific assignments and necessary programs which at this time are not altogether predictable, among which might be (a) the Italian Red Cross to be the agent of the Italian Government to administer its affairs in accord with the terms of the Geneva treaty; (b) that it should administer certain health programs that are necessary; (c) that it should administer such peacetime programs looking to the alleviation of suffering caused by catastrophes or calamities; and (d) that it should build a strong organization to be able materially to assist the Army and Navy of the Italian Government in time of war if it should again become necessary.

#### 2. National Committee

That there be created at once a National Committee to be selected by the Government and Red Cross officials to be composed of the most outstanding Italians in all of Italy (this including the islands). This body should include a cross section of accomplished business, professional and industrial men and women who have shown effectiveness in their own fields of endeavor. The number of these members should be specified and specific vacancies for representation from the North of Italy when it is liberated should be provided. This Committee should be the responsible body for the administration of the terms of the Governmental decree



mentioned above. It should be self-perpetuating and permanent and devoted to the protection of the Italian Red Cross.

### 3. Executive Committee

One of the first responsibilities of the National Committee should be the creation of a strong but not too large Executive Committee. Its membership might be drawn from three sources: (a) from members of the National Committee; (b) from Italian Government Ministries (War, Health, Interior, Foreign Affairs, etc.); (c) from leaders in the various regional committees and delegations from the Italian Red Cross. The Executive Committee when formed should constitute the governing body of the Italian Red Cross.

### 4. Policies

The principles and policies which might well govern the Italian Red Cross in an operational sense might include (a) health program; (b) Junior Red Cross; (c) welfare service (prisoners of war, information service, work with refugees, sewing committees for women, etc.); (d) fund raising committee; (e) transportation committee; (f) publicity committee; (g) finance committee.

### 5. Government Funds.

It seems to be desirable that funds made available to the Italian Red Cross by the Italian Government should be allocated by the Government itself or through one Ministry rather than through several Ministries as I believe is the present practice.

### 6. Administrative Organization

It would seem to me that the headquarters staff should be expanded and responsibilities be delegated to different departments and individuals coordinated through the President and an Administrative Director of great capacity who would relieve the Executive Head, the President, of the detailed responsibility for administration.

My own experience in American Red Cross and in other practical enterprises has been that men of business experience in such fields as shipping, industry, banking, insurance, foreign trade can be called upon to give the best results in organization and administration of the staff activities.

It seems to me that the Administrative Director with the administrative heads of separate departments should put more emphasis upon regional and communal organization, and that competent representatives of the national headquarters should



regularly visit the regional and provincial committees. It also seems advisable that more frequent and detailed contact for purposes of conference and control be maintained by the national headquarters and regional and provincial units. I have no doubt your liaison with the Italian Government representatives and other foreign agencies is active, and I would like to call your attention to three fields in which it seems to me a more persistent collaboration would be helpful to the people of Italy, viz: (a) the repair of damaged buildings; (b) the replacement of supplies and equipment; and (c) the exposition of your program to the Government and to the public. I am assured that if steps along these lines are put promptly into effect and evidence given, not only of a rebirth of the Red Cross which you have already so successfully accomplished during your term of office but of the expansion of its program into a more practical agency with adequate and competent assisting administrative personnel, that you will receive strong and concrete support from Allied Red Cross officials, agencies and individuals.



UNRRA WASHINGTON DC

CODE: CLEAR

CHARGE: UNRRA

1 MAY 1945

301. NO ANSWER RECEIVED OUR 234 6 APRIL REQUESTING DETAILS OF  
ANY AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNRRA AND ARI ON ALLOCATION OF USED  
CLOTHING FOR ITALY FROM NOVEMBER AND CURRENT DRIVES. IMPOSSIBLE  
MAKE ANY DISTRIBUTION PLANS CLOTHING WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION.

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RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION  
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6 April 1945

UNRRA WASHINGTON DC

234. PLEASE CABLE COMPLETE DETAILS OF WHAT AGREEMENT EXISTS  
OR IS BEING MADE BETWEEN UNRRA AND AMERICAN RELIEF FOR  
ITALY ON ALLOCATION FOR ITALY OF USED CLOTHING NOW IN  
WAREHOUSES AND TO BE COLLECTED IN CURRENT NATIONAL DRIVE.  
HENDRICKSON NOT COMPLETELY INFORMED AND SUGGESTS THIS ENQUIRY.  
GOVERNMENT APPARENTLY NOT CLEAR ON WHETHER TO REQUEST  
CLOTHING AS PART OF UNRRA WELFARE PROGRAM TO WOMEN AND  
CHILDREN AND THIS IS HOLDING UP OUR THIRD QUARTER  
REQUIREMENTS TO WASHINGTON.

KRENY

AH/mt

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