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Amherst, Mass.



Washington

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

Italian Mission  
Memorandum

To: M. A. Menshikov

From: S. M. Keeny

10 March, 1945

Subject: Letter #52

1. The Agreement -- (Last Thrilling Installment)

In my last letter, I told the story of last minute changes in the text of the Agreement, and added a postscript (real last minute news -- not introduced for dramatic effect) that the Premier approved.

On Tuesday morning came a cordial letter from the Premier, saying that he was willing to sign. The form he was willing to sign had no essential changes, but it was completely reorganized, so that even our thrifty office decided that the whole text would have to be cabled to Washington. This was done -- and we all breathed a traditional sigh of relief.

But not for long. While we were doing our paper work, Gen. Roatta took advantage of the situation and walked through a number of closed doors, the keys of which were, by a fortunate series of coincidences, within easy reach. Since the Roatta case had been the chief source of juicy headlines in recent weeks, our sensation-loving town was all agog. And when we are agog, we hold protest meetings, and shout slogans, wave banners, and make pointed references to the French Revolution.

So it came about on the afternoon of Tuesday that I was invited to view the demonstration in front of the Royal Palace. With my usual nice sense of timing, I managed to get a seat on the stone fence just as the procession moved into the square. The rest of the incident has doubtless been aptly dealt with in the American press. Actually, it was like a bit of well-staged drama. The crowd was silhouetted against the sunset for a few minutes, shouting "Death to the King!" and other standard battle-cries, then suddenly a few red banners were tossed, shafts and all, toward the Carabinieri. A minute later, there was a fine big flash and a loud explosion. The next minute, the Carabinieri charged. There followed a few rifle shots, and then the crowd left in a bit of a hurry -- doubtless to the evening pasta.

By and large, the chances seemed excellent that the Government would fall, and that we should have to start all over again with our Agreement.



10/3/45

On Wednesday morning, we decided to use the new RCA cable line to ask for a telephone call over the new system established only four days earlier. The wire left here about noon; at 5:00 I was in the presence of the Censor, trying to prove that Spurgeon Keeny and Sam Keeny were one and the same person. This major obstacle to international communications out of the way, I was soon listening to Abe Feller saying that I had full authority to sign the Agreement. When I asked him whether he had any questions about the revisions, and learned that he had not received them, I was deeply touched at the trust placed on Legal Counsel Hawes and me. Even Hawes, who by some skullduggery had got into the same telephone booth, seemed almost happy at the news. We were in the mood to celebrate, but the quarters were a little cramped.

We telephoned the news to the Prime Minister, and asked him whether he would not like to do a little signing the same evening. Strange as it may seem, he had a critical meeting of the Cabinet that evening, but suggested that we meet him Thursday morning at 11:00.

This we did. We arrived at the Viminale, and completed the signing in a few minutes. The Premier assured us that the delay had been necessary only because of the many Ministries involved. He expressed his satisfaction at the happy wording of the revised statement, which makes Italy a partner in the international enterprise of UNRRA.

Thus after more than two months of talk and writing, the job was done!

As we came away, we were able to see in imagination the benevolent lions of the Piazza San Bernardo happily spouting milk for grateful children. After, of course, one evening's free beer for the celebrating populace.

In about ten minutes (dictated 9/3/45) we shall leave for the public show for press correspondents, re-enacting the signing. As a country boy not many years removed, I always find these ceremonies a little disillusioning. I always thought they were real when I saw them in the pictures. I should have known better, because in all the football reels every play is successful, and each one nets at least fifty yards.

## 2. Supplies.

The timing of the arrival of our supplies could not have been better. 2000 tons are already unloaded. 2000 more are in the harbor today. It will still take two or three weeks to get these supplies moved and feeding started, but we are on the way at last.

Even the news about our truck transport is good. The American Ordnance was unable to do the job, but our friends the British Engineers (REME) are doing the job for us in Naples.

10/3/45

3. Personnel.

There follows a list of arrivals and departures since 5 March:

Arrived in Rome:

Dr. A. J. Brown - to stay in Rome for the present  
Miss G. LeGros - Secretary Rome  
Miss S. Stone - Secretary Rome

Arrived in Naples:

A. M. Wilson - Administrative Officer - Naples Office  
Walter Honderick - Asst Camp Manager ) - will come to Rome, then  
Ralph Feil - Asst Camp Manager ) proceed to Lecce  
Harold O'Haver - Warehouseman \*\* )  
Lt. Ballard - USPHS - to proceed to Philippeville

Arriving in Rome Saturday, 10 March:

Benson Essenback - Alb. Mission - possible Camp Adm.  
Richard Carson - Camps Accountant  
Louis Horowitz - Welfare - Camps

Arriving Sunday or Monday:

Major Gould - USPHS  
Dr. Thompson, Alb. Mission - to report to Col. Emge, Lecce,  
on temporary duty.

Departures:

Nurse Erickson - for Cairo  
Capt. H. J. Brown - for Lecce (Accountant)

\*\*Remaining in Naples to help out with supplies until later.

SMKeeny/lr

Copies: Keeny  
Washington  
London  
Cochran  
Sorieri (for Varrichione)  
Registry (2)  
Staff (2)



9/3/45

## LIST OF ENCLOSURES

- #2 - Acknowledgment of cables and correspondence *Cable Room 4/4*
- #3 - Memo from SMKeeny to Mrs. Wadsworth, re Notification of families of overseas personnel; dated 8/3/45 *Mrs. Wadsworth 4/4*
- #4 - Memo (copy) from SMKeeny to Mr. Hawes, re Message from Admiral Stone; dated 8/3/45 (re Agreement) *(To General Counsel) 4/4*
- #5 - Memorandum of Telephone Conversation between Mr. Feller, Washington, and Mr. S. M. Keeny (re Agreement); dated 8/3 *(To General Counsel) 4/4*
- #6 - Copy of memo from Maj. Hodgetts to Mr. McLaren, Albanian Mission, re Transfer of Personnel; dated 5/3/45 *(To Personnel) 4/4*
- #7 - Copy of memo from Maj. Hodgetts to Mr. McLaren, Albanian Mission, re Future Availability of Personnel; dated 5/3/45 *(To Personnel) 4/4*
- #8 - Copy of memo from Maj. Hodgetts to Mr. McLaren, Albanian Mission, re Office Supplies; dated 5/3/45 *(Italian Branch Files)*
- #9 - Copy of memo from SMKeeny to Gov. Cochran, re Transfer of Personnel; dated 5/3/45 *(To Personnel) 4/4*
- #10 - Memo (copy) from SMKeeny to Gov. Cochran, re Care of Refugees from Switzerland; dated 22/2/45. *Routed to Camp + DP 4/4*
- #11 - Copy of memo from Maj. Hodgetts ~~from~~ to E. M. Geissler, re Transfer of Personnel; dated 5/3/45 *(To Personnel) 4/4*
- #12 - Copy of confidential memo from SMKeeny to Lt. Col. Fothergill, re Terms of Employment; dated 6/3/45 *(To Personnel) 4/4*
- #13 - Pink copy, P-3, Ella Megella, Transfer of Official Station, dated 5/3/45 *(To Col. Harris) 4/4*
- #14 - Copy of memo from SMKeeny to Mr. Alband, Fedhala, re their cable #3; dated 6/3/45 *(Route to Camp + DP)*
- #15 - Administrative Order #12, Italian Mission; dated 6/3/45 "Organization of a district office" *Duplicate*
- #16 - Letter (copy) from SMKeeny to Capt. Oates, AC, enclosing copy of Mr. Keeny's comments on currency conversion. Letter dated 7/3/45; comments dated 2/3/45 - at meeting of Advisory Committee on Displaced Persons and Refugees *(Copies to Fin. Ad., GC., DP, F&A)*
- #17 - Article translated from "Il Globo", of 2/3/45 - Gino Bergami speaks on Food. *(P. I. 4/4)*

9/3/45

#18 - Copy of memo from Keeny to Cochran (Hawes dictated) re Interpretation of Section 6.k.(2) of Administrative Memorandum No.6; dated 8/3/45 - *(Italian Branch Files)*

#19 - Health Report #4, <sup>(Major Chas. Benning)</sup> dated 8/3/45 - *(To Finance Admin, copy to Health 4/4)*

#20 - Press Releases in connection with signing of agreement, as follows: *PI 4/4*

1. Sommario dei Punti Principali della Convenzione fra il Governo Italiano e L'UNRRA
2. Comunicato Stampa (UNRRA Missi one per l'Italia)
3. Summary of the principal points of the Agreement between the Italian Government and UNRRA
4. Press Release - UNRRA Italian Mission

#21 - Same as #20 - for Shelby Thompson, Washington *(Italian Branch files)*

#22 - Envelope of clippings, from Savard to Thompson - Clippings listed on envelope. *PI 4/4*



Letter #52 - Enclosure #2

9 March, 1945

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CABLES AND CORRESPONDENCE SINCE 5/3/45

Incoming cables from Washington: 143, 144, 145, 146, 147,  
148, 149, 150, 151, 152,  
153, 154, 156, 157, 158

137 not so far received.

Two cables came in unnumbered: a) date 6/3, re target  
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of semester for all  
Europe.  
b) date 8/3/, confirming  
Trans-Atlantic telephone  
call re agreement, and  
our #154.

Outgoing cables:

To Washington - 147 through 161 (157 is repeat of London 43)

To London - 43, 44 (repeat of Washington 159)

To Algiers - 45

To Yugaid (Yugoslav Mission, Bari) - 3

to Casablanca - 9

To Cairo - 34, 34, 35, 37, 38 (no copy of 36 enclosed)

(Confirmation copies of outgoing cables attached to this enclosure)

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A 334, 341 - Received 6/3/45

A 342, 345, 327, 332, 304 - Received 7/3/45

A 333, 346, through 364, 295 - Received 8/3/45

UNRRA  
Form No. AO-2  
(20 June 1944)

ROUTE SLIP

*Xanthakr*

To Cable Room Date \_\_\_\_\_

Room No. 213

- ☐ Approval
- ☐ Comment
- ☐ Prepare Reply
- ☐ Necessary Action
- ☐ Note and Return
- ☐ Note and File
- ☐ Investigate
- ☐ Signature
- ☐ See Me
- ☐ As Requested
- ☐ For your information
- ☐ Per telephone conversation

REMARKS

*all work after  
checked  
M. 13.*

From P. Contini *PM*

Room No. 316



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8 March 1945

CODE: Clear

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CHARGE: UNRRA

WASHINGTON

FOR LEHMAN UNRRA NO. 161

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REUR 154 HAVE OBTAINED ORDNANCE BODIES

AH/mr

cc:

Keeny  
Registry Control  
Hackman  
Subject file  
Reader file  
Cochran (2)  
Washington ✓  
London



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RADIOGRAM - FULL RATE

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UNHRA

8 MARCH 1945

WASHINGTON, D.C. 160

CHARGE: UNHRA

SIGNED TODAY. CABLING LAST MINUTE CORRECTIONS. WILL BE RELEASED ONLY FOR  
SATURDAY MORNING PUBLICATION. PLEASE CABLE CONFIRMATION AUTHORITY SIGN

KERRY

ANAWES/rw

cc: Hawes  
Keery  
Registry (3)  
Washington - confirmation ✓  
London  
Cochran

Washington

Rudergian - full rate

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 15-9

(Repeat to London as No. 44)

CODE: CLEAR

CHARGE: UNRRA

159 SAVARD ADVISES THOMPSON ITALIAN AGREEMENT ~~WAS~~ SIGNED TODAY BY  
PRIME MINISTER BONOMI AND KEENEY FOR UNRRA. NO ANNOUNCEMENT UNTIL JOINT  
PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD TOMORROW FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT FOUR THIRTY.  
RELEASE FOR NEWSPAPERS SATURDAY MORNING MARCH TENTH. FINAL TEXT OF  
SUMMARY FOLLOWS:

1. UNRRA IS TO FURNISH SUPPLIES AND SERVICES, COSTING UP TO \$50,000,000  
IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE, FOR THREE GENERAL PROGRAMS IN ITALY:

(a) CARE OF, AND WELFARE SERVICES FOR, CHILDREN AND NURSING  
AND EXPECTANT MOTHERS;

(b) ASSISTANCE IN THE CARE AND RETURN TO THEIR HOMES OF ITALIAN  
REFUGEES; AND

(c) THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL AND SANITARY AID AND SUPPLIES.

2. UNRRA IS ALSO TO FURNISH SUPPLIES AND SERVICES FOR TWO OTHER PROGRAMS:



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(a) CARE OF NON-ITALIAN REFUGEES IN ITALY, AND

(b) CONTROL OF EPIDEMICS IN ITALY.

3. THE COST OF THESE SUPPLIES AND SERVICES INCURRED IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE, IS, UNDER PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS, TO BE BORNE ENTIRELY BY UNRRA, WITHOUT CHARGE OF ANY KIND TO ITALY.

4. EXCEPT IN CONNECTION WITH OPERATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF NON-ITALIANS, THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE, HOWEVER, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTING ALL SUPPLIES. DISTRIBUTION WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNRRA PRINCIPLES AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS AGREED UPON WITH UNRRA.

5. AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE RELIEF PROGRAMS OF UNRRA, THE GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKES TO BEAR THE COSTS OF THE PROGRAMS INCURRED IN ITALIAN CURRENCY IN ITALY UP TO AN AMOUNT IN LIRE MATCHING UNRRA'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPENDITURES. THESE COSTS INCLUDE EXPENSES OF STORAGE, TRANSPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLIES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE PURCHASE OF LOCAL FUEL AND PRODUCE TO SUPPLEMENT FOOD FURNISHED BY UNRRA. ( A SIMILAR REQUIREMENT IS MADE BY UNRRA OF EVERY COUNTRY RECEIVING ITS RELIEF SUPPLIES).

6. SOME OF THE SUPPLIES FURNISHED BY UNRRA MAY BE SOLD BY THE GOVERNMENT TO RECOVER PART OF ITS EXPENSES BUT ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT THIS DOES NOT

DENY RELIEF TO THE NEEDY.

7. A JOINT COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT AND UNRRA REPRESENTATIVES WILL RECOMMEND TERMS OF SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENTS COVERING SUCH MATTERS AS METHODS OF DISTRIBUTION, SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS, AMOUNTS OF SUPPLIES TO BE SOLD AND SALE PRICES.
7. PART OF THE FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE USED TO PAY THE EXPENSES IN ITALIAN CURRENCY DIRECTLY INCURRED BY UNRRA IN ITALY; FOR ITS OWN ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD (ESTIMATED AT 2%), AND FOR THE CARE OF NON-ITALIAN REFUGEES (ESTIMATED AT 13%).
9. THE REMAINDER OF THE FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EXPENSES UNDER THE PROGRAM.
10. UNRRA'S MISSION AND PERSONNEL IN ITALY ARE TO BE GIVEN DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES AND IMMUNITIES CORRESPONDING TO THEIR POSITION.
11. THE AGREEMENT IS TERMINABLE UPON SIX MONTHS' NOTICE FROM EITHER PARTY.

KEENEY

ASAVARD/rjw  
cc: Keeny  
Registry Control  
Savard  
Subject File  
Reader File  
Cochran  
Washington  
London



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WASHINGTON

CHARGE UNRRA.

FOR LEHMAN UNRRA NO. 158

7 March 1945.

PLEASE FORWARD CANADIAN ORDER IN COUNCIL UNDER UNRRA  
ACT 1944 AND IF AVAILABLE COPIES BRITISH DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES  
(EXTENSION) ACT 1944, IF UNAVAILABLE ASK LONDON.

ABHAWES/mds

c.c. Keeny  
Hawes  
Registry (3)  
Cochran  
Washington -  
London.

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Rendall 43  
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CHAR: UNRRA

FOR LEHMAN UNRRA NO. 156

ADAIR HENDRICKSON KEENEY SUGGEST ASKING LONDON SUPPLY BALANCE OF  
FIRST TWENTYFIVE PASSENGER CARS IF UNAVAILABLE UNITED STATES

SMKEENY/rw

cc: Keeny  
Hackman  
Hodgetts  
Registry (3)  
Washington - confirmation ✓  
London  
Cochran



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CHARGE: UNRA

FOR LERMAN UNRA NO.

155

THEATER CLEARANCE REQUESTED YOU SEND SEVERINGHAUS STEBBINS BRAGO ASSIST  
FINDING LOCALE SETTLING DETAILS PROJECT. MAKE EARLIEST SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR THEIR AUTOMOBILE OTHERWISE THEY WILL SIT HERE WAITING TRANSPORTATION.  
AFTER SEVERINGHAUS ARRIVAL WILL ASK HIM TO ADVISE TIME CALLING FORWARD REST  
OF GROUP.

DA Reekie/fg

CC to Keeny

Registry

Reekie

Cochran

Washington ✓

Hodgetts

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LEHMAN

UNRRA

WASHINGTON, D.C.

(CHARGE: UNRRA)

No 154 URGENTLY REQUEST YOU TELEPHONE KEENEY APPROVAL SIGN REVISED AGREEMENT  
CABLED YESTERDAY. AVOID DELAY CABLE. CONFIRM BY CABLE

SMKEENEY/rw

cc: Keeny

Hawes

Washington - confirmation ✓

London

Cochran

Registry (3)



A/4/010

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TELEGRAM

6 MARCH 1945

SECSTATE

CODE: CLEAR

WASHINGTON

CHARGE: UNRRA

FOR LEHMAN UNRRA NO. 153

SEND GADOVER HOME TO ARRIVE BY 1 APRIL

SMKEENY/rw

cc: Hodgetts  
Bannister  
Keeny  
Cochran  
Washington - confirmation ✓  
London  
Registry (3)

TELEGRAM

6 March 1945

Code: CLEAR

CHARGES: UNRRA

SECSTATE

WASHINGTON

FORLEHMAN UNRRA NO. 152

TRANSFER RICHARD BROOKBANK TO ITALIAN MISSION CAMPS.

POSITION B-30 AT PRESENT SALARY. ALREADY IN LEGGE.

KIRK

AAS/no

cc

Keeny

Registry Control

Sorieri

Personnel

Cochran

Washington

Hodgetts

Registry



SECSTATE

WASHINGTON

CODE: CLEAR *sent 42  
letter #52*

6 March, 1945.

FOR LEHMAN UNRRA NO. *151*

RECEIVED TODAY *written* CONFIRMATION PRIME MINISTER READY  
GOVERNMENT SIGN AGREEMENT BELOW ON YOUR CLEARANCE. WOULD APPRECIATE  
SAME RAPIDITY REPLY AS LAST MONTH. TEXT FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS THE UNITED NATIONS AND ASSOCIATED NATIONS HAVE IN THE  
AGREEMENT OF NOVEMBER 9 1943 SIGNED AT WASHINGTON D.C. CREATED THE  
UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION (HEREINAFTER  
REFERRED TO AS UNRRA) AND WHEREAS BY RESOLUTION 58 OF THE COUNCIL OF  
UNRRA (THE TEXT OF WHICH IS ATTACHED AS ANNEX I) CERTAIN PROGRAMS  
FOR ASSISTANCE TO ITALY WERE APPROVED AND WHEREAS BY RESOLUTION 57  
OF THE COUNCIL (THE TEXT OF WHICH IS ATTACHED AS ANNEX II) UNRRA WAS  
AUTHORIZED TO CARRY OUT OPERATIONS IN ITALY FOR THE CARE AND  
REPATRIATION OR RETURN OF "DISPLACED PERSONS AS CONTEMPLATED BY  
RESOLUTION 10" AND OF CERTAIN OTHER PERSONS AND FOR THE CONTROL OF  
EPIDEMICS FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES AND WHEREAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTIONS  
14 57 AND 58 OF THE COUNCIL THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UNRRA HAS DETERMINED  
THAT ITALY IS NOT AT THIS TIME IN A POSITION TO PAY WITH SUITABLE MEANS  
OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR THE ASSISTANCE AND OPERATIONS PROVIDED FOR IN  
RESOLUTIONS 57 AND 58 AND WHEREAS THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY (HEREINAFTER  
REFERRED TO AS THE GOVERNMENT) HAS OFFERED TO COOPERATE IN THE PROGRAMS  
AND OPERATIONS REFERRED TO AND TO CONTRIBUTE IN OTHER WAYS TO THE  
HUMANITARIAN WORK OF UNRRA AND WHEREAS THE GOVERNMENT AND UNRRA DESIRE  
TO DEFINE THEIR MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES WITH RESPECT TO RELIEF AND  
REHABILITATION IN ITALY AND TO ESTABLISH THE GENERAL LINES OF THEIR



COOPERATION THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY REPRESENTED BY BLANK AND THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTED BY BLANK HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS ARTICLE I MUTUAL RECOGNITION (a) THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNRRA BY THE AGREEMENT OF NOVEMBER 9 1943 AND THE POSSESSION BY UNRRA OF THE STATUS AND POWERS CONFERRED UPON IT BY THAT AGREEMENT AND ACCEPTS THE BROAD PRINCIPLES OF THAT AGREEMENT AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL. (b) UNRRA RECOGNIZES THAT BY THE ASSUMPTION OF CERTAIN DEFINITE OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS AGREEMENT THE GOVERNMENT ENTERS INTO A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION WITH UNRRA. ARTICLE II ASSISTANCE TO ITALY (a) PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 58 AND SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT UNRRA WILL COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN PROGRAMS FOR ASSISTANCE TO ITALY FALLING WITHIN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES AND WILL FURNISH FOR SUCH PROGRAMS SUPPLIES AND SERVICES COSTING UP TO AN AMOUNT OF 50 MILLION DOLLARS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE (i) CARE OF AND WELFARE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND NURSING AND EXPECTANT MOTHERS (ii) ASSISTANCE IN THE CARE AND RETURN TO THEIR HOMES OF "DISPLACED PERSONS" (iii) PROVISION OF MEDICAL AND SANITARY AID AND SUPPLIES. (b) SUCH SUPPLIES AND SERVICES WILL BE FURNISHED BY UNRRA SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY MILITARY OPERATIONS AND NECESSITIES AND BY UNRRA'S RESOURCES. THEY WILL BE FURNISHED BY UNRRA TO THE EXTENT THAT NEED THEREFOR IS ESTABLISHED AND THAT MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY WORKING ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND UNRRA ARE CONCLUDED. ARTICLE III PROGRAMS IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN CLASSES OF DISPLACED PERSONS AND FOR EPIDEMIC CONTROL. UNRRA IS AUTHORIZED TO UNDERTAKE PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 57 SUCH OPERATIONS IN ITALY AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY FOR



THE CARE AND REPATRIATION OR RETURN OF DISPLACED PERSONS REFERRED TO IN THAT RESOLUTION (NON-ITALIANS) AND OF OTHER PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN OBLIGED TO LEAVE THEIR COUNTRY OR PLACE OF ORIGIN OR FORMER RESIDENCE OR WHO HAVE BEEN DEPORTED THEREFROM BY ACTION OF THE ENEMY BECAUSE OF RACE RELIGION OR ACTIVITIES IN FAVOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND FOR THE CONTROL OF EPIDEMICS REFERRED TO IN THAT RESOLUTION. ARTICLE IV WAIVER OF PAYMENT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2 (b) OF RESOLUTION 57 AND SECTION 3 (b) OF RESOLUTION 58 ALL RELIEF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES FURNISHED BY UNRRA IN ITALY SHALL BE PROVIDED WITHOUT CHARGE TO THE GOVERNMENT. ARTICLE V FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT. (a) AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE RELIEF PROGRAMS OF UNRRA THE GOVERNMENT ON ITS PART ACCEPTS THE GENERAL PRINCIPLE THAT IT SHOULD BEAR THE EXPENSES OF UNRRA AND THE OTHER EXPENSES OF THE PROGRAMS OF ASSISTANCE AND OPERATIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT WHICH ARE INCURRED IN ITALIAN CURRENCY WITHIN ITALY BUT IN THE ABSENCE OF FURTHER AGREEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT THIS LIABILITY IS LIMITED TO A SUM IN LIRE CORRESPONDING TO THE COST IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE INCURRED BY UNRRA FOR THE SERVICES AND SUPPLIES WHICH IT FURNISHES TO ITALY. THE LIABILITY THUS ASSUMED WILL BE MET BY MAKING FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES:

(i) EXPENSES INCURRED IN ITALY IN ITALIAN CURRENCY IN THE EXECUTION OF RELIEF PROGRAMS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION 57 OR RESOLUTION 58 (ii) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES INCURRED BY UNRRA IN ITALY IN ITALIAN CURRENCY (iii) EXPENSES OF ADDITIONAL RELIEF PROGRAMS IN ITALY OF SIMILAR CHARACTER TO THOSE REFERRED TO IN RESOLUTION 58. (PARA.) AS AN INDICATION OF ITS DESIRE TO



PARTICIPATE IN THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOUR REPRESENTED BY THE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS OF UNRRA THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER ALSO THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVOTING A PART OF THE BALANCE OF THESE FUNDS AT THE REQUEST OF UNRRA (1) TO THE TRANSPORT WITHIN ITALY OF SUPPLIES FOR THE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION OF OTHER AREAS AND (11) TO THE PROCUREMENT OF SUPPLIES IN ITALY FOR SUCH PURPOSES IF SUCH PROCUREMENT IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS OF ITALY NOR IN CONFLICT WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S ENGAGEMENTS OF AN INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER. (b) IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FUNDS PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE ARE TO BE IN ADDITION TO AND NOT IN SUBSTITUTION FOR THE BUDGET CHARGES WHICH THE GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHES FOR SIMILAR ACTIVITIES. (c) THE TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EFFECTUATING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE ARE CONTAINED IN ANNEX III.

ARTICLE VI PRINCIPLES OF DISTRIBUTION AND ADMINISTRATION.

THE SUPPLIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY UNRRA WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AND ADMINISTERED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE POLICIES OF THE COUNCIL. FOR EXAMPLE THERE MUST BE NO DISCRIMINATION AMONG POSSIBLE BENEFICIARIES BECAUSE OF RACE CREED OR POLITICAL BELIEF AND SUCH SUPPLIES AND SERVICES MUST NOT BE USED AS A POLITICAL WEAPON. REFERENCE IS MADE PARTICULARLY TO RESOLUTIONS 2 7 TO 10 AND 58.

ARTICLE VII MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES. (a) THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLIES REQUESTED AND FURNISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 58. SUCH DISTRIBUTION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS WHICH ARE AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND UNRRA. IN ORDER TO RECOVER PART OF ITS EXPENDITURES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT THE GOVERNMENT MAY DISTRIBUTE SOME OF SUCH SUPPLIES THROUGH SALES BUT ONLY SO LONG AS THIS PROCEDURE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICIES OF



THE COUNCIL PARTICULARLY WITH THE FOLLOWING POLICY AS STATED IN RESOLUTION 7 SECTION 3 'DISTRIBUTION SHOULD BE SO CONDUCTED THAT ALL CLASSES OF THE POPULATION IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR PURCHASING POWER SHALL RECEIVE THEIR EQUITABLE SHARES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES.' PROCEEDS OF ANY SALES WILL BE THE PROPERTY OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

(b) UNRRA WILL HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATIONS CONTEMPLATED BY RESOLUTION 57. AT THE REQUEST OF UNRRA THE GOVERNMENT WILL COOPERATE IN SUCH OPERATIONS. CONCERNING THE CONTROL OF EPIDEMICS THE NATURE SCOPE AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH OPERATIONS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND UNRRA SATISFACTORY TO BOTH PARTIES. ARTICLE VIII UNRRA MISSION AND PERSONNEL. IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE NECESSARY COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND UNRRA FOR THE EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT THE GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZES UNRRA TO ESTABLISH A MISSION IN ITALY. SUCH MISSION WILL REPRESENT UNRRA IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE GOOD FUNCTIONING OF THE RELIEF PROGRAMS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT. ARTICLE IX JOINT COMMITTEE. (a) AS AN ADDITIONAL MEASURE TO ASSURE SUCH COOPERATION A JOINT COMMITTEE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF DELEGATIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND UNRRA. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT DELEGATION SHALL BE THE REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. THE CHIEF OF THE UNRRA ITALIAN MISSION SHALL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE UNRRA DELEGATION AND SHALL ACT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE. (b) THE GOVERNMENT DELEGATION SHALL CONSIST OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES: (i) PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND HIGH COMMISSARIAT FOR FOOD (ii) MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR (GENERAL DIRECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH) (iii) MINISTRY OF

FOREIGN AFFAIRS (GENERAL DIRECTION OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS) (iv)  
MINISTRY OF THE TREASURY (STATE ACCOUNTS OFFICE) (v) HIGH  
COMMISSARIAT FOR REFUGEES (vi) COURT OF ACCOUNTS. (c) THE UNRRA  
DELEGATION SHALL CONSIST OF THE CHIEF OF THE UNRRA ITALIAN MISSION  
AND SUCH ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AS HE MAY DESIGNATE. (d) THE  
CHAIRMEN OF THE RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED BY THE  
GOVERNMENT AND UNRRA TO CONCLUDE ON THEIR BEHALF AND AFTER SUCH  
CONSULTATION WITH THE JOINT COMMITTEE AS MAY BE PRACTICAL AND  
DESIRABLE ALL SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO THE EFFECTUATION  
OF THE PURPOSES OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THEY ARE DESIGNATED AS  
RESPONSIBLE ON BEHALF OF THE TWO PARTIES FOR THE FULFILMENT OF THE  
RESPECTIVE OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT. (e)  
THE JOINT COMMITTEE IS AUTHORIZED: (1) TO FORMULATE CONSIDER AND  
RECOMMEND SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENTS TO BE CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENT AND UNRRA (AS REPRESENTED BY THE CHAIRMEN OF THE  
RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS) SUCH AS AGREEMENTS CONCERNING AGENCIES  
ORGANIZATIONS AND CHANNELS OF DISTRIBUTION FOR SUPPLIES FURNISHED  
BY UNRRA; FACILITIES AND METHODS FOR HANDLING MOVING AND STORING  
SUCH SUPPLIES ; SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS; TERMS ON WHICH SUPPLIES  
ARE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE RECIPIENTS INCLUDING PRICES TO BE  
CHARGED FOR SUCH SUPPLIES AS ARE TO BE SOLD BY THE GOVERNMENT.  
(11) TO SECURE REPORTS UPON INQUIRE INTO AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS  
TO THE GOVERNMENT AND UNRRA WITH RESPECT TO ALL OPERATIONS UNDER THIS  
AGREEMENT (EXCEPT THOSE WHICH ARE THE EXCLUSIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF  
THE ADMINISTRATION NAMELY ASSISTANCE TO DISPLACED AND OTHER PERSONS  
UNDER RESOLUTION 57). WITH RESPECT TO THE DIRECT EXPENDITURES OF  
UNRRA HOWEVER THE JOINT COMMITTEE SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE SECURING



OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF SUCH EXPENDITURES.

ARTICLE X DELIVERY OF SUPPLIES. THE SUPPLIES TO BE FURNISHED TO ITALY BY UNRRA IN CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE II WILL BE CONSIGNED TO THE UNRRA ITALIAN MISSION. THE TRANSFER OF SUCH SUPPLIES TO THE GOVERNMENT OR ITS DESIGNEES AGAINST APPROPRIATE RECEIPTS WILL BE AT SUCH POINTS AS MAY BE AGREED UPON FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE GOVERNMENT AND UNRRA. ARTICLE XI FURNISHING OF LOCAL PROPERTY. AS ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF ITS COOPERATION WITH UNRRA THE GOVERNMENT WILL SECURE FOR UNRRA, BY REQUISITIONING IF NECESSARY, ANY REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED IN ITALY AND WHICH UNRRA AND THE GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE PROVIDED BY ARTICLE IX (d) AGREE TO BE NECESSARY FOR THE EXECUTION OF RELIEF PROGRAMS PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT. ARTICLE XII PUBLICITY. (SAME AS OLD ARTICLE IV (e) WITH UNRRA REPLACING THE ADMINISTRATION).

ARTICLE XIII REPORTS AND RECORDS. THE GOVERNMENT WILL MAINTAIN ADEQUATE STATISTICAL AND OTHER RECORDS ON RELIEF OPERATIONS AND WILL CONSULT WITH UNRRA AT ITS REQUEST WITH RESPECT TO THE MAINTENANCE OF SUCH RECORDS. IT WILL FURNISH UNRRA WITH SUCH REPORTS RECORDS AND INFORMATION AS UNRRA SHALL REQUEST PERTAINING TO RELIEF AND NECESSARY TO THE DISCHARGE OF UNRRA'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

ARTICLE XIV IMMUNITIES FACILITIES PRIVILEGES AND EXEMPTIONS. (a) UNRRA AND ITS NON-ITALIAN PERSONNEL IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS WILL BE ACCORDED THE IMMUNITIES FACILITIES PRIVILEGES AND EXEMPTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNCIL, WHICH ARE NORMALLY GRANTED IN ITALY TO DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES. (b) UNRRA ITS ASSETS PROPERTY INCOME OPERATIONS AND TRANSACTIONS AND THE SALARIES OR REMUNERATIONS FOR PERSONAL



SERVICES PAID BY UNRRA TO ITS PERSONNEL OF NON-ITALIAN NATIONALITY AND NON-RESIDENT IN ITALY SHALL BE IMMUNE FROM ALL TAXES AND DUTIES OF ANY KIND IMPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT OR ANY OTHER PUBLIC AUTHORITY IN ITALY. ARTICLE XV OPERATIONAL EXEMPTIONS AND FACILITIES. THE OPERATIONS OF THE PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTIONS 57 AND 58 WILL BENEFIT BY THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES: (i) EXEMPTION FROM EVERY TAX OR DUTY (ii) POSTAL FRANCHISE (iii) FREE TRANSPORTATION OF SUPPLIES AND OTHER MATERIAL OVER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE GOVERNMENT (iv) FACILITIES WHEN TRAVELLING ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS ON RAILWAYS AUTOBUSES SEA AND AIR LINES FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE AND FOR THE PERSONNEL OF THE UNRRA ITALIAN MISSION SIMILAR TO THOSE GRANTED TO THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES. ARTICLE XVI RE-EXPORT OF UNRRA SUPPLIES. UNRRA SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT FREE FROM EXPORT CONTROLS OR OTHER RESTRICTIVE MEASURES TO TRANSFER TO OTHER AREAS IMPORTED RELIEF AND REHABILITATION SUPPLIES OWNED BY UNRRA AND LOCATED IN OR IN TRANSIT THROUGH ITALY; BUT SUCH SHIPMENTS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO REASONABLE INSPECTION BY THE GOVERNMENT TO DETERMINE THAT THEY COME WITHIN THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE. ARTICLE XVII APPLICATION. (SAME AS OLD ARTICLE XIII). ARTICLE XVIII PERIOD OF AGREEMENT. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS FROM THIS DAY'S DATE. IT SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE UPON WHICH EITHER OF THE PARTIES SHALL HAVE GIVEN NOTICE IN WRITING OF ITS INTENTION TO TERMINATE IT. MOREOVER IF AT ANY TIME AFTER SIX MONTHS UNRRA SHOULD GIVE NOTICE OF ITS INTENTION TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE IV THE GOVERNMENT MAY WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER RECEIVING SUCH NOTICE IN TURN GIVE NOTICE TO UNRRA IN WRITING WHICH SHALL EFFECT A TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER ITS RECEIPT BY UNRRA. NOTWITHSTANDING SUCH TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT ARTICLES I III V THROUGH VIII XI XII AND XIV THROUGH XVII OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THE PROVISIONS OF ANNEX III SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY FOR AN ORDERLY LIQUIDATION UNTIL SUCH LIQUIDATION IS COMPLETED. (PARA.) THE THREE ANNEXES ATTACHED HERETO ARE A PART OF THIS AGREEMENT. (PARA.) DONE IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN THE CITY OF ROME THIS BLANK DAY OF BLANK 1945. ANNEX I (RESOLUTION 58) ANNEX II (RESOLUTION 57) ANNEX III SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS. SECTION 1. IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION. THE GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKES TO PROMULGATE SUCH LEGISLATION AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT AND IN PARTICULAR TO CONFIRM FOR THE TERRITORY OF ITALY THE POSSESSION BY UNRRA OF THE STATUS AND POWERS CONFERRED UPON IT BY THE AGREEMENT OF NOVEMBER 9 1943. SECTION 2. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS. (a) THE EXPENSES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE V (a) (i) OF THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDE EXPENSES INCURRED BY UNRRA PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT IN PREPARATION FOR THE PROGRAMS REFERRED TO. THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE V (a) (ii) INCLUDE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES INCURRED BY UNRRA IN ITALY IN ITALIAN CURRENCY IN CONNECTION WITH RELIEF AND REHABILITATION OF OTHER AREAS. (b) IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE V OF THIS AGREEMENT THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS ARE AGREED UPON: (1) ON OR BEFORE BLANK THE GOVERNMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF 50 MILLION LIRE. ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH AND ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF EACH CALENDAR QUARTER THEREAFTER UNRRA SHALL REPORT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF THE COST INCURRED



IN FOREIGN CURRENCY (AND NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED) OF ALL SUPPLIES AND SERVICES EXPECTED TO BE FURNISHED BY UNRRA FOR RELIEF PROGRAMS UNDER RESOLUTION 58 UP TO THE END OF THE QUARTER IN WHICH SUCH DATE FALLS. AS ACTUAL COSTS ARE ASCERTAINED IN ANY QUARTER UNRRA SHALL MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO REFLECT THEM IN THE FIRST SUBSEQUENT QUARTERLY REPORT. ON OR BEFORE THE TENTH DAY FOLLOWING THE DATE ON WHICH THE REPORT IS DUE THE GOVERNMENT SHALL ADD TO THE CREDIT AN AMOUNT IN LIRE EQUIVALENT AT THE THEN OFFICIAL RATE OF EXCHANGE TO THE COST SO REPORTED. THIS CREDIT SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT AT ANY TIME DURING THE LIFE OF THE AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS TERMS. THE AMOUNT OF 50 MILLION LIRE ORIGINALLY GRANTED AS A CREDIT HEREUNDER SHALL BE TREATED AS AN ADVANCE HOWEVER AND AT THE COMPLETION OF OPERATIONS UNDER THE AGREEMENT SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE GOVERNMENT OR CREDITED AGAINST ITS OBLIGATIONS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH THE TERMS "CALENDAR QUARTER" AND "QUARTER" REFER TO A THREE-MONTH PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1 APRIL 1 JULY 1 OR OCTOBER 1. (11) UPON REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME TRANSFER TO THE ACCOUNT OF UNRRA SUCH AMOUNTS OUT OF THE CREDIT SO ESTABLISHED AS UNRRA MAY DEEM NECESSARY (1) FOR PAYMENT OF ANY ADMINISTRATIVE OR OPERATING EXPENSES INCURRED BY UNRRA IN ITALIAN CURRENCY WITHIN ITALY IN THE EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAMS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO RESOLUTIONS 57 AND 58 (INCLUDING SUCH EXPENSES INCURRED PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT IN PREPARATION FOR SUCH PROGRAMS) (2) FOR PAYMENT OF ANY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES INCURRED BY UNRRA IN ITALY IN ITALIAN CURRENCY IN CONNECTION WITH RELIEF AND REHABILITATION OF OTHER AREAS AND (3) FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF AN ADEQUATE WORKING



BALANCE FOR SUCH PURPOSES. (iii) IN ADDITION TO THE UTILIZATION OF THE ITALIAN CURRENCY CREDIT FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH (ii) ABOVE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT DELEGATION MAY AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THE BALANCE OF SUCH CREDIT BY UNRRA OR THE GOVERNMENT FOR OTHER PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROGRAMS JOINTLY FORMULATED AND AGREED TO BY THE GOVERNMENT AND UNRRA. SUCH PURPOSES SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

(1) PAYMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S EXPENSES IN THE EXECUTION OF RELIEF PROGRAMS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 57 OR 58. (2) TRANSPORT WITHIN ITALY OF SUPPLIES FOR RELIEF AND REHABILITATION OF OTHER AREAS AND PROCUREMENT OF SUPPLIES IN ITALY FOR SUCH PURPOSES IF SUCH PROCUREMENT IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS OF ITALY NOR IN CONFLICT WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S ENGAGEMENTS OF AN INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER. (c) (SAME AS OLD ARTICLE VI (e) UNRRA REPLACING THE ADMINISTRATION.) (d) THE DETERMINATION OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE IV OF THIS AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE IV ARE ACCORDINGLY SUBJECT TO REVISION BY UNRRA BUT NO SUCH REVISION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE BEFORE THE END OF SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT. SECTION 3.

PERSONNEL. (a) (SAME AS OLD ARTICLE X(b) UNRRA REPLACING THE ADMINISTRATION) (b) (SAME AS OLD ARTICLE X(c) UNRRA REPLACING THE ADMINISTRATION ON ADMINISTRATION AND REFERENCE TO ARTICLE VI BECOMES ARTICLE V).

(c) (SAME AS OLD ARTICLE X (d) UNRRA REPLACING THE ADMINISTRATION).

(d) AS USED IN THIS AGREEMENT THE TERM "UNRRA PERSONNEL" INCLUDES IN ADDITION TO EMPLOYEES OF UNRRA EMPLOYEES OF NON-INDIGENOUS VOLUNTARY RELIEF SOCIETIES WORKING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF UNRRA IN OPERATIONS FOR WHICH UNRRA HAS DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY. SECTION 4. FURNISHING OF LOCAL PROPERTY. PROPERTY REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE XI

SHALL BE FURNISHED TO UNRRA WITHOUT CHARGE ON A LEASE OR LOAN BASIS OR IF THE PROPERTY IS EXPENDABLE TITLE TO IT SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO UNRRA WITHOUT CHARGE. THE GOVERNMENT SHALL ASSUME THE DEFENSE AGAINST AND LIABILITY UNDER ALL CLAIMS ASSERTED ON ACCOUNT OF THE USE OR TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY OR ITS DAMAGE DETERIORATION DESTRUCTION CONSUMPTION OR LOSS. UNRRA WILL USE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO PROTECT AND TO PREVENT DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION TO OR LOSS OF SUCH OF THE PROPERTY AS IS NON-EXPENDABLE BUT ASSUMES FINANCIAL LIABILITY TO THE GOVERNMENT THEREFOR ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH LIABILITY MAY BE BASED UPON THE WILFUL OR NEGLIGENT ACTS OF ITS AGENTS. UNRRA WILL RETURN TO THE GOVERNMENT ALL SUCH PROPERTY (EXPENDABLE OR NON-EXPENDABLE) REMAINING ON HAND WHEN NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ITS PROGRAMS. THE REASONABLE COST OF PERFORMANCE OF ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE GOVERNMENT AGAINST ITS OBLIGATION TO BEAR UNRRA'S ITALIAN CURRENCY EXPENSES UNDER ARTICLE V. SECTION 5. TAXATION. IF IN THE CASE OF ANY PARTICULAR TAX OR DUTY IT IS DETERMINED BY UNRRA THAT IT IS MORE PRACTICAL FOR UNRRA IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO PAY THE TAX OR DUTY THAN TO ASSERT THE IMMUNITY GRANTED BY ARTICLES XIV AND XV THE GOVERNMENT WILL PROMPTLY REIMBURSE TO UNRRA THE AMOUNT OF SUCH PAYMENT. THIS OBLIGATION IS IN ADDITION TO ANY OBLIGATION UNDER ARTICLE V. THIS PROVISION WILL AS A MATTER OF POLICY BE USED BY UNRRA ONLY WHERE ASSERTION OF TAX IMMUNITY IS IMPOSSIBLE OR DIFFICULT. IT WILL BE REGARDED BY UNRRA IN OTHER WORDS AS A LAST RESORT.

KIRK.



TELEGRAM

5 MARCH 1945

SECSTATE

CODE: CLEAR

WASHINGTON

CHARGE: UNRRA

FOR LEHMAN UNRRA NO.

1570

LETTER RECEIVED FROM PREMIER APPROVING REVISED TEXT WHICH WE  
ARE CABLEING TODAY. URGE IMMEDIATE FAVORABLE ACTION

SMKEENY/rw

cc: Keeny

Hawes

Cochran

~~Hawes~~

London

Washington - confirmation ✓

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TELEGRAM

6 March 1945

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WASHINGTON

CHANNEL: UNRRA

FOR LERMAN UNRRA NO. 149

COCHRAN EERNY REEKIE AGREE ASSIGN FOLLOWING ALBANIAN MISSION PERSONNEL  
TO ITALIAN MISSION PERMANENTLY: DR. THOMPSON TO B55B. CANCEL YOUR  
RECRUITMENT THIS POSITION. FITTED B53A NEW POSITION REQUESTED OUR  
CABLE 74. BAPPINGTON A33 WHICH WE EXPECT HAVE VACANT SHORTLY. NEW  
POSITION A48A DISTRICT PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE FOR GRANTCLASS. THIS  
POSITION NEEDED IN FUTURE FOR RELIEF AND TO ALLOW MACBRIDE ASSIST  
CROWELL AS ASSISTANT CHIEF NURSE.

DA Reekie/fg

CC to Keery  
Registry  
Reekie  
Hodgetts  
Washington ✓  
Cochran  
London



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5 MARCH 1945

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WASHINGTON

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CHARGE: UNRRA

FOR LEHMAN UNRRA NO. 148

REUR 28 ANTIGUES CAMP WELFARE OFFICER PHILIPPEVILLE ASSISTED BY  
FOUR VOLUNTARY AGENCY PERSONS. ANTIGUES MEMBER ITALIAN MISSION  
BY VIRTUE TRANSFER OF PHILIPPEVILLE TO THIS MISSION.

KIRK

cc Mr. Keeny  
Registry Control  
Bannister  
Registry  
Cochran  
Washington ✓  
London

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5 March 1945

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WASHINGTON

CHANGE: UN/BA

FOR LEBMAN UN/BA NO. 147

ADVISE DEARING

1. DEUR 95 DATES OFFICE EXECUTED 19 FEBRUARY OGDEN AND RICKSON;  
25 FEBRUARY DALY AND LEWIS; 5 MARCH CAPONE
2. DEUR 143 BERWING HOSPITALIZED ONE MONTH NOW CHOROIODITIS RIGHT  
EYE. REEKIE CONSULTING ABOUT RETURNING HIM WASHINGTON.

DA Reekie/fg

CC to Keery  
Registry  
Reekie  
Hodgetts  
Washington ✓  
Cochran



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AMEMBASSY

LONDON

UNHRA FROM ROME NO. 43 REPEATED TO WASHINGTON AS 157

REUR 24. 1. G-5 AFHQ INFORMS US SWITZERLAND ANXIOUS MOVE  
UNITS OF 1672 AND 1210 REFUGEE JEWS NEXT FEW WEEKS. LATTER GROUP  
MAY BE REDUCED TO 700.

2. and 3. WE PLAN RECEIVE 1672 PHILIPPEVILLE, 1210 TO SOUTHERN  
ITALIAN CAMPS SUBJECT POLICY APPROVAL AFHQ.

4. 141 ARRIVED PHILIPPEVILLE FEBRUARY 13 ON 24 HOUR NOTICE.

5. PARA 5 MISSING YOUR 24.

6. WE TAKE POSITION SENDING AGENCY SHOULD PROVIDE MEDICAL AND  
WELFARE PERSONNEL FOR CARE ENROUTE. THEREFORE REQUEST YOU ARRANGE  
THROUGH UNHRA AT SHANT AND INFORM US. WE WILL HELP IF NECESSARY  
BUT YOU INDICATE SPECIFIC REQUESTS IN ADVANCE.

7. AGE SEX FAMILY COMPOSITION NOT KNOWN NOR ELIGIBILITY ASSISTANCE  
UNDER UNHRA RESOLUTIONS.

8. MOVEMENT THESE REFUGEES NOT INITIATED BY US. HENDRICKSON 66  
FROM CASERTA EXPRESSES OUR CONCERN LACK OF INFORMATION FROM YOU.

9. DOES WHO HAVE PERSON AT BERN? IF SO WE ASK HE INFORM US DE-  
VELOPMENTS ALSO POINTS IN PARA 7.

KIRK

ans/no - cc Keeny, Registry control, Sorieri, Cochran, London, Washington,  
Reekie, Hodgetts, Bannister, Circulation.

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7 March 1945

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AMCONSULATE

ALGERIA

FOR CAMPBELL UNRRA FROM ROME NO...45

G-5 AFHQ INFORMS US SWITZERLAND ANXIOUS MOVE UNITS  
OF 1672 AND 1310 REFUGEE JEWS IN NEXT FEW WEEKS. WE  
PLAN RECEIVE 1672 AT PHILIPPEVILLE OTHERS ITALY  
SUBJECT AFHQ POLICY APPROVAL. HAVE REQUESTED LONDON  
ARRANGE CARE ENROUTE AND SEND US MORE DETAILED INFORMATION  
CONDITION AGE SEX FAMILY COMPOSITION. REQUEST YOU  
INFORM US SPECIFIC STAFF AND OTHER NEEDS.

KIRK

aac/ng

cc

Keeny  
Registry Control  
Serieri  
Cochran  
Varrichione  
Circulation  
Bannister  
Heckie

*Washington*



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TELEGRAM

7 March, 1945

YUGAID

BARI

UNRRA FROM ROME NO. 3 REQUEST TRANSFER TO ITALIAN  
MISSION ON PERMANENT BASIS OF FLORENCE BLACK AND BELLE  
MONTGOMERY. COCHRAN CONCURS. TELEGRAPH CONFIRMATION TO  
CASERTA AND ROME.

SMKeeny/lr

Copies: Keeny  
Bari  
Washington ✓  
Cochran  
Sorieri  
Hodgetts  
Registry (3)

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TELEGRAM

6 March 1945

AMERICAN CONSULATE  
CASABLANCA

CONE: CLEAR  
CHARGE: UNBRA

FOR AIRBAND UNBRA NO. 9

- (1) ENR 3. ~~ADVISE~~ SEND RECORDS AND TRUCK UNBRA ITALIAN MISSION HOME VIA NAPLES. ADVISE KEENEY IN ADVANCE WHEN YOU AND PALOK MEANT LEAVE FIDHALA. WRITE WHETHER YOU PALOK WISH ASSIGNMENT ITALIAN MISSION OR TO BE DECLARED SUSPENS FOR ASSIGNMENT ELSEWHERE.
- (2) DO NOT REPEAT NOT NEGOTIATE TERMS OF CAMP RELEASE FROM ARMY, WHICH IS RESPONSIBILITY OF COCHRAN CASERTA.

SMKEENEY/rw

cc: Keeny  
Hodgetts  
Sorieri  
Registry (3)  
Casablanca  
Washington ✓  
Cochran  
London



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8 March 1945

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AMLEGATION

CAIRO

CODE: SECRET

CHARGE: UNRRA

UNRRA FROM ROME NO. 38

WASHINGTON INFORMED FOOTLOCKER LIEUT NORMA PAINTON  
DESPATCHED STEAMER TORONTO TO CAIRO LATE AUGUST ALEXANDRIA  
PORT OF DISCHARGE BILL OF LADING 92. PLEASE FORWARD BARI.

AH/mr

cc: Keeny  
Cairo  
Washington —  
Cochran  
London  
Hackman  
Registry

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TELEGRAM

8 March 1945

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AMLEGATION

CAIRO

CODE: SECRET

CHARGE: UNRRA

UNRRA FROM ROME NO. 38

WASHINGTON INFORMED FOOTLOCKER LIEUT NORMA PAINTON  
DESPATCHED STEAMER TORONTO TO CAIRO LATE AUGUST ALEXANDRIA  
PORT OF DISCHARGE BILL OF LADING 92. PLEASE FORWARD BARI.

AH/mr

cc: Keeny  
Cairo  
Washington —  
Cochran  
London  
Hackman  
Registry



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7 March, 1945

AMLEGATION

CAIRO

CODE: CLEAN

CHARGE: UNRRA

FOR UNRRA NO. 37

WASHINGTON WIRES SUPPLYING ONLY THREE PASSENGER CARS ITALIAN  
MISSION INSTEAD TWENTYFIVE REQUESTED BUT SAYS INSTRUCTED CAIRO  
SHIP FIVE STATION WAGONS ITALY SOONEST. KEENEY REQUESTS  
HENDRICKSON ROSEMAN EXPEDITE SHIPMENT NAPLES.

KIRK

SMKeeny/lr

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Hackman  
Registry (3)  
Cairo  
Washington ✓  
London  
Cochran

Refers to Washington cable #148

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TELEGRAM

6 MARCH 1945

AMBASSADOR

CAIRO

FOR HENDRICKSON UNDER NO. 35

REPEAT TO ATHENS FOR HENDRICKSON NO.

HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ON TEXT AGREEMENT

SUBJECT WASHINGTON RATIFICATION

SMKEERY/rw

cc: Keery  
Haves  
Registry (3)  
Cairo - Confirmation  
Athens - Confirmation  
Washington ✓  
London  
Cochran



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EMBASSY

CODE: Clear

CAIRO

CHARACTER: URGENT

FOR URGENT NO. 34

CORRECTION OUR 33. NURSES COOPER BOWMAN NOW SJOVO INSTEAD MIDEAST.

EEG to Keeny  
Registry  
Reekie  
Cochran  
Cairo  
Washington ✓

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5 March 1945

AMEMBASSY

CODE: Clear

CAIRO

CHARGE: UNRRA

FOR UNRRA NO. *ref/101 33*

REUR 31 ADVISE HYDE LETTERS 13 AND 16 FEBRUARY ARRIVED TODAY. IMPOSSIBLE  
RELEASE DOKKEN OR FOR YOU TO PLAN ON FIFTEEN NURSES REQUESTED. ITALIAN  
MISSION EMPLOYING PERMANENTLY FROM ALBANIAN MISSION DOCTORS BAPPINGTON  
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ATHENS REQUESTS.

IF NECESSARY HYDE TO CONSIDER VISITING COCHRAN MERRIE.

DA Reekie/fg  
CC to Keeny  
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Cochran  
Cairo  
Washington ✓



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Letter #51

T. E. McLaren,  
Deputy Chief of Mission for Bureau of  
Finance and Administration,  
Albanian Mission.

5 March, 1945

C.E. Hodgetts,  
Director, Division of Finance and Administration,  
Italian Mission.

Office Supplies

1. Your offer to pass over to this Mission certain of the office supplies now in the possession of your Mission is greatly appreciated. May I say that I shall be extremely grateful for any items that you feel you may safely release.
2. In particular I am especially short of ruled white record cards, 8" x 5", and duplicating paper, 8" x 13".



(C.E. Hodgetts)  
Director  
Division of Finance and Administration

CEHODGETTS/emd

cc.  
Keeny  
Cochran  
Washington —  
London  
Personnel Officer  
~~Clerk~~ Accountant  
Registry  
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Gov. R. L. Cochran. (Attention  
Theater Exchange Officer, METOUSA)  
S. M. Keeny.

8 March, 1945.

Interpretation of Section 6.k.(2) of  
Administrative Memorandum No. 6.

1. After providing in Section 6.h. that personal equipment and clothing will, if available, be supplied (to UNRRA personnel), Administrative Memorandum No. 6 provides in Section 6.k.(2) that "Personnel of officer status will normally have the right to use U.S. and R.A.O.C. officers' shops for replacement purposes only and subject to local availability of stocks in excess of requirements of Service officers. Names of personnel for whom entitlement is claimed will be submitted in duplicate to Q(AE) AFHQ and to the Theater Exchange Officer in the case of United States citizens, when permits will be issued."

2. One of our personnel, a United States citizen, of officer status, has been refused the right to purchase a pair of shoes from the U.S. Army Post Exchange in Rome, on the ground that he should have a "permit".

3. The language of Section 6.k.(2) is exactly the same as the language of Section 8.b. of General Routine Order No. 1009 of 8 December 1944. I am informed that under Section 8.b. of that General Routine Order the term "permit" was interpreted to mean the ordinary Army Post Exchange card.

4. I should appreciate confirmation of a similar interpretation of the language in Section 6.k.(2) of Administrative Memorandum No. 6. Will you please ask the Theater Exchange Officer to give the necessary instructions to the various Post Exchange officers and, in the meantime, to give me<sup>S</sup>/letter, which can be shown to Post Exchange; confirming this interpretation.

ABHAWES/mds

c.c. Keeny  
Hawes  
Sorieri for Varrichione  
Registry (2)  
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London.



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lead  
(for Shelly Thompson)

SOMMARIO DEI PUNTI PRINCIPALI DELLA CONVENZIONE FRA IL GOVERNO ITALIANO E L'UNRRA

1. L'UNRRA fornira' merci e servizi, fino a un costo complessivo di \$50.000.000 in valuta estera, per i tre programmi generali in Italia:
  - (a) Cura e assistenza per i bambini, le madri che allattano e le gestanti;
  - (b) Assistenza alla cura e al ritorno alle loro case dei profughi Italiani; o
  - (c) Rifornimenti di medicinali e merci e assistenza sanitaria.
2. L'UNRRA fornira' anche merci e servizi per due altri programmi:
  - (a) Cura dei profughi non-Italiani in Italia, o
  - (b) Controllo di epidemie in Italia.
3. Il costo di queste merci e servizi sostenute in valuta estera a', ai sensi del presente accordo, deve essere sostenuto interamente dall'UNRRA, senza pagamento di sorta da parte dell'Italia.
4. Salvo per le operazioni a beneficio dei non-Italiani, il Governo avra', pero', la responsabilita' di distribuzione di tutte le merci. La distribuzione sara' fatta dal Governo secondo i principi dell'UNRRA e a norma dei piani concordati con l'UNRRA.
5. Come contributo ai programmi dell'UNRRA, il Governo si assume il costo dei programmi sostenute in valuta italiana in Italia fino alla concorrenza di una somma in lire uguale alle spese dell'UNRRA in valuta estera. Questo costo comprende le spese di magazzinaggio, trasporto e distribuzione delle merci e le spese per l'acquisto di combustibile locale e dei prodotti per supplementare il cibo fornito dall'UNRRA. (Simile richiesta e' fatta dall'UNRRA a ogni Paese che riceve la sua assistenza in merci).
6. Parte delle merci fornite dall'UNRRA possono essere vendute dal Governo onde recuperare parte delle sue spese ma solo nella misura che cio' non nega assistenza ai bisognosi.
7. Un Comitato Misto di rappresentanti del Governo e dell'UNRRA raccomandera' i termini di accordi complementari riguardo a questioni come i metodi di distribuzione, scelta dei beneficiari, quantita' di merci da vendere e prezzi di vendita.
8. Parte dei Fondi realizzati dal Governo saranno usati per pagare le spese in valuta italiana sostenute direttamente dall'UNRRA in Italia per le sue spese di amministrazione, (previste al 2 per cento) e per l'assistenza ai profughi non-Italiani (previste al 13 per cento).
9. La rimanenza dei fondi sara' a disposizione per il pagamento delle spese del Governo ai sensi del programma.
10. La Missione dell'UNRRA in Italia e il suo personale fruiranno di facilitazioni e immunita' diplomatiche corrispondenti alla loro posizione.
11. L'accordo puo' essere terminato con preavviso di sei mesi dato da qualunque delle parti contraenti.

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Comunicato Stampa

UNRRA Missione per l'Italia

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Il Governo Italiano e l'Amministrazione delle Nazioni Unite per l'Assistenza e la Riabilitazione (UNRRA) hanno firmato un accordo per il Programma dell'assistenza in Italia, come e' stato annunziato oggi dal Primo Ministro Ivanoe Bonomi e dal capo della Missione dell'UNRRA per l'Italia, Spurgeon W. Henry.

Il primo Ministro nella sua dichiarazione ha detto:

" A nome del Governo e del popolo italiano esprimo la piu' sincera gratitudine per l'aiuto che l'U.N.R.R.A. ha deciso di portare al nostro paese. Questo aiuto significa un atto nobilissimo di solidarieta' umana, giacche' l'U.N.R.R.A. rappresenta 44 Nazioni Unite, cioe' gran parte dei popoli della terra. Io ho accolto volentieri il principio che sta a base della vostra opera soccorritrice. Questo principio si riassume nella formula: ti aiuto perche' tu ti aiuti.

Voi, infatti, mettete gratuitamente a disposizione del soccorso per l'Italia 50 milioni di dollari, cioe' al cambio ufficiale 5 miliardi di lire, ma esigete che l'Italia destini nei suoi vari bilanci, per la stessa assistenza, altri 5 miliardi di lire. Naturalmente e' sulla nostra quota che graveranno le spese, che abbiamo concordate in misura ragionevole, di trasporto e di amministrazione. Questa massa ingente di soccorsi sara' diretta verso settori determinati e precisamente in quello dei profughi, delle madri, dei bambini e della contro le epidemie. Sara' cosi' possibile lasciare altri campi dell'assistenza interamente liberi per altre generose iniziative internazionali le quali potranno gareggiare in quest'opera di solidarieta' umana.

Firmando con animo grato questa convenzione, che e' un nuovo vincolo che ci congiunge alle 44 Nazioni Unite, io credo di anticipare quella concordia nel bene che dovra' presiedere, appena finita questa tremenda guerra, alla convivenza pacifica di tutti i popoli del mondo.

Il capo della Missione Italiana ha insistito sull'importanza della cooperazione incondizionata dell'Italia con l'UNRRA.



Spurgeon H. Keeny, capo della Missione dell'UNRRA per l'Italia ha detto che " L'accordo ha riaffermato il programma di assistenza all'Italia autorizzato dal Concilio dell'UNRRA a Montreal. "

Il programma del Concilio provvedeva assistenza e servizi a beneficio dei bambini e delle donne incinte, assistenza ai profughi e aiuto al loro rimpatrio; aiuti e forniture mediche e sanitarie. Le spese dell'UNRRA in valuta estera per questo programma ammontano a 50 milioni di dollari.

Un'altra parte del programma dell'UNRRA per l'Italia, ha detto Mr. Keeny, e' diretta all'assistenza dei profughi cittadini delle Nazioni Unite, delle persone senza cittadinanza e dei profughi ebrei-tedeschi. Si prevedono anche operazioni per aiutare a combattere le epidemie, come campagne contro la malaria e il tifo.

Secondo questi accordi, l'UNRRA fornira' tutte le merci importate, a titolo gratuito. Come negli altri paesi che ricevono le forniture dell'UNRRA, il Governo locale sosterra' le spese fatte sul luogo in valuta locale per la esecuzione del programma di assistenza e di riabilitazione. Onde coprire le spese locali il Governo Italiano ha concordato di fare un anticipo di 50 milioni di Lire e di aggiungere ogni trimestre a questo credito somme in Lire fino a un equivalente delle spese sostenute in dollari da parte dell'UNRRA.

Si prevede che la massima parte di questo fondo in Lire sara' d'accordo con l'UNRRA, usato dal Governo Italiano per le spese del piano di assistenza, quali quelle di scarico delle navi, magazzinaggio, trasporto e distribuzione delle merci e per l'acquisto di combustibile e di altri prodotti supplementari. Si prevede che soltanto una piccola parte di questo fondo sara' spesa dall'UNRRA per il suo programma di assistenza ai profughi non-italiani e per le sue spese amministrative.

Questo programma e' inteso a fornire a circa 1,700,000 bambini e a 500,000 donne incinte e madri che allattano, e cioe' a un totale di 2 milioni di persone, una media di 750 calorie di cibo supplementare giornaliero, per un periodo di circa un anno.

" E' importante, ha detto Mr. Keeny da notare che questo cibo vuol essere un supplemento alle razioni base fornite da altre autorita' e che il programma dell'UNRRA non vuole in alcun modo sostituire alcuna attivita' assistenziale gia' esistente. A causa delle limitazioni del programma, la precedenza sara' concessa ai bimbi e alle madri che soffrono gravemente per la mancanza e la cattiva qualita' del nutrimento. Poiche' la nostra assistenza consistera' soprattutto in forniture, essa dipendera' quasi interamente dalla situazione del tonnellaggio. I nostri fondi, si prevede forniranno una media di 15.000 tonnellate mensili per un anno. Posso annunciare che il primo invio di 15.000 tonnellate e' stato approvato dalle autorita' marittime e che 5.000 tonnellate arriveranno entro questo mese, di queste 2000 sono state gia' ricevute. Naturalmente le operazioni che riguardano merce importata non possono incominciare fino a quando gli invii saranno ricevuti."

Questo accordo stabilisce che le forniture dell'UNRRA saranno distribuite dal Governo. Questa distribuzione avverra' secondo piani concordati fra il Governo e l'UNRRA.



Onde assicurare il funzionamento del programma di assistenza previsto dall'accordo e' stato stabilito un Comitato misto composto di rappresentanti del Governo e dell'UNRRA. Questo Comitato misto ha gia' tenuto la sua prima seduta. Il rappresentante della Presidenza del Consiglio sara' Presidente della delegazione del Governo.

La delegazione del Governo consistera' di rappresentanti dei seguenti organi governativi:

1. Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri e Alto Commissariato per l'Alimentazione
2. Ministero dell'Interno ( Direzione Generale della Salute Pubblica)
3. Ministero degli Esteri ( Direzione Generale degli Affari Economici)
4. Ministero del Tesoro ( Ragioneria Generale dello Stato)
5. Alto Commissariato per i Profughi
6. Corte dei Conti.

Il Capo della Missione dell'UNRRA in Italia sara' presidente della delegazione dell'UNRRA e funzionera' da presidente del Comitato misto. La Delegazione dell'UNRRA consistera' del Capo della Missione in Italia e dei Capì - Divisione.

Mr. Keery ha dichiarato che e' intenzione dell'UNRRA di fare il massimo uso possibile delle agenzie di distribuzione gia' esistenti. I compiti del personale dell'UNRRA in Italia consisteranno soprattutto nell'assicurare l'arrivo delle forniture, nel progettare la distribuzione, nel dare consigli e nel fare sopralluoghi.

Noi siamo pronti, egli ha dichiarato, a fornire medicine e assistenza sanitaria a complemento di quello che e' gia' fatto. A richiesta del Governo Italiano noi forniremo pure personale medico per assistenza consultativa.

L'assistenza prevista per i profughi italiani, sia che si tratti di persone spostate dalla guerra, sia che si tratti di profughi in campi di raccolta comprende la fornitura di merci, come cibo, da essere concessa ai bimbi e alle madri come parte del programma di nutrimento complementare e nel fornire vestiti e materiale per i campi. Personale di associazioni volontarie lavorano agli ordini dell'UNRRA e cioè: la Friends Ambulance Unit, Save the Children Fund, Catholic Committee for Relief Work Abroad, International Voluntary Service for Peace, and Jewish Relief Unit, - Questo personale e' gia' stato assegnato per aiutare il Governo Italiano nei programmi di manutenzione dei campi dei profughi e per i servizi di igiene dei tedeschi. La natura e le finalità di questa assistenza sono state determinate dopo consultazione con le autorità italiane.

A richiesta dell'autorità militare stiamo assumendo la responsabilità di certi campi e ospedali dell'Italia meridionale che ora raccolgono profughi di cittadinanza delle Nazioni Unite. Ulteriori necessità e richieste dell'autorità militare possono estendere il nostro programma di assistenza a persone di simili categorie che non si trovino attualmente in campi di profughi. In generale cercheremo di dare assistenza a famiglie singole quanto a persone raccolte nei campi.



Si sta sviluppando un programma di lotta contro le epidemie in collaborazione con l'Unità Militare e civile dell'Albania. La nostra parte di tale programma consisterà, in più del consiglio di esperti, nel fornire merci importate, come la DDT, il "paris green", griglie, utensili, spruzzatori e pastiglie di Atabrine. La nostra prima attività a questo riguardo aiuterà a controllare la crescente minaccia a certi parti dell'Italia.

Mr. Keeny ha detto infine che i 50 milioni di dollari per l'assistenza all'Italia sono previsti per essere spesi in un periodo di un anno, quantunque non soggetti a un periodo di tempo limitato. Egli ha aggiunto che secondo questo piano, il personale non-italiano della Missione dell'UNITED per l'Italia si prevede consisterà di circa 75 persone per il programma a beneficio dell'Italia e di circa 150 persone per gli ospedali e i centri di assistenza ai profughi non italiani.

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SUMMARY OF THE PRINCIPAL POINTS OF THE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND UNRRA

1. UNRRA is to furnish supplies and services, costing up to \$50,000,000 in foreign exchange, for three general programs in Italy:

- (a) Care of, and welfare services for, children and nursing and expectant mothers;
- (b) Assistance in the care and return to their homes of Italian refugees; and
- (c) The provision of medical and sanitary aid and supplies.

2. UNRRA is also to furnish supplies and services for two other programs:

- (a) Care of non-Italian refugees in Italy, and
- (b) Control of epidemics in Italy.

3. The cost of these supplies and services incurred in foreign exchange is, under present arrangements, to be borne entirely by UNRRA, without charge of any kind to Italy.

4. Except in connection with operations for the benefit of non-Italians, the Government will have, however, the responsibility for distributing all supplies. Distribution will be carried out by the Government in accordance with UNRRA principles and in accordance with plans agreed upon with UNRRA.

5. As a contribution to the relief programs of UNRRA, the Government undertakes to bear the costs of the programs incurred in Italian currency in Italy up to an amount in lire matching UNRRA's foreign exchange expenditures. These costs include expenses of storage, transportation and distribution of supplies and expenditures for the purchase of local fuel and produce to supplement food furnished by UNRRA. (A similar requirement is made by UNRRA of every country receiving its relief supplies).

6. Some of the supplies furnished by UNRRA may be sold by the Government to recover part of its expenses but only to the extent that this does not deny relief to the needy.

7. A Joint Committee of Government and UNRRA representatives will recommend terms of supplementary agreements covering such matters as methods of distribution, selection of recipients, amounts of supplies to be sold and sale prices.

8. Part of the funds made available by the Government will be used to pay the expenses in Italian currency directly incurred by UNRRA in Italy; for its own administrative overhead (estimated at 2%), and for the care of non-Italian refugees (estimated at 13%).

9. The remainder of the funds will be available for payment of the Government's expenses under the program.

10. UNRRA's Mission and personnel in Italy are to be given diplomatic facilities and immunities corresponding to their position.

11. The Agreement is terminable upon six months' notice from either party.



Press Release

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

Italian Mission

Advance for release to  
morning newspapers of  
March 10th, 1945

Rome, Italy  
9th March 1945

The Italian Government and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration have signed an agreement for a relief program in Italy, Prime Minister Ivanoe Bonomi and UNRRA Italian Mission Chief, Surgeon M. Keeny, announced jointly today.

Both hailed the Agreement as a substantial step in the direction of providing a much needed relief program for liberated Italy. Prime Minister Bonomi said in a statement:

"On behalf of the Government and of the Italian people I wish to express my warmest gratitude for the assistance which UNRRA is bringing to our country. This assistance is a noble act of human solidarity by UNRRA as representative of 44 United Nations comprising most of the peoples of the earth. I have willingly accepted the basic principle of your work of assistance. This principle is summed up in the formula of helping people to help themselves. You make available, free of charge, \$50,000,000 for the relief of Italy, the equivalent, at the official rate of change, of 5,000,000,000 lire. You ask that Italy, on her part, establish in her various budgets an additional 5 billion lire to make this assistance effective. Naturally it is our responsibility to bear the expenses of local transportation and administration and we have agreed to bear them in reasonable measure. This substantial amount of relief will be furnished to particular areas and, specifically, to refugees, to mothers and children. Additional amounts will be provided by UNRRA for the fight against epidemics. It will thus be possible to leave other fields of assistance entirely free to other generous international endeavors which will be vying with this work of human solidarity. As we sign with a grateful soul this convention which is a new link binding us to the 44 United Nations, I believe I may forecast that concord in benefaction, as soon as the war is over, will lead to a peaceful common life for all the peoples of the world."

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JOINT COMMITTEE

As an additional measure to assure such cooperation, a Joint Committee shall be established consisting of delegations from the Government and UNRRA. The Chairman of the Government delegation shall be the representative appointed to represent the Presidency of the Council of Ministers. The Chief of the UNRRA Italian Mission shall be Chairman of the UNRRA delegation and shall act as Chairman of the Joint Committee.

The Government delegation shall consist of representatives of the following Government agencies:

- (1) Presidency of the Council of Ministers and High Commissariat for Food
- (11) Ministry of the Interior (General Direction of Public Health)
- (111) Ministry of Foreign Affairs (General Direction of Economic Affairs)
- (iv) Ministry of the Treasury (State Accounts Office)
- (v) High Commissariat for Refugees
- (vi) Court of Accounts.

The UNRRA delegation shall consist of the Chief of the UNRRA Italian Mission and such additional representatives as he may designate.



Spurgeon M. Keeny, Chief of UNRRA's Italian Mission, stressed the importance of Italy's full-fledged cooperation with UNRRA. He added that the Agreement restated the program of assistance to Italy authorized by the UNRRA Council at Montreal. The Council's program called for care of, and welfare services for children and expectant mothers; assistance in the care and return to their homes of displaced persons; and the provision of medical and sanitary aid and supplies. UNRRA expenditures of foreign exchange for these purposes will be up to \$50,000,000.

Another phase of the UNRRA program in Italy, Mr. Keeny stated, is directed to the care of displaced persons of United Nations nationality, stateless persons and German-Jewish refugees. Also provided for are operations for aid in the control of epidemics such as anti-malarial and typhus campaigns.

UNRRA will, under the present arrangements, supply all imported goods without any charge to Italy. As in other countries receiving UNRRA supplies, the local government will bear the expenses incurred locally in local currency in execution of the relief and rehabilitation program. To cover the local expenditures the Italian Government has agreed to establish a 50,000,000 lire advance and to add quarterly to the credit an amount in lire equalling the dollar expenditures by UNRRA.

It is anticipated that by far the largest part of this lire fund will, with the agreement of UNRRA, be used by Italian Government agencies for such expenses of the relief programs as unloading, warehousing, transportation and distribution of supplies, and for the purchase of fuel and local supplementary produce. It is expected that only a small part of this fund will be spent by UNRRA for its program of assistance to non-Italian refugees and for its own local administrative expenses.

The program is designed to furnish about 1,700,000 children and 300,000 pregnant and nursing mothers, a total of 2,000,000 persons, with an average of 750 calories of additional food daily for a period of approximately one year. "It is important to note," Mr. Keeny said, "that such food is to supplement the basic rations provided by other authorities and that the UNRRA program will not in any sense replace any existing relief activity. Because of budget limitation, priority will have to be given to children and mothers who are suffering most seriously from undernourishment and malnutrition.

"Since our aid must be largely in the form of supplies it will be almost entirely dependent upon the shipping situation. Our funds, it is estimated, will provide an average of 15,000 tons of supplies monthly for one year. I can announce that the first 15,000 tons of shipping has been approved by the shipping authorities, and 5,000 tons of this are expected within the month, of which more than 2000 tons have been received.

Mr. Keeny stated that "it is UNRRA's policy to make the fullest possible use of existing distribution agencies. The functions of the UNRRA staff in Italy will be mainly in getting the supplies and planning, advising and observation.

"We are prepared, he declared, to furnish medical and sanitary supplies to supplement those presently available. At the request of the Italian Government, we will also furnish some medical personnel to render advisory service.

"The aid planned for Italian refugees, both displaced and in refugee camps, includes furnishing supplies, such as food, made available to children and mothers as a part of the supplementary feeding program; providing clothing and camp supplies. Voluntary Society personnel, working under UNRRA's direc-



tion, namely: the Friends' Ambulance Unit, Save the Children Fund, Catholic Committee for Relief Work Abroad, International Voluntary Service for Peace, and Jewish Relief Unit, have already been assigned to aid the Italian Government in refugee camp welfare maintenance, health and hygiene programs. The nature and scope of such assistance has been determined after consultation with appropriate Italian Government authorities.

"At the request of the military we are assuming responsibility for certain camps and hospitals in southern Italy now caring for refugees of United Nations nationality. As necessity develops and with the concurrence of military authorities we may expand our program of assistance to such displaced persons as are not in refugee camps. In general we shall attempt to give relief to individual families as well as to persons assembled in camps.

"A program of epidemic control is being developed in cooperation with military authorities and the Italian Government. Our part in such a program, in addition to furnishing expert advice, will include the furnishing of necessary imported supplies such as DDT, paris green, screening, hand tools, sprayers and Atabrine tablets. Our first activity in this respect will be in aiding to control the growing threat in certain parts of Italy."

Mr. Keeny said in further explanation that the appropriation of \$50,000,000 for Italian relief, while under no time limit, was being budgeted for expenditure over a period of one year. He added that, on the basis of present plans, the non-Italian staff of U.R.M.'s Italian Mission is expected to consist of about 75 persons connected with the programs for the benefit of Italy and of about 150 persons connected with the hospitals and centers caring for non-Italian refugees.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

Italian Mission

Memorandum

To: M. A. Menshikov

From: S. M. Keeny

Date: 5 March, 1945

Subject: Letter #51

1. Personnel.

Our week-end was brightened by the presence of Nurses Sprague and Gochanour, and Secretaries Megella, Butler, and Landsman. Nurses Burchlen and Shoemaker went directly to Lecce. Miss Megella is leaving today to help Gov. Cochran at Caserta. Miss Butler is also leaving to help get the Naples office organized. Miss Landsman has already left for Lecce.

Some of the personnel borrowed from the Albanian Mission are already at work. Miss Ainsworth is helping Dina Sciamanna, who has been doing the work of two or three people; Mr. R. E. Wilson has been helping out on the administrative work Dave Leff did for us; Mr. Lemmer is helping Abe Hackman; Miss Podesa is working with Tony Sorieri.

Dr. Weber, Mr. Rahn, and Capt. Beerstecher have left for survey work in the Naples area.

Miss Guglielmo is still out with the PWB photographers, filming the life story of a refugee family.

Abe Hackman is down at Naples wrestling with supply problems.

Miss Sundwall is leaving for a two weeks' study of the welfare problem in the Southern Accommodation Centers.

As will be seen from the movements above, we are going into action. If we had additional personnel transport, we could be doing much more. At present, the amount of field work we can do is limited simply by the number of cars we have. At present, that number is three. We use military transport for single trips, but we cannot get our survey people around the field by this method.

2. Return Visit of Fred Daniels.

We were very happy to have Daniels back for even twenty-four hours. He told us a great many things we wanted to know about Athens, and reviewed briefly with us the progress being made in welfare planning. Neither he nor I had been satisfied with the



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situation when he had been here before; but good work has been done in the meantime, and we feel much more nearly ready to take on the feeding job that is just ahead. I was very happy to report that Miss Bannister has been giving good leadership to the preparatory work. With a little more work by the Medical and Welfare staffs jointly, we think we shall have our teams ready to do a job in the various districts.

### 3. Our Trucks Arrive!

Hackman has phoned this morning in mingled joy and sorrow that the ship carrying our 74 trucks has arrived in the harbor: joy because the trucks are here, and sorrow because we may have some delay in getting them assembled. The Naples assembly unit is jammed, and we are told that we shall have to bring them to Rome. Our special problem arises from the fact that the same ship was carrying a lot of other trucks and that we shall have to fight for a reasonable priority. Send us the trucks, however, and we will get them assembled.

### 4. Our Passenger Cars Do Not Arrive.

At this moment, we are completely in the dark as to when the ten Hudsons announced in cable #65 are going to appear. We cabled yesterday (#146 - see confirmation copy attached to Enclosure #2, this letter) asking for the latest information. A second cable will go forward today, suggesting that if cars are not immediately available in the United States you try London. Adair, who was in Caserta last week, thinks it might be possible to get a few there.

I trust that these cables, and this note, plus all that has gone before, make it crystal-clear that unless we have at least 25 passenger cars delivered in this theater within the next two months we are going to fall down on the job. Endless days of professional people are going to be lost simply because they cannot get to the places where they must go to do their work.

### 5. The Agreement.

In the last three days since letter #50 was dictated, Legal Counsel Hawes has completed the revised English text, and submitted it to the Government's Liaison Officer, Avv. Montini. A few minute changes were sent back and OK'd by Hawes and me yesterday. We are all hoping that this is the end of the job, except for ratification from Washington. When the signing is completed, we shall probably negotiate with the Government for the revival of the ancient Bacchanalia, or at least for games in honor of Flora.

### 6. Itinerary of Jackson, Hendrickson, and Xanthaky.

We understand from Gov. Cochran that they will be back in \* Rome. Montini has just come to tell us that the Premier approves + will write us tomorrow!

5/3/45

Caserta about the 13th, and that they will come to Rome for a few days shortly thereafter. Rome is getting ready for them by asking the spring blossoms to come out a little earlier than usual.

7. Interlude.

On Saturday afternoon, I yielded to the beguilements of Gen. Hughes and Comdr. Weissbuch, and played hooky for a couple of hours for the first time since Christmas. We went together on a literary pilgrimage to the grave of John Keats. Keats is buried in one of the most beautiful cemeteries I have ever seen. I learned for the first time the full significance of the cypress tree. It has been associated since Classic times with death. It would be hard to imagine a fitter spot for the poet of beauty to rest. He is buried beside his inseparable friend, Severn. On the tombstone is the famous epitaph:

"This grave contains all that was mortal of a young English poet, who on his death bed, in the bitterness of his heart at the malicious power of his enemies, desired these words to be engraved on his tombstone: 'Here lies one whose name was writ in water'"

SMKeeny/lr

CC: Keeny  
Washington  
London  
Cochran  
Registry (2)  
Sorieri for Varrichione  
Staff (2)

Enclosures: Enclosure #1, attached, is a detailed list of all enclosures.

P.S. Please note that attachment ## to Enclosure #4 (Memorandum dated 5/3/45 - Cooley from Sorieri) is a copy of the document setting forth the terms of the "Transfer from Allied Commission to UNRRA (Italy) Administration of Accommodation Centers and other Installations for Displaced Persons."



Menshikov Letter #51 - Enclosure #1

5/3/45

LIST OF ENCLOSURES

- #1 - List of Enclosures *Duplicate*  
#2 - Acknowledgment of Cables and Correspondence *Communications, Contin*  
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*Personnel*

atts. to enc. #4

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*Camps* *Welfare*  
*Supply*  
*Camps*  
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*Contin*

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*Welfare*  
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5/3/45

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Since 2/3/45

1. Outgoing cables to Washington since 2/3/45:  
139, (copy of 140 not attached - cable was confidential),  
141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146
2. Outgoing cables to other destinations:  
Cairo 32  
Lecce 24  
Antens 3  
London 40, 41, 42
3. Incoming cables from Washington:  
139, 140, 141, 142
4. Incoming correspondence from Washington:  
A-283, 284, 285, 293 - received 2/3  
  
S-51 - received 4/3

Confirmation copies of outgoing cables attached.

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TELEGRAM

4 MARCH 1945

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WASHINGTON

CODE: CLEAR

CHARGE: UNRRA

FOR LUHMANN UNRRA NO. 146

REUR 65. WHEN MAY WE EXPECT FIRST TEN HUDSONS DESPERATELY NEEDED.

NOT ON MANIFESTS RECEIVED TODATE

SMKEENY/rw

cc: Hackman  
Keeny  
Cochran  
Washington - Confirmation ✓  
London  
Registry (3)

Washington A/4/010

encl. # 2

Letter # 51

3 March 1945

SECSTATE

WASHINGTON

CODE: CLEAR

CHARGE: UNRRA

FOR LEHMAN UNRRA NO. 145

REUR 135. INFORM DAUGHTER RITA WILLIAMS WELL. NO CAUSE  
ANXIETY. MAIL APPARENTLY DELAYED POSSIBLY DUE CENSORSHIP.  
ADVISE USE ITALIAN MISSION UNRRA IN ADDRESS.

KIRK

SMKEENY/rjw

cc: Washington  
Keeny  
Registry  
Williams

*OK  
smk*



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FOR LEHMAN UNRRA NO.

144

3 March, 1945.

REVISED TEXT AGREEMENT BEING COMPLETED IN COLLABORATION  
GOVERNMENT. WILL CABLE REVISIONS WHEN PREMIER CONFIRMS  
TEXT SATISFACTORY. EXPECT ACTION WITHIN FIVE DAYS.

SMKEENY/rw

c.c. Keeny  
Hawes  
Cochran  
Registry (2)  
Washington -  
London.

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encl. # 2

Letter # 53

TELEGRAM

March 3, 1945

URGENT

WASHINGTON

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CHARGE : UHRA

FOR LEMMA UHRA FROM ROME NO. 143

GOUSANOUR, MABELLA, BUTLER, LANIHAN, SPRIGUE, BRADY, MURCHISON, SHORMAKER, *Rahn*  
ARRIVED SAFELY. NOTIFY FAMILIES.

DS/cb

col Keeney  
Washington ✓  
London  
Beckie  
Hodgetts  
Registry Control *Witt*



TELEGRAM

3 March 1945

Wash.

encl. #2

Letter #57

SECSTATE

CODE: Confidential

WASHINGTON

CHARGE: UNRWA

FOR LERMAN UNRWA NO. 142

REUR 71 AND OUR 85 ADVISE DEARING 1. URINALYSIS DETO LEE ANDERSON  
ALL NORMAL. 2. RESPIRATORY RATE DETO NORMAL. 3. WHITE COUNT LEE  
TILGHMAN NORMAL. 4. PELVIC JACOBSON NORMAL. 5. DERMATITIS GEIGER  
NORMAL. 6. CARDIAC EXERCISE TEST GEIGER NORMAL. 7. OLD TUBERCULOSIS  
RIGHT AXILLA WASH HEALED NO RETURN. 8. RED COUNT WASH NORMAL. 9. NO  
COMPLICATION SAPHENOUS LIGATION WASH. 10. NO ENDOCRINE DYSFUNCTION  
WASH. 11. REPORT ON RETURN GOING DIRECTLY WASHINGTON FROM  
PHILIPPEVILLE. CONFIRMATORY RECORDS IN MAIL TO YOU.

DA Reekie/fg  
CC to Keeny  
Registry  
Reekie  
Crowell  
Washington ✓

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Letter # 51

3 March 1945

SECSTATE

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WASHINGTON

CHANGE: UNRRA

FOR LEMMAN UNRRAHO. 141

ADVISE DOLLING HIS 138

1. WE APPROVE DECISION ELIMINATE PARIS ORIGIN MIXERS WITH GENERATORS.
2. OUR REQUEST FOUR PHOTOFLUOROGRAPHIC OUTFITS MADE PRIOR TO LEARNING ABOUT ITALIAN UNITS THEREFORE ELIMINATE. ONLY FILMS REQUIRED. ITALIAN EQUIPMENT FITTED WITH LEICA CAMERAS REQUIRING PERFORATED FILM ROLLS.
3. OUR FIRST QUARTER REQUIREMENTS 50,000 ROLLS OF 36 EXPOSURES EACH OR EQUIVALENT NUMBER EXPOSURES EQUALLING APPROXIMATELY ONE AND HALF MILLION EXPOSURES. WHEN REQUIREMENTS PLACED WE HAD NO BETTER WAY OF ESTIMATING COSTS. IN COPYING LISTS 50,000 ROLLS BECAME EXPOSURES HENCE ERROR. WILL ACCEPT ALL YOU PROCURE HOPEING FOR ONE AND HALF MILLION EXPOSURES.

DAReckie/fg

CC to Keeny

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Cochran

Washington -



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2 March 1945

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CODE: Clear

WASHINGTON

CHARGE: UNRRA

FOR LEHMAN UNRRA NO.

139

1. REFERENCE APPENDIX THREE GOLD REPORT TO HENDRICKSON GIVING TENTATIVE SECOND QUARTER FOOD SHIPMENTS PLEASE REFER COMMENTS ON PROTECTIVE FOODS OUR 26 AGREED TO IN PAR 6 YOUR 57 OF 25 JAN AND REPEATED AS YOUR 54 OF 20 FEB.
2. FIGURE SECOND QUARTER PROBABLE SHIPMENTS TOTAL 45,000 TONS NOT 70,000. SUGGEST FOLLOWING QUANTITIES: DRIED FISH 4,000; MILK 12,000; FATS, OILS 3,500; SOAP 1700 MINIMUM TEN PERCENT NEUTRAL TOILET SOAP; GRAINS 14,000 INCLUDING 1300 RICE IF POSSIBLE IN RATIO TWO WHEAT ONE FLOUR; PULSES 6000; SUGAR 3800.
3. THESE FIGURES BASED ON STUDY SEVERAL ALTERNATIVE FEEDING PLANS FOR TWO MILLION NURSING AND EXPECTANT MOTHERS AND CHILDREN CONCENTRATING ON INFANTS AND ADOLESCENTS THIS BEING CONSENSUS GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES AND UNRRA STAFF.
4. STILL WANT SMALL QUANTITIES COCOA AND DRIED EGGS IF POSSIBLE. ANY TONNAGE OVER 45,000 FOR EVAPORATED MILK. IF ONLY 45,000 AVAILABLE SUBSTITUTE UP TO 10% EVAPORATED FOR DRIED SKIM TAKING TONNAGE OUT OF GRAINS.

AH/MT

cc: Keeny  
Backman  
Cochran (2)  
Washington  
London  
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Subject file  
Registry Control (2)

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AMLEGATION

CAIRO

DATE 2 March 1945

CODE Clear

CHARGE UNRRA

FOR UNRRA NO.

32

FOR TONKINSON. Lieutenant Andrew J. McQueeney, U.S.P.H.S.  
attached this Mission effective 16 February. Advise status  
per diem payments.

KIRK

WIPRINCE/emd

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letter #51

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Registry Control  
Prince  
Subject File  
Reader File  
Cochran  
Washington —  
London



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DATE 3 March 1945  
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CHARGE UNRRA

atx

DISPER LEGGE FOR VARRICHIONI

24

BROWN AND LANDSMAN ARRIVING LEGGE TUESDAY.

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letter #57

CEHODGETTS/end

cc.  
Keeny  
Registry Control  
Hodgetts  
Subject File  
Reader File  
Cochran  
Washington —  
London

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TELEGRAM

4 MARCH 1945

AMEMBASSY

ATHENS

CODE: CLEAR

CHARGE: UNRRA

UNRRA FROM HOME NO. 3

PLEASE AIRMAIL COPIES ALL DOCUMENTS DESCRIBING SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS  
FOR FEEDING

SMKEENY/rw

encl. # 2

letter # 57

cc: Keeny  
Bannister  
Registry (3)  
Athens - confirmation  
Cochran  
Washington ✓  
London



TELEGRAM

A/4/070

2 March 1945

AMEMBASSY

LONDON

FOR UNHRA FROM ROME NO. 40

SEND A-106, A-110 IMMEDIATELY BY QUICKEST POSSIBLE ROUTE. ASSIGN  
ARNOT WILSON B-65 ELSEWHERE. THIS POSITION REQUIRES EXPERIENCE IN  
PRACTICAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF SMALL FLEET TRUCKS. DO YOU  
HAVE OTHER CANDIDATE?

KIRK

encl. #2

letter #57

CRHODGETTS/encd

cc. Keeny  
Registry Control  
Author - Hodgetts  
Subject File  
Reader File  
Cochran  
Washington —

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Wash.  
A/4/010

AMEMBASSY

1 March 1945

LONDON

CODE: Clear

CHARGE: UNRRA

FOR UNRRA NO. 41

REQUEST TOPPING ADVANCE SEND MAJOR GRACE FIELD HOME BUDGET LINE B58B  
PER WASHINGTON CABLE 132 TO ROME. THIS APPOINTMENT APPROVED TOPPING  
CHARTER WHILE HERE.

DA Meekie/fg  
CC to Keeney  
Registry  
Meekie  
Solamanna  
London  
Washington —  
Cochran

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Letter # 57



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TELEGRAM

2 March 1945

AMEMBASSY

LONDON

CODE: Clear

CHARGE: UNHRA

FROM UNHRA ROME NO. 42

PLEASE OBTAIN FROM MRS. FEARNSIDES 11 RAMMOOR CRESCENT  
SHEFFIELD AND AIRMAIL ROME SOONEST BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND  
PASSPORT OF ELIZABETH FEARNSIDES.

KIRK

encl. # 2

letter # 51

AH/ET

cc: Keeny  
Washington (2) -  
Subject file  
Reader file  
Hackman  
Registry (2)

A/4/010

TELEGRAM

2 March 1945

AMEMBASSY

CODE: Clear

LONDON

CHARGE: UHURA

FROM UHURA HOME NO. *42*

PLEASE OBTAIN FROM MRS. FRANKSIDES 11 RAINMOOR CRESCENT  
SHEFFIELD AND AIRMAIL HOME SOONEST BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND  
PASSPORT OF ELIZABETH FRANKSIDES.

KIRK

*encl. # 2*

*let n # 51*

AE/ET

cc: Keeny  
Washington (2) ✓  
Subject file  
Reader file  
Hackman  
Registry (2) *1*

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

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London

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF & REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

ITALIAN MISSION

MEMORANDUM

To: Thomas Cooley II

From: A.A. Sorieri

5 March 1945

For week  
camps  
Division

encl # 4  
letter # 51

The negotiations for the agreement with the Italian Government seem to have their own ups and downs, with everything looking favorable but in the meantime, we are all trying to saw a little wood. You may be interested in examining some of the "saw dust".

Southern Italian Camps

Col. Fothergill of the Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission of A.C. returned the other day from a week's visit to the camps and he sat with Mr. Keeny and me yesterday to tell us his impressions. You will be pleased to hear that he was quite favorably impressed with the progress that our gang is making in taking over its responsibilities. By this time Mr. Varrichione, Dr. Emge, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Bond have assumed their full responsibilities and this is equally true of practically all of our staff. Almost all the officers have been pulled out or are simply sitting by giving advice and assistance to our own people. A few of the E.M.'s and G.R.'s, (American and British G.I.'s to you!) remain, but they, too, are gradually disappearing.

The International Scouts (Voluntary Societies Unit) members have been assigned jobs in the various camps and hospitals and they seem to be taking hold as well.

We are badly in need of a few more people for the camps, the most pressing need is a supply officer. Stenographic services are also badly needed, but between our arrangements with Mr. Hodgetts, Director of Finance and Administration, and our arrangements with the Albanian Mission, we are expecting within the next two weeks to have all the secretarial service we will need for the camps. We need some more help on warehousing and transportation but the arrival of Chaver and others due here will fill this gap. Harry Brown (formerly Capt. Brown of the British Army) has reported to Lecce as the accountant and this has relieved Varrichione immeasurably.

It is Mr. Keeny's hope that probably ten of the 74 trucks we are to receive can be sent to Lecce to replace some of the trucks which have been left their by AC and which we are committed to replace as soon as we can.



To: Thomas Cooley II

5 March 1945

From: A.A. Serieri

We have obtained additional copies of the Transfer Agreement for the Camps and are attaching copies Nos. 3218 and 3219; please give one copy to Bob Brown. get this RLB

We are also attaching a copy of the Camps Population statement as of February 28. You will note that S. Cesarea is listed as a D.P. & R.S.C., not as UNRRA. I think I wrote you before that with the exception of about 100 refugees, the population of this camp consists of Yugoslav ex-Prisoners of War from Greece. These persons still consider themselves military personnel and deny any implication that they are refugees. I have taken the position with AC that as long as this is true, we will not assume responsibility for this camp but will be glad to give medical nursing services for all the population and welfare services for the 100 Yugoslav refugees. There is a plan to have the ex-POW's attached to the British Army or Air Force, but this has not yet materialized. If it appears that the camp will be used continuously for this group, we will then plan to have the 100 refugees transferred to one of the other camps and leave the responsibility for S. Cesarea with military authorities. In the meantime, at our request, the management of the camp remains in the hands of a military officer, namely Major Stewart.

You will note that Lt. Demitropoulos is still in charge of Ferramonti; this is due to the fact that we have no one to manage that camp. With Feil and Honderich reporting soon, one of them will be assigned to manage Ferramonti. Meanwhile, one of the other staff members, possibly a Sanitary Engineer, will manage the camp as soon as we can arrange it. About 90% of the management responsibility, however, is taken by the ex-internees themselves, so this is not great problem.

#### Voluntary Societies

When we were at Caserta recently to meet with Com. Jackson, Mr. Hendrickson and Mr. Xanthaky, we talked to Mr. Alan Hall of the Yugoslav Mission. He told us that in his opinion, he would not be able to assure work for the Voluntary Society teams in Yugoslavia for some months to come. Consequently, he was planning to cable Cairo to this effect and recommend that the Units be severed from the Yugoslav Mission since it was unfair to keep them waiting long. Subject to the approval of the Cairo Council of Voluntary Societies and of the individual societies, this will mean that the Units now working for us in Italy as well as additional Units will probably become attached to our Mission. If this works out, we shall be most delighted since the Units are doing extremely good and useful work in Italian refugee camps and with respect to other Italian Mission work. Unless we have this assistance, we will be virtually unable to give any real help in many respects because of lack of personnel to do these jobs.



5 March 1945

To: Thomas Cooley II

From: A.A. Sorieri

Further in connection with Voluntary Societies, you may be interested to know that Mrs. Maria Woodruff of the CCRA (Catholic Committee for Relief Abroad) is visiting Rome at the moment and we have had some conversations with her. One CCRA unit from the Yugoslav Mission is now assisting in the operation of two camps at Sabaudia (in the Province of Littoria) and are studying two other camps in the neighborhood. Mrs. Woodruff is extremely pleased with this arrangement and has informed us that if she is approached by the Cairo Council on the matter mentioned in the preceding paragraph, she will definitely ask that her personnel work for the Italian Mission. She also is aware of the need of flexibility among the teams of Voluntary Societies personnel and assured me that we could make any arrangements that the work requires, but asks only that insofar as possible, a particular job be assigned to the personnel of one agency only. There will be no difficulty on this score, I am sure. On Tuesday, we are planning to take Mr. Woodruff to meet her team at Sabaudia, and to see how they are managing. During Mrs. Woodruff's stay here, we have also had a session with Mr. Keeny, Miss Bannister of the Welfare Division, discussing Voluntary Societies problems.

#### Italian Refugee Camps

The work in the Italian Refugee camps moves on well and during the next week we will make our plans for the next few months. We now wish to make our arrangements for spreading into quite a few of the Italian refugee camps and preparing for the big job which will face us in the north. AC is withdrawing from Free Italy except for certain necessary advisory responsibilities and we can expect that more and more of the responsibilities for many jobs including the Italian refugees will fall on the Italian government. This will mean that our assistance in the way of personnel and supplies will become of increasing importance.

Plans are being made for a camp at Ortona in Abruzzi to be operated by the Italian High Commissioner for Refugees with our Voluntary Societies personnel. It is hoped that this camp will be a kind of transit camp to which will be brought the refugees now in Puglia who were originally from Abruzzi. The plan is that they will be brought from Puglia to Ortona and from there dispersed to their home towns. This matter is being looked into by the Italian High Commissioner and us and we hope to work out a practical plan.

Our Friends Ambulance Unit gang in Puglia and Lucania, under the leadership of Tony Gibson, is quite active, as you can see from the attached reports.



To: Thomas Cooley II

5 March 1945

From: A.A.Sorieri

Supplies

Mr. Ratay, Mr. Nadzo and I, have been a little frantic this week because of the deadline in preparing our supply program for displaced persons for the next three quarters. This will be completed by today, if all goes well.

Mr. Hodgetts informed me today that we will have to prepare our budget for the next quarter and of course this will be another pressing deadline. Idleness is not encouraged and Miss Cohen who is making <sup>the</sup> "chicken scratches" dictated by me, is still wondering when she will get that one day off per week. However, she seems to be bearing well under the strain, and I am fast coming to the conclusion that she does not need any time off!

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Enclosures:

1. AFHQ Transfer document #3218-19 ✓
2. Memo from Nadzo to Sorieri - UNRRA-FAU program, Puglie-Lucania 34 - 2 - 45
3. Statement - Summary of population in So. Italy camps - 28-2-45.
4. Copy of letter to Col. Harris, re Major Stebbins - 2 Mar. 45.

UNRRA-FAU BOOK  
MAR 14 1945  
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ALTO COMMISSARIATO  
PER I PROFUGHI DI GUERRA

Attachment (6)

Encl. #4  
Letter #51

Roma 27.1.1945

Copy of letter from H.E. Zaniboni to: Gibson, Bamford, Sorensen, Brown, Odell, Hemingway, Gittard.

L'Ufficiale \_\_\_\_\_ della Friends' Ambulance Unit è incaricato da quest'alto Commissariato e dall'UNRRA di collaborare attivamente con le Autorità locali all'assistenza profughi nelle Province dell'Italia liberata a sovrintendere all'adistribuzione dei soccorsi che verranno inviati ed a effettuare ispezioni riferendo direttamente sulle necessità locali a quest'Alto Commissariato.-

Si pregano pertanto le loro Eccellenze i Prefetti, i Signori Sindaci, i Comitati Provinciali e Comunali di secondare in ogni modo nella sua opera il detto Ufficiale fornendogli tutti i chiarimenti e gli aiuti ch'egli sia per chiedere.

L'ALTO COMMISSARIO  
(Tito Zaniboni)

TRANSLATION

\_\_\_\_\_, an officer of the Friends Ambulance Unit is charged by the High Commissioner and by UNRRA to actively cooperate with the local authorities for the assistance to the Refugees in the provinces of liberated Italy, to supervise the distribution, of the material aid which will be made available, and to make inspections reporting directly to the High Commissioner on local needs.

I ask therefore from Their Excellencies the Prefects, from the Mayors, the Provincial & Municipal Committees and from every Provincial and Municipal authority, that they assist in every possible way the aforesaid Officer in the fulfilment of his task, and to give him all the information and assistance that he may require.

Signed: The High Commissioner

Proposed Program of Work as submitted to A.A. Sorieri and Guido Nadzo, UNRRA, by Peter Gibson and John B. Frazer, FAU.

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Letter #51

REFUGEE TREATMENT IN COMMUNES

Programme Of Work.

There would be five phases:

- I. Information
- II. Preliminary Organisation
- III. Supplies
- IV. Distribution
- V. Inspection

I. Information

(1) Study of existing refugee laws and decrees as from:-

- (a) Italian Government (Alto Commissariato)
- (b) Local Government (Provincial and Comunal)

(2) Survey by Communes, to institute machinery, if necessary, to obtain precise information on the facts of:-

(a) Refugees' living conditions:

how clothed, how health is safeguarded  
how shod, how employed  
how fed, how represented.  
how housed;

(b) Personal details of refugees:

Date of arrival  
Vaccination state  
Former occupation  
Home town.

(c) Communal Refugee Administration:

Position of responsible refugee official;  
Activities of communal committee;  
Standing of refugee representative.



Activities of G.R.I. (especially in the sending of searcher service inquiries)

Activities of local Church functionaries, including local convents.

(d) Communal resources:

Transport  
Maternity and Child Welfare Services  
Poor Men's Dispensary  
Local employment situation  
Local food and fuel prices  
Local food and fuel availabilities  
Local taxation in favour of refugees  
Local collection in kind  
Local resources for the establishment of workshops (e.g. convents with sewing machines).

In (2), the Communal Survey, the first set of suggestions would be made to the local authorities for reforms. Refugees would be urged to elect their representatives where this had not already been done. In both cases a date-line should be also suggested, by which time the promises would be honoured.

(3) Survey of Provincial Resources:

- (a) Medical supplies as available to the Medico Provinciale.
- (b) Availabilities of the main food-stuffs in the warehouses of the Consorzio Agrario and other resources.
- (c) Cash reserve of the Provincial Refugee authorities.
- (d) Available supplies from Allied Commission on special issue to refugees:- soups, milk, sacking, timber from crates.
- (e) Possibilities of free issues of damaged stocks from:- Ordnance, Airfields, Ports.
- (f) Allocation of seized enemy and ex-enemy materials.
- (g) Possibilities for local manufactures.

## II. PRELIMINARY ORGANISATION

(1) Compilation of a "Magna Carta" of the legal rights and duties of refugees and of local and Provincial authorities, embodying all details of maxima and minima, and making as precise as possible the onus of remedying bad conditions in each case. This should include a diet table, giving alternatives as far as possible which should be taken as the legal minimum of all food given to refugees, which should be exhibited in every place where they eat. The diction of the document should be as simple as possible so that it can be grasped easily by the refugee re-

representatives, and so that the local and provincial authorities have as little opportunity as possible for evading their responsibilities by an equivocal reading of the text.

(2) This "Magna Carta", after discussion with the authorities concerned, and if possible with one or two refugee representatives, and final amendments, should be sent out to all interested parties in the communes as follows:-

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|----------------------------------|---|
| (i) Ufficiali Sanitari           | - with covering letter from Medico Provinciale        |
| (ii) Sindaci                     | - with covering letter from Prefect Provinciale       |
| (iii) Communal Committees        | - with covering letter from Committee president       |
| (iv) Refugee Official (if any)   | - with covering letter from Provincial Refugee.       |
| (v) Parish Priest -              | - with covering letter from Archbishop - Commissario. |
| (vi) E.C.A. Official             | - with covering letter from E.P.A. Commissariato      |
| (vii) Refugee representative (s) | - with covering letter from head of relief team.      |

(3) Arrangements should then be made with I.N.T. or other transport that a small lorry is placed at the disposition of the Provincial Refugee Commissario for the distribution of supplies on certain days in the month, on repayment under the head of extra-ordinary transport charges on the "Spese per Sfolati" Account at the Prefettura.

(4) The Medico Provinciale should be asked to make up for any existing deficiencies in the distribution system for medical supplies and the control of their issue, that may have been revealed by the survey. He should be offered the use of the transport mentioned above if it is clear that he cannot do the distribution properly otherwise.

(5) The Director of Alimentazione and the Director of the Provincial Consorzio Agrario should be asked to remedy any major deficiencies in the communal distribution system that may have been revealed in the survey. Transport should be offered under the same conditions as above, and they should be encouraged to build up small reserves of supplies earmarked for refugees in the communes, so far as this is practical in the local political situation, so that sudden breakdowns in the distributive system do not mean cutting off refugee supplies in toto.



- (6) The President of the Croce Rossa Italiana should be asked to remedy any deficiencies revealed by the survey, and in his organisation for the transmission of messages and the tracing of lost relatives.
- (7) The Provincial Refugee Committee should be asked to initiate a campaign throughout the Province for money, rags and other suitable materials for refugees, working through the communal committees for this purpose, and setting up workshops. In consultation with the Provincial Committee, and on the basis of the survey, a budget of needs should be drafted.
- (8) The Archbishop should be asked for his help and that of his clergy in sponsoring the work of the Provincial Committee.
- (9) A Refugee Centre in the capital town should be chosen where a part be used as a warehouse for any supplies that can be come by, and a part for the possible establishment of office and workshops accommodation for any voluntary refugee workers who may be found.
- (1) Any financial tangles should be cleared with the Provincial and or Alto Commissariato Finance Department.

### III. SUPPLY

- (1) The team should obtain, store, list and sort all free materials available from the sources mentioned above. (I. (3) (d) (e) (f) ).
- (2) Buy local products (raw material or finished products) required for supplementing free issues. Purchases should be in bulk; bought through either the Provincial Refugee Committee or the Prefettura according as to whether they are for ameliorating or ensuring the minimum conditions of the refugees.
- (3) Make a provisional allocation of raw materials to the workshops set up by the communal committees, in consultation with the Provincial committee and on the basis of the survey, and offer these materials to the communes on the following conditions:-
  - (a) All payments (unless the Prefettura is buying instead of the communal authorities) be made in cash before distribution, commences.
  - (b) Allocation to be distributed in two parts, the second part to be held back until the first has been distributed and work is going ahead on making up materials.

(c) Receipts for all materials to be signed in respect of the resultant product in the case of all materials issued to be made up. Signatories of each receipt must be the head of the family, the sindaco and the refugee.

(d) A date-line to be set by which all this is done, or the second organisation: part of the allocation will be cancelled.

#### IV. Distribution.

The team should:-

- (1) Check all supplies collected onto the transport selected. Send a Consignment clerk with the goods to sign all over either by weight or by piece to the Sindaco and the refugee representative.
- (2) Allow space on the vehicle for medical supplies consigned to the Poor Men's Dispensary by the Medico Provinciale, and reserves of tinned milk and other foodstuffs consigned to the local municipal warehouse by the Director of the Consorzio Agrario.
- (3) As and when the distributive organisation functions, use it to transport any supplementary food rations that it may be possible to obtain from Italian or Allied authorities, either for refugees only or for special categories of the general population, refugees being included.

#### V. INSPECTION.

(1) The team should:- Visit all communes and:-

- (a) Check up on the application of the "Magna Carta", noting any misunderstandings of the text. Take figures for food, money, prophylaxis, and facts for housing conditions, medical care, etc. Reason firmly with recalcitrant local authorities who have not begun to implement the promises given on the first visit.
- (b) Check up on the work being done in making up and distributing the supplies issued. Reason firmly with recalcitrant local committees who are behind hand.
- (c) Build up the prestige and independence of the refugee representatives. They should be invited to all discussions between the relief officer and the communal authorities. It should be assured that they were in fact freely elected, and were not appointed on the advice or at the pressure of the sindaco or other local authorities.



(d) Make out in the presence of the sindaco, the ufficiale sanitario, and the refugee representatives, the first of a series of fortnightly returns on the basis of a model which is left behind in the care of the refugee representative. In future, the representative is to fill in all answers himself, and after countersignature as a true record by the sindaco and the ufficiale sanitario, it is to be dispatched by posta raccomandata, in duplicate, to the Provincial Refugee Commissario, and to the H.Q. of the relief team.

(2) Codify the results of this first fortnightly return as touching:-

Food, bringing pressure to bear on the Provinciale Alimentazione.	
Money and reliefs, bringing pressure to bear on the E.P.A.	
Housing and sanitation	" Finance Dept. of the prefettura, the Prefect and the Civil Engineers Office.
Medical care	" Medico Provinciale
Information Service	" President of the C.F.I.
Education	" Provveditore degli studi
Voluntary aid	" President of the Provincial Committee
Religious ministry, invoking help of the Archbishop and Pontifical Commission.	

(4) Make further inspections of communes until the fortnightly return system, the status of the refugee representatives, the periodic supply distribution, and the work of the local workshops, are considered satisfactory. Provincial local officials should be encouraged to come on these tours of inspection, particular attention should be paid to exerting pressure on bad communes.

(5) As soon as a "Bureaucratic norm" has been established whereby the local authorities tend to administer at least the minimum conditions, it should be time for the relief team to leave.

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J.A.C. GIBSON  
Friends Ambulance Unit  
C.M.F.

JAC/FG  
3rd. December 1944

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Enclosure #4

Letter #51

CONFIDENTIAL

F O R I N F O R M A T I O N  
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Summary of Situation in Accommodation Centres in  
Souther ITALY as at 28 February, 1945.  
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No. 1 Transit Camp (Refugee). BARI

Total population 555.

Includes 223 held by Security Section.

SANTA CESAREA O.C. Camp Major STEWART, D.P.R.S.C.

Total Population 700.

DI BAGNI O.C. Camp Mr. J. BOND U.N.R.R.A.

Total Population 607

80 Yugoslavs leave for YUGOSLAVIA within week.

DI LEUCA O.C. Camp Mr. B. COOPER U.N.R.R.A.

Total population 670

FERRAMONTI O.C. Camp Lt. DEMETROPOLOUS D.P.R.S.C.

Total population 285

MAGLIE Hospital O.C. Hospital Lt. Col. B. HAMILTON U.N.R.R.A.

Total population 48

DI LEUCA Hospital

Total population 34

TOTAL CAMP POPULATION - 2,898

C.F. FOTHERGILL,  
Lieut. Colonel,  
Deputy Director.



UNRRA - ITALIAN MISSION

MEMORANDUM

*Encl. # 4  
Letter # 51*

To: J.B. Frazer, Co., FAU, C.M.F.

From: S.M. Keeney

Subject: Request for FAU Personnel for UNRRA Italian Mission

1. This is to confirm Mr. Sorieri's oral request to you for the following FAU personnel for service with the UNRRA Italian Mission:

- a) at least four, and up to six, persons, for work similar to the work undertaken by FAU personnel in Sicily under the authority of AG, which will relate to Italian refugees and which will be directed toward assisting the Italian High Commissioner for Refugees and the provincial authorities with regard to the welfare of refugees dispersed in the various provinces, and toward otherwise assisting in the general welfare of refugees.
- b) Twelve persons to work in camps for Italian refugees and in future camps and reception centers for displaced Italian civilians returning from outside of Italy, as outlined in discussions between yourself, Mr. Rose, Mr. Sorieri and Mr. Nadzo on this matter, and in Mr. Sorieri's memorandum to me of 20 January, 1945, on the subject of Plans and Needs of the Displaced Persons Division, with which you are familiar.

2. Will you please accept this memorandum as a formal request for the personnel specified above, with the understanding that, subject to one modification, our relationships will be governed by the terms and conditions of the draft memorandum of 19 October, 1944, relating to UNRRA relationships with Voluntary Societies. The modification is with reference to the wearing of UNRRA flashes as provided by the draft agreement, to which objection has been raised by the FAU. As we have already expressed to you, we are anxious that, so far as possible, matters of this kind should not stand in the way of effective assistance to people in need of it, nor of getting a job done which needs doing; and we are prepared to waive this requirement with the proviso that this is without prejudice to any later definitive arrangements in this respect.

3. Will you please give further thought to the possibility of additional FAU personnel for service with the UNRRA Italian Mission, both to assist in the work with dispersed Italian refugees and in line with our plan for using units of from six to ten persons, as flexible in nature as possible to be composed of Voluntary Society personnel, for assisting in the operation of camps and reception centers for Italian refugees and for the large number of the Italian civilians

who will need to be returned from Germany, the Balkans and other places. As you already know, we have discussed this plan with the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, A.C., and the Italian High Commissioner for Refugees, and they are in essential agreement with us with regard to it.

S.M. Keeney  
Chief, Italian Mission



UNRRA - ITALIAN MISSION

MEMORANDUM

*Encl. #4  
Letter #51*

To: A.A. Sorieri

24 February 1945

From: Guido Nadzo

Subject: UNRRA-FAU Program of Assistance to Italian Refugees in Puglia and Lucania.

1. The purpose of the program of assistance to Italian refugees, which is at present being carried out by UNRRA-FAU personnel in the Southern Italian Regions of Puglia and Lucania, is to assist the Italian High Commissioner for War Refugees and the Italian Provincial and Communal authorities to better the plight of the Italian refugees in Italian refugee camps and, especially, of those dispersed in the various Italian provinces and communes.

The needy plight of the Italian refugees is rendered considerably worse by the disrupted and confused communications and transportation facilities and the resultant administrative difficulties, confusion, and ignorance, on the part of some of the local authorities, of existing official decrees and measures providing for refugee welfare; by the acute shortages of all the essentials of life; and, to a minor degree, by lack of proper concern, on the part of some of the local authorities, for the welfare of the refugees. The present program was prompted by the valuable work done in Sicily toward remedying the bad conditions of the refugees and toward raising the official standards of treatment of the refugees by the members of the Friends' Ambulance Unit (FAU), working under the authority of the Allied Control Commission; and it largely follows the outline set forth in the proposed "Program of Work", (attachment #1) which is based upon the FAU experience in Sicily and which was submitted to us, and, through us to Mr. Keeny, by Peter Gibson and John Frazer of the FAU, in the beginning of December, 1944.

2. Early in December of 1944, an agreement was reached between Mr. Peter Gibson and Mr. John E. Frazer, representing the FAU in Italy, and Mr. A.A. Sorieri and Mr. Guido Nadzo, with Mr. S.M. Keeny, Concurring, of the UNRRA Italian Mission, to the effect that work similar to that done by members of the FAU in Sicily and outlined in their proposed Program of Work should be undertaken as soon as possible by members of the FAU working under the authority of UNRRA in as much as possible of the remainder of liberated Italy.

Before coming to this agreement, you and I consulted with Col. C.B. Findlay and Lt. Col. C.F. Fothergill, of the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, A.C. who agreed that there was a real need for such a program as we proposed and that it should be undertaken.

It was decided that before starting the program it would be best to await the issuance, by AFHQ, of the directive setting forth the terms and conditions relating to the facilities, services, etc.



to be extended to UNRRA by the Military; as starting the program before the directive was issued would necessitate negotiating rather complicated interim arrangements with the Military for obtaining the necessary facilities and services for the FAU personnel working under our authority, and since both AFHQ and AC had already had the directive under consideration since November 6th, and it was then expected that it would be issued within about two weeks.

3. By the middle of January 1945, as the directive relating to UNRRA was still under consideration by AFHQ, and not issued, it was decided to negotiate whatever interim arrangements were necessary, in order not to postpone starting the program any longer.

Accordingly, the cooperation of Col. Findlay and of Lt. Col. Fothergill was enlisted; Brig. J.K. Dunlop, Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, where the program was to be initiated, was informed of our proposed program; and, on January 23, 1945, John Frazer of the FAU and I consulted with Brig. Dunlop regarding the proposed program and came to an agreement with him upon the terms of services, as confirmed in my memorandum of 26 January to Brig. Dunlop (attachment No. 2). I should like to note here that Lt. Col. Fothergill was most helpful in enlisting Brig. Dunlop's cooperation, and that Brig. Dunlop was very cooperative and helpful, both at our meeting with him and in getting the program started in Puglie and Lucania.

It was thought by members of the FAU that as a large part of the Southern Italian Region of Calabria is mountainous and away from the large cities and the beaten track, making for worse conditions for the refugees, the work should be started in this Region. But after consideration of this with His Excellency, Zaniboni, and Avv. Oneto, of the Italian High Commissariat for War Refugees, and with Brig. Dunlop, it was decided that the refugees in the Southern Italian Regions of Puglie and Lucania were the most needy and that the program should be started in these two Regions.

The last figure which the Italian High Commissioner for War Refugees has of the total number of needy Italian refugees in the two Regions of Puglie and Lucania is 23,945.

4. Personnel: It was agreed that to begin with between four and six FAU members could be made available to UNRRA by the FAU for this work under the terms of service set forth in paragraphs 1, 1a, and 2 of Mr. Keeny's memorandum of January 27 to J. B. Frazer (Attachment #3).

Accordingly, the following FAU members were initially scheduled for Puglie and Lucania:

J.A.C. Gibson (in charge)  
Peter Bamford  
Gilbert Odell

Peter D. Brown  
Brian Sorensen

The following FAU members have since been added to the above:

G. Hemingway

C. Giffard



It was also agreed that it would be necessary to engage Italian employees in order that the plan be carried forward without undue loss of time and without loss of supplies. It was anticipated that each of the original five FAU members would require the services of a driver, an interpreter-clerk, and a storekeeper to be employed at Allied Commission rates of pay.

5. Transport: Inspection and distribution are essential parts of the work; this requires that the FAU members be as mobile as possible. Accordingly, it was agreed that the UNRRA-FAU personnel would be furnished with one truck by the FAU and with at least four trucks, by UNRRA.

6. Headquarters: It was agreed that the headquarters of the UNRRA-FAU personnel would be at Bari and that Mr. Gibson would be stationed there. The others would be stationed in provincial capitals from which they would be able to supervise the work in the provinces under their charge.

7. The program is being carried out on behalf of the Italian High Commissioner for War Refugees, under the authority of UNRRA. The UNRRA-FAU personnel are individually provided with letters to this effect from his Excellency, Zaniboni, addressed to the Prefects, Mayors, Provincial and Communal Refugee Committees and all the Provincial and Communal authorities (attachment #4). The UNRRA-FAU personnel are also individually provided with an UNRRA "Certificate of Identity", and with a letter from Brig. Dunlop, addressed to his Provincial Commissioners asking them to aid and further the work of the UNRRA-FAU personnel.

8. Before Mr. Gibson and Mr. Bamford left for Bari, I met with the Pontifical Commission for Refugees for the purpose of informing them of this work and of enlisting their cooperation, and after Mr. Gibson's and Mr. Bamford's departure, John Frazer and I met with Father Faller and Father Ricci, of the Pontifical Commission, for this same purpose, and we received assurances that the Pontifical Commission would give its full cooperation and that they would provide the UNRRA-FAU personnel with individual letters addressed to the Diocesan Sections in the area asking them to aid and further the work of the UNRRA-FAU personnel and would, themselves, communicate with the Diocesan Sections to this effect.

9. Supplies: The following supplies have been made available to date for distribution in connection with this work;

From the Italian High Commissariat for War Refugees:

Blankets	—2000
Pallieses	—2000
Sets of	
Eating utensils	— 2000

From the American Friends Service Committee:  
(through Howard Wriggins) -

Used clothing --- appr. 100 bales

From UNRRA:

Approximately six tons of miscellaneous supplies consisting of used clothing, rubber shoe soling, soap and evaporated milk.

In addition to the above, a number of tons of assorted salvaged have already been obtained from military salvage depots in the area for use in workshops and for distribution.

It is hoped that other needed supplies and equipment, such as sewing machines, cobbler's tools and other workman's tools for use in workshops, can be made available by UNRRA.

In order to have clear records of UNRRA supplies which have been delivered to the Italian government, a letter drafted by Mr. Hawes and myself, at the request of Mr. Hackman and Mr. Hodgetts, has been sent to Mr. Keery by the Italian High Commissioner for war Refugees, stating that Mr. Gibson is authorized by the Italian High Commissariat for War Refugees to receive, on its behalf, UNRRA supplies intended for needy Italian refugees (attachment #5).

10. Mr. Gibson and Mr. Bamford left Rome on 28 January for Bari, where the other FAU members were to join them. The program has been under way since then.



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*(See att. F)*

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5 March 1945

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For: W. P. Dearing, Field Operations  
Officer, Health Division

FROM: D. A. Reekie

THROUGH: S. M. Keeny

SUBJECT: Health Division Activities

/No. 29

As mentioned in my letter no. 28, we are deep in "budgetting" and will postpone writing a lengthy report until later in the week. There is however some material which we need to send on.

Attachments: A--Dr. Layton's reports 1 and 2 from Palermo  
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29 January to 2 February 1945

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Palermo, 25/2/45

Report No. 1

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letter #51

To: Col. Reekie

From: T. B. Dayton

Subject: Journey Hither

In accordance with Sp. Order No. 28 (para 31) of 17/2/45 (Allied AC APO 394) Miss Margaret McEwan and I left Rome on Feb. 20. The journey to Naples was uneventful. She got a room at the Y.W.C.A. and I one for the night only at the Patria Transit Hotel.

On Wed. 21 Feb. I first enquired whether we could change the route to a direct sea journey; I was told that there would be no objection on the part of A.C.H.Q. at Naples if I could find one myself. None such was available. Then enquired as to travel by Govt. M.T. and for rail, as authorized. No M.T. was available.

Capt. Wantwell of the Calabrian Section, Movements in Italy, absolutely refused to allow any British or American Woman to travel to Reggio with the local inhabitants by the train that left at 20:30 hrs.

He offered to have a box-van put on that train to take the luggage and myself at 19:30 hrs. that evening. I accordingly left Miss McEwan in Naples to travel on by plane.

Mr. Frank Collins saw me into the train, kindly procured some candles for me; and the R. E. Corporal of the R.T.O. staff arranged for a young officer of the Italian Army to accompany me on that van. I was grateful for his presence as far as Sta Eufemia. I was in that box-van for 47 hrs. until I arrived at Reggio at 19:00 hrs. in the evening of Friday Feb. 24. I had no blankets. The journey was cold and not devoid of anxiety. The floor was hard. The box-van jolted and rattled, being loosely coupled.

I have to thank two Italian Americans for kindnesses to me on the way. They are acting as R.T.O.'s at Sta Eufemia and at Castelzano Marina. Each padlocked my wagon while he gave me hospitality in his office. The former on Thurs. Feb. 22 at mid-day; the latter during a part of the night Feb. 23th 24:00 hrs. They also found reputable passengers to accompany me.

At Reggio I arranged for the railway authorities to seal my van, and went to the Transit Hotel where I was well cared for by Sgt. Raber. I left this at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday Feb. 24th for the Messina Ferry on to which I saw the box-van put. The seals were intact. I was accorded the privilege of being in the Captain's cabin on the crossing.

During my time at Reggio both in the evening of Feb. 23 and on the evening of Feb. 24 I was greatly helped by Pvt. Agostino Welfi, an interpreter



attached to the Transport Delegation 615. He had been \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Unable to read two words) His voice was quiet but firm; he is  
polite but efficient in his work with a considerable degree of charm.  
But for him I doubt whether I should have got the van sealed and onto  
the Ferry; he took me to the Transit Hotel and fetched me in the evening.

At Messina I reported to the E.S.O. office and learnt that the train  
with the box-wagon would not start until the next morning Sunday Feb. 25,  
and would take 48 hours on the way. Under these circumstances I thought  
it inadvisable to remain with it; and that I was entitled to trust to  
the seal of the railway for the safety of the goods within. I spent 10  
to 14 hours making a preliminary survey of Messina and enquiries about  
its needs. I took the Diesel train thence at 15:00 hrs. and reached  
Palermo at 19:30.

I do not advise that anyone should repeat this journey. In the event  
of heavy baggage or stores needing transportation from Naples to  
Palermo, freight in one of the small Italian schooners should be  
secured even though the sailing of one involves a considerable degree  
of delay in time. I should be given good notification of its arrival.

I am in entire agreement with Capt. Wantwell that no British or American  
woman should ever travel by the Naples-Reggio night train. In my  
opinion a travel order for a woman should not again be issued by this  
route.

On arrival at the hotel I was given a message that Miss McEwan would  
be arriving that evening. On enquiry I learnt that this was impossible;  
that the next plane would arrive today (Sunday 25th) at 11:30 a.m.  
I went to the aerodrome at that time and waited for another to arrive  
at 12:30.

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This evening Lt. Col. McDonald rang up Naples to learn whether Miss  
McEwan is arriving today and learnt that she is not. I have been  
unable to trace where that message came from and am wondering whether  
she is waiting for you to hear from me before starting. I propose  
to wire to say that she may come now at any time when I take this to  
HQ.

Signed T. B. Layton

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Report No. 2

To: Col. Reekie  
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For information of Mr. C. E. Hodgetts

I had today opened the "Palermo District Office Imprest Account" at the Bank of Italy operated by me as sole signatory in accordance with Mr. Hodgetts' instruction.

The bank has need of confirmation through their office that I am the accredited representative of the Italian Mission of UNRRA before they will pay any out again.

The fact that I paid in the money and Mr. Hodgetts' letter of instruction were not sufficient for this.

I should be obliged if you would arrange for this to be done forthwith. I have some money of my own to go on with for a few days.

Signed T. B. Layton

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CC to C. E. Hodgetts



UNITED NATIONS  
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

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Italian Mission

21 February 1945

TO: Dr. D. A. Reekie, Director of Health  
UNRRA Italian Mission

THRU: Dr. C.H. Benning

FROM: J. Metcalf

SUBJECT: Preliminary Report on Nutrition Survey, Cinecitta  
Refugee Camp, Rome, 29 January to 2 February 1945.

Five hundred and ninety-three individuals, of whom 312 were children, 281 adults, and 41 mothers — 9 were pregnant and 32 were nursing — constituted the sample. Two hundred and fifty-one families were represented. This comprises an appropriate sample of the 3073 individuals of 1228 families resident in the camp. It is estimated that approximately 80-90 percent of nursing mothers and their infants were examined, probably 50 percent of the pregnant mothers were contacted and about 30 percent of the children were included in the sample. With the assistance of the Friend's Ambulance Unit personnel, this survey was completed in twenty-two working hours.

Children — Forty-nine percent of all the children had at least questionable diagnoses of deficiency; however, nine percent represented old or probably inactive rickets.

In the 140 children examined by the medical nutritionist, there were 41 probable deficiencies and 62 suggestive deficiencies diagnosed. The case incidence of probable deficiency was: 17.1 percent rickets, 5.0 percent Avitaminosis A, 1.4 percent Aribioflavinosis, and 1.4 percent inanition. Of the suggestive deficiencies 24.2 percent represented Avitaminosis A, 10.7 percent Aribioflavinosis, 4.3 percent rickets, 0.7 percent inanition, and 0.7 percent thiamin deficiency. There was a case incidence of 9.5 percent of old rickets in children over four years of age. Eighteen and five-tenths percent of the children had no diagnosed deficiency and an additional thirteen percent had only old rickets.

Of the 172 children inspected by the non-technical personnel of the F.A.U. teams, it was estimated that there are six probable and eleven suggestive deficiencies. The case incidence of probable and suggestive deficiency was 5.2 percent rickets, and 4.1 percent Avitaminosis A. There was a 23.4 percent case incidence of old rickets in children over four years of age. Seventy-seven and five-tenths percent of children of this sample had no deficiencies diagnosed. An additional 6.4 percent had only old rickets.

Cinecitta Refugee Camp Survey Report, 21 Feb 1945, Cont'd.

Mothers -- Seventy-one percent of the forty-one mothers had at least questionable diagnoses of deficiency. There were five probable and twenty-two suggestive deficiencies diagnosed. Of the probable deficiencies, case incidences of 7.3 percent Ariboflavinosis and 4.9 percent Avitaminosis A were observed; of the suggestive, there was a case incidence of 39.0 percent Avitaminosis A, 12.2 percent Ariboflavinosis, and 2.4 percent thiamin deficiency. Twelve mothers had no deficiencies diagnosed.

Other adults - Most of the few estimated diagnoses in this group were either questionable or suggestive at best. These diagnoses were contingent upon the level of examination. Carried out by non-technical personnel, the principal purpose of this fraction of the survey was to uncover any serious gross clinical deficiencies if they existed in the total population. None were encountered.

A more or less general similarity may be noted between the results of this survey and that at Sante Croce. The differences are relative and in details. Perhaps the outstanding difference was that three cases of rather marked inanition were noted at Cinecitta among the children examined there. A somewhat more detailed report will be forthcoming shortly.

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*Ret. to Contini*

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Kindest regards to you and the members of the staff.



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3 Attachments: Revised Summary  
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The people for the Italian Mission have been picked in Washington and have been so specialized that it did not seem to me there was any point in going so far for a person whose qualifications seem to be general, rather than specific.

Several of the boys have brought over greetings from you. I'm sorry that you were delayed so long in getting started. You might probably say the same for me. We have got our personnel into position, are beginning to get supplies, and have begun work with displaced persons and refugees. We have clarified our relations with the Army and have an administrative order (No. 6), which may be of interest to you. The agreement with the Government seems to be on the verge of completion—but we have learned to be skeptical and won't believe that we have signed it ourselves until we have witnesses, who give evidence of being sober.

Please get your Mission started so I can come up and learn how a Mission ought to be run.

SMKEENY/rw

Encl  
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Letter #50

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

Italian Mission

1 March 1945

TO: C. H. Cramer, Asst. Director of Personnel, Washington  
FROM: S. M. Keeny, Chief, Italian Mission  
SUBJECT: John F. Bricca

This is in reply to your note of the 8th with enclosures about John Francis Bricca.

I am sorry that we have no place for him. Our program is so specialized, however, that our need is for a limited number of people with special technical knowledge. It is not difficult to find people here who know a lot about Italy in general, but it is extremely hard to find people who know Italy, who know the Army, and who know relief work.

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Encl #5  
letter #50

To: Mihail A. Menshikov.

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From: S.M. Keeny

1 March 1945

For F.C. McMillan.

Hackman requests that you forward by airmail as soon as possible two copies each of the final statement on basis of requirements for each type of commodity, as approved by the Council Meeting at Montreal.

AH/mr

cc: Keeny  
Washington —  
Cochran (2)  
Registry (2)  
Hackman

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Bureau of Finance and Administration,  
Washington.

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Division of Finance and Administration,  
Rome.

27 February 45

Change of Salary Allotment - Florence C. Gregg

We quote the following from a memorandum from Miss Gregg requesting a change in her salary allotment:-

"Effective with the March salary payment, I should like to have my entire salary, with the exception of the following deductions, paid to my account in the Metz Banking Company, Metz, Missouri:

Net monthly salary		\$253.33
Less Prov. Fund	\$11.67	
Insurance	3.27	14.94
		\$218.39

This eliminates the payment of any salary from this office as well as the income tax deductions."

In view of this request we will discontinue payment of salary abroad with the pay-roll for the month of March.

(C.E. Hodgetts)

Director, Finance and Administration Division

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cc.  
Washington  
Personnel Officer  
Gregg  
Registry  
File  
Prince



enclosure #7  
letter #50

1 March 1945

/No. 28

TO: M. A. Menshikov For: W. P. Dearing, Field Operations  
THROUGH: S. M. Keeny Officer, Health Division  
FROM: D. A. Reekie  
SUBJECT: Health Division Activities

I am taking time out from a very busy week, in which our whole staff is working like demons to project our next supply procurement schedule, to answer your letter no. 5 of 15 February. In my absence from the office last week, Miss Gregg answered it in part; please excuse any repetitive explanation that I may include in this letter.

In your second paragraph, page 1, you say you were puzzled about inclusion of secretaries Jerchow and Vice in our estimated quarterly budget. We did that under instructions from the Finance Division since they were people brought over from Philippeville and no budget positions had been established yet. However, they will not appear on our next quarterly budget but will be carried on Administrative Services budget. Incidentally, I am told that the people who came from Philippeville and for whom there were no established budget lines on the Italian mission budget were being carried for the first quarter on some kind of a reserve budget.

Miss Gregg straightened you out, I think, on the Dokken, Lee, Buschlen, Shoemaker business. It isn't necessary to comment further on paragraph 3 except regarding Brooke, Branscombe, and Sadow.

There are now 5 people in Italy who were originally recruited for Balkan positions and for whom I have persisted in taking the position that they do not belong to us, that we jeopardize the show of some other mission if we try to pirate them. This position was endorsed by Col. Crabtree. These five are: Brooke, Branscombe, Weiner, and nurses Lazechko and Erikson. A series of cables is attached showing the negotiations that have been going on about these people—attachment "A." Dr. Branscombe will report to Athens; travel orders have been written for her to proceed there. Brooke, Weiner, and Erikson have been called forward to Cairo; but due to an understanding in Caserta recently when Roy Hemrickson was there, Cairo has been cabled again to determine whether there is a permanent position in Cairo or whether Cairo is just a way place on their route to a final assignment. In the latter case, they are not to proceed to Cairo but wait until a permanent assignment is determined, when Governor Cochran will draft orders moving them from Italy to their place of assignment.

Our request for a month's extension on Lazechko was approved by Van Zile Hyde, and presumably in another month he will cable for her to proceed to her place of permanent assignment.

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W. P. Dearing

/No. 28

Sue Sadow is not carried on the Health Division budget; she was transferred to the Supply Division budget, and I believe is now on the Welfare Division budget. The Health Division has no intention of asking for a budget position for her.

In regard to your paragraph 4, first page, Miss Crowell, Miss MacBride, Signa Viotti and Signa Santini left Yesterday on one of the trips we have been projecting. They will be out for several days, and when they return we will send you a copy of their narrative report. Incidentally, we will include with this letter a report of Miss MacBride's which she made after her trip to Lecce. I send this merely as an item of interest in reading and to indicate the kind of reporting our crowd is doing. Some day soon I hope to have the time to sit down and amalgamate a series of these reports and produce a quarterly progress report of the Health Division.

In reference to paragraph 3, page 2--Douglas Bahn arrived in 5½ hours flying time from London on Monday 26 February. Kay Graw apparently has arrived in Algiers. I will attach a copy of cables indicating our difficulty there; however, we expect her soon. According to information we have received, Gould should be showing up soon; perhaps the photofluorograph will arrive on the same boat.

Thanks very much for the biographical sketches on Beagle, Sprague, and Cochanour.

Seems superfluous now to comment on your question re Miss Johnston, since you long since know she has left us. Miss Crowell is allergic to picture publicity, and I think you should just forget trying to get any of that until we actually have supplies over here and have actually helped the Italians.

Page 4, first paragraph--I think we should have a supply of labels for drugs in Italian as soon as you can send them.

Regarding the hospital records, I am not quite sure what proportion you should send us. I believe, if you send us a third of the number ordered to be printed, it should take care of us. You inquire as to the number ordered as marked on the forms and say they "seemed reasonable to us although we knew not from whence they came." I am afraid I shall have to take responsibility for that. It was my best estimate of what might be needed, and somebody had to answer the question.

Your fifth paragraph on page 4 reminds me of something; we have not yet received the airgram about the contents of the new malaria control unit mentioned in your cable 67 dated 30 January. The thought rolling through my mind on that one applies to this 20 tons of medical supplies. It is nice to know that we have 20 tons of medical supplies; we have had 5 tons taken off a ship in Naples on 9 February and today we have only a rather poor idea of what is in that shipment; a couple of cases labelled grain alcohol, but we learn from the manifest that there are 17 boxes of surgical supplies,



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20 boxes of hospital supplies, 1 crate of medical field equipment weighing 60 pounds, etc. My problem is to find out what is in these boxes--maybe one-half or two-thirds of it goes to Lecce and the remainder to Philippeville, and without more accurate information than is presently available, it means that we have to open these boxes, bin the material, take inventory, which add considerable overhead. Seems to me that we should be able to get from someone accurate listing of what is in each crate, but maybe I am asking the impossible! If you can't handle it one way, I suppose we can in some other way.

It is certainly great to hear that the sanitation supply program has come from the printers. How about the allocation boards? Have they done anything about it? Has UNRWA bought any sanitation supplies, because if not, epidemic control is going to have a bad start.

Page 4, paragraph 5--We are hopefully waiting to hear that William J. Wood is being sent to us as a result of our exchange of cables about him.

Poor Abrams, stuck out at Maryland! Why not give him a break and let him have a good round in the field and pull somebody back from the field to help at the Center? Then if you must, bring Abrams back from a tour of duty in the field and he can really do you a good job at the Center. Seems to me that now he is just passing on second-hand information.

We have just had a cable from Hyde asking for Dubin to be sent to the Greek Mission to replace MacDonald or at least to assist him until a replacement for MacDonald may be forthcoming from Washington. Maybe I should not make the next comment--maybe you should go slow in replacing Neil MacDonald. You might find Dubin with the Greek Mission permanently. I say that just from the fact that rumor around here indicates that the Yugoslav show apparently is getting off to a rather slow start.

Glad Osineup got back safely. We certainly appreciate the news you give us in your letters. Rather makes us feel that we are still a part of the show! Goodman going to Washington--acquisition of Deutschmann and Stowman for the Health Research Unit!!

Capone has not yet returned from the field, but there are plans afoot to do the little job Troutman wants done in style.

I do not know whether Miss Gregg commented on your PS re Landsberg and Field. I am afraid we confused you on this issue. At the time we were communicating about Landsberg, you indicated some doubt in your mind that Landsberg would be available, and therefore I proposed that if she were not you send Field. However, since Landsberg has reported for duty, we must abandon that discussion and send Landsberg for a district medical officer. We need Grace Field in camp medical service. We have just this minute (actually after the letter was dictated) received your cable 132 telling us that Field is in London. We are accordingly cabling Dr. Topping (copy attached) requesting that she be sent on as agreed by Crabtree and Topping when they were here.



H. P. Dearing

/No. 28

Your PPS that you are studying our 74—we now have your reply, cable no. 109, in which either the message was garbled or you overlooked a few spots that we requested. We have taken the position that since 99.9 percent of them were approved, you will approve the other .1 percent. The discrepancies between the cable which we got (a copy of which is attached) and the chart given you by Miss Gregg in letter 27, dated 23 February, will indicate the numbers overlooked. Will you please confirm approval of the missing numbers?

Incidentally go slow on recruiting for H53A, since there is a good possibility that Major Pittro may be available for that position. We have had some discussion about acquiring from the Albanian Mission some medical personnel. I am attaching a copy of a memorandum I sent to Keeny on it. We are to have discussions this week with Governor Cochran, and I believe will come to some determination of the matter. (Don't pay too much attention to the suggestion that Barylai go to Philippeville; personally I don't care where she goes as long as she gets out of Italy. On 20 February I asked Mr. Keeny to get her on the first boat out for the U.S.A. The recommendation re Barylai is, however, the only phony part of the Albanian personnel recommendation.) I want to emphasize, however, that we do not like temporary arrangements. If it is possible for us to get Sappington, Pittro, Grant-Glass, and Thompson, we want them permanently; and if the Albanian situation develops later, take care of it as a new piece of business. We will cooperate in every way with the people trying to plan for it. While it might be possible to give back one or two of the people we took, it might be more satisfactory to give them other people from our group, depending on the progress of our work. Mr. Keeny subscribes to this view, and we believe that Governor Cochran will also.

In one of our recent communications we sent you copies of inter-divisional correspondence about Mr. Blechman. I do not propose to go into the pros and cons of the situation except to point out that we need a replacement for him quickly. This time we will stick to our knitting in regard to stating medical supply requirements, and the replacement for Mr. Blechman not only will be largely responsible for supply requirements for the Philippeville camp and the camps in Southern Italy but will also have at times to turn to and be pharmacist and compound medicines for Enge's show down at the Maglie Hospital headquarters. We do not know how long Enge can hang onto his Yugoslav pharmacist who is now at Maglie. We do not plan to use Blechman's successor full time as a pharmacist because when we lose one United Nations' national pharmacist we can hunt for another, train him in the use of American drugs at the accommodation central medical service headquarters, and then pull our man out again to assist Pasquet in field work in connection with drafting provincial or communal project requirements.

I hope you can be successful in locating a rough and tumble, maybe Irish, type—one who isn't going to raise sand if he has to roll up his shirt sleeves and pull nails out of boxes or even wash a car. Even the Director of Health of the Italian Mission will do that if he can get a car!!

Please signal me as soon as you find him so we can arrange for theater clearance to get him here soonest.

*Miss getting all 4  
Dr. R. I am working on Barylai problem*



Dearing

/No. 28

hear indirectly that Major Barzilai says she hasn't been paid by the Public Health Service since November. Will you please have Miss Pendleton inquire as to what arrangements were made with the Service and inform me?

Attached are the USPHS ratings for eight of the officers—Barzilai, Benning, Capone, Courtney, Lamoureux, Metcalf, Palange, and Weber. The date of present assignment will have to be filled in from information available in the Washington office; we do not have it here. Incidentally, we did not receive an adequate number of forms; hence the use of plain paper for some. We will submit the others as soon as they are completed.

When we left Washington we brought with us a complete set of Administrative Orders through number 31 and a set of General Bulletins through 77. We thought it was all arranged for these to be sent in sufficient numbers to the Mission for each Division to continue assembling a set, but we aren't receiving them. Will you have someone assemble a set of each for us and forward them.

BA:seekie/fg

Attachments:

- A--Cables re personnel to Balkan Missions
- B--Your cable 109 re new budget positions
- C--Our cable 136 re dye powder
- D--Our cable 137 re USPHS regulations
- E--Memo of 26 Feb. to Keeny re Medical Staff of Albanian Mission
- F--Cables re Kay Graw
- G--Cables re Grace Field
- H--Letter from Prefect of Grosinone re malaria control
- I--Copy of article from paper re hospitals in Rome
- J--Health Division Staff Meeting notes--16 Feb.
- K--MacBride's report for period 5 Feb. to 13 Feb.
- L--Letter from Metcalf to Dr. Bryan
- M--Confidential reports re personnel

CC to Keeny

Registry  
Cochran  
London  
Washington

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TELEGRAM

14 February 1945

AMLEGATION

CODE: Clear

CAIRO

CHARGE: UNRRA

FOR UNRRA NO. 27.

INFORM VAN ZILE HYDE REEKIE CRABTREE MUSSON AGREED SEND BROOKE  
BRANSCOMBE LAZECHKO ERICKSON WEINER BALKAN DESTINATIONS WHEN YOU  
PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS, AVOIDING EXPENSE ADDITIONAL TRAVEL TO CAIRO  
AND BACK TO BALKANS. IF NECESSARY PERSONS ABOVE COME CAIRO ADVISE  
US. LAZECHKO AND WEINER ON IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENTS HERE. MAY WE HAVE  
THEM FOUR WEEKS LONGER TO ACQUIRE REPLACEMENTS?

DAREEKIE

*attached to  
encl. # 7  
letter # 50*



TELEGRAM

FEB 201 800

FROM UNRRA MIDEAST

TO ITALIAN MISSION VITTORIO VENETO

REFER NO. 27 FOR KEENY FROM HYDE.

REQUIRE WEINER URGENTLY BY AIR. YOUR 27 SEND BRANSCOMBE  
TO ATHENS OTHERS TO CAIRO. LAZECHKO DELAY APPROVED.

Received UN/Rome 23.2.1945 at 1530

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TELEGRAM

26 February 1945

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UNRRA FROM ROME NO. 21.

HAVE WEINER PEPORT GOVERNOR COCHRAN FEBRUARY 27.

ENROUTE CAIRO.

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SECSTATE

February 17, 1945

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February 19, 9a.m. 1945

UNRRA from Lehman No. 109.

(B-59-B Bartsch)

Re your 74. We have requested establishment following positions:  
B-55A Togasaki; B-55-B, B-55-C, B-55-D, B-55-E, B-55-F, Hellerova;  
B-55-G Ballard; B-55-H B. Katz-Norris; B-55-J P. Katz-Norris; B-58-F  
Anne Haynes; B-58-E Sally Haynes; B-59-C Sizer; B-60-A Jackson;  
B-60-B Petty; B-61-A Leeds; B-62-A Hess; B-62-B Daly; B-62-C  
Rutherford; B-62-D Stapleton; B-62-E Brenner; B-62-F Fautsch; B-63-A  
Rasch; B-63-B Conklin; B-63-C Rattray; B-63-D Chamberlain; B-64-A  
Gonce; B-64-B Inglis; B-64-C Geiger; B-64-D, B-64-E Lanteigne; B-65-B  
Gray; B-65-C Brenton; B-65-D Glass; B-65-E Madden; B-66-B Mann; B-66-C  
Cohlmeyer; B-66-D Johnston; B-66-E Newton; B-67-C Nunes; B-67-D Ward;  
B-67-E Reise; B-67-F Harwood; B-67-G Mathews; B-67-H Hansen; B-39-D  
Lee.

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cc: UNRRA

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TELEGRAM

27 February 1945

SECSTATE

CODE: Clear

WASHINGTON

CHARGE: UNRRA

FOR LEHMAN UNRRA NO. 136.

YOUR 128 LAST SENTENCE REFERS DYE POWDERS NECESSARY MAKE  
GIEMSA STAINS

VBLamoureux

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letter #50*



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Telegram

February 28, 1945

SECSTATE

CODE: Clear

WASHINGTON

CHARGE: UNRRA

FOR LEHMAN UNRRA NO. 137.

1. INFORM US PHS REGULATION. IS EFFECTIVE DATE CHANGE OF SALARY AND PER DIEM IN FIELD DAY FOLLOWING EXECUTION OATH OF OFFICE OR DATE APPROVAL OF COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON?
2. ASSUME ADVISABLE WE NOT MAKE SALARY PAYMENT FOR MONTH APPOINTMENT EFFECTIVE. PLEASE CONFIRM. IS PER DIEM AT SEVEN DOLLAR RATE AUTOMATICALLY AUTHORIZED TO BE PAID BY THIS OFFICE?
3. ARE PHS TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS BEING SENT FROM WASHINGTON FOR NEWLY COMMISSIONED OFFICERS?

FCGregg  
WIPrince

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encl. # 7  
letter # 53*

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S. M. Keeny

D. A. Reekie

26 Feb. 1945

Medical Staff of Albanian Mission

I have given considerable thought to your request to recommend means of using the medical staff of the Albanian Mission, and I offer the following:

Send Dr. Barzilai to Philippeville where she can do some practice of medicine and replace her with Lt. Col. Sappington as our Maternal and Infant Hygiene Consultant.

Place Major Fittro, Sanitary Engineer, in our unfilled budget position B53A.

Acquire Mrs. Grant-Glass, nurse, as a District Public Health Nurse and ask for a new budget number. She is so very well trained and could help us very much. Miss Crowell should not be asked to travel too much, and Miss MacBride will have to assist her; this leaves us with the need for an additional district nurse.

Send Dr. W. E. Thompson to Col. Bage to work there and cable Washington that we have filled one of the positions they are trying to recruit for us.

Other medical staff recruited for the Albanian Mission are yet in Cairo. Ask Van Zile Hyde to place in other missions.

The above arrangements should be permanent and not temporary; otherwise let it all ride along as is.

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TELEGRAM

25 February 1945

TO AMCONSULATE  
ALGIERS

CODE: Clear  
CHARGE: UNRRA

FOR CAMPBELL UNRRA FROM ROME NO. 41.

1. REUR 22. ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT 1210 JEWISH REFUGEES  
REFUGEES IN ADDITION 1672. WE HAVE REQUESTED AFHQ APPROVAL PLACE  
1672 IN PHILIPPEVILLE THE REMAINDER IN ITALIAN CAMPS.
2. WE CONCUR RETAINING WALSH. DO NOT REPEAT NOT DIVERT OR DELAY  
KAY GRAW WHO BELONGS X-RAY TEAM. CANNOT SPARE SECRETARIES AT PRESENT  
WILL GIVE ALL STAFF AID POSSIBLE BUT MAKE REQUESTS PRECISE.
3. COCHRAN CLEARING WITH AFHQ PROPER FRENCH CLEARANCE TO AVOID  
LATER TROUBLESOME RESTRICTIONS ENTIRE CAMP PHILIPPEVILLE

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AMERICAN CONSULATE

ALGIERS

February 22 1945

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February 23, 9 am 1945

For Keeny UNRRA from Campbell. 22 reur 27.

We assume 1210 German Jews are not repeat not in addition 1672 Hungarians. On this assumption we would need one immediate authority for additional food, fuel and petrol supplies for total two thousand from British Army.

(2) Staff requirements are concurrence our retaining Walsh transportation officer. Will need one combination X-Ray Lab. technician and additional medical staff depending upon physical condition refugees; also one secretary, as resignations and reassignments have necessitated our using three or four secretaries in more responsible administrative positions. Therefore, request authority to divert Secretary Kay Graw soon to arrive Algiers to Philippeville pending adjustment.

(3) If immediate complete registration desirable additional staff needed this operation.

(4) We reemphasize imperative clearance French authorities prior arrival this group.

(5) If 1672 Hungarians still possibility for Philippeville note this will exceed committed capacity and will necessitate reevaluation.

LAWTON

cc: UNRRA (6)

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Rec'd UN/Rome 23/2/45 12:00

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SECSTATE WASHINGTON

February 28, 1945

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Feb. 28, 6 pm, 1945

CLEAR

UNRRA from Lehman -- Number 1932

Reur 116 and 114

1. Will discuss Woods status CRABTREE
2. Field in London; you arrange transfer with ERO
3. Replacements for Harf, Gollan, Decaria, being recruited
4. Arranging Dixon travel direct New Zealand to Rome

GREW ACTING

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TELEGRAM

*Webb.*

AMEMBASSY

1 March 1945

LONDON

CODE: Clear

CHARGE: UNRRA

FOR UNRRA NO.

REQUEST TOPPING ARRANGE SEND MAJOR GRACE FIELD ROME BUDGET LINE B58B  
PER WASHINGTON CABLE 132 TO ROME. THIS APPOINTMENT APPROVED TOPPING  
CRABTREE WHILE HERE.

DA Reekie/fg  
CC to Keeny  
Registry  
Reekie  
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London  
Washington  
Cochran

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REGIA PREFETTURA DI PROSINONE

Fiuggi 3 February 1945

TO: The mayors of the communes of the Province  
(To the Public Health Subcommittee A.C.  
Via Lucullo, 6 Rome - for information)

With the coming of the epidemic season and considering the numerous exigences that the Genio Civile has to face, we beg you to develop a particular and efficacious interest with the purpose of insuring that the owners of territories provide, with their own means and personnel, to the filling up of the holes caused by war events within a radius of not less than 5 Km. from the inhabited area.

The above mentioned owners will state by means of survey reports (in duplicate) the number and the dimensions of the holes in their territories to the Ufficiale Sanitario who, after having determined the exactness of the statement, will keep a copy of the report for office use.

The Genio Civile, with the funds at its disposal, will recompense owners for each hole filled up and for each work-day.

Considering the above mentioned we beg you to convince the owners on the necessity of actuating, as soon as possible and not later than the end of March, that which has been requested, and to convince them on the secureness of the proposed accommodations.

In case of ascertained impossibility on the part of the owner, this Administration will substitute for him in the actuation of the above mentioned duties, but with the reimbursement of the supported expenditures, by the Genio Civile on exhibition of a regular documentation justifying the expenditures themselves signed by the Ufficiale Sanitario.

You will take care of the following:

- 1) That you will compile and transmit to this Office, as soon as possible, topographical maps comprising the territory around the town for a radius of three kilometers.

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On this map; which will be divided in many lines representing the distance of one-half kilometer so as to easily determine the distance from an established foci, there will be indicated every water collection (rivers, torrents, holes, swamps, pools etc.) and the presence of rural homes and stables.

2) That it will be made obligatory as proposed by the Ufficio Sanitario for the execution of necessary works to eliminate and impede the formation of small water collections and the systematic applications of anti-anopheles interventions when concerning lands which do not fall in bonifica territory for which the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry will provide according to the dispositions of the integral bonifica.

The execution of the works and the direct vigilance will be a responsibility of the owners of the land in conformity with the dispositions imparted by the Ufficio Sanitario.

3) Give the maximum development to the small operations indicated with the denomination of small antimalaria bonification: (filling up of the depressions, drainage of swamps, regularization of water-courses, maintenance and cleaning of canals, hygienic discipline of water containers, periodical changing (every 8 days) of the watering troughs, closing the openings of cisterns and of wells with covers or with metallic screens, and taking care that the eventual execution of works in the circumference of the Comune territory and in its adjacent area does not form obstacles in the natural drainage of water, and if the formation of borrowing pits for the construction of roads, of canals and other works is necessary the regular license should be requested from the Prefect.

THE PREFECT  
(G.B. ZANFRANCO)



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From "Il Lavoro", Rome  
Feb. 16th 1945

Interview with Prof. Luigi Canavari

HOSPITALS IN ROME CAN OFFER MORAL ASSISTANCE ONLY!

Hospitalized patients who can afford to buy medicines and accessories in the black market can be helped, but for those who have no money the Roman Hospitals can offer nothing but moral assistance, declared Prof. Luigi Canavari Head of the "Ospedali Riuniti" and Director of the Maternity Ward at the "San Giovanni Hospital".

The situation, he added, is extremely grave, both in respect to medical supplies, surgical instruments, environmental conditions, heating (practically non-existent), bedding (insufficient), rubber articles, and in respect to the patients' nutrition. Although, thanks to praiseworthy efforts and to the assistance of the Allied Authorities, food is now available at an average of 2000 calories per diem, nutrition is still far below the normal needs, which call for 3500 calories for a person in absolute rest, and, as everybody knows, this amount should be considerably increased when an organism enters into a state of fight and defense.

The financial side of the problem is likewise a most alarming one. Patients who are not on the lists of the Poor pay a daily charge, which under present conditions covers less than one third of the actual out-of-pocket expenses borne by the Hospital. Further, for a large number of refugees hospitalized this daily charge, which should be paid by the respective Comune of origin, is never paid since the locality itself was destroyed by the war or is in such a poor shape that it cannot afford the burden. As a result the Hospitals in Rome have a loss of Lit. 300,000 a day, equal to 105 Millions a year, on the optimistic assumption that prices will remain at their present level.

The lack of medicines and accessories is such that we find ourselves compelled to request the patients themselves to procure gloves, thread, morphine and even laxatives to enable us to render assistance even in the urgent cases. This practice is entirely in opposition to our former mental as Doctors and members of Hospitals Medical Staff. For a long time I have been insisting with the authorities to allot to the Hospitals all medical supplies confiscated to speculators, instead of allotting them to Pharmacies.

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Patients in bed who use their umbrella, when it rains

The buildings of all hospitals in Rome (with the only exception of the Monteverde, Santo Spirito and San Giacomo (part Hospitals) are in a condition which can literally be described as pitiful. The "Policlinico", partly due to the normal tear, partly to damages caused by the war, has all wards in very poor conditions, so much so that many glass panes and fixtures are missing.

The "San Giovanni" Hospital is in even worse conditions, which go beyond the most fertile imagination. Here the roof does not protect the patients from the rain - it is not a rare occurrence to find a patient in bed with an open umbrella. Bath and sanitary facilities are either missing altogether or unserviceable. The Hospital is infested by sandflies- cockroaches and very dangerous ants which have penetrated even into the buckets of the sterilized dressing. The hot water is often missing, and sometimes even the cold water. In the Maternity ward the infants (who of course lose their warmth quickly) lie in cribs, in rooms without any heating, have a cyanotic colour, no bandages, no water bottles and are hardly covered at all. Under the circumstances it does not surprise us when we find that some of them get pneumonia (sometimes followed by death).

The nutrition of mothers has for a long time been just a tragic parody. Even with the present 2000 calories food is still most insufficient, as these women are so debilitated that very often they have no milk at all to feed their babies.

No therapeutical facilities are available. There is no oxygen, hydrated carbonate, or calcium lactate or anything else. Bedding is at all times inadequate. As there are no sheets one can easily imagine the conditions of a mattress on which lies a woman in child-bed. Absorbents, shirts, night-gowns have disappeared, very few pillow cases are on hand.

In the operating room and the accouchement room linen is so scarce that it can only be used in most urgent cases. Assistance is rendered without the small-sheets needed and the woman lies on oil-cloth (just think of the prophylaxis and hygiene conditions.) To this one should add that the dressing material is supplied in extremely small quantities. In the whole Ward, with 146 beds, there is one irrigator only! The medicines stock is very very small and it is quickly dwindling away.

Logically, this almost complete lack of equipment does not affect only the therapeutical and assistance facilities of our hospitals but it extends also to the diagnostic, X rays and Laboratory services, where there are no films, reagents, dyes, glassware or culture media.



It is impossible to go in these conditions, as we are engaged in a sanitary war in a state of semi-complete disarmament. The Commissioner and the Administration of the "Ospedali Riuniti" are trying their very best to remedy this most serious situation. However, results achieved cannot be adequate, because both funds and supplies are missing. Whenever they succeed in finding medical supplies, these are sold at outrageously high prices; some articles have disappeared altogether.

For these reasons, we never tire of repeating to all those who can help us, and to the Allies: "Help us to save our Patients! Help us to save our children!"

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No comment is needed to Prof. Caravani's honest description of the tragic situation. The local Presse has, on more than one occasion, called attention to these conditions of our Hospitals and to the urgent necessity for measures to remedy it. We can only join Prof. Caravani in his generous appeal to all those who can, to help our Sick!



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HEALTH DIVISION STAFF MEETING--16 February 1945

Present: Visitors: Dr. Canaperia, Mister Gentile and Miss Kernohan; Col. Reekie, Dr. Barzilai, Dr. Benn; Miss McEwan, Miss Mac Bride, Lt. Capone, Capt. Palange, Capt. Beerstecher, Miss Baran, Miss Gregg, Dr. Layton, Dr. McQueeney, Dr. Metcoff, Miss Jerchower, Dr. Weber, Col. Lamoureux.

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Col. Reekie introduced to the group Dr. Canaperia, representative of H.E. Solimena, the Director of Health for the Minister of Interior. Then, in order, he introduced to Dr. Canaperia the consultant staff, the visitors from the Welfare Division, the nutrition team, the district staff members.

The purpose of the staff meeting, in addition to getting acquainted, was to discuss preparing the supply estimates for the second quarter of 1945. Dr. Reekie explained to the group the background for the original thinking in the matter of medical supply requirements needed for civilian relief after the war is over. The approach of functional units was used, developing a practical health and medical service plan. The Health Division of the UNRRA Italian Mission brought a list of medical supply items, obviously in short supply in Italy, that had been ordered sent in first shipment--items that would be essential in getting health and medical services functioning again. Since then additional items have been requisitioned on the basis of needs discovered by the consultant staff.

The matter of distribution of medical supplies through UNRRA and through AG has brought forth much discussion. AG is functioning as an economic mission, whose chief duty is bidding for supplies to be brought in to satisfy Italian needs; many of the medical supplies brought in by AG will find their way to the pharmacy shelves. Whereas, those brought in by UNRRA will not.

The matter of preparing medical requirements for the second quarter demands immediate attention. Within the meaning of the Montreal meeting, we are restricted to a program providing care to children, nursing and expectant mothers, and participating in epidemic control. It is essential that the requisitions for expenditures to be incurred by the Mission state very definitively the reason for the supplies requested. A new form has been devised by the Finance and Administrative Division requiring the approval of the Chief of the Division placing the requisition, the Chief of Supply Division, and the Chief of the Mission. The Health Division is issuing books of requisition forms which provide space for a description of the activities contemplated and for which the supplies are requested. This requisition form is to be signed by the responsible district staff member and by the local representative of the Department of Health, Ministry of Interior. This local representative will undoubtedly communicate with Dr. Canaperia's office, and the UNRRA local staff with Col. Reekie's office; hence, there will always be the cross check indicating joint approval of the activity involved and the required supplies.

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The headquarters office will, of course, be responsible for seeing that the requisitions sent in fit into the over-all picture for the entire King's Italy. Consultation with Dr. Canaperia's office will be necessary to be certain that the projects approved are the ones most urgently needed in the entire scheme of things. The local groups are going to seek as much help as they can get; and it will be up to the central office to decide with Dr. Canaperia's assistance, which needs are most deserving and which can be filled, from other sources.

The supply lists which will be given to the district staffs for their guidance, in ordering are not meant, however, to be a limiting factor but rather a rough catalog for reference; other items considered to be essential should be ordered (full description always to be included) and justified in the explanation. Then action can be taken to determine the availability of the items. If the explanation and justification require more space than is allowed on the form, additional sheets should be attached.

It is important for the district staff to remember that they have responsibility for all phases of the Health Division program, and it is up to them to ask for help from the consultants whenever such help is indicated by conditions found in the field. When requests are received in headquarters, the consultants will be sent out to assist.

Dr. Benn raised the question of what is to be done in certain cases; for instance, assuming that a hospital is unable to function because of severe damage to services--electrical and sewerage system. What is to be done about repairs--Italian Government, UNRRA, who? Dr. Reekie explained that the local UNRRA personnel on the spot with the provincial people. UNRRA cannot build back the hospital, but it might be possible to secure a generator, perhaps a chlorinator, emergency hot water heater, etc. These measures provided by UNRRA would be purely temporary until the Italian Government is in a position to make permanent repairs and installations.

The question of the Italian Government's providing transportation for the supplies brought in was raised by Dr. Barzilai. Col. Reekie explained that the Government does have cars and trucks, and that UNRRA is trying to get more. He also mentioned that movement of medical supplies has a priority over movement of many other items.

The matter of equipment in one area being available for use in another--pooling of such equipment as X rays, microscopes, etc. was discussed, and Dr. Weber pointed out that the Health Department is not always in a position to do this. Dr. Canaperia agreed that it was not always possible since much of the equipment does not belong to the national health organization. Dr. Canaperia told the group that H.E. Solimena is working now on reestablishing the old Health Council.



Mr. Gentile asked whether it was the intent of the Health Division to cover the entire of Italy in its activities or to choose the areas of greatest need and concentrate on them. Dr. Reekie told him that the present plan was to establish district offices to cover the entire country when it is liberated so that all needs could be reviewed and given proper consideration.

The matter of sending to local health department offices at provincial level a questionnaire of information that local district staff or consultant staff would want to obtain in its visits to the provinces was discussed, and Dr. Canaperia assured the group that the provincial health authorities were or would be informed of the impending visits of UNRRA staff and that questions regarding statistics could be answered better in Rome than at the local level. Dr. Reekie expressed his own personal opinion that questionnaires of the type mentioned would not be helpful to the staff in doing its work.

The question of arrangements for accommodations--billeting and food--for the locally employed Italian staff members who will travel with the UNRRA staff was brought up; and Col. Lamoureux stated that this matter was being discussed and a decision was expected soon as to available facilities.



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Italian Mission Headquarters

17 February 1945

TO: Lt. Col. D. A. Reekie  
THROUGH: F. Elizabeth Crowell  
FROM: Alison MacBride

SUBJECT: Diary Report for Period February 5 to February 13, 1945

February 5, Monday

Reports.

Worked with A.M.B. on personnel for expected development of camp hospitals and accommodation centers.

February 6, 7, Tuesday and Wednesday

Miss Crowell and  
Discussed with A.M.B. problems to be followed up on trip to Lecce. Assisted Major Johnston in making travel arrangements at A.C. due to confusion in her orders.

General staff meeting.

February 8, Thursday

Left Rome shortly after 1 P.M. with Col. Reekie, Major Weber and Mr. Daniels (for the ride as far as Caserta) for our first visit to Southern Camps. Reported to Gov. Cochran at 5 P.M. and were billeted at Caserta.

February 9, Friday

An early start from Caserta to Santo Spirito. Jo, our Italian driver, is not used to such a powerful car and has a penchant for speeding up on curves and taking the rough spots in the road. Col. Reekie gives him some instructions but finally drives himself the rest of the trip. Towns along route are untouched by war, however a couple of bridges near Foggia are down and the rivers run over the road bed crossings. American soldiers oggle the new looking green Plymouth with frank delight.

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We find an official of Andria Comune who directs us to the home of Signorina Antoinetta Sgarra. Her brother, a smart looking man, a lawyer, brings us over to his sister-in-law's, the Mayor's wife, whom Antoinetta visits today. I bring greetings from Miss Crowell and Miss Viotti. She, Sgarra, shows me a letter from Miss Viotti asking her to stand ready to return to work in her former position as Capozona - salary 1500 L a month with indemnities, bringing it up to 2500 L. She will work whenever Viotti calls, but the letter does not make clear where she will be needed or when, and she does not know whether Viotti wants her in Rome now. She would work in whatever region Viotti wishes and would return to her former district. (Certainly would be more valuable to us at Livorno.) Emphasizes that there is no means of travel to Rome, should Viotti require her up there. Told her it might be possible for UNRRA transport to bring her. To telephone Sgarra call Andria 130 c/o Iannuzzi. I promise to convey message to Miss Viotti for her clarification.

We arrive at Santo Spirito about 5.30 P.M. and are invited to stay overnight at the UNRRA Yugoslav Mission quarters. Three doctors and representatives from other divisions had left today for Split on an observers' mission. Miss Kerze believed nurses would be called later on as a "nursing situation" developed.

That evening at mess Col. Reekie telephoned the Imperiale Hotel (Bari) to insist that nurses Appleton and Warren, en route to Lecce be accommodated there for the night.

An officer from the AAF at Foggia telephoned to find out how many mission women would attend a dance tomorrow. The young lady who answered said "three"; the officer urged that more girls try to come, but in any case the girls were to be at the airport at noon where two bombers would transport them to Foggia. (It was clear that transport was more easily available for social than business affairs!)

#### February 10, Saturday

Start from S.S. at 9 A.M. for Lecce, Capt. H. Ludwig travels with us. Col. Reekie makes arrangements with Lecce staff for visiting camps. Dr. Weber and I visit Medico Provinciale but find him out. We have battery trouble which Col. Reekie fixes, and arrive 6 P.M. at Maglie.

We stop at Maglie hospital (formerly a large school) for directions to Tamborine villa, about 10 minute run outside village, where UNRRA medical staff are quartered. (Col. Enge, Col. Hamilton, Capt. Forcione, S. Levine, N. MacKenzie, Chief Nurse, Nurses F. McQuarry, G. Jackson, M. Wilson, M. Reese, P. Ward, I. Long, F. Beto, J. Linder, A. Tilghman.)



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Miss Mackenzie arranges for putting us up during visit. Much of her time is necessarily spent in supervising housekeeping for this staff. She plans the meals and watches over the cooking and food supplies. This demonstrated the need for a housekeeper at isolated UNMRA billets.

N. Mack. and I discuss utilization of nurses. The 9 nurses working at Maglie Hospital are sufficient for the present patient load of 104 - as there are 23 Yugoslav "nurses" (2 of whom are men) who have served this hospital from its inception. There had been some trouble with this group when our nurses went in, but they demonstrated on selected wards such good nursing that the Yugoslav workers soon were improving the nursing care in their wards. Another evacuation of Partisans is expected this month, and will include these nurses and very possibly most of the patients. The patients are approximately classified: 20 senile; 26 measles, whooping cough, chicken pox, impetigo and scabies; 5 osteomyelitis, and an assortment of rheumatic heart and medical cases. Only when the evacuation occurs will it be determined whether the contagious disease cases go along as they did last time. Transportation is furnished by the Partisan army north of Lecce.

N. Mack. made a survey of nursing requirements at Di Cesarea (40 min. by car on the Adriatic) and Santa Maria Di Bagni (about 20 min. by car on the opposite coast.) Miss Connors was placed at DiC. as public health nurse and with general "supervision" of the nursing done by the Yugoslav women in the 30 bed hospital there. They are planning to give a nurses' aide course here, and the El Shatt unit outlines were requested. At Santa Maria DiB. "camp" Olive Lee is working as public health nurse with Miss Cadbury in the 10 bed hospital in San Croce section. Josephine DeBrincat is public health nurse at the DiBagni "camp." P.H. nursing activities stem from the M.I. clinics chiefly and visiting patients at home.

Misses Dokken, Painton and Lazechko are at Deleucosa and N. Mack. knew little of this set-up.

We discuss the proposed expansion of Maglie to 300 beds. Col. Edge believes this plant will be capable of expansion to 200 beds at the most. The 23 additional nurses (now in military hospitals) will be transferred to Maglie, Di Cesarea, San Croce and DiBagni when Philippeville hospital supplies arrive. Three or four of this number will be placed at the 3 camp sites (Maglie itself has no refugee population outside the hospital) the others will bring the Maglie nursing staff up to a total of 30. We emphasize that it is not the intention of the Rome office to decide which nurses are to be assigned where or prescribe exact numbers in any location. This is the problem for N. Mack.,

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Dokken, and Col. Enge. Additional billeting facilities at Maglie will be investigated as their villa will accommodate only about 6 more. Col. Enge would prefer to have the medical staff near the hospital. At present there is only one vehicle, an ambulance which runs to and from the hospital with staff as the shifts change.

We discuss the need for Olive Lee on the Tbc. Survey team. It is definite that no nurses can be withdrawn from this area unless we furnish replacements immediately. This removes the possibility of sending Beto (P-110), Linder (P-109) and Long (P-84) back to Philippeville. Nurses will have to be drawn from the military when needed at Philippeville.

February 11, Sunday

Col. Reekie, Col. Enge, Major Weber and I start about 9.30 a.m. for visit to DeLeucca and S. Maria Di Bagni. Mr. Verrichione, Col. Swanson (AC Medical Director) and Lt. Ludwig join us at De Leucca for the rest of the day.

De Leucca is not recognizable as a refugee "camp." It is a resort village on the southernmost coast of the heel, there are no signs designating it as the home of refugees, and these people are occupying houses requisitioned for this purpose. There are 600 refugees here of which 150 are Albanians, 40 Ethiopians, 2 New Zealanders, a large number of Italians from Greece, some Greeks and Russians. The village has some 300 natives as well as the refugee group.

Miss Dokken, Miss Painton and I have an hour together while the doctors tour the hospital. This hospital was formerly a preventorium. It has a capacity for 116 at the moment. The present census is 43 patients (7 pulmonary tuberculosis, 6 maternity, 8 dental and assorted medical patients.) C.D. and J. Lazechko work in hospital and share delivery calls. C.D. carries responsibility for supplies, repairs etc. There are 9 nuns and a head sister (5 of whom are nursing sisters) who do all nursing except delivery room and maternity. J. Lazechko covers the maternity ward. C.D. could use 2 additional nurses right away. Told her that nurses Warren and Appleton would arrive in 2 days. Miss Moretti has been ill with pleurisy since her arrival and may be able to work in another week. She will need both Bartsch and Rasch for surgery when Lazechko goes to Balkan Mission and needs one good hospital nurse supervisor; suggested Sizer. Painton acts as public health nurse in M.I. clinic and home visits. There is one Italian doctor here, C.D. discussed with Col. Reekie possibility of having an obstetrician. We discuss total nursing plan for all areas and the expansion of hospital facilities. Emphasize with her that assignment and distribution of 33 nurses in military hospitals to her area is her problem. She will send



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in work reports on staff every 6 months. Left P.H.S. uniform regulations and data re various grades of nurses to come to camps. There is <sup>no</sup> telephone service at De Leucca!

After lunch we went on to S. Maria Di Bagni where we had a very brief visit. Dr. Weber told Olive Lee about the plans for TBC. survey. She is very interested in this assignment and understands that she will not be called to Rome until there is notice that mobile unit has been shipped.

Miss Cadbury is anxious to return to England and Col. Reekie advises her to go on to Naples and Gov. Cochran will arrange for travel.

Actually there are 3 adjacent villages in the S. Maria Di Bagni area. Refugees are in 2 of these; the middle settlement is uninhabited. At San Croce there are 800 Partisans (the group to be evacuated.) O. Lee works here with 2 M.I. clinics. The small 10 bed hospital where Miss Cadbury has been working, is being closed. Miss DeBrincat has one M.I. room at Di Bagni village. These refugees are assorted Jews, chiefly Yugoslavs.

The nurses are living temporarily in headquarters villa at Di Bagni and seem to be taking over well and making a place for themselves. Col. Swanson mentioned that he felt they were filling a great need here and he was pleased with the service they were giving.

We returned to Maglie after 6 P.M.

#### February 12, Monday

Col. Reekie, Col. Bage, Major Weber and I visit Di Caesarea "camp". This, too, is a resort town, famous for sulphur baths, and within view of the Dalmatian Coast on a clear day. An elaborately painted and gilded shrine - the public baths - stands out boldly against the sky. The town is shared among the 500 refugees, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~, and AAF officers of the Rest Home. The refugee group are Royalist Yugoslavs - the Army and Navy in the majority with only 120 civilians in the refugee group of 500.

We visited the small 30 bed hospital staffed by a Yugoslav doctor and 6 Yugoslav women "nurses." Miss Connors believes that 3 of these women are walking out due to some trouble with the others. She would like one of our nurses from Maglie to be assigned to the hospital. (N. Mack. will arrange for this.) This hospital will be increase to 50 beds.

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We visited the disinfector which Lt. Glass had installed. Most of the refugees have come through the Bari Transit Camp where they are deloused routinely.

Miss Commins is enjoying this assignment, and both she and Lt. Glass are earning a place for themselves here.

We returned to Maglie and visited the hospital. This is located in a school building in the heart of the village. It is very hot and odorous here in warmer weather, but the building is a substantial stone structure. Col. Hamilton is learning the administrative ropes from a British major (?). The staff and data re. hospital have been stated earlier in this report. Only Partisans are hospitalized here, which is a necessary protection for the Royalists. A day nursery for children of working mothers on the hospital staff is housed in the hospital and supervised by a nurses' aide and teacher.

We bid adieu to Col. Eage, M. Mack, and proceed to Lecce for lunch.

Dr. Weber and I visit the medico provinciale at Lecce. This doctor is questioned about tuberculosis and maternal and child health, but appears to have little or no basic data on these problems which are supposed to come under his "general supervision." With Dr. Weber as interpreter I interview the one S.P. public health nurse who is on the medico's staff. Neither Sig. Deciso or the M.P. has means of travel. When a case of C.D. requires a home visit the nurse must go by train. She includes visits to schools for inspections as needed with reference to C.D. reports. Until recently there had been another public health nurse in this office but she left for work with Italian Red Cross. Miss Deciso had not seen her Capazona Ritondale since before the war. The M. P. referred us to the Consorzio Tbc. dispensary for data on the tbc. problem. He very kindly made an appointment for us for after lunch.

This public dispensario has an exceptionally fine layout and modern x-ray equipment. The full time medical director who showed us around mentioned that he did his own laboratory and x-ray work.

He has 2 C.T. public health nurses working out of this dispensary who use the train service to visit outlying districts. The dispensary serves half of the province and has no hospitalization resource except the Provvedenza Sociale San. for insured workers only. The doctor has 1000 tbc. cases at home in the clinic's district. (Dr. W. says that probably 1/3 of the number would not be classified as tuberculous on a U.S. register.) Their file system is modern and very similar to what can be found in the well-equipped clinic at home. There is even a Kardex visible register of cases and contacts (however data was very incomplete.) The x-ray unit was in good repair but not used as he had had no films for some time. The developing frames are for size 11.81"x 15.74" film. (30 x 40 cm.)



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At 2.30 P.M. we start for Bari and Col. Swanson accompanies us. We go back off main road through the fairyland-like country of the Trullies - Italians who live in small round houses with shapely-domed roofs. We are billeted in the A.C. Andria Hotel at Bari. The driver sleeps in the car with blankets provided by Bari Transit Camp.

February 13, Tuesday

An early start from Bari with a stopover for lunch at Caserta. Arrive in Rome 6.30 P.M.

February 14, Wednesday

Cablegram is received from Philippeville requesting additional nurses and doctors as 150 stateless German refugees (21 stretcher cases) have arrived from Marseilles.

Telephone to Capt. Romaine, acting Chief Nurse at P.B.S., Naples. She can release 3 nurses immediately from 52nd Station Hospital (Chamberlain, Marshall and Jacobs.) She asks that Gov. Cochran advise Col. Fisher, Chief of Medical Section. Reports that all UNRRA nurses are making a nice adjustment and Army is glad to have them. Apologized for giving such short notice, but she understands circumstances.

Memo to Col. Reekie for Mr. Keeny's office re necessary steps to be taken by Caserta office.

4 P.M. General staff mission staff meeting. Very lucid explanation by Mr. Hawes of financial agreement. We await Washington's approval of certain modifications insisted upon by government before agreement is signed.

Visit with Miss Crowell (who is ill) re. trip.

February 15, Thursday

Telephoned Nurse Chamberlain at 52nd Station Hospital re. plans for transfer of 3 nurses to Philippeville by air.

Miss Crowell is hospitalized.

writing report.

Request Miss Erikson to write a fuller evaluation of her work with Nutrition team.

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February 16, Friday

Conference with Miss McEwan and A.M.B. about nursing function in D.O. and Italian Nursing Services.

Telephone Miss Viotti to invite her and Signorina Ritondale to tea tomorrow to meet Miss McEwan and Capt. Beerstecher. Ritondale (Capazone from Naples) is here, along with other staff public health nurses, for Miserolli's course in malaria control at the Institute.

Visit to Mrs. Gilmore, ARC representative just back from Chieti. She gives me lists of Asili and Orfanotrofi in the 65 communes there, says illegitimate orphans in institutions suffer from neglect and death rate is high. Hopes UNRRA will be interested in this group of children.

3 P.M. Health Division staff meeting, attended by Dr. Canaperia. Col. Reekie explains use of requisitioning form, which clarifies field procedure in regard to supplies. Dr. C. is to notify Palermo of the arrival of our Dr. Layton and Miss McEwan next week. When the agreement is signed he will send a full statement about UNRRA representatives to each provinciale.

Opening of Naples Office next week is announced, A.M.B. to leave Monday.

February 17, Saturday

A.M.B. asking several pertinent questions of policy and administrative procedure of Naples D. O. Referred to Col. Reekie and Mr. Keeny. Col. Reekie later cancels A.M.B.'s transfer to Naples.

Miss McEwan discovers she cannot be issued a bedroll or netting at A.C. as no arrangements with British Supply store have been worked out.

4.30 Miss Viotti, Ritondale, M. McE., A.M.B. and I have tea and a 2½ hour session re. opening of two new district offices and arrangements for field trips with capazone.

We make clear that (1) UNRRA cannot obtain bed rolls for capazone; (2) our nurse will have a surplus of C rations to share; (3) our nurse will share the capazone's customary accommodations for the night on field trips. Miss V. will obtain introductory letters to convents, hospitals where both can sleep for a small fee. The capazone to pay her own fee. UNRRA pays travel costs of its own Italian employees (i.e. Chiurazza - nurse interpreter to be hired at Naples; driver of car.) Miss V. says Chiurazza can be replaced when we are prepared to hire her.



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Miss V. tells M. McE. how to contact Capazona Bertone. Viotti can make the trip to Palermo by train (very long and arduous) alone in a few weeks to assist Bertone. However, we indicated that possibly F.E.C. or Col. Reekie might go down soon and take Viotti at that time.

We explained the use of the requisition form. Viotti would like to have it in Italian.

We tentatively plan a 3 day overnight trip to Rieti for Feb. 27, 28, March 1, with Viotti, F.E.C., Santini and A.M.B. We try to book the passenger car for these dates but D. S. and M. Hodgetts say no one can have it as Mr. Hendrickson is coming and car will be needed. Viotti and Santini will be ready to go at the earliest date we can secure car. We all feel it imperative to make this first field trip together to learn the problems involved in getting around, the procedure and content and how much business can be accomplished on such a trip in order to prepare personnel in other districts intelligently.

Memo to D. S. re. proposed trip and information as to earliest availability of car.

Told Viotti of Sgarra's willingness to work and readiness when A.M.B. needs her assistance with the coastal provinces. Viotti will assign her to Puglia temporarily for A.M.B., and will probably return her to Livorno when A.M.G. withdraws.

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21 February 1945

TO: Dr. D. A. Reekie, Director of Health, *job*  
UNRRA Italian Mission

For the Attention of: Dr. A. Hughes Bryan,  
Health Division, UNRRA, Washington, D.C..

FROM: J. Metcoff, M.D.

SUBJECT: Comment on Activity of Nutritional Assessment Team in  
Italy.

The enclosed short summary letter is of informational nature  
for the attention of Dr. Bryan in connection with the activities  
of the nutritional assessment team in Italy.

Respectfully,

*Metcoff*  
Jack Metcoff

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A.P.O. No. ~~100~~ c/o PM  
New York, New York  
21 February, 1945

Dr. A. Hughes Bryan,  
Health Division, UNRRA  
1344 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Bryan:

Two surveys to date have been carried out on the Italians who have originated from Northern (Bologna) and Mid-(Rome Area) Italy, or from Africa. These individuals have been refugees for periods of time varying from three months to two and a half years. In addition, instructed, non-technical personnel of a Friend's Ambulance Unit Hygiene Team have carried out two smaller, somewhat grosser, surveys.

The sum total of our experiences garnered from these 5000-people seen and/or examined were four instances of gross inanition in young children, much rickets, and Avitaminosis A, and quite a bit of Ariboflavinosis -- that's about all.

Dr. Reekie has informed me that he has sent the initial report of the Sante Croce Refugee Camp Survey. I should like to apologize for its sketchiness. As soon as we complete another report now in preparation, I hope to send you the complete tabulated data obtained to this point.

I should like to request permission to keep the original data for awhile, in order to be able to pool it with the results of future surveys.

Dr. McQueeny has just arrived from Greece. It was indeed a pleasure to see and welcome Andy here. Within the next few days, after he has succeeded in familiarizing himself with the little background material which has been collected, he will assume active direction of the team. He reports of conditions in Greece and I was interested to learn that apparently little starvation has been observed in the areas in which one can at present roam about. Presumably, from Dr. Topping's comments concerning Dr. Sydenstricker and Meiklejohn's impressions in France, the situation there and in Greece and in Italy are somewhat similar.

In the absence of any laboratory supplies we have had no work of a technical nature for Miss Baran to play with. However, Amalia has rendered herself invaluable as a very competent and helpful secretary.

Dr. A. Hughes Bryan, UNRRA, Washn., DC, 21 Feb. 1945.

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I am not sure what plans will be decided upon concerning our future activities. I rather hope that we have an opportunity to survey a few schools and institutions here in Rome, in order to compare the static and refugee populations, and thus wrap up the Rome area for awhile at least.

Andy, through Dr. Reekie, will keep you informed of our future program along the lines of nutritional assessment from time to time.

Respectfully,

Jack Metcalf, M.D.

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Shelby Thompson

Adjutor Savard

March 2, 1945

Report on the Week's Activities  
Public Relations Division

"A little humiliation brings people nearer to big things." That thought, as expressed once by General Smuts, was of some comfort to me on the way over. I came the long way, as you know, instead of the shortest. This in spite of a request for air priority by Keeny strongly supported by Salisbury and yourself. I shall ever be sorry to have missed you in Rome, as pre-arranged for very good reasons. But you know it was through no fault of mine. The situation when I eventually arrived might have been rather awkward had there not been a fine Italian hand effectively at work. It made things easier and much more pleasant than it would have been otherwise. For that I thank you heartily.

I left Washington on January <sup>13</sup>~~20~~th. I arrived in Italy on February 14th. But then it was another trip before I reached Rome. It was a great opportunity of seeing the devastation of war and the grim purpose of our work. I was taken care of, in turn, by the Royal Navy, the U. S. Navy and the U. S. Army who rivalled in providing ready transport to a mere civilian with his luggage and showed him every courtesy. I have tried to express my thanks in an appropriate manner, and I feel you should know about this further instance of cooperation with UNRRA on the part of the military.

Mr. Keeny greeted me in a nice way, on Saturday afternoon, and introduced me to the heads of the divisions. They were having a meeting, and obviously very much at work. So I did the same from then on. Fields was helpful and stayed for two days with me as I took over. In a rather heavy-handed way as I gathered from the reaction of two heads of divisions, he cleared the path. Mr. Keeny repeatedly has told me that he had done good work in so short a time.

In order to keep you informed, I shall merely mention different items on our agenda:

There has been further delay in the signing of the Agreement. Negotiations are going on and seemed to be conducted very wisely on our side. I have had occasion to admire both Keeny and Hawes in handling this difficult matter. My personal impression is that the Italians are frightened by an English text. I remember an old friend of mine, in New York, who had to deal with an American lawyer for personal matters. After discussing the terms of a contract for four days with him, he admitted to me that he still did not understand a word of the important document to be signed. But he signed, anyway.

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Another reason for the delay is that the Italian Government, with its newly acquired status, may want to capitalize on this first international agreement and make the best of it, which is understandable.

I enclose the translation of an article on the subject which might be of interest to you.

Changes will have to be made in the summary of the agreement and the press release which I have already sent you by mail.

#### POSTER

The idea of a poster seems to be a good one. I have an estimate from the artist, George Krikorian, as follows:

10,000 Posters, two colors, 35 x 50 cm. - Lire 45,000  
20,000 Leaflets of same poster, 20 x 29 cm. " 60,000

The Director of Finance informs me, however, that no provision has been made for such expenditure. The same applies to the suggested film: "Our Daily Bread." I should like to be enlightened about that and to seek your guidance for future undertakings of the sort.

#### FILM OF UNRRA SUPPLIES BEING UNLOADED

We have about 200 feet of the unloading on UNRRA supplies in Naples, but they are not satisfactory and would hardly fill our purpose as they do not show UNRRA flashes. This will have to be done again at the first opportunity. I shall see to it and make necessary arrangements. It might be better to wait for the arrival of one ship entirely loaded with UNRRA supplies.

#### PICTURES OF UNRRA AT WORK

One PWB photographer is now in Lecce taking pictures of the camps and their personnel, under the supervision of our own Varrichione.

The British Army Film Unit are also interested and will send their photographer down to Lecce to take pictures for the London Illustrated News.

A member of our staff has gone to Lucca with Read, of the National Film Board, to take pictures of refugees right behind the line.

#### RADIO

Arrangements are being made to have a series of short radio addresses in Italian, over Radio-Roma, as soon as the agreement is signed.

Tentative plans would include addresses by Prime Minister Bonomi, Count Sforza, Professor Venturi, an ardent anti-Fascist who has just returned to his own country after thirteen years of self-exile, and the great liberal thinker Croce, who commands such respect from

I'll clear this  
S.M.P.



Shelby Thompson

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2 March 1945

his compatriots.

I am rushing this by pouch today. You will get a more comprehensive picture in my next progress report.

We have been waiting for Horse Salisbury for several days now. I have no other word than the mere announcement of his coming soon. There will be a lot to discuss with him and I am looking forward to seeing him.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Loucheim and the whole staff.

ASAVARD/rjw

Attachment: Translation from "Italia Libera"

cc: Washington  
London  
Cochran  
Heeny  
Savard  
Registry

RECEIVED ROOM

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REC'D

24 February, 1945.

Mr. Keery.

A. B. Hawes.

Responsibility of A.C. for UNRRA (Italian) Mission.

I have the following comments on some of the points raised in Major Cunliffe's memorandum of 20 February, 1945, on this subject.

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ABHAWES/nds

c.c. Keery  
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Major Cunliffe, A.C.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO

ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

20 February 1945

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Copies:  
Avv. Montini  
Cochran (2)  
Maj. Doe  
Hackman  
Keeny  
Registry (2)  
Washington

2 March, 1945

Hon. Myron Taylor  
Chairman, American Relief for Italy  
ROME

Dear Mr. Taylor:

In response to your telephoned request of yesterday, I am enclosing herewith a summary by commodities of the 4353 tons of food stuffs signalled for arrival by March 16th.

As Mr. Hackman notes, we do not have details on the estimated 8500 tons allocated for March.

With reference to your question about milk, you will note that only 50 tons of evaporated and 185 of dried milk are on the ships already signalled. We have asked that one fourth of our food tonnage be sent as dried milk -- at least in the first shipments.

Our supply people in the States are inclined to send us dried skimmed milk, but we are pressing for a higher percentage of dried whole milk.

I am asking our Supply man, Mr. Hackman, to give me additional data on milk as soon as he gets them, and shall share them with you.

The estimated landing costs shown on the enclosed are only rough estimates.

Sincerely yours,

S. M. Keeny  
Chief, Italian Mission

SMKeeny/lr  
(Dictated but not read)

Enclosure - 1



U N R R A - Italian Mission

MEMORANDUM

TO: S.M. Keeny

Ref: S/23

FROM: Abe Hackman

1 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Resume of Receipts and Manifests for Delivery  
Through 16 March.

There follows the quantities in long tons of UNRRA foodstuffs arrived in Italian ports and signalled for receipt by March 16.

	<u>Received.</u>	<u>Due.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Est. Landed Cost</u>
Evap. Milk	50	-	50	\$15,232
Dried Milk	67	112	185	\$74,592
Peas	45	982	1027	\$161,033
Beans	100	1043	1143	\$217,650
Dried Codfish	-	974	974	\$349,081
Canned Mackerel	-	275	275	\$135,520
Sugar	357	-	357	\$59,976
Soap	10	17	27	\$12,700
Margarine	-	345	345	\$141,320
TOTAL:	629	3724	4353	\$1,167,104

We have not yet received a signal with details on the additional ship due in March, but we have been officially informed that it will be a full ship of approximately 8500 Tons. We expect that between 1500 and 2,000 tons of dried milk will be included in this shipment.

AH/mr

cc: Cochran (2)  
Maj. Doe.  
Bannister  
Prof. Bergami  
Registry (2)  
Hackman.

*Cochran*

Gov. R. L. Cochran

S. M. Keeny.

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*Letter #50*

26 February, 1945.

Issuance of Certificates of Identity under the  
Geneva Prisoners of War Convention.

On 20 January, 1945, I sent you a memorandum on this subject, asking you to obtain certificates of identity for six named persons, giving them an assimilated rank of commissioned grade. I understand that your office is taking this matter up and attempting to secure certificates for all the persons involved except Mr. Blechman, who is leaving this theater.

ABHAWES/mds

c.c. Keeny  
Hawes  
Registry (2)  
Washington  
London

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*Letter #50*

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*Contini - 308*

26 February 1945

Encl. #15-50

TO: Charles Bleckman  
FROM: S. M. Keeny, Chief, Italian Mission  
SUBJECT: Documentation for Return to Washington

In compliance with Washington Cable to Rome No. 120, I am sending you herewith a copy of all information necessary for Washington to make its settlement with you.

Governor Cochran has been requested to pay or authorize payment of your return passage to the United States by sea. You already have the necessary travel orders, which I handed to you before you left Rome on 24 February.

In accordance with Washington's instruction, a copy of the information above your settlement has been airmailed to Washington.

Washington Cable No. 120 to Rome asks me to give you in writing instructions to report immediately on arrival to Staff Services, Areas.

I trust that you will find the papers all in order. If you have any question about them, please telephone me in order that I may make the necessary correction.

SMK/ENY/rw

cc: Cochran  
Keeny  
Hodgetts  
Washington  
Registry

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

ITALIAN MISSION

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President of the Council of Ministers,  
Palazzo Viminale,  
Rome.

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to conclude an agreement along the lines of the summary which  
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Sincerely yours,

ABHAWES/mds

S. M. KEENY  
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Copy to Mr. Montini.

c.c. Keeny  
Hawes  
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Haves  
Cochran  
Registr. (2)  
Washington  
London



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encl. #17  
letter #50

UNRRA - ITALIAN MISSION

MEMORANDUM

To : (See Distribution)

From : Division of Finance and Administration

Subject : Procedure for the Requisitioning of Army Stores and Facilities by UNRRA Italian Mission.

Reference AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 6. dated 10 February 1945 paragraphs 3, 4 and 5.

1. The following procedure has been agreed upon between UNRRA Italian Mission and G-4 (B) Section, AFHQ for demands and issues of British Ordnance Stores and Services. Authority is now being sought for the extension of this approval to cover British R.A.S.C. supplies and American organisational counterparts.

2. Stores Issued by Army to UNRRA.

(a) Receivable Orders

(i). Indents will be executed by UNRRA on the appropriate British or U.S. Army form. Such Indents will be accompanied by an UNRRA Receivable Order (see specimen attached). No issue of Army stores will be made unless the Indent is so accompanied.

(ii). The first part of the Receivable Order will be filled in by the UNRRA officer submitting the Indent. The number of the Army Indent accompanying the Receivable Order will be quoted.

(iii). The disposal of Receivable Orders for stores will be as follows:-

3 copies submitted to Issuing Army Unit,  
1 copy retained by UNRRA for record.

(iv). On issuing the stores the Army Unit will complete the second part of the Forms and dispose of them as follows:-

The first copy will be returned to the UNRRA officer indenting for the stores, together with the appropriate Issue Vouchers.

The second copy will be retained by the Issuing Army Unit.

The third copy will be submitted direct to the Director, Division of Finance and Administration, UNRRA Italian Mission Headquarters.

(v). Receivable Orders will not be accepted from Army Units unless the correct price, or, if this is not immediately available, an estimated price, is entered thereon. Should it be necessary for the Army Unit to enter an estimated price on the Receivable Order, it is that Unit's responsibility to advise UNRRA Italian Mission of the correct price directly this information is forthcoming.

(b) Issue Vouchers

These will be rendered by Army Units in accordance with normal British or U.S. Army practice, two copies being forwarded to UNRRA Italian Mission, who will retain one for their own record and will sign and return the second in acknowledgment of receipt of stores.

Services Rendered by the Army for UNRRA

The procedure for services rendered by the British or U.S. Army for UNRRA will be similar to that already described for stores, except that UNRRA Receivable Orders for Services (see specimen 2. attached) will be issued instead of Receivable Orders for Stores.

(Sgd.) C.E. Hodgetts

Director

Finance and Administration Division

## Distribution:

Chief of Mission	Division of Accounts, Washington
Legal Adviser	G-4 (A), AFHQ
Director of Supply	G-4 (B), AFHQ
Director of Welfare	G-5 (A), AFHQ
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Naples District Office	G-5 Section, Allied Commission
Palermo District Office	Economics Section, Allied Commn.
Mediterranean Theatre Liaison Office	Finance Sub-Comm., Allied Commission.



## UNRRA ITALIAN MISSION

SERIAL NO .....

RECEIVABLE ORDER FOR ARMY STORES

To.....

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Please supply the stores detailed in the attached Indent No....

I certify that the stores are required for (a).....  
 and the cost is provided for in the Budget for the quarter ending  
 .....194-, under the Main and Sub-Object shown below. I  
 further certify that authority has been delegated to me by  
 (b).....  
 to incur expenditure against the Main and Sub-Object stated.

Main Object.....

Station..... Sub-Object.....

Date.....  
Signature of Authorising Officer

- (a) State briefly the purpose for which the stores are required.  
 (b) Insert here a reference to the Sub-Allocation or R.I.E. under  
 which the officer signing the order obtains his authority.

ENDORSEMENT BY ISSUING OFFICER

I confirm that I have issued stores detailed on Issue Voucher(s)  
 No.....  
 to a total actual/estimated value of \$.....

Brief description of Stores.....

.....

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Unit.....  
Signature of Issuing Officer

Station.....

Date..... Rank and Designation

NOTES

1. This order should be serially numbered and prepared in quadruplicate. Three copies will be submitted to the Issuing Officer with the Indent for Stores.
2. The Issuing Officer will prepare the normal number of Issue Vouchers and note thereon the serial number of this order.
3. The Issuing Officer will complete the endorsement inserting the number of the relative issue voucher or vouchers and the actual or estimated cost. Where actual cost is not known an estimate must be given.
4. The original copy of the order will be returned to the UNRRA officer authorising the indent. The second copy will be retained by the Issuing Officer as his authority and the third copy will be sent direct by the Issuing Officer to the Director, Finance and Administration Division, UNRRA Italian Mission Headquarters.

## UNRRA ITALIAN MISSION

SERIAL NO.....

RECEIVABLE ORDER FOR SERVICES PERFORMED BY ARMY UNITS FOR UNRRA

To.....

- (1) Please undertake/continue the following service:- (Description of service required).....
- (2) I certify that approval has been given for the above service and that the cost is provided for in the Budget for the quarter ending.....194-, under the Main and Sub-Object shown below. I further certify that authority has been delegated to me by (a)..... to incur expenditure against the Main and Sub-Object stated.

Main Object.....

Station..... Sub-Object.....

Date.....  
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ENDORSEMENT BY OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SERVICE

I confirm that

\* The service specified above has been completed and that the total cost as detailed on.....amounted to \$.....

\* or During the month of .....194-, the service specified was carried on and that the total cost for the month as detailed on.....amounted to \$.....

Unit.....

Station.....

Date.....

\* Complete whichever applicable Rank and designation

NOTES

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2. Where the service required can be completed within the quarter quoted in para.(2) above one order only will be required. It will be prepared and submitted before the service is commenced and will be detained by the officer responsible until completion of the service when the endorsement will be filled in.
3. Where the service is continuing, an order will be prepared monthly and the endorsement filled in at the end of each month.
4. The officer responsible for the service will prepare a statement in detail of the work performed and costs, which will be attached to the order. Where actual or agreed costs are not known an estimate must be given.
5. The original copy of the order will be returned to the officer authorising the indent. The second copy will be retained by the Issuing Officer as his authority, and the third copy will be sent direct by the Issuing Officer to the Director, Finance and Administration Division, UNRRA Italian Mission Headquarters.



UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

21 February 1945

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FROM: Roy Hendricksen, Deputy Director General, Bureau of Supply  
SUBJECT: Purchases by Italian Mission from Member Government Stocks

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I am sending a copy of this authorization to the Bureau of Supply in the London ERC so that they may be informed and assist you when called on by you.

In the future until approved detailed procedures are furnished you, you should continue to procure from surplus and salvage theater stocks against your supply budget, furnishing complete information to Washington and London. All such purchases are to be charged against the contributions of the member governments.

CC: Washington, Bureau of Supply  
London, Bureau of Supply  
Hackman  
Cochran

Enclosure #18  
to Letter #50

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

ITALIAN MISSION

Memorandum

To: M. A. Menshikov

From: S. M. Keeny

26 February, 1945

Subject: Letter #49

1. I shall begin this letter by continuing paragraph 4, letter #48, which talked about the agreement. Enclosure #14 is a letter from the Prime Minister (in translation) in which he says that he will be glad to sign an agreement along the lines covered by the summary Hawes provided him (enclosure #17). Whether this is good news or bad, we are not quite sure. However, the liaison officer with the Government, Mr. Montini, says it is good, and Prof. Bergami, High Commissioner for Food, says it is good. Our skeptical legal counsel says that it probably means a lot of changes that will have to be telegraphed to Washington, thus causing more delay. The ways of a serpent on a rock and of a woman with a man are as nothing compared with a Government negotiating an agreement. We don't profess to understand any of these things, but we are applying decent encouragement to a rapid consummation.

In this connection, it should be noted that Hendrickson's memo to me of 21 February (enclosure #15 to letter #48) stating the need for early signing of the agreement, in order to assure the regular supply of shipping, comes under the head of literature that is "inspired" in the derogatory sense. It represents nevertheless the actual situation, and a copy of it was shown informally to the Government.

2. A Meeting with American Relief for Italy, Inc. At the invitation of Myron Taylor, I met with his advisory group of about a dozen people this morning. Those present included representatives of AC, the Italian Red Cross, the Vatican, the American Red Cross, and one or two others. At my suggestion, Prof. Bergami accompanied me to help explain the Government's plans on UNRRA food distribution. The meeting, which lasted two and a half hours, seemed to me very helpful. I indicated our progress in getting shipping, and on the agreement I emphasized that our program included help to United Nations nationals and stateless persons as well as to Italians. (The presence of many doctors and nurses on our list had apparently given rise to the impression that these were to be used in "controlling" the Italian medical program.) I emphasized that we were not going to operate the Italian program, which would be a Government responsibility



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on plans agreed with UNRRA. I stated my satisfaction that ENDSI had joined the united clothing drive and indicated that we should look favorably upon a request from the Government to have ENDSI responsible for clothing distribution except for United Nations nationals and for refugees.

This suggestion seemed very satisfactory, and I think will go far toward clarifying relationships.

Animated discussion then arose over the problem of milk distribution. At this point, Prof. Bergami took over, and interpreted the UNRRA program better than most UNRRA people I have heard. This discussion served to inform the group present of the major principles governing UNRRA programs. Mr. Taylor indicated that he believed all UNRRA distribution should be free even in terms of payments in local currency and that it should be done as far as possible through private charitable agencies. He commented that this had been the level on which he had discussed the matter before UNRRA was officially formed. I pointed out that the actual UNRRA that had developed was a good deal more complicated than this, and that in countries where there were very heavy imports the requirement of payment was an essential against inflation, because otherwise the entire costs of internal programs would have to be paid directly out of the treasury. I stressed, however, that our program for Italy emphasized that, although everyone who could afford to pay should pay, no one was to be refused help in the accepted categories, because he or she lacked money.

The entire discussion was friendly and full of informal questions. It was emphasized on both sides that the discussion was informal. I think the meeting will be very helpful in preparing the way for necessary clearances after the agreement is signed.

3. Our Administrative Supplies Arrive from Naples. Yesterday our staff kept running out of their offices to see boxes being opened. Apparently 25 typewriters have arrived so that we can begin to keep our promise to return those that we have borrowed from anybody who had any that were loose. Even the most dour members of the staff beamed as they saw some of the things that we have been hoping for for months.

4. One more example of International Goodwill. We enclose a memo from Mr. T. Bewley of the Yugoslav Mission, dated 8/2/45, indicating that a reasonable amount of borrowing can benefit all concerned.

SMKeeny/lr

CC: Keeny, Washington, Lodon, Cochran, Varrichione, Registry (2)  
Staff.

Enclosure #1 is a detailed list of all enclosures.



See distribution of attachments

Enclosure #1, Letter No. 49 to M. A. Menshikov

26/2/45

- Route of Communication*
- DP and Duplicate*
- #2 - Acknowledgment of cables and correspondence
  - #3 - Memo from Hackman to Keeny (confidential) re Recommendation on Charles Blechman, dated 25/2/45 *Copies { Approved, Confirmed }*
  - #4 - Memo from Keeny to Menshikov for Personnel Division, re Resignation of Charles Blechman, dated 25/2/45 *Personnel - Health (Hawes) (Security)*
  - #5 - Memo from Sorieri to Cooley, dated 26/2/45
  - #6 - Memo from Savard to Salisbury, re Enclosures, dated 26/2/45 *PD*
  - #7 - Memo from Savard to Salisbury, re Pictures taken by Toni Frissell, dated 26/2/45 *PF*
  - #8 - Memo from Hawes for Menshikov for Feller, re Assistance to non-Italian Displaced Persons, dated 24/2/45 *GC*
  - #9 - Health Report #3, from Div. of Fin. and Adm. to same Division, Washington; dated 26/2/45 *Hall, F.A. Jeter*
  - #10 - Memo from Div. of Fin. and Adm. to same Division, Washington, re Change in Salary Allotment, Rita J. Williams; dated 23/2
  - #11 - Copy of memo from Hawes to Keeny, re Responsibility of AC for UNRRA (Italian) Mission; dated 24/2/45 *missing*
  - #12 - Copy of Movement order #8, signed Z. Milko; dated 2/2/45 *F.H.*
  - #13 - Copy of memo from Keeny to Cochran, re Authority to Sign for UNRRA Italian Mission; dated 22/2/45 *Copies { F.H. Supply }*
  - #14 - Translation of letter from Bonomi, Prime Minister, to Keeny, dated 23/2/45 *Duplicate*
  - #15 - Copy of memo from Hawes to Keeny, re Refugees in Spain; dated 23/2/45 *CC*
  - #16 - Copy of memo from Keeny to Military Secretary's Branch, Canadian Section GHQ, 1 Echelon, AFHQ, dated 24/2/45 *Re Request for the Release of Capt. Ian Wilson* *Copies { F.H. Personnel Confirmed }*
  - #17 - Summary of Principal Points of Proposed Agreement with Italian Government. *Confirmed*
  - #18 - Copy of letter from Th. Bewley to SMKeeny, dated 3/2/45 re borrowed personnel. *Duplicate*
  - #19 - Copy of letter from Nick Smith, Naples office to Hackman dated 15/2/45 *Supply*
  - #20 - Notes on Meeting with Italian Government in Mr. Keeny's Office, 7/2/45, 11 am, by Hawes. (This should have been Enclosure #9 to letter #45) *Duplicate*
  - #21 - Memo Keeny to Menshikov re Employees liability dated 23/2 *F.H. (Gerson)*



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U N R R A - Italian Mission

MEMORANDUM

Ref: S/40

25 February 1945

To: S.M. Keeny.  
From: Abe Hackman.  
Subject: Recommendation on Charles Blechman.

As requested by you, I am furnishing you with the following personal evaluation of Mr. Blechman and his work.

I understand that Mr. Blechman was originally employed in Washington as a pharmacist and several days after his arrival approved by here was, at my suggestion, Dr. Reekie, transferred by you to the Supply Division for the purpose primarily of learning how the Army operate Warehouse 675, the Central Civilian Medical Stores Depot.

Since this was not a full time job, I instructed him to contact the port and warehouse people on the first shipments from North Africa. When these had arrived and were in the process of unloading, we were able to borrow Mr. Rosenberg from the Yugoslav Mission and shortly thereafter Mr. Smith arrived from Algiers with the shipment on the Samingoye. Some time later we were able to put Mr. Tilsley, of the Friends Ambulance Unit, and Mr. Willis to work on the problem of getting our transport in order.

Mr. Blechman did an able job while alone in Naples of making contacts with the proper port, warehouse and ordnance people for the receipt and storage of our first shipments from North Africa, and the assembly and overhaul of the 19 trucks and 2 cars so far received. As far as I can judge he was liked by the Army people involved. He also performed the service of taking care of the mail of the nurses loaned to the various military hospitals in Naples.

Mr. Blechman did not work well with the other people and did not share with them the information he had which was needed by them in performing their jobs. The arrangements on the 7 trucks from Casablanca were handled by him. These were supposed to have been moved from the In-Transit Depot to the Working Depot for examination and minor adjustments. We received several frantic calls from Mr. Willis and Tilsley about the Army saying that of the 7, 5 would need new motors because they were so badly used. As it turned out, happily our 7 trucks had not been moved and the Army people were talking about 7 of their own trucks which had been moved instead. This was found out only when Willis personally went out to see the trucks that were supposed to be in such bad condition. Blechman had resisted any attempts by the other people to find out what was going on, saying that he did not wish the responsible ordnance people to be bothered by them and that he was handling all the



arrangements. It was after he had been recalled to Rome by you that, on my instructions, Willis went out to see the trucks.

Mr. Blechman returned to Rome on your instructions after having sent you a letter resigning from UNRRA and receiving one from you telling him you had had good reports of his work, and you were asking him to come up to talk with you about another assignment Dr. Reekie had for him.

On arriving in Rome he had an opportunity to express his views of the situation to you, Dr. Reekie and me. He made it quite clear that he did not wish to work for me because he did not like either me or the way in which I worked. He was then offered a regular post with the Health Division which, I understand, he refused. Since then he made two attempts to go to Naples and inventory the medical supplies there. These I stopped with Dr. Reekie's agreement that it would be best for all concerned if he were to stay out of the warehouse. He has since gone to Naples and I have informed the people there that this is merely for the purpose of arranging his passage since he has Travel Orders home, but that he has instructions from you not to go into the Warehouse.

In my opinion Mr. Blechman was badly informed about the conditions of work in a Field Mission and is temperamentally unsuited for such work. Given, under peacetime American conditions, a clear definition of responsibility in a one man operation with which he is familiar he probably will do a good job. Given conditions under which able-bodied men with intelligence may be called upon to do things foreign to their experience merely because it is to the interest of UNRRA that the job be done, he spends too much time and energy worrying whether the new duties conform to what he was told in Washington and whether they are in consonance with the dignity of his title. He is definitely not the kind of man who should be working in a responsible capacity in this Mission, and I venture to say any other. This is my considered opinion after having given full weight to his experience, intelligence and persistence.

I would therefore recommend that he be sent back to the United States.

AH/mr

cc: Dr. Reekie  
Hodgetts  
Hackman.

## UNITED NATIONS RELIEF &amp; REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

## ITALIAN MISSION

MEMORANDUM

16 February 1945

To: Alto Commissariato per i Profughi di Guerra  
Attn: Avv. Onato

From: Guido Nadao,  
Displaced Persons Division, UNRRA (Italy).

Subject: Number, Administration and General Conditions of  
Existing Italian Refugee Camps.

In accordance with our recent conversations, relating to the manner in which UNRRA (Italy) might most effectively aid in the care and return to their homes of Italian refugees, would you kindly provide us with as much of the information requested in the attached questionnaire, as you can. It will be greatly appreciated if this information can be as detailed and as complete as possible to help us in determining a program of aid for the Italian refugees. I realize that due to disrupted transportation and communication facilities, it is difficult for you to keep in close contact with the camps in the various provinces and to keep abreast of current conditions in the camps, and that, consequently, it may not be possible for you to provide us with the latest complete information as regards the actual conditions and refugee population of all the existing Italian refugee camps which come directly or indirectly under the authority of the Alto Commissariato; but would you kindly give us the latest information you have, and would you please indicate how recent the information is and how accurate you believe it to be.

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## GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

### I. Number and kinds of Camps

- a) What is the total number of existing Italian refugee camps of all types? . . . . .
- b) 1) What are the different types of existing Italian refugee camps? (such as transient camps, Posti di Pronto Soccorso & Ristoro etc. ) . . . . .  
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2) How many of each type of camp are there? . . . . .  
3) What specific purposes does each type of camp serve? . . . . .  
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- c) 1) When the administration of a camp is the direct responsibility of Provincial Authorities rather than the Alto Commissariato, what is meant by Provincial Authorities? . . . . .  
.....  
2) What is the extent of the Provincial Authorities' direct responsibility for the administration of the refugee camps? . . . . .  
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3) To what extent are these Provincial Authorities responsible to the Alto Commissariato? . . . . .  
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### II. INDIVIDUAL CAMPS

- a) 1) Give the name, location, type, size, administrative staff, and general conditions of each camp.
- 2) Location: Give the name of the place, where the camp is located in addition to name of camp; accessibility of camp by road, railway, and water; indicate postal, telegraph and telephone facilities of camp; give reasons why this particular location was chosen.
- 3) Type: Give type of camp, and what authority is directly responsible for the Administration of the camp.
- 4) Size: Give area of camp site; (when possible); capacity, actual refugee population (when possible).
- 5) Administrative Staff: Give the number of persons; their official positions; describe their individual duties.
- 6) In camps where all, or large groups, of the refugee population are from the same area or destined for the same areas, specify

the areas and the number of refugees originating from them, or destined for them.

- b) Structures: Give description of the following, giving number, size, capacity, use, type of construction, (wood, stone, stucco, brick, etc.), method of heating, lighting, water supply and equipment:

(1) Refugee living quarters (family group or dormitories), including provisions for privacy; (2) dining quarters; (3) kitchens; (4) toilet facilities: a) latrine or other, b) baths or showers and their number and type - cold or hot water; (5) laundry; (6) school and recreation hall; (7) warehouses; (8) facilities for food storage and preservation; (9) repair and garage facilities; (10) power house; (11) jail or guard house; (12) administrative or office buildings; (13) staff housing.

- c) Fire Control: Describe:

1. Equipment available and methods of Fire prevention or fire fighting.

- d) Sanitation: 1) Source and nature of water supply; provisions for decontamination.

2) Facilities for sewage disposal;  
3) Facilities for garbage disposal;  
4) Provisions for sanitary inspection of camp facilities.  
5) Mess Halls - screened, or facilities for screening.  
6) Pest control program.

- e) Camp organization and Administration.

1) Extent of applicability to the Camp area of local criminal and civil law.  
2) Rights of refugees to enter and leave the camp area.  
3) Rights of refugees to obtain local employment and conditions thereof.  
4) Security measures and by whom provided. (guards, etc.)

- f) State whether or not provision has been made for the following, and if so, describe:

1) Camp inspection to ascertain daily health and sanitation needs.  
2) Special diets and regimens.  
3) Exercise, physical training, etc.

- g) Employment

1) State what procedures are employed in assigning refugees to the various work groups. In particular, comment whether the assignment to employment is made principally on the



basis of previous training of the refugee or with a view to preparing him for useful work upon his repatriation such as shoe repair or salvage, sewing workshops, etc.

- 2) Describe work projects which are in existence or being planned and any proposed expansion of existing projects. State whether or not projects as planned will meet all camp needs.
- 3) Furnish estimate of the percentage of employment in major types of work in the camp, such as carpentry, cobbling, barbering, sanitation, mess, etc., indicating whether classed as skilled, unskilled, or exceptionally qualified.

h) Self-government by refugees

If a self-governing system is in effect, give details (if possible) of its:

- 1) organization.
- 2) authority, including responsibility in connection with camp management and control; disciplinary or arbitration powers vested in it, etc.
- 3) indicate major recommendations and complaints filed by the refugee self-government and describe steps taken to alleviate these complaints.
- 4) what liaison exists between the refugee self-government and the administration.

If no self-governing system is in effect, state (if possible):

- 1) whether or not the refugees are given an opportunity to voice grievances or dissatisfaction with the camp management or advance suggestions pertaining thereto.
- 2) Is there liaison between the refugees and the Administration? If so, what is it?
- 3) Is there a plan to inaugurate a self-governing system at some time in the future? If so, what is the plan?

1. Financial Status of the Refugee

- 1) Furnish a schedule of living allowances and work compensation provided for the refugee.
- 2) What provision has been made to take care of money and valuables belonging to the refugees, which he does not care to keep in his possession?
- 3) Do the refugees have any income in addition to living allowances or work compensation? If so, specify whether gifts, pensions, or other allowances, and the major

sources thereof. Is the refugee permitted to spend in the camp such cash as he desires?

j. Canteen

- 1) Describe methods of operation, i.e., whether run by refugees, by the Administration or by local concessions.
- 2) If the canteen is operating at a profit, what disposition is made of the proceeds?

k. Give particular problems in connection with camp.



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Washington

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Morse Salisbury

Adjutor Savard

26 February 1945

Pictures taken by Toni Frissell

Through a good stroke of luck I got in touch with Toni Frissell Sunday morning. She explained to me that to her great regret she could not do anything for UNRRA, as promised, and was limited to covering the activities of the Army Air Forces which were sponsoring her trip. However, after some conversation, we thought of a quick plan of action. There was no question of her going anywhere to take pictures as she had an early appointment. So hurriedly I went to fetch two refugee children whom UNRRA is looking after, brought them over to her in a car. Neither of these two children had ever been in a motor car before. Fortunately I could produce chocolate bars, which helped immeasurably part of the way. The rest of the time I learned to play mother to the younger one who is two years old. I managed to open one of the gates of the Trinita di Monti without the carabinieri interfering. And on the steps of this old picturesque Church, with a unique background and in the fluid sunlight of Rome, Miss Frissell took pictures to her heart's content. Some of the prominent writers who were watching, including Mr. Cramer, had to turn away to hide a tear.

These pictures will be developed in the United States and will be brought to you. I expect much from that very fortunate stroke of luck which I count as my first real achievement over here.

We will be anxious, of course, to get prints of those pictures as soon as convenient.

ASAVARD/rjw

cc: Washington  
London  
Cochran  
Keeny  
Savard  
Registry



C O P Y

Letter 49, Enc. 8

24 February, 1945

To: Mr. Menshikov for Mr. Feller  
From: A. B. Hawes through Mr. Keeny.  
Subject: Assistance to non-Italian Displaced Persons.

1. I am delighted to have your letter of 9 February, which gives us precise information concerning the status of requests of various of the United Nations for UNRRA's assistance in caring for their displaced nationals.

2. Your letter raises, however, several small questions on which I would like your advice. The request quoted, which was obviously designed to cover the operations of UNRRA in Germany, speaks of cooperation with the military authorities during the period of military responsibility. It might well be argued that the period of military responsibility has ceased in that part of Italy which is sometimes called "King's Italy". Even if it has not already ceased in this field, the time is probably fast approaching when it will be difficult to claim that the military retain responsibility in part or all of this country. At the present time, however, I shall interpret the request as covering our operations here.

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4. I am temporarily resisting this proposal on the ground that the provisions of the agreement, particularly paragraph 5, are appropriate only where UNRRA is acting as agent for the military. Our position has been that in the Southern Italian camps, after the transfer of responsibility, including financial responsibility, we shall be acting autonomously and not as military agents. If this position has to be fitted into the language of the request quoted in your letter of 9 February 1945, I would call it the position of "cooperating with" the military authorities.

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6. Finally, I should like to ask about the statement in the last paragraph of your letter, that "the great majority of such displaced persons are from non-paying countries". I take it that your letter meant that the countries from which the displaced persons come will eventually be declared non-paying. So far as we have received any information to date, it is that only Greece and Italy have been declared non-paying countries. I hope, that we can be informed immediately when others are added to the list.



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Washington 498

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AGREEMENT TO REGULARIZE THE RELATIONS  
BETWEEN THE UNRRA AND

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
DURING THE MILITARY PERIOD

1. This agreement has for its object to facilitate the assumption by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in the post-military period of these responsibilities with which it may be charged and to insure a continuous uniformity of policy in the military and post-military periods.

The Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, is satisfied that:

a. Such assistance as the UNRRA may be able to give is necessary in the maintenance of health, welfare, registration, administration and movement of persons displaced in enemy or ex-enemy territories and other persons who have been obliged to leave their country or place of origin or former residence or who have been deported therefrom, by action of the enemy because of race, religion or activities in favor of the United Nations, and

b. It is desirable that the UNRRA, in agreement with the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, and the United Nations authorities concerned, undertake specific tasks relating to the foregoing matters.

The UNRRA for its part desire and intends to render such assistance, subject to the military requirements of the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, and to available means and resources.

2. So far as military conditions permit, the Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean Theater of Operations, and the UNRRA will cooperate in planning and operation for the matters referred to in para 1 hereof. It is agreed that the following specific measures shall be taken:

a. An UNRRA Liaison Officer, with any staff the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, may agree to be necessary shall be attached to the G-5 Division of Allied Force Headquarters, to assist in coordination of planning and subsequent operations. He shall be authorized so far as is consistent with military security, to report to the UNRRA on matters covered by this agreement. Such reports will be transmitted through military channels.

b. In order to facilitate the transfer to the UNRRA in the post-military period of such functions as the United Nations authorities concerned



may desire, the UNRRA will provide such personnel as may be agreed with the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, for the purpose of planning and assisting the military authorities in carrying out such operations with respect to the matters referred to in article 1 hereof as may be undertaken by them. Such personnel will be furnished either as individuals or in the form of detachments and will be under the orders of the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

3. When called upon by the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, to do so, the UNRRA will coordinate and supervise the activities of non-governmental civil agencies (other than indigenous) engaged upon work connected with the matters referred to in article 1 hereof.

4. The UNRRA personnel engaged upon field service will wear a prescribed uniform and will be provided with identification as persons accompanying the armed forces. Separate agreements shall regulate the conditions of service of such personnel and the provision of military facilities to them and to the UNRRA generally.

5. During the period of the responsibility of the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, the UNRRA personnel will, within the area of such responsibility, act in all matters under the orders of the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, and through military channels.

6. This agreement may be extended by mutual consent, subject to approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, to provide for similar cooperation between the UNRRA and the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, in any matters coming within the competence of the UNRRA upon which assistance is desired by the United Nations authorities concerned.

7. This agreement does not apply to that part of Italy which from time to time may be subject to the administrative authority of the Italian Government or of the Allied Commission.

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Harold R.L.G. Alexander  
Field Marshal

Herbert H. Lehman  
Director General  
UNRRA

by \_\_\_\_\_  
R. L. Cochran.



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AGREEMENT TO REGULARIZE THE RELATIONS

BETWEEN THE UNRRA AND

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS

DURING THE MILITARY PERIOD

1. This agreement has for its object to facilitate the assumption by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in the post-military period of these responsibilities with which it may be charged and to insure a continuous uniformity of policy in the military and post-military periods.

The Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, is satisfied that:

a. Such assistance as the UNRRA may be able to give is necessary in the maintenance of health, welfare, registration, administration and movement of persons displaced in enemy or ex-enemy territories and other persons who have been obliged to leave their country or place of origin or former residence or who have been deported therefrom, by action of the enemy because of race, religion or activities in favor of the United Nations, and

b. It is desirable that the UNRRA, in agreement with the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, and the United Nations authorities concerned, undertake specific tasks relating to the foregoing matters.

The UNRRA for its part desire and intends to render such assistance, subject to the military requirements of the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, and to available means and resources.

2. So far as military conditions permit, the Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean Theater of Operations, and the UNRRA will cooperate in planning and operation for the matters referred to in para 1 hereof. It is agreed that the following specific measures shall be taken:

a. An UNRRA Liaison Officer, with any staff the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, may agree to be necessary shall be attached to the G-5 Division of Allied Force Headquarters, to assist in coordination of planning and subsequent operations. He shall be authorized so far as is consistent with military security, to report to the UNRRA on matters covered by this agreement. Such reports will be transmitted through military channels.

b. In order to facilitate the transfer to the UNRRA in the post-military period of such functions as the United Nations authorities concerned

may desire, the UNRRA will provide such personnel as may be agreed with the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, for the purpose of planning and assisting the military authorities in carrying out such operations with respect to the matters referred to in article 1 hereof as may be undertaken by them. Such personnel will be furnished either as individuals or in the form of detachments and will be under the orders of the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

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Harold R.L.G. Alexander  
Field Marshal

Herbert H. Lehman  
Director General  
UNRRA

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R. L. Cochran.



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Division of Finance and Administration  
UNRRA Headquarters, Washington

26 February 1945

Division of Finance and Administration  
UNRRA (Italy)

Health Report No. 3

Reference Cable 81. This report covers the period from 18 February to 24 February inclusive. We have not yet received reports from our field units. As they are received they will be forwarded to you.

F. Elizabeth Crowell - American, released from 73rd Station Hospital 23 February 1945. Bronchitis.

We have now reproduced forms EC-100, EC-101, EC-102, EC-103, in accordance with the instructions supplied in letter of 9 February 1945 from Harry W. Knight. Henceforth we shall forward the appropriate forms in lieu of this report, unless we have no injury or illness to report. In that case, we shall submit a note stating that we have nothing to report. In the near future, we will also send you appropriate forms mentioned above for medical cases prior to 1 February 1945.

cc. Keeny  
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Health Div.

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Bureau of Finance and Administration,  
Washington.

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Division of Finance and Administration,  
Rome.

23 February 1945

Change in Salary Allotment - Rita J. Williams

1. We are advised by the above employee that she requested a change in her salary allotment effected as of January 1st 1945 at the time she was departing from Washington. As we have not received a revised Form FI-23 we have made payments on the basis of Form FI-23 dated 7th October 1944. It is Miss Williams' request that her salary be paid in the following manner:-

<u>Annual</u>	<u>Gross</u> <u>Pay</u>	<u>5% Prov-</u> <u>ident</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>With-</u> <u>holding</u> <u>Tax</u>	<u>War</u> <u>Bonds</u>	<u>Insur-</u> <u>ance</u>	<u>Home</u> <u>Allot-</u> <u>ment</u>	<u>Net to be</u> <u>paid</u> <u>abroad</u>
\$2400	\$200	\$10	None	\$56.25	\$6.54	\$20	\$107.21

2. Will you kindly issue a revised FI-23, upon receipt of which we will make payment at this office as of the date which the form will indicate.

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(C. E. Hodgetts)  
Principal Accountant

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## UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

## Italian Mission

22 February 1945

TO: Robert L. Cochran, Principal Representative of  
UNRRA for Liaison, Mediterranean Theatre

FROM: S. M. Keery, Chief, UNRRA Italian Mission

SUBJECT: Authority to Sign for UNRRA Italian Mission

This is to authorize Lt. Col. G. H. Rulf until further notice  
to sign for the UNRRA Italian Mission requisitions on the  
U.S. and British Armies and release authorizations from  
warehouse up to a value of \$10,000,000.

cc: Rulf  
Hodgetts  
Hackman  
Willis  
Smith  
Washington  
Keery

Military Secretary's Branch  
Canadian Section G H Q  
1 Echelon, A.F.H.Q.

24 February 1945

S.M. Keeny,  
Chief of Mission

Request for the Release of Captain Ian L. Wilson Attached H.Q.  
2 Canadian Infantry Brigade

1. The request is made for the release of Captain Ian L. Wilson for service with UNRRA. It is desired to utilize this officer's services in the Division of Finance and Administration of this Mission, for which he has specialized qualifications.
2. In the event of this request meeting with your approval, the following terms of services will be offered:-
  - (a) A salary of \$4,000 per annum plus Subsistence Allowance.
  - (b) An indefinite contract anticipated to last at least one year and probably met more than two, with an option on the part of either party of one month's notice of termination of services in writing.
  - (c) Repatriation on termination of employment at UNRRA's expense unless the employee of his own accord termination his employment within one year from the date of his appointment.
3. It is of course understood that should the release of Captain Wilson be approved, such release would be subject to the right of the Military Authorities to revoke the release of this officer and to order him to return to active duty.
4. I have been informed that the application for employment with UNRRA has been made to D.A.A.G. 1 Canadian Division by Captain Wilson through the headquarters of his formation, and that Brigadier M.P. Bogert, Commanding 2 Canadian Infantry Brigade, concurs in that application.

(Chief of Mission)

cc: D.A.A.G. 1 Cdn. Div.  
Comd. 2 Cdn. Inf. Bde.  
Captain I.L. Wilson  
Keeny  
Cochran

Washington  
London  
Personnel Officer  
Regiment  
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SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL POINTS OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT.  
WITH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

1. UNRRA is to furnish supplies and services, costing up to \$50,000,000 in foreign exchange, for three general programs in Italy:
  - (a) care of, and welfare services for, children and nursing and expectant mothers;
  - (b) assistance in the care and return to their homes of Italian refugees; and
  - (c) the provision of medical and sanitary aid and supplies.
2. UNRRA is also to furnish supplies and services for two other programs:
  - (a) care of non-Italian refugees in Italy, and
  - (b) control of epidemics in Italy.
3. The foreign exchange cost of these supplies and services is, under present arrangements, to be borne entirely by UNRRA without charge of any kind to Italy.
4. Except for the operations concerning non-Italians, the Government will have, however, the primary responsibility for carrying on all of these programs. Distribution of supplies will be carried out by the Government in accordance with UNRRA principles and in accordance with plans agreed upon with UNRRA.
5. The cost of the programs incurred in Italian currency in Italy will be borne by the Government. This includes expenses of storage, transportation and distribution of supplies and for the purchase of local fuel or produce to supplement food furnished by UNRRA. (A similar requirement is made by UNRRA of every country receiving its relief supplies).
6. To assure the necessary Italian funds for local expenses, the Government will establish a lira credit matching UNRRA's foreign exchange expenditures.
7. Part of the credit will be used to pay the expenses in Italian currency directly incurred by UNRRA in Italy: for its own administrative overhead (estimated at 2%), and for the care of non-Italian refugees (estimated at 13%).
8. The remainder of the credit will be available, with UNRRA agreement, for payment of the Government's expenses under the program.
9. Some of the supplies furnished by UNRRA may be sold by the Government to recover part of its expenses but only to the extent that this does not deny relief to the needy.
10. UNRRA's Mission and personnel in Italy are to be given diplomatic facilities and immunities corresponding to their position.



11. The Agreement is terminable upon six months' notice from either party.

Copies to:-

Mr. Keeny  
Miss Bannister  
Mr. Hackman  
Mr. Hodgetts  
Col. Reekie  
Mr. Savard  
Mr. Scrieri.

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Mr. Menzhikov for Mr. John J. Corson,  
D.D.G., Bureau of Finance & Administration.

E. M. Keeny

23 February, 1948

Employers' Liability.

1. This is in answer to your letter of 8 February, 1948.
2. Our proposal for the protection of the Administration against claims of employees hired locally for injuries arising in the course of their employment has been embodied in the proposed agreement with the Italian Government, in the following language:

"The Government undertakes, without charge to the employees involved or to the Administration except as indicated below, (1) to provide to all employees of the Administration hired in Italy the social security, health and workmen's compensation insurance coverage which by law is provided to the employees of an Italian private enterprise, and (2) to assume all liabilities for injuries to such employees of the Administration to which the Administration would be subject under Italian law if the Administration were an Italian private enterprise. The charges otherwise payable by the employees and the Administration for such coverage and the damages payable on account of such liabilities shall be credited to the Government against its obligation to bear the Administration's Italian currency expenses under Article VI. This provision shall not limit, however, the benefits payable by the Administration to such employees, for which the Government shall, pursuant to Article VI, make reimbursement." (Article X (c)).

3. As you know, at the date of this writing this agreement has not been signed, but since its signature is expected momentarily, we are not attempting to make any alternative arrangements, which would probably take as long to work out as the general agreement.

4. When the agreement with the Italian Government is finally concluded, we have in mind preparing a plan for the payment of additional benefits to locally hired employees, since the benefits provided by the Italian social insurance and workmen's compensation laws are, at the present value of the lira, wholly inadequate. However, such additional benefits will be payable only on establishment of the right to payment under the statutory provisions and would be chargeable to the Italian Government under the general provisions of our agreement, by which the Government undertakes to bear all local expenses.

ABHAWES/mds

- E. M. Keeny

Registry (2)  
Washington



Washington

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION  
ITALIAN MISSION  
Memorandum

To: M. A. Menshikov

From: S. M. Keeny

Subject: Letter #48

Date: 23 February, 1945

1. Conference at Caserta. This letter is being written today, my first morning at the office after five days of talk in a smoke-filled dungeon in the Royal Palace at Caserta. Among the other inmates, were Comdr. Jackson, Sir William Mathews, Roy Hendrickson, George Xanthaky, and Gov. Cochran. Rhatigan and Adair arrived late, but in time to initial all the cables and to participate in the preparation of some of them.

Scrieri, Hackman and Hawes were with us also, and Col. Rulf was most helpful on supply questions.

Before you read this, you will have had a shower of cables telling nearly all that happened. I have seldom seen so much done in so little time by so few. There was lots of positive action, and, I think, clearheaded action. On the military side, the attitude left nothing to be desired. There is a tough job ahead, but our gang from the Italian Mission feels that things are going to happen, and in the way that UNRRA wants them to happen, in the Mediterranean. We are beginning to do things the simple way, which in a world messy after much fighting is the way they must be done if they are going to be done.

Our Italian Mission remains unchanged except that we have done our usual modest job of salvage. The gist of the instructions from Comdr. Jackson and Roy Hendrickson was:

- a) that we should push with all speed for the completion of our agreement;
- b) that we should use such personnel from the Albanian Mission as we needed, on a loan basis;
- c) that we should use all Voluntary Society personnel from the Yugoslav Mission that is not being called forward into Yugoslavia;
- d) That we should request the civilianization of Col. Fothergill and Captain Silveira;



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- e) that we should "get our people out of uniform." Since they have never been in uniform except for the Public Health officers, this is a simple task and will be performed at once.

The Flying Circus of UNRRA Diplomats left for Athens today, promising to be back "in 10 or 12 days." There will then be another conference at Caserta to tidy things up and after that a visit to Rome, where the red carpet will be rolled out.

2. Supplies. While we were at Caserta, we received the cheerful news that 4913 tons are on the water for us, that 1409 tons are loading, that two shipments of 1400 tons each and a complete ship of 8500 tons will be loaded in the next two or three weeks. Hackman was beaming with pleasure and Hendrickson spoke of his part with apparent modesty that deceived no one.

We are all happy about what has been done, and grateful to Gov. Lehman, the Supply Division, and Dominick for all the good work that lies back of this news.

At Caserta, we had two sessions with Col. Butterworth of G-5 and his associates, at which any difficulty that occurred to anyone on either side was discussed with cheerful candor. Col. Rulf was entrusted with the job of writing the "drill" that will insure that every knows exactly who does what, when, and to whom. Altogether, we have every reason to be happy about our supply relationships.

In order to make sure that all of this talk about supply was not just a pipe dream, I paid a visit to our Naples warehouse, where our shipments from North Africa and our first broken stowage shipment are stored. The supplies seem to be in good shape, as far as packaging and storage are concerned. We shall have to follow up closely on matters of manifests and methods of claiming for damaged or lost goods, but the situation is generally in hand.

Our first trucks are just coming out of Ordnance, so that they can start on their first serious job of recapturing the miscellaneous cargo that had to be thrown off on the wrong piers and then moved to our own warehouse. Considering the considerable difficulties that the military people face in handling shipping in a damaged harbor, we have been extremely lucky in having lost very little to date. Occasionally, a few truck cabs may go to the wrong depot, but our trained retrievers bring them back again. One of our zealous workers even brought back more than had disappeared. This sort of thing is of course frowned on. It is contrary to UNRRA policy.

Our tour of inspection also included our new Naples office, chastely furnished with equipment from Casablanca. If our reports are sometimes a little unorthodox, it will be under-



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stood that it is because they were written on desks that have a bit of the gypsy in them.

3. Return by Moonlight. At 8:00 o'clock last night, we were still conferring at Caserta. At 11:00, I was back in the Grand Hotel in Rome, thanks to the excellent Plymouth we had foresightedly lifted from Casablanca not long ago. As Hackman remarked, the Caserta-Rome run is becoming pretty familiar. And we no longer see the things that stood out so vividly when first we came to Italy. The ruined towns through which we passed last night were more ghostly than usual. It was difficult to believe, in the utter silence, that a few months ago these had been homes of people, and that very little can yet be done to make them homes once more.

Back in Rome this morning, I breakfasted with a few old cronies: Art Palmer, about to leave for the Pentagon, Antolini, and Col. Murphy, just back from Washington. We spent a half-hour philosophizing on the difficulty of understanding one another at both ends of the job. Col. Murphy even went so far as to say that people who start on one side of the ocean with everything clear, get confused by the time they reach the other side. In general, though, we were agreed that the people who help to make policy in Washington need to see the actual situation here.

Col. Palmer has shown much interest in our program and has said that he would appreciate more informal information about it. I think it would be very valuable if Gold and Bonnell selected some of these letters and showed them to Palmer and a few of his associates with whom we have been working. Bonnell  
this is  
at Palmer's  
request

4. News Flash on the Agreement. The Government representative has just been in to report that our memoranda of the last few days have helped greatly to clear the questions in the Premier's mind, and that he thinks we can get the matter cleared up within the next few days. We sincerely hope so, in order that our food may start feeding bambinos as soon as it arrived. We are reconciled to the fact that the brave new world is not born without travail, but sometimes the principle seems over-illustrated. This is merely a passing mood, however. The sun is shining, the country is turning green, and our cleaning woman outside is humming a popular local ditty in praise of love. Italy has suffered, Italy is confused, but it will recover, and UNRRA will do its bit to help in that recovery.

SMKeeny/lr

Copies: Keeny  
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Enclosures: Enclosure #1 is a detailed list of all enclosures.

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Enclosure #1 - Detailed list of all enclosures.

- #2 - Acknowledgement of cables and correspondence. *last from Beck on*
- #3 - Memo from SMKeeny to Menshikov for Cooley re Correction of our cable #77 to Washington of 4/2/45 - dated 23/2/45 *DP (Cooley)*
- #4 - Memo from SMKeeny to Menshikov re Spanish Rep. Refugees at Philippeville, dated 23/2/45 *copy of O. G. L. Com. 1. for. 4/2/45. Treasurer*
- #5 - Memo from Hodgetts to Lukas, re Salary Cheques, Home Payment, Miss Rose Waisman, dated 22/2/45 *FTA (Lukas)*
- #6 - Memo from Sorieri to Menshikov, enclosing two copies of Rajay's Report, subject AG Financial Arrangements. 23/2/45 *DP - Copies of F. A. G. Com. 1. for. 4/2/45*
- #7 - Memo from SMKeeny to Menshikov for A.S. Boykoff, Clothing Division dated 21/2/45 (Hackman dictated) *copy (Boykoff)*
- #8 - Reekie's Report #27, dated 23/2/45. *Health - (copy of attachment c. to Coy (Ind. Rehab.))*
- #9 - Memo from Dave Leff to Shelby Thompson, re Receipt for Property dated 28/1/45 *PI (Thompson)*
- #10 - Staff Health Report #2, from Div. of Fin. and Admin., dated 23/2/45 *Health*
- #11 - Memo from Hodgetts to Lukas, re Washington Debit and Credit *FTA (Lukas)*
- #12 - Personnel Directory, 19/2/45 *contin*
- #13 - Report from Sorieri to Cooley, per Nadzo and Rajay, dated 19/2/45 *DP*
- #14 - Copy of letter from SMKeeny to A. V. Montini, dated 23/2/45 *duplication*
- #15 - Copy of memo from Hendrickson to SMKeeny, re Shipping for Italy, dated 21/2/45 (this is attachment to enclosure #14, above.) *duplicate*
- #16 - Memo (copy) from Hodgetts to Tonkinson, Balkan Mission, re Debit Notes - Travel Advances, dated 19/2/45 *FTA*
- #17 - Memo from Hodgetts to Lukas, re Change of Payroll Status, Hannah E. Erickson and Elizabeth Ogden, dated 20/2/45 *FTA - Health*
- #18 - Copy of letter from Keeny to Prime Minister Bonomi, dated 22/2/45 *duplication*
- #19 - Copy of letter from Keeny (Hawes dictated) to Montini, enclosing copy of draft summary of proposed agreement, dated 22/2/45 *copy of F. A. G. Com. 1. for. 4/2/45*
- #20 - Copy of letter to Col. Palmer from Keeny, dated 23/2/45 *PI*
- #21 - Copy of memo from Keeny to Capt. Silveira, dated 20/2/45, re Terms of Employment. *copy of report, signed, contin*
- #22 - Copy of memo from Keeny to Cochran re Civilianization of Capt. Silveira, dated 20/2/45 *contin*
- #23 - Memo from Keeny (Hodgetts dictated) to Chief Accountant, Washington, re Accounts - Inception of Mission to 31 December, 1944 dated 21/2/45  
(With Envelope of enclosures) *Dayton (Treasurer)*

(see distributor of attachments)

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(VII) DP, F. A.

Duplicate of Report cc: Camps Continus



Letter #48

Enclosure #1

23/1/45

Acknowledgment of Cables and Correspondence since last pouch, 19/2/45

Outgoing to Washington: 118 to 123 inclusive (confirmation copies enclosed)

Incoming from Washington: 107, 110 through 117, 54,  
Svc. 5 and Svc. 6

Correspondence received from Washington:

A-250, 52, 60, 69, 70

A-262-68, 70, 271

A-273, 80, 82, 86, 94

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Cable #29 to Cairo, #19 to Lecce, #1 to Yugaid, Bari. (confirmation copies enclosed.)

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48-13

19 February 1945

To: Thomas Cooley, II  
  
From: A. A. Sorieri -  
per Guido Nadzo  
and Vlad F. Ratay

Yesterday Tony went off to Caserta with Sam Keeny, Aleck Haws and Abe Hackman to meet George Xanthaky, Hendrickson and others, so that Vlad and I are pinch-hitting for Tony on sending you the weekly news. The following is what is new in our own particular fields and Tony's next letter will give you the overall news, developments on the camps and any other highlights.

Italian Refugees

Tomorrow Miss Holt-Needam, the leader of the C.C.R.A. Relief and Refugee Unit which we have borrowed from the Yugoslav Mission for temporary work with Italian refugees, will be moving into the Italian refugee camp at Sabaudia, in the Province of Littoria, to which the Unit has been assigned. Two other members of her Unit are moving in with her; the other members of the Unit will be joining them by the end of the week from Bari, where they have been assisting the five FAU members who are working under the authority of UNRRA on the program of assistance to Italian refugees in the Southern Italian Regions of Puglia and Lucania. The C.C.R.A. Unit, working under the authority of UNRRA and on behalf of the Italian High Commissioner for Refugees, will be working full time in two Italian refugee camps and in addition, will be supervising two other Italian refugee camps, and doing a survey of conditions relating to Italian refugees throughout the province of Littoria. They will be working directly with the Italian staff of the refugee camps. The consistently good work done at Forte Aurelia and in the other Italian refugee camps in the Rome area by the UNRRA Detached Units based at Forte Aurelia augers well for this new project.

The first actual UNRRA supplies have actually been lifted out of the Naples warehouse and are actually about to be distributed to needy Italian refugees. Six tons of clothing, soap and shoe soling were lifted from the Naples warehouse for distribution by the five UNRRA-FAU people working in Puglia and Lucania. Mr. Keeny has already sent to Washington a copy of the first report from Tony Gibson, who is in charge of the UNRRA-FAU project in Puglia and Lucania, and I shall shortly be sending you a full account of this project.

Douglas Terry and Patrick Armstrong, the two members of the UNRRA Detached Units based at Forte Aurelia, who have been working with the staff of the Italian High Commissioner for Refugees on reorganizing the Central Registry for Italian refugees, have completed a plan for the reorganization of the Central Registry, which has been accepted, both by the Italian High Commissioner and the Displaced Persons and Repatriation S/C of AC and which is now being put into practice.



To: Thomas Cooley II

48-13

From: A. A. Sorieri

19 February 1945

Non-Italian Displaced Persons Outside of Camps Vlad F. Ratay)

As mentioned by Mr. Sorieri in his last weekly letter, the completed material covering the plans for assistance to displaced persons outside of camps has been cleared with the various divisions and discussed with Mr. Keeny. Since it obtained the necessary approval of all concerned within the Mission, we have proceeded with the next steps, that is, mimeographing the various material, printing forms, translating the material into Italian, and Yugoslav. As already pointed out last week, negotiations with the various national missions cannot begin until the signing of the agreement with the Italian Government. However, we have come to a decision that in the event the agreement is not signed in time to enable us to provide badly needed assistance to the group of approximately 1000 persons who have been without any source of any support for several months, we would make some temporary arrangements and obtain a loan from an Allied financial agency. We hope that this will not be necessary and that we will be able to start the initial operations for the month of March and go into the total operations for the month of April, at least in Rome. Probably our next point of contact will be in Perugia where, we were recently informed, there has been in existence an office practically identical to the type of administration we have in mind for our assistance plan. We will keep you informed on this.

For your information, we are attaching one of the mimeographed copies of the description of the plan; although it is not complete with the forms and instructions for the forms are not attached, we think that it will be of interest to you since it gives the general picture in more detail.

In connection with the above plan and also with respect to the establishment of distribution facilities for materials and supplies, we have already discussed the matter with the AJDC representatives. It was temporarily agreed that the AJDC would secure the various Delasem local committees to act as distribution sources for any material help we may give not only to Jewish non-Italians, but also to non-Jewish non-Italians. As you will see from the attached description of the plan, we are also planning to use the same organization as the nucleus for granting of assistance to the non-Italian displaced persons.

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cc Keeny  
Washington  
London  
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Letter 48-13 (IV)

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF & REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

ITALIAN MISSION

15 February 1945

Mr. Benj. Glass  
APO 782  
U.S. Army

Dear Mr. Glass:

Thank you for your letter of February 14th indicating that you are leaving about the end of the month for the United States.

I have sent to Washington a copy of my communication to you with regard to employment as Assistant Camp Manager in the Italian Mission. When you report to Washington, will you call to see Mr. Contini in the Southern European Division of the Bureau of Areas, UNRRA, 1344 Connecticut Ave., N.W.

No communication will be held with your agency until you have made your clearance and so indicate to Mr. Contini.

I hope you have a pleasant trip and that you may be able to return without delay.

Sincerely yours,

S.M. Keeny  
Chief, Italian Mission

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cc Keeny  
Sorieri  
Varrichione  
Washington

Letter 48-13 (V)

6 February 1945

Mr. Benjamin Glass  
United Seamen's Service  
Stars & Stripes Bldg.  
Via Roma, Naples.

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Chief, Italian Mission

sas/nc  
cc Sorieri



Letter 48-13 (IV)

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF & REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

ITALIAN MISSION

15 February 1945

Mr. Benj. Glass  
APO 782  
U.S. Army

Dear Mr. Glass:

Thank you for your letter of February 14th indicating that you are leaving about the end of the month for the United States.

I have sent to Washington a copy of my communication to you with regard to employment as Assistant Camp Manager in the Italian Mission. When you report to Washington, will you call to see Mr. Contini in the Southern European Division of the Bureau of Areas, UNRRA, 1344 Connecticut Ave., N.W.

No communication will be held with your agency until you have made your clearance and so indicate to Mr. Contini.

I hope you have a pleasant trip and that you may be able to return without delay.

Sincerely yours,

S.M. Keeny  
Chief, Italian Mission

aas/nc

cc Keeny  
Sorieri  
Varrichione  
Washington

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

TO \_\_\_\_\_

Routing Order	Name	Room No.
	<i>Displaced Persons</i>	<i>212</i>

The attached is forwarded for reasons shown below:

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Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_



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Chief, Italian Mission

aas/nc  
cc Sorieri

48-3

23 February 1945

TO: M. Menshikov for Thos. Cooley

FROM: S. M. Keary

SUBJECT: Correction of our Cable No. 77 to Washington of 4/2/45

Our cable No. 77 to Washington relative to the Hungarian refugees should be changed to read as follows:

(Repeat of last two sentences of cable to show correction)

COCHRAN WILL ALSO WORK WITH A HIGH IMPORTANCE  
ARRANGING FOR FRENCH CLEARANCE AND  
SEEKING TO AVOID LATER TROUBLESOME  
RESTRICTIONS ENTIRE CAMP PHILIPPEVILLE.  
THIS REPLY DELAYED TO ASSEMBLE NECESSARY  
DATA.

We used the word "instructions" instead of "restrictions".

IN



48-4

Mr. Menshikov

G. M. Keeny.

23 February, 1945.

Spanish Republican Refugees at Philippeville.

1. We have received from Mr. Campbell a letter quoting a cable from Washington received by him in early November and reading as follows:

"Spanish Republicans evacuated Jamaica not acceptable Gibraltar should be sent Philippeville. Financial 634 this group Spanish Republicans cannot be accepted by UNRRA under council resolutions. While we are agreeable they be sent Philippeville it must be on reimbursable basis. Please make clear to G-5 UNRRA's position regarding neutrals. Financial question being raised here with British Embassy....."

2. Will you please let us know whether proper arrangements have been made for reimbursement for the care of these refugees.

ABHAWES/mds

c.c. Keeny  
Hawes  
Cochran  
Registry (2)  
Washington ✓  
London

UNRRA MAIL ROOM  
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48-5

Gaze E. Lukas, Chief, Division of Accounts,  
Bureau of Finance and Administration,  
Washington.


A/4/010

C.E. Hodgetts, Principal Accountant,  
Division of Finance and Administration, Rome.

22 February 45

Salary Cheques, Home Payments - Miss Rose Weisman

1. It is understood that before leaving Washington Miss Weisman made arrangements with your Division for her salary cheques to be made payable to her mother, Mrs. F. Weisman.
2. This arrangement appears to have been adhered to except in the case of the payment for last month, when the cheque was drawn to Miss Rose Weisman. This has occasioned difficulties and it will be appreciated if you will see that the original arrangement is maintained in the case of all future salary cheques for this employee.

  
(C.E. Hodgetts)  
Principal Accountant

CEHODGETTS/end

cc.  
Keeny  
Weisman  
Registry  
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## UNRFA - ITALIAN MISSION

48-6  
Letter # 48-6 Enc. 6  
9 November 1944

## MEMORANDUM

To: S. M. Keeny  
W. N. Tonkinson

From: Vlad F. Ratay

Subject: AC Financial arrangements

The following is furnished as basic information on the present financial arrangements of the Allied Commission with regard to assistance payments made to non-Italian displaced persons. The information was obtained from Captain Ward Oates in an interview on November 8th. It covers assistance payments made on account of the various national missions and the IGCR Assistance Bureau.

1. Each mission (or assistance agency) determines the amounts of assistance by individual case and prepares each month a "payroll" by province as shown below:-

Polish Military Mission  
Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission  
Allied Control Commission

Financial Assistance List No. Po. 1.  
Month: October  
Province: Rome

Serial Number	Name	Address	Amount Lire
PO - 1001-41	Draw, Setao	Via Nomentana, 143 Rome	2,350
PO - 1002-4-1	Sniggirn, H.	" dei Mille, 47 "	2,250
		Total.....	4,600

Since all the payments are made through the Bank of Italy or its agents, the payrolls prepared by provinces make it possible to make payments by branches of the Bank located in the provincial towns.

2. As indicated above the missions or the assistance agencies determine the amounts of assistance, the I. & DPSC having no concern with the standards of assistance: the only control exercised by the I & DPSC being a maximum 4,000 lire per person per month, primarily in Rome, or 3,000 per person per month in the other provinces and a maximum of 12,000 lire family per month.

3. The "payrolls" are submitted to the I & DPSC for arithmeticing and thereafter are forwarded to the bank with instructions to pay same and debit the Allied Commission account. The Bank of Italy prepares "payrolls" by symbol as shown below:

Banca D'Italia  
Roma  
Emergency Relief Payments  
Month: October 1944

Symbol: PO

Number	Name	Amount
1001-4-1	Draw, Stae	2,350
1002-4-1	Sniggirn, H.	2,250
	Total .....	4,600

The "payrolls" prepared in this manner indicate automatically the sub-account against which assistance payments are made.

4. The Bank of Italy then prepares - on the basis of the mission's payrolls - individual receipts which are sent through the regional commissioners to the paying banks in the provincial towns. The receipts are signed by the individuals receiving the assistance; the receipts represent the individual's promise to repay to the Allied Financial Agency the amount received.

5. Within thirty days of the authorization for payment each bank has to return to the Bank of Italy countersigned receipts or the un-signed receipts for cancellation. The Bank of Italy then prepares a recapitulation of assistance payments by symbol as shown below:

Banca D'Italia  
Rome  
Recapitulation  
Emergency Relief Payments  
October 1944

Symbol	Amount
AM	10,000
AMX	10,000
PO	4,600
POX	100,000
IPOX	100,000
GRAND TOTAL....Lire	224,600

The symbols above represent the national mission and thus indicate the amount paid against original authorization of such mission during each month. The letter X used following the mission symbol indicates the amount of payments authorized by the mission and made to ex-internees. This operation is maintained so that should eventually a decision be made whereby Italy would be held responsible for repayment of assistance furnished to ex-internees

this amount would be easily determined.



6. Aside from the possible provisions for ex-internees and the individual's promise to repay, the arrangements for repayment are as follows:

- a) Payments made to British subjects are guaranteed by the British government to be repaid in pounds sterling at the rate of exchange prevailing at the time of repayment.
- b) Amounts paid to American citizens are to be repaid in dollars or in pounds sterling at the rate of exchange existing at the time the payment had been made.
- c) For all other governments repayment is to be made in pounds sterling, dollars or liras at the rate of exchange prevailing at the time of repayment.

As indicated above the individual receipts are prepared in such a way that not only does the individual promise to repay the loan but also the government guarantees the repayment of all the amounts including those made to its nationals designated as ex-internees.

7. No policy questions relating to repayments of assistance payments which may be made in the future to non-Italian nationals are raised at this point; such questions will be raised in a special memorandum in which reference will be made to this memorandum.

VR/rjw  
9 Nov. 1944

Washington 48-7

UNITED NATIONS  
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION  
ITALIAN MISSION

21 February 1945

To: Mihail A. Menshikov.

From: S.M. Keeny

For A.S. Boykoff, Clothing Division.

There follows a note from Hackman to Boykoff.

Dear Abe,

I hope by now that you and Kay Horton have sent a copy of Modern Ship Stowage to young Henderson in Scotland. I was talking over the book with some of the A.C., War Shipping and F.E.A. people and they are most anxious to get copies. I told them that through our Washington Office I can get stuff like that in about a month or six weeks. Can you therefore get half a dozen copies into the next office mail for me. Take the cost out of whatever Bergithon would be sending Mrs. Hackman in Los Angeles (if anything, I hope).

I am also attaching a list of measurements for two or three suits for a conservative ex-Major, British, who is now our Finance and Administrative man here. Dark blue and/or grey in conservative stripes or a Glen Urquart plaid in medium weights and not to cost more than about \$50, or \$75 if you get a really good buy. Measurements follow:-

Chest	35 inches
Waist	30 inches
Sleeve	18 inches
Trousers	32 inches

Also six plain white broadcloth shirts at around \$3.98 for which you should be able to get a good 2 x 2 broadcloth (at Maceys, I remember). The size is:-

Collar	14½ inches
Sleeve	21 inches

/My



21 February 1945

My suggestion is that you ask Milton Weber to get the clothes for Major Hodgetts; get them down to Washington and piece by piece into the baggage of people on their way to Italy. If it is not possible to get them into any luggage, then even getting them into a foot locker will be all right. As regards payment let us know how much and I can arrange for Mrs. Hackman to send you a cheque.

I wish you would be particularly careful about these orders because if you execute them well, you will proba bly get some others.

I note with considerable interest the activities of the Clothing Division as related in the Bureau of Supply Reports. I hope you people are getting to read Keeny's reports and my own. We are having a lot of fun here and have not only unloaded our first shipments, but have made some deliveries.

Regards to the whole gang,

Yours,

AH/mr

cc:

Keeny  
Washington  
Cochran  
Registry  
Hackman.

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*Contain copy of Attachment C to Day (End Rehabilitation)* 48-8 #8 (Duplicate)

23 February 1945

TO: M. A. Menshikov

For: W. P. Dearing, Field Operations  
Officer, Health Division

THROUGH: S. M. Keeny

FROM: D. A. Reekie

SUBJECT: Health Division Activities

/No. 27

Your letter No. 5, dated 15 February 1945, arrived yesterday. The questions you raise regarding budget lines will be answered by the following resume:

Headquarters and District Staff

Reekie, D. A.	A32
Gregg, Florence	A103

Consultants

Barzilai, Gemma	A33
Crowell, Elisabeth	A34
Beagle, Lola	A46
Gochanour, Eleanor	A47
MacBride, Alison	A48
Beerstecher, Ada	A49
McDwan, Margaret	A50
Sprague, Elfreda	A51
McQueeney, A. J.	A35
Metcoff, Jack	A36
Baran, Amalia	A37
Bern, E. C.	B38
Weber, George W.	B39
Gould, David M.	B39A
Bahn, Douglas	B39B
Craw, Kay	B39C
Lee, Olive	B39D
Bosquet, Frank	B40
Pharmacist	B40A
Lamoureux	B53
	B53A (Position requested in cable 74)
Capone	B52
Palange	B54

District Medical Officers

Dixon, Cyril	A41
Wood, William	A42
Landsberg, Eva	A43
Benning, Charles H.	A44
Layton, T. B.	A45



W. P. Dearing  
Enge 850  
Maglie--300-bed unit

Forcione	B56
Fitzgerald	B57
Togasaki	B55a
	B55B
	B55C
	B55D
Treutle	B58D
Lutz	B58A
Levine	B58C
Haynes, Sallie	B58E
Dokken	B60
Mackenzie	B59
McQuarrie	B65A
Jackson	B60A
Petty	B60B
Moretti	B66
Gonce	B64A
Inglis	B64B
Geiger	B64C
Anderson	B64D
Lanteigne	B64E
Gray	B65B
Brenton	B65C
Glass	B65D
Madden	B65E
Hansen	B67J
Mann	B66B
Cohlmeier	B66C
Johnston, B.	B66D
Newton	B66E
Munes	B67C
Wilson	B67D
Ward	B67E
Reese	B67F
Harwood	B67G
Mathews	B67H
Appleton	B67
Warren	B65
Tilghman	B67A
Cadbury	B67B
Buschlen	B64
DeBrincat	B63
Leeds	B61A

Field, Frank - B564 /No. 287  
di Leuca--150-bed Unit

Hamilton	B58
Field, Grace	B58B
Hellerova	B55F
Courtney	B55G
Katz-Norris, B.	B55H
Glass	B57A
Haynes, Anne	B58F
Painton	B59A
Bartsch	B59B
Sizer	B59C
Hess	B62A
Daly	B62B
Rutherford	B62C
Stapleton	B62D
Brenner	B62E
Fautch	B62F
Hasch	B63A
Conklin	B63B
Hattray	B63C
Peto	B63D
Long	B63E
Linder	B63F
Commins	B62
Shoemaker	B61
Ogden	B66A

Philippeville--40-bed Unit

Ballard	P-50
Chambers	P-53
Rehner	P-66
Jacob	P-110
Ruoss	P-86
Gobdel	P-89
Chamberlain	P-109
Marshall	P-84
Krause	P-142
Mead	P-131

For duty in isolated areas

Katz-Norris, P.	B55J
Weyr, H.	B55E

You will note that there are changes in this list from that given in the charts attached to my letter #23, dated 5 February. These changes are: Lt. Ballard is going to Philippeville and Major Courtney will serve as surgeon for both Maglie and di Leuca hospitals. The three nurses sent

and #22, dated 2 Feb.

W. P. Dearing

/No. 27

to Philippeville from the U. S. Army hospitals near Naples--Chamberlain, Marshall, Jacob--have been placed on the Philippeville lines previously occupied by Beto, Long, Linder, who have in turn been placed on the newly approved budget lines B63D, B63 E, B63F, respectively.

Your cable 108 approving the budget lines for medical officers and nurses did not mention B53A for an engineer. This position is, however, shown on the list with a notation of the request made.

There are four vacant positions shown: B40A, pharmacist, and three medical officers B55B, B55C, and B55D. Recruitment of these three medical officers was requested in our cable 116 (copy attached).

In regard to your comment in letter 5 re nurses Warren, Appleton, and Townsend recruited in London, nurses Warren and Appleton were on the way before our cable 20 was delivered, and they are now on duty in the accommodation centers in southern Italy. Nurse Townsend refused the position offered her and Miss Dokken was placed on that budget line.

As you are no doubt aware now, Major Johnston left here on Thursday, 8 February. Dr. McQueeney arrived from Greece on Friday, 16 February. He reports that Dr. Butler is planning to return to Cairo soon and will then come to Rome.

The information you gave us re nurses' work dresses has been passed on to the nursing section, and orders will be placed immediately.

We were sorry to learn that Neil MacDonald has had to return to Washington and glad to learn that Osincup has improved. Lt. Capone is out of town for a few days and consequently is unable to complete the forms submitted in your letter. His oath of office will be returned in the next pouch. Attached are the oaths of office for Miss Hannah Erikson and Miss Elizabeth Ogden.

Also attached is a statement of the automotive needs for the Health Division, prepared by V. B. Lamoureux and presented to Mr. Keeny.

Attachments--A--Cable 116

B--Oaths of office--Erikson and Ogden--addressed to Miss Pendleton (attached to original only)

C--Automotive needs--Health Division--14 Feb. 1945

D--Cables re Stateless Persons arriving Rlpv. and also re Dixon's assignment

CC to Keeny

Cochran

Washington

London

Registry

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COPY

A

TELEGRAM

17 February 1945

SUCSTATE

CODE: Clear

WASHINGTON

CHARGE: UNRRA

FOR LEHMAN UNRRA NO. 116

INFORM BEARING SUCCESS OF THIS MISSION HEALTH PROGRAM PIVOTS  
ON DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICERS. CRABTREE AGREED WOOD EXACTLY  
TYPE OF PERSON REQUIRED. RECRUIT A CLINICIAN TO REPLACE HARE  
FOR B55D. SEND LANDSBERG SOONEST. FIELD WANTED FOR EMGE STAFF.  
RECRUIT CLINICIAN TO REPLACE DECARIA FOR B55C. HAVE HELLEROVA  
HERE BY FIRST APRIL ALSO KATZ MORRISSES IF POSSIBLE. REFER OUR  
NO 104 ABOUT BALLARD TO REPORT PHILIPPEVILLE. HAVE INFORMED  
CAIRO FISHBACK PROCEEDING. RECRUIT TO REPLACE COLLAN FOR B55B.  
OUR REQUEST OUR 74 FOR NEW POSITIONS ALL RELATED TO STAFFING ONE  
40 BED INSTALLATION AT PHILIPPEVILLE, ONE 150 BED AND ONE 300  
BED INSTALLATION IN SOUTHERN ITALY WITH TWO RELATED 30 BED  
INFIRMARIES 30 AND 40 MILES DISTANT AND ONE 50 BED INFIRMARY 75  
MILES DISTANT. ASSIGNMENT OF PHILIPPEVILLE RECRUITED NURSES OUR  
74 ALL PERMANENT.

*Copy to Day (Aud. Rehak)*

VCLamoureux/OJ  
14 February 1945

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AUTOMOTIVE NEEDS - HEALTH DIVISION, UNRRA (ITALY)

<u>Location</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>First Reg.</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Used By</u>
A. Central Office	1	Sedan	Station Wagon	Reekie Busquet
	1	Sedan	" "	Crowell McBride Barzilai
	1	Sedan	" "	Lamoureux Weber Benn
	2	Jeep plus 500# trailer	1½ ton truck	Capone Palange
	<u>5</u>			
B. District Offices				
Sardinia	1	Station Wagon	Jeep plus trailer	Nurse
Sicily	1	Sedan	" "	M.O.E.
	1	Station Wagon	Jeep	Nurse
Naples	1	Sedan	"-trailer	M.O.C.
	1	Station Wagon	" "	Nurse
Rome	1	Sedan	" "	M.O.C.
	1	Station Wagon	" "	Nurse
Northern(2)	2	Sedan	" "	M.O.C.
	2	Station Wagon	" "	Nurse
	<u>11</u>			

Justification:  
Central Office:

This is an advisory and consulting unit, not an administrative office for an operating unit. The places for consultation are either (1) at the various offices of representatives of the Italian Government and of the military, with whom necessary consultations and conferences must be held at the top administrative level (2) in the field at regional and provincial levels, at district offices, and at communes, frequently where transportation to and from and local transportation at these places is not available. It is necessary for adequate supervision of his field staff and for consultation at higher levels for Col. Reekie to have an automobile at his disposal at all times. Recent instances may be cited where the two cars now available to the mission were not at hand for prearranged conferences although requested well in advance. Col. Reekie's car, when not used by



him, would be available to Mr. Bosquet for use in connection with consultation on hospital matters or on supply problems, or be made available to other members of his staff when other cars are not available.

The car assigned to the nurses and to Major Barzilai is for the purpose of expediting the field work of these consultants. Without this transportation, they may as well return to the States as their work is wholly dependent upon transportation in the field and with Italian field employees.

The third car is intended to take care of the needs of Col. Lamoureux whose duties are not wholly administrative and who is expected to make field surveys and operations as well as exercise some supervision over camp sanitation which is expected to expand; for Major Weber, who as tuberculosis specialist needs to visit, inspect and recommend with regard to tuberculosis control and treatment with Italian Government officials; and for Dr. Benn, whose normal needs may well be provided by the district offices but whose duties in the Mission are such as to require transportation, such as an epidemic, such transportation must be available to him.

These three cars will not take care of the total transportation needs of the Division staff at the Central Office. However, it is intended to use military and other facilities as much as they are available for transportation between places. At the district offices, the local transportation provided will be used within limits permitted by duties and obligations of the District staff. Certain personnel, namely the tuberculosis specialist and the sanitary engineer and possibly the nutrition consultants, will have highly specialized duties which will not permit use of the district transportation without restricting or even preventing normal district operations. This Division expects a greater part of the actual program to be carried on at the District level and therefore the district work must be expedited and not demoralized by visitors and visitors' use of district transportation.

The jeeps requested for the assistant engineers are intended to permit full use of their time on field surveys and inspections as they will not be assigned to districts except for temporary times of duty and they will need transportation wherever they go. The trailers are to carry chlorinators, supplies, tools and chemicals with them.

In preparing this estimate of automotive needs the following factors have been taken into consideration:

1. Limited availability of military transportation between places.
2. Impossibility of securing local military or other transportation adequate to serve the needs.
3. Pooling of required field trips for Health Division personnel including transportation of personal effects and bed rolls.
4. The necessity of drivers for each car, using one seat in each at all times and the necessity for transportation of Italian opposites and consultants with their personal effects.

5. The inadvisability of using pooled cars which may not be available because of repairs, maintenance, prior requisition and unavailability for emergency use, an important item in any public health program.

6. The unavailability of these cars for general Mission use because of the small number requested and because of the need for transportation of driver, one or more Health Division personnel and one or more Italian consultants with baggage and bed rolls.

#### District Offices:

The heart of the whole Health Division program rests in the district. It is obviously impossible for either medical officer or nurse or both to do an adequate job of work unless adequate transportation is provided and this means a car for both medical officer and nurse to permit each to go his and her separate way. It also provides some limited transportation for central office Health Division personnel when local duties and obligations will permit the use of these vehicles with or without the company of the district medical officer or nurse.

#### General:

Mention is not made of the nutrition team which is being equipped with a specially fitted truck but which will need occasional auxiliary transportation. Nor is mention made of the X-ray team which will need transportation. It is expected that the requests made will provide for their needs. The camps requirements are the subject of a separate memorandum.



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TELEGRAM

Feb 12, 1945

Consulate, Algiers

For Keeny, UNRRA from Campbell Nr 17.

1. Twenty four hours notice we received 150 stateless Germans evacuated through Marseille by SHAEF AFHQ. Of this number 21 are stretcher cases. Remainder exceedingly poor condition. Therefore urge immediate additional medical staff.

2. Possibility our acquiring for immediate shipment approximately 15,000 grade 2 blankets and 15,000 grade 1 from British Army. No. immediate price obtainable. Caba advice.

LAWTON

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Feb 12, 1945

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Clear

Feb 13, 9am

UNRRA from Lehman Nr 94

State Department advises 141 refugees from Switzerland left Marseille 7th for Philippeville - two cases paratyphoid and other suspects. Advise arrangements you making adequate service in Philippeville

Grew Acting

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cc: UNRRA

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14 February

SECSTATE--WASHINGTON

FOR LEHMAN UNRRA NO. 106

REUR 94 150 STATELESS GERMANS ARRIVED PHILIPPEVILLE. 21 STRETCHER CASES. REMAINDER POOR CONDITION. NECESSARY STEPS BEING TAKEN.

KIRK

AAS/nc

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February 15, 1945

SECSTATE WASHINGTON

CLEAR

UNHRA from Lehman--No. 102

Inform specific assignment Dixon to expedite appointment.

GREW ACTING

17 February 1945

SECSTATE

WASHINGTON

FOR LEHMAN UNHRA NO. 114

INFORM DEARING DIXON TO BE ASSIGNED AS DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER  
FOR NORTHERN ITALY BASING FIRST AT SIENA.

MOON JAM APRIL

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48-10

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION  
ITALY MISSION

23 February 1945

TO : Division of Finance and Administration  
Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

FROM : Italian Mission  
Division of Finance and Administration

SUBJECT : Staff Health Report No. 2

In accordance with your Cable 81. This report covers the period  
11 February to 17 February 1945.

F. Elisabeth Crowell - A. Chief Nurse. At home 2/14 - hospitalized  
2/15 to 17 - Diagnosis : bronchitis

Major Charles Benning - See Report No. 1 - Released from Hospital  
Feb. 17 1945 for conjunctivitis and observation.

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48-11


Gaze E. Lukas,  
Chief, Division of Accounts,  
Bureau of Finance and Administration.

C.E. Hodgetts,  
Principal Accountant,  
Division of Finance and Administration

22 February 1945

Washington Debit and Credit Advices

1. Under cover of another letter I have forwarded to you the accounts for this Mission from its inception to 31st December 1944, and I shall be forwarding in the near future the monthly accounts for January.
2. I am, however, working under a certain amount of difficulty in view of the fact that this Mission has not received any advice of Debits or Credits raised against us by your Division. In the case of Washington Debits for Personal Service, it is of course possible for me to set up a reasonably accurate provision from Forms FI-23 in our possession, but in so far as such items as Supplies, Ocean Freight, Carrier Fares, and the like are concerned, it is quite impossible for me to make provision on anything more than an exceedingly rough estimate.
3. I shall therefore be grateful if you will expedite Debit and/or Credit Advices for each month since the inception of this Mission in order that my accounts may properly be completed.
4. As this matter is urgent, I am today cabling the substance of this letter.

  
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