

To ~~Deputy Controller~~

See Memo to Deloitte & Co
9th Jan 1948 in file, with which
I passed on certain information
found in Brig. Parnment's private
files in Portland Place.

I think this is what
Deloitte's wanted

noted
ML Mc 14/1/47

✓
GH 12/1/48

4th May 1948
~~April, 1948~~

To: Deloitte & Co.

From: Division of Monetary Accounts.

Subject: Your Minute NGM/127 dated 2nd April 1948.
Promissory notes.

We have checked the correspondence in reference to the promissory notes which you have drawn to our attention, and find a letter from Col. Burnett to China, D.C. 172 dated 25th February, 1947, stating that the promissory note of Mr. H. Sendig was not received at this Office. The above letter, along with D.C.222 dated 20th March 1947 reveals that the other two promissory notes were received in E.R.O. and returned to China. However, Trieste seems to have gained possession of the promissory note in regard to U. Azzolini and we understand collection has been made.

*Approved by T.S.
WW*W. W. WATT,
D.D.M.A. (MA)

WWW/BM.

C.C. A.D.C.

To:- C.A.S.D.

From:- Deputy Controller

Subject:- Clearance of files to Washington

The files on the attached list have been examined by this Department and by Deloitte & Co. and are released for shipment to Washington.

Ted L. Smith
Deputy Controller

4th May, 1948

4 MAY 1948

3rd May, 1948.

To: Acting Deputy Controller.
From: Deloitte & Co.
Subject: Clearance of Files to Washington.

As requested in your minute LF 12 of even date we return herewith one copy of the list of files enclosed therewith. We have no objection to the files in question being transferred to Washington.

DELOITTE & CO.
[Signature]

Wt. 50839/1245
2,500,000 4/40
D.P.W. 51-6580
(REGIMENT)
CODE 5-34-0

[OVER

TO: Deloitte

FROM: Acting Deputy Controller

SUBJECT: Clearance of files to Washington

1. I attach herewith in duplicate a list of files which have been screened by the Chief Registrar and by a representative of this Division, which we feel do not contain information pertinent to Accounting matters, and which therefore could be despatched to Washington.
2. I would appreciate if you will have a representative of your office examine these files, and advise me by returning one copy suitably marked as to those files which you are willing to release.

Ted L. Smith,
Acting Deputy Controller.

3 May 1948

3 MAY 1948

LF12

FIMC/516/MC

To: Mr. Ted Smith, Assistant Controller.

From: F.H.Smith, Chief, Inspection & Mission Closure Branch.

Subject: CLEARANCE OF FILES FOR DESPATCH TO WASHINGTON.

The files listed in the attachments hereto and which are presently held by the Chief Registrar, Division of Administrative Services, have now been screened. I am of the opinion that they contain nothing useful to the Department of the Controller E.R.O. and recommend their clearance to Washington.

FHS/KFB.

F.H. Smith
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30th April, 1948.

3rd May, 1948.

To: Deloitte & Co.,
From: D.C.

Reference your Minute of 20th April 1948.

I attach copy of schedule of writeoff as submitted
to the P.R.D.G. as of 20/4/48.

Ted L. Smith
Deputy Controller.

MA/DDMA(P) 658
JC/HG

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MINUTE SHEET.

DDMA (P)

Reference.....

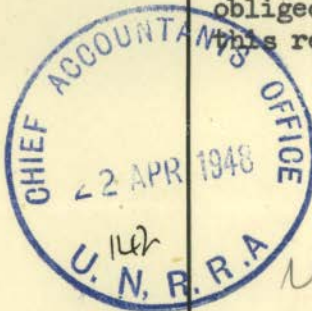
20th April, 1948.

To: Assistant Deputy Controller.

From: Deloitte & Co.

We note from Minute No.10232 of the Administrative Council that a comprehensive report on write-off action is being prepared for the information of PRDG. We shall be greatly obliged if in due course we could be supplied with a copy of this report.

DELOITTE & CO.



When we agree the Typeset Report to PRDG - will you send one copy to Deloitte's

TLS

To: Mr. Smith.

please send copy through PRDG, when typed. J.S. 23.4

To:- Deloitte
From:- Acting Deputy Controller

I herewith enclose 3 copies of Supply
Closure Committee document No. 103, regarding Settlement
for Supplies procured through H.M.G.

Ted L. Smith
Acting Deputy Controller

26th April, 1948.

To:- C.A.S.D.

From:- Acting Deputy Controller

Subject:- Clearance of files to Washington

The files on the attached list have been examined by this Department and by Deloitte & Co. and are released for shipment to Washington.

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Ted L. Smith
Acting Deputy Controller

24th April, 1948.

23 APR 1948

MINUTE SHEET.

Reference.....

23rd April, 1948.

To: Acting Deputy Controller.
From: Deloitte & Co.
Subject: Clearance of Files to Washington.

As requested in your minute LF 11 of 22nd April we return herewith one copy of the list of files enclosed therewith. We have no objection to the files in question being transferred to Washington.

DELOITTE & CO.

To:- Deloitte
From:- Acting Deputy Controller
Subject:- Clearance of files to Washington

1. I attach herewith, in duplicate, a list of files which have been screened by the Chief Registrar and by a representative of this Division, which we feel do not contain information pertinent to Accounting matters, and which therefore could be despatched to Washington.

2. I would appreciate if you will have a representative of your office examine these files, and advise me by returning one copy suitably marked as to those files which you are willing to release.

Ted L. Smith
Acting Deputy Controller

22nd April, 1948.

21 APR 1948

FIEMC/509/MC

To: Mr. Ted Smith, Assistant Controller.

From: F.H.Smith, Chief, Inspection & Mission Closure Branch.

Subject: CLEARANCE OF FILES FOR DESPATCH TO WASHINGTON.

The files listed in the attachments hereto and which are presently held by the Chief Registrar, Division of Administrative Services, have now been screened. I am of the opinion that they contain nothing useful to the Department of the Controller E.R.O. and recommend their clearance to Washington:

FHS/KFB.

Kay Francis
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for F.H. SMITH
21st April, 1948.

Grapel
Write memo to Delator

TO: Messrs. Deloittes
Attention: Mr. Bonning

FROM: A/D.C.

SUBJECT: File F. & A. 252/6a
S.S. "Dorothea Paxos"

As you requested, I am sending herewith
the file on S.S. "Dorothea Paxos".

I should be glad if you would return
this file when you have finished with it.

Ted L. Smith,
Acting Deputy Controller

21 April 1948

To:- Deloitte & Co.
From:- Acting Deputy Controller
Subject:- Ethiopian Shipments.

With reference to your minute HLH/111 of 28th January and to Senior Assistant Controller's minute DC 977 of 6th April, I enclose herewith copy of a minute I have to-day received from the Mission Closure Branch of Commodity Accounts.

TS
Ted L. Smith
Acting Deputy Controller

16th April, 1948.

TO: Deloitte

FROM: Acting Deputy Controller

SUBJECT: Settlement with PCIRO - Repatriation and Annual Leave

As you requested, I attach one complete set of
working papers regarding the above settlement.

Ted L. Smith,
Acting Deputy Controller.

10 April 1948.

To:- C.A.S.D.

From:- Assistant Controller

Subject:- Clearance of files to Washington

The files on the attached list have been examined by this Department and by Deloitte & Co. and all except E.R.O. files A.S. 265 are released for shipment to Headquarters. These are to be retained in E.R.O. pending completion of the audit of the Administrative Property Disposal records. The list has been marked accordingly.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

9th April, 1948.

9 APR 1948

MINUTE SHEET.

Reference.....

8th April, 1948.

To: Assistant Controller.
From: Deloitte & Co.
Subject: Clearance of Files to Washington.

We refer to your L.F.10 of 7th instant.

We would be obliged if you would arrange for E.R.O. files A.S.265 which we have indicated by a notation upon the list returned herewith, to be retained in E.R.O. pending completion of the audit of the Administrative Property Disposal records.

We have no objection to the remainder of the files appearing on the lists being transferred to Washington.

DELOITTE & CO.
[Signature]

To:- Deloitte

From:- Assistant Controller.

Subject:- Clearance of files to Washington

1. I attach herewith, in duplicate, a list of files which have been screened by the Chief Registrar and by a representative of this Division, which we feel do not contain information pertinent to Accounting matters, and which therefore could be despatched to Washington.

2. I would appreciate if you will have a representative of your office examine these files, and advise me by returning one copy suitably marked as to those files which you are willing to release.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

7th April, 1948.

7 APR 1948
MINUTE SHEET.

Reference... FIEMC/495/MC.....

To: Mr. Ted Smith, Assistant Controller.
From: F.H. Smith, Chief, Inspection & Mission Closure Branch.
Subject: CLEARANCE OF FILES FOR DESPATCH TO WASHINGTON.

The files listed in the attachments hereto and which are presently held by the Chief Registrar, Division of Administrative Services, have now been screened. I am of the opinion that they contain nothing useful to the Department of the Controller E.R.O. and recommend their clearance to Washington.

FHS/KFB.

Kay Francis
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h.p. F.H. SMITH
7th April, 1948.

To:- C.A.S.D.

From:- Assistant Controller

Subject:- Clearance of Files to Washington

The files on the attached list have been examined by this Department and by Deloitte & Co. and are released for shipment to Washington.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

8th April, 1948.

8 APR 1948

L.F.9

MINUTE SHEET.

Reference.....

7th April, 1948.

To: Assistant Controller.
From: Deloitte & Co.
Subject: Clearance of Files to Washington.

As requested in your minute L.F.9 of 6th instant we return herewith one copy of the list of files enclosed therewith. We have no objection to the files in question being transferred to Washington.

DELOITTE & CO.
AB

Encl.

TO: Deloitte

FROM: A.C.

SUBJECT: Clearance of Files to Washington

1. I attach herewith, in duplicate, a list of files which have been screened by the Chief Registrar and by a representative of this Division, which we feel do not contain information pertinent to Accounting matters, and which therefore could be despatched to Washington.

2. I would appreciate if you will have a representative of your office examine these files, and advise me by returning one copy suitably marked as to those files which you are willing to release.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

6 April 1948

6 APR 1948

FIRMC/492/MC

To: Mr. Ted Smith, Assistant Controller.

From: F.H.Smith, Chief, Inspection & Mission Closure Branch.

Subject: CLEARANCE OF FILES TO WASHINGTON.

The files listed in the attachments hereto and which are presently held by the Chief Registrar, Division of Administrative Services, have now been screened. I am of the opinion that they contain nothing useful to the Department of the Controller E.R.O. and recommend their clearance to Washington.

FHS/KFB.



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5th April, 1948.

8th April, 1948

To:- Mr. F.H. Smith

From:- Assistant Controller

Further to my minute of 1st April, I would advise you that we have submitted additional statements to the External Auditors in respect of the following Missions:

Czechoslovakia
Granville
The Netherlands
Switzerland
France

I wish to point out to you that the matter of despatching files is one that is becoming increasingly urgent, and I wish, therefore, that you would make a survey of your staffing requirements, to ensure that speedy action can be taken as soon as clearance is received from Headquarters and the External Auditors.

The whole success of the plan which I outlined to you in my previous memorandum depends upon Headquarters receiving the Mission files within a short time of their clearance.

Ted E. Smith
Assistant Controller

TLS/EDG

cc: Mr. Lormer
C.A.S.D.

To:- Deloitte

From:- Assistant Controller.

Subject:- Clearance of files to Washington

1. I attach herewith, in duplicate, a list of files which have been screened by the Chief Registrar and by a representative of this Division, which we feel do not contain information pertinent to Accounting matters, and which therefore could be despatched to Washington.

2. I would appreciate if you will have a representative of your office examine these files, and advise me by returning one copy suitably marked as to those files which you are willing to release.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

7th April, 1948.

TO: Deloitte

FROM: A.C.

SUBJECT: Clearance of Files to Washington

1. I attach herewith, in duplicate, a list of files which have been screened by the Chief Registrar and by a representative of this Division, which we feel do not contain information pertinent to Accounting matters, and which therefore could be despatched to Washington.

2. I would appreciate if you will have a representative of your office examine these files, and advise me by returning one copy suitably marked as to those files which you are willing to release.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

6 April 1948

To: Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co.
(Attention: Mr. Bonning).

From: Assistant Controller.

Subject: Aero-Tyres Salvage Claim.

1. As per our conversation of even date, I attach herewith a letter from our Solicitors in Cairo, to which is attached a full discharge in the case of the scrap rubber dispute, which is properly known as the Aero-Tyres Salvage Claim.

Please return when you have finished.

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TED L. SMITH
Assistant Controller.

10 March 1948.

TLS/EDG

To:- C.A.S.D.

From:- Assistant Controller

Subject:- Clearance of Files to Washington

The files on the attached list have been examined by this Department and by Deloitte & Co. All are released for shipment to Headquarters except E.R.O. files AS 225/119 (3 Vols.) containing correspondence and vouchers relating to the procurement of clothing and equipment from the War Office. The list has been marked accordingly.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

1st April, 1948

31 MAR 1948

31st March, 1948.

To: Assistant Controller.
From: Deloitte & Co.
Subject: Clearance of Files to Washington.

We refer to your LF 8 of 24th instant. With the exception of E.R.O. files AS 225/119(3 Vols.) containing correspondence and vouchers relating to the procurement of clothing and equipment from the War Office, we have no objection to the files listed by you being transferred to Washington. We think it would be desirable that files AS 225/119 should be retained in E.R.O. pending completion of the audit of the War Office Settlement. We have indicated this by an appropriate footnote on your list which is returned herewith.

DELOITTE & CO.
AB

Encl.

Wt. 50839/1245
2,500,000 4/43
D.P.W. 51-6580
(REGIMENT)
CODE 5-34-0

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To:- Deloitte

From:- A.C.

Subject:- Clearance of Files to Washington

1. I attach herewith, in duplicate, a list of files which have been screened by the Chief Registrar and by a representative of this Division, which we feel do not contain information pertinent to Accounting matters, and which therefore could be despatched to Washington.

2. I would appreciate if you would have a representative of your office examine these files, and advise me by returning one copy suitably marked as to those files which you are willing to release.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

24th March, 1948.

4 MAR 1948

MINUTE SHEET.

Reference.....FIEMC/483/MC.....

To: Mr. Ted Smith, Assistant Controller.

From: F.H. Smith, Chief, Inspection & Mission Closure Branch.

Subject: CLEARANCE OF FILES TO WASHINGTON.

The files listed in the attachments hereto and which are presently held by the Chief Registrar, Division of Administrative Services, have now been screened. I am of the opinion that they contain nothing useful to the Department of the Controller E.R.O. and recommend their clearance to Washington: may I please have your authority, therefore, to inform the Chief Registrar accordingly.

FHS/KFB.

F.H. Smith
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24th March, 1948.

To:- C.A.S.D.

From:- Assistant Controller

Subject:- Clearance of Files to Washington

The files on the attached list have been examined by this Department and by Deloitte & Co. and are released for shipment to Headquarters.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

24th March, 1948.

2 MAR 1948

MINUTE SHEET.

Reference..... LF7

24th March, 1948.

To: Assistant Controller.
From: Deloitte & Co.
Subject: Clearance of Files to Washington.

As requested in your minute LF 7 of 23rd instant we return herewith one copy of the list of files enclosed therewith. We have no objection to the files in question being transferred to Washington.

DELOITTE & CO.

To:- Deloittes

From:- A.C.

Subject:- Clearance of Files to Washington

1. I attach herewith, in duplicate, a list of files which have been screened by the Chief Registrar and by a representative of this Division, which we feel do not contain information pertinent to Accounting matters, and which therefore could be despatched to Washington.

2. I would appreciate if you would have a representative of your office examine these files, and advise me by returning one copy suitably marked as to those files which you are willing to release.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

23rd March, 1948.

23 MAR 1948

MINUTE SHEET.

LF7

Reference.....FIBMC/481/MC.....

To: Mr. Ted Smith, Assistant Controller.

From: F.H. Smith, Chief, Inspection & Mission Closure Branch.

Subject: CLEARANCE OF FILES TO WASHINGTON.

The files listed in the attachments hereto and which are presently held by the Chief Registrar, Division of Administrative Services, have now been screened. I am of the opinion that they contain nothing useful to the Department of the Controller E.R.O. and recommend their clearance to Washington, may I please have your authority, therefore, to inform the Chief Registrar accordingly.

FHS/KFB.



.....
18th March, 1948.

To:- C.A.S.D.

From:- Assistant Controller

Subject:- Clearance of Files to Washington

The files on the attached list have been examined by this Department and by Deloitte & Co. and are released for shipment to Headquarters.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

22nd March, 1948.

19 MAR 1948

19th March, 1948.

To: Assistant Controller.
From: Deloitte & Co.
Subject: Clearance of Files to Washington.

As requested in your minute LF 6 of 18th March we return herewith one copy of the list of files enclosed therewith. We have no objection to the files in question being transferred to Washington.

DELOITTE & CO.
RB

To:- Deloitte

From:- A.C.

Subject:- Clearance of Files to Washington

1. I attach herewith, in duplicate, a list of files which have been screened by the Chief Registrar and by a representative of this Division, which we feel do not contain information pertinent to Accounting matters, and which therefore could be despatched to Washington.

2. I would appreciate if you would have a representative of your office examine these files, and advise me by returning one copy suitably marked as to those files which you are willing to release.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

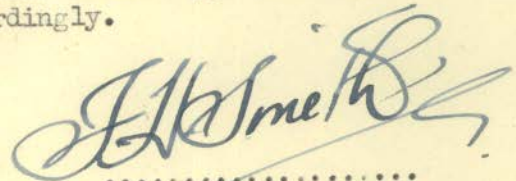
18th March, 1948.

To: Mr. Ted Smith, Assistant Controller.

From: F.H. Smith, Chief, Inspection & Mission Closure Branch.

Subject: CLEARANCE OF FILES TO WASHINGTON.

The files listed in the attachments hereto and which are presently held by the Chief Registrar, Division of Administrative Services, have now been screened. I am of the opinion that they contain nothing useful to the Department of the Controller E.R.O. and recommend their clearance to Washington: may I please have your authority, therefore, to inform the Chief Registrar accordingly.



FHS/KFB.

.....
18th March, 1948.

To:- C.A.S.D.

From:- Assistant Controller

Subject:- Clearance of Files to Washington

The files on the attached list have been examined by this Department and by Deloitte & Co. and are released for shipment to Headquarters.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

22nd March, 1948.

19 MAR 1948

MINUTE SHEET.

Reference.....

19th March, 1948.

To: Assistant Controller.
From: Deloitte & Co.
Subject: Clearance of Files to Washington.

As requested in your minute LF 5 of 18th March we return herewith one copy of the list of files enclosed therewith. We have no objection to the files in question being transferred to Washington.

DELOITTE & CO. *for*

To:- Deloitte

From:- A.C.

Subject:- Clearance of Files to Washington

1. I attach herewith, in duplicate, a list of files which have been screened by the Chief Registrar and by a representative of this Division, which we feel do not contain information pertinent to Accounting matters, and which therefore could be despatched to Washington.

2. I would appreciate if you would have a representative of your office examine these files, and advise me by returning one copy suitably marked as to those files which you are willing to release.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

18th March, 1948.

18 MAR 1948

LF5

MINUTE SHEET.

Reference.....FIHMC/476/MC.....

To: Mr. Ted Smith, Assistant Controller.

From: F.H.Smith, Chief, Inspection & Mission Closure Branch.

Subject: CLEARANCE OF FILES TO WASHINGTON.

The files listed in the attachments hereto and which are presently held by the Chief Registrar, Division of Administrative Services, have now been screened. I am of the opinion that they contain nothing useful to the Department of the Controller E.R.O. and recommend their clearance to Washington; may I please have your authority, therefore, to inform the Chief Registrar accordingly.

FHS/KFB.


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17th March, 1948.

To:- C.A.S.D.

From:- Assistant Controller

Subject:- Clearance of Files to Washington

The files on the attached list have been examined by this Department and by Deloitte & Co. and are released for shipment to Headquarters.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

17th March, 1948.

16 MAR 1948

MINUTE SHEET.

Reference.....

16th March, 1948.

To: Assistant Controller.
From: Deloitte & Co.
Subject: Clearance of Files to Washington.

As requested in your minute LF 4 of even date we return herewith one copy of the list of files enclosed therewith. We have no objection to the files in question being transferred to Washington.

DELOITTE & CO.

To:- Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co.

From:- Assistant Controller

Subject:- Clearance of Files to Washington

1. I attach herewith, in duplicate, a list of files which have been screened by the Chief Registrar and by a representative of this Division, which we feel do not contain information pertinent to Accounting matters, and which therefore could be despatched to Washington.

2. I would appreciate if you would have a representative of your office examine these files, and advise me by returning one copy suitably marked as to those files which you are willing to release.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

16th March, 1948.

MAR 1948

MINUTE SHEET.

LF 4

Reference..... FIEMC/472/MC

To: Mr. Ted Smith, Assistant Controller.

From: F.H.Smith, Inspection & Mission Closure Branch.

Subject: CLEARANCE OF FILES TO WASHINGTON.

The files listed in the attachments hereto and which are presently held by the Chief Registrar, Division of Administrative Services, have now been screened. I am of the opinion that they contain nothing useful to the Department of the Controller E.R.O. and recommend their clearance to Washington: may I please have your authority, therefore, to inform the Chief Registrar accordingly.

FHS/KFB.



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15th March, 1948.

To:- C.A.S.D.

From:- Assistant Controller

Subject:- Clearance of Files to Washington

The files on the attached list have been examined by this Department and by Deloitte & Co. and are released for shipment to Headquarters.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

12th March, 1948.

12 MAR 1948
MINUTE SHEET.

Reference.....LF3.....

12th March, 1948.

To: Assistant Controller.
From: Deloitte & Co.
Subject: Clearance of Files to Washington.

As requested in your minute of 12th instant we return herewith one copy of the list of files enclosed therewith. We have no objection to the files in question being transferred to Washington.

DELOITTE & CO.
/s/

Encl.

To:- Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co.

From:- Assistant Controller

Subject:- Clearance of Files to Washington.

1. I attach herewith, in duplicate, a list of files which have been screened by the Chief Registrar and by a representative of this Division, which we feel do not contain information pertinent to Accounting matters, and which therefore could be despatched to Washington.

2. I would appreciate if you would have a representative of your office examine these files, and advise me by returning one copy suitably marked as to those files which you are willing to release.

W. L. Smith
Assistant Controller

12th March, 1948.

11 MAR 1948

LF 3.

MINUTE SHEET.

Reference.....FIBMC/466/MC..

To: Mr. Ted Smith, Assistant Controller.

From: F.H. Smith, Chief, Inspection & Mission Closure Branch.

Subject: CLEARANCE OF FILES TO WASHINGTON.

The files listed in the attachments hereto and which are presently held by the Chief Registrar, Division of Administrative Services, have now been screened. I am of the opinion that they contain nothing useful to the Department of the Controller E.R.O. and recommend their clearance to Washington: may I please have your authority, therefore, to inform the Chief Registrar accordingly.

FHS/KFB.



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11th March, 1948.

To:- Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co.

From:- Assistant Controller

In accordance with Appendix G of SPSC-16,
I enclose herewith Trial Balance as of 30th June, 1947
(E.R.O. final) and Schedules thereto.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

12th March, 1948

cc: Mr. Edwards.

cleared

To:- C.A.S.D.

From:- A.C.

Subject:- Files available for shipment to Headquarters

The files on the attached list have been examined by this Department and by Deloitte & Co. and are released for shipment to Headquarters.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

12th March, 1948.

11 MAR 1948

LF2

11th March, 1948.

To: Assistant Controller.
From: Deloitte & Co.
Subject: Clearance of Files to Washington.

As requested in your minute of 10th instant we return herewith one copy of the list of files enclosed therewith. We have no objection to the files in question being transferred to Washington.

DELOITTE & CO.
[Signature]

Encl.

To: Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co.
 From: Assistant Controller.
 Subject: Clearance of Files to Washington.

1. I attach herewith, in duplicate, a list of files which have been screened by the Chief Registrar and by a representative of this Division, which we feel do not contain information pertinent to Accounting matters, and which therefore could be despatched to Washington.

2. I would appreciate if you would have a representative of your office examine these files, and advise me by returning one copy suitably marked as to those files which you are willing to release.

TED L. SMITH
 Assistant Controller.

Encl: Duplicate list of Files.

10 March 1948.

TLS/EDG

LF2.

9 MAR 1948

FIHMC/464/MC

To: Mr. Ted Smith, Assistant Controller.
From: F.H. Smith, Chief, Inspection & Mission Closure Branch.
Subject: CLEARANCE OF FILES TO WASHINGTON.

The files listed in the attachments hereto and which are presently held by the Chief Registrar, Division of Administrative Services, have now been screened. I am of the opinion that they contain nothing useful to the Department of the Controller E.R.O. and recommend their clearance to Washington: may I please have your authority, therefore, to inform the Chief Registrar accordingly.

FHS/KFB.

F.H. Smith
.....
9th March, 1948.

To:- C.A.S.D.

From:- A.C.

Subject:- Files available for shipment to Headquarters.

The files on the attached list have been examined by this Department and by Deloitte & Co. and are released for shipment to Headquarters.

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller

11th March, 1948

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10 MAR 1948

10th March, 1948.

LF1

To: Assistant Controller.

From: Deloitte & Co.

Subject: Files available for shipment to Headquarters.

As requested in your minute of 8th instant we return herewith one copy of the list of files sent us therewith. We have no objections to the files in question being shipped to Headquarters.

DELOITTE & CO.

Encl.

File
41

To: Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co.

From: Assistant Controller.

Subject: Files available for shipment to Headquarters.

1. I attach in duplicate a list of files which have been vetted by the Chief Registrar and by the D.C.'s Department as being available for shipment to Headquarters.
2. I would appreciate if you would have these files and records examined to determine whether you are willing that they should be despatched.
3. Please return one copy of this list, indicating your approval or disapproval, as the case may be.

TED L. SMITH
Assistant Controller.

Encls: List of Files, in duplicate.

8 March 1948.

TLS/EDG

5 MAR 1948
MINUTE SHEET.

Reference FIHMC/460/MC

LFK.

To: Mr. Ted Smith, Assistant Controller.
From: Mr. F.H. Smith, Chief, Inspection & Mission Closure Branch.
Subject: CLEARANCE OF FILES TO WASHINGTON.

The files listed in the attachments hereto and which are presently held by the Chief Registrar, Division of Administrative Services, have now been screened. I am of the opinion that they contain nothing useful to the Department of the Controller, E.R.O. and recommend their clearance to Washington: may I please have your authority, therefore, to inform the Chief Registrar accordingly.

FHS/KFB.

Encl.

F.H. Smith

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5th March, 1948.

To: Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co.
(Attention: Mr. Bonning).

From: Assistant Controller.

Subject: Aero-Tyres Salvage Claim.

1. As per our conversation of even date, I attach herewith a letter from our Solicitors in Cairo, to which is attached a full discharge in the case of the scrap rubber dispute, which is properly known as the Aero-Tyres Salvage Claim.

Please return when you have finished.

TED L. SMITH
Assistant Controller.

10 March 1948.

TLS/EDG

To: Deloitte & Co.

From: Assistant Controller.

Subject: Commodities shipped to Ethiopia from the Middle East:

Reference paragraph 1 of your Minute HLH/112 dated 29th January: The M.E.O. Surpluses were valued at the time of shipment on the basis of a depreciation schedule which had been worked out with our Procurement Officers in conjunction with Ordnance Officers of G.H.Q., M.E.L.F.

Paragraphs 2 and 3 of your Minute under reference were replied to by D.D.M.A. (M.A.) on 6th February, 1948.

Ted L. Smith,
Assistant Controller.

5th March, 1948.

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MINUTE SIGN

3rd March, 1948.

To: Deloitte & Co.

From: Assistant Controller.

Subject: Egyptian Government Contribution - 30th June 1947.

With reference to your minute dated 11th February, (Ref: WMT/116).
The figures quoted by the Administration as being the value of the cotton supplied
by the Egyptian Government as a part of its contribution, were computed as follows:-

<u>Quality</u>	<u>Bales</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Weight</u>		<u>Price per Kantar</u>	<u>Value Egyptian Pounds</u>
			<u>Kantars</u>	<u>Lbs.</u>		
Karnak	58	Fully Good	422	86	@ £S. 9.940	4,203.228
Karnak	1142	Fully Good	8370	665	@ £S. 9.945	83,246.264
Karnak	1174	Good/Fully Good	8654	905	@ £S. 9.642	83,450.595
Karnak	1235	Good	9062	51	@ £S. 9.212	83,481.842
Ashmound	342	Good	2527	02	@ £S. 8.845	22,351.492
	<u>3951</u>					<u>276,733.421</u>

The difference between our computations and those supplied by the
Egyptian Government seems to be the differences in weights. Our weights were taken
from the certified weight notes supplied us by the Egyptian Cotton Control Commission
which is the official organisation in Egypt for weighing and setting the quality
of all cotton bought and sold in Egypt. Further, if you will multiply the price per
Kantar by the weights shown in the Egyptian Government's Statement, you will not get
the same total in Egyptian Pounds as they show. It would, therefore, appear that
there is some error in their own computations.

Do you wish us to draw to the attention of our Washington Office this
difference, in order that they may take such action as they see fit before issuing the
official contribution notice?

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller.

To: Deloitte & Co.

From: Assistant Controller.

Subject: Paris Detachment - Procurement of U.S. Army Surplus Property in European Theatre of Operations. Financial and Accounting Returns - 1st September 1945 to 30th June 1947.

1. Reference is made to your minute of 6th February, 1948. The present situation regarding your queries is as follows:

- (a) Blanket Receipts were authorized to be used in certain instances as per exchange of cables London-Washington 13705 and Washington-London 18672. Further than this, F.I. 160's and Out-turn Reports were shown to Mr. Mitten of your Paris Office, which further confirmed the Blanket Receipts in question.
- (b) The missing Receipts are being followed and we attach copies of recent correspondence on this subject for your information. This matter will be pursued by E.R.O. until concluded.
- (c) This matter has been concluded in as far as it affects E.R.O., by the forwarding of the letter 29th January 1948, mentioned by you. In this letter we gave Headquarters the details of the amounts to be charged to the Greek Government, since this action must take place at Headquarters.
- (d) Attached is a copy of a letter to Headquarters, to which is attached a report on the distribution of the jeeps, written by the Surplus Disposals Officer. Here again, any further action must be taken by Headquarters.
- (e) In the letter to Headquarters referred to in (d) above, information has also been supplied regarding the amount of £ 145,562 referred to in Appendix 9 of the Accounts, as no action can be taken at E.R.O.
- (f) The attention of Headquarters has been drawn to the amount of £10,738.15s. Od. appearing in the E.R.O. Transport and Warehousing charges under the heading "Paris Surprop Expenses", as you will note from the attached letter to Headquarters. Here again, any further action must be taken by Headquarters in this matter.

2. We should appreciate advice as to whether or not you have any objection if we now advise Headquarters that the files and records of the Paris Surprop Detachment are ready for shipment at their request.

TED L. SMITH
Assistant Controller.

26th February 1948.

Encls: Copy correspondence re Blanket Receipts
Copy E.R.O.'s letter and report to Headquarters

19th February 1948

To: Deloitte & Co.
From: Assistant Controller.

In the list of Follow-Ups left with the Controller after the Accounting Conference, Item 36 refers to document SFSC-11, Page 3, Item 11, to the attaining of receipts for supplies forwarded to D.P. Ops., Germany.

Investigation has revealed that of the 217 shipments, receipts are in hand for 161, leaving 56 shipments for which no acknowledgment has been obtained. Of these 56 shipments, 32 are prior to the institution of the receipting procedure and were for amenity supplies sent to the Port of Hamburg which was then under Military jurisdiction. The supplies themselves were dispersed to Army Depots and the various D.P. Centres and Camps by the Military and not by U.N.R.R.A. personnel.

The other 24 receipts represent shipments of M.T. spares which were also delivered by the Military and did not pass through the hands of U.N.R.R.A. personnel.

In view of these circumstances, it is apparent that receipts cannot now be obtained.

For your information in these and similar circumstances, the Administration will not spend any more time pursuing the receipts, as it is considered that receipts for commodities shipped to recipient governments are all that we can supply.

The Controller is being advised accordingly.

TED L. SMITH
Assistant Controller.

12th February 1948

To: A.C.
From: D/A.C.
Subject: Follow-Ups on 8FSC-11, Page 3, Item 11 -
Receipts for Supplies U.N.R.R.A. Operations.

I have investigated the situation regarding the 56 missing receipts for D.P. Germany and find that 32 of them are prior to the 30th June 1946, therefore, the normal receipting procedure is not relevant. The Port of Hamburg was entirely under Military jurisdiction, the supplies themselves, being Amenity Supplies, were offloaded by Military personnel and placed in Army Depots. The distribution to the various D.P. Centres and Camps was handled by the Military and it was not until individual distribution to D.P.'s took place that UNRRA personnel entered the picture.

The 24 receipts which appear to be missing subsequent to the 30th June 1946 are all for M.T. Spares which were carried to their destination in the Military pipeline and did not pass through the hands of U.N.R.R.A. personnel until they reached the end use destination.

In view of the above, it is apparent that receipts cannot now be obtained, and I suggest that as the items were all consumable, that they be treated as such, and it be decided that no receipts are necessary.

C. W. LAYCOCK
D/A.C.

16th February 1948

To: Beloitte & Co.
From: Deputy Controller.

Reference your minute EWP/102 of the 14th January 1948, regarding dental fees paid to Mr. E. Nicolaides, I passed this matter to the General Counsel for his remarks, and quoted below is his reply dated 3rd February 1948:-

"1. Reference the attached minute to the Deputy Controller, I have looked into this question and have ascertained that there was in the Greece Mission a regular procedure for dealing with cases of dental services by which the Mission gave written authority to Mr. Nicolaides to provide dental treatment to members of the U.N.E.R.A. Staff, the written authority referring to each individual requiring such treatment. This arrangement continued up until 31st March 1947, when the contract was terminated.

2. The papers relating to the dispute with Mr. Nicolaides can be found on File F.300 Volumes II and III, and indicate that the charges made in respect of Mr. Landsberg were incurred during the currency of the agreement with Mr. Nicolaides and were authorised in this way. In the absence of any information to the contrary, I assume that the same is true in the case of Mr. Maben.

3. If, as I assume, the matter was in this sense perfectly regular, I see very little that can be done by the Administration vis-a-vis the employees.

4. The reasonableness of the amount is, of course, very difficult to assess, but I think it worth mentioning that in the case of Mr. Landsberg, the charges relate to work done over a considerable period of time and not just to one incident. Moreover, I do not think that the translation of a drachma charge into a sterling charge, at presumably the current rate of exchange, provides a very reliable guide as to the real value of the work done."

Under the circumstances, it would appear that no further action can be taken by the Administration.

H. M. BURNETT
Deputy Controller.

12th February 1948

To: Deloitte & Co.
From: Assistant Controller.

With reference to your minute reference WDT/105
dated the 16th January.

In cases where the salaries of Class I personnel
had been charged to Transportation and Warehousing Charges
we have, and are, preparing analysis of such charges showing
them under the proper R. & R. Code, which will enable
Headquarter's Office to fulfill the requirements of the Committee
on Financial Control.

As an example of this, I refer you to the brochure
already prepared for the Brindisi Operations.

TED L. SMITH
Assistant Controller

11th February 1948

To: Deloitte & Co.
From: Assistant Controller.

I set down yesterday afternoon what I considered to be the main points reached during our discussion, and I attach draft copy which I would appreciate if you would study and advise in the light of your understanding of the decisions reached.

The attached document needs considerable expanding, but I was merely trying to set out the main factors in order to reach a basis for action and future discussion.

TED L. SMITH
Assistant Controller

C O P Y

MINUTE SHEET.

Ref: WDT/113

5th February, 1948.

To: Deputy Controller

From: Deloitte & Co.

Subject: Audit Schedules - Accounts 30th June 1947.

We write to advise you that the undernoted special schedules, supplementary to those submitted with the Consolidated Trial Balance as of 30th June 1947 (Revised), will be required in support of the final trial balances as of 30th June 1947 now being prepared.

The paragraph references in the right-hand margin refer to the relative paragraphs in Document 8/FSC/16 Appendix "C".

(1) Commodities in Transit	Paragraph 7
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(5) Receivables and Payables	" 14
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(7) Provident Fund	" 17
(8) Provision for Uncollectible Accounts	" 18
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(11) Allied Currencies received from Military Authorities	-
(12) Differences on Exchange	-
(13) Provision for Closing Expenses	-

The above requirements should be read as relating to each and every office within the European Region insofar as the accounts and records of any particular office may contain reference thereto.

DELOITTE & CO.

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL.

5th February 1948.

Mr. H. S. Howell,
Controller,
U.N.R.R.A.,
1344 Connecticut Avenue,
WASHINGTON, 25, D.C.,
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Howell,

I attach herewith a copy of a letter received from Deloitte & Co., regarding supplies to the Dodecanese Islands from military sources.

You will remember that when you were in the Middle East Office I gave you a schedule shewing the charges paid at Cairo in connection with the Dodecanese stockpile. The figures quoted in the attached letter from Deloitte & Co. are correct.

It is my understanding that the settlement for the Dodecanese stockpile included only the transportation and shipping costs to Egypt, and that the shipping cost from Egypt to the Dodecanese was a proper charge against UNRRA's funds. I am not able to verify this understanding from records available in E.R.O., but as the settlement was made by Headquarters I assume you will be able to answer the questions raised by Deloitte's.

I am advising Deloitte's London Office that I am forwarding this matter to you for answer. I assume that you will address your reply to the External Auditors in Washington, who will then forward the information to their London Office.

I would appreciate clearance of this point from you in case of further discussion.

Sincerely yours,

TED L. SMITH
Assistant Controller.

Encl: Copy letter dated 13.1.48
from Deloitte & Co.

(Copy to Deloitte & Co.)

23rd January 1948

To: Deloitte & Co.

From: A.C.

I attach a memorandum from the D.C.A. regarding the authenticity of receipts obtained from P.C.I.R.O.

It is my feeling that these receipts are acceptable to the Administration, but would like to have your assurance that they will also be acceptable to your office.

I would appreciate it if you will return the attached memorandum with your reply.

TED L. SMITH
Assistant Controller

13th January 1948

To: Mr. Turner, Deloitte & Co.
From: Assistant Controller.

This will confirm our telephone conversations of even date, in which I advised you that we were contemplating clearing Mrs. Rintz redundant and repatriating her to Washington, and your agreement to this action.

I discussed this matter with Mr. Lormer and he advised me that he feels that either Mr. Evans or Mr. Lustig can answer the further enquiries which might develop regarding the Balkan Stockpile.

TED L. SMITH
Assistant Controller

Copy to: D.C.

8th December, 1947.

To: Deloitte & Co.
From: A.C.
Subject: Caserta Surplus Property Procurement

With reference to your minute of 4th September regarding Caserta Surplus Property Procurement, our comments are as set out below:-

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Mr. Scott of Monetary Accounting Division states that he has traced all Overseas Procurement, the Caserta portion agreeing with the statement signed with the M.O.S. Disposals Officer in Rome which, in turn has been reconciled with the UNRRA/AFHQ Accounts. This is covered by a round sum included in the M.O.S. Bulk Settlement which has been the subject of a discrepancy notice in the process of the bulk settlement claims procedure. In regard to War Office charges, the statement has not yet been received from the War Office.

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John

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TLS

Ted L. Smith
Assistant Controller.

Copies to: D.C.
Mr. Lormer.

DIVISION OF COMMODITY ACCOUNTING, E.R.O.

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Page 4. CASERTA.

Refer to Deputy Controller's files re Deloitte & Co.'s Minute of 28th August, 1947.

George Farmer
1st Oct '47

To: Deloitte & Co.
(Through D.C. & D.M.A.)

Notes in addition to those raised by the Division of
Commodity Accounting dated 1st October 1947 on questions
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their audit of UNRRA/AFHQ Caserta Surplus Property

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W. W. Watt
for
W. W. WATT
D.D.M.A. (MA)

27th November 1947

HH/IHC
WV

Copy to: D.M.A.
D.C.
Mr. Lormer

MINUTE SHEET.

Reference.....

4th September, 1947.

To: Deputy Controller.
From: Deloitte & Co.
Subject: Caserta Surplus Property Procurement.

We send you herewith notes prepared as a result of our interim test examination of the records of acquisitions and distribution of surplus property by Caserta Liaison Office.

Will you be good enough to advise us in due course of any action which the Administration takes in connection with any of the matters referred to in these notes.

DELOITTE & CO.
KB

4 SEP 1947

UNRRA

NOTES BY DELOITTE & CO., LONDON, ON THE ACQUISITION
AND DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS MILITARY PROPERTY BY
CASERTA LIAISON OFFICE
FROM THE INCEPTION IN 1945 TO 30TH JUNE 1947

A test examination of the records of acquisition and distribution has been made and the undernoted observations are recorded for reference and any action which may be necessary.

Although the receipt and disposal of surplus material by Caserta Liaison Office commenced actively in May 1945 no real attempt to record the transactions was instituted until May 1946. The staff then endeavoured to build up files for each procurement from the issue and shipping tickets issued by the British and U.S. Military Authorities and from the evidence available as to the disposal to the recipient governments.

ACQUISITIONS

The total acquisitions according to the records were as follows:-

United Kingdom

Ministry of Supply	£2,037,732	5	7	
British Military Sources	821,245	0	7	<u>£2,858,977 6 2</u>

United States of America

Reimbursable	\$8,022,057.61	
Non-Reimbursable	<u>21,226,910.17</u>	<u>\$29,248,967.78</u>

The procurements are evidenced by Stores Release Notes, Q.M.S. Delivery Tickets, Shipping Tickets, etc. in the case of British supplies and by Army Shipping Tickets and Vendors' Shipping Documents in the case of U.S. supplies. It would appear that prices for all supplies were the subject of negotiation and agreement between UNRRA officials and U.K. and U.S. Government representatives, the condition of the supplies being given consideration.

It is evident that an endeavour was made to check the quantities of the materials as received at Naples from the various dumps. However, documentation is not complete in all cases and accurate checking by the UNRRA receiving officials became difficult where the material was composed of stores not readily subject to check by weights or count such as numerous small items already boxed; pieces of pipe, iron bars, etc. described as such and such a length; items of a technical nature composed of numerous parts. This phase has been discussed with the Supply Officer who admitted the difficulty, but expressed the opinion that UNRRA had received at least the quantity invoiced.

The total of the Ministry of Supply procurement is stated to have been agreed with the Ministry of Supply, the total of the U.K. Army procurement is in process of agreement. A copy of a letter from Headquarters Office, Washington, has been produced advising that the U.S. "Non-Reimbursable" total has been confirmed by the U.S. Government, but that the "Reimbursable" total has not yet been agreed as the records of the U.S. Government are not yet complete.

DISTRIBUTION

Appended to these notes is a schedule showing the distribution of the acquisitions from both British and American sources. The distribution procedure varied in each of the recipient countries owing to local conditions.

It is very evident that certain material and supplies were retained by UNRRA offices and missions for their own use and that certain losses occurred through pilferage and accident while the material and supplies were under UNRRA control. Such items remain at present charged to the programmes of certain countries and it is for consideration whether these items would not be more properly recorded if credited to the Country Programme and debited to Administrative Expense and Losses respectively.

Undernoted are comments on particular matters affecting the distribution to the various recipients.

ITALY

A test examination of the records in the files showed that receipts had been signed by Mission representatives. It is understood that owing to there not being a stable government in Italy UNRRA retained title to the material, directed the use of material and used material in camps or for administrative purposes. At a later date a large quantity of material was handed to what were considered responsible government officials, but no receipts have been produced. A letter has been sent by the Administration to Rome requesting complete details of the distribution of all material delivered to Italy.

YUGOSLAVIA

Owing to the incompatibility of the Italians and Yugoslavs the delivery of material to Yugoslavia presented considerable difficulty. Deliveries were conveyed by road and rail to the Morgan Line where they were handed over to a representative of the Yugoslav Government. The circumstances were such that materials on different purchase orders became mixed, and although numerous receipts are available detailing the daily receipts of various commodities, it was not found possible to identify the items. In the case of motor transport an endeavour has been made to effect an agreement in total of vehicles irrespective of size, and the total number procured approximately agrees with the total number receipted for by the government representatives.

There appears to have been considerable delay between receipt of surplus material and delivery to the Yugoslav Authorities, for example a number of road rollers, compressors, concrete mixers etc. were received at Naples in September 1946 and not shipped until December 1946; a number of shower units and sprayers were received in September 1946 and are stated to be identified with those appearing on receipts dated October and November 1946 and January 1947. Without doubt some deterioration must have occurred on larger items of equipment and similar delay in the delivery of small items would provide opportunities for pilferage.

ALBANIA

The documentation on Albania was perhaps better than that of other countries, but nevertheless owing to the necessity for transshipment at Brindisi pilferage and loss occurred and identification was not possible in a number of cases. Numerous items which appear to be administrative charges remain in the country programme total. Thirty-five 3-ton lorries (value \$10,150.00) were apparently used by the Brindisi Port Detachment and later turned over to the Albanian Government. It remains to be determined whether these vehicles have

been included with the various items of Administrative Property transferred to the Albanian Government upon the closure of the Mission. In this connection it is to be noted that European Regional Order No. 75 provides that Administrative Property transferred to recipient governments will be transferred without compensation and not included in the country programme.

Of a consignment of 40 jeeps it is stated that one was stolen from Brindisi Motor Pool between 14th and 16th September 1946 and one written off as beyond repair as a result of an accident on 9th August 1946. The entire consignment remains charged to country programme. In the case of another consignment of 54 jeeps one is stated to have been diverted for Mission use.

GREECE

Government Receipts or signed Outturn Reports are not available for all items and in numerous cases it is not possible to identify specific items with the receipts or outturn reports.

Motor vehicles and spares shipped to Greece were excluded from the government receipts as title was retained by the Mission. Lt. Col. St. J. A. Hill of the Greece Mission has stated that this course was adopted owing to the unsettled state of the country. As of 14th December 1946 a list of all motor vehicles shipped to Greece was drawn up, checked and signed by a Greek Government representative as a receipt for the vehicles. Spares could not be verified and it is understood that no receipt was obtained. Lt. Col. Hill has also stated that such spares as were not used for the maintenance of vehicles while under UNRRA control were handed over to the Greek Government. It is probable that some of the spares were used by the Mission during this period, but it has not been possible to place a value on this and the cost remains as a charge to the country programme.

Trousers and jackets to the value of \$43,300 purchased from U.S. sources were found, when unpacked after arrival, to be between 90% and 95% unserviceable. Correspondence ensued, but the item remains charged to country programme.

A considerable quantity of motor vehicle spares was, it appears, purchased from the U.S. Army by two representatives of the Administration from Washington for shipment to Greece, Albania, Italy and Yugoslavia. Material to the value of \$118,931 and \$10,493 was shipped to Greece and Albania respectively. A letter has been produced from the Chief of the Albanian Mission stating that the material was contained in cases marked "Unserviceable - Repairable" and protesting against the shipping of such goods to Albania as no facilities were available to render the material serviceable. Correspondence ensued with the "Office of the Foreign Liquidation Commission" resulting in the quantity which had been allocated to Italy and Yugoslavia being cancelled and it was agreed to credit the material sent to Greece and Albania if returned at UNRRA expense. This was not found practicable and the material remains charged to country programme.

AUSTRIA

This charge consists mainly of the cost of ninety-two 3-ton lorries which are stated on the relative documents to be "For Mission Use". It is open to question whether these lorries were not in fact used for D.P. Operations in Austria.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The volume shipped was of small proportions, but it has not been possible to identify all items with receipts. In the case of a shipment of Bailey Bridging it would appear that the receipt does not cover the entire shipment and E.R.O. has requested further information from the Mission.

CHINA

No receipts are available. E.R.O. has written to Washington requesting evidence of disposal.

POLAND

Receipts from the Mission covering the items shipped have been examined.

AROLSEN

The amount charged to Arolsen represents medical supplies for D.P. Operations and receipt has been acknowledged by H.Q. D.P. Operations, Paris.

MIDDLE EAST OFFICE, ETHIOPIA, TRIESTE, CASERTA

The amounts under these headings represent mainly motor vehicles and office machinery for administrative use which will require to be accounted for upon the closure of the offices. The vehicles at Caserta are stated to have been turned over to the Italian Mission, but there is a discrepancy in numbers which we understand the Administration is still investigating.

UNESCO

- See other report

The amount appearing in Caserta records under this heading is apparently misnamed as it is a procurement under E.R.O. instruction which was shipped to U.K. and to Greece and Yugoslavia on behalf of the "Council for Education in World Citizenship" and so does not form part of the Caserta Office operations. We wrote to the Deputy Controller, E.R.O., on this matter on 28th August, 1947.

London,
4th September, 1947.

UNRRA

CASERTA LIAISON OFFICE

ACQUISITION AND DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

1945 TO 1947

UNITED KINGDOM SOURCES

UNITED STATES SOURCES

	<u>Ministry of Supply</u>			<u>Army</u>			<u>Total</u>			<u>Reimbursable</u>	<u>Non-Reimbursable</u>	<u>Total</u>
Italy	221,082	10	8	5,124	12	8	226,207	3	4	1,987,849.62	810,083.65	2,797,933.27
Yugoslavia	951,224	11	-	304,103	2	-	1,255,327	13	-	4,582,720.87	13,777,030.46	18,359,751.33
* -do- (Repudiated)											3,825.40	3,825.40
Albania	113,520	14	2	691	1	7	114,211	15	9	165,121.06	769,024.59	934,145.65
Greece	525,093	2	1	511,111	1	2	1,036,204	3	3	1,268,195.65	5,864,959.02	7,133,154.67
Austria	39,146	2	6				39,146	2	6			
Czechoslovakia	151,986	11	8				151,986	11	8	1,080.00		1,080.00
China	26,113	12	9				26,113	12	9			
Poland	6,890	8	-				6,890	8	-			
Arolsen	742	14	2				742	14	2			
Middle East Office										1,765.71		1,765.71
Ethiopia										5,287.50		5,287.50
Trieste										430.00		430.00
Caserta										9,607.20	1,987.05	11,594.25
UNESCO	1,931	18	9	215	3	2	2,147	1	11			
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£ 2,037,732	5	9		£ 821,245	-	7	£ 2,858,977	6	4	\$ 8,022,057.61	\$ 21,226,910.17	\$ 29,248,967.78

* This item has been the subject of correspondence between Caserta and the Headquarters Office, Washington, and, we understand, is still under discussion.

DIVISION OF COMMODITY ACCOUNTING, E.R.O.

Notes on questions raised in Deloitte's Minute of 4th September, 1947 covering their audit of UNRRA/AFHQ Caserta Surplus Property Procurement.

Page 1. "The total of the Ministry of Supply procurement is stated to have been agreed with the Ministry of Supply."

Mr. Scott of Monetary Accounting Division states that he has traced all Overseas Procurement, the Caserta portion agreeing with the statement signed with the M.O.S. Disposals Officer in Rome which, in turn has been reconciled with the UNRRA/AFHQ Accounts. This is covered by a round sum included in the M.O.S. bulk settlement which has been the subject of a discrepancy notice in the process of the bulk settlement claims procedure. In regard to War Office charges, the statement has not yet been received from the War Office.

Page 2. DISTRIBUTION.

In regard to supplies retained by UNRRA offices and Missions for their own use but charged to Country Programmes, adjustments have now been made in respect of all recipient Missions except Italy. In the latter case the matter is now being taken up with Mission representatives now at E.R.O.

In regard to losses of supplies while they were under UNRRA Control, these have been charged to Country Programmes in accordance with E.R.O. ~~Administration~~ Order No. 104.

Page 2. ITALY.

As to supplies for the Country Programme to which UNRRA retained title during the Stockpiling period it is understood that Deloitte & Co.'s representative ^{in Rome} has audited the Stockpiling transactions.

Page 2. ALBANIA.

(a) In regard to commodities charged to Country Programmes (including 1 jeep referred to on Page 3) the necessary information has been obtained from the Albanian Mission and the accounts can now be adjusted accordingly. (b) In regard to charges to Administrative Property for items transferred to Government on closure (E.R. Order No. 75) this matter will be dealt with by Monetary Accounting Division, E.R.O. (c) In regard to jeeps etc. stolen or damaged beyond repair, see E.R. Order No. 104.

Page 3. GREECE.

(a) Re trousers and jackets found to be unserviceable, as these items had been accepted from U.S. Army, it was considered that no claim could be successfully sustained and the cost therefore remains charged to Country Programme. (b) As to Government receipts, every ship which carried UNRRA (AFHQ) supplies is the subject of a Government receipt although in certain cases some of the specific items on the shipment cannot be identified.

Page 3. AUSTRIA.

The 92 3-ton lorries referred to have been charged to R & R - 4 Austria (General Equipment - Motors, Vehicles). In accordance with established practice no distinction is made in this account, in the case of Austria, between Mission operations and D.P. Operations, since 1st April, 1946.

Page 4. CZECHOSLOVAKIA

In regard to shipment of Bailey Bridging, an interim reply has been received from the Mission and submitted to Deloitte & Co. Further technical particulars have been sent to UNRRA representative at Prague for further investigation. The nature of these Bailey Bridging parts is such that the tracing of the alleged missing items is extremely difficult, but the matter is being pressed.

Page.4. CHINA

Receipts for items shipped to China have recently been submitted to Deloitte & Co.

Page 4. MIDDLE EAST OFFICE, ETHIOPIA, TRIESTE.

Mission receipts have been inspected by Deloitte & Co. Any subsequent discrepancy is a matter for Admin. Services Division.

Page 4. CASERTA.

Refer to Deputy Controller's files re Deloitte & Co.'s Minute of 28th August, 1947.

George Farmer
1st Oct 1947

To: Deloitte
(Through D.C. & D.M.A.)

Notes in addition to those raised by the Division of
Commodity Accounting dated 1st October 1947 on questions
raised in Deloitte's Minute of 4th September 1947 covering
their audit of UNRRA/AFHQ Caserta Surplus Property

Page 3. Distribution Albania.

Lorries (£10,150. 0. 0. not £10,150.00 as
stated) have been charged to T. & W. Brindisi Port Operations,
not to Country Programme.

Page 4. U.N.E.S.C.O.

Items under this heading were debited to E.R.O.
for recovery from a deposit made by the Council for
Education in World Citizenship. In fact the latter body
were undercharged and the matter is under investigation by
Lt. Col. Embleton.

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W. W. WATT
D.D.M.A. (MA)

27th November 1947

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Copy to: D.M.A.
D.C. ✓
Mr. Lerner

F. Delivered

28th November, 1947.

To: Controller.
From: Assistant Controller, E.R.O.
Subject: Balkan Stockpile

You asked me to investigate the reasons for the remarks in the last paragraph on the first page of the attached minute from the D.C.A., under the heading "Middle East Inventory."

Checking the stockcards of M.E.O. Warehouse which show receipts and shipments of all items shipped by the Middle East Office from the Balkan Stockpile, it was found that there are numerous items shown as having been received and shipped which do not appear in the list used for the Balkan Stockpile Settlement. Mr. Lerner was afraid that in checking these records, the Auditors would require us to prove that we had not committed the Administration to an additional liability for these items.

From the records of the Middle East Office we are able to prove that all of these excess items were received by us from the Army on vouchers marked by the Army "Balkan Civil Relief." Furthermore, we have already settled with the Army for all supplies, materials and services received by us in the Middle East through a Bulk Settlement with the War Office in London, under the terms of which no additional charges will be raised against UNRRA unless prior to the 31st December they discover a single item of £5000 or more which we will then consider. On this basis, it is obvious there is no additional liability on our part with the excess items in question.

We hold in our possession, Outturn Reports and Government Receipts covering all of the shipments from the Middle East Office, including these so-called excess items.

In my opinion, some of the difficulty in checking the so-called Balkan Stockpile list against Government Receipts is bound up in this particular question; in other words, I feel that certain substitutions have been made by the Army which accounts for these excess items having been delivered to us, and therefore we will never find a Government Receipt for the original item which appears in the list of the settled Balkan Stockpile.

TED L. SMITH
Assistant Controller

27th November, 1947.

To: Controller
From: Assistant Controller, E.E.C.
Subject: Balkan Stockpile

With reference to your request for information on the above subject further to that developed in Tuesday's Meeting, the following is submitted:-

1. Mr. Bishop states that the Bill for the Balkan Stockpile as prepared by him was based on outturn reports and other evidence of receipt (not Government signed) which he reconciled with Bills of Lading, Shipping Tickets, Issue Vouchers, Convey Notes, etc., to arrive at the consolidated Bill.
2. It would appear that Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co. require that Government receipts be produced to support distribution of the Balkan Stockpile as listed on the Bill.
3. Mrs. Rintz states that this requirement has been complied with in detail as regards the Caserta Inventory portion of the Bill, and Miss Wridgman makes the same statement with regards the Middle East Inventory portion of the Bill, which was handed over to UNRRA E.E.C. for shipment.
4. Compliance with this requirement as regards the Middle East Inventory portion of the Bill, which was shipped directly by the Military, has not been effected in detail, but has in fact, been accomplished in toto. This assertion is based on the following reasons:-
 - (a) Mr. Bishop states that a list of ships was extracted by the Internal Audit Section from his Balkan Stockpile working papers which represented the Military direct shipments from the Middle East Inventory portion of the Bill. This list was handed to Mrs. Rintz.
 - (b) Mrs. Rintz states that she holds Government signed outturn reports for all the ships on this list.
5. The difficulty seems to be that the External Auditors still want detailed reconciliation on Paragraph 4, i.e. breaking down the consolidated Middle East Inventory portion of the Bill shipped directly by the Military into separate shipments, and showing Government receipts for these shipments. Since this involves cases and sales on outturn reports and completely detailed specific items on the Bill, it cannot be done here from the available documents.
6. Originally, the necessary documentation was available in the Middle East, (C.E.C.) because it was from this that Mr. Bishop prepared the Bill. It is doubtful that this documentation is now available anywhere in one piece. Our best information would indicate that it is scattered in Washington, London and Egypt. Mr. Bishop states too, that he got much of his information from now closed Army Depots in the Middle East.

In view of the above, it is strongly recommended that our work on the Balkan Stockpile be discontinued forthwith, since we feel that we have complied with the External Auditors' requirements without going further into detail which would now be impossible to obtain.

TED L. SMITH
Assistant Controller

To: Assistant Controller, Mr. Ted L. Smith

From: Director, Commodity Accounting Division,
George Lormer

Subject: Balkan Stockpile

With reference to your request for a report on the work being done on the Balkan Stockpile, I enclose herewith a Minute prepared by Mrs. F.C. Rintz who has been handling the project of obtaining receipts and identifying same with the procurement document..

I consider that Mrs. Rintz's Minute contains a correct statement of the facts, subject to my further comments below.

As stated in the attached Minute, instructions were issued by the Deputy Controller after discussions with the Chief of Bureau of Accounts and Finance Washington in relation to Minute from Deloitte & Co. London dated 24th December 1946 to which was attached a copy of their letter to Deloitte & Co. Washington dated 24th December 1946.

The three main divisions of the Balkan Stockpile transactions and the relative volume in each based on number of items listed are as follows:

Caserta Inventory	41 per cent
Middle East Inventory - Stocks handed) over to UNRRA - MEO	32 per cent
Middle East Inventory - Direct Military) Shipments	27 per cent
	<u>100</u> per cent

It is not possible to express the above percentages in value or tonnage.

CASERTA INVENTORY

The receipts were collected and put in order and checked by Deloitte & Co. Considering the circumstances under which the transfers were made, it is considered that the receipts are in good order subject to some minor discrepancies and subject also to the quantitative agreement in some instances not being fully conclusive because the units of quantity shown on the procurement documents differed, in some cases, from the units of quantities shown on receipts.

MIDDLE EAST INVENTORY - Stocks handed over to U.N.R.R.A. - M.E.O.

All items on the procurement documents which were traceable to the "in-take" side of the M.E.O. Warehouse Cards have been cross referenced. The remaining items on the procurement documents are believed to have been shipped by the Military (see next paragraph). Receipts are held for all the shipments shown on the "Output" side of the M.E.O. Warehouse Cards but these receipts in many cases, include also other items on the "in-take" side drawn from other sources of procurement. It is therefore necessary to cross-reference these other items on the "in-take" side to the documents relating to respective sources of procurement. This is necessary to insure that the receipt fully covers both the Balkan Stockpile Supplies and the other supplies and is an essential prelude to the audit of the receipts for the supplies drawn from the other sources. It is recommended that this work be done by Miss Bridgeman or under her supervision as the

necessary records are amongst those brought in from the Middle East and held either by Miss Bridgeman or under her control and she is fully conversant with all such records. When this cross-referencing has been done and the M.E.O. Shipping files placed with the receipts, the records can be handed to Deloitte & Co. who will then be able to check as follows:

From Procurement Document to Stock Sheets; to Warehouse Cards; to shipment files and receipts.

As already mentioned the above relates only to the portion of the Balkan Stockpile handed over to U.N.R.R.A. - M.E.O.

MIDDLE EAST INVENTORY - Direct Military Shipments.

The various items (or portions of items) not traced from the procurement document to the M.E.O. Stock Cards are understood to have been shipped by the Military. Only in the case of 18 shipments have the names of the ships been stated on the procurement documents and for these receipts are held. A request was sent to M.E.O. in August to endeavour to obtain the shipping tickets and issue vouchers which would enable us to trace the remaining items to the shipments and thus to the receipts but the shipping tickets have not yet been obtained. Enquiries made at the War Office, London, elicited the information that these shipping tickets and issue vouchers might be in the Middle East or possibly in Washington, with the suggestion that an enquiry be addressed to the War Office as to the present location of same with a request for permission to inspect them.

As you are more fully acquainted with the position as to Military documentation in the Middle East you will be better able to form a judgement on the matter of these documents than I am.

If the necessary Military shipping tickets were available it is estimated that the necessary work required to trace the items to shipments and arrange the receipts for the Auditors would take about two weeks, subject to the same qualification as stated above as to units of quantity on receipts differing in some instances from units of quantity on the procurement document.

GENERAL.

Before a conclusion is drawn on the above matters I recommend that a conference be held with Mr. Bishop and Mr. Bradbrook. Although they have been consulted from time to time, no formal request has been submitted to them for documentation or other assistance.

In view of the great amount of effective work already done on Government Receipts for Balkan Stockpile I would appreciate a decision in writing on the two outstanding points, namely:

- (a) As to the work which I have recommended be done by Miss Bridgeman
- (b) As to the obtaining of the shipping tickets and issue vouchers for Direct Military Shipments (Middle East).

If a favourable decision is made in regard to (a) and (b) above it is my opinion that the receipts for the Balkan Stockpile can be produced in good order and will provide a satisfactory evidence of delivery with the exception of minor discrepancies and with approximate substantiation in cases of differences in quantitative units other than Medical Supplies which are not identifiable.

George Lormer

25th November, 1947.

G. LORMER

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Minutes from Mrs. F.C. Rintz to G. Lormer dated 17th/November 1947.

TO: Mr. George Lomax, Director, Commodity Accounting Division

FROM: F. C. Rints, A. E. C. Evans, T. Lustig, G. Price

SUBJECT: Balkan Stockpile

1. It is desired to report on the work done in connection with the Balkan Stockpile documentation as made available in ERO. The following is therefore offered for your interest.

2. The task fell naturally into two parts as represented by the Caserta Report and the Middle East Report and they are here dealt with as separate entities.

3. Caserta Report

3.1 Description

The Caserta Report is a consolidated inventory of the following:

- (i) Stocks handed over in warehouses in Greece on 31 March, 1945 - listed as Appendix A
- (ii) Direct shipments from UK, USA and Canada to Greece, Yugoslavia and Albania consigned to Military Liaison Organizations and shipped prior to, but arriving in these countries after the respective cut-off dates - listed as Appendix B
- (iii) (a) Stocks handed over in warehouses in Italy Aug. 23rd, 1945 - listed in Appendix C of Caserta Report
- (b) Shipments en route from the Middle East consigned to Military Liaison Organizations in Greece, Yugoslavia and Albania, shipped prior to but arriving in these countries after respective cut-off dates - listed in Appendix C of Caserta Report

3.2 The Nature of the Task

Government receipts were required for all the items included in the above, which Government receipts had therefore, firstly, to be obtained from recipient Governments, and secondly, to be reconciled with the agreed Acquisition record.

3.3 Action Taken

Receipts were obtained from recipient authorities, reconciliation was made with the agreed takeover figures and the results were handed to the External Auditors. This work was completed in September, 1947, and Deloitte & Co. were advised in a Minute from the Deputy Controller, dated 29th September, 1947, that the documents were ready for their attention. On receiving the documents, Deloitte & Co. expressed themselves satisfied that the instruction in regard to obtaining of recipient government receipts for the Caserta Report, and the cross-referencing of them to the original procurement document, had been properly complied with.

*) Cut-off dates
Yugoslavia 15/4/45
Albania 1/7/45
Greece 1/4/45

4. Middle East Report

4.1 Description

The Middle East Report is a consolidated inventory of the following:

- (i) Shipments by the Military ex the Middle East after cut-off dates and before 30th September, 1945
- (ii) Stocks handed over in Egypt to MEO, UNRRA, Cairo, from 1st July to 31st October, 1945.

4.2 The Nature of the Task

The problem here, so far as MEO was concerned, was defined in a letter to the Chief of the Commodity Accounting Branch from the Deputy Controller dated 17th February, 1947, in which he said:

"Under the provisions of Administrative Order No. 35 you are hereby authorized and instructed to call in to MEO all receipts for shipments ex the Balkan Stockpile, with the exception of those in respect of issues from MEO after 30th September, 1945.

"Schedules setting out details of the receipts required will be presented to you by Mrs. F. C. Rinta, Field Inspector."

It will be seen from the above that Government receipts would only be available to MEO in respect of military shipments, which were all supposed to have been made before 30th September, 1945. These receipts would evidently only support a part of the total Middle East Report, goods representing the balance of which were handed over to UNRRA-MEO. Receipts for issues ex the MEO warehouse after the take-over were the responsibility of the MEO, who were directed to obtain them in a letter from the Director of Accounts, MEO, to the Chief of the UNRRA-MEO, Cairo, on 7th March, 1947. He said:

"In order to meet the requirements of the Auditors in respect of the final accounts for the Balkan Stockpile, it is necessary to produce to them a valid Government or Mission receipt covering each Balkan Stockpile shipment. Therefore, you are hereby authorized and instructed to call in to the Middle East Office from UNRRA Missions and Field Offices, receipts for all MEO shipments from the Balkan Stockpile after 30th September, 1945. These should be readily identifiable as the Middle East Office will be accounting for these issues separately, in accordance with cable No. 1246 London to Cairo, dated 1st August, 1946. This operation should be completed by 30th April, 1947.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by cable and advise this office so soon as all receipts have been received."

- 4.3 From the terms of the letter from the Director of Accounts, MEO, to the Chief of MEO, already quoted, it was evidently no part of the business of MEO, Commodity Accounts Division, to

trace deliveries ex the MEO warehouse to Government Receipt, responsibility for this work being delegated to the Chief of the MEO. It was evidently an MEO responsibility, however, to trace delivery to the Administration of items other than those shipped direct by the Military to recipient countries, and this responsibility was noted by the Deputy Controller in his letter to Mr. Howell dated 12th September, 1947, ref. DG 565 Con 17X. In para. 2 (a) he said:

"On Miss Bridgeman's return to MEO with MEO records, including stock sheets and stock cards, the stock sheets will be checked against the items listed in the Middle East Inventory of Acquisition prepared by the Military Authorities and included in the Balkan Stockpile Settlement."

From the above it will be observed that the only evidence available to MEO proving delivery to UNRRA of goods making up the complete Middle East Inventory would be:

- (a) the receipts for military shipments; and
- (b) the MEO warehouse records showing details of items received by MEO.

The action required, therefore, again fell into two distinct parts:

- (a) the obtaining of government receipts for the military shipments; and
- (b) the checking of those MEO warehouse documents recording the receipt by UNRRA of items delivered by the military in support of the agreed Acquisition.

4.4 Action Taken

The action taken was as follows:

(a) Military Shipments

In order to know which government receipts would be required for the direct military shipments, a list of such ships was obtained from Mr. Bradbrook of the Internal Audit Staff, who had compiled it while on duty in Cairo. Letters were written to various recipient Missions requesting them to forward the relevant receipts to MEO and these have now been received. These receipts are valid in themselves; in order to link them with the Acquisition record, however, the relevant Military shipping documents are required, and this need was recognized by the Deputy Controller in his letter (quoted above) to Mr. Howell, para. 2 (b). These Military documents were in fact sighted by Mr. Bradbrook when he was in Cairo and the War Office have stated that they have no reason to suppose that they are no longer available, on request. When these come to hand, difficulty in proving the receipt of outstanding items by recipient governments is not anticipated.

(b) Stocks handed over in Egypt to ERO, UNRRA, Cairo

As noted in para. 4.3 (b) the warehouse records of receipt of goods from the Military comprise the only support of the relevant part of the Acquisition which Commodity Accounts, ERO, are entitled to request. These records were accordingly obtained from Miss Bridgeman and a reconciliation made between them and the agreed Acquisition as directed.

4.5 The action set out in para. 4.4 above has been taken. A report has been written and submitted to you. The documents are now awaiting the convenience of the External Auditors. In addition, and again for the convenience of the External Auditors, those receipts for which ERO was responsible have been requested and obtained from Miss Bridgeman so that all available documentation may be easily accessible to them.

5. Conclusion:

The work done as reported above and familiarity with the problems involved lead to the following conclusions:

- (i) That a large part of the Balkan Stockpile Acquisition has been satisfactorily traced to receipt; and
- (ii) That there is no reason to suppose that the outstanding items cannot also be traced to Government receipt when the documentation is requested and received from the Military.

25th November, 1947

cc W. L. Hannan, Deloitte & Co.

F. Rintz
A. L. C. Evans

T. L. Lury
Geo. L. Lury

17th Nov. 1947

To: George Lormer, Director,
Commodity Accounting Division.

From: F.C. Rintz *FCR*

Subject: MIDDLE EAST INVENTORY, BALKAN STOCKPILE.

Staff: F.C. Rintz, T. Lustig, A.E.C. Evans, M. Mansbridge & Geo. Price.

A. MIDDLE EAST INVENTORY, BALKAN STOCKPILE.

The items comprising the Middle East Inventory, Balkan Stockpile, were delivered (a) directly to recipient UNRRA Missions by the military and (b) to UNRRA-MEO for disposal to recipient countries.

B. DOCUMENTATION.

1. The document itemizing the supplies acquired by the Administration as the Middle East Inventory of the Balkan Stockpile consists of:
 - (a) 24 inventories by military depots of items shipped by the depot to UNRRA account either directly to recipient Missions or to UNRRA MEO;
 - (b) 4 inventories of issues ex military depots to the MEO warehouse;
 - and (c) 18 direct shipments to UNRRA Missions.
2. The MEO documentation relating to Balkan Stockpile deliveries consists of:
 - (a) Stocksheets which are summaries of items delivered by the military, usually supported by military issue vouchers;
 - (b) Stock cards which are the MEO warehouse record of items received and shipped;
 - (c) Shipping files containing bills of lading, outturn reports and supporting documents for items shipped;
 - (d) Signed Issue Order Vouchers for items delivered to other than recipient Missions.

C. PROCEDURE.

1. The items listed on the MEO Stock Sheets and military issue vouchers supporting the Stock Sheet entries have been checked against the items listed in the Middle East Inventory.
2. When items delivered by the military have been identified with items appearing on the Inventory, page number and item number on the page of the Inventory have been noted on the Stock Sheets against the item delivered.
3. Against each item appearing on the Stock Sheet, the Stock Card number is also noted.
4. Thus, identification from the Middle East Inventory to the Stock Card appears on each Stock Sheet.
5. On the Stock Card, deliveries of an item into stock are related to Stock Sheet number and issues are related to name of ship, sailing date, country of destination; or other similar shipping information. Items noted on Stock Sheets as ex Middle East Inventory have been checked to entries on Stock Cards. When no entry could be traced on a Stock Card, in place of the Stock Card number on the Stock Sheet, it has been noted that the item

could not be identified.

6. Stock Cards have been filed numerically in two batches. One batch contains Stock Cards on which all the entries appear to be Balkan Stockpile deliveries. The second batch contains Stock Cards for items which have been carried by MEO as Balkan Stockpile but only some or none of the entries can be identified as appearing in the Middle East Inventory.
7. For purposes of recording delivery of items identified with the Middle East Inventory, work sheets were drawn up as follows:
 - (a) The pages and items on each page of the Inventory were numbered.
 - (b) The Inventory was copied, each item identified by page and item number in the Inventory.
 - (c) From each Stock Sheet on which items had been identified as noted in para. C2, entries were made on the work sheets against the relevant item showing quantity delivered, Stock Sheet Number and Stock Card Number.
 - (d) When entries had been made on the work sheets from all Stock Sheets on which identified items were noted, deliveries were compared with Inventory and discrepancies noted.
8. To facilitate analysis, inventories of certain categories of supplies were treated separately, i.e. medical supplies on page 45, heavy engineering stores on pages 29 to 32 inc.
9. For each discrepancy, either overage or shortage, in the main section of the Inventory from pages 10 thru 28, 33 thru 40, a card was raised for each overage or shortage. In similar categories, i.e. jackets, coats, overcoats, etc., overages were cast against shortages. Summaries of discrepancies were drawn up to show the general position.
10. All shipments noted on Balkan Stockpile Stock Cards in batch one as noted in para. 6 have been listed at Appendix A. Shipping files containing bills of lading, signed outturn reports and other relevant documentation have been obtained for all listed sea shipments, signed Issue Order Vouchers for all other deliveries.
11. Signed Outturn reports for 17 of the 18 direct shipments listed on pages 41 to 44 inc. have been collected in ERO and Middle East Inventory items identified. The missing receipt has been requested from the UNRRA Representative in Piraeus.

D. CONCLUSIONS.

1. Since it is known that deliveries from the military to M.E.O. warehouses constitute only part of the total military deliveries to be credited against the Middle East Inventory, Balkan Stockpile, a final analysis cannot be made until the military issue vouchers covering shipments made by the military direct to the Balkan countries, are at hand. At this point, it is, therefore, impossible to determine whether the complete Middle East Inventory was delivered to UNRRA.
2. For the purposes of the present analysis it has been assumed that pages 1 - 9 and 41 - 44 of the Inventory were delivered entirely in direct shipments by the military to recipient countries. As regards the remaining sections of the Inventory, the percentages of deliveries to M.E.O. warehouses and of direct shipments appears to vary rather widely, as will be seen from the following comments on different types of supplies.

3. FOOD. Hardly any deliveries to M.E.O. warehouses were noted and, until direct military shipments have been analysed, almost the entire inventory of food items appears as "Shortage" on the appended lists.
4. MEDICAL SUPPLIES. In the absence of sufficiently detailed warehouse records covering receipts of medical supplies and their subsequent shipment, it can only be assumed that probably the larger part, if not the whole, of the medical inventory was delivered to M.E.O.. For details see Appendix B.
5. TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR. This category of supplies constituted the bulk of deliveries to M.E.O. warehouses, and although completeness of deliveries against individual inventory items is very uneven. The overall picture appears to show coverages rather than shortages. Whether this will be true in the final analysis can be determined only when it is known if, and to what extent, pages 1 - 9 of the Inventory will show shortages after direct military shipments have been applied.
6. ENGINEER STORES AND MISC. SUPPLIES. show important shortages at this stage. It may be assumed that these will be made up by military shipments since comparatively few items of this type of supplies appear on pages 1 - 9, and since, on the other hand, it appears probable that such supplies would for technical reasons be shipped direct instead of moving them to the UNRRA warehouse.
8. HEAVY ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT (Bridging and Railroad Supplies) - are covered on pages 29 - 32 of the Inventory. Approximately 50% of these supplies could be identified on warehouse records, leaving the other half to be linked up with direct military shipments. A detailed appreciation of the position appears in Appendix C.

APPENDIX A

SHIPMENTS OF BALKAN STOCKPILE CARGO AS LISTED ON M.E.O. STOCK CARDS

<u>Name of Ship</u>	<u>Date of Sailing</u>	<u>Port of Discharge</u>	<u>Date of Receipt</u>
Sicilian Prince	10.11.45	Trieste Piraeus	OTR No.65 1.12.45
Sampler	10.12.45	Brindisi Trieste	OTR No.44 OTR Nos.74 & 74B
Iris	6. 7.45	Piraeus	27. 8.45
Iris	23. 9.45	Trieste	OTR No.35
Aghia Thalissini	22.10.45	Durres Piraeus	No.30 13.11.45
Aghia Thalassini	23. 8.45	Piraeus	8.10.45
Samwharfe	30. 3.46	Trieste	OTR No.127
Margarita	22. 9.45	Piraeus	2.11.45
Promise	2.10.45	Trieste	OTR No.34
Ais Georgis	18. 6.46	Piraeus	15. 2.47
Forsick	13. 9.46	Trieste	OTR No.239
Vis	10. 8.45	Trieste	OTR No.12
Richmond Hill	16.11.45	Piraeus	19.12.45
Point Clear	17.12.45	Piraeus	7. 8.46
U.N.R.R.A. Vehicle	14. 1.46	El Shatt	IOV No.139
Soni Baher	26. 5.46	Dodecanese	OTR No.8 9. 7.46
Empire Pattern	11. 9.46	Ethiopia	OTR No.7
IFIs	18. 1.46	Piraeus	19. 2.46
W.D. Vehicle	26. 9.45	+ BOD Geneifa	IOV No.143
Point Clear	26. 1.46	Greece	(Cannot identify)
Empire Calder	6. 4.46	Piraeus	24. 4.46
U.N.R.R.A. Vehicle	5.10.46	M.E.O.	IOV No.416
U.N.R.R.A. Vehicle	28.12.46	M.E.O. H.Q.	IOV No.520
Shikmona	28. 2.47	Ethiopia	OTR No.29
Munkfors	5. 5.47	Trieste for Albania	No.164
Orata	31. 7.45	Bari Tranship to Yugoslavia	OTR No.42 - Empire Laurence OTR No.66 - Iceland
Empire Pattern	9. 8.46	Salonika	30. 8.46

<u>Name of Vessel</u>	<u>Date of Sailing</u>	<u>Port of Discharge</u>	<u>Date of Receipt</u>
Cadio	8. 2.47	Piraeus	13. 3.47
Fernebo	30.10.46	Trieste	OTR No.256
Elpis	14. 7.46	Piraeus	13. 3.47
W.D. Vehicle	8. 4.46	598 R.A.O.C. Port Detachment	2 cases publications ex S.S.Dromar
W.D. Vehicle	27.12.45	R.A.O.C. Transit Depot	IOV No.144
Point Clear	17.10.45	Greece (cannot identify)	
Flora Nomikos	2. 7.45	Piraeus	27. 8.45
Palermo	17.10.46	London	Delivery Note Chislehurst
Liquidation	M.E.O. Release Note No.86		IOV No.500
Ais Georgis	11. 8.46	Piraeus	30. 1.47
Ais Georgis	19. 9.46	Piraeus	27. 2.47
Theresa Nomikos	23.10.46	Piraeus	1. 5.47
Bohus	14.11.46	Trieste	OTR No.258
Ash Johnasson	23.11.46	Trieste	OTR No.269
Ais Georgis	9.10.46	Trieste	OTR No.251

APPENDIX B

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The Veterinary units and various vaccines listed on these pages do not appear, under the same nomenclature, on M.E.O. Stock Sheets and Stock Cards; neither do Depot Vouchers assist in the detailed identification of "Medical Supplies" which were received into the M.E.O. Depot.

Stock Sheets No. 24 and 78 which are referenced to Stock Card No. 335 show receipts of 1950 cases of Medical Supplies, but there is no possible check between the "cases" listed on the warehouse records and the quantities of Medical Supplies itemized in the M.E. Inventory.

APPENDIX C

BRIDGING AND RAILWAY MATERIAL

1. GENERAL.

Bridging and Railway Material has been shown almost exclusively on pp. 29, 30, 31 and 32 of the Middle East Inventory. The items shown have been identified so far as possible with stock sheets, stock cards and, in some cases, with shipments.

2. BRIDGING MATERIAL.

In many cases it has not been possible to identify items on the Stock Sheets with those shown on the agreed inventory. This appears to be due to two causes. Firstly, the descriptions on the Stock Sheets are often lacking in detail: thus, certain composite items do not indicate the number of parts which are required to constitute the whole, and in other cases component parts are not referred directly to their major units. Reference was made to the appropriate War Office Department for guidance, but detailed records of the transaction were said still to be with Command Secretary at El Fayid, Egypt. In their absence an endeavour was made to relate various items to the standard specifications held at the War Office. Little progress was made, as much of the material listed was found to be either non-standard or obsolete. In certain cases, however, it was found possible to justify rational substitutions with the aid of Official specifications, and these have been noted on the schedule where appropriate.

Attention is invited to items 30/1 and 30/2 as typical instances of major items being linked with component parts. Item 30/1 for example, is described on the agreed inventory as Thro' Truss 65' 7" overall length. It has been established that this is a composite item, but the component parts listed on the relevant issue vouchers may, or may not, be sufficient in variety and number to complete the two major items to which they relate. In view of the apparent completeness of the vouching, however, and in the absence of any other vouchers than those shown on the relevant stock sheet noting component parts for similar major items, they have been assumed to be adequate, and discrepancies have been shown as nil.

3. RAILWAY MATERIAL.

Reconciliation of this material has been selective. It has been observed that some stock sheets marked "Balkan Stockpile" contain a number of items only one or two of which are identifiable with items on the Official Balkan Stockpile Inventory. In such cases, rather than make what would appear to be un-natural reconciliation between the few identical items, it has been assumed that such stock sheets as a whole referred to Suruk or other procurements. This assumption has left some of the items on the agreed inventory unsupported, which might otherwise have been reconciled; but the method adopted is thought to give a nearer approximation to the true position than would otherwise be the case.

4. CONCLUSION.

On examining the reconciliation schedule it will be observed that un-identified items often ran consecutively, e.g. page 29 items 40 to 53 inclusive. From knowledge of the whole operation, it would seem that, in such cases, items may well have been shipped direct by the Military, and have escaped the warehouse records. That such items in series are likely to have been shipped together is supported by the fact that consecutive items 30/28 to 30/56 are known to have been shipped to Albania on the Orata. It is significant that these items agree in detail with the agreed inventory. It is felt, in consequence, that had the Military Shipping documents been available for the direct Military Shipments, a more complete reconciliation than the present might have been possible.