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Dep No 1757

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To :

Principal Liaison Officer,  
UNHRA Liaison Office,  
R O M E , Italy.

18 May, 1946.

From : Division of Organisation & Management, E.R.O.

TRANSFER OF COMMAND - BRINDISI OPERATION.

1. I thank you for your communication of 1st May, forwarding copies of the memorandum of transfer, and the confidential report on Class I Employees at Brindisi. The latter has been forwarded to the Division of Personnel in E.R.O.

J.J. JOSEPH.

Acting Director,  
Division of Organisation & Management.

RCF/SAH



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ATTENTION: Dept. F & A.  
Div. Orig. & Mangement  
Branch Organisation.  
A/Cdre Warburton.

AFHQ ROME (CASRO) .....TO .....TIRANA

No.103  
(En clair)

D.18th May, 1946.  
R.18th May, 1946.  
18.00 hrs.

Repeated LONDON (ULOF<sup>W</sup>) 125  
" BRINDISI 7703

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Re your 390. Memorandum transfer forwarded London 8th May.

PW/JMB



Memorandum already rec'd.  
- see main file  
D.O. M.  
- 24/5-

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ACTION : DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL.

TIRANA.....TO.....LONDON

No. 601.

Dated : 17 May 1946.

W CLAIR)

Rec'd : 19 May 1946.

ATTENTION WOODBRIDGE.

In anticipation some resonable delay in arrival Deputy Chief F and A, am concerned with problem developing within deadlines sound budgets for Brindisi both supplementary second quarter and full third quarter, also limited staff here available development Albania third quarter. Could you detail good budget man to complete Brindisi budget estimated about two weeks assignment their visit Tirana to coordinate Brindisi budget with and finalize Albania budget? Feel three weeks detail should suffice. Any help deeply appreciated.

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ATTENTION OF:- F & A, Dept.  
O.M. Div.  
Organisation Branch,  
A/Cndr Warburton.

TIRANA.....TO.....AFHQ ROME (CASRO)

No. 390

(EN CLAIR)

Dated:- 14th May, 1946.

Repeated Brindisi 229  
" London 576.

Rec'd:- 13.51 hours.  
16th May, 1946.

For Saul.

London cable+ requests copy of memorandum of transfer Brindisi Operation re Albanian Mission. Rulf agreed forward by airmail. If not already sent would appreciate your help in expediting.

+This refers London -Tirana 327.

DG/JT

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ORIGINATOR: Organisation & Management  
Organisation Branch  
Mr. J. J. Joseph

LONDON..... TO.....TIRANA

No. 327  
En Clair  
Repeated to:  
Brindisi No. 18

D. 10th May 1946  
DES: 1325 hrs

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encl 13.

Reference unnumbered Cable 1 May appreciate your report of satisfactory handover of Brindisi Operation to Albanian Mission. Please send copy of memorandum of transfer.

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LIAISON OFFICE, MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE  
G-5 Section, AFHQ

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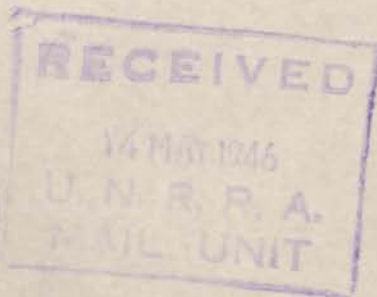
1st May, 1946.

To:- European Regional Office, LONDON.  
HQ Washington.

From:- Principal Liaison Officer, UNRRA/AFHQ.

Subject:- Transfer of Command - Brindisi Operation.

1. Brindisi transshipment and warehousing operations were satisfactorily transferred yesterday from me to Chief of UNRRA Albania Mission, in accordance with E.R.O. Personal Presiding signal of 9 April.
2. ✓ Copy of Memorandum of Transfer (in duplicate) is attached for your information and records. — Encl (14)
3. ✓ Also attached is copy of Confidential Report from me upon the Class I Brindisi employees at date of transfer. — Encl (15)



*R. E. Saul*

R.E. SAUL.  
Principal Liaison Officer  
UNRRA/AFHQ.

GHR/PR

*Reply sent 16/5  
R.E.S.*

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

UNRRA/AMIA LIAISON OFFICE.

MEMORANDUM of TRANSFER of COMMAND of UNRRA Port Detachment, Brindisi and its operations from Principal Liaison Officer, UNRRA/AMIA, to Chief of Mission, UNRRA Albania Mission.

1. AUTHORITY.

By cable dated 9 April 1946 addressed to Caserta as 370 Personal Presiding 22 to Tirana as 233 Personal Presiding 17 and to Rome as 366 Personal Presiding 34, HQ, directed that the Brindisi transshipment and warehousing operation be transferred to the Albania Mission effective 1 May 1946.

2. OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT.

We have this day completed and agreed a physical check of

- (a) operational equipment (G1098/T.O.) held at UNRRA Warehouse, Rostinco;
- (b) office equipment of Port Office, and docks equipment (tarpaulins);
- (c) vehicles and equipment of the UNRRA Motor Pool and Workshops.

3. RELIEF SUPPLY & SHIPPING RECORDS.

We have checked the Warehouse, Shipping and Supply Records which we find up to date, and are satisfied with the form and manner in which they are kept. No monetary commodity accounts as prescribed in paras. 4. 7, and Section 5 of HQ Admin. Order 76, Revision No. 1, dated 5 December 1945, have been established to date since relevant debit advices have not been received at Brindisi. (See Note A.)

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- (a) the relief supplies held at UNRRA Warehouse, Rostinco;
- (b) vehicles and equipment held at UNRRA Motor Pool awaiting transshipment to Albania.

4. FINANCE AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING.

Agreed arrangements have been made between Albania Mission and Italy Mission as to the future financing and financial accounting of Brindisi operations.

All funds in the hands of the detachment on 30 April 1946 were satisfactorily repaid or accounted for to the Italy Mission.

5. ADMINISTRATION.

An extract of U.I.O. - AMIA Budget (2nd Quarter 1946) giving details of provision for Brindisi personnel and administration has been handed to Albania Mission.



5. ADMINISTRATION. (Cont'd.)

All files of the U.L.C. - AFHQ (Caserta) in respect of the Brindisi operations have been handed over to Albania Mission.

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NOTES.

- A. In the opinion of both Albania Mission and UNRRA/AFHQ, from practical experience on the spot, the Commodity Accounting procedure prescribed in Admin. Order 76, Revision No. 1, is not practical for the Albania Mission/Brindisi transshipment and import operations, and a revised system was therefore agreed and submitted to AFHQ for approval (9 March 1946), and a reply is still awaited. A further signal has this day been despatched requesting urgent and definite instructions in this connection.
- B. There are two unfilled Budget lines :- No. 51: "Asst. Warehouseman", and No. 39: "Protective Officer", and recruitment for these two posts had been suspended by Caserta over the past six weeks because of the hiatus and uncertain future of shipments of Albanian supplies.
- C. The premises presently used by UNRRA at Brindisi, with their status, are as follows:-
  - (1) 24 Roanney Huts - UNRRA Warehouse - Restinco. Transferred by the military (Mr.) in June 1945 and debited against UNRRA. Price still to be agreed.
  - (2) 3 Messen Huts - adjoining (1) on loan from A.R.A.R.
  - (3) Building Adriatic, Via Regina Margherita. Offices - 3 rooms, 1st Floor.
  - (4) Palazzo Caffaro, Via Regina Margherita. Offices - 4 rooms, 1st Floor.
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Premises (3) to (7) inclusive are on Requisition from Italian Government.

Dated BRINDISI, 30 April 1946.

\* A. LOVELY  
Supply Analyst  
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G. RUIF  
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- \* TIRANA signal of 19 April 1946 addressed AMHQ Rome 357 instructed that Miss Lovely would deal with Supply and Commodity Accounting aspects of handover and that Mr. Hallsall would arrange financial and administrative aspects.



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1st May, 1946

To:- Chief of Mission, UNRRA Albania Mission.  
From:- Principal Liaison Officer, UNRRA/AFHQ.  
Subject:- Brindisi Staff.

R.E. Saul

Following are a few personal notes upon the Class I employees at Brindisi, which I felt you might like to have now that they are transferred to your command.

GENERAL.

The morale and team spirit of the Brindisi unit is excellent and deserves special mention. I have never had a breath of "differences", "personalities" or discord among the staff - as one so often gets with a small, detached unit - and their relationships with the local Authorities, our Shipping Agent and local employees is equally good.

1. B. CHARLTON (Br) - Officer in Charge - Grade 11.

Has done a first class job in the face of considerable difficulties and shortage of staff. Charlton was originally engaged for his experience as a Port and Shipping Officer and when in addition Brindisi developed a stockpiling operation, a Motor Pool and considerable security work I had some reservations as to whether he could handle the increased responsibility and administration involved. He has, however, risen to the occasion very well and I have no hesitation in recommending him to you as a capable, energetic and thoroughly trustworthy Officer in Charge. I have recommended to E.R.O. his upgrading to Grade 12.

2. Mrs. M. MACDONALD (Br) - Secretary - Grade 5.

A first class Secretary and office assistant to Charlton. In addition to her official duties she is also making a very worth while contribution to the domestic and messing affairs of the unit.



3. F.S. TONKS (N.Z.) - Warehouse Officer - Grade 8.

This officer also has served the Administration well and has proved himself reliable, trustworthy and very efficient at his job. For several months he ran the warehouse operations single handed and undoubtedly put in much extra time and hard work. He has maintained the happiest relations with the neighbouring Military Supply Depot - much to our advantage - and also handles his local labour very well.

4. Mrs H.M.S. ANSER (Br) - Clerk Typist - Grade 2.

Has only been with the unit 4/5 months but has shown herself capable, hardworking and adaptable. Works as general administrative assistant at the warehouse.

5. J. WAINWRIGHT (Br) - Transport Officer - Grade 8.

A fully experienced RASC Transport Officer. In a very short time he had established the Motor Pool, Garage and Workshops and continued to run it most efficiently.

6. G.W. RICKETTS (Br) - Assistant Transport Officer.

Reported for duty only a few days ago but has a good working record and is well recommended.

7. D. ERMESTER (A) - Asst. Accountant and Admin. Officer - Grade 7.

A quiet, plodding, conscientious worker. His value may not be immediately apparent but he has proved his worth and justified his place in the unit.

8. GEORGE H. ANSER (Br) - Supply Accountant - Grade 6.

An ex WO 1 Chief Clerk. A good average assistant, efficient, and has done all that has been expected of him.

Copy: E.R.O.  
Director of Personnel.

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INCOMING CABLE

ACTION: D. O & M.

BRINDISI (ALBANIAN MISSION)

TO.....LONDON

U/N \*  
(En Clair)  
Repeated to  
Washington U/N\*

D. 1st. May, 1946  
R. 2nd. May, 1946  
09.00 hrs.

Subject is transfer Brindisi operation. Refer  
Personal Presiding signal of 9th April. Handover  
completed satisfactorily. Memorandum of transfer  
executed and copies posted all informed. Agreed  
Italy Mission and Caserta representatives.

\* Pending enquiry.

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INCOMING CABLE

ACTION: Mr. Herbert.

TIRANA.....TO.....LONDON

SNIFE 10  
CYPRER

D. 27th April 1946  
R. 28th April 1946

Addressed London 496.

SNIFE 10 repeated Rome 93 SNIFE 3.

Re your 272. Assume proposal involves Albanian's taking control of Brindisi warehousing and trans-shipment. If so regard as completely impracticable for following reasons :-

- A. Italian Government allows no Albanians to enter Italy.
- B. Albania cannot finance Brindisi operations. Italy have no Foreign Exchange.
- C. In view present strained relations Albanians could never control Italian dock labour or check pilferers.
- D. Albanians have no skilled shipping stevedores.
- E. Would request alteration terms of agreement. In our view these objections make whole scheme completely impracticable. Please advise.

JS/IGT

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OUTGOING CABLE

ORIGINATED BY: ERO LONDON DR:  
MR. OAKLEY-HILL.

LONDON . . . . . TO . . . . . TIRANA.

No. 275

DATED. 24th April 1946  
D. 11.34 hours.

(ENCLAIR)

From Oakley-Hill

1. Re your 415 your distribution appears reasonable though consider subject to later review. Suggest one of new secretaries assist Lovely with records. Richards is shipping man. We will report Tirana as soon as we have roving commission.
2. HQ representative Richard Brown ETD before end month. Uncertain if I come with him or little later. Boat subject confirmation.
3. Your 414. <sup>om 2/13/2</sup> Halsall should if possible recommend Mission with Rome talks at Brindisi handover. In view confirmation Clemetson visit London recommend he also take part. Assume H alsall making final disposition Bari reorganisation. Assume Albanian budget allows Bari one administrative assistant grade 6 and no other personnel. Assume we should recruit for this position unless Halsall considers Rochlitz suitable under supervision of Italy Mission.
4. Roth in London and return Rome April 29th. Cannot visit Tirana before 12th May.
5. All possible steps being taken highest administrative level to establish UNRRA plane service Bari - Tirana.
6. Improved pass situation much appreciated.

DLC/ESQ



DG  
Copy for OM 2/13/2

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ORIGINATED BY: OFFICE OF PRDG DIV:  
S. IR. H. M. GALE.

LONDON . . . . . TO . . . . . TIRANA.

No. 273

D. TED. 23rd April 1946  
D. 19.14 hours.

(EN CLAIR)

Personal for Floud from Gale.

1. Date of Oakley Hill's return still uncertain. In view of this, discussions in connection with hand-over of Brindisi office should be conducted in Italy by Halsall.
2. Richard Brown, who is proceeding to Albania on orders of Director General following Oakley Hill's request, will arrive about 1 May. Please arrange necessary clearance.

MW/DKQ



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DESPATCHED FROM CABLE SECTION  
TIME 1530 HRS.  
DATE 24/4 1946

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OM.  
F.A.

INCOMING CABLE.

ACTION:

SUPPLY DEPT.  
PROC.I DIV:  
MR. SUMMERSGILL.  
*A/Com Warburton*

TIRANA ..... TO ..... ATHENS.

No.20.  
Repeated BARI 114.  
Repeated LONDON unnumbered.\*

Dated 20th April, 1946.  
Rec. 23rd April. 08.39 hrs.

Charters is to contact Halsall, Deputy Chief F and A  
Albania Mission, now in Bari.

\* Number pending enquiry.

MRV/KAW.

*noted  
JMM for OMU  
replied*





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ORIGINATED BY: OFFICE OF  
P.R.D.G.  
P.R.D.G.  
Sif H.M. Gale

LONDON.....TO.....WASHINGTON

Np.4829

Dated 19th April 1946  
D. 12.20hrs

(EN CLAIR)

Om 2/13/2

Personal for Jackson from Gale.

Your 4511, agree that this situation most unsatisfactory and is already being examined and got under control.

/JG.

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Action: C.O.S.

AFHQ ROME, (CASRO).....TO.....TIRANA 70  
London 67 (For Gale)  
Bari 61.

Dated: 18th April, 1946  
Rec'd: 18th April, 1946  
14.10 hrs.

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1. Brindisi handover refer Tirana personal presiding signal 414 London 323 Caserta 69, Rome.
  2. Have been in daily contact Halsall who is visiting Italian Mission Lecce and Rome reference financial and personnel administrative arrangements and anticipate no difficulty continuing present arrangements understand Halsall has signalled Tirana this effect.
  3. Also foresee no difficulty continuing present arrangements for provision transhipment tonnage through Brindisi and Naples shipping office.
  4. Present position is that vessel "Marvia" is chartered for 5 voyages Brindisi Albania and on completion of present POL life Naples to Durazzo will be available for transhipment of supplies which expected Brindisi from early May.
  5. Caserta will certainly continue ensure provision transhipment tonnage both now and in future also you can depend on all assistance PLO at all times
  6. For Tirana only suggest you instruct Halsall with assistance Stallard if necessary be responsible physical check and handover as outlined Caserta 84 to Tirana.

Distribution: P.R.D.G.

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TIME 1000 HRS.

DATE 19/4 1946

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INCOMING CABLE

Action: Mr. Woodbridge

TIRANA .....TO.....LONDON

No1 414 UNNUMBERED PERSONAL PRESIDING  
En clair

D. 15th April, 1946  
R. 17th April, 1946  
12.50 hrs.

Repeated Caserta 323

Rome 69

Bari 100

Repeated for Saul, Keeny, Halsall.

1. Taking steps to prepare for handover. Present Brindisi staff adequate local operation and accounts. Problems are -

- (a) Handover Finance and Administration:
- (b) Ships charter and control.

2. Ideal would be Conference Representatives from Caserta, Rome, Tirana, Brindisi, Bird (sic) week April, unfortunately owing staff absences and Albania, Italy passenger transport difficulty which elongates all Italian visits to minimum 14 days can see no possibility sending Representative from here. In absence Hill Elementson London, and Halsall Bari, Floud must stay here as Acting Chief. Simons unavailable as required Washington supply Conference May 10th, which will require her full time work throughout April, Finalizing Supply Programmes.

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TIRANA ..... TO ..... LONDON

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D. 15th April, 1946  
R. 17th April, 1946  
12.50 hrs.

Repeated Caserta 323  
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Repeated for Saul, Keeny, Halsall.

1. Taking steps to prepare for handover. Present Brindisi staff adequate local operation and accounts. Problems are -

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No. 245

[EN CLAIR]

From Oakley Hill

Your letter 2nd April received. Highest level conference decided question Brindisi and agreed my request postpone date May first. Assume Brindisi staff already adequate for local operation as commodity accounting will be coordinated there and onward debit advices to Albania not repeat not necessary. Much regret advise you Willett and Colingridge not now available. Position Port and Warehouse Director Grade ten offered RICHARDS whom I have seen. Have asked for additional budget line grade ten for ports officer to supervise entire shipping operation with roving commission Durazzo Brindisi Naples Rome and with Headquarters at Tirana to fill gap caused by Caserta withdrawal. Intended Willett for this. If you agree cable London confirmation your desire recruitment for this position.

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Personal Presiding No. 21  
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Personal Presiding No. 33

En Clair

D. 9th April 1946  
2200 hrs.

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- Encl 27*

1. Have carefully considered Tirana 146 and 247 and discussed with Oakley Hill. We have decided that the Brindisi trans-shipment and warehousing operation shall be transferred from the UNRRA Liaison Office, Caserta, to the direction of the Albanian Mission.
2. The effective date of this transfer of Command is 1 May.
3. Italy Mission is instructed to provide full support to Brindisi operation. Specifically any requests requiring services from the Italian Government should be handled by Italy Mission on behalf of Brindisi operation.
4. Lira for Brindisi to be provided by Italy Mission as in the past.
5. Albania Mission instructed to report to ERO on 1 May whether all arrangements have been cleared satisfactorily with Caserta and Rome.
6. We are issuing to Albania a supplementary administrative budget for second quarter to cover Brindisi operation for May and June based on past experience. Albania to advise us any requested amendments.
7. Related subject. We have further decided that it would be desirable for the Albanian Government to take title at Brindisi. Albania Mission is directed to examine under what circumstances and at what date this could become effective. A separate report on this subject should be sent to ERO by 1 May.

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Reference Caserta 165 to London concerning Handover  
Brindisi control to Albania Mission. Please consult Oakly Hill  
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Dated: 29th March, 1946.  
Rec'd: 30th March, 1946.  
12.15 hours

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Urgently request decision regarding handover Brindisi Operation to Albanian Mission. Consolidation Office Rome, planning, reorganisation and staff disposal, all held up pending this decision. Our views unchanged.

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09.35 hrs

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Repeated Caserta 118  
Rome 25 for Joseph

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Refer Rome 13 repeated London 388 from Joseph.

1. Our views transfer control Brindisi from Caserta to Tirana follow:
2. Tirana control has advantages in that we have more direct interest in and knowledge of Brindisi day to day operations, commodity accounting, records and reports than has Caserta, moreover, integration of Brindisi and Durres procedure would simplify accounting by co-ordinating records of Ocean Cargoes received at Brindisi with records of cargoes transhipped to Albania. However, believe these advantages can be achieved by closer working relationship without change in overall organisation.
3. Tirana control has disadvantages in that Brindisi operation requires access to Italian and (sic) shipping and temporarily military authorities which is available to Caserta, but not to Tirana. Believe assumption by Albania Mission of Control of an operation in Italy at this stage would not prove welcome to Italian Authorities, with consequent embarrassment to smooth working. This probability accentuated by present strained relations between two Governments. Caserta's position and prestige could override this objection, moreover, very considerable administrative and currency difficulties involved in Tirana F & A controlling large Brindisi staff.
4. Believe disadvantages outweigh advantages so long as close Brindisi Tirana working relations continue. Reciprocal documentation already much improved, following Bari-Brindisi discussions 1st February. Washington Bureau of Supply Field memorandum No. 30, dated December 17th received Tirana 6th February, and being studied, will shortly inform you our proposals this procedure, which should provide all tight tension necessary to accounting. Supply losses during Adriatic trans-shipment negligible to date. No reason to believe these would be less under integrated Brindisi-Albania Organisation than at present.

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