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I

The American Ambassador to the Italian Prime Minister

AMERICAN EMBASSY, ROME

11 February 1955

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the conversations which have recently taken place between representatives of our two Governments relating to Defense Support Aid for Italy in fiscal year 1955 in order to promote the purposes of the Mutual Security Act of 1954. The United States Government is prepared to grant \$15,520,000 to the Italian Government for this purpose from Mutual Security Funds appropriated for fiscal year 1955 on the following basis.

1) The whole of the \$15,520,000 to be allotted by the Government of the United States will be subject to the normal import programming and control procedures established under the Mutual Security Act of 1954, and the Economic Cooperation Agreement of June 28, 1948 as amended between the United States and Italy.²

2) Except for the commodities, if any, imported into Italy under the preceding paragraph within the terms of Section 402 of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, the lire counterpart of the foregoing \$15,520,000 will be deposited, released, and accounted for according to the normal procedures provided in the governing agreements between the United States and Italy. Insofar as the commodities imported into Italy under the preceding paragraph are sales within the terms of Section 402 of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, the local currencies resulting from such sales shall be deposited to the account of the United States Government.

3) Except as may otherwise be provided for by agreement between the United States and Italy, the counterpart held to the account of the Italian Government is to be used to build roads and other productive public works basic to the development of the economy of Southern Italy, thereby creating new short and long-term employment possibilities for depressed areas. Similarly, except as may be otherwise provided for by agreement between the United States and Italy, the local currencies deposited to the account of the United States from Section 402 sales under the Mutual Security Act of 1954 will be granted to the Government of Italy for the purposes described in the preceding sentence.

¹ Came into force on 11 February 1955 by the exchange of the said notes.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 20, p. 43, Vol. 55, p. 318; Vol. 79, p. 274; Vol. 141, p. 362, and Vol. 200, p. 264.

4) The projects specified in paragraph 3 will be administered so as to strengthen free labor. To this end, the contractors must be willing to treat with free trade unions as the representatives of the workers on the projects. The contractors must also observe as a minimum the labor conditions and wage rates established in national wage contracts for the categories of workers involved, and comply with existing social security legislation and other legislation pertaining to the protection of workers.

5) The Italian Government will take all necessary action to publicize fully the use of United States grants and/or counterpart.

6) Revision of these terms will be subject to consultation and agreement between the Italian Government and the United States Government.

The United States Government would appreciate receiving confirmation that the foregoing terms and conditions are acceptable to the Italian Government.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

Clare Boothe LUCE

His Excellency Mario Scelba
Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy
Rome

II

The Italian Prime Minister to the American Ambassador

[ITALIAN TEXT — TEXTE ITALIEN]

REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

22/00184

Roma, 11 febbraio 1955

Signor Ambasciatore,

con lettera in data odierna Ella ha voluto comunicarmi quanto segue :

« Ho l'onore di riferirmi alle conversazioni che si sono recentemente svolte tra i rappresentanti dei nostri due Governi in merito al « Defense Support Aid » all'Italia nell'anno finanziario 1954-55, allo scopo di promuovere gli obiettivi del « Mutual Security Act » del 1954.

A questo scopo, il Governo degli Stati Uniti è disposto a concedere \$15.520.000 al Governo italiano sui fondi « Mutual Security », stanziati per l'anno finanziario 1954-55, sulla base delle seguenti intese :

I—Le assegnazioni dell'intera somma di \$15.520.000 da parte del Governo degli Stati Uniti saranno soggette alle normali procedure di programmazione delle importazioni e di controllo, stabilite dal Mutual Security Act del 1954 e dall'Accordo di Cooperazione economica del 28 giugno 1948 e successivi emendamenti tra gli Stati Uniti e l'Italia.

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

ITALIAN REPUBLIC
THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

22/00184

Rome, February 11, 1955

Madam Ambassador,

In a letter dated today you are good enough to inform me as follows :

[*See note I*]

I have the honor to inform you that the Italian Government concurs in the foregoing.

Accept, Madam Ambassador, the assurances of my highest consideration.

SCELBA

Her Excellency Clare Boothe Luce
Ambassador of the United States of America
Rome

¹ Translation by the Government of the United States of America.

² Traduction du Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique.