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situation and the Allies are anxiously awaited, not because they will bring liberty and democracy (the Romans regard the new Government in the south with their wonted cynical scepticism) not even any longer because they are expected to bring large supplies of foodstuffs at low prices, but simply because it is hoped they will at least bring enough food to stave off [grp. undec. ? famine] and because they will restore order and legality and put an end to the present intolerable insecurity under the constant shadow of perquisition, arrests, forced labour and execution.

Please repeat to Washington.

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