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DEC. 1945 - SEPT. 1946

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Mf photos 130. Please see photo no 1.

for info. Anti soft

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Send to Dr. Ans Martin
Ms (21mm) ✓
Ans Martin

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Sewer Pipe ANG Marine MS (2/1980) ✓
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Please see 114- it clarifies the rather muddled subject a little, I think.

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The figures of 10,000 and 4,000 mentioned in folio 110 refer to material which is under direct control of the O.C.R. and of which the War Ministry have no interest or power to allocate.

15 Jan. 46.

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Chief Commissioner.

1. You directed that two separate memoranda should be submitted, one regarding the clothing and the other regarding the arms and equipment situation of the C.C. 12. At p. 116 is that for the clothing situation - this is a précis of p. 110. Both p.s 116 and 105, the latter containing the arms and equipment position, stem from p. 99, which is the information supplied to Land Forces Sub-Commission by the War Ministry.

2. It had been assumed that 30,000 sets of uniforms had been supplied for the O.C.R. but when it came to the point at the meeting held at IDIA on 3 January the fact was that only 17,000 sets had been actually supplied, the remaining 13,000 being still in the process of production; they will be finished by 15 February.

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16 Jan. 46.

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1) My letter of 110 please see copy at 111.
2) Folio 123 and enclosure at 122 for and
on the same subject. Only 1/4

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M. J. M.

It had been assumed that 30,000 sets of W.M.s would be furnished by 15 February, but when it came to the point at the meeting held at W.M.C. on 3 January the fact was that only 17,000 sets had been actually supplied; they will be finished by 15 February.

1/14/46
Lt. Col.

10 Jan. 46.

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re: 1) My letter of 120. Please see reply at 121.
2) Holton 121 and enclosure at 122 for info
3) on the same subject. C.R. 14/14
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M.S.C. 115

esq. H.H. 1218 135
Holton 133 + 134 for info. Please. Aug 24/46

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to Bureau Public Safety 9/2

Have you any comments on folio 131 please. M.S.C.
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A.W.

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(a) - (b) - amended accordingly.

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Chair Commission

For information

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Chief Commissioner

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Attended as submitted for your information

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Chief Commissioner

For information

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MSA 112

Date Coordinated:

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Attached/ Enclosed for your
Information

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Frank

The same position is at 105. The starting position at 104 is
when you go outside the bridge from the west River
vertically.

The letters most accurate should be obtained to what the war
ministry are doing or have done in at 110. Figures on para 1 at 110 are
"unpern" - at 105 some are unmarked

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105 - 15/12.

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Will you have prepared specifically a memo
setting out the function in Arms, Clothes & Equipment
and Transfer as shown in the various letters
sent to me by Gen Browne & referred to by him

Dr [redacted]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A.P.O. 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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V.L.

Ref. : 3627/146/II

3 September 1946

SUBJECT: C.R.C. - Clothing and Equipment.

To : Provincial Commissioner
SAC
Milano

16-1
I have now fully investigated your complaints regarding the deficiencies of clothing, arms and equipment for the Carabinieri in your province and I enclose a copy of the report by the Land Forces Dis-Coordination. Considering this report I do not feel justified in pressing the Italian Government on this point at present.

BY COMMAND OF YOUR ADMIRAL MGR:

W. TURNER COOK

for Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Enclo. as above.

Copy to: Land Forces S/0
P.S. S/0

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P.A. 3/2/46

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Table 3. A small library of T₄/C₃ oligomers.

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the old man, who had been
described to me as being
very poor, and I asked him
if he had any work to give
me. He said, "Yes, I have
some work for you to do,
but it will not pay you
very well."

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Subject : Issue of automatic weapons
to Germany

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27 Aug 44

To : 2113 Commission (Executive Committee)

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Re: Commission (2113 - 3412 1944) of 26

Aug 44.

1. Letter from Ministry of Finance (with translation)
is passed to you herewith for action by you.

2. The request in question was received from the
Ministry to us.
We reported our refusal to you in
our SD/109/1 of 23 Aug 44.

3. Reference para 4 of Ministry of Finance Letter,
you have not authorized the issue of any automatic arms to the
PS and, instead, refused the Minister's request to issue
5,000 machine guns to this force at the same time as we
refused the LMG to Poland.

4. Should you authorize the issue of these arms
to the Finance Dept will you please inform us so that we can
inform the Ministry of War.

It is improbable however that the Ministry of
War would be able to furnish these weapons at present as the
availability of the 25,000 Beretta's referred to in our letter
of 23 July 1944 proceeding at a very slow rate.

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Mr W. H. Webb,
Secretary,

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FROM: Minister of Finance

Date: 21 Aug 46

TO: Mr. P. T. O'Connor, C/S 14601/R/Ps 9/3 Aug 46

+ Finance Dept. N 492/2 9/3 Aug 46

SUBJECT: Interim Response for the Finance Amend

1. Regarding of the vehicles had allotted with General HQ 5,712 automotive berets carabiners in order to suitably arm, in the most effectively necessary, units of the Corps has informed us that the Italian has decided the same.

Concerning the above we think it advisable to point out that, the facts of which have in part of the Italian Armed Forces and has, certainly, the task of preventing smuggling over the borders. It is necessary therefore for our soldiers to sacrifice on the basis and basis in local and true guerrilla warfare against bandits of certain areas thoroughly organized. In possession of transport and armaments and almost all automatic. These tools at present, due to the war, have grown in number are indeed very dangerous. Our patrols relate with old model 21 carbines.

2. Having considered the ability of making military results with this armament, logically act against the bandits, and especially stated, must effectively act against the bandits, and also help in the protection of public order, we request you to kindly conceal the above order concerning the automatic carbines, already allocated by the Ministry of War.

3. Having noted that this is concerned by your mission on a level with the Finance Guard "Police Force", but despite this, a large number of automats carbines has been issued so time, without the Finance Guard has been completely forgotten.

4. We would be most grateful if your Mission would kindly examine the letter and let me know of any action to be taken.

Ministry of War which had allotted this General 11,512 automotrice Barretta in order to multiply arm, in the most strictly necessary. Units of the Corps were informed in what your Mission has outlined the terms.

2. Concerning the stores we think it undesirable to point out that, the Corps of Garde being in part of the Italian Armed Forces and has, mainly, the task of protecting smuggling over the borders. It is necessary therefore for our soldiers to be equipped on the day and hours a real and true barrier against all kinds of criminals thoroughly organised. In possession of transport and modern weapons and almost all automatic. This one makes it present, due to the war, have grown in number and dangerous. Our patrols subordinate with old model 91 carbines.

3. Having considered the possibility of protecting automotrice Barretta with this armament, bearing in mind that in North Africa being in the protection of public order, we request you to kindly consider the above order concerning the automotrice Barretta, and send us by the 15th instant, a sufficient number of automotrice Barretta, and mission on a level with the Service Carabinieri Police, and despite the fact that the Automotrice Guardia has been completely converted.

We would be very grateful if your Mission would kindly advise the writer and inform us of any action to be taken.

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comando generale di guerra

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Osservatorio militare per le scienze di difesa.

1o. L'interessa che si deve attribuire a questo Corso -
do, sarebbe il seguito delle conoscenze teoriche, e perciò del Corso, in con-
tatto con il suo stesso obiettivo, o dovere principale, cioè di formare i capi
e dirigenti dell'esercito, quindi di dare una base solida per la loro carriera.
In questo caso si deve anche tenere conto del fatto che il Corso è
ad hoc, come comune principio di organizzazione dei corpi, ha con-
seguenze dirette sulle altre scienze di difesa, e quindi sulla scienza militare.
Questo è il motivo per cui si deve dare una attenzione particolare al Corso.

2o. Gli interessi che si deve attribuire a questo Corso -
sono, evidentemente, diversi, e non solo per quanto riguarda la sua finalità, ma anche per quanto riguarda il suo contenuto. Il
corso non solo ha bisogno di essere studiato, bensì di essere studiato con
una certa attenzione, perché non solo il suo contenuto, ma anche la sua
finalità sono studiati con attenzione. Per questo si deve dare una atten-
zione particolare al Corso, e non solo al suo contenuto, ma anche alla sua
finalità.

(a) - Da questo punto di vista, il Corso deve essere studiato con atten-
zione, e non solo per quanto riguarda il suo contenuto, ma anche per quanto
riguarda la sua finalità. Per questo si deve dare una attenzione particolare
alla finalità del Corso, e non solo al suo contenuto, ma anche alla sua
finalità.

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To: Director FBI
Cc: [redacted]

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Occasional visit to [redacted] by [redacted].

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

Ref: 6/14.8/SA.

26 August 1946.

SUBJECT: Police Agencies - Arms.

TO : ALLIED POLICE HEADQUARTERS.
Attention: G-5 Section.

1. I refer to your signed P.70266 dated 9 August 1946. The reason why in this case more specific recommendations were not made is given in para 12(b) of my 6/14.8/SA dated 6 August 1946; namely, that your G-5: 940.05 dated 9 July 1946 states that the arming of the civil police is entirely a matter for the Italian Government.

2. In my letter of 6 August 1946 I have given details as to the extent to which the Corps of P.S. Agents is already armed and organised on apparently military lines and the announced plans for the extension of this policy. It is the opinion of the AC that if these plans are allowed to develop, a state of affairs may arise which could enable certain members of the Advisory Council to claim that the Corps should be prescribed (and controlled) under Article 39 of the Long Armistice Terms or in any case should be considered as part of the Italian Armed Forces under the Revised Terms and the Peace Treaty.

3. The point is whether the implementation of these plans, particularly with regard to the arming of the civil police agencies, is necessary for the maintenance of internal public safety in Italy. If it is not considered necessary, then, it is submitted, the Italian Government should be invited to modify its plans in regard to this Corps. The Directors of the Public Safety Sub-Commission and Land Forces Sub-Commission hold the opinion that the necessity for the re-arming of the Corps of P.S. Agents as proposed by the Ministry of Interior is not now sufficiently warranted. It will be remembered that the proposals were initiated before the institutional change took place and indeed before the elections, when outbreaks of disorder were wrongly regarded as more than probable. The present position is that in spite of the fact that large numbers of the civil population may still be in wilful possession of arms, public order in most areas is tranquil and normal.

4. While it is realised that the responsibility for the maintenance of law and order in Italian territory rests with the Italian Government, it seems to my advisers that the O.N.R. in their present organisation are competent to deal with civil disorders provided that they are supplemented by the Corps of P.S. Agents in their customary role, that is to say, as individual police agents armed with personal weapons only.

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5. To sum up, the Italian Government are proposing to equip their Corps of P.S. Agents with heavy armament. Such a course is not considered necessary for police purposes. If it is not necessary, then we must consider whether such a heavily armed force does not come into the category of the Armed (Defence) Forces, on a par with the G.C.R., for whom ceilings have been set under the Armistice (Long or Revised) and by the Peace Treaty.

6. Conscious of your letter of 9 July 1946 and of our policy of non-intervention in Italian civil police organisations under the Macmillan Memorandum PAM 487, I recommend that I be authorised to take the matter up with the Prime Minister asking him to furnish officially the present detailed scheme for the re-arming of the Corps of P.S. Agents, giving justification for any heavy armament, warning him of the implications described above and telling him that in the meantime the manufacture of armoured cars for and issue of automatic weapons to these Agents cannot be permitted, although there is no objection to the use of such equipment by the G.C.R.

7. Admittedly the whole question is made more difficult by the present unsatisfactory organisation of the Italian Police Forces as a whole by which the G.C.R. come for organisational purposes under the Ministry of War who naturally is in favour of organising and arming them on military lines, and the Corps of P.S. Agents come under the Ministry of Interior who in competition perhaps tend to pursue the same policy. Such policies are in the opinion of the AG detrimental to the Police Force as a whole. This can only really be solved by a reorganisation of the total police forces, a matter in which (as stated in my letter AD/14034/PB of 29 July 1946, para 5(a)) I hope to find an opportunity with your authority to address the Prime Minister.

✓ HARRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USMC
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
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Land Forces S/C
Public Safety S/C
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

A P O 794

Office of the Executive Commissioner

12th August 1946.

NOTES FOR MEETING ON ARMING OF CIVIL POLICE.

1. The constant requests for arms made by the Italian Government have been brought to our notice by AMHQ who are now taking the line that no further issues can be made without the authority of the Chief Commissioner. In addition to these requests we have been asked to authorise the provision of armoured cars.

2. We are concerned about this matter for two reasons:

- (a) The setting up of a large and heavily armed civil police force which the Minister of Interior already describes as a military formation, could be construed as a breach of the Armistice Terms in that it is an attempt to increase the armed forces of Italy and so bring them above the ceiling laid down.
- (b) It is quite contrary to our conception of the police forces of Italy that:
 - (i) the civil as opposed to the CO.RR side should be heavily armed; and
 - (ii) that there should be two heavily armed forces, one dependent from the Ministry of War and the other dependent from the Ministry of Interior.

3. AMHQ have in one communication taken the line that the arming of the civil police forces in Italy is entirely a matter for the Italian Government. In our letter of August 5th we have pointed out these facts and made no general recommendations in view of AMHQ's ruling. In answer to this letter AMHQ ask for our views and recommendations as a matter of urgency. My own recommendations are that we should persuade AMHQ to alter their ruling and that the Chief Commissioner should address a letter to the Prime Minister pointing out the possible breach of the Armistice Terms, insisting on precise information as to the arms held, and either in an attached memorandum or in the body of the letter, give the views of the Allied Commission on how generally the police forces under the present organisation should be armed.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

*F. C. D'Alles
M. A. G. M. G. P. S.*

On 19 June, Headquarters Allied Commission drew attention of
AMG-C-5 (10a) to the military arrangement of the Police (other than
Contingent).

Our letter asked whether:

- (a) We should advise the Italian Government to reduce
armament or,
- (b) We should adopt the attitude that the matter was
purely an Italian one.

Our intention was that (b) above should be conditioned by
the smallest terms and that permission for manufacture and transport
of arms should have to be obtained.

2. On 1 July AMG replied. (11a) The letter stated that the
question of an arms policy for Italian Police was under
consideration or production or distribution of war materials was
alleged manufacture of armoured cars and black market purchases of
arms. The letter further stated that it was AMG'S responsibility
to effect such without prior Allied authority.

The remainder of the letter took a very strong line about the
alleged manufacture of armoured cars and black market purchases of
war materials or production or distribution of war materials was
under study.

A report by AMG was called for.

3. When we met for the report called for under 2 above,
the attitude of these police agencies was to be considered as entirely
different from that of the Italian Government.
A letter dated 9 July was received from AMG-C-5 (12a) stating that
a memorandum for the Italian Government was to be considered as entirely
different from that of these police agencies.

In a letter dated 10 July (12a) the Minister of Interior
asked for permission to manufacture 100 standard cars.

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the assistance terms and that permission for manufacture and transit of arms would have to be obtained.

2. On 1 July AFHQ replied. (1la) The letter stated that the question of an arms policy for Italian Police Agencies was under study.

The remainder of the letter took a very strong line about the alleged manufacture of armoured cars and black market purchases of arms. The letter further stated that it was ALCON'S responsibility to ensure that no production or distribution of war material was effected without prior Allied authority.

A report by ALCON was called for.

3. Without waiting for the report called for under 2 above, a letter dated 9 July was received from AFHQ G-5 (12a) stating that the arming of these Police Agencies was to be considered as entirely a matter for the Italian Government.

4. In a letter dated 10 July (13a) the Minister of Interior asked for permission to manufacture 100 armoured cars.

5. On 6 August Headquarters Allied Commission sent to AFHQ G-5 (12a) the report called for on the alleged manufacture of armoured cars and irregular purchase of automatic weapons. The report included that the Minister of Interior had now asked for permission to manufacture 100 armoured cars.

In view of the ruling that the arming of Police Agencies was entirely a matter for the Italian Government, no specific recommendation was made as regards armoured cars.

The letter did, however, express the view that some policy should be agreed as to the extent of arment and indicated that the matter should be referred to the President of the Council of Ministers.

6. In a wire dated 8 August (17a), AFHQ G-5 called for views and recommendations as a matter of urgency and as a routine matter.

7. Reply as required for all areas.

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Ref: 3627/Ec /

6 August 1966.

SUBJECT: CC.RR - Clothing and Equipment.

TO : Land Forces S/C (MEA).

The general comment of the Liaison Groups regarding equipment and clothing of CC.RR is favourable. This is not the case as regards ANC UDUM Province who consistently complain that the clothing and equipment of the CC.RR in that Province leaves much to be desired. Could this be investigated and, if necessary, rectified?

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: ANC UDUM Province.

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6/14.1/C

6 August 1946

Subject: Police Agencies - Arms.

To : Allied Force Headquarters,
Attn: G-5 Section.

NK

With reference to your letter 940.05 of 1st July,

1. The information received by this Headquarters from confidential sources, regarding the arming of the Public Safety Agents with armoured cars and automatic weapons is briefly as follows:

2. During May it had been alleged that the Ministry of Interior had placed an order with Ansaldo, Genoa for more than 200 armoured cars. At that time no application had been made to the Allied Authorities for permission to manufacture and issue armoured cars for the civil police.

3. Discreet enquiry in Genoa elicited from a reliable source that:-

(a) one armoured car, constructed at the stabilimento Fassati, Genoa, had been despatched to Rome for approval and any suggested modifications.

(b) the firm of Ansaldo had received an invitation from the Ministry of Interior to submit a tender for the construction of

(1) 180 armoured cars.

(ii) 50 heavy armoured cars with "SPA" motors.

It was believed that in the early stages of the negotiations the "SPA" firm of Turin would not agree to manufacture engines as they were considered "war material", but their reluctance was later overcome.

4. In a letter dated 25th June 1946 to the Ministry of Interior the Ansaldo firm had stated that at their establishment at Fassati, Genoa, they had 60 chassis of the "Linceo" type complete with engines. It was proposed, subject to approval by the Allied Authorities to convert them into armoured cars. Should approval be given the firm would within a short time be in a position to supply 50 fully efficient armoured cars of the "Linceo" type complete with radio sets.

The letter further stated that, at the SPA works at Turin there were about 50 chassis of the heavy type ready for work to be commenced on them and they too could be completed without delay.

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5. Subsequently a letter dated 10th July 1946 from the Minister of the Interior was received by this Embassy stating that the Ansaldo Society had, on request from the Ministry forwarded to Rome one specimen each of the "Lince" and "Spa" A.R./43 armoured cars for examination, and asking whether this Commission had any objection to the manufacture of 50 cars each of these two types.

6. In consequence of this information, on the 22nd July Mr. Luigi Ferrari, Director General of Ufficio Sistemi, Ministry of Interior, was seen by the Director of Public Safety Headquarters. The Director together with the Security Officer A.G. accompanied Dr. Ferrari to the Ministry of the Interior's garage in Via San Pietro Cortona, Rome. There they saw the two armoured cars, both were new vehicles and fully equipped.

Lince Type armoured car.

| | | |
|----------|---|------------------------------|
| Weight | - | 3 tons. |
| Engine | - | Lancia Astura (6 cylinders) |
| Armament | - | One 8 mm machine gun (Breda) |

Vehicle constructed by S.p.A. Ansaldo, Genoa.

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|-------|---|--|
| Radio | - | Two-way set. |
| Speed | - | Maximum 90 Km. an hr. |
| Crew | - | One driver, one radio operator/ gunner. |

Records at the garage show this vehicle was delivered on the 21st May 1946.

Spa Type armoured car.

| | | |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Weight | - | 7 tons. |
| Engine | - | SPA (Societa' Meccanica Automobili, Turin) |
| Armament | - | One 20 mm machine gun (Breda) Two 8 mm machine guns |
| Radio | - | Two-way set. |
| Speed | - | Maximum 90 Km. an hour, |
| Revolving gun turret. | - | |
| Crew | - | One commander. Two drivers. One radio operator One gunner. |

This vehicle has four wheel drive, steering on both front and rear axles. Six speeds forward and six speeds reverse.

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It was sent on to the Ministry of Interior on about the 1st July 1946 according to the garage records.

7. It will be observed that the information contained in the letters received from the Ministry of Interior corroborates (with the exception of the actual numbers of armoured cars) the information obtained by the Security Officer of this Headquarters in Rome and Verona.

8. With regard to the re-equipping of the Police with automatic carbines. During May 26th information was received that the Ministry of Interior had acquired 1000 Beretta automatic carbines from the Beretta factory at Turin for issue to the public safety agents. The only application received at this Headquarters for authority to acquire such weapons was one from the Ministry of War to MIA in April last for permission to issue Beretta automatic carbines to the Civil Police as shown herewith:-

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| To the Finance Guards | 5712. |
| To the Public Safety Agents | 6642. |

Authorisation has not been given for the acquisition of these weapons. As a preliminary, the Director General of Military Equipment was asked to supply to this Headquarters a return of the numbers of automatic weapons already in the possession of the public safety agents. In a reply dated the 14th May the Director General stated that the Ministry of War had supplied the Force with the automatic weapons, twenty gun type, 37 mm anti-tank guns and 16 light machine guns. In consequence of the small figures supplied by the Ministry of War the Ministry of Interior had, without authority, issued 1000 automatic carbines 9 mm type. These weapons had been requisitioned and issued to the public safety agents.

9. On the 2nd May Mr. Gherardi of Public Safety Administration saw Mr. Ferrari and pointed out to him that in the opinion of this Headquarters the number shown in his return was an exaggeration & when taken into account the number of ex-partisans in the north who had been enrolled into the public safety agents corps, the majority of whom were known to possess a firearm arms. Mr. Ferrari agreed that it was doubtful if the Ministry knew the true figures.

10. On being asked how the Ministry had come into possession of the 4000 shown in his return and by whom the weapons had been repaired, he replied that they had been obtained from various sources. On being pressed he said "He bought them privately from individuals". He could not or would not disclose the identity of these sources of supply. He further stated the weapons were rusty when received by the Ministry and had been re-conditioned in the Beretta factory at Turin. Dr. Ferrari went on to say that the Government had authorised Beretta to purchase arms under similar conditions and such purchases had actually been carried out.

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11. It has recently come to the notice of this Headquarters that the Public Safety Agents are being re-organized by the Government on military lines similar to the P.M.L. with Police battalions, troops and companies. On request, the Director General of Civilian Resources has supplied this Headquarters with copies of directives issued by the Ministry of Interior to the police and re-ports in which is set out the recommendation of the Civilian Resources (copies of these directives are attached for information). It will be observed that in these paragraphs it is laid down that "the Corps of Public safety agents is a temporary military corps" from which it might be argued that the Armed Forces of India have been raised by an addition of 47,000 men being the present strength of the Civilian Resources.

12. (a) As regards the nature of possible militarization referred to in paragraph 11, above there would appear to be no doubt that the Corps of Public safety agents is being re-organized on lines not consistent with normal police duty. But the possession by large elements of the civilian population of machine guns, grenades and other arms supplied by the Hitlerites, of itself, not a normal condition.

(b) As regards the numbers and breed of such a force which may be classified as "war materials", I have no general recommendations to make if this question is to be considered not in the light of the Army Adjutant General but in that of the Civilian forces in your letter C-5; dated 25 of the 9th July 1946, namely, that the raising of police agencies is entirely a matter for the Indian Government.

It should be said, however, to be informed as to what reply is to be given to the Director of Information's request for permission to put in hand the reorganization of the armed auxiliaries referred to in paragraph 5 above.

This consideration may be the forerunner of other requests and it seems to me that some policy should be agreed now as to the general extent of the armament of these police organizations.

In my case, I think that a request of this nature should not be made on a ministerial level, but that it should be considered only if made by the overall of Ministers and as soon as a decision is taken in this matter I will inform the Home Minister.

SUBJET : STATE
Dear Adjutant, 1946
Chief Commissioner,

cc to CC.

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AFHQ

INFO: ADDCOM 86 AREA.

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IN VIEW POSSIBLE DISTURBANCES DURING FUTURE ELECTION PERIOD IN VENETIA AND OF URGENT NECESSITY TO REHABIL. STATE POLICE REQUEST COVERING APPROVAL TO ISSUE OF 1000 KD SHIRTS TO POLICE AUTHORITIES WORKING WITH 86 AREA.

POLICE AT PRESENT ONLY DISTINGUISHABLE BY ARM BAND. POLICE HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO DYE SHIRTS GREEN AND ADD NECESSARY DISTINGUISHING MARKS. TIME VERY SHORT AS ELECTION DUE TO START 2 JUNE. CAN MAKE ISSUE FROM A AVAILABLE STOCKS. CORPS COMMANDER CONSIDERS THIS ISSUE IS MOST DESIRABLE.

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INFO/ACTION: P SAFETY S/C

INFO : WHISKY COMDR

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This message is to be distributed outside
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SUBJECT: Issue of Automatic CARBINES to Finance Guards
and Public Security Agents.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC. (WMA)

SD/109/1

6 May 46

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ✓

MAY 6 1946

Ref your telephone request Chief Clerk WMA spoke.

Herewith 2 copies of the letter under request, as amended by your
letter ref 5627/20 dated 3 May 46.

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Major General,
U. S. I. A.

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SHEET 24: LINE OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL ASSAULTS TO MILITARY FORCES

TODAY'S DATE: 25-2-61, AG. (U.S.)

BY/MG/1

TO: UNITED STATES

CC: APR 26

1. Purchase of 30,000 automatic carbines enabling assembly at the Beretta Arms factory, Milan, who recently been granted order to the Italian War Ministry for eventual distribution, whom assembled, to US, UN, and Army.
2. Total number have caused the formation of the Land Forces Sub Committee to determine 12,354 of these weapons as follows:

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| To Strategic Security Agents | - 3,712 (operating under treasury) |
| To Public Security Agents | - 6,642 |

This has been advised by their liaison on the grounds that authority was only given to release these arms to the Italian Military Forces.

In view of the fact that similar requests may be received to the future it will be required to whether it is possible to grant them or not.

Two points of principle seem to be involved.

(a) From the point of view of public security it is desirable of necessary that G.M.D. forces should be armed with automatic carbines.

(b) In view of the fact that the Asiatic teams insist the size of the Army and G.M.D. to a maximum figure is it not contravening the intent of these teams if civil police forces are armed with weapons that would tend to give them the equivalent of military or CO. M.

FORCIB.

It is possible that the answer to (a) is now purely for the decision of the Italian Government and that the United Committee would not wish to interfere. The answer to (b) however appears to be one that requires the ruling of Army, and, i.e. you agree, I would be glad if you could obtain their views on the matter.

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the following year, he was appointed to the post of Inspector of Schools in the Province of Ontario, and in 1872 he became Inspector of Schools for the Province of Quebec.

• *the most important thing is to do what you can do best.* Sub

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SUBJECT: Issue of Automatic Carbines to
Finance Guards and U.S. Agents.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.O. (MIA)

SD/109/1

3 May 46

To

ALLIED COMMISSION ✓
(Attn Executive Commissioner)

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MAY 3 1946

Ref your 3627/SD dated 3 May 46.

Action has been taken as directed.

Lester R. Alpert
LESTER R. ALPERT,
Lt. Col. Inf.
for Major General,
U. S. A.

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Ref: 3627/E

3 May 1946

SUBJ/OT: Issue of automatic machines to
Finance Guards and P. S. Agents.

TO : Director, Land Forces
Sub-commission (SMIA).

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In para 2 of your letter 42/109/1 dated 23 Apr 46
the Public Security Agents are described as "a private army
of the Minister of the Interior". The Agenti di Pubblica
 Sicurezza are an integral part of the police organisation
 of the Italian Government as described by Lt. Col. Mighall in
 his memo of 23 April, and to describe them as a private army
 of the Minister of the Interior is not only inaccurate but,
 in an official document, most impolitic. Will you please
 have the offending words excised from your letter and the copies.

7-173 M S LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,

PSL/MS.

Copy to C.A. Sec:

HHS/s/b

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Subject: Italian Arms
Date: 26 January 1946
To: War Ministry.
Reference is made to your 50605/TT dated 18 Jan 46.

1. Arrangements are being made for the release of 41,000 stocks or 3,000,000 rounds of 9 mm ammunition (Purdehluu).

2. Approval is given for the manufacture of the following quantities of small arms munitions:

| | |
|-------------|-----------|
| 9 mm Pistol | 3,000,000 |
| 7.65 mm | 500,000 |
| 10.75 mm | 1,000,000 |
| 6.35 mm | 110,000 |

The above represents the estimated minimum requirement of ammunition for C7, 30., including Royal Prince Guard and Police Force.

3. You are required to notify this H.Q. the firms with which contracts for manufacture will be placed and to notify the prosecutory measures which will be taken to ensure that the output of such manufacturing concerns is exclusively under the control of the War Ministry.

4. Bearing in mind that in all probability the Italian arms at present held by units of the Italian Army will be replaced by allied weapons, and that become available as a reserve for the C7, if may be found possible, as a measure of economy, to reduce the amount of ammunition to be manufactured below the figures given above within at present constitute the maximum. You are requested to advise an estimate to this effect.

5. As regards your request to acquire 20,000 9 mm automatic carbines and 30,000 9 mm automatic pistols of new manufacture. Further details are required as to the necessity for this, bearing in mind the total holdings of Italian weapons and the policy outlined in the preceding paragraph. A review of the weapon tables of the C7, 30. has now been undertaken, and it is considered that manufacture should not be authorized until a more accurate estimate can be given of the weapon required and stocks available.

/s/ R.A. SUTHER LT Col.
for Major General,
R.A.

maximum quantity of small arms available:

| | |
|-------------|-----------|
| 9 mm pistol | 8,000,000 |
| 7.65 mm | 500,000 |
| 10.35 mm | 1,400,000 |
| 6.35 mm | 110,000 |

The above represents the estimated minimum requirement of ammunition for C.S.I., including Royal Finance Guards and Police Forces.

3. You are required to notify this H.Q. the firms with which contracts for manufacture will be placed and to notify the proportionality measures which will be taken to ensure that the output of such manufacturing concerns is exclusively under the control of the War Ministry.

4. Bearing in mind that in all probability the Italian arms at present held by units of the Interim Italian Army will be replaced by Allied weapons, and thus become available as a reserve for the C.S.I., it may be found possible, as a measure of economy, to reduce the amount of ammunition to be manufactured. Below the figures given above which will at present constitute the maximum, you are requested to give an assurance to this effect.

5. As regards your request to receive 20,000 9 mm automatic rifles and 30,000 9 mm automatic pistols of new manufacture, further details are required as to the necessity for this, bearing in mind the total holding of Italian weapons and the policy outlined in the preceding paragraph. A review of the weapon tables of the C.S.I. is now being undertaken, and it is considered that manufacture should not be authorised until a more accurate estimate can be given of the weapons required and stocks available.

/s/ R. A. JONES Lt Col.
For Major General,
R. A. J. Jones

Copy to: G.H.Q. (Reference your 317/31/3 dated 23 Jan 46)
A.G. for Executive Commissioner (Reference your 5042/343/24
dated 22 Nov 45)

Army Sub-Commission, A.O.
Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.

Internal: 527.25. Section.

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Translation

The Minister of the Interior

Rome, 27 January 1946

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Dear Admiral,

from informations received during the last few days, I heard that the Allied Military Authorities were withdrawing weapons which, according to the well known agreements in force, should on the contrary go to the police forces.

This morning the Prefect of Brescia informed me that the British Military Command in Milan, ordered, through the channel of that of Verona, the withdrawing from the 'Beretta' manufacture of Gardone Valtrompia, of all arms in working conditions to be found there, which, according to permissions which are being approved, have already been allocated to the Carabinieri and to the Police Corps.

Such weapons were loaded on trucks that proceeded to Verona and will then go to Modena.

You know, my dear Admiral, the serious deficiency of the armament of the Police Corps and its considerable repercussions on public order and public safety, and therefore I trust in your kind intervention so that the arms in question may be handed back and such withdrawings from the contingents allocated to the police avoided in future, if possible.

I thank you, my dear Admiral, and waiting for your answer, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A. Romiti

Admiral "Military A. Romi
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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MEMORANDUMClothing for the CO.RR

1. (a) 30,000 sets of uniforms requested by CO.RR from War Ministry in October
17,000 already delivered (10,000 received when factory under AMG)
13,000 in production at CO.RR factory, finished by 15 February.
(b) From additional cloth recently released by War Ministry
10,000 uniforms in production in CO.RR shops
4,000 uniforms to be produced in CO.RR shops
(c) Released by 2 District from captured enemy material:
77,000 metres of cloth } Only part collected
37,000 metres of lining } by CO.RR.

Note All the cloth will be collected forthwith and a further 25,000 uniforms made in CO.RR shops during February.

2. Immediate need is for 10,000 complete sets of uniforms.

- (a) Being turned over to War Ministry from surplus Br-Iti stocks in Naples:

20,000 suits of battle dress
20,000 shirts
20,000 drawers wool

Note: Half of this stock will be turned over immediately to CO.RR. The rest will uniform one or more legions, probably in South Italy, releasing grey clothing to other legions.

3.

- (a) 30,000 pairs of used shoes to be given to CO.RR from existing Army stocks to supplement present issue of one pair per man.

4.

During period 1 October - 28 February CO.RR will have received:

79,000 uniforms
+ 10,000 uniforms given by AMG

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This will give each man one new uniform and provide a substantial reserve.

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Ref: 3627/EC

12 January 1946

SUBJECT: CC.RR. Equipment.

Lt/Col. Curties phoned 1000 hrs 13 Jan on subject of Land Forces Subcommission (WWII) letter Q 104 of 3 Dec to Ex Comr:

Para 1: *30,000 sets made available for CC.RR*. Check with minute gives 17,000 issued; 13,000 in Como Workshops.

Para 2: 100,000 uniforms, 93,000 greatcoats are being manufactured for the Italian Army and those figures do not refer directly to CC.RR. but indicate the War Ministry are in a position to meet the actual needs of the CC.RR.

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Land Forces Representation, CO
(M.A.C. I.M.)

6/22
January 1946

To : Address as below.

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1. In continuation of my C/10 dated 20 Dec. 1945, I arranged a meeting with General SHAW (Head of the CO. 10) on 3 Jan. to discuss the status question of clothing for the CO. 10.

2. The attached minutes of that meeting give the situation at this moment and show that this aspect of the problem is well in hand and that it is now a matter for the CO. 10 themselves.

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A. Brown
Major General,
M.A.C. I.M.

U. Information Sec., British Embassy
Lieutenant General SHAW, R.A.F., London, England

-> Reportive Commission, A.C.
Minister of War (together with a copy of C/10 of 20 Dec. 1945)

See M. 112-4113

(C.P. 10) Dated

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Central Committee declared that in October a request from the Central Executive Committee of the All-Russian Council of People's Commissars to the Central Committee of the R.S.D.L.P. (B.) was received, in which it was proposed to establish a central committee of the R.S.D.L.P. (B.) in Moscow, consisting of the members of the Central Committee of the R.S.D.L.P. (B.) who had been elected to the All-Russian Council of People's Commissars.

The Whistler experiments show that the average cost is \$100 per ton.

A large part of the time is spent in the study of the literature of the country.

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4. During period 1 October - 28 February, the CC.RR. will have received a total of 79,000 uniforms, plus 10,000 additional given to them by AMG. This will give each man one new uniform and provide a substantial reserve. On 1 October, the CC.RR. was not naked.

5. General Brunetti objected that required shoes were not serviceable. It was agreed, however, that CC.RR. would select and collect 50,000 used pairs of shoes from existing army stocks to supplement present issue of one pair per man.

6. It was agreed that no CC.RR. would be discharged in serviceable grey-green uniform. General Pelligra would make available old dyed Battledress to the CC.RR. for discharging men.

7. The proper distribution of clothing and equipment issued to the CC.RR. was discussed. General Brunetti stated that his orders provided for proper distribution and he was cautioned that he is responsible that the CC.RR. are properly clothed, inasmuch as his orders have been more than fully met.

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MEMORANDUM

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Carabinieri Strength : 65,000.

1. ARMS.

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The figures of holding in para(a) and b are compiled from the information furnished by the Ministry of War :-

| <u>ARMS</u> | <u>WEAPONS</u> | <u>AMMUNITION</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| (a) Automatic M.G. 6.5 mm | 4,054 | 4,095,457 |
| Light automatic 9 mm | 4,698 | 1,367,100 |
| Carbine (1891) | 116,755 | 7,580,407 |
| Revolver | 30,996 | 844,710 |
| Pistol Automatic 9 mm | 46,527 | 484,702 |
| Pistol Automatic 6.35 mm | 2,057 | 54,913 |
| Breda M.G. 8 mm | 103 | 108,960 |

- (b) In addition release was obtained, and War Ministry instructed to collect, prior to 2 Dec 45 the following weapons from the Beretta Arms Factory. Distribution was to be made as under but I am not informed as to progress in this respect.

| CC.RR Bde | Auto.Pistols 9 mm | Light Automatic 9 mm |
|-----------|-------------------|----------------------|
| TURIN | 500 | 1,539 |
| MILAN | 500 | 1,924 |
| FLORENCE | 500 | 1,924 |
| ROME | 500 | 2,111 |
| NAPLES | 500 | 1,539 |
| PALERMO | 500 | 963 |
| | 3000 | 10,000 |
| | ===== | ===== |

- (c) A.P.H.Q. release for 250,000 rounds 9 mm "STEN" suitable for the 9 mm automatic rifle has also been obtained.
 (d) The above figures include Finance Guards and Public Safety Agents.

2. TRANSPORT.

| (a) | <u>British</u> | <u>Italian</u> |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 'A' Vehicles | 45 @ | 159+ |
| Motor cycles | | 1,046 |
| Passenger Vehicles | | 627 |
| Load Carriers | | 252 |
| Other Vehicles | | 87 |

@ British Armoured Cars with mobile bns in 2 District.
 + Old light and medium tanks.

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- (b) A special release of 300 motorcycles and 8 load carriers has been made by A.F.H.Q. and was received by us 19 Dec. They have to be collected from several points and distribution will take time. The proposed distribution approved by Districts is as follows :

Motorcycles

| Collect from | CAPUA | 154 |
|--------------|------------|-----|
| POLIGNO | 78 | |
| UDINE | 63 | |
| MONZA | 5 | |
| | <u>300</u> | |
| | ===== | |

| Deliver to Mob. Bn. C.C. RR. CC. RR. H.Q. | BOLOGNA | 75 |
|--|------------|----|
| Mob. Bn. CC. RR. " | TURIN | 75 |
| " | MILAN | 45 |
| " | GENOA | 30 |
| | <u>300</u> | |
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Load Carriers :

Collect from CAPUA 8 15 cwt trucks

Deliver to CC. RR. in 3 District whose instructions are awaited.

- (c) The War Ministry are giving priority to the CC. RR. in release of reconditioned vehicles coming in to Efficient Vehicle Parks.

5.

CLOTHING.

It has been ascertained from the War Ministry that since the 1 Oct 45 30,000 sets of uniforms have been made available in depots under control of the CC. RR.

From stocks of clothing recovered by the Italian Army 72,000 metres of blue cloth are in process of manufacture exclusively for use by the CC. RR.

In addition sufficient grey green cloth has been recovered to manufacture

100,000 uniforms
95,000 greatcoats

A substantial proportion of this clothing should be nearing completion in December 1945 and will be available to meet further demands by CC. RR. H.Q., on Army stocks.

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2 District have made available for the CC.RR the following cloth:-

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| MILAN | 30,000 metres |
| LOMBARDIA | 37,000 " |
| AMILIA | 10,000 " |

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Major General L. BROWNING, .B., O.B.S., M.C.,
 Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
 (M.M.I.A.)
 H O M E.

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27 Dec. 1945.

DEC 28 1945

My dear Maurice

Maurice

1. Herewith information on equipping of CC.RR which I sent, at his request, to HENRY HOPKINSON.

2. I have also sent a copy to BRADY (American Embassy) who talked to me about the same subject recently. 5/14/45/EC 10

3. You already have a copy of my G/92 of 14 Dec. ✓ 90

4. In addition to the clothing figures shown in my Q/104 of 3 Dec. (attached) we have now heard that 2 District have made available for the CC.RR the following cloth :-

| | |
|-----------|---------------|
| MILAN | 30,000 metres |
| LOMBARDIA | 37,000 " |
| EMILIA | 10,000 " |

5. You will agree that we have gone all out to equip the CC.RR as a first priority; that the matter now is up to them as a manufacturing and distribution problem (apart from the MT we still require from the Minister of Transport); and that all concerned now have the necessary information to answer any questions re equipping of the CC.RR.

Yours aycLangley

Brigadier M.S. LUSH, CB. OBE. MC.,
 Executive Commissioner,
 A.C.

See A. 102

(Copy to H. HOPKINSON, Esq.)

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Major General L. WOODWARD, C.B., O.B.E., M.C.
Last Service Sub Commdr., U.S.A.
(U.M.T.A.)
20 M.R.
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20 December, 1945.

To : H. HENFREY, Major,
Poland (Br.).

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Referance your note dated 16 Dec (just received) on the matter of
OC. R.E. strength 65,000, herewith the information desired.

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The figures of holdings in para 1 and 2 are compiled from the
information furnished by the Ministry of War :-

ARMED WEAPONS AMMUNITION

| | | | |
|-----|----------------------------|---------|-----------|
| (a) | Automatic M.G. 6.5 mm | 4,054 | 4,095,437 |
| | Light automatic 9 mm | 4,693 | 1,367,100 |
| | Carbine (1391) | 116,725 | 7,520,607 |
| | Revolver | 30,996 | 341,710 |
| | Pistol Automatic 9 mm | 46,527 | 454,702 |
| | Pistol various etc 6.35 mm | 2,057 | 24,915 |
| | Modle 9.0 G. 8 mm | 103 | 108,960 |

- (b) In addition releases was obtained, on war ministry instructions
to collect, prior to 2 Dec 45 the following weapons from the
Bavaria Arms factory. Distribution was to be made as under but
I am not informed as to progress in this respect.

OC, M.P. Dep. Auto. Pistols 9 mm Light Infantry 2 mm

| | | |
|----------|-------|--------|
| TURIN | 522 | 1,539 |
| MILAN | 500 | 1,924 |
| PIEMONTE | 500 | 1,924 |
| ROMA | 500 | 2,111 |
| SARDEGNA | 500 | 1,539 |
| MILANO | 500 | 963 |
| | | 10,000 |
| | 3,000 | |
| | | |

- (c) A.P.C.V. releases for 250,000 rounds 9 mm "M18" suitable for the
9 mm automatic rifle has also been obtained.

(a) Automatic U.C. 6.5 mm
Light automatic 9 mm
Carbine (1851)
Revolver
Pistol Automatic 9 mm
Pistol Automatic 6.35 mm
Hand N.C. 8 mm

| | |
|---------|-----------|
| 4,094 | 4,095,457 |
| 4,696 | 1,367,100 |
| 116,755 | 7,580,407 |
| 30,996 | 84,710 |
| 46,527 | 4,36,702 |
| 2,027 | 94,913 |
| 103 | 108,960 |

(b) In addition release was obtained, and war ministry instructed to collect, prior to 2 Dec 45 the following weapons from the Beretta Arms Factory. Information was to be made as under but I am not informed as to progress in this respect.

30.00 lbs. Auto. Pistols 2 mm Light Automatic 2 mm

| | | |
|------------|--------|--------|
| TURK | 500 | 1,539 |
| MILAN | 500 | 1,024 |
| YUGOSLAVIA | 500 | 1,924 |
| RGS | 500 | 2,411 |
| RAFLES | 500 | 1,539 |
| DALEZEDO | 500 | 963 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| | 3,000 | 10,000 |
| | return | return |

(c) A.P.U.S. release for 250,000 rounds 9 mm "M10" suitable for the 9 mm automatic rifle has also been obtained.

(d) The above figures include Finance Guards and Public Safety Agents.

2. TRANSPORT

(a)

| <u>British</u> | | <u>Italian</u> | |
|--------------------|-----|----------------|--|
| 1,111 Vehicles | 450 | 159 | |
| Motor cycles | | 1,046 | |
| Passenger Vehicles | | 627 | |
| Land Carriers | | 252 | |
| Other Vehicles | | 67 | |

• Anti tank armament cars with mobile bus in 2 models.
+ Old light and medium tanks.

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(b) *****

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2. (b) A special release of 300 motorcycles and 8 truck carriers has been made by A.P.M.C. and was received by us 19 Dec. They have to be collected from several points and distribution will take time. The proposed distribution appertaining by districts is as follows :

Motorcycles

| Collected from | CAPUA | 15% |
|----------------|-------|-----|
| PALERMO | 75 | |
| TRIPOLI | 63 | |
| MOSCA | 5 | |
| | — | |
| | 300 | |
| | — | |

| Deliver to Mob. Inv. CO. RH | BOLZANO | 75 |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----|
| OC. IN H.G. | " | 75 |
| Mob. Inv. CO. RH | MILAN | 45 |
| " | GENOA | 30 |
| " | | — |
| | | 900 |
| | | — |

Truck Carriers

Collect from CAPUA 0 15 each trucks

Deliver to CO. RH in 3 District whose instructions are awaited.

- (c) The War Ministry are giving priority to the CO. RH in release of recently issued vehicles coming in to Italian Vehicle Parks.

3.

The attached letter Q.10, of 5 Dec., gives the present state of affairs.

4. ATTACHED LETTER Q.92 OF 14 DEC.

- (a) I thank you will be informed of the attached letter Q. 92 of 14 Dec. to the Minister of War.
- (b) It summarizes our views and the general state of affairs, and I discussed it personally with Major WOOD, who agreed in principle.

Deliver to Mob. Inf. OC.M. BOLOGNA
OC.M. 77
Mob. Inf. OC.M. TURIN 77
MILAN 45
GENOA 30
LOC

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Local Circumstances:

Collect from CAPFA S 15 cent trucks

Deliver to OC.M. In 3 District whose instructions
are awaited.

(a) The War Ministry are giving priority to the OC.M. in release of
reconditioned vehicles pending in to M.R. (Mobile Vehicle Park).

3. CLOTHING.

The attached letter D.108 of 5 Dec. gives the present state of
affairs.

ATTACHED LETTER D.92 of 14 Dec.

- (a) I think you will be interested in the attached Letter G. 92 of
14 Dec. to the Minister of War.

(b) It summarises our views and the general state of affairs, and I
discussed it personally with Major HESKO, who agreed in
principle.

(c) I understand that action is being taken so that the Minister of
War intent for and distribute P.C.L. to the OC.M., thus cutting
out Presidents who might keep the OC.M. short deliberately for
various reasons.

(d) Para 2 (b) refers to the "concerns" which I have ventilated so
far, and so strongly at Chant' Commandant's meeting. As you
know, if the Minister of Finance will "play", the OC.M. will
get under M.T. It is up to the Italiano, H.C. A.C. are also
exerting pressure.

(e) I may say that we are just completing a new establishment for the 12
mobile OC.M. batt. Then we will ask P.H. to release armoured
cars (to replace the few Italian light tanks) probably on the scale
of about a dozen per bat. We are training certain specialists
(e.g. drivers) in army schools.

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- b. (f) We are working under some difficulty over all this G.C.R.E business, because though this large extra responsibility has now been transferred to my Sub Commandion, I have not yet received my extra staff to deal with it, though I hope to get such after 31 Dec. when the Northern Territories are handed over.

5. CONCLUSIONS.

- (a) As you see, we are pushing the rehabilitation of C.E. R as first priority.
- (b) There have been deficiencies in the past, but these are being remedied - the rate of remedy depending on the Italians themselves and the efficiency of distribution of materials, of which large quantities have been released to them or are available in their depots.
- (e) I hope this gives you the picture and that you want. If you would like any further information, please let me know.

(Signed) L. BROTHMAN,
Major General,
G.O.C. I
Land Forces Sub Com. (N.M.T.A.)

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- (a) I have this gives you the picture and what you want. If you would like any further information, please let me know.

(Sgt) L. BORING,
Major General,
G.O.C.,
Land Forces Sub Com. (N.H.I.A.)

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