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ITALIAN MUNITIONS PRODUCTION
DEC. 1944 - DEC. 1945

Lis.
Please see new
directive at p. 119;
Soon Lee letter at
p. 52, and summary
of correspondence at
p. 76

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Keep this
on Korea
RL 16/5

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Ex Comm. 152

Ltr to AFHQ in reply to Folio 122 is submitted for signature.

21/11.

179 4/11

163

C/E. Resubmit when all S/Cs have replied to 162. Ensure that other answers are passed to Econ who are Action.

28/11

(165)

C&O 2/12

I think you had better peruse this file for recent developments. It is extremely complex but I don't see any action at the moment for us. When the last addressee (Air Forces S.C.) has replied to 162 I suggest passing to Ex Comm. Econ. in any case are action.

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C&O 2/12. 168

Ref minn 165: Air Forces S.C. have replied at 166: Econ. are taking action

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To Please see 174 for ref

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CBS 28/11

(165)

CSO Fwd 1/12

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CSO Fwd 2/12.

168

Ref num 165: Air Forces S.C. have replied at 166: Econ. are taking action

CBS 1/12

Fwd 7/12.

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C/SO Please see 174 for info. The position is as follows on the file

Folio 131 unanswered at present but will be answered upon completion of investigation.

Folio 154 No report on conference. Signal 9079 request immediate report on Soc. Beretta.

Folio 139 Piemonte and Veneto Regions reports do not answer MP 2, f 139. Follow up cables are being sent.

F S is handling the work.

Navy S/C, LF S/C & AF S/C have given authority to transfer to NMS Annex in meantime.

SPH 17/12/62

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Capt Braybrooke.

Your Minute 127: there was a meeting held this morning by Econ Sec at which were present also the Services Subcommissions, Dep Exec Comm and myself and Industry. As a result Econ Sec are putting up a draft reply to Page 122 or as you call it in your Minute 127, "first subject." As the "second subject" is so intimately connected with the "first" it is agreed that action on the "second" regarding the drafts at 110 and 109 should wait until we have cleared up the "first". Please follow up with Econ Sec to see that we get their proposed draft as soon as possible.

ESD 10/11 9/11

(132)

C.S.O.

Ref 131. I suggested to chief Clerk that this should be dealt with by Econ., however it appears that office procedure is more inclined to give such matters to us. May I have your ruling pse.

ESD 10/11

131

Gen. Com.

Draft apposite, carefully prepared by Col. Densmore, submitted for consideration. It is a bit long winded but I don't think it will do any harm to give as much information as possible to A-F-HQ

2 Para. 4(2) - the amendment was as

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ebj 10/11 1-mar 9/11

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ebj. 9/11.

131 →

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2 Para. 4(d) - the amendment was as a result of conversation with Brig Parsons & Col. D. It was agreed that AFHQ shld state in detail exactly what was wanted. With precise instructions we can get something out of the Italian Govt. - without they will wriggle out of it.

1-mar

142 20/11

Issue as amended.

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draft only required such justification for manufacturers investigated, following literally the AFHQ instructions. Colonel Densmore believes that it will be much cleaner job if the Services Subcommissions submitted the justification for all authorised plants, which they have undoubtedly have, if the Services Subcommission agree that this can be done para 3 should be amended accordingly. Such a list would clear the air considerably.

Colonel Densmore further states that the Industry S/C, now renamed Industry and Utilities S/C, can undertake the coordination. It should be borne in mind however that the Services S/C are not under command of the Econ Section which makes the matter of coordination a little more difficult.

At present writing, none of the other addressees have commented on the two directives, which should, if possible, be in final form for discussion at the next Executive Commissioners meeting.

Ennd 7/11

(127)

C.S.O The file is one of Capt White's foursling to which I have to be "helia" with a good deal of pain. However, the facts appear to be as follows:

1) First subject: which calls for urgent action - Folios 122.121.120. as action on para 2 of (122) I submit an interim reply at 125: this letter was the result of a conversation this morning between Major Fewings & myself. Facts are as stated.

Second Subject

2) Folios 124, 123, 119 & 118 are replies to a request contained in f 111 for comments on draft at 110 & 109. I propose to await the ~~fifth~~ reply from the fifth addressee ie. Econ. Sec. before taking action

ERS 8/11

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Ec Com - Ref. fol. 113. Draft & reply is at fol. 114. A prepared draft for CSO last week but it was not sent presumably pending further consideration.
Latest correspondence with AFHQ is at fol. 87 and para 1 of fol. 100.
Present status is that we are awaiting comments to the two drafts which were read at last Ec Com's meeting, requested in writing at fol. [redacted] 111.

Ernest 1/11

116.
Issue DV 2/x.

117.

CSO.

Reference drafts on directives on manufacture of warlike stores at folios 109 and 110, transmitted to Econ Sec ~~and to Berlin~~ etc. for comment by folio 111. Colonel Densmore, in discussion today, makes the following comments with which I agree. (i) That the matter of the scope of the responsibility of AC be clarified with AFHQ. Originally AFHQ directive of 2 Oct (folio 49) called for complete survey. The latest instructions (AFHQ signal of 20 October at folio 102) merely requests that we investigate reported cases. Colonel Densmore suggests, that instead of sending AFHQ a copy of these directives we go on record as saying that we are prepared to carry out the instructions in folio 102 but cannot implement the directive of 2 August for the reasons pointed out in AC's letter of 10 October (minute 87) If AFHQ does not agree they can then write and tell us so. fol. 102 does not specifically state that we are relieved of responsibility of broad survey

Colonel Densmore further suggests that the Services Subcommission prepare complete lists of authorised plants which will be sent: (a) to AFHQ with the "statement as to why the manufacture concerned is necessary" required by AFHQ signal of 20 October (b) to the Regions and LO's as a master list of authorised plants with respect to which investigation would only be necessary if they receive a report or allegation that unauthorised manufacture was taking place. Paras 3 and 7 to the letter to the AC's and LO's should be modified accordingly. ~631

With respect to the justification for continued manufacturing, my

101

Chief Clerk - What do our records show on para 2 of folio. 100

Ernw 22/10

105

To: Executive Commissioner. (104)

Herewith minute to Chief Commissioner for your signature in reply to attached cable re output of Italian armament factories.

Fmc 23/10.

107

To: ~~Exec Com~~ CSO - Herewith draft of two letters designed to implement AFHQ directive (fol. 102) one to C.Cs and L.Os and one to sub-commissions, etc. There are 2 questions of policy involved

(a) What section of sub-commission at this HQ will be responsible?

Originally Industry S/C was made responsible (fol. 37) Brig. Anderson took the position that if they did not have the staff (fol. 39)

On 25 June the baby was handed to WMD S/C (fol. 47) This has never been revoked.

(b) What will be the scope of the survey?

AC has advised AFHQ that it does not have the staff to undertake a survey (fol. 89) This latest AFHQ directive calls for a more limited control. Para

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Exec
~ 23/10.

107

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(b) What will be the scope of the survey?

AC has advised AFHQ that it does not have the staff to undertake a survey (Fol. 87) This latest AFHQ directive calls for a more limited control. Para of letter to S/Cs defines the scope of the AC's responsibility

Extra copies of the drafts are enclosed with the thought that it might be desirable to discuss at Ex Com's meeting and settle these questions and see whether the procedure set forth is satisfactory to all concerned

at Ex Com meeting 29/10 told to circulate draft for opinion Ernest

Ernest 29/10

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1. Reference Folio 95, Distwo asks this Headquarters to state whether it can carry out AFHQ Directive (ref Folio 68) and if not, what alternative is proposed.

2. Chief Commissioner's letter to G-5 of 10 October (Folio 87) gives negative answer. I discussed the matter with Major Fewings, Industry Division and we both feel that if Allied Commission cannot impound tools and equipment (ref 4c of folio 68) or "make a survey of Italian warlike stores in arsenals, factories, depots, dumps and in the hands of Italian Armed Forces" A.C. cannot effectively control the production. Sub-paragraphs a,b, and d of paragraph 4 of Directive (folio 68) dealing with the utilisation of these arms for the Allied military effort are now pretty much academic. The difficulty seems to be the clandestine manufacture and sale. There is a previous signal from District 2 (folio 89) to this effect.

3. One weakness of the entire situation is that no order has gone out to the Regions implementing AFHQ Directive of 2 August (folio 68) that "no armaments, munitions or implements of war will be produced except as directed by the British and U.S. Armed Forces". This seems to be due to the objection of this Headquarters as to the feasibility of carrying out AFHQ's Directive for the reasons setforth in our letter of October 10.

4. I will requested Economic Section to follow-up the statements in paragraph 2 of the District 2 signal (folio 95). It is suggested that copy of our letter to AFHQ be sent to District 2 as a statement of disposition on the matter and that consideration be given as to the possibility of issuing an order which will put Italian manufacturers, officials, etc., on notice that the production of munitions and implements of war, except as directed by U.S. and British Armed Forces, is prohibited.

19 October 1945

EMW
Captain E.M.White

99

Ex. Com.

Draft at 97 & 99 submitted for comdr.

T-Nee 19/10.

99A.

I don't much like the statine that our ration 20:19

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19 October 1945

EMW
Captain E.M.White

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Ex. Com.

Drafts at 97 & 99 submitted for consdn.

T-Nec 19/10.

99A.

I don't much like stating that our reason is shortage of staff. It looks to me as if we have fallen between two stools in the matter of responsibility. Where is it. The Army's - MMIA's - Industry Section? R.C.S.? I should like to discuss with Econ Sec & MMIA. ayor

AS 22/X

20:19

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Executive Commissioner.

Reference your minute 86 and p.78, at p.87 is letter submitted for signature by the Chief Commissioner.

9 Oct. 49.

C.S.O.

Issue. MM/sla

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C.S.O.

See folio 89 for ref. 785/90

(91)

(92)

C&O

Instructed RCs. to aid GOC 2 Div. by

refusing such facilities. Do not think they exist

MM/sla

Capt. Estate 785/90

No. 2048

~~87.~~ 79

Executive Commissioner.

1. At the meeting held yesterday, yourself presiding and the following present:

Commodore Ziroli,
Air Vice Marshal ~~Bowen-Buscarlet,~~ Brodie.
Brigadier Anderson,
Colonel Kerr,
Colonel Pidsley

it was decided that we should take up once more with AFHQ the difficulty of carrying out the instructions contained in their interim policy letter (folio 49) and at ~~86~~ 78 opposite I submit for your consideration a draft letter.

2. It was also decided that the Services should continue with such surveys as they are able to do but that although there should be no Board of Survey, as it were, WMD should call a conference of the Service representatives within, say, fourteen days time to report progress and coordinate and clear up any points arising out of action taken in the meantime.

3. Subject to your prior approval I will send to Services and WMD a copy of our letter to AFHQ, at the same time issuing the necessary instructions for the conference referred to in para 2 above.

C.S.O.

28 Sep 45.

C80

80

Thank you. AVM Brodie suggests you discuss letter with the equipment Officer of the Service Sub Comm

NS Legis

84

Now received P85

Ex. Com. y/r. min 81 I have discussed with the Services. RMLA reply is not yet in but Col Pidsley with whom I have spoken agrees the draft at P 78. — Navy at P.82 & Air Force at P.83. — Navy point out that the draft conflicts with [illegible] P.85 but does

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28 Sep 45.

C.S.C.

CSO

80

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84

Now received. P&S

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8/10.

86

CSO P 78 herewith with P.S. that since written we received a Str 8' FAN 621 of 8-9 25 & attach affects 4(6)

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72 ~~77~~

CSO - Ref. ~~folio 67~~ minute 64 spoke to Col. Densmore who advises Brig. Anderson will discuss with Brig. Lush directly

Ernd 20/9.

~~80~~ 73

CSO - Ref. folio ~~78~~ 71. For info

Ernd 20/9

~~81~~ (74)

Miss Russell.

PI See minute ~~77~~ 72 and arrange a meeting. This matter has been hanging fire for a long time now.

399 Sd 20/9.

~~85~~ (77)

PA Please arrange meeting with heads of Trans Sub Coms + Brig Anderson sometime Wednesday or Thursday WW 25/9

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~~SF~~ (74)

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~~SE~~ (77)

PA Please arrange meeting with Heads of Depts
Sub Coms + Bill Anderson sometime Wednesday
or Thursday WV 25/9 2646

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MINUTE #64

TO: Executive Commissioner.

1. Brigadier Anderson upon reading a copy of folio #55 stated:

"What are the terms of reference of the Board to be?

1) Is it expected to prepare a complete inventory of Italy's war-like stores.
2) If so, why? We know that she is hopelessly ill equipped and has insufficient stores to make her navy, army or air-force even a nuisance value. Nor has she the raw materials to make more. She will require every ounce of material she is likely to get in the next few years to live.
3) It appears to me that firstly, we need a policy and secondly, precise terms of reference to the proposed Board if policy requires one,"

2. In view of Brigadier Anderson's thoughts and since this is an "Industrial matter," may I suggest that this matter be held up until the Brigadier returns next week from his trip north.

FOR THE ACTING VICE PRESIDENT:

L. D. DENMORE
Colonel, FA
Chief Staff Officer

SEP 6 - 1945

Exec Com.
~~Gen~~

6V

Please see min 64 in reply to min 62 + 63

Capt Amerding.

Ex Com appears to be 64 2045 Will be pleased to/see Brigadier Anderson.

S/C.

60.

Copy of Minutes between CC and EC.

Ex.Com - Personal.

(55)

Please look into this personally. It needs pressure badly.

Grateful for early report.

3.Sep.45. (Intd) E.W.S.
CC.

61

Chief Commissioner.

I approved today meeting under chairmanship of Econ Sec to discuss and clarify AFHQ directive on the matter.

4.Sep.45. (Intd) M.S.L.

62

Capt Crawley

Ref minutes 58-61. Please take necessary action. This is important matter and urgent

6/5. OSD.

63

Econ Section:

Please see min 58 thru 61. Will you please take the necessary action as per min 61. 2644

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61

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4.Sep.45. (Intd) M.S.L.

62

Capt Arnoldy

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6/9. OSD.

63

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Please see min 58 thru 61. Will you please take the necessary action as per min 61. 2044

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C.J.O

Ec

For info. see folio 49

CJO 5/8

B4t 7/8

5L

Oso

Please see folios 55 & 57. — Folio 57 is in slight disagreement as to the composition of the board. However as the matter has been kicked around for a long time it begins to look as though some concrete action is now contemplated. Please also see attached correspondence with CC's note attached. May this matter be discussed with Ex Comm & a decision reached as to action suggested in the above folios.

CJO 4/9

f 58.

Exec

M. See 55 & 57. You approved of a meeting under chairmanship

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Ans

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4/9

f 58.

Exam

M. See 55 - 57. Can approval of a meeting under chairmanship of Secretary as suggested in para 3 of 57 is requested.

Sd 4/9.

59.

Approved, — Please follow up

NR/4/9.

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35.

TO: Director, War Materials Disposal S/C.

1) Please see minutes 19 to 33 of this file regarding the survey mentioned in folio 30-A.

2) We would appreciate your comments and/or concurrence hereon at your earliest.

14 Apr 45.

J C Rively
Major

36.

To: Executive Commissioner.

Ref. Min. 35. I concur and agree to the proposals as set out in your draft 5012/37/EC.

16 Apr. 45.

Partridge
Major,
Exec. Offr.
WMD & IPOW Sub-Com.

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To Brig Anderson Reference is made to folio 39.

Please draft a letter for the Ex. Comm's. signature, outlining the problems posed in folio 30 A, & explain why the "survey" as requested in para 4e, which appears to be a responsibility of allied Comm., cannot be made by your section in conjunction with Land Forces &c.

18/5/45 18 May

41.

Capt. Arnoldy:

Reference is made to folio 40.

Attached letter was dictated by Brig. Anderson in accordance with above minute and is transmitted for signature.

D.A. Clark Major RE.

D.A.Clark, Major
P/A to Brig.Anderson
Economic Section 21/5/45

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To: Executive Commissioner.

Ref. Min. 35. I concur and agree to the proposals as set out in your draft 5012/37/ED.

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Economic Section 20/5/45

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For signature of Ex Comm as per minute 40 & 41

ABA 22/5/45

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C/S.

Reference minutes 40-41 & 42. discussed with Ce Staff who state matter should be held in abeyance pending decision from Ass'tg on letter Ref ES/2.01 signed by C.C. re additional personnel for Econ Sect. If granted survey then can be made.

ABA 24/5/45

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20.

To Economic Section

1. Endorsement is concurred in. Indexing of lists personnel and equipment to take and aid in inventories of military materials for Land Forces, Air Forces and Naval Forces.

Lt. Col.
Director Industry Sub Commission

2.

To M.M.I.A.

May we have your comments see 10 paras 4 e and minutes 18 19 20

Econ Sec.

22.

To: Economic Sec. A.C.

1. It is not possible nor is it the function of MMIA to " make a survey of Italian warlike stores and to arrange for their security " as these include Navy and Air - Force stores as well.

2. The Economic Sec. must be the coordinating branch and the Service Sub - Commissions should each do their own survey, giving their information and advice to Economic Sec. as far as their own service is concerned.

3. The solution seems to be to set up a " Survey Committee " under Economic Sec. Each service Sub - Commission would contribute 1 Officer and car, the general policy and procedure being directed by Economic Sec.

4. When my new W.E. is approved and I get my extra officers (perhaps in 2 or 3 weeks time) I could put an Officer and car at the disposal of Economic Sec. as above.

31 Mar 45

Major General,
Land Forces Sub - Comm. (MMIA) A.C.

32.

CSO: See folio 23.

May we have your comments. See 10 paras 4-6 and minutes 18. 19. 20

Macmillan
Actg
Econ Sec.

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31 Mar 45

L. Browning

Major General,
Land Forces Sub - Comm.(MMIA) A.C.

32.

CSO: See folio 23.

1) A matter of policy decision to be made regarding who shall make and coordinate the survey of Italian War-like Stores etc. Br 41

2) Econ Sec and Land Forces S/C are in accord that this should be done under the former. See minutes 19 to 22 also folios 27 to 30.

3) The A/Ex. Commissioner may wish to discuss this with C.C.
14 April 45.

J.C.R. Reidy
Major

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Maj Reidy.
Subject to agreement with WD decision is that Econ Sect (2nd Sec) should be Coordinating Branch calling in Service S/Cs & WD for assistance as required. [illegible] 14/4

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→ TO: C.S.O.

a. This letter (folio 6) was submitted as a draft for comments up thru channels while on Economic Section file [redacted] action was taken on that file and letter dispatched. See folio 4 and note thereon.

b. Recommend that this file be down-graded to SECRET.

I agree

2 Jan 45.
Office, Chief of Staff,
Ext. 451.

Major.

9

CSO: G-5 letter of 10 Jan. (interim reply) is only reply rec'd to date to the C.C.'s letter of 26 Dec. on Policy re ~~Munition~~ plants. To read folio 8.
Have we or the COS or C.C. any further info from AFHQ on this?

12

CSO: Policy on Italian Munitions Production is now finally approved by AFHQ in folio 10 to see which we have rec'd. thru L.F. S/C (MMIA).

18.

CSO: 1) See para 3 folio 17 from Navy S/C requesting a decision on who will conduct survey of all Italian war-like stores:

para 4 (e) of folio 10 says AC,
para 10 of folio 14 says Army S/C and Industry S/C.

~~2) I do not know from what office folio 1, comes.~~

3) I recommend Land Forces S/C (MMIA) in view of folio 10 (AFHQ).

10 Mar 45

Major

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Sd. 24/1

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Sd. 19/2

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JC Bivins
Major

10 Mar 45

No Sd 12/3.

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Industry S/C:

1) I am inclined to agree that the survey referred to in para 4(e) of folio 10 should be done by MMIA. I believe this was also your view at one time?

2) May we have your comments and recommendations on this point?

Harlan Cleveland
Ex.Dir., Econ. Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSO/4129
5 December 1945.

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DEC 10 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

Subject: Italian Munitions Production.

Reference: (a) AFHQ Secret signal 201315A of October 1945.
(b) District TWO Secret signal 172140 of October 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Senior U.S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy's ltr. A8-2, Serial 00146 of 29 November 1945, and enclosure thereto. 173.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for the Executive Commissioner's information.

2. Upon receipt of references (a) and (b), the Navy Sub-Commission requested the Senior U.S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy, to investigate the reported manufacture of miniature submarines in Milan. Enclosure (A) contains the results of the investigation conducted. Evidently the original report that miniature submarines were being manufactured in Milan was submitted by a British Officer, Major Adams. The manufacturing was being conducted at the Caproni plant in Milan without, it appears, either Allied or Italian authorization, and merely on the initiative of the company who had hopes of selling the "Maiali" submarines to the British and American naval authorities for experimental purposes. Four miniature submarines are involved, which were completed approximately a month ago; they are complete in every detail except that no explosive charge has been placed in the warhead. Orders have been issued to the Caproni officials to put the weapons in a locked warehouse and to cease all naval armament production unless definite authority is received by them.

3. Final disposal instructions for the four completed miniature submarines involved above are being awaited from Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

/s/ Rear Admiral
Chief, Navy Sub-Commission

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SENIOR U.S. NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER, ITALY.
ROME, ITALY.

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File: A8-2
Serial: 00146

29 November 1945

SECRET

From: Senior United States Naval Liaison Officer, ITALY
To : Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

Subject: Italian Naval Munitions Production.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission secre ltr., serial NSC/3818, dated 21 October 1945.

Enclosure: (A) U.S. Naval Intelligence Officer, Northwest Italy secret ltr., serial 0012, same subject, dated 10 November 1945, to Staff Intelligence Officer, SEN-ALUSLO, Italy.

1. Upon receipt of Reference (a) this command ordered the U.S. Naval Intelligence Officer for Northwest Italy to investigate subject matter in the Lombardy area.

2. Enclosure (A) which is the final report of the Northwest Italy Intelligence Officer has been received by this command and is forwarded for information in accordance with Reference (a).

/s/ James F. Murray, Jr.
JAMES F. MURRAY , JR.
By direction

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ENCLOSURE (A)

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10 November 1945.

From: Lieut. Paul A. Alfieri, USNR.
To : Staff Intelligence Officer, Senior U.S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy.

Subject: Italian Naval Munition Production.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission, HQ Allied Com. secret ltr. NSC/3818, dated 21 October 1945.
(b) SUSNLOI secret letter 00143 dated 25 October 1945.

1. In compliance with reference (b) an investigation was conducted on the alleged production of submarines in the Milano district as requested in reference (a).

2. Contact was established with HQ District II and conferences were held with the Intelligence Officer, G-1 of that unit. Apparently they have no files on the alleged production of submarines in this area. G-1 states that it was reported to them by a British Army officer that the production of submarines was going on in some area of Milano but that they lacked any definite information on that subject.

3. This officer's files and the files of the Centro Marina RIN for Lombardy disclose that the only submarine manufacturing concern in the Milano district is the Caproni Works of Milano, where they produced miniature submarines during the war. A surprise visit was made to this concern and a complete inspection of the warehouses and plant was made. Ing. Vincenzo Goeta, the naval consultant for Caproni was contacted and the firm's files were examined. Examination of the files and the inspection resulted in the disclosure of the following.

4. Approximately one month ago work was completed upon 4 Mezzi d'Assalto known as the "Maiali-Delta". This is an underwater naval weapon which was used by the GAMMA GROUP o f the 10th MAS Flotilla for attack upon Allied shipping. Goeta was questioned about his authority to complete these weapons without definite Allied approval. He assumed all responsibility for this production, however stating that several months ago Lt. Comdr. Crabb, RNVR, of the Allied Naval Experimental Station at Venice visited the Caproni plant and evidenced a possible interest in using these "Maiali" if they were completed. However, Goeta admits that no order to complete these weapons were given to him by Lt. Comdr. Crabb. He completed them hoping that the company could sell them to the Allies for experiments. In the meantime, he continued, the Allied Experimental Station salvaged several "Maiali" in Venice and there was no further need for the Caproni product. These weapons were examined at Caproni by this officer and they were found to be complete in every detail minus the explosive charge in the warhead. This was the only evidence of production of naval munitions in this plant although they are producing civilian goods. No manufacture of any submarine or section thereof was noticed. Orders were given to the Caproni officials to put these weapons in a locked warehouse and to cease all production of naval armament unless definite authority was received.

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5. The followi[illegible] is a survey and an inventory c[illegible]he naval armament in the Caproni plant:

3 CC Miniature Submarines of 100 tons, dismantled in 3 sections, and rusting in an open yard. Work ended in 1944 on these and nothing was done on them after that date. Two have 90% of the hull completed and 50% of the electrical work done. They have no engines. One other has 40% of the work completed.

30 CB (Caproni B) Miniature Submarines of 45 tons. On these, not one is assembled. Work had progressed up to the assembly of only 16% of the essential parts. No work was done on these after 1944.

12 MEZZI D'ASSALTO, MAILALI DELTA. Four completed as explained above. Four are now dismantled after being 85% completed. Four are about 50% assembled but all parts are available.

Orders were received from the German Command to complete 40 CIF (speed boats firing 2 torpedoes). Caproni has material on hand to produce 20 such boats up to a maximum of 20% completion and 20 up to 5% completion.

Also in open storage, are 2 MAS hulls and one CIF hull, minus motors, which are ruined by exposure.

At Rovereto Caproni is one CA-4, a 12½ ton sub. It was demolished by the Germans during their retreat.

6. Contact was established with the British R.E.M.E. unit using part of the Caproni plant. It was learned after interviewing Major Adams of that unit that he was the officer who had made the original report that Caproni was manufacturing miniature submarines. He had seen them working on the "Maiali" and upon learning that they were underwater weapons he reported them as miniature subs to II District. He knows of no other production of naval weapons in the Caproni plant.

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7. AMG - Lombardy Region was contacted for any further information on this subject. Interviews with the HQ, the Investigation Section, and the Public Safety and Intelligence Officer resulted in no additional evidence of production of naval munitions in this area. Other Allied Intelligence Agencies were contacted, with the same negative result.

8. Further inquiries and conferences with the Commandant, the Genio Navale and the Genio Armi Navale of the Centro Marina disclosed that there are no other manufacturing plants in this area where subs had been built or could presently be built.

/s/ Paul A. Alfieri
PAUL A. ALFIERI

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HQ VENEZIA REGION AMG

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Reference your 9067 cite ACHCO of 061930. Careful and confidential discussion with all provincial commissioners and prefects indicates that no such manifactures at present being carried on in region.

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SUBJECT IS ITALIAN MUNITIONS PRODUCTION PD

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE CABLE EIGHT FOUR THREE SIX OF QUE FIVE NOVEMBER SECRET AND PRIORITY TO YOU FROM EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER ALCOA PD NO REPLY YET RECEIVED PD

PARA TWO FOR ACTION AND VENEZIE REGION FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FROM EXECUTIVE ALCOA

PARA TWO PD REQUEST EARLY REPLY TO PARA TWO OF REFERENCED CABLE PD

PARA THREE PD ALSO REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CABLE EIGHT FOUR THREE FIVE OF QUE FIVE NOVEMBER PD

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cc: Executive Commissioner

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C.J. LEONE
CWO, USA
ASST. ADJUTANT

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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NSC/4127
29 November 1945.

NOV 30 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Executive Commissioner, Hq. Allied Commission.

Subject: War Reparations.

Reference: (a) Executive Commissioner ltr. Ref/616/EC of 20 October 1945.
(b) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/3940 of 25 October 1945.
(c) Executive Commissioner ltr. Ref: 5012/143/EC of 22 November 1945.

1. In reference (a) information was requested regarding industrial plants which serviced and supplied the Italian Royal Navy. In reference (b), paragraph (2), the Navy Sub-Commission stated that it was making a survey of Italian munitions plants which were engaged primarily in work for the Italian Navy and that every effort would be made to complete the survey by 1 January 1946, so that the information requested in reference (a) could be forwarded.

2. Since the above correspondence, reference (c), has been received by the Navy Sub-Commission. It is felt that paragraph 4e and f of reference (c) will suffice to supply the information requested in reference (a) at an earlier data than indicated by reference (b). Therefore the Navy Sub-Commission is not making a complete independent survey.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.

COPY

To : Executive Commissioner.

Date : 29th November, 1945.

NOV 30 1945

Ref : AFSC/829/Eng.

Italian Armament Industry - Illegal Manufacture of Arms.

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1. Reference your ES/12.11 November 24, paragraph 4.

(a) No permission written or otherwise has been given for the manufacture concerned.
(b) Not applicable.
(c) This Sub-Commission does not wish to authorize the manufacture.

2. In respect of (c), above, the Italian Air Ministry has requested that 2000 Sub Machine Guns and 5000 Pistols Beretta cal.7.65 or cal.9 be authorized to be issued for guards at depots and airfields. AFHQ has been requested through AHQ RAF Italy to authorize release of these quantities from controlled stocks already held in Northern Italy.

Ref referred to AFHQ for decision

/s/ D. C. Walker,
D. C. WALKER,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4104
27 November 1945.
NOV 29 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Executive Commissioner, Hq. Allied Commission.

Subject: Italian Armament Industry - Illegal Manufacture of Arms.

Reference: (a) Exec.Comm. ltr. EC/12.11 dated 24 November 1945. 161

1. With regard to reference (a), paragraph 4, the Navy Sub-Commission wishes to inform the Executive Commissioner that to date no manufacture of arms or ammunitions has been authorized by the Navy Sub-Commission.

H. St. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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Subject:- Italian Armament Industry

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
S/Q.050.
27 November 1945

To:- A.C. for Executive Commissioner:

NOV 27 1945

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Reference your EC/12.11 dated 24 Nov 45.

1. The manufacture of small arms at the factories mentioned has not been approved by this Sub Commission.

2. It is considered that as the output of these factories may be of value to the War Ministry who are responsible for the arming of the CC.RR (your AC/14601/II/PS 14 Sep 45 refers), the assembly of completed weapons should continue and the number of arms available be reported to A.F.H.Q. as C.E.H. available for disposal.

Pending A.F.H.Q. authority, manufacture of component parts should cease.

3. It is pointed out that neither the Soc Fabbrica Nazionale d'Armi at BRESCIA nor the Soc Beretta at GARDONE are under War Ministry control.

Nothing is known of any correspondence between these firms and the War Ministry.

/s/ R.A. Curtiss Lt.Col.
R.A. CURTISS LT.COL.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Naval Sub Commission A.C.

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24 November 1945

NOV 26 1945

Ref. : MB/12.11

SUBJECT: Italian Armament Industry - Illegal Manufacture of Arms

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission — 162.
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Naval " " " " — 164.

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1. Reference is made to Distwo Secret Message CC/3956 of 17 October 1945 subject "Italian Munitions Production".

2. Report of inspection by a representative of Industry Sub-Commission (ref. AC/446/M/Ind - Allied Commission Milan Headquarters 15 November 1945) states:

(a) "Soc. Fabbrica Nazionale d'Armi-Brescia which is part of the Caproni group was visited and the production of machine pistols, shot guns, bicycle parts and general carpentry work is taking place. When questioned regarding the production of machine pistols the firm stated that they were producing on the instruction of the Italian War Ministry. No written evidence of the order could be produced but certain correspondence has taken place between the firm and Rome on the subject. The firm has its own civilian guards on the factory gates. Within the firm's magazine there were some 12000 rifles of French origin alleged to have been deposited there by the Germans.

(b) Soc. Beretta - Gardone -
The plant of Soc. Beretta - Gardone is actually producing:

1. Automatic pistols
2. Shot guns
3. Completing the assembly of machine pistols

(c) Considerable quantities of these arms are in progress throughout the factory, and within the firms' magazine there are stored some 1200 machine pistols (Tommy Gun Type) A British military guard is provided by a detachment of the "Loyals" whose object is to prevent any arms other than shot leaving the factory, but I do not consider the present arrangement of guards sufficient.

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(c) The report continues - Every facility to inspect the above plants was provided by the different managements and no effort at concealment was noticed. It is thought that these firms are anticipating orders from the Italian Government when the Northern Regions are handed back to their control, in the meantime, they are endeavoring to keep together their teams of skilled workmen and provide employment. No other evidence of arms manufacture within Lombardia Region has been discovered. 102

3. In AFHQ Secret Message FX 45604 of 20 October, Allied Commission was directed that any manufacture of warlike stores which are discovered or reported to the Commission will be investigated with a view to discovering whether they are taking place at the direction of or by permission of United States and British Armed Forces or (in the case of production for the Italian Armed Forces) the Naval Land and Air Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission. If the manufacture concerned is taking place by permission of one of these authorities, it will be permitted to continue and the circumstances will be reported by the Allied Commission to AFHQ, together with a statement as to why the manufacture concerned is necessary. If the manufacture is not authorized in writing by one of the above mentioned authorities, the Allied Commission will cause the manufacture to cease immediately and report made to AFHQ.

4. It is requested that each of the addressees hereto immediately inform the Allied Commission with respect to the manufacture now taking place as indicated in paragraphs 2 & 3 hereof relative to:

(a) Is the manufacture concerned taking place by your written permission?

(b) If answer to (a) above is yes, please state circumstances and make a statement as to why the manufacture concerned is necessary.

(c) If the manufacture concerned has not been authorized by you in writing, do you wish to so authorize? If not, orders will be issued causing the manufacture to cease immediately.

5. May this matter be considered urgent?

(sgd) L. D. DENSMORE
Col for
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

CC: R. C. Lombardia Region
L. O. Distwo
Industry/Utilities S/C
Economic Section

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394

Office of Regional Commissioner

20 November 1945

NOV 23 1945

SUBJECT : Arms Factories

TO : HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION
(for the Executive Commissioner)

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1. Your signal N.8437 of 17 Nov.1945 refers.

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2. Enclosed is copy of our report to Northern HQ.AC. on above subject matter.

3. Any further cases of production of warlike stores will be the subject of immediate report.

A.N. HANCOCK
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
INDUSTRY DIVISION

REF. : IND/703

15 November 945

SUBJECT : Arms Factories

NOV 23 1945

TO : NORTHERN HQ.AC.
(att. Industry Division)

1. The following plants which formerly manufactured arms have been visited by the undersigned to ascertain if any manufacture still continues.

a) Soc. Breda - Brescia
b) Soc. Isotta Fraschini - Cavaria
c) Soc. Fabbrica Nazionale d'Armi - Brescia
d) Soc. Beretta - Gardone Val Tronpia

2. Soc. Breda - Brescia has almost completely been wiped out by air attach and no manufacture of machine guns or weapons is possible. The firm however have salveged a considerable amount of machinery and have installed this in an adjacent Caserma and are re-tooling the equipment for various pence-time products, i.e. bicycles, small engeneering products and shot guns. The shot guns are at present only in the experimental stage and have not reached mass production, there is no evidence of manufacture of machine guns or rifles.

3. The plant of Isotta Fraschini which formerly manufactured 20 m/m and 12,7 m/m machine guns was inspected and no manufacture of arms is taking place. The machinery is being re-tooled for the production of automobile parts. In the firm magazine there are sufficient parts to assemble some 200 machine guns. The parts are under lock and key.

4. The plant of the Soc. Fabbrica Nazionale d'Armi - Brescia which is part of the Caproni group was visited and the production of machine pistols, shot guns, bicycle parts and general carpentary work is taking place.
When questioned regarding the production of machine pistols the firm stated that they were producing on the instruction of the Italian War Ministry . No written evidence of the order could be

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produced but certain correspondence has taken place between the firm and Rome on the subject. The firm have their own civilian guards on the factory gates. Within the firm magazine there were some 12000 rifles of French origin alleged to have been deposited there by the Germans.

5. The plant of Soc. Beretta - Gardone is actually producing a) automatic pistols, b) shot guns, c) completing the assembly of machine pistols.
Considerable quantities of these arms are in progress throughout the factory, and within the firm magazine there are stored some 12000 machine pistols (Tommy Gun Type).
A british military guard is provided by a detachment of the "Loyals" whose object is to prevent any arms other than shot guns leaving the factory.

6. Every facility to inspect the above plants was provided by the different managements and no effort at concealment was noticed. It is thought that these firms are anticipating orders from the Italian Government when the Northern regions are handed back to their control, in the meantime they are endeavouring to keep together their teams of skilled workmen and provide employment.
No other evidence or arms manufature within Lombardia Region has been discovered.

For the Regional Commissioner

T.G. Elliott
Captain
Acting Regional Industry Officer

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 1349
Date/Time of Origin: 220159A

Message Centre No: G/4147
Date Time Rec'd: NOV.231115A
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: A.M.G.LIGURIA REGION
TO : ALCOM HQ CITE ACEXC

NOV 23 1945

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REFERENCE CABLE 8436 OF 15 NOVEMBER.

SUBJECT ITALIAN MUNITION PRODUCTION

I°) IT IS NOT POSSIBLE WITH AVAILABLE STAFF TO CARRY OUT AFHQ DIRECTIVE IN THIS REGION.

II°) SUGGEST INSPECTORS BE APPOINTED FROM MILITARY UNITS FOR THE PURPOSE.

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ACTION - EX.COMMISSIONER (2)
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Date/Time of Origin: 220159A

Message Centre No: G/4147

Date Time Rec'd: NOV.231115A

Precedence: IMPORTANT

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMEI
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394

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Office of Regional Commissioner

20 November 1945

NOV 23 1945

SUBJECT : Munition Production

TO : HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION
(att. Executive Commissioner)

1. Your signal n°8436 of 17 Nov. 1945 refers. 139 49

2. Before AFHQ directive AG 388.3/087 - GEG-O, of which no trace can be found in this HQ, can be carried out, it would be necessary to know the following:

a) Requirements in terms of quantities and rates of production for such warlike stores that may be required by either the Allied Forces or the Italian Army and Navy.

b) Whether requirements are repairs or new construction.

c) Whether to British, U.S.A. or Italian Army designs and full technical particulars.

3. If such details are forthcoming a plan could be prepared whereby selected factories could undertake what is required and redundant plants closed down or vital machinery impounded.
It is pointed out that such a plan would call for the services of armament expert to assess the numbers and types of machines required to execute the work.

4. This region has not sufficient technically qualified personnel to undertake work of this kind which calls for specialised personnel whose numbers could be assessed when requirements are known.

A.N. HANCOCK
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394

Office of Regional Commissioner

20 November 1945

NOV 23 1945

SUBJECT : Production of Warlike Stores

TO : SOC. BERETTA
GARDONE VAL TROMPIA

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1. It has come to my notice that your factory is actively engaged in the manufacture and assembly of such weapons as shot guns, pistols and machine pistols.

2. Such production calls for written approval from the Allied Armed Forces or in the case of production for the Italian Armed Forces written approval of the Naval, Land or Air Sub Commissions of the Allied Commission.

3. Would you kindly present yourself together with this written approval in this office within the next 7 days, for a discussion on this matter.

4. Please acknowledge receipt of this communication.

A.N. HANCOCK
Colonel,
Regional Commissioner

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: P226

Date/Time of Origin: NOV.

Message Centre No: G/4047

Date Time Rec'd: NOV. 211410 A

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: HQ PIEMONTE REGION

TO : ACTION ALCOM CITE ACEXC

BRITISH ARCHIVES
21 NOV 1945

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1. Reference your 8435 and 8436 of 15th November.
2. A survey of factories likely to be manufacturing arms was made in october and result is being forwarded to you.
3. Industry officer and RPSO Piemonte Region investigating possibilities of control of production and other points raised but obvious now no technical Allied personnel available.
4. Report follows investigation. not received yet

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ACTION : Ex Com.
INFO : Chief Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5012/143/20

22 November 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Armament Industry and the Re-equipping of Italian Armed Forces

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 AFHQ, APO 512

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1. Reference is made to letter G-5, 091.711-1 Italy AFHQ, dated 3 November 1945 to Headquarters Allied Commission, above subject, and Reference 766 AFHQ 28 October 1945, same subject.

2. Four problems are presented:

a. Present situation in arms manufacture.

b. Capacity of the Italian armament industry with respect to the part it can play in re-equipping the Italian Armed Forces.

c. Steps that the Italian Government should be advised to take to ensure that all arms manufactured are delivered to the armed forces.

d. What action should be taken to render inoperative or to convert to other purposes armament factories not to be used for re-equipping the Italian Armed Forces.

3. With reference to present situation in arms manufacture:

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2. Four problems are presented:

a. Present situation in arms manufacture.

b. Capacity of the Italian armament industry with respect to the part it can play in re-equipping the Italian Armed Forces.

c. Steps that the Italian Government should be advised to take to ensure that all arms manufactured are delivered to the armed forces.

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d. Reports as a result of 3 a. and 3 b. above should indicate whether or not a general investigation of arms manufacture in AMG territory should be instituted.

e. The control of industrial production, allocation of imported and indigenous raw materials, coal and petroleum products in Northern Italy is under the jurisdiction of the North Italy Industrial Council, headed by the Italian Government Minister of Industry and Commerce and subject to AFHQ approval. There has been no allocation for armament production.

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f. There has been no indication that there is any unauthorized manufacture of warlike stores in Italian Government territory. As a matter of security precautions, it would seem advisable to remind the Italian Government of the prohibition of manufacture of armaments, munitions or implements of war. The transfer of northern provinces to Italian Government jurisdiction would appear to be an opportune time for such reminder, and this will be done at that time.

4. Relative to the capacity of the Italian armament industry with respect to the part it can play in re-equipping the Italian Armed Forces, the following observations and recommendations are made:

a. Attached as Inclosure No. 1 is compilation of general information relative to Italian Industry, period 1939 to 1942, taken from old records of the Italian Ministry of War Production.

b. A careful examination has been made of records of this Commission with respect to the Italian Armament Industry. The files indicate that during 1944 inspections and status reports were made by officers of the Industry Sub-Commission covering a great many firms and plants located in Southern and Central Italy previously engaged in the manufacture of armament. The industry suffered extensive damage from bombing and German sabotage; nevertheless, a number of these plants were found to be virtually intact and under the control of their owners, who in most cases were attempting to restore the plants to an operating condition. Some have been converted to civilian purposes. Requisitioning of general purpose machine-tools, motors, etc. and the occupation of the premises by Allied Forces have to a great extent diminished the possibilities of restarting a complete operation in most of the plants.

c. Southern and Central Italy has been under Italian Government jurisdiction for a considerable length of time and the control, conversion and rehabilitation of industry has been a responsibility of the Government. Definite information as to the extent to which the armament industry has been activated or is capable of rehabilitation is not in the hands of this Commission, nor does the staff exist to initiate or effect an investigation now.

d. Special surveys of industrial capacity, including the Italian Armament Industry, have not been made by the Commission in Northern Italy. It was found by general surveys, upon the liberation of the North, that the manufacturing industry in the North was virtually in tact and that there was much more capacity available than it would be possible to provide coal and raw materials for. It is known that a large portion of the Italian Armament Industry was located in Northern Italy and that much of it is in operating condition.

e. The Minister of Industry and Commerce, Italian Government, at present, on his own motion, is having a study prepared which will show the present situation of the Italian Armament Industry with respect to the portion which should be reconverted to civilian use and the portion left for other purposes. This study should be complete by 1 December 1945. The Minister has agreed to make a copy available to Allied Commission which will be forwarded to AFHQ.

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g. The information required by para. 4 (a) of [illegible], AFHQ letter, AP.786 of 28 Oct 45, can best be obtained by Allied Commission from the Italian Government. This will be done. Will you outline in more precise detail exactly what is required. It is considered that the Government can make the information available in such form that the dependability and accuracy can be ascertained by Allied representatives from a few sample spot checks.

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5. In connection with the question as to what steps the Italian Government should take to ensure that all arms manufactured are delivered to the Armed Forces, it is considered that the existing Italian laws regulating the manufacture of arms and munitions when enforced will provide proper safeguards. The fact that a considerable part of the raw materials required for arms and munitions manufacture must be imported into Italy, especially during the immediate post war period, will afford a check and control. Steel and raw materials will be allocated under government control for a considerable period of time. It is also felt that the urgent need of essential civilian production will make it difficult to obtain the required fuels and materials for manufacture of warlike stores. It is suggested that the urgent need for providing a system of control to ensure that all arms manufactured are delivered to the Armed Forces be called to the attention of the Government in the communication referred to in para. 3 f. hereof.

6. Action necessary to render inoperative or to convert to other purposes armament factories not to be used for re-equipping the Italian Armed Forces is dependent upon the facts as may be established, as discussed in para. 4 hereof. As indicated in para. 4 g. the Italian Government is at present preparing a study relative to the reconversion of that portion of the industry which in the government's opinion should be turned to civilian use.

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Executive Commissioner

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GENERAL INFORMATION RELATIVE TO ITALIAN ARMAMENT INDUSTRY
PERIOD 1939 to 1942

SOURCE: Records of Italian Ministry of War Production

1. Wartime Expansion of Italian Industry.

	1940	1941	1 April 42
Auxiliary plants existing	932	1034	1910
Labor Employment	805,239	1,015,354	1,200,050

New installations of 978 plants required the autmentation of labor by 394,811 men.

2. Increment of Production Capacity from 1939 to 1942

Item Produced	Quantity Produced		Augmented Capacity
Pistols and Revolvers	344,455		85.7%
Rifles cal. 6.5 and 9	2865505		32.3%
Automatic arms cal. 6,12,20 mm	130000		167.6%
Artillery light	3434		244 %
Artillery medium	666		600 %
Artillery heavy	32		266 %
Tanks	3186		200 %
Ammo. cal. 6.5 to 15	1645658292		?
Artillery charges	83000000		163%
Artillery projectiles	34000000		320%
Naval constructions	8758	Tons	85.7%
Cast iron	3546664	Tons	61.9%
Steel	7719743	Tons	40 %
Aluminum	165139	Tons	82.9%
Lead	116527	Tons	52.2%
Cadmium			
Antimony			
Metallic Magnesium	10000	Tons	65%
Tin			

3. General Index of Production

Industry	1928	1939	1943
Textile	100	88.6	52.9
Metallurgical	100	122.3	240.6
Building	100	121.2	24.8
Mechanical	100	150.4	202
Power and heat production	100	176.2	199.9
Mining	100	142	96
Chemical	100	162.5	87
Other industries	100	128.1	78.8

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Diminished production due in part by Allied bombing and mainly from lack of raw materials.

4. Control of Factories that Supplied the Italian Armed Forces During Period 1940-1943

Production	Controlled by State	IRI	Private Ownership
Pistols	-	-	100%
Rifles	74,5%	-	25,5%
Automatic Arms	-	98,8%	1,2%
Motor for inf.	2%	-	98%
Artillery	7.5%	61 %	31,5%
Tanks and Armoured cars	-	62,5%	37,5%
Ammunition	36,8%	-	63,2%
Projectiles for Artillery	10 %	5%	85%
Torpedoes	-	29%	71%
Air Forces Bombs	14,7%	37,4%	47,9%
Fuses and Caps	2 %	-	98%
Aeroplanes	-	5%	95%
Motors for aeroplanes	-	52,3%	47,7%
Motor vehicles	-	10,5%	89,5%
Explosives	7,2 %	-	92,8%

5. List of firms that produced armaments for Italy during the period 1940-43

Name of Firm	Control	Location	% of Total Production
Pistols			
S. A. Berretta	Private	Gardone Val Trompia (Brescia)	100%
Rifles			
Fabbrica d'Armi R.E.	State	Torni	49,7%
Fabbrica d'Armi R.E.	"	Brescia	24,8%
Fabbrica Nazionale d'armi	Priv.Owned	"	12,-%
S. A. Berretta	" "	"	10,-%
S. A. Armiguerra	" "	Cremona	3,5%
			100,-%
Automatic Arms			
Soc. Italiana E. Breda	IRI	Roma	72,5%
" " " "	"	Brescia	22,-%
	"	"	1,8%
S.A. O.M.	Priv.Owned	"	1,2%
Fabbrica Nazionale d'Armi	IRI	Milano	2,5%
Isotta Fraschini			100,-%
Mortars for Infantry			
Metallurgica Bresciana (cal.45m)	Priv.Owned	Brescia	52,4%
Cemsa Caproni Elettromecc.(cal.81m)	"	Saronno	45,2%
Arsenale R.E.	State	Napoli	2,4%
			100,-%

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Artillery			
Soc. Italiana E. Breda	Priv.Owned	Brescia	31,1%
S. A. Ansaldo	IRI	Pozzuoli	26,4%
" " "	"	Genova	24,9%
Odero Terni Orlando O.T.O.	"	La Spezia	9,7%
S.A. Nazionale Cogne	State	Imola	3,9%
Arsenale R.E.	"	Piacenza	2,-%
Arsenale R.E.	"	Napoli	2,-%
			100,-%
Tanks, Armoured Cars, Self Propelled Guns			
S.A. Ansaldo	IRI	Genova	62,5%
SPA Societa Piemontese Autom.(FIAT)	Priv.Owned	Torino	37,5%
Munitions			
Soc. Metallurgica Italiana	"	Pistoia	36,1%
Pirotecnico R.E.	State	Capua	22,8%
Pirotecnico R.E.	"	Bologna	14,-%
Giulio Fiocchi S.A.	Priv.Owned	Lecco	14,-%
Bombrini Parodi Delfino	"	Colleferro)	9,8%
" " "	"	Cesoano)	

The Balance was produced by other minor firms

Projectiles for Artillery			
Innocenti S.A.	Priv.Owned	Roma)	18,4%
" " "	"	Milano)	
Cantieri Metallurgici Italiani	"	Napoli)	29,4%
" "	" "	Castellamare)	
S.A. Nazionale Cogne	State	Imola	8,3%
S.A. Terni	IRI	Terni	4,3%
Soc. Italiana E.Breda	Priv.Owned	Sesto S.Giovanni	4,2%

The balance was provided by the following minor firms: Off.Mecc.Riccardi (Napoli)-S.A.O.M.(Caste) Franco Veneto)-S.I.S.M.A.(Alless ria)-CEMSA Caprini(Varese-Brescia)-Soc.Nas.Officine di Savigliano(Savigliano Metallurgica Bresciana(Brescia)-SAFOR(Novara)-S.A. Off.Mecc.Gigardi(Novara) S.A. Stabilimento S.Eustacchio(Brescia)-Off.Mecc. Salvatore Rane(Napoli)- UTITA (Este)-Ilva(Napoli)-Proiettificio R.E.(Genova)-F.lli Tarucchi(Perugia FUM Savant(Borgomanero-Novara)-Navalmeccanica(Napoli)-S.A.Ferriere Lombarde Fasd(Sesto S.Giovanni-Arcore-Valbano-Dongo)-Arsenale R.E.(Piacenza)-ILVA (Bergamo)-OCI Fiat(Modena)-Breda(Apuania)-VISA(Voghera).

Torpedoes			
Silurificio Whitehead	Priv.Owned	Fiume	50,9%
Silurificio Italiano	IRI	Napoli)	29,4%
" "	"	Baia Bacoli (	
" "	"	Terregaveta)	
Mitifudes	Priv.Owned	Livorno	19,7%
			100,-%

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Airforce Bombs			
Isotta Fraschini	IRI	Milano)	22,7%
"	"	Saronno)	

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(Airforce Bombs - Contd)

S.R.C.M.	Priv.Owned	Roma	18,4%
S.A. Aerea	" "	Milano	16,3%
Innocenti S.A.)		Roma)	
" " " (	State owned but managed	Milano (	14,7%
" " ")	by the Soc. An. Innocenti	Milano)	
Stabilimento Dalmine .	IRI	Brescia	14,7%

Other minor firms produced the balance.

Fuses and Caps

Arturo Jungheus S.A.	Priv.Owned	Venezia	27,4%
S.&A. Gnutti	" "	Brescia	11,9%
S.A. Metallurgiche Longhini	" "	Varese	9,3%
F. Lli Borletti	" "	Milano	9,2%
SISMA (Edison)	" "	Milano)	
"	" "	Forli)	6,4%
Spolettificio R.E.	State	Roma	2,8%

Other minor firms provided the balance.

Aeroplanes

Soc.Italiana E. Breda	Priv.Owned	Sesto S. Giovanni	14,9%
Aeronautica d'Italia	" "	Torino)	
" "	" "	Firenze)	14,5%
Macchi	" "	Varese	13,-%
Savoia Marchetti (Fiat)	" "	Varese)	
" "	" "	Novara (	10,-%
" "	" "	Ancona)	
Officine Reggiane	" "	Reggio Emilia	9,8%
S.A. Caproni	" "	Milano	6,7%
Cantieri Riuniti dell'Adriatico	IRI	Trieste	4,3%
Societa Aeronautica Italiana	Priv.Owned	Perugia	3,8%
C.L.B. Caproni Bergamasca	" "	Bergamo	3,4%

The balance was produced by other minor firms

Motors for Aeroplanes

Alfa Romeo	IRI	Milano	24,2%
S.A. Piaggio	Priv.Owned	Pontedera	19,-%
Isotta Fraschini	IRI	Milano)	
" "	"	Varese)	18,-%
FIAT	Priv.Owned	Torino	14,1%
Reggiane	" "	Reggio Emilia	10,2%
Alfa Romeo	IRI	Pomigliano	10,1%

Motor Vehicles

FIAT	Priv.Owned	Torino	63,7%
SPA (Fiat)	" "	"	12,3%
O M	IRI	Brescia	7,3%
Macchi	Priv.Owned	Milano	7,-%
Lancia	" "	Torino	6,4%
Alfa Romeo	IRI	Milano	1,5%
Breda	"	Sesto S.Giovanni	1,-%
Isotta Fraschini	"	Milano	0,6%
OCI Fiat	Priv.Owned	Modena	0,1%
S.A. Motomeccanica	IRI	Milano	0,1%
			100,-%

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Explosives			
S. A. Dinamite Nobel	Priv.Owned	Firenze	24,6%
Bombrini Parodi Delfino	" "	Colleferro	18,5%
S.A. Dinamite Nobel	" "	Torino	15,4%
SOCEM (Montecatini)	" "	Apuani }	
" "	" "	Grosseto }	12,3%
Polverificio R.E.	State	Frosinone	7,2%
S.A. Dinamite Nobel	Priv.Owned	Aquila }	8,8%
" " "	" "	Avigliano }	5,3%
SIPA	" "	Narni	4,4%
AGNA (Montecatini)	" "	Savona	3,5%

6. General Statements

a. The coordinating agency within the Italian Government during the war was the Ministry of War Production (Ministero Fabbricazioni di Guerra).

b. Clothing, shoes, tents, haversacks, blankets and other items of personal equipment for the Italian Army, Navy and Air Forces were provided by private-owned industries. The only limiting factor as to the capacity of these industries to furnish the full requirements of the above items was the availability of raw materials.

c. Armaments such as portable and heavy arms, ammunition, vehicles, planes, ships and tanks were produced partly by private owned plants, part by plants controlled by the State through IRI, and part in army and navy arsenals under the direct management of the respective ministers.

d. Under Italian law all production of arms was made on a license basis. Each factory received an order for a definite number of specified items and the control of production was carried out through the allocation of raw materials, and the presence of inspectors at the plant. All manufacture of arms outside the license was illegal.

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1. Reference your 8437 of 15th November

2. TURIN factory referred to raided 2 weeks ago without result.

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HQ ALCOM MILAN INDUSTRY S/C

HQ ALCOM ROME

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Subject is illegal manufacture of arms

1. Personal survey by this HQ impossible because of inadequate officer and civilian personnel

2. Subject report will be delayed awaiting information to arrive from regions

3. Personal inspection by this office in several arms; plants shows sporting guns are being manufactured by knowledge of provincial commissioners there are stores of warlike arms in various plants with parts to assemble more weapons a deatiled survey necessitates inspection by a force of armed military personnel qualified to ascertain control of such manufacture which may be on authorised basis and impound such other equipment and stocks of materials which would be construed as necessary only for warlike manufacturing

4. Military guards placed in some arms plants are inadequate for security of arms leaving premises and arms were seen leave those unguarded entrances often no guard was visible anywhere for hours at a time.

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PARA ONE PD DISTWO IN MESSAGE GEORGE OBOE OBLIQUE THREE NINE FIVE SIX OF SEVENTEEN OCTOBER STATES THAT INVESTIGATION HAS SHOWN THAT BERETTA FACTORY GARDONE HOLDS TWELVE THOUSAND MACHINE PISTOLS AND FABRICA NAZIONAL FACTORY BRESCIA HOLDS THIRTEEN THOUSAND RIFLES THAT BOTH ARE ASSEMBLING MORE MACHINE PISTOLS PD IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT IN MILAN MINIATURE SUBMARINES AND A MILITARY AIRCRAFT ARE BEING MADE PD STATEMENT MADE THAT ONE CASE SUSPECTED CLANDESTINE ARMS MANUFACTURE TURIN PD

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PARA TWO PD DISTWO STATES FURTHER INVESTIGATION WITH AMG ASSISTANCE NOW BEING MADE PD

PARA THREE PD REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPORT RELATIVE TO RESULT OF AMG INVESTIGATION

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Ref No. 8433 Date: 15 Nov 45 Precedence: PRIORITY

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PARA ONE FD BY THE ARMISTICE TERMS THE MANUFACTURE BY ITALY OF WARLIKE STORES IS FORBIDDEN EXCEPT AS DIRECTED BY ALLIED AUTHORITY FD

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PARA TWO FD ANY MANUFACTURE OF WARLIKE STORES WHICH IS DISCOVERED OR REPORTED TO YOU WILL BE INVESTIGATED BY YOU FD IF THE MANUFACTURE CONCERNED IS TAKING PLACE BY WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES OR BRITISH ARMED FORCES OR PAREN IN THE CASE OF PRODUCTION FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES PAREN BY WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE NAVAL CMA LAND OR AIR SUB COMMISSIONS OF THE ALLIED COMMISSION IT WILL BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE AND YOU WILL REPORT ALL FACTS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS FD IF THE MANUFACTURE IS NOT AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY ONE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED AUTHORITIES YOU WILL IN AMG TERRITORY CAUSE THE MANUFACTURE TO CEASE IMMEDIATELY AND REPORT THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO THIS HEADQUARTERS FD IN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TERRITORY YOU WILL REPORT THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO THIS HEADQUARTERS BY QUICKEST MEANS

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Office of Exec Commissioner

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F. H. McCLEARY

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Navy s/c
L.F. s/c
Air Forces s/c

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: M.S.L /2

Date/Time of Origin NOV 14/1100

Message Centre No: G/3590

Date Time Rec'd: NOV 15/0830 A

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: BRIGADIER LUSH

TO : HQ ALCOM FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

NOV 15 1945

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Try to extract from AFHQ a decision on the subject of BERETTA Arms factory.

G.O.C. District 2 anxious for decision.

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15 NOV 1945
A.F.H.Q.

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(CAPT BRAYBROOKE)

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Ref: 5012/435/30

13. November 1945

SUBJECT: The Italian Armament Industry and Re-employment of Italian Armed Forces.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters
(Attention: G-5 Section).

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1. The delay in replying to your letter G-5; 091. 701-4 Italy dated 3 November 45 is regretted. This matter is being gone in to and it is hoped that we shall be in a position to forward our final recommendations in the course of the next three or four days.

For the Chief Commissioner,

F. H. McCLEARY Lt Col.
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref 5012/108/EC of 30 Oct.

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CA Tee file ac/14057/PS Minute 2

"CA Tee has no comments to offer on 5012/108/EC of 30 Oct.

See 118 CBB 13/4

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Ref: 5012/133/Eo

12 November 1945

SUBJECT: Violation of Armistice Terms.

TO : Economic Section

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Reference attached copy of AG 388.3 GEC-O, dated 8 November 1945, as this matter is so closely bound up with the points discussed at Colonel Densmore's meeting referred to in your E3/12.05 dated 7 November 1945. Would you be good enought to submit a draft reply?

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Chief Staff Officer
To the Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 388.3 GEG-O

8 November 1945

SUBJECT: Violation of Armistice Terms.

NOV 10 1945

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1. The Supreme Allied Commander is disturbed by the information contained in a signal sent to you by the GOC No. 2 District on 17 October which states that there is unauthorized manufacture of warlike stores taking place in his district.

2. Your attention is invited to paragraph 3 of letter from this Headquarters, subject Policy on Italian Munitions Production file AG 388.3/087 GEG-O dated 2 August 1945, and to Article 13 of the Terms of Armistice.

3. The potential danger of the existence of warlike stores which may not be adequately protected from illegal seizure and the continuation of that danger by unsupervised manufacture is so apparent as to need no detailing.

4. There is no reason to believe that the present existence of warlike stores or their continued manufacture is a deliberate evasion of the Armistice terms. The failure is more likely to be one of omission rather than commission. It is desired, therefore, that you inform the Italian Government that it must take steps to insure that no warlike stores are to be manufactured without the express approval of the authorized agencies of the Supreme Allied Commander and that any existing stocks must be taken under adequate guard and declared to the proper agency.

By Command of Lieutenant General MORGAN:

C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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(CAPT GRAYBROOKE) GWB 13/11

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel: 267

7 November 45

NOV 8 1945

Ref: ES/12.05

SUBJECT: Italian Munitions Production

TO : See Distribution

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1. References:

a. Secret letter AG 388.3/087 GEG-O AFHQ dated 2 August 1945, subject: "Policy on Italian Munitions Production."

b. Secret message GO/371 of 8 Oct. 45 AC LO Distwo to ALCOM relative unauthorized munitions production.

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c. Secret message GO/3956 of 17 Oct. Distwo to ALCOM relative control of Italian munitions production.

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d. Secret message FX49604 of 21 Oct. AFHQ to ALCOM relative uncontrolled military construction in North Italy.

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e. Secret letter AP 786 AFHQ office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, dated 28 Oct. 45 to AFHQ Staff Distribution, subject "The Italian Armament Industry and the Re-Equipping of Italian Armed Forces."

2. G-5 AFHQ has requested ALCOM to submit recommendations as to the following:

a) To discover the present situation in arms manufacture and the capacity, by phases, of the Italian arms industry. In examination of this problem, distinction will be drawn between arms factories at present working and arms factories at present idle.

b) To discover the availability of arms of Italian manufacture in stock and in dumps of captured enemy material.

c) Based on the results of the investigations detailed at a) and b) above, and having regard to the need of standardisation and the probable restrictions that will be placed on the Italian arms industry by the terms of the peace treaty, to produce a recommendation as to the use that should be made of Italian arms in re-equipping the Italian Armed Forces.

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d) To prepare a recommendation as to the steps that the Italian Government should be advised to take to ensure that all arms manufactured are delivered to the Armed Forces.

e) To recommend the action that should be taken to render inoperative or to convert to other purposes armament factories not to be used for the re-equipping of the Italian Armed Forces.

3. The Executive Commissioner has requested the Economic Section to call a meeting of the representatives of affected sub-commissions for the purpose of discussing and formulating recommendations to be made by Allied Commission.

4. Will each of the units shown on the distribution of this letter please send a representative to a meeting to be held at 1000 hours on Friday 9 November 1945, in the Chief Commissioner's hearing room, third floor, A. C. building?

FOR THE ACTING VICE PRESIDENT:

L. D. Densmore

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, FA
Deputy Vice President

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5012/126/EO 8 November 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Armament Industry

TO : Economic Section

Reference conversation of even date Dep Director, Industry Sub-Commission - Capt. Braybrooke. 132

1. Herewith copies of a letter G-5: 091.711.1 and enclosures on the above subject received from G-5, AFHQ passed to you for action on parns 2 and 3.

2. Enclosed also are copies of an interim reply made to AFHQ.

Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5012/125/EO

November 1945

SUBJECT: The Italian Armament Industry

TO : G-5, AFHQ

Reference G-5: 091.711.1 Italy dated 3 November 1945 and Incls. on above subject.

1. Investigations on the lines suggested in para 4 a of AP 786 of 28 October 1945 have been in progress for the last fortnight.

2. Industry Sub-Commission expects a full report within the next few days and, immediately this is studied, a report will be forwarded to you with this Headquarters' views upon paras 4 d and e of the quoted letters.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to:
Economic Section (2)

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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NSC/3910
2 November 1945.
NOV 5 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Executive Commissioner, Hq. Allied Commission.

Subject: Manufacture of Warlike Stores.

Reference: (a) Executive Commissioner, AC, ltr. 5012/108/EC of 30 October 1945.
(b) AFHQ SECRET ltr. AG 388.3/087 GEG-O of 2 August 1945.
(c) Navy Sub-Commission, AC, TOP SECRET ltr. NSC/3840 of 25 October 1945 to Executive Commissioner only.

1. It is noted that the two drafts forwarded by reference (a) merely established procedures to be followed in the event Italian plants are found to be engaged in the manufacture of munitions. Paragraph (4) of the draft outlining the procedure to be followed by Allied [redacted] Headquarters specifically states it is not required that investigations be made de novo of plants manufacturing or capable of manufacturing warlike stores. It is not considered that the policy established by Allied Force Headquarters in reference (b) can be effectively implemented until such time as complete information is collected at Allied Commission Headquarters in central files concerning Italian plants which are capable of manufacturing munitions and a survey is made of Italian warlike stores.

2. It is recommended that the Industry Sub-Commission, AC, be made responsible for the compilation of the data required to implement paragraphs 4 (a), (b), (c) and (d) of reference (b) and that the War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission, AC, make the survey of Italian warlike stores required by paragraph 4 (c) of reference (b).

3. It is pointed out that a survey of Italian plants must be made in order to comply with reference (c).

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, ACAS

Copy to:
Economic Section, AC.
Air Forces Sub-Commission, AC.
Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC.
Civil Affairs Section, AC.
(CAPT GRAYBROOKE)

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FROM: AIR FORCE SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER,
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME.

DATE: 5TH NOVEMBER, 1945.

REF: AFSC/829/ENG.

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With reference to your 5012/118/EC dated 30th October, the directives in question have been studied and are approved, but no particular comments are considered applicable by this Sub-Commission prior to a general discussion on the subject.

William L. Lee

WILLIAM L. LEE,
BRIGADIER GENERAL, USA,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

(CAPT BRAYBROOKE)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 091.711-1 Italy

3 November 1945

NOV 5 1945

SUBJECT: The Italian Armament Industry and the Re-equipping of Italian Armed Forces.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Chief Commissioner).

1. Your attention is invited to the attached letter subject, The Italian Armament Industry and the Re-equipping of the Italian Armed Forces, dated 28 October 1945 and G-3 A.F.H.Q. memorandum same subject dated 30 October 1945. 121. 120.

2. It is requested that you inform this Section as a matter of urgency the method by which you recommend the information required in paragraph 4 a, of the first listed letter shall be obtained and the length of time required to obtain it.

3. Your views on paragraph 4(d) and (e) are likewise desired.

HEADQUARTERS 4 NOV 1945 ALLIED COMMISSION

By Command of General Alexander:

A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Incls: as above

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Copy K. Harry S/C 29/11/45.

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G-3 SECTION

30 October 1945

File: 126

SUBJECT: The Italian Armament Industry and the Re-equiping of the Italian Armed Forces

TO : G-5
G(SD)
Q(AF)

Reference D C of S letter of 28 October 1945.

1. Executive action with regard to the collection of the necessary basic information is allotted as follows:-

Para 4 a. G-5

Para 4 b. Q(AF) in conjunction with G(SD)

Para 4 d. and e. G-5 as a result of the investigations necessitated by para 4 a.

Will Staff Sections concerned please ensure that this information is obtained without delay and that G-3 is notified as soon as it is to hand.

2. Action on para 4 c. is dependent on the information obtained in para 1 above and further instructions will be issued by this Section in due course.

/s/???

for D. PEEL YATES,
Brigadier, G.S.
A C/S G-3 AFHQ.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff

28 October 1945

SUBJECT: The Italian Armament Industry and the Re-equiping of The Italian Armed Forces

TO : All concerned

See 132

1. It is necessary to clear up the doubt which at present exists as to the extent to which weapons are being made in Italian armament factories, and to recommend to the Combined Chiefs of Staff what part the Italian armament industry should play in the re-equiping of the Italian Armed Forces.

2. By the armistice terms, the manufacture by ITALY of warlike stores was forbidden except as directed by the United Nations.

3. It is understood that some manufacture of small arms is proceeding in certain Italian armament factories. It is not clear under whose direction this manufacture of arms is taking place. This matter is at present being studied by G-5.

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/s/A.D. Ward

/t/ A.D. WARD,
Major General,
Deputy Chief of Staff

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
S/Q.050
5 November, 1945.

To:

A.C. for Executive Commissioner.

NOV 5 1945

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Reference your 5012/108/EC dated 30 October 1945.

I have no comment to make on the two draft directives enclosed therewith.

It is noted that War Material Disposal Sub Commission is to be informed of any plants where the manufacture of war-like stores has been authorised.

I have no such cases to report, the activities of such installations as are under War Ministry control being at present limited to repair and maintenance.

L. Browning

Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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A.C. for Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED [redacted] COMMISSION

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

SUBJECT:

FILE No. Tel. Ext. 525.

TO Executive Commissioner.

2 Nov 1945

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I have no comments to make on the attached directives.

(5012/108/er refers).

M. CARR, Brig.,
VP CA Section.

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Executive Commissioner

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Captain,
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YOUR GO/4045 OF 31 OCTOBER SUBJECT ITALIAN MUNITIONS PRODUCTION REFERS PD MATTER OF CARRYING OUT AFHQ DIRECTIVE IS SUBJECT OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH AFHQ AND UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AT THIS HQ PD SPECIFIC CASES CITED BY YOU UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: GO/4045
Date/Time of Origin: OCT 310930A

Message Centre No: G/2497
Date Time Rec'd: OCT 311615A
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: DISTWO

TO : (1) ALCOM INFO (2) AFHQ FOR CMF OPS

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Request confirmation you have received this HQ signal GO/3956 of 17 October sent you secret and immediate. Subject Italian munitions production.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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Navy SC
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Air SC
File 2
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Reference: 5012/112/40 31 October 1945

SUBJECT: Munitions Production

TO : Canada Section

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1. Please investigate and report true statements in para. 2 of signal from 2 District (ref: 1334 of 17 Oct) reading as follows:

"Investigation has shown that [redacted] factory CARDEN holds 12,000 machine pistols and [redacted] factory [redacted] holds 15,000 rifles. Both are assembling into machine pistols. In [redacted] are being made miniature submarines and a military aircraft. One case suspected [redacted] were manufactured. Further investigation with RCMP assistance now being made".

2. Director, Public Safety, advises that RCMP G/I already has some information on the Gardens and Brownie plants (in which subject Public Safety is interested in order to outfit Confidential).

3. Your attention is directed to the statement that investigation is being made by Ottawa with RCMP assistance. It is understood that this HQ (MEPA or WSO) is already checking up with respect to miniature submarines.

E. M. WHITE

Chief Staff Officer
To the Executive Committee

Copy to: Public Safety S/C.
: Land Forces S/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIC
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

30. October 1945

SUBJECT: Manufacture of warlike stores

TO : Economic Section
Navy Representation
Air Forces Representation
Land Forces Representation (SCAJAP)
Civil Affairs Section

1. The Executive Commissioner would appreciate it if you would submit your comments on the two attached directives which it is proposed to issue in order to implement SWNCC directives on the control of the manufacture of warlike stores.

2. The latest SWNCC instructions are contained in signal WX 14644, 2 October, copy attached.

3. The responsibility for the coordination of the survey of warlike stores was originally assigned to the Industry Representation with the Services Representations furnishing the information. (ref: SCAP/57/AG, 16 April 45), on 25 July 45 this responsibility was transferred to the Materials Disposal Representation in letter SCAP/47/AG.

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Chief Staff Officer
to the Executive Commissioner

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APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Manufacture of warlike stores

TO : Ec. Sec.
CA Sec.
Land Forces S/C
Navy S/C
Air S/C
W.M.D. S/C
Industry S/C

1. The coordination at AC HQ of the attached directive to R.Cs and L.Os will be the responsibility of (Industry S/C or WD S/C ?).

2. Ind S/C (or WD S/C) will see that the list referred to in para 7 of the attached is prepared and sent to appropriate regional R.Cs and L.Os

3. Ind S/C (or WD S/C) will consolidate and transmit reports to AFHQ including:-

a) List of authorized plants (~~also to R.Cs and L.Os~~)

b) Authorized plants investigated together with a statement as to why the manufacturing concerned is considered necessary.

c) Unauthorized plants investigated and action taken.

4. It is not required that investigations be made de novo of all plants manufacturing or capable of manufacturing war like stores. AC has advised AFHQ that it lacks the personnel to undertake such a survey. It

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is contemplated that investigations will be made on report or complaint of illegal manufacture or where requested or specifically indicated.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USCG
Chief Commissioner

Copy to:

A.F.H.Q.

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APO 394

Office of the Chief Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Manufacture of warlike stores

TO : All R.Cs , ALCOs

1. It is the policy of AFHQ that no armaments, munitions or implements of war will be produced in Italy except as directed by the US and British Armed forces. This policy is applicable to plants for the production or repair of such warlike stores, whether state or privately owned. (Authority AG 388.3/087 GSC-O of 2 Aug 1945).

2. Recent reports indicate that a certain amount of uncontrolled military construction is being carried out in the North of Italy. AFHQ directs that AC take steps to implement the policy setforth above.

3. Any manufactures of warlike stores which are discovered or reported will be investigated with a view to ascertaining whether they are taking place at the direction of or by permission of the US and British Armed Forces or (in the case of production for the Italian Armed Forces) of the Land, Naval and Air Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission.

to you from any source

4. R.Os and L.Os will, wherever possible, obtain the cooperation of District commanders in such investigations.

5. If the manufacture concerned is taking place by permission of one of the authorities referred to in para 3 it will be permitted to continue and the circumstances will be reported to this HQ.

6. If the manufacture is not authorised in writing by one of the authorities mentioned in para 3, the work will be stopped at once and the

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circumstances reported to this HQ. Such unauthorized manufacture taking place in territory not under AMG control will be referred to this HQ for action.

7. To avoid unnecessary investigations, this HQ will advise HQs and IOs of interested regions of plants now authorized to engage in such manufacturing.

KELLY W. [illegible]
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copies to:

A.F.H.Q. - Your Ref NK 4960 of 20 Oct
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Ref our letter AG [redacted]/037 (AG-C) August 2.

1. It has been reported to this Hq that a certain amount of unauthorized military construction is being carried out in the North of [redacted]. Construction in [redacted] of a new type of military aircraft and of 1 new submarine, in [redacted] of various fixtures has been reported.

2. The question of the extent to which such production is to be permitted in the future is under consideration in this Hq. Any manufactures of warlike stores which are discovered or reported to you will be investigated by you with a view to discovering whether they are taking place at the direction of or by permission of the U.S. and British Armed Forces or (in the case of production for the Italian Armed Forces) the Naval Land and Air C-in-C of the ALLIED COMMISSION. If the manufactures concerned is taking place by permission of one of these authorities, it will be permitted to continue and the circumstances will be reported to this Hq together with a statement as to why the manufacture concerned is necessary. If the manufacture is not authorized in writing by one of the above mentioned authorities, you will instruct the Italian Govt. to cause the manufacture to cease immediately and will report the circumstances to this Hq

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel. 489081; - Ext. 237

CP/mln

Ref. AC/5528/IND

15 October 1945

SUBJECT : Illegal Manufacture of Arms.

OCT 24 1945

TO : Office of Representative of
Chief Commissioner, A.C.
(Attn.: Industry S/C)
18, Via Albania,
Milan.

1. We would refer you to Signal Message from the AC Liaison Officer, No. 2 District, dated 8 October regarding the illegal manufacture of arms in Italy.

2. May we please have your report as requested in that signal immediately.

CHARLES FENTINGS
Major RASC

for A. H. SULLIVAN
Director,
Industry & Commerce Division,
Economic Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5012/80

25 October 1945

TO: Chief Commissioner

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1. I refer to attached signal FX 49604 of 21 Oct 45. This was discussed at the Executive Commissioner's meeting of 23 Oct. Colonel Pidsley, representing Land Forces Subcommission, agreed that the question of the output of armament factories in Italy was one for that Subcommission. He and my Chief Staff Officer are now going into the matter in detail and by tomorrow should have got out some definite instructions for the information and action of all concerned, also a reply to the attached AFHQ signal.

M. S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Please ~~dtr~~ write minute for C C
in due discussion of this morning

I will sign

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 49604
Date/Time of Origin: OCT 201315A

Message Centre No: G/1648
Date Time Rec'd: OCT 210930A
Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGEG

TO : ALCOM ROME FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER INFO: DISTWO DISTHREE PENBASE CINC MED RAF MEDME 13 CORPS

HEADQUARTERS 21 OCT 1943 G-3 Sec

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Ref our letter AG388.3/087 GEG-O August 2.

1. It has been reported to this Hq that a certain amount of uncontrolled military construction is being carried out in the North of ITALY. Construction in MILAN of a new type of military aircraft and of 1 man submarines, in TURIN of various firearms has been reported.

2. The question of the extent to which such production is to be permitted in the future is under examination in this Hq. Any manufactures of warlike stores which are discovered or reported to you will be investigated by you with a view to discovering whether they are taking place at the direction of or by permission of the U S and Br Armed Forces or(in the case of production for the Italian Armed Forces) the Naval Land and Air SCs of the ALLIED COMMISSION. If the manufacture concerned is taking place by permission of one of these authorities, it will be permitted to continue and the circumstances will be reported to this Hq together with a statement as to why the manufacture concerned is necessary. If the manufacture is not authorised in writting by one of the above mentioned authorities, you will instruct the Italian Govt to cause the manufacture to cease immediately and will report the circumstances to this Hq:

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Ex Bmr R

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18 October 1945

OCT 20 1945

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attention: Chief Commissioner).

(87)

Reference your 5012/87/EC dated 10 October 1945.

1. The points raised by you are being studied in connection with FAN 621 and a detailed reply to the questions raised in your letter will be sent later.

(44)

2. Meanwhile, search of the files here discloses that your original letter ES/12.03 dated 22 May 1945 does not appear to have been received here. A copy has now been obtained from you, but it would be appreciated if you would check your records with a view to ascertaining if it was in fact delivered to AFHQ.

not possible to check in view of letter's loss

F. C. A. PARSONS,
Brigadier, GS,
Deputy Asst Chief of Staff, G-5.

PA Envoy

Secy (C) 1977

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SIGNAL TO: AFHQ, G-5

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REFERENCE DISTWO SIGNAL GEORGE OBOE STROKE THREE NINE FIVE SIX OF ONE SEVEN OCTOBER PAREN RPTD AFHQ FOR CMF OPS PAREN PD UNDERSTAND YOU ALREADY FULLY AWARE POSITION BERETTA FACTORY GARDONE AND BRESCIA PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACEXC PAREN AS REGARDS CONTROL ARMS FACTORIES NORTH ITALY CMA SEE MY EASY SUGAR STROKE ONE TWO POINT ZERO THREE OF TWO TWO MAY AND FIVE ZERO ONE TWO STROKE EIGHT SEVEN STROKE EASY CHARLIE OF ONE ZERO OCTOBER PD WITH EVER AND RAPIDLY DIMINISHING STAFF OF ALCOM CMA POSSIBILITY OF CONTROL BECOMES MORE AND MORE REMOTE PD

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TO: DISTWO

SECRET PRIORITY

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REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL GEORGE OBOE STROKE THREE NINE FIVE SIX OF ONE SEVEN OCTOBER PAREN RPTD AFHQ FOR CMF OPS PAREN PD FULLY APPRECIATE AND SHARE YOUR APPREHENSION REGARDING CONTROL ARMS FACTORIES PD PAREN TO DISTWO FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACEXC PAREN

DUE INADEQUATE STAFF DIFFICULTY SUCH CONTROL BY ALCOM VERY GREAT AND MATTER ALREADY TAKEN UP WITH AFHQ SINCE MAY FOUR FIVE PD IN MEANTIME ALL REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS INSTRUCTED TO GIVE YOU ALL POSSIBLE AID REGARDING CONTROL ARMS FACTORIES PD

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: GO/3956
Date / Time of Origin: OCT 171450A

Message Centre No: G/1334
Date Time Rec'd: OCT 172140
Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: DISTWO
TO : ACTION ALCOM INFO: AFHQ FOR CMF OPS.

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Subject Italian munitions production. AFHQ letter AG/388.3/087 GEG-O of 2 August refers. 68

1. Enquiries here tend to show that no control of production is being exercised as ordered in above quoted directive and that AMG in regions have received no instructions.

2. Investigation has shown that BERETTA factory GARDONE holds 12,000 machine pistols and FABRICA NAZIONAL factory BRESCIA holds 13,000 rifles. Both are assembling more machine pistols. In MILAN are be ng made miniature submarines and a military aircraft. One case suspected CLANDESTINE arms manufacture TURIN. Further investigation with AMG assistance now being made.

3. In view of large numbers arms factories in north ITALY and grave security menace if not controlled request you state whether you can carry out AFHQ directive and if not what alternative you propose.

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M/C NOTE:

Brig LUSH informed of this message at 172145.

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(EAPT WHITE)

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Ref: 5012/89/30

15 October 1945

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ

Herewith copy of AC letter ref. 28/12.03 of 22 May as per telephone request of Major Grady. 44

For the Chief Commissioner:

E. M. WHITE

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5012/EC

12 October 45

SUBJECT: Hidden Arms, Northern Italy

TO : Economic Section

(89)

Ref. signal from ACLO 2 District Milan (ref. O 371 of 8 October), Executive Commissioner requests that Regional Commissioners be instructed to aid CCC 2 District by reporting Italian arms factories in production, if such exist.

B.M. WHITE
Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

Suggestion. Ind. By AC/S G-2 (Int) 18/10 to Milan writes, 18/10 off.

PA Emy 18/10

RN 18/10 Noted Jn

N. 19 Nov 45

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OCT 9/1600A

OF SECRECY
OCT - 9 1945

FROM: AC LC DIETSO MILAN SIGNIF RADIOGR

TO: ACTION: ALCOM NORTH ALCOM MILAN INFO: HC LOMBARDIA LIGURIA PIEDMONT VENETIA
GIULIA GOC DIETSO NAI DIETSO

SECRET HEADQUARTERS
8 OCT 1945
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Considered probable that success of raids on hidden arms in northern ITALY in being more than offset by illegal production and clandestine distribution of arms and spare parts from factories still in operation. This is causing grave concern to GOC DIETSO who has requested immediate investigation and report with reference to AFHQ letter AG 388.3/OSI GEN/D dated 2 August 1945. Urgent attention all regional commissioners be called to above AFHQ letter and directive therein contained and requested make immediate investigation and report on all arms factories utilized which are in production. Quantity and type of arms and parts produced and what steps are being taken to implement the directive and that regional commissioner may be instructed to furnish GOC DIETSO with copy of their report with all possible speed.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

SECRET.

Ref: 5012/87/EC.

10 October 45.

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

TO : G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q.

(49)

Reference your AG 388.3/087 dated 2 August 45.

1. In paragraph 4(c) and (e), the Allied Commission is instructed "to impound all tools and equipment which can produce only prohibited war-like stores, pending decision of possible use in the Allied military effort, and to make a survey of Italian war-like stores in arsenals, factories, depots, dumps and in the hands of the Italian armed forces." I would refer you to our letter AU —FS/12.03 dated 22 May 45, in which we indicated that such a survey would require a staff considerably in excess of that available in the Allied Commission.

2. To this opinion I firmly adhere. If these instructions are to be properly carried out a very large staff of technicians and experts would be required. It would in fact necessitate the formation of a Disarmament Commission. There is, however, a further point and that is what object is to be achieved by the survey. Is it to ensure that Italy shall not be in a position to rearm once more to any great extent? Surely this can be achieved by restricting the export to Italy of any raw materials. She has none herself. In the circumstances, therefore, I shall be grateful if further consideration can be given to the instructions in the paragraph referred to above.

3. As regards paragraph 4(a) and (d) this Commission is, as you no doubt are already aware, taking all the necessary action. Some difficulty, however, is found in carrying out paragraph 4(b). It is not known yet whether it is the intention that the interim Italian Army should be supplied exclusively from Italian sources or whether supplies should be made available from the large stocks of Allied arms and equipment that already exist in this country and which it is presumed will not be shipped back to the source of origin. May this point therefore be cleared up as soon as possible.

See 1.2e 616 78 M. S. LUSH

HILARY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

P.S. Since writing the above I received on 8 October 45 FAN 621 of 29 September, which affects paragraph 4(b).

Copy to: Navy Sub-Commission
Air Forces Sub-Commission
Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

See folio 100

Political Adviser (A)
Political Adviser (B)
CA Section
Economic Section

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Subject:- Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
TS/Q/100
5 October, 1945.

To:-

H.Q. Allied Commission,
for Executive Commissioner.

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Reference your 5012/80/EC of 2 Oct 45.

This HQ has no comments to make on the draft attached to the above mentioned letter.

W P Dudley Colonel

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.

To: Executive Commissioner.

Date: 5th October, 1945.

Ref: AFSC/829/Eng.

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POLICY ON ITALIAN MUNITIONS PRODUCTION.

1. With reference to your memorandum 5012/80/EC dated 2nd October, 1945, this Sub-Commission has no comments to make on the proposed draft to A.F.H.Q.

A. H. KNOWLES,
Wing Commander,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

Copy to: Land Forces S/C (MMIA)
" " Navy S/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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NSC/3710
3 October 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

OCT -5 1945

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Subject: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

1. In reply to Executive Commissioner secret letter 5012/80/EC of 2 October 1945, there are no specific objections to the proposed draft to Allied Force Headquarters in connection with the subject policy. However it is pointed out that it will be difficult for Allied Force Headquarters to understand the present position of the Allied Commission with reference to the subject policy for the reason that Allied Force Headquarters secret letter AG 338.3/087 GEG-O of 2 October 1945, which established the subject policy, is based on recommendations made by the Allied Commission in secret letter 12.03/ES of 26 December 1944.

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REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
Land Forces S/C
Air Forces S/C

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Ref: 5012/80/MC. 2 October 45.

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission.
Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA) Attn: Col. Fidsley.
Air Forces Sub-Commission Attn: Equipment Officer.

SEE F 83.

1. Reference the Executive Commissioner's meeting held on 27 September 45, at which the following were present:

Commodore Zirali,
Air Vice Marshal Brodie,
Brigadier Anderson,
Colonel Kerr,
Colonel Fidsley.

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to discuss the above mentioned subject, it is proposed to write to AFHQ on the lines of the attached draft. 78

2. May I please have your comments on this draft and any suggested amendments or alterations thereto.

F H McClean
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl.

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Ref: 5012/ /EC.

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SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

TO : G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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P10 Navy Sub Com wrote Feb 28 "Ex Comm to ensure maximum coordination"

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No action

P26 Reminder

P27 Ex Sec. states Industry Sub Com will initiate survey

P37 Ex Com concurs. Industry Sub Com to initiate Action change of survey April 16.

P.38 Action initiated By Anderson to take charge

P43 Anderson protests May 12. in absentia

P44 65 folders of data May 22

} No copy to Navy Sub Comm.

P46 July 23. Anderson asks ~~Hoover~~ reminder to AFHQ

P47 Ex Comm disregards everything & affords WDC as coordinating brand. July 25.

P48 July 28 Navy Sub Com asks for data.

P49 AFHQ new directive. Survey of warlike stores to be made by Alcoa

P51 Air Force Subcom asks same

P52 Aug 10 Anderson protests no staff

P53 Ex Sec points out letter of May 12

P55 Aug 25 Navy Sub Com asks for Board of Satisfaction.

P56. Sept 8 meeting delayed

P 37 Ex Com concurs. Industry Sub Com to undertake
take charge of survey April 16.

P.38 Antolini instructed By Andrews to take charge

P43 Andrews protests May 12. impossible } No copy to Navy
P44 65- total of ctn May 22 } Sub Com.

P46 July 23. Andrews asks ~~Army~~ reminds AFHQ

P47 Ex Com disregards everything & affords WDs
as coordinating brand July 25-

P48 July 28 Navy Sub Com asks for data.

P49 AFHQ news directive. Survey of warlike stores
to be made by Allcom.

P51 Aug Eur Sub Com ask scan

P52 Aug 10 Andrews protests no staff.

P53. Ecn Sec points out letter of May 12

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P57 Sept 12

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3603
18 September 1945

SEP 19 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

Subject: Italian Warlike Stores - Survey of.

Reference: (a) Navy S/C ltr 3370 of 25 August 1945.
(b) Executive Commissioner ltr 5012/67/EC of 8 Sept. 1945.
(c) Executive Commissioner ltr 5012/47/EC of 25 July 1945.

1. Pending action on references (a) and (b), and in accordance with paragraph 2 of reference (c), Ensign F.A. DeMaestri is being ordered to the Genoa area for approximately 10 days temporary duty in order to make a preliminary survey of Italian warlike stores in arsenals, factories, depots, dumps, and in the hands of Italian armed forces.

C. Thomas

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

(CAPT ARNOLDY)

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3559
14 September 1945.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

SEP 18 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Executive Commissioner, Hq. Allied Commission.

Subject: Report on Visit to the Allied Naval Experimental Station - San Andrea.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of CINCMED ltr. Med.45/00460/17 of 9 September 1945 - subject as above.
(B) Copy MOIC Venice dispatch 131015B June.
(C) Copy AFHQ secret ltr. AG 388.3/087 GEG-O of 2 August 1945.

1. Enclosures (A), (B) and (C) are forwarded herewith for information as requested by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, in paragraph (2) of enclosure (A).

C Stearns

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
CINCMED - w/o Encl.

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(Lieut Arnold)

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Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
9th September, 1943.

Med.43/60/17.
THE NAVY RE-ORGANISATION, MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED OCCUPATION.
(Copy to:- The Secretary of the Admiralty.
(Submission No.7000/Med.43/60/17).
(Reference the Superintendent of Diving, H.M.S."HECATE"'s letter, No.60/2, dated 16th July, 1943, to the Director of Torpedoes and Mining, Admiralty.)

[redacted]

The following are extracts from a report on a visit to the Allied Naval Experimental Station, San Andrea, Venice:-

(a) "5. (ii) On the other hand, they are firmly convinced that Human Torpedoes and the like have a great future, and there is no doubt that whatever view the Allies take of their activities, they will continue this development by hook or by crook. They have admitted that they would carry on "underground" if officially vetoed."

"They" are Commandante A. Belloni, Lieutenant E. Wolk, and other members of the 10th M.A.S. Flotilla.

(b) "In Gayoni's factory (Milan), work on the machines is still proceeding and few will already be ready for delivery."

The engines referred to are Italian human torpedo type "S.L."

(c) "This is a magnificently built and equipped factory originally specialising in Torpedo manufacture. It is quite underground and is working well.

The following parts of diving apparatus are made there:-

(i) Rebreathers for Belloni breathing apparatus.
(ii) Containers for Belloni breathing apparatus.
(iii) Metal connections and cylinder fittings for Belloni breathing apparatus.
(iv) Hand operated hydrogen valves for "Draeger" breathing sets.

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"They" are descendants A. Bollard, Lieutenant K. Volk, and other members of the 16th M.A.B. Flotilla.

(b) "In Degroult's factory (Allan), work on the remainder is still proceeding and four will shortly be ready for delivery."

The vessels referred to are Italian Human Torpedo Type "C.3.H."

(c) "This is a magnificently built and equipped factory originally specialising in Torpedo manufacture. It is quite underused and is awaiting work.

The following parts of diving apparatus are made there:-

(i) Helmets for Bollard breathing apparatus.
(ii) Genistors for Bollard breathing apparatus.
(iii) Hotel connections and cylinder fixings for Bollard breathing apparatus.
(iv) Hand operated gun-metal valves for "Dorne" breathing sets.
(v) Mouthpiece cocks for "Dorne" breathing sets.
(vi) Genistors for "Dorne" breathing sets.
(vii) Cylinder valves for both types of sets, while cylinders used at Selsine are valves there.

A certain amount of work is in hand to complete the above on one-dozen orders. Some of this work was abnormal, including the cutting of reamers. It appeared that a very high standard of workmanship and accuracy was maintained."

The factory referred to is Bard's, Jorgens.

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[redacted] the Admiralty-in-Chief, Bletchley's Ref. C/0365/1, dated 9th September, 1945.

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2. It is requested that the foregoing may be brought to the notice of the Allied Commission with reference to AF 30.3/007 dated 2nd August, 1945, a copy of which was forwarded to the Flag Officer, Italy and Malaya, under Ref.A.C/0329/07, dated 11th August, 1945.

3. Although there is an Allied interest in the state of development of Italian research on the subject of those weapons, no direction has been given nor is it intended to give any direction for publication under paragraph 3 of the AP publication under reference. No action has been taken to authorise the completion of torpedoes reported in the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Taranto's signal, dated 23rd June, 1945.

(Sgd.) J. R. S. HAINES
for ADMIRAL

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

2 August 1945.

AG 388.3/087 GEG-O

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. As directed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in TAM 630 dated 21 July 1945, AFHQ letter file and subject as above dated 11 February 1945 is rescinded and the following substituted therefore as an interim policy pending the negotiation of a peace treaty when this policy will be reviewed.

2. Pending receipt of a policy directive from Combined Chiefs of Staff, the following interim policy will govern the disposition of Italian industries required for production or repair of arms, munitions or other implements of war. This policy is applicable to all such plants, tools, equipment, facilities and production in such plants, whether State owned or privately owned.

3. No armaments, munitions or implements of war will be produced except as directed by the US and British armed forces.

4. The Allied Commission will:

a. Encourage the maximum utilization of all arms and munitions plants, tools and equipment essential to the Allied military effort.

b. Encourage the manufacture of equipment and material directed by the Allies as being necessary for the maintenance of the interim Italian Army.

c. Impound all tools and equipment which can produce only prohibited war-like stores, pending decision of possible use in the Allied military effort.

d. Insure operation of industries required for production or repair of arms, munitions or other implements of war only to the extent required by the Allied armed forces and Merchant Marine services. The output of Italian arms or munitions plant will NOT be furnished to the Italian Navy without the prior consent of the Commander in Chief, Mediterranean. 1958

e. Make a survey of Italian war-like stores in arsenals, factories, depots, dumps and in the hands of the Italian armed forces.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER.

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Sgd. EDMUND R. SHUGART.
Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Ref: 9012/67/30

8 September 1945

SUBJECT: Survey of Italian Warlike Stores

TO : Navy Subcommission
Land Forces Subcommission (MMIA)
Air Forces Subcommission

1. Reference is made to your letter MMC/3370, 23 August, regarding the above subject.

2. It has been suggested by the Economic Section that the meeting proposed to discuss this matter before appointing the board proposed by you be postponed until Brigadier Anderson returns from his trip North. He is expected back the early part of next week. This has been concurred in by the Executive Commissioner, and you will be notified the date on which the meeting is to be held.

A. E. ARNOLDY,

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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From: Air Forces S/C, Allied Commission.

To: Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

Date: 1st September, 1945.

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Ref: AFSC/829/ENG.

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SURVEY OF ITALIAN WARLIKE STORES.

1. Reference is made to Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/3370 dated 25th August, 1945 on the above subject.

2. While this Sub-Commission agrees in principle with the suggestion contained at para 4 thereof it is not felt that a board, which is likely to be composed almost entirely of junior officers, should be appointed until certain essential points have been clarified. This Sub-Commission, presumably in common with the other Sub-Commissions named, could spare an officer for full-time duty with the board only at the expense of other work and for this reason he could not be of a rank higher than Flying Officer.

3. Before the appointment of the board, therefore, it is strongly recommended that a meeting of the heads of sections in each of the Sub-Commissions dealing with the matter under discussion should be held. The main purpose of this meeting would be to provide an opportunity for a full discussion on a matter on which there is at present considerable confusion in the minds of Sub-Commissions owing to lack of knowledge firstly of the intention of the survey and secondly of its scope. As a result of such a meeting it should be possible to furnish a clear directive to the board proposed in the Navy Sub-Commission's letter under reference, so long as the intention of the A.F.H.Q. directive can clearly be established.

4. It is recommended that the proposed meeting should be held as soon as may be practicable.

I. E. BRODIE,
Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.
Economic Section.
Land Forces Sub-Commission.
Navy Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3370
25 August 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

Subject: Italian Warlike Stores - Survey of.

Reference:
(a) AFHQ Secret Ltr AG 388.3/087 GEG-O of 11 February 1945.
(b) Executive Commissioner Ltr 5012/37/EC of 16 April 1945.
(c) Executive Commissioner Ltr 5012/47/EC of 25 July 1945.
(d) Navy Sub-Commission Ltr NSC/3068 of 27 July 1945.
(e) Air Forces Sub-Commission Ltr AFSC/829/Eng of 4 August 1945.
(f) AFHQ Secret Ltr AG 388.3/087 GEG-O of 2 August 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Copy Economic Section Ltr 12.03/ES of 30 July 1945, W/C Enclosure.

1. The Allied Commission was directed in paragraph 4e of reference (a) to make a survey of Italian warlike stores in arsenals, factories, depots, dumps, and in the hands of Italian armed forces. The Economic Section was directed in reference (b) to co-ordinate the survey.

2. The Economic Section in enclosure (A) informed the Navy Sub-Commission that no data had been collected concerning Italian Navy warlike stores and furnished a copy of the Economic Section letter of 12 May 1945 to the Executive Commissioner, pointing out the difficulties inherent in conducting the survey.

3. The Executive Commissioner in reference (c) designated the War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission to co-ordinate the survey. The War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission was requested in reference (d) to indicate the manner in which the survey would be conducted. The Air Forces Sub-Commission in reference (e) requested similar data. No instructions have yet been received.

4. Allied Force Headquarters in reference (f) modified the interim policy established in reference (a) and again directed the Allied Commission to make a survey of Italian warlike stores. In view of the progress which has been made since 11 February 1945 toward carrying out the policy established by Allied Force Headquarters with respect to Italian munitions production, it is evident that the existing organization is not adequate to conduct the survey. It is recommended that a board be appointed, with representatives from the Sub-Commissions indicated below to devote their entire efforts towards conducting the survey:

Economic Section
Navy Sub-Commission
Air Forces Sub-Commission
Land Forces Sub-Commission
War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission

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NSC/3370
25 August 1945

Subject: Italian Warlike Stores - Survey of.

5. Ensign F. A. DeNaestri, USNR, is nominated as the Navy Sub-Commission representative on the board.

6. It is further recommended that the board be directed to complete the survey and submit a written report by 15 October 1945.

C. L. Hamm

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
Chief Commissioner
Economic Section
Air Forces Sub-Commission
Land Forces Sub-Commission
War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION
PRODUCTION DIVISION

DAG:lrw

Ref. 12.03/ES

30 July 1945

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production

TO : Navy Sub-Commission

1. Reference is your NSC/3067 dated 27 July 1945.

2. The Industry Sub-Commission is not in possession of any data which would be useful to the Navy Sub-Commission in this matter.

3. The impossibility of furnishing this information was pointed out in a letter dated 12 May 1945 to the Executive Commissioner, copy attached, no reply to which has been received.

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/s/ D. A. Clark
D. A. CLARK
Major, R.E.

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Industry S/C
WSD and IPW S/C

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION
PRODUCTION DIVISION

Tel. 406

DLA:lrw

Ref. ES/12.03

10 August 1945

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SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Reference AFHQ memorandum AG 388.3/087 GEG-O dated 2 August 1945, copy attached.

2. The instructions contained in para 4. are being carried out with the exception of sub-paras c. and e. These two instructions are incapable of being carried out with the personnel at present available to the Allied Commission. Nor, in fact, could they be carried out with considerably increased personnel within the limited period of time remaining to the Commission's life.

3. I suggest that a memorandum to that effect be addressed to AFHQ.

D. L. ANDERSON
Brigadier
Deputy Vice-President

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From: Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.

To: War Materials Disposal Sub Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.

Date: 4th August, 1945.

Ref: AF30/829/Eng.

AUG 8 1945

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Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

1. With reference to the Executive Commissioner's letter 5012/47/MC dated 25th July, 1945, on the above subject, the reaction of this Sub Commission is identical with that of the Navy Sub Commission as expressed in their letter N30/3068 dated 27th July. It would be appreciated, therefore, if a copy of your reply to the Navy Sub Commission could be forwarded to us for similar action.

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A. H. KNOWLES,
Wing Commander,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner, AC.
Navy Sub Commission, AC.

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AG 388.3/087 GEG-O

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SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394

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1. As directed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in FAM 638 dated 21 July 1945, AFHQ letter file and subject as above dated 11 February 1945 is rescinded and the following substituted therefor as an interim policy pending the negotiation of a peace treaty when this policy will be reviewed.

2. Pending receipt of a policy directive from Combined Chiefs of Staff, the following interim policy will govern the disposition of Italian industries required for production or repair of arms, munitions or other implements of war. This policy is applicable to all such plants, tools, equipment, facilities and production in such plants, whether State owned or privately owned.

3. NO armaments, munitions or implements of war will be produced except as directed by the US and British armed forces.

4. The Allied Commission will:

a. Encourage the maximum utilization of all arms and munitions plants, tools and equipment essential to the Allied military effort.

b. Encourage the manufacture of equipment and material directed by the Allies as being necessary for the maintenance of the interim Italian Army.

c. Impound all tools and equipment which can produce only prohibited war-like stores, pending decision of possible use in the Allied military effort.

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Ltr AFHQ, APO 512, file AG 388.3/087 GEC-O, dtd 2 August 45, (Cont'd).

o. Make a survey of Italian war-like stores in arsenals, factories, depots, dumps, and in the hands of the Italian armed forces.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

EDMUND R. SHUGART
Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3068
27 July 1945.
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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission,
Hq. Allied Commission.

Subject: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

Reference: (a) Executive Commissioner ltr. 5012/47/EC of 25 July, subject as above.

1. Reference (a) states that the War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission will be the co-ordinating agency for the survey to be made of Italian war-like stores and requests the Service Sub-Commissions to furnish pertinent information concerning their respective Italian Services.

2. It is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission be furnished with particulars of the data desired concerning Italian Navy war-like stores and be given details of the manner in which the over-all survey is to be conducted and co-ordinated as a guide in requesting appropriate data from the Ministry of Marine.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
Executive Commissioner, AC.
Economic Section, AC.
Land Forces S/C, AC.
Air Forces S/C, AC.

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Ext 452 AHA/el 47

Ref: 5012/47/MO 25 July 1945

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production

TO : Navy Subcommission 48
Land Forces Subcommission (MMIA)
Air Forces Subcommission 51. 37

1. Reference is made to our letter 5012/37/MC of 16 April addressed to the Acting Vice President, Economic Section, copy of which was sent to your subcommission, in which it was stated that the Economic Section would be the co-ordinating branch for the survey to be made of Italian warlike stores.

2. It has now been decided by the Executive Commissioner that War Materials Disposal Subcommission will be the co-ordinating agency for the survey, and in view of the urgency of this matter it would be appreciated if you would furnish information, as soon as possible, insofar as your respective services are concerned, to the Director of War Materials Disposal Subcommission, Lt Col J. A. Campbell.

A D ARNOLDY.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Economic Section
War Materials Disposal S/c

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ref: ES/1203.

23 July 45

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SUBJECT: Policy Regarding Italian Munitions Production

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. On 16 April 45 in a memorandum, reference 5012/37/EC, the Economic Section was designated the coordinating branch in the matter of disposing of Italian munitions and special plant for the manufacture of munitions.

2. It was pointed out to you in a memorandum 1203/ES, dated 12 May 45 from the Economic Section, that until the policy was more clearly defined it was difficult to undertake the task at all, and a letter was drafted for your signature to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, AFHQ, (copy attached).

3. The Navy Sub-Commission in a memorandum of which copy is attached, reference NSC/2976, dated 18 July 45, are apparently willing to help in the matter of Italian Navy Munitions production. Settlement of the policy now appears to be a matter of some urgency and I should be glad if the subject could be pressed with AFHQ.

D. M. ANDERSON
Brigadier
Deputy Vice President

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(Capt. ARNOLDY)

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2976
18 July 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission
To : Economic Section, Hq. Allied Commission

Subject: Policy on Italian Munitions Production

Reference: (a) Executive Commissioner, AC ltr 5012/37/EC of 16 April 1945
(b) Economic Section Inter Office Memorandum 12.03/ES of 17 April 1945.

1. The Industry Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission was designated by references (a) and (b) to conduct a survey of Italian war-like stores in arsenals, factories, depots, dumps and in the hands of the Italian armed forces. It is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission be furnished with such data as may have been collected to date with particular reference to the Italian Navy.

2. In connection with paragraph 2 of reference (a), information is requested whether the Industry Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission desires that the Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission obtain any particular information with reference to Italian Navy munitions production or render any service in connection with the surveying made.

/s/ H. St. J. Butler

Captain U.S. Navy
REAR ADMIRAL
for
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC

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Ref. PS/12.03 22 May 1945

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff
G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q.

1. I refer you to the Adjutant General's letter AG 336.2/037 GS-O dated 11 February 45 and to MAT airgram 82 of 14 March 45. The question of impounding tools and equipment which can produce only prohibited warlike stores and of impounding stocks of warlike stores that may exist would require a staff considerably in excess of that at the moment available in the Allied Commission. It is doubtful, in fact, whether the necessary survey can be made within a reasonable period of time.

2. So far as I know, the MAT airgram referred to above has not been replied to. The matter is one of such importance and urgency, that I think steps should be taken to expedite a reply. If it should be the Allied Policy to ensure that Italy shall be rendered incapable of making munitions of war on any scale for some time to come, then the problem of rendering her impotent in this connection would require a very considerable staff, and might well call for the setting up of a Disarmament Sub-Commission.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Economic Section

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Production Division

Ref: 12.03/ES 12 May 1945

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SUBJECT: Policies in Italian Munition Production

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. I would refer you to AFHQ letter AG 3883/087 GEG-O of 11 February 1945 and to MAT airgram 23 of 12 March 1945. The question of impounding tools and equipment which can produce only prohibited warlike stores and of impounding stocks of warlike stores that may exist, would require a staff far in excess of that disposed of by this Section. There are insufficient even to make the necessary survey.

2. So far as I know, the MAT airgram referred to above has not been replied to. The matter is one of such importance and urgency, that I think steps should be taken to expedite a reply. If it should be the Allied Policy to ensure that Italy shall be rendered incapable of making munitions of war on any scale for some time to come, then the problem of rendering her impotent in this connection would require a very considerable staff, and might well call for the setting up of a Disarmament Sub-Commission.

D. L. ANDERSON
Brigadier
~~Deputy~~ Vice President

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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

ECONOMIC SECTION

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17 April 1945

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12.03/ES

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

TO : Brigadier D. L. Anderson

1. Reference attached ES/12.03 file, Tab. #1, which is a copy of AG383.3/087 GEO-O, AMG, 11 Feb, above subject. This paper sets forth an internal policy and para. 4 states responsibility of Allied Commission.

2. Attention is called to para. 4 g, which provides that the A.C. will make a survey of Italian warlike stores in arsenals, factories, depots, dumps and in the hands of the Italian Armed Forces.

3. Note ES/12.03 letter of 10 April at Tab. #2, which is to the effect that Industry S/C should take the initiative in this matter.

4. Note at Tab. #3 letter Ref 5012/37/EC, 16 Apr, from Executive Commissioner. Will you please take charge of this matter and see that obligations of the Economic Section are carried out.

A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

Incl - per para 1.

cc: Navy S/C
Air Force S/C
Land Forces S/C
War Materials Disposal S/C
Executive Commissioner

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Tel. 451

Ref. 5012/37/EC. 16 April 1945

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

TO : A/Vice President, Economic Section.

1. The Executive Commissioner concurs in the view taken by your Section in your memorandum EE/12.03 dated 10 April, above subject; - that it should be the coordinating branch for the survey to be made of Italian warlike stores.

2. The procedure as suggested by you, namely, that the Industry Sub Commission initiate and take charge of such a survey is favorably considered. The Economic Section shall be the coordinating branch, while the War Materials Disposal Sub Commission and the three Service Sub Commissions will furnish information and advice in so far as their respective services are concerned.

3. It will be noted that G-5, AFHQ had referred these current instructions to the Combined Chiefs of Staff for confirmation of policy or subsequent revision. See Mat airgram 23 of 12 March 1945.

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A Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Navy S/C (reference your NSC/2064 of 9 Apr)
Air Force S/C
Land Forces S/C (see your TS/S/100 of 20 Mar)
War Materials Disposal S/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. 5012/34/EC

14 April 1945

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

TO : G-5, AFHQ. 23

Pending a reply from the Combined Chiefs of Staff to your Mat Airgram 23 of 12 March on the above subject, this Headquarters will continue to carry out instructions as issued in your interim directive, namely, AG 388.3/087 GEE-O of 11 Feb. 45. 10

For the Chief Commissioner:

for Colonel
A/Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Economic Section (2)
Land Forces S/C
Air Force S/C
Navy S/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Tel. 451

Ref. 5012/31/EC.

13 April 1945

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

TO : Navy Sub Commission.

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1. Reference your letter NSC/2064 of 9 April.

2. A study on this matter is being made and you will be notified of the decision as soon as possible.

4 Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner. 1940

Copy to: Economic Section
Land Forces S/C
Air Force S/C
War Materials Disposal S/C.

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Tel. 451

Ref. 5012/30/EC. 13 April 1945

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munition Production.

TO : Economic Section.

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Two copies of AFHQ letter instructions dated 11 Feb 45 on the above subject are forwarded to you for your information as requested in conversation (Majors Doe - Rively) this date, when our file on this subject was returned.

4 Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl.: as above.

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Tel. 451

Ref. 5012/30/3C.

13 April 1945

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munition Production.

TO : Economic Section.

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A Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Incl.: as above.

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11 February 1945

AG 388.3/067 GEG-O

11 February 1945

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production

TO : President, Allied Commission
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

1. Pending receipt of a policy directive from Combined Chiefs of Staff, the following interim policy will govern the disposition of Italian industrial and munitions plants formerly employed wholly or in part to sustain the war effort. This policy is applicable to all such plants, tools, equipment, facilities and production, whether State owned or privately owned.

2. No weapons or ammunition will be produced during the period of the European and/or Japanese wars, except as directed by the United States and British armed forces.

3. The Italian Government and the Allied Commission will establish the procedure for transferring plants and equipment between private firms to achieve national reconstruction.

4. The Allied Commission will:

a. Encourage the maximum utilisation of all plants, tools and equipment primarily to further the Allied war effort and thereafter the rehabilitation of the Italian economy.

b. Impound all tools and equipment which can produce only prohibited war-like stores, pending decision of possible use in the Allied military effort.

c. Refer and obtain the concurrence of the relevant service (US/UK) prior to any transfer as provided in paragraph 3, above.

d. Insure that nothing is done to impair the output of Italian industrial and munitions plants now or hereafter engaged in production for:

(1) The Allied armed forces, and

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SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production

TO : President, Allied Commission
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (META)

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/s/ Jack Carter.
/t/ JACK CARTER.
Captain, AGD
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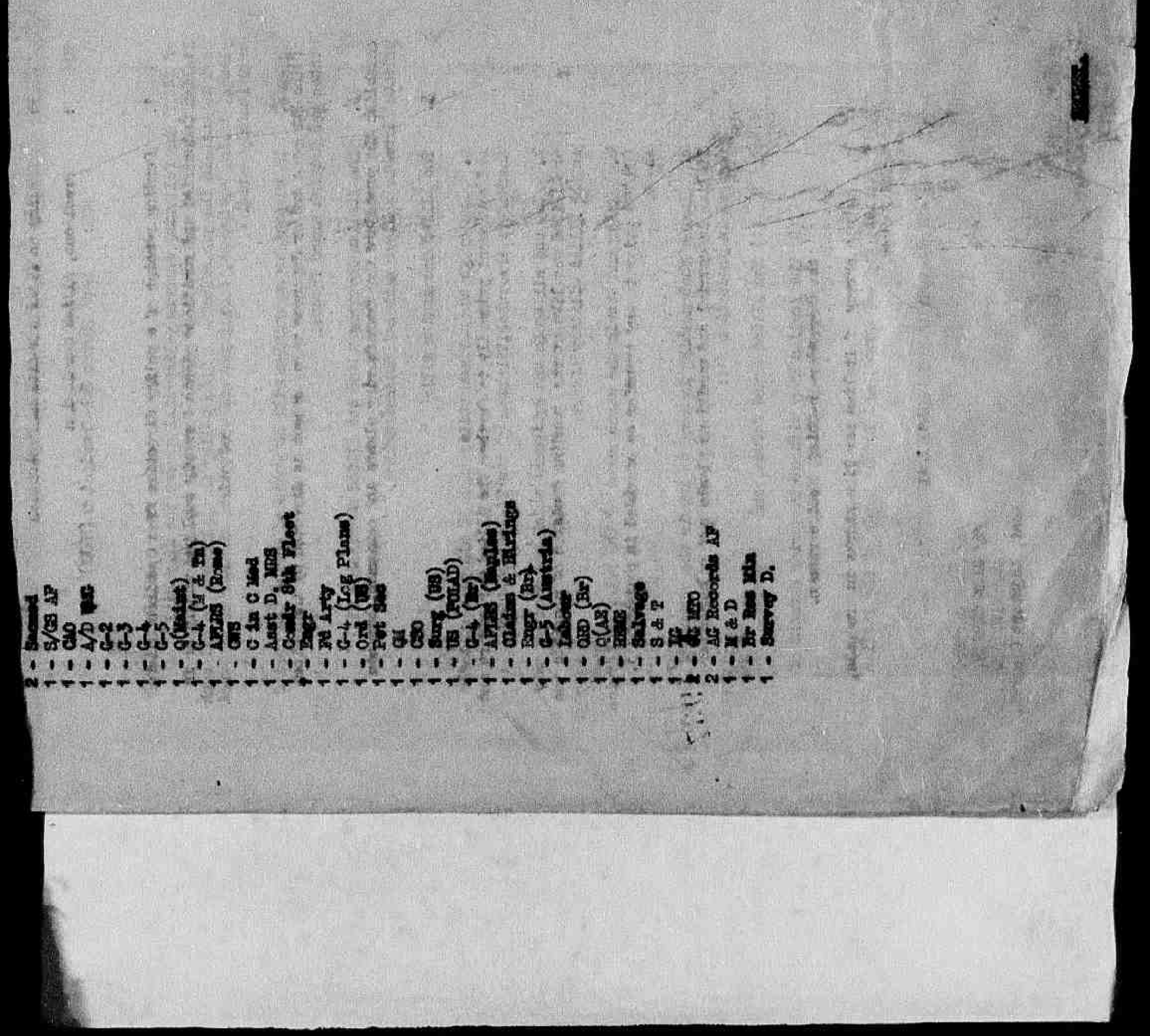

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SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production

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SUBJECT: **SECRET** FILE No.

APR 12 1945

TO : Executive Commissioner, Hq.AC 10 April 1945

1. Re attached letter from Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission, to Executive Commissioner, subject, Policy on Italian Munition Production.

2. Attention is also invited to attached memorandum on this subject, which indicates the procedure deemed desirable for prosecuting the matter in question.

A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice-President
Economic Section

cc to:-
Navy S/C

Enclosure:
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Acting Vice President
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10 April 5

The matter (Italian Munition Production) covered in the attached correspondence was initiated by the Industry Sub-Commission. This was done as being a matter of primary concern to that Sub-Commission. Accordingly, the Industry Sub-Commission should initiate and take charge of any survey that might be made coordinating its action with, and calling for any assistance as it might be needed from, any other section or Sub-Commission ~~that may be involved~~.

cc to -
Executive Commissioner

G. D. MURPHEY
Colonel, QMC
Economic Section

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NSC/2064
9 April 1945.

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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Executive Commissioner, Hq. AC.

Subject: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

1. It would be appreciated if a reply could be given to Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/1716 of 28 February 1945, which requested information in regard to the Allied Commission policy concerning the conduct of a survey of all Italian war-like stores.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
for REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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27 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

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TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

Reference your TS/Q/100 of 20 Mar 45, receipt is hereby acknowledged of MAT Airgram 23 dated 12 Mar 45.

for Chief Staff Officer.
To Executive Commissioner.

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Subject: Policy on Italian Munitions Production

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
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Executive Commissioner Allied Commission
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Major General,
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MAT Airgram 23, 12 March 1945.

From : FHGEG (Concurred: FHRNA, FHGDS, FHGDQ, FHQAE)

To : AGWAR (CCAC)

Subject : Policy on Italian Munitions Production

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Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

SECRET
S-E-C-R-E-T:

NSC/1716
28 February 1945

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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Executive Commissioner, AC.

Subject: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

Reference: (a) AFHQ Sect. ltr AG 388.3/OAT GAS-O dated 11 February 45, same subject.
(b) Land Forces Sub-Com (MMIA) ltr LS/AG/100 dated 16 February 45, same subject.
(c) Chief Commissioner, AC ltr 12.03/ES of 26 December 1944, same subject.

1. Reference (a), which was forwarded to this office by reference (b), contains the Allied Force Headquarters interim policy on Italian munitions production and states that the "Allied Commission will...make a survey of Italian war-like stores in arsenals, factories, depots, dumps, and in the hands of the Italian armed forces". Such action is in accordance with paragraph 5 of the Chief Commissioner's letter of 26 December, reference (c), which contained a proposed Allied Commission interim policy in regard to Italian munitions production.

2. Paragraph 10 of the Allied Commission's statement of policy on Italian munitions plants, dated 29 November 1944, indicates that the Army Sub-Commission assisted by the Industry Sub-Commission, is to make a survey of Italian war-like stores and to arrange for their security.

3. Information is requested as to whether it is contemplated that one agency of the Allied Commission will conduct a survey of all Italian war-like stores in accordance with paragraph 2a of reference (a) or whether it is desired that individual sub-commissions conduct parts of the survey as appropriate. If the latter course of action is preferred, it is considered that steps should be taken by the Executive Commissioner to ensure maximum coordination of action in conducting the survey and maximum use of the information that is obtained.

H. W. STROLL
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Economic Section, Hq, AC.

15 MAR 7 1945

Subject: Italian Munition Plants.

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E. W. ZIMOLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

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H. H. KIMBALL,
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19 February 1945

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA).

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4 Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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Chief of Staff, Allied Commission,
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Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (10)

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BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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10 January 1945
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Ref. I-6

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394 (6)
(Attn: Economic Section)

1. This is an interim reply to Admiral Stone's letter of 26 December, ref 12.03/26, and will confirm telephone conversation Cols. Donsbore/Butterworth on 9 January.

2. The original letter was submitted to G-3 and G-4(A) and (B) for consideration. Only one reply has been received to date. It suggests that "pending a determination of policy it is recommended that A.C. be advised to pursue the policy outlined by the Chief Commissioner with the exception made as to scrapping single purpose machinery". It is further suggested in this opinion that single purpose machinery should be impounded pending the possibility of its use in the Allied military effort.

3. This will not be considered as a final answer to the Chief Commissioner's letter, but will serve as an indication of the possible line the final answer will take.

For the Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

J. E. BUTTERWORTH
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief, Economics & Supply Division

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26 December 1944

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SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production

TO : G-5, AFHQ

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3. The policy statements in para 4 are intended to cover all Italian munition plants (government-owned or civilian) which formerly produced war-like stores (including war chemicals) exclusive of naval base establishments serving Allied naval needs.

4. (a) No production of war-like stores is to be permitted during the period of the present war. To this effect, materials and facilities imported by or otherwise in the control of the Allies will not be made available for such production.

(b) Through whatever procedures are established by the Italian Government and the Allied Commission for the handling of transfer of plant and machinery between private firms for the purpose of national reconstruction, it will be the intention of AC to encourage:

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1) The use of all machinery capable of serving purposes necessary to the Allied war effort or to the rehabilitation of Italian Economy for such purposes.

2) The dismantling (and use as scrap if appropriate) of any single purpose machinery capable of producing only war-like stores.

3) The use of space and power and other facilities thus made available in aid of the Allied war effort or rehabilitation of Italian economy.

(c) Exception to the foregoing will be made in the case of firms normally furnishing items and stores to the Italian Navy which will be permitted to maintain supplies at levels to be agreed with the Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean. In the case of plants which have been working exclusively for the Italian Navy, no action will be taken without prior approval of the Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

(d) This policy is to be of an interim nature. Long-term policy will be developed after advice of decisions as to the size of the Navy, Army, and Air Force to be maintained by Italy after the war and the nature of the equipment to be permitted.

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5. In connection with the above statements of interim policy, it is contemplated that the Allied Commission will make a survey of Italian war-like stores in arsenals, factories, depots, dumps or in the hands of units of the Italian Armed Forces.

6. While it is recognized that these are matters of high policy, we consider it extremely important that the officers of AC who are in daily contact with this problem have some interim policy statement to guide them. It is therefore proposed that the statements in para 4 above be used as an interim guide for AC action. May we hear from you by 15 January 1945 if you do not wish these statements to be used in this way, pending advice of the over-all decisions referred to in para 4 (d) above.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
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ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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11.00/ES

26 December 1944

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SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production.

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. For some time we have been discussing among ourselves, and with the Service Sub-Commissions, the policy to be pursued on Italian munitions production.

2. The attached draft embodies a principle which is agreed between this Section and the Army, Navy, and Air Force Sub-Commissions.

3. Before final typing and formal clearances, we would like very much to have your reaction to the paper in the present draft form.

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Colonel, F A
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

Attachment:
Draft of letter to G-5, AFHQ
Subject "Policy on Italian
Munitions Production"

cc: To COS
Judges s/c

Original sent back to Economic Section for re-submission through Correct Channels

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER
APO 394

Draft

11.00/ES 26 December 1944

SUBJECT: Policy on Italian Munitions Production

TO : G-5, AFHQ

1. For some time there has been need for a policy governing the treatment of the Italian munitions plants, both state and private concerns.

2. It is considered undesirable that the existing plants, many of which are still capable of munitions production on a large scale, should be allowed to retain their present character. Moreover, the extent of destruction of other manufacturing plants makes it imperative that plants designed for the production of munitions be converted or cannibalized to the greatest possible extent for the production of civilian necessities. After considerable discussion within AC, including the Services Sub-Commissions, the interim policy, set out in para 4, ~~has been adopted~~ is proposed for adoption by the Allied Commission as a basis for action until a general directive is received from higher authority.

3. The policy statements in para 4 are intended to cover all Italian munition plants (government-owned or civilian) which formerly produced war-like stores (including war chemicals) exclusive of naval base establishments serving Allied naval needs.

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