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To: Public Safety Sec.

The Ex. Comm. has seen Ltrs 206 & 207 and instructed me to refer them to you for action.

Exh 358
17 Jan. 46

Tom C. Clark
Capt

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301

TO : M.M.I.A.

19 November 1946.

Pse see 298 and 299.
It is proposed to inform the Ministry of Interior that the approval to issue arms on repayment to civilian firms as requested in 297 has been approved thus enabling the Ministry of Interior to contact the Ministry of War and errange any necessary Police supervision with regard to resale to the public. Will you please return this file to Public Safety Division for necessary action to be taken.

E.J. Rye.
E.J. RYE Colonel
Director P.S. Div.

Tel. Ext. 416.

302.

P.S. Div.

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There is however no reply to 297. (rifles)
In order not to confuse the Italians I would rather answer both questions at the same time.
Perhaps we might discuss. I will raise at our meeting on 26 Nov.

W Pidsley
Lieut.
MMIA.

22 Nov.

304

Ex Comm.
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23.11.46.

E.J. Rye Colonel

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H. 15/11

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~~292~~ 293.

P.S. Division. 292

Agreed. I meant to have left a made over for my signature. In any case I had to eliminate one of the unpunctuated.

7/x1

M Carthy
E.C.

~~296~~ 9.11.

298.

Ex Comm. Ref. 297.

I see no reason to withhold approval to the request of the War Ministry.

13.11.46.

E.J. Bye. Colonel
N.I. 9(a)

299

Director.
P.S. Div.

I agree. I presume the Min. of War is working in conjunction with the Min. of

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7/x1

M Carey
E.C.

9.11

298.

Ex Comms. Ref. 1 297.

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13.11.46.

E.J. Bye Colonel
W.S. 9(1)

299

Director.
P.S. Div.

I agree. I presume the Min. of War is working in conjunction with the Min. of Supply in this matter. Who will be concerned with purchase by civilian arms firms. Nothing is said as to varieties of weapons. I would like to state in replying my agreement that it is given on the understanding that sales are effected to approved civilian arms firms and are made in agreement with the Police authorities.

M Carey Bradden
E.C.

10/xi/46

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Minute No. 286.

TO: Public Safety Division. 31st October, 1946

In view of the Ministry of Interior's letter at Folio 284 there appears to be a technical objection to the adoption of 7.65 mm calibre as the governing factor.

20A (File 9/28/A)

Para 4 of AFHQ letter GE-5.945.20 of 24th September gives us an opportunity of raising the matter again. I think we have good grounds for going back to AFHQ and suggesting that supervision of the manufacture of non-military small arms of less than 7.7 mm should provisionally be left to the Italian Government.

If you agree please let me see a letter in draft embodying the reasons mentioned in our discussion.

M. CARR, Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

287.

Ex Commr.

Pse see 288 for coordination pse.

1-11-46.

E J Bye. Colonel

289

Director, Public Safety Div.

Draft at 288 is approved except that it should end up with a definite recommendation. As I see it we do not want AFHQ to give reconsideration to para 5a of our letter of 6 September. We do not want the maximum calibre to be 8mm otherwise we shall include 7.7mm. What we want to do is to include 6.5mm and exclude 7.7mm as suggested in my Minute 286. If I am correct we should ask AFHQ to modify the conditions laid down in para 4 of 24 September so that the manufacture of non-military small arms of less than 7.7mm calibre is provisionally left to the Italian Government.

AFHQ letter of

M. Carr Brig 31/10/46

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AFHQ letter

M. CARR,
Brigadier,
Exec.Comm.

4 Nov 46.

291

Ex Commr.

Letter typed and submitted at 290.

Para 5 has been amended as directed in 289.

5.XI.46.

E J Bye. Colonel

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282.

CAS.

Has any reply been received to folio 281, please? If not I suggest a reminder. [illegible] 7/10

To: Ex. Comm & Nfm [illegible] 281

Ref. above minute

The reply has been minuted and passed to HMIA and Police Liaison for action.

[illegible]
CAS

8/10

Minute [illegible] 285

TO : Executive Commissioner. 29 Oct.46.

Please see 284 [illegible] from the Ministry of Interior.

If the Police Agencies required 7.65 mm pistols, authority to manufacture would not be withheld by the Allied Authorities.

For personal protection 6.35 mm pistols are quite sufficient.

The decision of AFHQ was arrived at after careful consideration and I suggest the Ministry of Interior be so informed.

E.J. Byrne
E.J. BYRNE Colonel
Director.

Tel. Ext. 416.

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29/10

250.

CSO

Min 249.

Please find out from VP CAS what action is now being taken. HV (25/5.

251.

VP, CA SEC.

Ref minutes 249 and 250, may we please have your comments.

H.N.W. Hind Lyall Grant.
CSO.

21 May 46.

252.

To: Executive Commissioner.

With reference to Minute 250, I discussed this matter with Colonel Walton on May 15th, the day following your meeting and told him I wanted to hold a meeting as early as possible.

This section has no files or copies of letters on the subject of control of production of arms and munitions and I asked Colonel Walton to let me have the relevant papers on the subject. Colonel Walton stated that owing to changes in his staff etc., he required a few days to look into the matter.

Colonel Walton was away last week-end and I have not yet been able to get in touch with him again.

A meeting will be held as soon as I receive the necessary information. At 253 on this file is a copy of an instruction for the meeting which I drafted in advance.

M. CARR, Brigadier.
VP. CA. Section.

22nd May, 1946

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Thank you. HV (23/V

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CSO H.N. 1617

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H.N.W. Hunt Lyall Lieut.
CSO.

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22nd May, 1946

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Thankyou. MM 29/V

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276

CSO. No. 1617
Folio 275 for info, please AWB 25/5

278

CSO. for comm:
Ref folio 272. Letter at 277 for Signature, please
AWB 25/5
No. 2617

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243

Land Forces S/c (minuA)
Ref min 221. Please see letter of
242 and enclosures mentioned. Atkins 13/5

244

Action taken with Wannun to recover gun.
E.W. Bradley-Birt
14/5/45

247.

to Comm.
C.S.O. Folio 246 for info. Action requested
in para 4. Atkins 9/5 Ht. 13/5.

248

C.S.O.

Here is a letter written on 7/5. No action has been taken up to date.

2. A.W.A.S minute is quite ineffective. It is for any staff officer to initiate action or at any rate to recommend it to one. No one appears to have given the matter thought from date of receipt of the letter until it is posted on to one.

3. Action please on the form of a recommendation as to which alternative of the two courses suggested in 4, or any other, should be adopted. 2163

Lib as above today 14/5/45.

Ch Bradley Hayes
MW 1/5

247.

Lt Comm.

C.S.O. Folio 246 for info. Action requested in para 4. Ahb 9/5 Ht. 13/5.

248

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4. Please return file as above today 19/5/46.

MS/14/5.

249.

Lt Comm.

As directed at your meeting to-day, Brig Carr will head a committee to examine this whole question. You agreed to give him terms of reference but before doing this Brig Carr would like to discuss with you. He also suggests that it would be advisable to have legal advice on this committee in view of the possible restrictions under the armistice or peace terms.

MS. 14/5.

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Ex Comm.

193

AF 190 Ref min 190 : pde. see 192. the letter referred to in para 3 is being considered by Gen. Browning this morning.

HJ. 3/1 ERB 3/1

19th

B.f when it is issued HS/11/2

195

Note letter referred to in 192 handed by Lt Col Curties to Ex. Comm. on 1/2/46

ERB 4/2

Ex Comm.

197

CSO Folio 196 sent to Econ Sect for action. This refers to folio 152 old file SHAEF

Seen by Ex Comm. HJ. 11/2

HJ. 7/2 ERB 7/2/46

HJ-1113

208

CSO. Please see folio 207 for info.

SHAEF 7/3/46

HJ. 1513 217

CSO folio 216 for info, please. ALWK 13/3.

222.

Industrials S/C. (attn. Capt Elliot) 2102

Ref letter no 221. It is understood that

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B.f when it is issued DS/11/2

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Note
letter referred to in 192 handed by
Lt/Col Curties to Ex. Comm. on 1/2/46

CRB 4/2

Ex Comm.:

197
C60 Folio 196 sent to Econ Sect for action. Seen by Ex Comm.
This refers to folio 152 old file SKott
W.I. 7/2 7/2/46 W.I. 11/2

W.I.-1113

208
C50. Please see folio 207 for info.

W.I.-1513

217 SKott 7/3/46
C50 folio 216 for info, please. CWK 15/3

222.

Industries S/C. (attn. Capt Elliot). 2162

Ref letter no 221. It is understood that
Mr. DOBKOVICH placed this contract. Will
you please take necessary action to cancel
it. CWK 15/4

223.
15/4/46 - I have never handled scrap iron or steel.
And I am not the person for inquiries.
Dobkovich
Ex. C.

224.

Please note the Ambental route at 221. In addition the
Industry Branch has no knowledge of this contract as how
it was placed. It may have been handled by C.I.S. Branch in London
and we suggest reference to them. CWK
H.S. Elliot Capt
16/4/46

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CSO. Please see 178 for info. Staff 24/12/45

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Major Holmes & Lieut Col Chief A.C.S.O concerned should be informed re: 178. Done Staff 27/1/46

FMac 31/12.

~~181~~

~~CSO. Her signature 181~~ ~~Staff~~ ~~27/1/46~~

FMac 181 184

CSO. Please see 182+183 for info. Staff 17/1/46

FMac 201 186

CSO. Folios 185 for info Staff 23/1/46

189.

A1856 N.S. 291

① Pse see folio 188 which is important: have been in contact with MMIA who had already this morning heard something about it from another source. Col Curtis is closing vigorously & will get in touch with me tomorrow. 2161

④ Pse see folio 187 (Vol 1. folio 152 altd. is referred letter) for info

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FMC 31/12.

~~182.~~

~~C.S.O. Has signature 181~~ ~~Stott~~ ~~31/12~~

FMC 183 184

C.S.O. Please see 182+183 for info. Stott 17/1/46

FMC 261 182

C.S.O. Folios 185 for info Stott 23/1/46

189.

A1856 H.S. 29/1

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④ Pse see folio 187 (Vol 1 - folio 152 alt. ^ referred letter) for info.

Copy B. 190 29/1

Keep me informed HS 29/1

H.S. 29/1

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C/C A letter will be coming down (prob tomorrow) from General Browning to C.C. re 188 - watch for it.

Lee 42 30/1.

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RESTRICTED

Para 1. Your letter 5012/305 EC of 30 November was replied to by letter G-5 :945 point 20 of 11 December. Reur 5816 dated disapproving proposed sale of military arms to the public. Copy of letter follows by post.

Public Safety

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ACTION : ~~EX COMMISSIONER~~ 2 Public Safety

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
Exec. Comm.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Division
APO 794

5012/80

21 December 1946.

SUBJECT : Control of Arms.

TO : Ministry of the Interior
Director General of PS.

305

1. A copy of a translation of a letter from your office dated November 9th dealing with the question of calibres of pistols issued to Corps of Guards of Public Security etc., has been received at this Division from Allied Force Headquarters.

2. The translation is without numbers of reference etc. so it is not possible to furnish them: the letter appears to reveal much misunderstanding on the whole matter it would be appreciated if a copy of the original letter could please be sent to this Division so that the matter can be clarified.

3. Will you please cause it to be widely known to all officers of your Department that correspondence on matters affecting in any way Allied interests or any matters which have to be referred to the Allies must be addressed to this Commission and not to other military headquarters.

2159

H. Lucas Lieut

for E.J. BYE Colonel
Director.

FGI/ac

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308[A]

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Division
APO 794

5012/EC 17 December 1946

SUBJECT : Sale of Arms from Ministry of War.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA),
Hq. A.C.

Reference your 123 Q 7 Nov. 1946. 297[A]

I attach herewith for information copy of a letter received from G-5; AFHQ on this matter. 307[A]

for E. J. BYE, Colonel
Director.

FGG/ae

encl. N. 945.20 dated 11 Dec.46.

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FILE 307

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 945.20

11 December 1946

SUBJECT: Control of Arms.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

303

Reference your letter 5012/305/EC of 30 November.

1. The rifles referred to are clearly "military"; their sale to the public is not approved. The permission as to unsupervised manufacture related only to "non-military" weapons. If the weapons are altered so as to make them no longer suitable for military use, there would be no objection to the proposal.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 940.25

10 December 1946

SUBJECT: Control of Arms.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

1. Attached is a copy of a letter received at this Headquarters from the Ministry of the Interior. Will you please draw the attention of the Minister to the fact that he should address his communications to the Allied Commission and not to this Headquarters.

2. The letter in question seems to contain a great deal of misinformation which it is requested that you will clear up.

G-5: 940.05 9/7/46

a. There is no ruling that the Public Security Police cannot be armed with a military type weapon; on the contrary it was laid down by this Headquarters letter G-5: 940.25P, of 8 July that the arming of the police was a matter for the Italian Government. As the Police may have to deal with persons armed with military weapons it is desirable that they should have a proportion of such weapons themselves. Who and on what authority required the Police to discard the 9 mm Beretta.

See 304

b. The suggestion that MMIA has laid down that arms of less than 7.5 mm calibre are non-military is not understood. No such instruction was issued from this Headquarters.

c. The four points referred to do not arise. There is for instance no reason why licenses for 7.65 mm calibre pistols should be withdrawn nor why factories should be redesigned. It is not understood how the Ministry of Interior got these ideas.

d. There is no reason why 7.65 mm pistols should not be manufactured. Please see this Headquarters letter G-5: 945.20 of 15 Nov.

300

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

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

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translated copy/

In compliance with instructions issued by the Allied Sub-Commission to the effect that the Corps of Guards of Public Security, being a civil police, should not be armed with weapons of war, the automatic pistol Beretta, short barrel caliber 9, used by the Corps until the outbreak of hostilities, has been discarded and replaced with the automatic pistol of the same make, short barrel, caliber 7,65.

In the opinion of the competent commission of technical and military experts, this latter type of pistol is not considered a weapon of war, and therefore it use was also permitted to civilians for personal defense, with the issue of the necessary licence for carrying arms.

The M.M.I.A. has recently communicated that a pistol of the caliber of 7,50 can be permitted as a non-war weapon.

In this regard, the following is brought to your attention:

1)-no caliber 7,50 pistol exists in Italy. It would therefore be necessary to study a new type of pistol and to manufacture it as well as the necessary ammunition, incurring much time and very heavy expenses.

2)-the difference between the caliber 7,65 of the Beretta pistol and that permitted by M.M.I.A. is only .15 of a millimeter.

3)-it would be necessary to withdraw all licenses and pistols of caliber 7,65 kept by civilians. Having procured these pistols, as permitted by the licences issued to them, they would justly request the reimbursement of their expenses or at the least, an exchange of weapons at the expense of the State;

4)-there is a perfectly equipped factory which produces the caliber 7,65 pistol, which caliber is international as it is used by almost all European arms manufacturers e.g. La Fabbrique Nationale d'Armes de Guere of Hertal Belgian; the German Walter and Mauser, the Austrian Steyr. This factory is the P.Beretta and sons of Gardone Val Trompia while the factories Fiocchi and Leon Beaux produce the 7,65 ammunition. These factories would have to subspend their work to transform their machinery.

In consideration of the above, it is requested that the M.M.I.A. grant that the caliber permitted for pistols be raised from 7,50 to 7,65, and consequently that the Corps of Guards of Public Security and private citizens may be armed with such weapons, these latter subject to the issue of the licence by the Public Security Authorities concerned.

Rome, November 9, 1946.

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COPY

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 940.05 9 July 1946

SUBJECT: Police Agencies - Arms.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

Reference is made to your 6/14.1/CA, subject as above, 19 June 46.

1. While it is agreed that tanks, armored cars and heavy machine guns are not normally appropriate to the functions of civilian police, it is considered that the arming of these agencies is entirely a matter for the Italian Government.

2. The policy to be followed in this matter is therefore that described in paragraph 8(b) of your reference letter.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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

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Copy to:
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BR POLAD
US POLAD
SACS
S/C MTO
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Ref.: 5012/303/C

30 November, 1946

Subject : Firearms.

To : A.F.H.Q.
G-5 Section.

300

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I refer to your letters G-5 345-20 of 24th September and G-5 345-20 of 19th November, 1946.

2. Your rulings on this matter have been noted and the Ministry of War have been informed accordingly.

3. They are now whether they may sell to civilian arms firms "carbines and rifles of the ordinary type cal. 7.35 mm. which have been set aside for sale as are no longer used by the Army".

4. It is noted that although these are definitely military arms, they may, being obsolete and of a smaller calibre than 7.5, be regarded as "non-military" arms and that there is no objection to their sale.

5. Will you please confirm that there is no objection to the sale of these arms.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

M. [illegible], Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: C.C.
Public Safety Div.

See Y 310

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Division
APO 794

301

5012/20

19 November 1946.

SUBJECT : Manufacture of Arms.

TO : Ministry of the Interior
Director General of P.S.

284

1. Reference is made to your letter 10.16311/10179 of 25th October 1946.

2. The points raised by you have been carefully considered and I am directed to inform you that it is not proposed to alter the decision with regard to the manufacture of arms as communicated to you in this Commission's letter of 9th October 1946. — 22A(9/23/CA)

3. It is pointed out that there is no reason why pistols of 7.65 mm calibre should not be manufactured under Allied authority providing the Italian Government give good reason for wishing to do so. Further, the ruling did not lay down that all small arms of over 7.5 mm were military arms and, from an Allied point of view, there is no reason at this time, to withdraw pistols of 7.65 mm calibre from Municipal, Forest or other guards.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

E. J. [illegible] Colonel
Director

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 945.20 13 November 1946

SUBJECT: Manufacture of Arms.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

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Reference 5012/292 EC of 7 November 1946.

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1. This Headquarters letter G-5: 945.20 of 24 September did not lay down that small arms of over 7.5 mm. calibre were military. It merely provisionally allowed non-military arms of smaller calibre to be manufactured free of Allied supervision.

2. There is nothing in the letter which prevents pistols of 7.65 mm. calibre being manufactured under permit from this Headquarters, provided that the Italian Government show good cause for wishing to do so. Moreover no instruction has been issued requiring withdrawal of pistols of this calibre from Municipal, Forest, or other Guards.

3. In view of the foregoing, no reason is seen to alter the ruling already given.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

? from civilians

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

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IPS 297
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Telephone:
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LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC (MMIA) CMF
123 Q

8 - NOV 1946

7 Nov 46.

HQ AC (for Public Safety S/C)

Sec 296 295 294

Reference AFHQ letter G5/945.20 of 24 Sep (folio 20A in your file G/28/CA) and minutes 15 & 16 in your same file. The Ministry of War, having been given the contents of the above letter now ask whether they may issue on repayment to divilian arms firms "carbines and rifles of the ordinary type cal 7.35 mm which are earmarked for sale as now no longer used by the Army".

It is assumed that, although originally military weapons, these arms (being under 7.5 mm) which are now obsolete may be regarded as "non military arms".

Will you please confirm ?

W. Pidsley.

Colonel A/Q
M.M.I.A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 945.20

24 September 1946

SUBJECT : Manufacture of Arms.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission, APO 794.

Reference your 9/28/CA of 6 September.

1. As the draft Peace Treaty with ITALY contains a definition of War Materials, it is undesirable to use any other definition even temporarily. This definition will therefore be adopted now.

2. This definition (so far as is relevant) is

"War material shall include all arms, ammunition and implements specially designed or adapted for use in war as listed below.

Category I - Military rifles, carbines, revolvers and pistols; barrels for these weapons - and other spare parts not readily adaptable for civilian use.

Category VII - Propellants, explosives.. destined for.. use in connection with the (above) war material not capable of civilian use or manufactured in excess of civilian requirements."

3. It is considered therefore that the manufacture of all weapons which are clearly non-military can be left to the Italian Government. The only difficulty is likely to arise with regard to weapons capable of military use. The arbitrary selection of 8 mm. calibre as a criterion is not entirely satisfactory as the Italian Army uses rifles, machine guns and pistols of 6.5, 7.65 and 7.7 mm., while the German Army uses a calibre of 7.92 mm. For this reason 7.5 mm. is considered to be a better criterion.

4. Subject to there being no technical objections to the adoption of this criterion for small arms or cartridges, it is agreed that supervision of the manufacture of non-military small arms of less than 7.5 mm calibre may provisionally be left to the Italian Government.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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sgd.

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

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Minute 15

To: Land Forces Sub-Commission. 30 September 46.

1. (a) With reference to the Prime Minister's letter at Folio 18A it seems that action is being taken on all but the last paragraph of this letter. The Chief Commissioner will shortly be taking up with the Prime Minister the whole question of the militarization and armament of the Corps of Public Safety and Police Forces in general.

(b) As regards the last paragraph of 18A, it must be remembered that the Economic Section has little or no information on the subject of Munitions Production and has no staff to deal with the subject. It seems to me that consideration should be given as to whether this Headquarters should pursue this matter further at this stage, especially in view of the possible abolition of A.C. in the near future and of the Peace Treaty being signed.

(c) If the A.C. is abolished without the Italian Government signing the Revised Armistice, the present proposals are to set up an organization as if the Revised Armistice had been signed. In this case the new Section comprised of the three Service SubCommissions would be responsible for the control of munitions production and might have a special Branch to deal with the subject.

(d) The last paragraph of 18A does not seem to be wholly correct. Is not Ministry of War only responsible for its own contracts in military establishments and armament factories and not for the production of all arms etc., in such factories?

2. With reference to 20A, will you take initial action please, and if you consider we should go back to G-5 would you please draft the letter.

signed J. Vella Capt.
for

M. CARR, Brigadier,
VP CA Section.

Disposal of this minute
on file G/20/CA

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Minute 16

TO : VP CA Section, AC

Reference Minute 15.

1. I agree with your remarks in your para (1) regarding the control of arms production mentioned in the last paragraph of folio 18 (a). There is at the moment no efficient control of arms production and distribution and as you say in sub-paragraph 1(d) Ministry of War is only responsible so far as civilian factories are concerned for control of its own contracts. If you consider that the Land Forces Sub Commission is not entirely responsible for the control of the manufacture of War like equipment and that there is no other part of AC which in its present form can be held responsible, I agree there is nothing we can do at present so long as we have made this quite clear to A.F.H.Q.

2. Your para 2 refers to folio 20 (a) which from our point of view is very satisfactory. I do not think it is necessary to query the decision given by AFHQ as it seems very reasonable and in any case is a decision. I recommend that para 4 be accepted and that the Italian Government be so informed. If you will do this I should like to make a separate communication on the subject to the War Ministry.

sgd. W. Pidsley

Colonel AQ
M.M.I.A.

2 October, 1946.

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Ref: [illegible]

7 November 1946.

SUBJECT: Manufacturing of Arms

TO : [illegible]

Exemption from Licensing.

1. Reference is made to your letter D-5:[illegible].20 of 24 October 1946.

2nd. The decision that the supervision of the manufacture of non-military small arms of less than 7.9 mm calibre may provisionally be left to the Indian Dominion Government is entirely a matter of Government of India and the Ministry of the Interior.

3. A reply dated 4th October has received from the Ministry of the Interior, a copy of which is attached, in which reasons are advanced why pistols of calibre 7.65mm should be considered non-military weapons.

4. In this connection it has been pointed out that, should the present decision stand, it would necessitate the withdrawal of all such pistols now in the lawful possession of private persons held for personal protection, also from all [illegible], Forest and Excise Guards, none of whom are permitted to be in possession of military weapons.

5. While the reasons put forward in para 3 of your letter are appreciated, in view of the foregoing, it is recommended that the conditions laid down in para 4 of your letter of 24 September, be modified to enable the manufacture of non-military small arms of less than 7.7 mm calibre to be left provisionally to the Indian Government.

for Principal Secretary to Government.

[signature]

[illegible],
Brigadier,
Assistant Commissioner.

Encl. (as above).

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.
Public Safety Division.
L.H.C.O. ([illegible])

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SUBJECT : Manufacturing of Arms.

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

1. Reference is made to your letter G-5: 945.20 of 24th Sept.

2. The decision that the supervision of the manufacture of non-military small arms of less than 7.5 mm calibre may provisionally be left to the Italian Government was communicated to the Ministry of War and the Ministry of Interior.

3. A reply dated 25th Oct. was received from the Ministry of Interior, (a copy of which is attached) in which reasons are advanced why pistols of calibre 7.65 mm should be considered non military weapons.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner

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MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

N.10.16311/10179 25 October 1946

OCT 29 1946

SUBJECT : Manufacturing of arms, automatic pistols cal, 7.65.

TO : Public Safety S/C A.C.

22 A (file 9/28/CA)

In answer to your letter n. 9/28/CA dated 9/10/46.

Your Commission has expressed the desire that the control over the manufacturing of arms inferior to cal. 7½, should be left to the Italian Government as they are considered non military.

Thus, while the manufacturing of pistols calibre 6.35 would also be authorised to the Beretta Firm, the production of those calibre 7.65 would still be left suspended.

On the subject, though, it cannot but be observed, according to the ruling laws in force in Italy:

1. that the manufacturing and sale of pistols calibre 7.65 has always been allowed and authorised by all the other manufacturing firms;
2. that for such arms, regular licenses for carrying arms, for self defence, have been issued;
3. that pistols calibre 7.65 are now considered surpassed by the armed forces, they having generally used pistols of a superior calibre.

Considering the above and the reasons given in letter n.10.15188/10179 of the 28th August 1946 and moreover, bearing in mind that the pistols calibre 7.65 represents the arm mostly used for purposes of self defence by private citizens and which bodies in charge of private surveillances and municipal and forest guards are mainly armed with, the writer is again obliged to insist that the Allied Commission revoke the ruling prohibition of the manufacturing of pistols calibre 7.65.

13 A (file 9/28/CA)

Furthermore, considering the slight difference in calibre (0.15 millimetres), we kindly ask you to re-submit this question to the Superior Command, also prospecting the necessity of not causing further unemployment to a considerable number of workers and also putting the Corps of municipal police in a condition to profitably carry out its duties of order and protection particularly difficult at this moment.

For the Minister
/s/ Ferrari

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIO
Office of the Chief Commissio
APO 794

Ref. : 9/28/OA

6 September 1946

SUBJECT: Manufacture of small arms.

TO : G-5 Section,
AFHQ.

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2. The only direction which I appear to have received from you on this matter is contained in your AG 388/3/087 GEN/G of 2 August 1945 copy of which is attached for easy reference. This Directive, which was written before the conclusion of the war in the East and which consequently lays stress on our war effort, is quite clear as far as "Armaments and ammunition or implements of war" are concerned. It does not, however, define these items or state whether the manufacture of such weapons as sporting shot guns, small practice rifles or pistols of small calibre is to be restricted. Further, as this directive pre-supposed the signing of a peace treaty within a comparatively short space of time after the end of the war, it did not allow for the circumstances which have arisen in Italy during the past 12 months and which may continue for some time.

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4. As a result of this situation I am receiving the requests referred to in para 1 above, together with frequent complaints on the injustices due to a system (or rather, a lack of system) under which certain small firms are able to make and sell various weapons without any control, whereas the large and reputable firms who are under contract

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with Service Ministries are still waiting for authority to enable them to execute similar orders.

5. I therefore recommend that two decisions be taken: -

(a) that the term War like material should be defined and that weapons which need not be considered essentially war-like, e.g. shot guns, sporting rifles and pistols or revolvers below 6 mm should be excluded from the definition.

and

(b) that the control of manufacture, repair and distribution of weapons other than those considered as war-like, should be left entirely to the Italian Government, who may however, be required to give us such information regarding their system of control as we may require.

6. It is very desirable that some such ruling should be given at the earliest possible moment.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: Ex Comm.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 28 August 1946.

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See 281 272

Dear Admiral,

In reply to the requests formulated in your letter No. 9/28/CA of 25 June 1946, I transmit to you the following data supplied to me by the competent offices with regard to the type and calibre of the arms assigned to the "Carabinieri" and to other police forces as well as with regard to the system of governmental control over the production, repair and transit of war material.

The Ministry of War provides for the armament of the carabinieri, of the finance guards, of the P.S. guards, of the corps of custody agents of penitentiaries and of the local police agents (communal guards, sworn guards etc.) according to the specialties as indicated in the enclosed lists.

As to the Public Safety corps in particular, the relative rule establishes as individual armament the sabre and the pistol for the warrant officers, the pistol and the musket for the "brigadieri", "vicebrigadieri", chosen guards and guards.

The detachment armament is not definitely set in the ruling. Practically it is composed of armored cars for 20 mm guns, heavy machine-guns for 8 mm, of 6,5 mm machine-guns and of hand grenades and tear bombs.

Such arms are however not sufficient for the total need of the corps, regardless of the fact that the General Direction of P.S. of the Ministry of the Interior provides to integrate the supplies furnished by the Ministry of War (see enclosure) with the distribution to the detachments of automatic muskets, machine-guns and heavy machine-guns which have been obtained second hand and then opportunely revised and repaired.

The control over the production and repair of arms in military establishments and in the armament factory "Beretta" of Gardone Val Trompia is being exercised by the Ministry of War, while for the remaining civilian factories of arms and ammunition is competent the Ministry of the Interior. The latter provides also - according to art. 28 and the following of the P.S. laws approved by Royal Decree 18 June 1931 No 773 and of paragraph 7 of title 1 of the rules for the carrying out the P.S. law, approved by R.D. 21 January 1929 No. 62 - for the vigilance of the transit of war material across the borders and the various regions of the national territory.

EC Dept - 3/9/46

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Sincerely yours, 2141

/s/ De Gasperi

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Ref. [redacted] 29 July 1945.

[redacted]

Sir,

I would like to express a reply to my letter No. [redacted] dated 29 June 1945 on the subject of the Distribution and Issue of Arms and Ammunition to Italy.

Yours very truly,

[redacted]
Major General, USA
Chief Coordinator

Mr. Alfred Duff Cooper,
Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers,
British Government,
[redacted]

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Coordinator
Land Forces S/S
Navy S/S
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Room 240

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SUBJECT:- Manufacture Small Arms Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.009

15 July 1946

TO : War Ministry

Reference your 36416 dated 31 May 1946.

1. Approval is given for the manufacture of the following maximum quantity of small arms ammunition :-

Cal. 6,5 special practice amm. 9,000,000 rounds

2. It is noted that the manufacture will be assigned to the CAPUA Military Factory under direct supervision of the War Ministry, and that you confirm the necessary precautions will be taken to limit production to the quantity and for the purpose stated, viz. , the training of CC.RR, Finance Guards and Public Security Agents.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : GHQ (ref.EST/81/3 of 23 Jan 46)
A.C. (for Exec.Comm.)
A.C. (for Public Safety S/C.-)
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SUBJECT:- Control of Production of Arms & Ammo.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.009

8 July 1946

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TO : A.C. (for Exec. Comm.)

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Ref. Q.009 of 20 June 1946.

Request reply and information regarding any result of your 9/28/CA of 25 June 46 addressed President of the Council.

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R.A. CURTIES, Lt.Col.,
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

I spoke. No Action until a reply to folio 272 is received

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
A P [illegible] 794

Ref: 9/28/OA.

25 June 1946.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am somewhat disturbed by information which reaches me from time to time regarding the manufacture and transit of arms and munitions in Italy.

Under Article 13 of the Armistice Terms, the manufacture of war material and its transit is prohibited except as directed by the United Nations. Further, as you will be aware, under Article 3(a) of the Revised Armistice which is now being considered by your Government, the responsibility for the control of production of armaments will be vested in the Allied organisation to be set up to supervise the Armed Forces in Italy.

My attention has been particularly drawn to the extent to which the Civil Police Forces (other than CC.RR) are being armed for the maintenance of law and order.

In connection with this matter I would much appreciate, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, information from you on the following matters:

(a) The type and scale of weapons authorised for each of these Police Forces (other than CC.RR) under Italian law;

(b) The system of control by your Government of the manufacture, repair and transit of war material, and the Ministry by which this control is exercised.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide de Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CO MISSION
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER
APO 794

24 June 1946

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Dear Dr. Prunas,

I am in receipt of your letter of 27 May 1946 regarding the furnishing of shell cases and artillery shells by Ansaldo to the Turkish Government.

As you are aware, under the Armistice terms no manufacture of warlike stores can take place in Italy without the consent of the Allied Forces. Shell cases and artillery shells come within the scope of warlike stores. Therefore I request further information. It will be necessary for me to know the quantities and calibres in question, and on receipt of this information the question can be reviewed.

In the meantime I must request that Ansaldo be instructed to take no further steps with regard to the contract.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Renato Prunas
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
The Secretary General

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(CAPT DR J)

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SUBJECT :- Control of Production of Arms & Munition.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.009

20 June 1946

JUN 21 1946

TO : A.C. for Exec. Comm.

Reference is made to Minutes of Meeting held in Office of V.P. Civil Affairs Sec. on 27 May 1946.

1. The attached copy of a letter to War Ministry illustrates a number of outstanding cases where a decision is awaited.

2. May an indication be given as to when the position will be clarified.

R A Lumsden
Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : A.C.(Civil Affairs Sec.)

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Subject: Manufacture of small arms by Beretta firm.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC
(M.M.I.A.)

9.009

20 June 1946

To : WAR MINISTRY

1. Reference is made to your 37401/RE 555 of 13 June 46 in which you request instructions as to whether or not the Beretta firm may accept and complete orders for small arms as under :-

(a) Armeria Lattuada di Legnano to be authorised to purchase 40 automatic pistols from the Beretta firm.

(b) Ente Nazionale Protezione Animale, Florence to be authorised to purchase a certain quantity of automatic pistols from the Beretta firm.

(c) Comune di Siena to be authorised to purchase 47 7.65 automatic pistols from the Beretta firm.

It is understood there is a further demand for the release of 12 cal 9mm pistols to the Bus Society of Rome for arming night civilian guard.

2. In addition there is the control of small arms in process of repair at the National Arms Factory of BRESCIA. Your 210511/8531 of 31 May 46 refers.

3. MMIA is not authorised to permit the manufacture of or release of arms to units other than those under the command of the War Ministry.
The decision as to whether War Ministry control over the factories in question can be released to enable orders from private firms to be met is still awaited from Higher Authority.
As early as possible you will be notified of the decision taken. Meanwhile you are required to limit the activities of the manufacturers to what has been expressly authorised for the Army and CC.RR.

4. It is suggested that you refer the applicants to the appropriate Government Department who may wish to approach the Allied Authorities should the matter be considered of urgency.

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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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FROM: CIVIL AFFAIRS CMF

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REUR 59725 CA 2 (B) AND OUR F 67346 OF 7 JUNE 46.

1. YOU WILL NOW HAVE RECEIVED LISTS OF EQUIPMENT FORWARDED WITH OUR LETTER G-5 963. A-1 OF 14 MAY 46.

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2. REGRET THAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED IS NOT AVAILABLE IN FILES OF THIS CHQ OF ALLIED COMMISSION AND THAT QUALIFIED STAFF IS NOT NOW AVAILABLE IN THIS THEATRE FOR INSPECTING & VALUING SURPLUS PLANT AND EQUIPMENT.

3. IN ANY EVENT ITALIANS ARE AS YET UNAWARE OF FINAL LIMITATIONS TO BE PLACED ON THEIR ARMED FORCES. THEY ARE THEREFORE NOT IN A POSITION TO FURNISH INFORMATION AS TO THE ARMAMENT MANUFACTURING CAPACITY THAT WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THEM.

4. LISTS ALREADY FORWARDED WERE FURNISHED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO SERVICE SUB-COMMISSIONS WITHOUT REASON FOR OUR REQUIREMENT BEING DISCLOSED.

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7. YOUR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS IN LIGHT OF THE FORGOING ARE REQUESTED.

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REUR 59725 CA 2 (B) AND OUR F 6746 OF 7 JUNE 46.

1. YOU WILL NOW HAVE RECEIVED LISTS OF EQUIPMENT FORWARDED WITH OUR LETTER G-5 963. 4-1 OF 14 MAY 46.

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2. SECRET THAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED IS NOT AVAILABLE IN FILES OF THIS GHQ OF ALLIED COMMISSION AND THAT QUALIFIED STAFF IS NOT NOW AVAILABLE IN THIS THEATRE FOR INSPECTION AND VALUING SURPLUS PLANT AND EQUIPMENT.

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APO 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5012/267/EC.

13 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Report on Italian Armaments Industry.

TO : Economic Section.
Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)
Navy Sub-Commission
Air Force Sub-Commission

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1. Reference AFHQ signal No. F67352 dated 7 June 46 and this HQ signal No. 3583 dated 8 June 46.

2. A meeting will be held in Room 35, Third Floor, at 1200 hrs, 14 June 46, to discuss the possibility of providing further information as required in the AFHQ signal reference as above.

3. Will you please arrange for a representative who is fully conversant with the matter to attend this meeting.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

H. W. HIND-SMITH

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

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PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES MUST TAKE TIME MY VIEWS ON INFORMATION
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ALREADY GIVEN TO MAJOR TROUNSON IN FEBRUARY LAST AND INFORMATION
IS BASED ON HYPOTHETICAL FIGURES GIVEN IN YOUR TELEGRAM UNDER
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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO USA
Asst Adj

Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 67352

Date/Time of Origin: JUN 071623B

Message Centre No: H/3730

Date Time Rec'd: JUN 1000B

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: AFHQ

TO: AIGOM

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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN THE OFFICE OF VP, CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION ON MONDAY, 27 MAY 1946 AT 1430 HRS TO DISCUSS CONTROL OF PRODUCTION OF ARMS, AMMUNITION AND WARLIKE STORES.

JUN 3

In the Chair: Brigadier M. CARR

Present : Commander, J.C.RISK, Navy Sub-Commission.
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Lt. Col. R.CURTIES, do.
Major R.C. VAN KIRK do.
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the Italian Government of the prohibition in regard to the production of arms and ammunition. Here again nothing had been done.

Matters had come to a head recently because certain elements in the Italian police forces were being supplied with quantities and types of arms and ammunition beyond those considered necessary or desirable. Although this HQ had acquiesced in the policy of issue of automatic weapons to certain elements of the Police, it had always been considered that control of issue should be maintained, which would have been the case if authorised releases from stocks and factories had been made.

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Recommendations as to action to be taken in AC to implement policy laid down.

Brig. Carr said it had been pointed out in correspondence that AC had not the necessary technical staff to administer control. He recommended that it was a matter to be taken up by one of the Service Sub-Commissions, in view of recent developments and the future of AC. In view of the fact that Land Forces was the largest Service Sub-Commission he considered it might be their responsibility.

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Col. Pidsley replied that the views of his Sub-Commission were mainly as expressed in their letter Q.609 dated 7 May. The opinion was then given that if it was felt that restriction was necessary under the terms of the Armistice the responsibility on the Italian side should be that of one Ministry, possibly the Ministry of War. If this was done then it would be necessary for one authority to take responsibility for supervision on the Allied side.

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Col. Pidsley undertook to prepare a draft letter to the Italian Government.

As regards the strength and armament of the Police Forces other than CC.RR., Col. Pidsley felt that AFHQ and CCS had not the same view of the picture as AC and there was a danger of orders being issued based on incomplete information. It was therefore necessary to give them all the information we had available. Brig. Carr agreed and said he would prepare a letter to AFHQ in consultation with Col. Pidsley, based on a letter prepared by Land Forces Sub-Commission.

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Commander Risk entered the meeting and Brig. Carr reviewed what had been discussed and the recommendations made. Commander Risk said that the Navy-Subcommission had refused permission for the Ministry of Marine to acquire additional weapons except in cases of emergency. A survey of naval munition factories had been carried out with a view to ascertaining those that could be converted to civilian use. No complete control was exercised, the only form of control being on a voluntary basis.

Brig. Carr said AC should put the whole case to AFHQ and if they were prepared to provide the necessary staff there was no reason why control could not be exercised.

Col. Pidsley suggested that it was necessary to obtain from the Italian Government a full resume of the existing laws for manufacture of weapons, including sporting weapons.

Brig. Carr concluded the discussions by saying that the recommendations made would be submitted to the Executive Commissioner.

The meeting closed at 1515 hrs.

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
The Secretary General

27 May 1946.

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Dear Admiral,

The firm "Ansaldo" of Genoa has been requested to furnish possibly a supply of shellcases and artillery shells for Turkey. We suppose that the ammunition is needed for some material which the Turkish Government purchased several years ago in Italy.

While informing this Ministry of such request, the firm has stated that it could eventually carry out this order only so far as shellcases are concerned, as their fabrication could be undertaken by the aluminium department which at the present time is not working to its full capacity. They would also thus occupy a number of workers who are jobless.

I thought it advisable, dear Admiral, to inform you of this so that you may know, for every eventuality, that the order does not refer to explosives or to real ammunition, but simply to products which any factory of aluminium utensils can manufacture.

Yours very cordially

/s/ R. Prunas

Sec 271

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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SUBJECT:- Permits to Arm Tenders.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
G.009
23 May 1946

MAY 24 1946

TO : War Ministry

NR.

Reference your 29356/5368 of 13 Apr 46 and further to this M.C. G.009 of 3 May 46. NR.

1. You are authorised to release to the Ministry of Marine the 500 automatic carbines 38/A with walnut butt.

2. Arrangements should be completed direct with the Ministry regarding removal and safe custody of these weapons during transit.

3. Please report completion of transfer.

R.A. Curtis/kcr
Lt. Major General,
M.M.I.A.

NR.

Copy to:- A.C. for Navy Sub-Commission - your M.M./5068 of 23 May refers
" " Executive Commissioner.

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NOTE ON THE ARMAMENT OF THE CC.RR AND OF THE AGENTS OF PUBLIC SECURITY. 28 1948

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After the liberation of the north, large quantities of automatic weapons became available and with large numbers of patriots being grafted on to the Police Forces no control could be exercised over the number of automatic weapons acquired in this particular way.

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3. From the point of view of issues of automatic weapons to Public Safety Agents being authorised by this headquarters, action presupposed some control being exercised by some authority or other over the production and release of arms and munitions.

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It is considered that it can be safely stated that the Agents of Public Security which form a large part of the remainder of the Police Forces are now also a heavily armed force.

In addition to their normal armament of a musket and

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a pistol per man, it is estimated, and it must be stressed that this is only an estimate, that their armament includes:

5	tanks
30	armoured Cars.
10,000	Automatic carbines.
500	Machine Guns.
	Hand Grenades.

This armament has been obtained from old stocks, issues of automatic weapons arranged by AMG in the North, purchase of arms through irregular channels and in the Black Market.

The Agents of Public Security are still clamouring for yet more arms.

5. The large number of modern arms in the hands of the civil population probably justified the formation of some heavily armed police reserves for use in certain districts. But there would appear to be no justification whatever for a large heavily armed police force, and normally always operating as such, throughout the country, particularly in all large towns and urban districts.

6. The serious disadvantages of a part of the Army forming a large element of the Civil Police Forces and all the worst features of divided control both among the Italian authorities and at this Headquarters, are exemplified in this matter.

On the Italian side political influences have taken charge and it seems clear that an armament race is taking place between the C.P. [illegible] on the one hand and the Agents of Public Security

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7. From the above and general information in possession of this Headquarters the following deductions may be made:-

(a) That contrary to democratic principles, contrary to the best interests of the country and contrary to all sound principles of police policy and organization, the Police forces in Italy are heavily over armed.

(b) That the spirit, if not the actual provisions of the Armistice terms have been and are being violated as regards manufacture, repair and transit of arms and munitions.

(c) That the Italian Government itself is party to breaking its own rules and is engaging in black market traffic in arms.

8. There is one redeeming feature in this situation and that is, that up to the present the Police forces have shown no disposition to make use of their armament.

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TO: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER. 5012 98

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394.
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

MAY 24 1946

SUBJECT: Control of Production of Arms and Munitions. 24th May, 1946

Reference para 4 of the Minutes of the Executive Commissioner's meeting 14th May:-

The Vice-President, Civil Affairs Section will hold a meeting on May 27th, at 14.30 hrs in the Vice President's office to discuss the question of control of production of arms and munitions.

Brigadier Carr, Vice President, Civil Affairs Section will preside:

The following are requested to send a representative:

Naval Sub-Commission,
Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Economic Section,
Executive Commissioner,
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Terms of reference for the meeting:- 49.

1. With reference to AFHQ Secret letter 388.3/087 GEN-O of 2nd August 1943* to consider in general the present extent of production of arms and munitions so far as is known at this Headquarters.

2. To consider what control, if any, is being exercised in accordance with the directions contained in the above mentioned letter.

3. To make recommendations as to:-

(a) What action should be taken within this Headquarters to implement the policy laid down.

(b) What action should be taken with AFHQ or the Italian Government in this matter. 2118

M Carr Brig

Staff Officer,
VP. CA. Section.

(also MS.)

* (Copies of this letter were sent to all Service Sub-Commissions, Economic Section and Executive Commissioner.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

Ref: ES.12.11

23rd May, 1946

MAY 24 1946

To: Executive Commissioner.

SUBJECT: Control of Production of Arms and Ammunition.

With reference to the question of the control of production of arms and ammunition, I have discussed this with the Economic Section and have been through some of their files.

Your Section appears to have been mainly responsible for this subject. The examination of the Economic Section files reveals that no action was taken on certain important points. Action may, however, have been taken in your office.

Attached is a table (255-256) which shows the main developments in this matter. The principal point that emerges is that though we were told by AFHQ to inform the Italian Government to take steps to ensure that no arms etc., should be produced without the express approval of the authorised agencies of the S.A.C., no communication was ever sent to the Italian Government even though we told AFHQ (8/4/45) we would send such a communication on the withdrawal of AMG from the north.

If you can provide a representative who will be fully briefed in this matter, I will hold a meeting on Monday next to discuss the whole question.

MC

M. CARR, Brigadier.
VP. CA. Section.

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CONTROL OF PRODUCTION OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

	DATE	REFERENCE.	EFFECT.	REMARKS.
1.	2.8.45	AFHQ Secret Letter:AG 388.8/087 GEC-O.	Directed that the AC will ensure the operation of industries required for production and repair of arms and munitions only to the extent required by the Allied Armed Forces.	7 Lev 49 - 5012/EC Vol I
2.	10.10.45	AC Hq.Secret Letter. 5012/87/EC.	Pointed out the difficulty of impounding tools and making a survey or warlike stores.	It is difficult to see what action was taken at this stage.
			As regards control of production of arms and munitions, stated that all necessary action was being taken.	7 Lev 87 - 5012/EC Vol I
3.	12.10.45	AFHQ Secret Letter E-17	Stated that points raised in letter referred to under (2) above were being studied.	7 Lev 100 - 5012/EC Vol I
4.	7.11.45	ES/12.05	Deputy VP.Economic Section summoned a meeting for 9th November 1945 to make recommendations regarding control of production of arms and munitions.	No record or results from this meeting can be traced. 7 Lev 130 - 5012/EC Vol I 7 Lev 131 - 5012/EC Vol I
5.	8.11.45	AFHQ Secret Letter: AG 3883 /GEC-O.	Directed that AC should inform the Italian Government that it must take steps to ensure that no warlike stores are to be manufactured without the express approval of authorised agencies of the S.A.C.	A pencil note on the Economic Section's copy on this file states that all Regional Commissioners were told verbally to look out for illegal manufacture. 137
		133. AFHQ Letter (also found in 5012/133/EC of 12 Nov 1945) without a draft copy.	See minute 131, 141-2	No trace can be found of any letter being sent to the Italian Government in accordance with directions of AFHQ 7 Lev 139 - 5012/EC Vol I
6.	15.11.45	AC Hq. Cable 8436 to Regional Commissioners.	Directed the Regional Commissioners to ensure operations of arms producing industries only to the extent required by the Allies.	Subsequently Regional Commissioners in general stated that, owing to lack of staff, they were unable to carry out these instructions. 137

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3.	18.10.45	AFHQ Secret Letter M-17	Stated that points raised in letter referred to under (2) above were being studied.	File 100 - 5012/EC Vol I
4.	7.11.45	EB/12.05	Deputy VP. Economic Section summoned a meeting for 9th November 1945 to make recommendations regarding control of production of arms and munitions.	No record or results from this meeting can be traced. File 130 - 5012/EC Vol I File 131 - 5012/EC Vol I
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7.	22.11.45	5012/143/EC addressed to Chief of Staff G-5 AFHQ.	Dealt mainly with Italian Armament industry and the re-equipping of the Italian Armed Forces. Stated that on the transfer of northern provinces to the Italian Government, the Italian Government would be reminded of the prohibition of the manufacture of armaments, munitions or implements of war.	File 152 - 5012/EC Vol I There is no trace either in connection with this letter or AFHQ letter No. 388.3/GEC-O of 8.11.45 that any communication has been made to the Italian Government. 131

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AFHQ letter was found in EC Section under 5012/133/EC of 12 NOV 1945 but contained a draft only.

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	DATE.	REFERENCE	EFFECT	REMARKS.
7 (Contd.)			Stated, in general, that existing Italian laws regulating manufacture provided proper safeguards and that the lack of raw materials would affect control.	
8.	10.12.45	Ref; AMG/ NRNI 1.02 from AC Econ: Commissioner for Northern Italy.	Asked for AFHQ authority for continuation of manufacture of shot guns and pistols in the Brescia Arms Factories, in order that 2,600 workers should remain in employment at least during the winter months.	No trace can be found of any action having been taken.

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CONTROL OF PRODUCTION OF ARMS AND MUNITIONS.

Reference Para 4 of the Minutes of the Executive Commissioner's meeting 14th May.

The Vice-President, Civil Affairs Section will hold a meeting on. . . . . at . . . . in the V.P.'s Office.

Brigadier Carr, Vice President Civil Affairs Section will preside.

The following are requested to send a representative:-

Naval Sub-Commission.
Land Forces Sub-Commission.
Air Force Land Commission.
Economic Section.
Executive Commissioner.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

Terms of reference for the meeting:-

1. With reference to AFHQ letter of . . . . . to consider the present extent of production of arms and munitions so far as is known at this Headquarters.

2. To consider what control, if any, is being exercised in accordance with the directions contained in the above quoted letter.

3. To make recommendations as to:

(a) What action should be taken by this Headquarters to implement the policy laid down. 2114

(b) What action should be taken with AFHQ in this matter.

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Land Forces Sub-Commission.
Economic Section.
Executive Commissioner.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.

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SUBJECT:- Manufacture of Small Arms Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.009
17 May 1946

TO : War Ministry

MAY 17 1946

Reference your 24751/DT of 11 April 46.

1. Approval is given for the manufacture of the following maximum quantity of small arms ammunition:-

Cal. 6.5 for weapon Mod. 91 - 6,000,000

2. It is noted that the manufacture will be assigned to the CAFUA Military Factory under direct supervision of the War Ministry. You are required to confirm that the necessary precautions will be taken to limit production to the quantity and for the purpose stated, viz. the arming of CC.RR, Finance Guards and Public Security Agents.

3. You are further required to state the method of control of issue to Police forces other than the CC.RR and the quantities of this ammunition it is proposed to release to such bodies.

R.A. Contingham
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- GHQ (reference EST/31/3 of 23 Jan 46).
A.C. for Executive Commissioner
" " Public Safety Sub-Commission (ref AC/14601/II/PS of 9 May 46)
10 British Liaison Unit, NAPLES - for report on progress.

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SUBJECT:- Control of Beretta Arms Factory.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.009
7. May 1946

TO : A.C. (for Executive Commissioner.)

MAY 8 1946

1. The Minister of War has reported that since the Beretta Factory at GARDONE has been taken under their control it has been ascertained that orders for the manufacture and repair of pistols and carbines from the Admiralty, Police Corps and even from civilians frequently reach the factory.
Apart from the question of control,
(The carrying out of this work interferes and brings about a slowdown in the production of weapons for the War Ministry.

He requests instructions as to his responsibility in this matter which appears to be one in which not only this Sub-Commission but also the Navy and Air as well as Public Safety, Agricultural and Industrial authorities are concerned.

2. The whole subject of the manufacture and repair of all types of arms, ammunition and explosives is affected, and as it is obviously wrong to restrict the War Ministers activities if other authorities or private concerns are unrestricted or subject to a differenct authority.

3. It seems at first sight that, if restriction is necessitated under the armistice or peace terms, it should be complete and authority vested in one Ministry, which might well be the War Ministry.

4. Your instructions in this matter are requested or if you consider it necessary may a meeting be called to discuss it with all concerned in order that a reply may be given to the War Minister without undue delay.

See Min 247-249
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W. Pidley. Colonel
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject : Sale of Artillery to the SIDER firm at MILAN.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.AC.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
Tel.478103

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27 April 46

APR 29 1946

To : Ministry of War.

Ref your 23737/4307 of the 3 April 46.

1. The A.C. Contract for the collection of scrap by the above named firm was terminated on 12 Jan 46.

2. SIDER agrees to hand back the guns quoted in your letter (ref.above) in exchange for other scrap.

3. You should now deal directly with the SIDER firm to obtain possession of these guns.

E.W. BRADLEY.
Major Inniskg
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : AG. (for Executive Commissioner).

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CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH
MILAN OFFICE
at
HQ.LOMBARDIA LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394

APR 24 1946

AC.M/CEM/45.1/1456 19 April 1946

SUBJECT : Battlefield Clearance - Sider Contract

TO : HQ. AC. ROME —

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Ref. your signal 2571 dated 17th April and this office signal AC.M/CEM/45.1 dated 16th April 1946.

Herewith as requested:

1) - Copy of Campsider-Sider contract
2) - copies of relevant correspondence

D.S. Strachan-Audas

D.S.STRACHAN-AUDAS
Major Gordons
For O.i/c. CEM Milan Office
HQ. Allied Commission

H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH MILAN OFFICE

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Ref. your Signal 2571 dated 17th April and this office signal AC.M/CEM/45.1 dated 18th April 1946.

Herewith as requested:

1) - Copy of Campsider-Sider contract

2) - copies of relevant correspondence

D.S.STRACHAN-AUDAS
Major Gordons
For O.i/c. CEM Milan Office
HQ. Allied Commission



Enclosures

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MILAN OFFICE
at
HQ LOMBARDIA LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

AC-M/CEM/45.1/1252 26 March 1946

SUBJECT : Batllefield Scrap

TO : SIDER - Via Andrea Appiani 22 - Milan

ARAR has informed us that the Castelrotto dump (containing destroyed guns) has been released both to you and to ARAR.

As ARAR has already signed a receipt for the dump in question and because the Italian Territorial Command at Bolzano have a claim on the guns, we have decided that the dump must remain property of the Italian Government (ARAR), with the exception of any German material which is hereby assigned to you.

Sgd.: D.S.STRACHAN-AUDAS
Major Gordons
For O.i/c CEM Milan O.
HQ Allied Commission

Copy to ARAR

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MILAN OFFICE
at
HQ LOMBARDIA LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
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AC-M/CEM/45.1/724 31 January 1946

SUBJECT : Collection of Battlefield Scrap

TO : HQ AC CEM Branch - Rome

1. Following conference Col.Campbell, Ing. Valerio and Major Roworth, the attached report is sent for your observations.

Sgd.....
T.I.ROWORTH
Major RE
O. i/c CEM Branch Milan
HQ Allied Commission

Enc. a/m report of 30 Jan 46 subj. MARCOLINI & Co.
Collection of Battlefield Scrap.

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30 Jan. 1946

Note for Officer i/c Milan Office

Subject: MARCOLINI & Co. Collection of Battlefield Scrap

1. After valuation carried out from 27/12/1945 to 12/1/1946 (ordered by Maj.Drew) and with reference to letter AC-M/CEM/45/73 of 17/12/45; the firm SIDER (ex Marcolini & Co.) has not collected battlefield scrap after 5/1/1946.

2. The firm SIDER has been authorized (after the valuation) by letter 18/1/46, to concentrate and store in dumps the material earmarked and labelled in 36 different places in the provinces of Bolzano, Trento, Rovigo and Verona.

3. This concentration of material may have been mistaken for collection.

4. By letter AC-M/CEM/45.1/545 of 18/1/1946 the firm was warned not to collect any further scrap and assurances were given by manager that only the already collected material was transported.

5. Information concerning the movement of all material has been requested from the firm/.

Sgd.D.S.STRACHAN-AUDAS
Major Gordons

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AC-M/CEM/45.1 29 January 1946

Note for Major STRACHAN-AUDAS

You will examine immediately the entire dealings of the firm MARCOLINI & Co.. An explanation of the reason why they continued to collect scrap iron after receiving orders from CAMPSIDER to desist, is especially required.

SIDER.

Sgd.T.I.RCWORTH
Major RE

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MATERIE PRIME SIDERURGICHE "SIDER"

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F.125/ae 15 January 1946

Dir/Ule

To : Allied Commission
War Materials Disposal
Milan

We take note of the dispositions issued by this Office concerning the allotment of materials, for which we thank you.

Our Firm (formerly Marcolini, Tanzi, Siviero, Uleri) is willing to renounce to any action against CAMPSIDER and ARAR for the losses suffered, owing to the ceasing of the commission given to them on the 10th November 1945.

1) provided that CAMPSIDER and ARAR will consider valid the allotment made of material to cover the collection expenses and accessories expenses,

2) provided that the rights of all dumps labelled with the reading "WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL ALLIED COMMISSION CAMPSIDER FIELD CAMPO No....." be respected.

Awaiting acknowledgement on the above from CAMPSIDER and ARAR, we remain.....

sgd.: Dr.MASSIMO ULERI

Translation LC/Folio No.....

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MATERIE PRIME SIDERURGICHE "SIDER"

Milan, 15 Gennaio 1946

REFERENCE : 125/ae Dir/Ule

TO : A.C. W.M.D.
Milan

Prendiamo atto delle disposizioni di codesto Ufficio date per la prevista assegnazione di materiale, di cui Vi siamo grati.

La nostra Società (ex Marcolini, Tanzi Siviero, Uleri) è disposta a rinunciare a qualsiasi pretesa od azione nei confronti del Campsider e dell'Arar per danni derivanti dalla cessazione dell'incarico conferitole il 10.11.1945.

1) purchè il Campsider e l'Arar ritengano la definitività e validità dell'assegnazione di materiale fatta a copertura delle spese di raccolta, inerenti ed accessori.

II) purchè siano rispettati tutti i campi contrassegnati colla dicitura "War Materials Disposal Allied Commission, Campsider Filed, Campo N.....".

Gradiremo conferma da parte del Campsider e dell'Arar.

Distinti saluti.

Sgd.: Il Titolare
Dott.Massimo Uleri

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CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH
MILAN OFFICE
at
HQ LOMBARDIA LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
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AC-M/CEM/45.1/414 15 January 1945

SUBJECT : Battlefield Clearance

TO : Materie Prime Siderurgiche "SIDER"
(ex Marcolini, Tanzi, Siviero & Uleri)
Via A.Appiani 22
MILAN.

1. It has been decided by this Office that material collected and blocked by CAMSIDER Ltd and their Agents, prior to revised arrangements for the disposal of Battlefield Scrap in Northern Italy, will be released and sold, after valuation, to the Firm CAMPSIDER as authorized by HQ No.2 District, CMF, letter No.1265/Q3, dated 3 October 1945.

2. Ref.letter Dir/255/S/C6, dated 10/11/45 your firm is an authorized collector of battlefield CEM and scrap in the provinces of Verona, Rovigo, Trento and Bolzano.

3. The valuation of the material blocked and collected by you has been carried out from 21 December 1945 to 12/1/46.

4. We took knowledge of expenses of Lit.15.459.100 as shown in your letter 75/rs dated 12.1.46.

5. This Office has therefore decided to release to you the following dumps and materials established and blocked by you:

Castelnuovo Veronese
Ca di Macici
Santa Maria di Zevio
Suesia
Badia Polesine: a) Garage Tresoldi
b) Via Pison 26
Legnago
Rovigo : a) Campo Sportivo
b) Officina Roma & Salmoso

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b) Officina Roma & Salmoso
c) Via Miani
d) Fabrio Pietro

Conca di Rame
Roverchiaro
San Pietro Mombio
Cerea : a) Perazzoli Perlini
b) Zanforlini Giuseppe
c) Fabbrica Perfosfati

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Tombasozzanana forest
2 tiger tanks
2 autoblinda
Ora
Malles : a) Caserma Alpini
b) Railway Station
Curon Venosta : a) Caserma Masi
b) Caserma De Gaule
Glorenza School
Road S.Valentin-Curon
Lasa
Silandro : a) Cantieri Malacrida
b) Caserma CCRR
Vipiteno
Road Bolzano-Merano (2 km.off Bolzano)
Laives
Campo di Aviazione "S.Giacomo" Bolzano
Ponte Adige - Bolzano
" " Road
Rovereto: a) Campo Fosci
b) Campo Bazzanella
c) Campo Novello
d) Campo Varisco
Mori
Candriai (Monte Bondone)
Laste di Cognola
Martignano
Castelrotto
Trento (Officina Gatti & Nocchi) .

6. It is understood that all of these Dumps are labelled WAD CAMPSIDER Dumps.

7. You will hand in all Battlefield Clearance passes, and a letter of authority to handle the released material will be issued by this office to those of your employees for which you shall submit the names.

8. The material collected and blocked by you in Dumps of:

1. Tombasozzana
2. Cavalese
3. Revò

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shall be released to URMIT/ARAR on behalf of the Italian Government.

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Lasa
Silandro : a) Cantieri Malacrida
b) Caserma CCRR

Vipiteno
Road Bolzano-Merano (2 km.off Bolzano)
Laives
Campo di Aviazione "S.Giacomo" Bolzano
Ponte Adige - Bolzano
" " Road
Rovereto: a) Campo Fosci
b) Campo Bazzanella
c) Campo Novello
d) Campo Varisco

Mori
Candriai (Monte Bondone)
Laste di Cognola
Martignano
Castelrotto
Trento (Officina Gatti & Nocchi) .

6. It is understood that all of these Dumps are labelled WMD CAMPSIDER Dumps.

7. You will hand in all Battlefield Clearance passes, and a letter of authority to handle the released material will be issued by this office to those of your employees for which you shall submit the names.

8. The material collected and blocked by you in Dumps of: 2102

1. Tombasozzana
2. Cavalese
3. Revò

shall be released to URMIT/ARAR on behalf of the Italian Government.

9. With this letter you have become the legal owner of the material lying in Dumps stated in para 5 of this letter.

D.S.STRACHAN-AUDAS
Major Gordons
For Director CEM Branch
HQ Allied Commission

Copy to:
CEM Office - Bolzano
22 Gruppo Ricuperi - Rovigo
URMIT/ARAR - Milan
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MATERIE PRIME SIDERURGICHE "SIDER"

Reference: 124/rs Dir.U. Milano 12.1.46

TO : Allied Commission W.M.D.
Milan Office

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Il contratto stabiliva:
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Distinti saluti.

IL TITOLARE
Sgd.: Dott.Massimo Uleri

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TO : Allied Commission W.M.D.
Milan Office

RIASSUNTO COMPLESSIVO DELLE SPESE PER I LAVORI DI RICUPERO DEI RESIDUATI BELLICI NELLE PROVINCIE DI VERONA - ROVIGO - TRENTO - BOLZANO sino al 31 Dicembre 1945.

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5. Spese impianto ufficio affitti				" 120.000
6. Impiegati	10	mesi 2	" 10.000	" 200.000
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8. Spese esercizio auto	4	Km.36.000	" 28	" 1.008.000
9. Spese varie, compenso segnalazioni, custodia, cancelleria, postali, ecc.				" 450.000
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CONSORZIO NAZIONALE APPROVIGIONAMENTI MATERIE PRIME SIDERURGICHE

CAMPSIDER

Spett.Ditta MARCOLINI, TANZI, SIVIERO E ULERI
PESCHIERA

Reference: Dir./255, S/cb. Milano 10/11/45

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Per la Provincia di Trento	(Borgo Valsugana (Pergine (Ora (Rovereto
Per la Provincia di Verona	(Tomba Suzanna (Legnago (Isola della Scala (Sanguinetto

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(Rovigo
Per la Provincia (Adria
di Rovigo (Badia Polesine

La vigilanza dei depositi istituiti è a Vostro carico.

Ogni qualvolta i depositi istituiti avranno raggiunto una consistenza di 250/500 T. circa dovrete chiedere per il nostro tramite l'intervento della Commissione per la valutazione dei materiali raccolti.

Agli effetti di tale valutazione dovrete tenere sempre aggiornata la situazione dei materiali raccolti, dalla quale dovrà risultare il peso almeno in via approssimativa per le varie qualità dei materiali raccolti, nonchè le spese sostenute per le operazioni di raccolta e di concentramento nei depositi prestabiliti.

La Vostra Ditta dovrà inoltre provvedere alla demolizione e selezione di tutti i materiali raccolti, che verranno messi a disposizione del nostro Ente per la loro ulteriore utilizzazione ed in base alle disposizioni che ci riserviamo darvi a momento opportuno. Per i materiali a noi forniti Vi verranno corrisposti i prezzi dei listino ufficiale in vigore alla data della spedizione. Si parte dal concetto che detti prezzi dovranno coprire tutte le spese derivanti dalla raccolta, concentramento, demolizione e selezione dei materiali da Voi raccolti nonchè quelle di carico sui vagoni ferroviari, incluse le spese di trasporto ferroviario sino alla stazione destinataria. E questo oltre al prezzo che dovrà essere devoluto alla IRI-URMIT a beneficio del Governo italiano per il materiale ricuperato e l'utile per la Vostra Azienda.

Qualora il prezzo di realizzo dei rottami di ogni singolo lotto che ci verranno da Voi consegnati dovesse eccedere le spese da Voi sostenute per la raccolta come qui sopra esposto, oltre al compenso alla IRI - URMIT ed alla Vostra Ditta, l'eccedenza verrà accantonata quale fondo di conguaglio per fronteggiare eventuali perdite derivanti da altri lotti. Qualora invece dette spese col compenso alla IRI - URMIT, ed alla Vostra Ditta dovessero risultare superiori al ricavo dei rottami ai prezzi dei listini in vigore, la perdita verrà coperta o con le eccedenze sui lotti attivi o con l'assegnazione alla Vostra Ditta di una corrispondente percentuale di materiale da riutilizzo e reimpiego.

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Nei prossimi giorni Vi preciseremo l'ammontare del compenso che verrà stabilito di comune accordo con la IRI - URMIT per i rottami che ci verranno da Voi forniti in aggiunta alle spese vive da Voi sostenute.

Come fattovi esattamente presente , l'incarico che noi affidiamo alla Vostra Ditta è quello di raccogliere i residuati bellici metallici di qualsiasi genere giacenti sui campi di battaglia e lungo le vie di comunicazione. Nessun incarico possiamo invece affidarvi per la raccolta di eventuali altri materiali; qualora però nello svolgimento del

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Vostro lavoro vi fosse la possibilità di raccogliere materiali diversi da quelli che rientrano nel nostro incarico, ci riserviamo di prendere per questo particolari accordi di volta in volta.

Il presente accordo è per ora limitato ad un periodo di prova di mesi due che ci permetta di giudicare l'efficienza del Vostro lavoro; scaduto tale termine esso potrà essere confermato od annullato. Questo accordo potrà poi essere annullato in ogni momento in caso di accertate irregolarità, con conseguente ritiro delle tessere di autorizzazione alla raccolta, restando impregiudicata ogni altra azione al riguardo.

Vi preghiamo di volerci favorire il Vostro pieno accordo su quanto sopra esposto e frattanto distintamente Vi salutiamo.

CONSORZIO NAZIONALE APPROVVIGION.
MATERIE PRIME SIDERURGICHE

Il Direttore Il Procuratore

Sgd. .....

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HQ 2 District, CMF
1265/Q2

SUBJECT : Battlefield Clearance

HQ Allied Commission
MILAN Office, CEM Branch

7 Dec 1945

Ref your letter AC-M/CEM/45 dated 4 Dec 45.

1. The proposal outlined in para 7 (b) of your letter is agreed.

Under the terms of AFHQ letter AG 400.93/217 GDS-O dated 31 July 45, all battlefield scrap may be left "in situ" and taken over under arrangements to be made by the Italian Government.

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3. It is understood that the form for disposal adopted by the Italian Government will be to arrange collection and disposal by putting up to public auction the right to collect and distribute such material. Such rights, it is considered, should be auctioned on a provincial basis in areas where there is considerable material, and on a regional basis, where there is little material.

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5. It is suggested that in order to prevent material sold under the above terms falling into the hands of black speculator, industrialists of repute be notified of the proposed auctions and thereby be given an opportunity to purchase the material direct at once rather than through dealers at a later date at enhanced prices.

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7. This cancels our 1265/Q3 dated Oct.3, 45.

Sgd. For Colonel
DA & QMG

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Subject : Battlefield Clearance

HQ No.2 District, CMF
1265/Q3 3 Oct. 45

Milan Office
War Materials Disposal Sub Commission AC

Ref the conference held at this QH on 28 Sept 45, with Major Strachan-Audas, on the subject of battlefield clearance.

1. It is agreed that the Firm of Campsider Ltd of 25 Via Aurelio Saffi, Milan, should be employed on the collection of all known battlefield scrap in the territory controlled by this HQ, abandoned material of both Allied and enemy origin, at present lying in fields, and on roadsides, throughout the District will be considered battlefield scrap.

2. As arranged on 28 Sept 45, the following procedure will be adopted in the collection and clearance of this material.

a) You will arrange a contract with Campsider Ltd. to collect all known battlefield scrap in the District into dumps, by provinces. You will also ensure that all personnel employed on this work are in possession of a War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission pass. Such passes will be recognized by the military authorities as authority for civilians to effect collection of the materials on behalf of Campsider. They will not however be recognized as authority to enter any existing CEM depot or dump nor for any purpose other than the actual collection of the scrap material. It is requested that you will forward 12 such specimen passes to this office in order that they may be circulated to areas and services for information.

b) On completing the collection of all battlefield scrap Campsider will report the location of their dumps to you. You will arrange for an agent to price all the material and it will then be sold to Campsider, payment being made into the Allied account.

3. As agreed at the conference, certain civilian firms, nominated by you, will be briefed to collect scrap material which is at present hidden by farmers and other civilians and will try to persuade such personnel to disclose the whereabouts of this undeclared scrap. The materials so disclosed will be treated in the same way as other battlefield scrap, but sale

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Sgd.B.Hewitt
for Colonel, S.Comel
DA & QMG

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Date/Time of Origin: APRIL 181600B

Message Centre No: H/2178

Date Time Rec'd: APRIL 190900B

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: CBM ALCOM MILAN SIGNED AUDAS

TO : HQ ALCOM ROME FOR DUNLOP

APR 19 1946

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UNCLASSIFIED:

Ref your 2571 . Campeider and Sider contract terminated 12 January 46 on agreement with Italian Government Arar to whom all battlefield scarp then passed Arrar agreed Sider receive part collected scarp in payment for collection expences therefore Sider sumps AS per ACM 45/I/484 dated 15th January 46 released to Sider as reinbursement dump included German & Italian wrecked ack ack guns required by Military Mission Italian Army.Sider agrees to hand them over in exchange for other scarps copy of Campeider Sider contract and relevant correspondence follows.

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INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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HEADQUARTERS 2094
19 APR 1946
A. C.

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Copy to: Land Forces S/C (MMIA)
(Your Q 126 of 11 April 46 refers).

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Office of the Acting Chief Comm

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STEVEN KEMPLE
Captain, AGD
Asst. Adj.

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Subject : SALE and DESTRUCTION of ITALIAN ARTILLERY.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
Tel.478103

Q . 126

11 April 1946

TO : A.C.(for Executive Commissioner).

APR 11

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see M.222,394

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

EGD/866/1

Tel No. Freedom 254

4 March 46

SUBJECT : Weapons of ITALIAN Origin

TO : 2 District
Allied Commission

COPY TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (for MICA)
G-3 AFHQ
G(Ca)
G(CRM)

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M.?.N. Mac LEOD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

WMI/lt/G(SD)

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28 March 1946.

MAR 29 1946

SUBJECT: Torpedo Factory at Fiume.

TO : G-2, AFHQ.

There is forwarded herewith report of an American journalist together with enlargement of photograph taken recently by him in a torpedo factory on the outskirts of Fiume.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Incl. Copy of report.
Photo.

Copy to: Navy S/C
Ex Comm
CC Files

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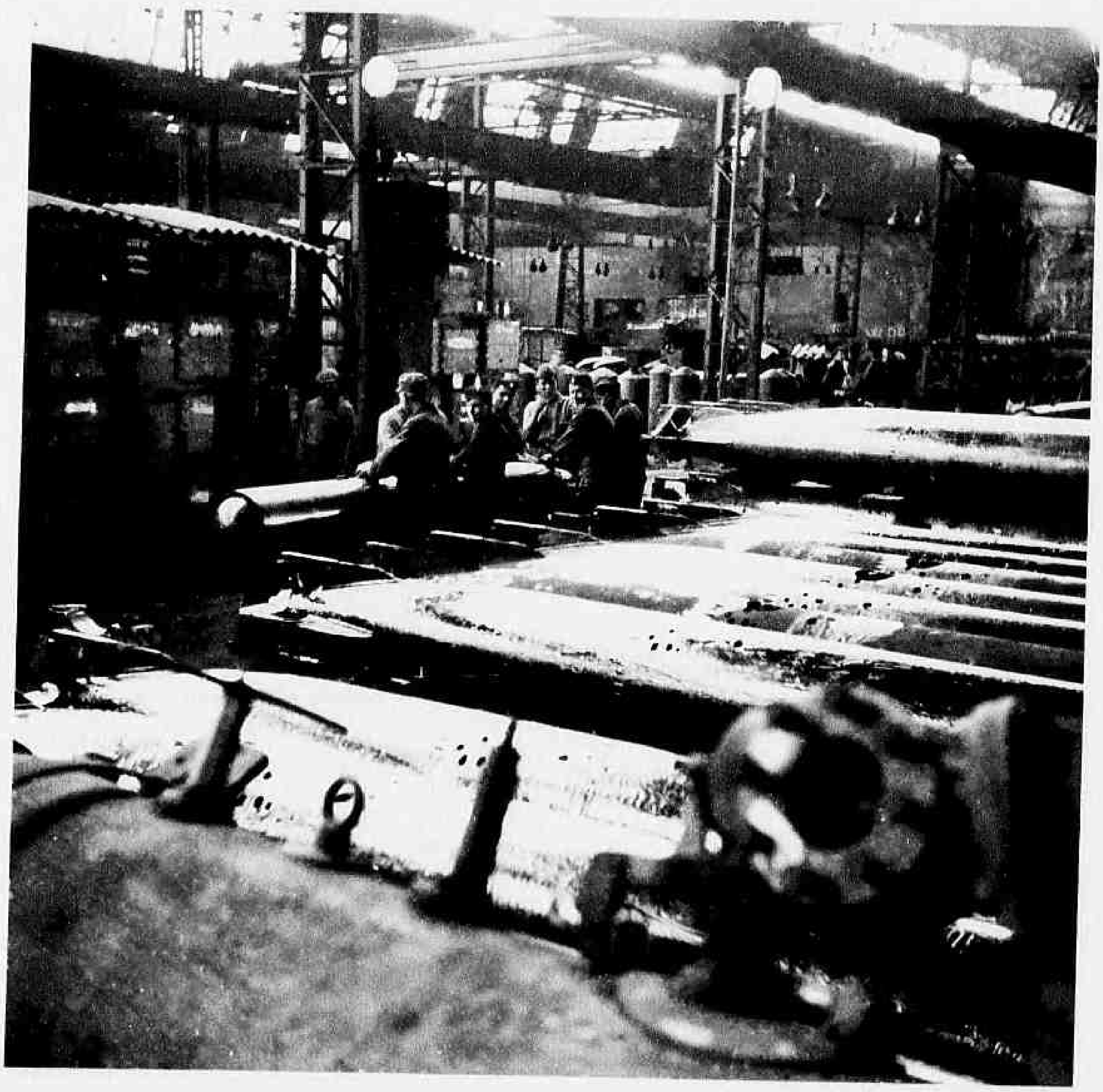
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SUBJECT:- Disposal of Nitrocellulose to Firm of NOBEL.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.009
14 March 1946

TO : War Ministry

NR

Reference your 5360/T.LO dated 24 Jan 46.

1. Your proposal to return to the firm of NOBEL 189,800 Kgs. of nitrocellulose stored by them in Italian Army magazines at POZZARELLO is agreed subject to your obtaining satisfactory assurances that this explosive material will be adequately safeguarded by them and used only for the purposes stated.

2. You should inform the Government Department concerned that this transfer is being made for the purpose of enabling NOBEL to undertake the manufacture of sporting cartridges and mining explosives ONLY,, as the Italian Government is held responsible that the material is used for no other purpose.

3. Transmit to this Headquarters before the release is actually made, written assurances of both the firm and the Italian Government that the conditions of release are accepted.

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R.A. Lumsden
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to:- A.C. for Executive Commissioner (ES/1201 of 11 Mar refr

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(Capt. B)

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MAR 14 1946

Subject : Disposal of Nitrocellulose to Civilian Firms.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

Q . 009 -3

13 March 1946

TO : Ministry of War.

Ref your 5360/T.L.C. of 24 Jan 1946.

Permission has now been granted by the Executive Commissioner, A.C. for the plan in para 2. of the above quoted letter to be carried out.

E.W. BRADLEY, Major
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for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : AC for Executive Commissioner
(your ES/12.01 of 11 Mar 46 and
our Q.009 of 14 Feb 46 refer.)

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(your ES/12.01 of 11 Mar 46 and
our Q.009 of 14 Feb 46 refer.)

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Subject : Disposal of Nitrocellulose to Civilian Firms.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

Q . 009

11 March 1946

TO : A.C. for Executive Commissioner. 205

Ref this Sub-Commission letter Q.009 of 15 Feb 46

May a reply please now be given to the above quoted letter.

Reply made 15/3 Mem left at 213

E.W. BRADLEY,
Major Inniaks
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

// March 1946

ES/12.01

SUBJECT : Disposal of Nitrocellulose to Civilian Firm.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

205

1. Your Q.009 of 14 February 1946 refers.

2. The disposal of the nitrocellulose for the manufacture of sporting cartridges and mining explosives would appear to be a practical solution.

3. The Allied Commission has no objection to the material being released for this purpose.

SIMEON R. HOLMES

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: G.6.

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(MBJ H) Sent 1/3/46

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Subject : Weapons of Italian origin.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

Q . 150

8 March 1946

TO : 2 District.
: 3 B.L.U. MILAN (Each copy of GHQ letter quoted below)

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Ref G.H.Q. letter ESD/866/1 of 4 March 46.

1. The Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission has delegated Land Forces Sub Comm. to deal direct with 2 District on this matter.

2. Please forward to this H.Q. information as to the nature and localities of all ITALIAN weapons under control of 2 District. It would be appreciated if this information can be forwarded as soon as possible.

3. 3 B.L.U. are authorized to arrange collection of all ITALIAN weapons on behalf of Allied Commission.

R.A. CURTIES.
Lt.Col. R.A.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: AC for Executive Commissioner.

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Subject: Beretta Arms Factory - Control

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC
(M.M.I.A.)

Q. 130

8 March 1946

MAR 8 1946

TO : War Ministry

1. Information has been received that parts for 32,000 automatic carbines awaiting assembly are held under civilian guard at the Beretta Arms Factory, BRESCIA.

2. You are advised to take immediate steps to place this factory under Military Control and are authorised to arrange for the immediate assembly of the weapons on condition that they are issued without delay to units of the CC.RR. 3 BLU will assist as necessary.

3. 3 Territorial Command should be instructed to take strict precautions against loss or theft and should ensure that no components are left in the factory capable of assembly into efficient firearms.

4. A report is required as to progress in the matter weekly, commencing 11 March until completion, stating

(a) No of weapons assembled.

(b) To whom issued.

5. Please confirm that the number of weapons available is as stated and that you accept responsibility for the safe custody and distribution as indicated.

W Pidcock Colonel.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: 3 BLU - for action and report on similar lines to those in para 4.
AC for Executive Commissioner

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(copy) G(SD)

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

ESD/866/1

Tel No Freedom 154

4 Mar 46

MAR 7 1946

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TO : 2 District
Allied Commission

COPY TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission (for MMIA)
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Q (CEM)

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Major General,
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WMI/lt/G(SD)

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EC DIST - 7 Mar 46.

ACTION - Land Forces SB (MMIA)
INFO - Ex Ccm

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I spoke to Col Curtis
re this & he is
continually chasing
a reply & will advise us
Aug 27/5

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SUBJECT:- Ammunition for Italian Armed Forces.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
3.125
5th March 1946

MAR 7 1946

TO : G.H.Q.

N.R

Reference 4109/Q-1 of 22 Jan 46.

1. The proposal that the Italian War Ministry assume responsibility for approximately 27,000 tons British ammunition now held at 501 B.A.D. BARI is agreed.

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(c) if facilities can be granted to break bulk at the Depot and consign direct to destination.

(d) estimated date transfer may commence.

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R Abrahams Lt Col

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A.C. for Executive Commissioner.

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Subject: Manufacture - Small arms.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC
(M.M.I.A.)

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5 March 1946

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TO : Ministry of War

Reference your 15606/1935 of 1[illegible] February 1946.

1. Approval is given for the manufacture of the following maximum quantity of small arms :-

Pistols cal. 9mm mod. 34	70,000

The above represents the estimated minimum requirements for CC.RR. including Royal Finance Guard and Public Security Agents and is to enable you to equip these forces with modern firearms of uniform design.

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

R.A. CURTIES Lt Col
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to: GHQ (ref EST/81/3 dated 23 Jan 1946)
AC for Executive Commissioner (ref 5012/143/EC dated 22 Nov 45) 2079
" " Air Forces Sub Commission
" " Naval Sub Commission
" " Public Safety Sub Commission (ref AC/14613/3/P3 of 26 Feb 46)

INTERNAL: G(SD)
CC.RR.

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Ref: 5012/30

19 February 1946

SUBJECT: Disposal of Nitrocellulose to Civilian Firm.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Forwarded herewith is Land Forces S/C letter of 14 February 1946 on above subject.

2. It is understood that the Industry and Utilities S/C has previously authorized the manufacture of explosives for mining and sporting purposes.

3. May we please have your views on this subject.

For the Chief Commissioner,

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Subject:- Disposal of Nitrocellulose to Civilian Firm.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
Q.009
14 February, 1946.

FEB 18 1946

To:- A.C. for Executive Commissioner.

1. The War Ministry report that they hold in the Italian Army Depot at Pozzarello 189,800 Kgs. of Nitrocellulose. This propellent is the property of the firm AIJA SOC. NOBEL S.G.E.M. and was stored during 1940. It was intended for export, but owing to war conditions, was depotited for safe-keeping with the War Ministry.

2. The firm now request that this may be released to them for the manufacture of shot gun cartridges and mining explosives. The War Ministry have no objection and ask authority for this material to be released.

3. Your instructions are awaited.

R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

See 7-213

See-7-214

Copy to:- Senior L.C. who will inform War Ministry that the matter is under consideration.

See 2077.

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(MAJ H) 5/14.

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Extract of Brigadier FRENCH's definition of what is required.

What is now required is a list, with details, of the plants and equipment which will become available as reparations, after the Italian Government has been allowed its due for the figures quoted above. The precise formula describing such plant is as follows:-

> "The factory and total equipment designed for the manufacture of war implements which is not required by the permitted military establishments and is not readily susceptible of conversion to civilian purposes."

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Serial	Description of Machine	Quantity in Use or Private	Location	Number of Machines Reported	Annual Capacity based on 1939/1943 figures	Present State of Machine i.e. : - Intact Dismantled Damaged Destroyed etc.	If the Machine is Damaged or Destroyed (Give brief details of extent)	Estimated Annual Capacity at present if available
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)

* Istituto Costruzioni Industriale (State controlled)

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[illegible]	DATES OF NEXT DECLARED RETURNS	ANNUAL CAPACITY based on 1953/1954 figures	PRESENT STATE OF PLANT i.e. :- Intact Essential Damaged Destroyed etc.	IS THE FACTORY AT PRESENT IN OPERATION? (Give brief details of output)	ESTIMATED ANNUAL CAPACITY AT WHICH IT COULD BE OPERATED	[illegible]		
						DO LISTS OF PLANT NOT KEPT ? (Give date of list)	IF LISTS AVAILABLE, IS THE INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE?	IF NO LISTS AVAILABLE, THEN SHOULD NOW BE DRAWN TO BE COMPLETED
(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)

...ls Construction Materials (Non controlled)

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Subject:- Arms for the Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A) ROME.
Q.150
15 February, 1946.

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FEB 18 1946

To:- G.H.Q. for Q(CEMS).

Further to this H.Q. letter Q.150 of 9 February 1946.

1. Information has been received that the firm of Volugrafo located at Corso Belgio 107, Turin, is in possession of 35,000 magazines for the Breda L.M.G.

Approval is sought for the release to the War Ministry of the above stores.

R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:- 1 BLU Turin - to report whether the Territorial Command has been informed of the above.
2 District.
A.C. for Executive Commissioner.
Public Safety Sub Commissioner.
War Ministry.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5012/201/EC.

14 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Italian Armaments Industry.

TO : Economic Section. (Attn: Col. Walton)
Land Forces Sub-Comm. (MMIA) (Attn: Col. Fidsley)
WMD Sub-Comm. (Attn: Lt.Col. Campbell)

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Attached is copy of memorandum made for the files of this office for your information.

N. W. HIND-SMITH
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

Encl.

Copy to: ~~Sub-Comm. (Attn:~~ (Major Trumson)

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NOTES ON MEETING HELD IN OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER ON 12 FEBRUARY 1946 WITH THE OBJECT OF SPEEDING UP COMPLETION OF THE STUDY UNDERTAKEN TO BE GIVEN BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.
(See para 4a, folio 15B).

Major Trounson (B)-5 AFHQ, stated a signal had been received from the War Office saying that this matter was now extremely urgent. Col. Walton (A) Room 8ee was directed by the Executive Commissioner to see the Italian Minister of Industry and Commerce personally with the object of getting this study from the Italian Government at the earliest possible moment. Col. Walton, accompanied by Major Trounson, was seeing the Minister at 1200 hrs, 13 February. Previous information received was that the Italian Committee who are preparing the study would require another month to complete. Executive Commissioner stated that he would approach the Prime Minister if the interview on 13 February was not satisfactory.

Col. Pidsley (B) Land Forces S/C (MMIA) was directed to approach the Ministry of War to obtain information from them of any arms factories which were not readily susceptible to conversion to civilian use. Col. Pidsley stated that he could not do this without more definite information of exactly what was required. Major Trounson undertook to give this information in a pro-forma, which will be submitted to the Ministry of War on 13 February.

Lt. Col. Campbell (B), WMD S/C, was directed to make a search in the RUK files to see if he could get from them a list of firms engaged solely in production of armaments, and if possible to find out which of these firms were still working. CSO to Executive Commissioner was directed to see Navy S/C and get any further information from them. It was agreed that there was not sufficient direction as to the exact information that was required and it was suggested that the War Office be approached immediately by telephone on this matter. Executive Commissioner later spoke to the War Office by telephone, who stated that the fullest information available was to be produced.

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Subject:- [redacted] for the Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
G.150
9. February, 1946.

To:- G.H.Q. for G([redacted]).

FEB 11 1946

1. It is understood that an amendment is about to be issued to the AFHQ Directive of the 2 October 45, in so far as that refers to material of Italian military origin.

2. It has been reported that the following factories have continued in operation although the manufacture of small arms has been transformed into industrial output of non-military nature:

(a) Soc. Fabbrica Nazionale d'Armi - Brescia, part of the Capgroni group, produced machine pistols. Manufacturing shot guns, bicycle parts and general carpentry work.

(b) Soc. Beretta - GARDONE. Produced automatic pistols and carbines. Manufacturing sporting guns.

3. It is understood that in order to reduce the number of men required to guard the weapons in the Beretta factory, the entire stock was recently removed under the order of 2 District, and are now held in a depot under allied control. It is presumed this stock includes automatic pistols and carbines of a similar nature to those of which 3,000 pistols and 10,000 carbines were released to the Italian Army for the CC.RR under authority, AFHQ G5:000.5 of 7 November 45.

It is not known what has become of the weapons held by the factory at Brescia.

4. At the present time it is most desirable that the War Ministry shall have control of all modern weapons of Italian manufacture, in order that they may review their present stocks and arrange to re-arm the newly organised units of the CC.RR with the latest pattern weapons. Approval is therefore sought for the release to the War Ministry of all weapons held by and removed from the factories in question and any others of similar nature known to 2 District. The future manufacture of small arms would be subject to the conditions laid down in AFHQ G5.000-01-1 of 31 January 46.

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W Pidsley Colonel
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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W Pidcock Colmer
for Major General,
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Copy to: 2 District
A.C. for Executive Commissioner / reference EB/12.11 of 24 Nov 45.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

SECRET

Ref : LM/3 31 January 1946

SUBJECT : Manufacture of war-like stores in ITALY.

FEB 7 1946

TO : HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Reference your Signal No. 8435.

Attached please find copy of a letter no. T/65 dated 14 January 1946 from the Captain in Charge, R.N. Taranto.

/s/ G.M. REVELEY, Major
Acting Chief Liaison
Officer
AC BARI

GMR/CB

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SUBJECT : MANUFACTURE OF WAR-LIKE STORES IN ITALY

From : THE CAPTAIN IN CHARGE, TARANTO

Date : 14th January 1946 No. T/65

To : LIAISON OFFICER, ALLIED COMMISSION, BARI

With reference to your letter No. LB/3 of 23rd December, 1945, the following firms have been employed for general and optical work in connection with gun-mounting:-

(a) GALILEO - Via Mansini 216, Taranto (described as "Officina Galileo, Firenze).

(b) SAN GIORGIO - Brindisi Road

(c) MARESCO - Via Viale Virgilio, Taranto.

The firms carry out work mainly of a repair nature for British and Italian Ships but it is not known whether they are capable of manufacturing new instruments.

2. The only other firm mentioned is a small one viz:

OFFICINA MECCANICA PEPE - Via Costantinopoli 18 Taranto.

Signed: /s/

A. STANLEY
Captain R.N.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 004.01-1 31 January 1946
FEB 4 1946

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

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

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Reference is made to your letter 5012/143/EC of 22 November 1945.

1. In regard to para 4 (e) thereof, you should advise the Italian Government to press on with their study of the armament industry with a view to turning over as much as possible of this industry to civil production.

2. The initiative in recommending any reactivation of the Italian armament industry will be left to the Italian Government, who will be advised and controlled as necessary by the appropriate Service Sub-Commission of Allied Commission. They should be informed accordingly and notified that a directive will shortly be issued as to the extent to which the Italian Government will be required to provide arms for their forces.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

for F. G. A. PARSONS,
Brigadier,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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Subject:- Arms - Beretta Factory.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
Q.130
30 January, 1946. JAN 31 1946

To:- A.C. for Executive Commissioner. 188.

Reference the attached letter received from the Ministry of the Interior.

1. It has been ascertained that 2 District are removing all assembled arms and spare parts for arms from the Beretta Factory, in order that the guards at present stationed at the factory may be removed.

2. These weapons will not be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by 2 District until specific instructions are given by GHQ.

3. In a separate communication addressed to the Chief Commissioner, action is being taken to secure for the Italian Army and CC.RR possession of the weapons in question.

R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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See M.193.194.2967

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Il Ministro
per l'Interno

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Roma, 11 27 gennaio 1946

Sig. Ammiraglio,

da segnalazioni pervenutemi in questi giorni, ho appreso che da parte di Autorità Militari Alleate vengono effettuati prelevamenti di armi, che, secondo i noti accordi in corso, sarebbero invece destinate alle Forze di Polizia.

Proprio stamani il Prefetto di Brescia mi informa che il Comando Militare Inglese di Milano ha disposto, a mezzo di quello di Verona, il prelevamento presso la Fabbrica d'armi "Beretta" di Gardone Valtrompia di tutte le armi efficienti ivi esistenti che, come da permessi in corso di approvazione, sono state già assegnate ai Carabinieri e al Corpo di Polizia.

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Ammiraglio HELLERY STONE
Capo della Commissione Alleata
per l'Italia -

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Il Ministro
per l'Interno

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Tali armi sono state caricate su un'autocolonna diretta a Verona per proseguire verso Modena.

Ella conosce Sig.Ammiraglio la grave deficienza nell'armamento dei Corpi di Polizia e le sensibili ripercussioni che da essa derivano all'ordine e alla sicurezza pubblica, eppertanto confido che vorrà tempestivamente intervenire perchè le armi in parola siano restituite e che per l'avvenire siano evitati, possibilmente, ulteriori prelevamenti dai contingenti assegnati alla polizia.

La ringrazio Sig.Ammiraglio, e, mentre resto in attesa di un Suo cortese cenno di riscontro, La prego di gradire i sensi della mia alta considerazione.

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The Minister of the Interior

Rome, 27 January 1946

JAN 29 1946

Dear Admiral,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

s. Romita

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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Subject:- Manufacture of Ammunition for CC.RR.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
9.009.
24 January, 1946.

To:- War Ministry. NR

JAN 28 1946

Reference is made to your 50605/DF dated 18 Jan 46.

1. Arrangements are being made for the release from Allied stocks of 8,000,000 rounds of 9 mm ammunition (Parabellum).

2. Approval is given for the manufacture of the following maximum quantity of small arms ammunition:

9 mm Pistol	8,000,000
7.65 mm	500,000
10.35 mm	1,400,000
6.35 mm	110,000

The above represents the estimated minimum requirement of ammunition for CC.RR, including Royal Finance Guard and Police Forces.

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

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

5. As regards your request to acquire 20,000 9 mm Automatic Carbines and 80,000 .9 mm automatic pistols of new manufacture, further details are required as to the necessity for this, bearing in mind the total holdings of Italian weapons and the policy outlined in the preceeding paragraph. A review of the weapon tables of the CC.RR is now being undertaken, and it is considered that manufacture should not be authorised until a more accurate estimate can be given of the weapons required and stocks available.

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for Major General,
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Copy to: CMQ (reference your BMT/84/3 dated 23 Jan 46)
Sub-C. for Executive Commissioner (reference your 5012/143/BC dated 22 Nov 45)
Army Sub-Comm, A.C
Air Force Sub-Comm, A.C

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SUBJECT:- Italian Munitions Production and the Re-equipping of the Italian Armed Forces.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
S/Q.054
21 January 1946

TO : A.F.H.Q.

JAN 23 1946

1. Reference is made to this Headquarters letter of 16 January 1946, file and subject as above.

2. The Italian War Minister has now requested authority to manufacture ammunition additional to that reported in our letter under reference, for use of CC.RR units for training, and Royal Finance Guards and Agents of Public Safety for training and reserve.

3. Paragraph 7 of our original letter therefore should be amended to read:

"7. The Italian War Minister has represented that the following amounts of small arms ammunition are necessary for training and reserve of CC.RR, Royal Finance Guards and Public Security Agents.

Your decision as to whether or not manufacture can commence is therefore requested.

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A.C. for Economic Section,
A.C. for Public Safety Sub-Commission,
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SUBJECT:- Italian Munitions Production and the Re-equipping of the Italian Armed Forces.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
S/Q.054 JAN 17 1946
6 January 1946

TO : A.F.H.Q.

1. This Headquarters has received a request from the Italian Ministry of War for the release from Allied stocks of 8,000,000 rounds of cal. 9 mm ammunition (Parabellum) or alternatively, permission to manufacture the same quantity in Italian munitions plants. The ammunition is requested in order to maintain a holding of 1,000 rounds of ammunition for each automatic carbine in use by Carabinieri units. A total of 10,000 of these automatic carbines was released to the Carabinieri from the BERETTA Arms Factory at GARDONE in your G-5 000.5 of 7 Nov 45, subject: "Arms for the Italian Police Forces".

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7. Unless reserves of the ammunition available for certain weapons in present use by the CC.RR are to fall dangerously low, it is necessary to provide the following calibres.

Your decision as to whether or not manufacture can commence is therefore requested.

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W Pidsley Colonel
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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Air Force Sub-Commission,
A.C. for Economic Section,
A.C. for Public Safety Sub-Commission,
File Q.009.

Appendix "A" to MMIA letter
S/Q.054 dated Jan 46.

List of Italian Plants capable of producing Small Arms Ammunition.

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A. Private Firms:	
FIOCCHI	LECCO (LOMBARDIA)
BOMBRINI - PARODI - DELFINO	COLLEFERRO (FROSINONE)
SOCIETA METALLURGICA ITALIANA	CAMPOTIZZORO (PISTOIA)
B. War Ministry Controlled Establishments:	

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B. War Ministry Controlled Establishments:	
1006 FUSE SECTION	CAPUA (CAMPANIA)
1007 EXPLOSIVE WORKSHOP	FONTANA LIRI (FROSINONE)

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AFO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5012/181/AC

7 January 1946

SUBJECT: Arms - Beretta Factory.

TO : Allied Commission Liaison Officer
Liguria
Piemonte
Lombardia.

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Enclosed herewith is a copy of Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.) letter of 28 December 1945, subject: "Arms - Beretta Factory", for your information.

SIMON P. HOLMES

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Subject:- Arms - Beretta Factory.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
R.126
28 December 1945.

To:- 2 B.I.U.
Genoa.

DEC 29 1945

Reference your C 2/5 of 13 December 45.

1. Under A.F.H.Q. authority, instructions have been given to all concerned that the weapons in process of manufacture or completed and held by the Soc. Fabrica Nazionale d'Armi BRESCIA are to be frozen.

2. Authority is being sought for control of this factory and possession of all such arms to be given to the Ministry of War for the benefit of the Italian Army and U.S.R.

3. No authority will, therefore, be given for the release of small arms to private firms or individuals.

R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General,
L. M. I. A.

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Copy to: A.C. for Executive Commission - reference EB/12.11 24 Nov 45.

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Ref. EB/18.11

SUBJECT : Italian Munitions Production.

TO : Regional Commissioner, ACC, Lombardia Region.

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1. Reference your letter of 20 November 1945 to Soc. Beretta, Gardone Val Trompia, and signal 9079 of 7 December from this Headquarters requesting report on results of your meeting with their representatives.

2. May such report now be supplied.

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BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:

Harlan Cleveland

HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

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