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DISPOSAL OF MILIT.
GOV'T
NOV. 1944 - NOV. 1946

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DISPOSAL OF MILITARY VEHICLES TO THE ITALIAN
GOV'T
NOV. 1944 - NOV. 1946

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Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your ^{envelopes} signature information

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1/2/46.

cf. folio 60.

McAn Bujalier
ATEX COMM.

yes to 10/10.

C50. Re folios 50 & 51. Shall follow up to Sec. of last para. of folio 51

Encl 19/19

Cable G-1459 to MATOVSA saying supply directive no. 10 (see folio 50) complied with WMD will follow thru with ~~the~~ solar, supply Div LSR (17) or higher if necessary. Will report further progress.

Encl 24/10
MATOVSA advised by Penn-Bure that directive is being complied with no further action by the necessary
Encl 21/11

MS. 21/12

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C50 Attached folio 50 is copy of letter from FHQ to French Military Mission in Italy. It is for info.

5/1/44
21/2/44

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C50. Ex Comm.

Ref folio 60. Letter on these lines at folio 61 for signature, please. I have sent copies of both to Land Force for info, as they are interested.

MS. 30/19
MS. 30/19

Executive W. 10 (see page 10) with ~~the~~ plan,
WMD will follow thru with ~~the~~ plan,
supplying DW LTR (17) or higher if necessary.
Will report further progress.

Encl 24/10
M70000 advised by Kenner that
directive is being complied with
no further action by the necessary
Encl 24/11

J.S. 21/12

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Attached folio 50 is copy of letter from AFHQ to
French Military Mission in Italy. It is for info.
J.S. 21/12
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C.S. to Comm.

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folio 61 for signature, please. I have
sent copies of both to Land Force
for info, as they are interested.

21/2/46
J.S. 20/9

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(Type-written copy of CC's written minute).

Executive Commissioner (PERSONAL):

(37)
This is so important and with new transfer of WND S/C to Econ Sec. I should like you to satisfy yourself that Densmore, Campbell and Transportation S/C have made all necessary arrangements.

27 Aug.

(Intd) E.W.S.
C.C.

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Ex Comm meeting 25/8

28/8

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Ask C.D. Densmore to speak. 28/8

Discussed at 1.P. Meeting 27/8/45. P.R.

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C.C. satisfied that matter is

being handled adequately 28/8/45

28/8/45

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CSO - Ref. folio 45 which is reply to folio 44
20.10.45. Will follow up.

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21.10.45 47.

Re 45 & 44 - The S/C & C-4(B) have agreed on spare supply
for vehicles sold and plan is already in operation.
W. Turner

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Capt. White - P. 48 - At once know what it is all

27 Aug.

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Ex Coms machine 28/8
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Dismissed at 1 P. Meeting. 27/8/45. P.R.
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Encl

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for vehicles and plan is already in operation.
W. Peterson

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Capt. White - P. 48 - At our leisure what it is all

abt. pl.

4/10.

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CSO - Ref. folio 48. Lt. Col. Hammond is in England. Have not
been able to get much information. Regal KC will be in
know if any action required by us

Encl 19/7

Executive Commissioner.

24.

Reference 23 - Colonel Thomas telephoned to say the last 4 names on the list of officers to be withdrawn have been mentioned to Brigadier FELLOWES who is prepared to push the matter forward at AFHQ.

P.H.G.R.

27.Apr.45.

Vice President,
Economic Section.

26.

I refer to your ES/15.07 of 26 April (Folio 24 this file). If you agree with the draft telegram at Folio 25, please despatch.

THL

Brig,
Ex.Com.

27.Apr.45.

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Executive Commissioner

Draft Telegram (26.25) - agreed & despatched.

London
28 April 45

PER

S.H. 4/5

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Ho.

Even the state are interesting reply from 22.07.45 - 29.07.45

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Att. Please see folio 31 reply from 22.07.45 - 29.07.45 - folio 29. now is in hand.

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Att.

Vice President,
Economic Section.

I refer to your ES/15.07 of 26 April (Folio 21 this file). If you agree with the draft telegram at Folio 25, please despatch.

MSL

Brig,
Ex.Com.

27 Apr. 45.

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Executive Commission

- Draft Telegram (20.25) agreed & despatched.

*- Enclosed
28 April 45.*

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*Even the state are awaiting reply from RABG. - New year ago (29)
20.7/1945*

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*MSL. Please see folio 31 reply from RABG but re min 30 - folio 29.
now is in hand.*

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MSL. For info folio 31 RABG 29/4/45

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To see the file
 S. 15/2.

File 8.
 Memo. referred to in para. 4 of folio 6 has been submitted this date
 to the Exec. Commissioner for approval & dispatch to AFHQ. JCB 28/2
15.

CSO: to see folio 14: AFHQ's transfer of our proposal to
 CCAC on this selling of W.D. vehicles to Italian Govt.
 It presents the case quite well. JCB 17/3

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Ex Com

Signal to CCAC asking for
 approval of plan to sell the
 non-operational WD trucks, now
 on loan to us to the Italian
 Govt.

S. 14/3.

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TRANSLATION

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

31873.1/15.2

Rome, 11 November 1946.

Dear Admiral,

I assure you that I have informed the Administrations
concerned of the opinion expressed by you, following the suggestion
of the U.S. War Department, in the note No. 5822/61/EC of 1 October
1946, regarding the procedure for the request of spare pieces for
the motor vehicles purchased as surplus material of the American
Armed Forces.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Paolo Cappe

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

Action Evera Bon
Info CC
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PA 14/24

To. Il Sottosegretario di Stato
alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

Roma, 11 NOV. 1948

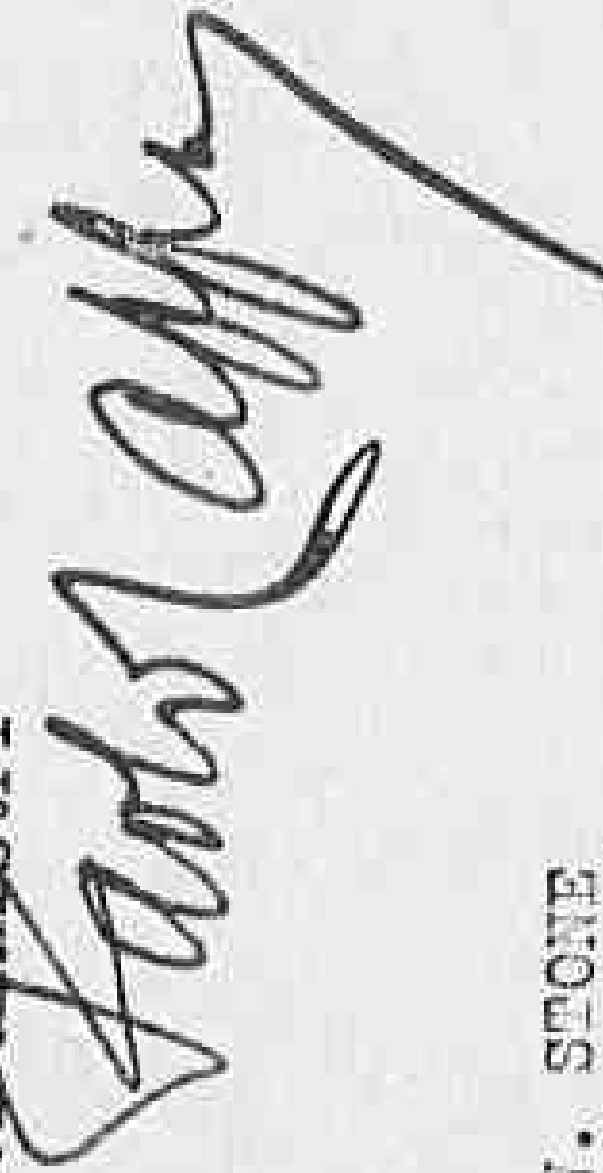
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Caro Ammiraglio,

L'assicuro di aver portato a conoscenza delle Amministrazioni interessate i criteri da lei esposti, dietro suggerimento del Dipartimento della Guerra degli Stati Uniti, con la nota n. 5822/61/EC del 1 ottobre corrente, circa la procedura da seguire per la richiesta di pezzi di ricambio per autoveicoli acquistati sui quantitativi residuati alle forze armate americane.

Colgo l'occasione per inviarLe distinti saluti.

Avv° Paolo CAPPA
Sottosegretario di Stato alla Presidenza del
Consiglio dei Ministri



All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Commissario Capo della Commissione Alleata
ROMA

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Ref: 5-22/61/33

1 October 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I have been requested by the Headquarters, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army, to inform you that the agencies of your Government which have purchased surplus Army motor vehicles have desired to procure many replacement parts for the maintenance of these vehicles. Since the parts desired were not available from Army surplus, a request was made to the U.S. War Department to make arrangements in the United States so that your agencies could order the required parts direct from the manufacturers. It was also requested that if this arrangement could not be worked out by the War Department, then the manufacturers be asked as to the terms they would require for furnishing drawings and specifications of the required parts to your Government agencies in order that these items might be locally manufactured in Italy.

The reply from the War Department stated that it was desirable for normal commercial channels of trade to be re-established between the United States and Italy, and for that reason it was suggested that your Government should make their inquiries through commercial channels for the purchase of all vehicular spare parts that are not available from Army surplus in this theater.

I am therefore advising you that your requests for prices and orders for actual delivery of spare parts should be submitted to the proper United States manufacturer and that proper United States Army part number and descriptive nomenclature must be used. Enclosure has been prepared to give your agencies assistance in determining the proper nomenclature and part numbers and nomenclature to be used in correspondence on this subject.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Elmer V. Stone

ELMER V. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USN
 Chief Coordinator

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
 President of the Council of Ministers,
 Italian Government,
 Rome.

Copy to: HQ USA
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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
refer to AG 400/010 D-0

23 September 1946

SUBJECT: Supply of Parts for Surplus Vehicles to Italian Agencies

THRU : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 794

TO : President
The Italian Government
Rome

Recd 27/9/46

1. The agencies of the Italian Government which have purchased surplus Army motor vehicles have desired to procure many replacement parts for the maintenance of these vehicles. Since the parts desired were not available from Army surpluses, this headquarters requested the War Department to make arrangements in the United States so that the Italian Government agencies could order the required parts direct from the manufacturers. It was also requested that if this arrangement could not be worked out by the War Department, then the manufacturers be queried as to the terms they would require for furnishing drawings and specifications of the required parts to the Italian Government agencies in order that these items might be locally manufactured in Italy.

2. The reply from the War Department stated that it was desirable for normal commercial channels of trade to be re-established between the United States and Italy, and for that reason it was suggested that the Italian Government make their inquiries through commercial channels for the purchase of all vehicular spare parts that are not available from Army Surpluses in this theater.

3. The Italian Government agencies are hereby advised that their requests for prices and orders for actual delivery of parts should be submitted to the proper United States manufacturer and that proper United States Army part number and descriptive nomenclature must be used. The Italian agencies are hereby invited to

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for info
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Ltr, Hq MTOUSA, AG 400/010 D-0,
dtd 23 Sept 46. (Cont'd)

seek the assistance of Peninsular Base Section in determining the proper
manufacturer and part numbers and nomenclature to be used in correspondence
on this subject.

FOR THE DEPUTY THEATER COMMANDER:

Ralph C. Tilley
RALPH C. TILLEY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Exec Comm
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COPY

16 February 1946

G-5: 383.6-1

SUBJECT: Disposal of French Vehicles by Allied Services to the Benefit
of Italian Civilians

TO : General Le Conteulx de Caumont
Chief, French Military Missions in Italy

Reference is made to your letter No. 706/DN.0 dated 8 January
1946, subject as above.

1. The whole of Italy, with the exception of the two provinces of
UDINE and VENEZIA GIULIA, is now under the jurisdiction of the Italian
Government. There are no AMG officers remaining as such in this territory.
The few liaison officers still retained are limited in their functions and
may not interfere with the Italian administration nor give advice to its
officials.

2. You will perceive, therefore, that the Allied Command in Italy is
no longer in a position to bring pressure to bear on the Italian Government
in matters such as you have raised. The recovery of French vehicles in
Italian hands must be a matter for direct negotiation between the French
and the Italian authorities.

3. Monies arising from the sale of material of French origin are the
subject of deliberations in Washington. No decision on this point can
therefore be given at present. However, all such sums are properly re-
corded and their disposition will present no difficulties once their fate
has been decided.

4. These questions were discussed at AFHQ on 12 February 1946 at a
meeting with Comdt. Lamson and Comdt. Destortes. At this meeting the
provisions of the foregoing paragraphs were conveyed to your representatives.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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

Copies to:
Headquarters, Allied Commission
Liaison Sec., AFHQ
G-3 AFHQ
C(CEMS) GHQ, CMF

20 FEB 1946

Econ Sec Dist: 027
Copy to: Exec. Comm.
A/VP
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Finance S/C
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(MAG H) *sent*
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EX COMM (51)

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ROUTINE

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ALBION INFO; PERBACH, INTL BATH

OCT 18 1945

UNCLASSIFIED.

Disposal of requisitioned and purchased property of Italian origin by transfer to authorized Italian Government agencies presents a serious problem unless fullest cooperation is secured from the Italian Government.

Reference is made to PERBACH cables G 259 of 28 August and 10847 of 15 October.

Imperative, in the interest of the Allied military program and the Italian economy, that all equipment of Italian origin no further need to the military forces be promptly accepted by the Italian Government. Failure of acceptance will result in a needless waste of resources.

Request that strong representations be made to the Italian Government on a sufficiently high level to insure that authorized government agencies are promptly and fully established at agreed locations and are properly manned and equipped to accept all offerings. From G4 BT USA thru G3 AFHQ.

BU 31/10 PA Au Ennu

HEADQUARTERS
18 OCT 1945
A. C.

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ACTION - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
BX COMMISSIONER 2
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ROUTINE
OCT 17 1945

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ST USA FOR ACTION AND INFO, AND PENBOUTH FOR INFO.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Reference is made to cable C 269 dated 28 August current and your reply there to in STUSA cable C 16720 of 4 September.

Disposal of requisitioned Italian vehicles cannot be accomplished in accord with provisions of Par 3 of STUSA supply directive number 70. Italian Government agencies designated by Ispe ttora to Generale Della Motorizzazione decline to accept vehicles in either PENHASE or LBNHOM on grounds that they have insufficient personnel and facilities to perform their mission. Although agencies are willing to sign a statement of refusal as required by Par 13 of supply directive number 70, this Headquarters feels that serious shortages of transportation in ITALY makes it extremely desirable that Italian Government take vigorous action to establish competent organization and sufficient facilities to accept deregulationed vehicles. If statement of refusal is signed by Italian agencies, present condition of vehicles would make it necessary in best interests of US ARMY to salvage them rather to declare surplus to ARMC.

Request ARMC be directed to consult with Italian Government officials and advise this Headquarters of results of conference as soon as possible.

See file 51

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INFO-ACTION TW SC 2
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
RE COM 1025
INFO SC 2
FILE & FILE 3

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OCT 1945
Lt (CAPT WHITE)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

AC/4121/1/L.

/rlp.
8 October 1945.

SUBJECT : Contract between AC and Italian Transport Firms. OCT - 8 1945
TO : Prof. Filippo Vassalli, Dean of the Faculty of Rome.

1. Reference above subject, your memorandum thereon is duly acknowledged and content noted.

2. A translation of the documents was forwarded to War Materials Disposal and Transportation Sub-Commissions for their consideration and necessary action. No answer has yet been received but it should be forthcoming in a day or so.

3. CIA (Colonel Behrens) before departing for U.K. left a note to explain that a form of contract had been drafted by him for the signature of AC and the firms you represent with a view to disposing of their claims against the commission. This therefore confirms your statement.

4. Colonel Behrens indicated also that he had personally requested you to consider and approve the contract. He also stated that both sub-commissions concerned had agreed to the contract and undertaken to sign it.

5. The motives which are causing the delay in the signature of the contract are not known to this sub-commission but no doubt War Materials Disposal and Transportation sub-commissions are attending to the matter, and it is understood that the Executive Commissioner had been informed at the time of the reason why the Chief Legal Advisor had recommended that such contract be entered into by AC.

6. In the absence of the undersigned will you please see Judge Musgrave Thomas to whom the file of this matter has been handed.

G. S. Hannaford

G. S. HANNAFORD,
Lt. Col.,
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

Copy to
10/10/45

Copy to Ex. Commissioner

Mr P

Handed to me today by

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ROUTINE

From: AMRQ

To: ALGOM FROM

SEP 24 1945

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1. disputes between individual sections of ALGOM are a matter for settlement within ALGOM and will not be referred to this HQ. ref your 5718 dated 21 september
2. instructions regarding provisional supply of spare parts for trucks sold to Italian government are laid down in our P-2 dated 27 july to transportation sub commission and P-2 dated 7 august.
3. these instructions apply to all British vehicles sold to Italian government under the provisions of our P-2 dated 27 july but not to other vehicles sold to the Italian government unless so specified

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HEADQUARTERS
23 SEP 1945
A. C.

REPLY
ACTION : TM 30 (2)
INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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F H G E G SECTION ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS APO 512

SEP 24 1945

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ROUTINE

UNCLASSIFIED

PARA ONE PD GEORGE DASH FOUR PAREN BAKER PAREN ALCOM REFUSES TO
ACCEPT INTERIM SUPPLY RESPONSIBILITY AS ASSIGNED BY PARA SEVEN ABLE
OF YOUR TARE DASH TWO OF TWO SEVEN JULY ONE NINE FOUR FIVE FOR
VEHICLES SOLD TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FROM TWO TWO NINE AND TWO THREE
ZERO GEORGE TARE COYE PD

PAREN TO F H G E G SECTION ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS APO FIVE ONE
TWO FOR LIEUTENANT COLONEL GROOM JOHNSON FROM ALCOM HEADQUARTERS
CITE ACTPT PAREN

PARA TWO PD IMPERATIVE THAT ONE PD PAREN BAKER PAREN AND QUEEN
PAREN ABLE EASY PAREN CLARIFY WITH SPECIFIC AND DIRECT INSTRUCTIONS
AS TO PROCEDURE WHEREBY VEHICLES SOLD TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ARE TO
BE SUPPLIED PRIOR TO RELEASE OF SPARE PARTS SCALING PD

COPY TO : G-4 (B) AG/

SEE F 45

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMM/
ROADS DIV/

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO 1022
CWO USA
ASSIST/ ADJUTANT

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ROUTINE

From: MEMORANDUM SIGNED CONCERNED CITIZEN BOARD

To: PENEASE, 5th ARMY INFO ALCON

RESTRICTED.

Uneconomically repairable and salvage vehicles listed in 5th ARMY cable 7892 will be transferred direct to ALLIED COMMISSION for Italian Government which will take over vehicles at VERONA and supply guards commencing 27 August. Thereafter one thousand per week will be taken over as availabilities are reported.

5th ARMY will prepare 6 copies of shipping tickets to be signed by AC representative. These will list vehicles by War Department registration numbers and will indicate code classification of groups of vehicles, reference telephone conversation Lt Col CLARK-Major MCLAN. Forward 5 copies of signed shipping tickets to PENEASE.

PENEASE will furnish remainder of vehicles to make two zero thousand tons lift for AC using list in cable 7892 as an estimate of portion to be supplied by 5th ARMY. Direct contact with AC by PENEASE regarding pick up of balance of vehicles is authorized. Actual signed shipping tickets delivered by 5th ARMY will be used in computing final total of vehicles to be delivered to AC by PENEASE.

To AC: 5th ARMY availabilities are as follows:

<u>ROMA</u>	<u>MANTOVA</u>	<u>VERONA</u>	<u>GENOA</u>	<u>MILAN</u>
169	154	905	225	91

Reference paragraph 2 of Fx-56580, all types uneconomically repairable cargo vehicles may be transferred to AC not only vehicles 2 1/2 tons and larger.

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INFO-ACTION YN SC 2
INFO CHIEF COMMISS I NRI
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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

File
Tel: 220

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His Excellency La Malfa,
Minister of Transport,
Rome.

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27 June 1945
JUN 30 1945

Dear Mr. Minister:

Confirming our conversation of 25 June 1945, the Allies placed an order for 2,000 trucks of 2½ tons capacity - giving a total lift of 5,000 tons for use by the Italian Government. This order was later changed to 260 trucks of 10 ton and 1600 trucks of 1½ ton capacity, giving a lift of 5,000 tons.

These trucks are being transferred to the Italian Government which is assigning them to ISR for operation. To date 500 of these trucks have been delivered to the Italian Government. Delivery can be increased if the ISR can accept them more rapidly.

There are now approximately 650 Allied trucks operating in Truck Pools in the Southern and Abruzzi-Marche Regions. These trucks have been used since the inception of the Truck Pools to carry civil supplies only.

On 16 June 1945, an officer of the Allied Commission, accompanied by a representative of the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of the Treasury left for Campobasso on initial stage of transferring all of the trucks in those Truck Pools to the Italian Government. The transfer of the trucks in Campobasso and Foggia have already been completed. The transfer of the balance of these 650 trucks should be effected by 1 August.

The Allied Commission have been operating approximately 2,000 captured trucks in Sicily, 600 of which are runnery. This organization has been operating under the name of INT - AC, Sicily. All of the property of the INT - Sicily was transferred from the Allied Commission to the Italian Government on 25 June 1945.

In addition, there are approximately 2,244 trucks in AC Special Truck Operating Group, composed of the 1700 - 1½ ton trucks, most of which have been delivered and approximately 500 - 2½ to 3 ton trucks supplied from military sources. It is proposed

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to transfer title to these trucks to the Italian Government and deliver them to the locations specified below for operation by local truck pools on the dates set forth:

1. Forli-Cesena	July 1	132 trucks	
2. Bari	"	50 "	
3. Foggia	"	50 "	
4. Leghorn	"	32 "	
5. Ancona-Macerata	"	<u>400</u> "	664
6. Leghorn	July 15	140 "	
7. Florence	"	140 "	
8. Venezia	"	150 "	
9. Genoa	"	<u>150</u> "	580
10. Genoa *	*August 1	200 "	
11. Milan *	"	200 "	
12. Turin *	"	200 "	
13. Venezia *	"	200 "	
14. Venezia-Giulia	"	<u>200</u> "	<u>1000</u>
			<u>2244</u>

* - Tentative allocation and date subject to review in consultation with 15th Army Group and Regional Commissioners.

These above enumerated vehicles will be transferred to the Italian Government with the understanding that the U.S.A. and U.K. Governments reserve the right to raise a charge in dollars and sterling against the Italian Government. It is also with the understanding that any lifts required by AG will be given first priority for transport by the Italian Government or such other agency or person who may control the operation of these vehicles.

Your acceptance of this tentative program and the conditions of transfer will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Merritt H. Taylor
MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
Director.

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DISTRIBUTION:

All Regional Commissioners

Provincial Commissioner - Ancona

" " - Leghorn

Senior Transportation Officer - Foggia

" " " - Bari

" " " - Florence

Finance Sub-Commission

Legal Sub-Commission

Special Truck Operating Group

Road Division - Tn. S/C

Road - Movements Division - Tn. S/C

Deputy Director, Tn. S/C

Economic Section

Supply Division, Economic Section

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ECONOMIC SECTION
SUPPLY DIVISION

1 June 1945

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1. Reference your letter 5822/31/EC of 28 May 1945.
2. Authority from AFHQ by letter T-2 of 22 May 1945 for the transfer of the subject vehicles has been received by the Transportation Sub-Commission of the Economic Section.
3. The matter was fully discussed at a conference held 30 May 1945 by Roads Division representatives and Minister Cerebona of the Italian Government.
4. As truck pools have to be turned over individually and all supplies checked, the matter will require from four to six weeks before final completion of the transfer can be effected. In the meantime, permission for the withdrawal of the Transportation Officers in Italian Government territory is now being sought from AFHQ, through G-1, ALCOM.

CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel
Deputy Chief

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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Ref: T-2

22 May 1945

SUBJECT: Sale of W.D. Vehicles to Italian Government

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394

Ref LAC Airgram 108 dated 10 March 45.

1. Following is a paraphrase of GAL 1329 dated 2 May 45.

"a. Approval is given for the sale of trucks to the Italian Government, as proposed in LAC Airgram 108 under the following conditions:-

(i) U.K. has procurement responsibility for 550 3-ton lorries.

(ii) U.S. has procurement responsibility for:

(aa) 550 x 2 1/2 ton trucks.

(bb) 100 x 1 ton, 2-wheel trailers.

(iii) Procedure in TAM 228 will be applied for disposing of this equipment to Italian Government.

(iv) Automatic replacement in Theatre Military stocks for equipment and supplies herein approved will NOT be made.

(v) 60 days spare parts as far as available, will be issued from theatre stocks when trucks are transferred. This issue will have priority lower than military priority, and will NOT be replaced.

b. Allied Commission should programme through usual channels any future requirement for spare parts or supplies for these vehicles. These items approved by CCAC as Category A will be issued according to 8/6 procedure or priority lower than operational troop needs.

c. Supplies and equipment from theatre stocks for civil affairs use will NOT be transferred, as suggested in LAC Airgram 108 para 5, without CCAC approval, except in emergency, in which case CCAC must be notified of any issue."

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2. Vehicles ex U.S. Stocks: Priced, signed shipping tickets will be furnished for all vehicles. Spare parts furnished and maintenance performed by Army Agencies will be billed from date of turn-over of vehicles to A.C. control. Credits will apply for salvage (value) of vehicles returned without replacement being made. This applies to U.S. transfers. No action need be taken by A.C. prior to receipt of billings. See in this connection ETUSA AG 451/742 D-o dated 15 May 45 to Commanding General P.B.S.

3. Vehicles ex U.S. Stocks: Consolidated Debit Vouchers for all vehicles together with Credit Note for HIR vehicles returned to Ordnance Parks will be issued by 38 Vehicle Coy MAOC. No action need be taken by A.C. prior to receipt of vouchers.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 :

H.P. CRYOM-JOHNSON
Lt. Colonel
Economics & Supply Division

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ROUTINE

From: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE IMAGES
To: ALCOM ROME

APR 30 REC'D

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Reference 6324 of 28.

Advised by COS, 21 April: Truck sale under urgent consideration.

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ACTION: Executive Commissioner
INFO: A/President
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ATHQ for G-5 SECTION

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28 APR 45

PRIORITY

APR 30 Rec'd

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PARA ONE PD THE CONTINUED DELAY IN DETERMINING THE METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF MILITARY VEHICLES TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CMA WHICH WAS LAST MENTIONED IN YOUR LOVE ABLE CHARLIE AIRGRAM ONE ZERO EIGHT OF MARCH ONE ZERO CMA PAREN TO ATHQ FOR GEORGE DASH FIVE SECTION FROM ALCOM CITE ACEXC PAREN IS CAUSING THE RETENTION OF FIVE TRANSPORTATION OFFICERS IN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TERRITORY WHO ARE NOW URGENTLY NEEDED IN THEIR PROPER ASSIGNMENTS IN THE NORTHERN REGIONS PD

PARA TWO PD I SHOULD BE GLAD CMA THEREFORE CMA IF AN IMMEDIATE DECISION COULD BE TAKEN PD YOU WILL DOUBTLESS REMEMBER THAT THE MATTER HAS NOW BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION FOR OVER A YEAR

NOTE: This signal was actually dispatched by Ecom Sec not this office (See Min 24)

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Executive Commissioner

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CMA USA
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DRAFT TELEGRAM.

TO : AFHQ for G-5 SECTION.

FROM : ALCOM.

1. The continued delay in determining the method of disposal of military vehicles to the Italian Government, which was last mentioned in your LAC Airgram 108 of March 10th, is causing the retention of 5 Transportation officers in Italian Government territory who are now urgently needed in their proper assignments in the Northern Regions.
2. I should be glad, therefore, if an immediate decision could be taken. You will doubtless remember that the matter has now been under discussion for over a year.

(Drafted by Executive Commissioner - 27.Apr.45).

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(Drafted by Executive Commissioner - 27 Apr. 45).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tel: 376

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SUBJECT: Personnel for Northern Regions.

26 April '45

TO : Executive Commissioner.

APR 26 1945

1. Referring to our conversation, the attached copy of memorandum 19 April to the Economic Section gives details of present position regarding the transfer of truck pool vehicles to the Italian Government.

2. If the vehicles could be transferred to the Italians, we should be able to withdraw officers now assigned to Northern Regions but temporarily detached as shown in the following table:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assigned</u>	<u>Now TD for</u> <u>Truck Pool</u>
Lt. L. E. Clark (A)	Lombardia Region	Ascoli and Macerata
Lt. A. M. Clark (B)	Liguria Region	Naples
Capt. J. O. Dodds (B)	Liguria Region	Campobasso
Capt. G. S. Billinghamurst (B)	Venezia Region	Foggia
Capt. F. R. Price (B)	Venezia Region	Chieti and Aquila

3. In addition, we have requested AFHQ for authority to withdraw the following officers:

Capt. A. H. Irvine-Lynch	(B)	Palermo
Capt. R. J. Woodcock	(B)	Bari
Major W. T. Martin	(B)	Naples
Capt. J. N. Bowes	(B)	Civitavecchia

4. AFHQ authority for withdrawals from Southern Italy has ^{to be} obtained in accordance with their letter AG 091.1/081. GDS-O of 4 April 1945.

M. B. THOMAS, Colonel,
Deputy Director.

1 encl: copy ltr. dtd 19 Apr 45

SEE MIN. 24.

Distribution: Economic Section (2)

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R/54/TN 5

SUBJECT: Disposal of Military Vehicles to the Italian Government.

19 April, 1945

TO : Economic Section

1. Reference is made to previous correspondence on the above subject. It is felt that a summary of the whole lamentable history may be useful.

2. We originally suggested to AFHQ per Economic Section letter ES/49, of 24 April 1944, that WD vehicles should be sold to the Italian Government in certain cases. Nothing much seems to have happened until 17 Nov. 1944 when we again wrote to AFHQ per AC/TN/G-5 letter, referring back to the previous letter and asking once more for authority to sell the vehicles. After a decent interval this apparently resulted in AFHQ's signal of 30 January 1945, FK 17652, to AGWAR, Washington which asked for authority to sell the vehicles. AGWAR telegram # 34123 of 5 February was received in reply; it stated briefly that military vehicles should not be sold to the Italian Government, but that such vehicles should be disposed of to the Italian Government in the same manner as other civil affairs items are made available to that government; it added that after submitting requirements in the established manner, prior approval of items, quantities and types should be obtained from CCAC. When the copy of this signal was received at AC Hqs, the Chief of Staff played hell about the delay there had been in dealing with the question; this was on 13 February.

3. In this Sub-Commission's memorandum of 19 February 1945 addressed to you under the present reference, we suggested that the manner referred to by the Chief of Staff in Washington was presumably the ordinary requisitioning system and that "under this system we should requisition the necessary number of trucks thru AFHQ, G-5, in the same way as we do for other items necessary for the prevention of disease and unrest." We recommended that the expression "turned over to the Italian Government against receiving report in the same manner as other imported subsistence items" should be used.

4. The next step forward was LAC airgram 108 dated 10 March from AFHQ to CCAC, Washington. This airgram again requested that we should sell certain enumerated vehicles to the Italian Government; the word "sell" was again used and even underlined, altho Washington had previously objected to such a procedure.

5. The whole question has been in hand for just a year, and as the last signal from AFHQ was sent over a month ago, it seems we might reasonably press AFHQ to send a chaser to Washington. Until we can transfer these vehicles to the Italian Government, we cannot withdraw the officers now safeguarding WD property. These officers will shortly be badly needed in the North, but at the present rate of progress there seems to be little chance of securing their release.

/sgd/ M.B. THOMAS, Colonel,
Deputy Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

CWA/lrw/emg

Ref. ES/15.07

26 April 1945

APR 26 Rec'd

SUBJECT: Disposal of Military Vehicles to the Italian Government.

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Reference is made to the under-mentioned correspondence on the above subject:

Ref. 5822/CCS of the 13th February 45 to Economic Section;
Ref. ES/15.07 of 27th February 45 to you;
Ref. AC/R/54/Tn of 26 February 45 from you to AMTC, G-5;
LAC Airgram M-108 of 10 March 45 to CCS.

2. The transfer of these vehicles to the Italian Government is becoming very urgent as until this is done, we cannot withdraw the officers now safe-guarding W.D. property and who will shortly be required in the North.

3. It is urged that AMTC be asked to obtain a reply from CCS at the earliest possible moment.

A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

cc to: -
Transportation S/C

SEE MINUTE 26.927

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20th March, 1945.

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I have received two Aide-Memoires from your Ministry dated 20th February about

- (1) second-hand lorries for Italy from Britain;
- (2) vehicles which may be available to Italy after the war.

It is not clear from the first Aide-Memoire on what programme the 1500 lorries which, according to Count Carandini, might be handed over, would figure. But in any case for the time being there is no chance of any second-hand lorries being supplied to Italy except on military programmes. Any civilian demands would carry too low a priority for any lorries whether new or second-hand to be supplied to Italy during the present squeeze on all transport. I do not, therefore, yet see any alternative to Italy's requirements for lorries being dealt with, except through Allied Military channels.

I should be glad at any time to discuss with you either of the subjects raised in the two Aide-Memoires and I look forward to seeing the plan referred to in the second Aide-Memoire.

Harold Macmillan.

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15th March, 1945.

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TO:- Chief Commissioner.
(Copy to Ex. Commissioner). ✓

FROM:- Office of the Acting President.

The Acting President would be grateful for the comments of the Commission on the enclosed Aide Memoire which he has received from the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, on the question of lorries and other means of transport being allocated to Italy from "the materials which will be available after the end of the war."

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

To the kind attention of the Rt. Hon. H. Macmillan.AIDE MEMOIRE

The Italian Embassy in London, have been informed by a high-ranking personality of the British Government about the possibility that lorries and/or other means of transport could be allocated to Italy, from the materials which will be available after the end of the war.

It was therefore suggested that Italy should propose a plan of her minimum requirements, in order to obtain since this moment a share of these materials, before they are allocated to other countries, equally interested to the distribution of said materials.

The Italian Government deems necessary to point out that the situation of their means of transport is already extremely bad and in the next future it will become even worse. Therefore, they will take steps to outline such a plan, that in due time will be submitted to the attention of the proper Authorities.

In the meantime, the Italian Government would appreciate if the British Authorities could kindly do their utmost to facilitate the favourable conclusion of this very important matter, framing this proposed allocation in the distribution of the transport materials that will eventually be available after the war is over.

Rome, the 20th of February 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

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15 March 1945
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SUBJECT: Reorganization - Southern Region

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region

1. Reference is made to your R/1610 of 19 February 1945.
2. With particular reference to par 7 of your letter, the Economic Section advises that steps are being taken either to sell the trucks in the pools at Campobasso and Foggia to the Italian Government, or to transfer them, obtaining a receipt therefor.
3. As soon as definite instructions are forthcoming on the disposal of this property, you will be advised

/s/ Norman E. Fiske

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

copy to: Executive Commissioner
Economic Section (your R/3.00 of 6 March refers)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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LAC AIRGRAM 108, 10 March 1945

From : FHGEG (Concurred FHGDS)

To : Combined Civil Affairs Committee,
3C-886 Pentagon Building,
Washington, D.C.

(15 copies)

Subject : Sale of W.D. Vehicles to the Italian Government.

Requisition No: HGS-275-ORD. Rating II.

Reference our FX 17652 of 30 Jan to AGMAR and TROOPERS, and AGMAR signal to AFHQ (not to TROOPERS) W-34133 of 8 Feb.

1. Civil transport deficiencies have restricted the distribution of imported and local commodities amongst the civil population. Indigenous vehicles are being fully utilized but as these are from 5 to 10 years old, and require tires, tubes and major repairs, their usefulness is rapidly declining. Tires, tubes and batteries, approved by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, have been requisitioned through Service channels and some have been released from theatre stocks. However, as the campaign advances a greater number of vehicles are required, both because of the mechanical failures of Italian transport and because there is a greater civil supply commitment to be met.

2. During the past ten months there have been on loan to the A.C. substantial quantities of W.D. vehicles for distribution of civil supplies. At present the A.C. are utilizing 350 3-ton lorries from the British army and 550 trucks 2-1/2 ton, 6x6 and 100 trailer, cargo, 1 ton, from the U.S. army. These vehicles are not capable of operational efficiency, and have outlasted their military usefulness both in this theatre and for employment elsewhere.

3. When requisitions were placed for civil transport (LAC Airgrams 95 and 96) it was considered that these vehicles would be available to the A.C. in addition to the numbers requisitioned for shipment into the theatre.

4. It is proposed to sell to the Italian Government, for the purpose of transporting essential civil supplies, the 1,100 military vehicles and 100 trailers enumerated in para 2 above, and to sell repair parts from military sources on a priority below military requirements.

5. It is further proposed to sell such additional quantities as it may be found necessary to supply, and which are in unsuitable condition for operational use or shipment outside the theatre.

6. Control of these vehicles to be passed to the Italian Government at such time as the Supreme Allied Commander determines that Italian governmental controlled transport organizations have demonstrated their ability to maintain and operate them efficiently.

7. It is desired to point out that authority to sell the vehicles

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6. Control of these vehicles to be passed to the Italian Government at such time as the Supreme Allied Commander determines that Italian governmental controlled transport organizations have demonstrated their ability to maintain and operate them efficiently.
7. It is desired to point out that authority to sell the vehicles specified in para 2 above will not in fact result in an additional civil lift, as these vehicles have, for several months, been used for civil purposes and it is intended as a matter of military necessity to continue to utilize them for transport of essential civil supplies.

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8. At present the W.D. vehicles on loan to the A.C. are the responsibility of individual A.C. officers. With the withdrawal of Allied officers from substantial portions of liberated Italy there are, in many areas, no military personnel who can be held responsible for W.D. transportation. This administrative problem presents difficulties in effecting the withdrawal of military personnel from such areas which would be overcome by sale of the vehicles to the Italian government.
9. It is recommended that authority be granted to sell military vehicles and maintenance parts to the Italian Government in conformity with the foregoing proposal.
10. This recommendation is agreed by both U.S. and British authorities.

Information copies to: The Directorate of Civil Affairs,
War Office, Whitehall, London, S.W.1 (4 copies)

The Director of Freight Movements,
War Office, C.M.9, London.

New York Port of Embarkation (4 copies)

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It is recommended that authority be granted to send military vehicles and maintenance parts to the Italian Government in conformity with the foregoing proposal.

10. This recommendation is agreed by both U.S. and British authorities.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

AC/R/54/Tn 5

28 February 1945

MAR 1 - 1945

SUBJECT: Disposal of Military Vehicles to the Italian Government

TO : AMM, G-5

1. Reference is made to AMHQ signal PX 17652, 20 January 1945, to AGWAR, Washington, and to their reply, reference # 34125, dated 2 February 1945.

2. It is pointed out that the first request for the transfer of vehicles to the Italian Government was made on 24 April last by our letter #35/49. A further communication was sent on 17 November under reference AC/Tn/G-5.

3. It is desired to draw your attention to the fact that only now, in February 1945, have we obtained an answer on a matter vital to the economy of Italy. The nature of the answer itself involves a further delay and it is felt that the whole question would have been brought to a conclusion much more quickly had our original letters been dealt with more promptly.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

CWA/bin

Ref: ES/15.07

27 February 1945
MAR 1 - 1945SUBJECT: Disposal of Military Vehicles to Italian Government
TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Reference your 5822/COS dated 13 February 1945.

2. This question has been the subject of communications to AFHQ since 24 April 1944. A copy of the letter sent to them on that date is attached (marked "A"). A further letter was dispatched on 17 November 1944, (marked "B"). The first indication of action by AFHQ was receipt of the information copy of their signal PX 17652 of 30 January to AGWAR and TROOPERS (copy marked "C").

3. The manner referred to by the COS is presumably the ordinary requisitioning system. Under this system we should requisition the necessary number of trucks through AFHQ, G-5, in the same way as we do for other items necessary for the prevention of disease and unrest. In this particular case we could state in justification that trucks were necessary to haul commodities essential under the disease and unrest formula, that trucks are in fact now doing such work, that AGWAR telegram of 8 February instructs us to deal with the transfer of vehicles in this way, and that unless we do in fact make this transfer we cannot withdraw truck pool officers from King's Italy in accordance with the latest policy.

4. It seems that the COS' main objection is to the word "sell" in paragraph 3-A of AFHQ telegram of 30 January. It is possible that the proposal would have been acceptable if AFHQ had used the phrase "turned over to the Italian Government against receiving report in the same manner as other imported items;" such vehicles would then be a charge against the Italian Government account in accordance with the establishing procedure laid down in TIM 228.

5. It is now proposed to submit a requisition for vehicles up to the number actually employed in truck pools in King's Italy as outlined in paragraph 2 above. At the same time we will submit an indent for a six months supply of spare parts for these vehicles.

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Subject: Disposal of Mil. Vehicles to I. Gov. 2/23/45

C. A letter to AFHQ on the question of delay in dealing with this question submitted for your approval and signature.


W. B. MCKINLEY
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

Incls: "A", "B" & "C"
referred to above.

*Incls: B & C - put amongst papers
already on file - see file - 374
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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24 April 44.

SUBJECT: Transport for ACC Civilian Supplies.

TO : AFHQ, Military Government Section.

1. Reference AFHQ(Adv. Adm. Ech) 36/21/03 of 8 Feb 44, Transport for ACC, it is recommended that the British and American trucks allocated for the distribution of civilian supplies be sold for cash to the Italian Government at landed cost. Spare parts subsequently supplied will also be sold at landed cost. The total number of the trucks will ultimately be 1000 but a certain number of them particularly in AMG territory, will probably be operated by, and remain the property of, ACC.

2. The sale of these vehicles is recommended for the following reasons:-

a. Owing to shortage of personnel, these trucks must be organized and run by Italian civilian organizations.

b. Maintenance and operational care will be at a minimum unless the profit motive can be introduced. Italian managers and drivers will not take maximum care of these vehicles if they are ACC property, particularly if all repairs are carried out, and spare parts supplied, without cost.

c. A Tariff on a quintal/kilometer basis for carrying goods has been agreed with the Italian Government for application at present in Region II King's Italy.

3. Should the sale of these vehicles to the Italian Government be approved they, in turn, will re-sell the vehicles to Italian civilian organizations on a basis of 50% cash and a three years' amortisation plan for the balance. Only organizations with pre-war experience in transportation will be given the opportunity of purchasing these trucks and they must possess garages equipped to carry out all repairs except possibly 4th or 5th Echelon. In time, however, even 4th and 5th Echelon repairs will be entirely carried out by the civil organizations under ACC supervision.

e. The Italian Government will still be held responsible to ACC for the condition and running of the trucks and will be required accordingly to have complete control over the private operators. ACC will continue to inspect the vehicles regularly supervise all maintenance, control the location and movements of the trucks and keep up the standard of operation generally.

f. The contract of sale to private operators by the Italian Government will be subject to ACC approval. Such a sale will have the effect of reviving private companies who were engaged in operating

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road haulage in pre-occupation Italy. The State owns the majority of the railways but took no interest in road transport. If these private haulage companies can be reactivated, they will help to eliminate any break between the cessation of ACC transportation activities and take-over by the Italian Government.

g. Limited ACC transportation personnel will make supervision over a wide territory very difficult unless the Italian Government can be brought in and made responsible under the terms of the sale.

h. As already indicated in Para (b), lack of personal interest by the Italians concerned will probably result in rapid deterioration of the vehicles. If urgently needed for operational purposes, they are more likely to be in good condition if the Italian companies are called on to put up 50% of the cost of the trucks and have to guarantee repayment of the balance over a period of three years.

i. Should the Allied Forces have urgent need for the vehicles, and consider such need outweighs the necessity of feeding the civilian population, the trucks can be requisitioned by the Allied Forces and repurchased by ACC from the Italian Government.

j. The sale of the vehicles has the economic advantage of helping to curb inflation as, when the Italian Government recedes to private operators, the money paid will be withdrawn from circulation.

k. The sale of the vehicles to the Italian Government has a certain publicity value, as each truck can be specially painted and become familiar on the roads as those sold to the Italians by the Allied Governments.

3. Summing up: the sale of the vehicles through the Italian Government to Italian operating companies will result in more efficient operation, longer life of the trucks and equipment, and a monetary return to the Allied for material that must be expended in any case.

4. While Finance Sub-Commission advises that the trucks should be sold, both Finance and Legal Sub-commissions state that the sale of these trucks and spare parts can only be made with approval from higher authority. It is, therefore, requested that a decision be forthcoming with the least possible delay so that this HQ may determine under what permanent arrangement the trucks are to be operated by the Italians.

For Lieutenant General MASON MACFARLANE

Copies to:

Transportation Sub-commission
Finance Sub-commission
Legal Sub-commission

D.S. ADAMS
Colonel, C.E.
Executive Officer
Economic Section

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Ref: 5822/COS.

13 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Disposal of Military Vehicles
to the Italian Government.

TO : A/DCOS, Economic Section.

1. I refer to AGWAR telegram W.34123 of 8 February,
paraphrase attached.

2. It appears to me that this question has been the subject
of communication between this Commission and AFHQ since 24th
January 1944. It is a matter of vital interest, particularly in
view of the new COS directive. It appears that COS have rejected
the proposals to sell the vehicles to the Italian Government and
have directed that they should be disposed of in the same manner
as other civil affairs items after complicated reference and
notification to the COS, approval for which will take months to
obtain.

3. What is the manner referred to by the COS?

4. I should like this matter taken up on a matter of
principle and for the attention of AFHQ to be drawn to the delay
of nine months in obtaining an adverse decision on a matter vital
to the economy of Italy. Can I have a memorandum fully documented
on this subject.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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to the Italian Government.

TO : A/DOCS, Economic Section.

1. I refer to AGUAR telegram N. 34123 of 8 February, paraphrase attached.

2. It appears to me that this question has been the subject of communication between this Commission and AFHQ since 24th ~~May~~ April 1944. It is a matter of vital interest, particularly in view of the new CCS directive. It appears that CCS have rejected the proposals to sell the vehicles to the Italian Government and have directed that they should be disposed of in the same manner as other civil affairs items after complicated reference and notification to the CCS, approval for which will take months to obtain.

3. What is the manner referred to by the CCS?

4. I should like this matter taken up on a matter of principle and for the attention of AFHQ to be drawn to the delay of nine months in obtaining an adverse decision on a matter vital to the economy of Italy. Can I have a memorandum fully documented on this subject.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Paraphrase of AGWAR telegram to AFHQ, Ref: W 34123 dated
8th February 1945.

Original held by A/President

Recommendations contained in para 5 of FY 17652
of 30 January that military vehicles should be sold to the
Italian Government are not favourably considered and such
vehicles should be disposed of to the Italian Government in
the same manner as other civil affairs items are made
available to that Government. After submitting requirements
in established manner, prior approval of items, quantities
and types, must be obtained from CGAC. CAL airmen 26 and
TAM 165 also refer.

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Originator's Ref: FX 17652
Date/TOR : JAN 30/1459A

ROUTINE.

FROM : AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE: PHCDS, PHGEG
TO : AGWAR WASHINGTON AND TROOPERS LONDON, INFO ALCOM.

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1. Distribution of local and imported commodities for civil population in this theatre has been a continuing problem. Maximum use of indigenous vehicles is being made, but these 5 to 10 year old trucks are in very many instances lacking in tires, tubes and batteries, as well as major repair parts. Tires, tubes and batteries, approved by combined chief of staff for procurement through service channels, have been requisitioned, and some furnished from theatre stocks. Military vehicles, to the extent of 550 trucks, 2½ ton 6 x 6 and 100 trailers cargo, 1 ton, from US ARMY, and 550-3 ton lorries from BRITISH ARMY have been loaned to AC for civil transport requirements. As territory is expanded and indigenous vehicles fail through use, an ever increasing demand is inevitable as indicated by LAC sirgrams 95 and 96 to combined chief of staff.

2. Certain Allied Military vehicles, including those in para 1, have, in the light of operational efficiency, outlasted their military usefulness, either in this area, or for reshipment elsewhere.

3. A. It is proposed to sell to the Italian Government, for controlled use in movement of essential supplies, those Allied Military vehicles enumerated in para 1, plus any other which it may be found necessary to furnish, and can be spared from theatre stocks or salvage.

B. The sale of vehicles to be when, in the opinion of the Supreme Allied Commander, the Italian Governmental organisations have demonstrated their ability to efficiently operate and maintain them.

C. It is further proposed to furnish repair parts from military sources, on a priority below the military requirements.

4. This proposal is agreed by US and BRITISH.

5. It is recommended that authority be granted to sell military vehicles and maintenance parts to the Italian Government in accordance with the above proposals.

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* REQUISITIONS FOR TPT
FOR NORMAN ITALY (LAC 95) — Folio 34B + 5820/005
AND CONTROL VEHICLES (LAC 96) — " 34C "

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

AC/TN/G-5

17 November 1944

SUBJECT: Sale of W.D. Vehicles.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

1. Reference is made to Paragraph 4(f) Report of AFHQ Combined Inspection Team Subject "Proposals for the Improvement of ACC Transportation" dated 30 October 1944.
2. In view of the progress of the war in Europe and Italy, it is desired to bring to your attention the need for authorization to sell to the Italian Government the Allied W.D. vehicles in use for the transport of food and other civil supply, ref. RES/49 of 24 April 1944.
3. Whereas, in the first instance it was pointed out that the sale of vehicles thru the Italian Government to Italian operating companies would, because of the responsibility of private ownership, result in more efficient operation, longer life of the vehicle, and a monetary return to the Allies for material that must be expended in any case, it is now advisable to invite your attention to additional factors that have a bearing on this matter. It will not be possible to remove the above mentioned vehicles at the cessation of hostilities without causing an economic collapse in Italy as other road transport is in such short supply. It will be an extended period before local manufacture of trucks may be resumed in sufficiently substantial quantities.
4. At the present time British and American Ordnance are charged with third and fourth echelon maintenance and supply of spare parts. With the movement of Army installations forward, it will become necessary to relieve the armies of these maintenance responsibilities. It should now be possible to derequisition garage and repair shops so that they can be returned to their owners and become available for maintenance of these subject vehicles.
5. With the sale of the vehicles there will also be required authority for sale of spare parts secured either from British and American stocks in this theatre or by requisition from US and UK for the account of the Italian Government. If the plan of sale is approved, it should not be difficult to determine sale prices. This might be done by making use of the classifications, which already apply to W.D. vehicles in considering their condition with respect to battle worthiness, as a measure of the depreciation to be charged off as against the landed cost.

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6. If the Allies wish to concern themselves with Italian internal transportation as the cessation of hostilities with Germany, it can be done thru the mechanism of the Ente Nazionale Autotrasporti Cose which has recently been established by governmental decree as a national organization to control and regulate road transportation.

7. It is felt that there is a need for early determination of policy as it would certainly be incongruous to continue the operation of subject vehicles on the present basis after the cessation of hostilities.

For the Chief Commissioner:

(Sgd) A. G. ANTOLINI,
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff,
Economic Section.

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Extract from "Proposals for the Improvement of
ACC Transportation" by Combined Inspection Team,
Allied Force Headquarters. Report dated 30th
October, 1944 (Original on File 5801/COS, Folio 8).

Para 4(f).

It is understood that discussions are now under way as to the eventual policy of selling to the Italian Government those War Department vehicles now in the theater which will not be suitable for a redeployment to other theaters. It is considered essential that a firm decision be reached on this matter as early as possible, for many other policies rest upon this decision. For example, no recommendation can logically be made relative to methods of holding and distributing War Department spares and tires within the ACC until it is known whether War Department vehicles currently in the theater will be ultimately turned over to civilians or retained by the military.

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