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DISPOSAL OF CAPTURED ENEMY & ITALIAN TRANSPORT
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Executive Commissioner.

Sir,

1. Reference telegram at Folio 3, you asked to see the Minutes of the Meeting attended by Mr. Taylor. An extract from the Minutes in question relating to captured enemy transport is at Folio 5.
2. The full Minutes of the Meeting are at Folio 34 of Vol 413/EC also submitted herewith.

13. June 45

MS 13/6

for

P.S.O.

Thought you'd be interested in seeing folio 5

MS 14/6/45

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Mr. Madden

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2. The full Minutes of the Meeting are at Folio 31 of 441 443/30 also submitted herewith.

13 June 45

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Thought you'd be interested in seeing folio 5

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Mr. Menden

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Ref: 5829/14/DO

13 September 1945

SUBJECT: Recovery of Italian Army Vehicles and Property

TO : VP, Economic Section

I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to forward the attached Memorandum from Land Forces Subcommittee to the Chief Commissioner Q/5/10 dated 12 September 45, subject as above, for immediate action.

P. R. RUSSELL

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

1 Incl:
as above

Copy to: Land Forces S/c (MHA)

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Ref: 5829/KC.

3 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Vehicles.

TO : Economic Section.
Attn: Brigadier Anderson.

1. I spoke to General Buff, GAO, regarding the disposal of captured enemy vehicles. He gave me to understand that all German captured vehicles would be used for German surrendered personnel and that German units were now being found to employ all these vehicles, partly by cannibalization. Only on the reduction and final removal of the enemy personnel would the captured German vehicles be available to the Italian Government.

2. I asked him to expedite the surrender of Italian captured vehicles and non-warlike materials. He promised to look into this.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Chief Commissioner.
WMD Sub-Commission.

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ROUTINE
JUN 24 1945

HC 15 ARMY GROUP
ACTION AFTER INFO ALCOM

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Message Center
told. 5/24/46

This is an important policy
Signal should be copied to
us. Tell H.C. and file a
by. 8/24/46

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1. ALCOM 57 cite STONE refers.
2. Concur in recommendation that surplus captured enemy vehicles be turned over to private firms for rehabilitation subject to following terms.
 - (A). Title remains in Allied Government subject disposal policy to be determined later.
 - (B). Repairs constitute claim against legal owners and first mortgage on vehicles.
 - (C). Contractors operate vehicles under AMG supervision. Net profits to be credit against claim.
 - (D). Contractors be given first opportunity to purchase if, as and when vehicles are sold.
 - (E). No discrimination against small firms; ability to operate rehabilitated vehicles to be prime consideration.
3. It is suggested that vehicles be disposed of to private business rather than to Italian Government in order to provide employment for private initiative and eliminate possibility of placing economic power in hands of politicians.
4. Recommend usage present ALCOM contract which covers above.
5. Suggest disposal unusable War Department vehicles be reviewed in same light.

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TO: AFHQ RPDT 15 ARMY GROUP

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JUN 21 1945

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS DISPOSAL OF CAPTURED VEHICLES TO INDUSTRY PD
PARENTO AFHQ FROM ALCOM CITE STONE PAREN

PARA TWO PD UNDERSTAND LARGE NUMBER OF CAPTURED ENEMY AND ITALIAN
VEHICLES REQUIRE REPAIR AND REBUILDING PD

PARA THREE PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE REQUESTED THAT SUCH VEHICLES
UP TO TEN THOUSAND BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ITALIAN INDUSTRY WHO WILL
UNDERTAKE REPAIR AND REBUILDING CMA HOLDING ANY PERCENTAGE OF
REHABILITATED VEHICLES AT DISPOSAL OF AC CMA THIS WOULD ASSIST THE
EMPLOYMENT SITUATION PD

PARA FOUR PD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT FIFTH AND EIGHTH ARMIES BE
DIRECTED TO RELEASE IMMEDIATELY TO AC ALL VEHICLES REQUIRING REPAIR
CMA ITALIAN INDUSTRIAL FIRMS WILL COLLECT INTO WORKS CMA WHICH WILL
RELEASE GUARDS AND STOP EXTENSIVE LOOTING AT PRESENT TAKING PLACE PD

PARA FIVE PD AC TO ARRANGE CHECKING OF VEHICLES AFTER COLLECTION
BY ITALIAN INDUSTRIAL FIRMS CMA WHO HAVE FULL SUPPORT OF ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT PD

WMD & IPOW Sub-Comm.

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO

CWO, USA

Asst. Adjutant

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Copy to: Exec. Commr. *—*

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting held on 15 June 1945.

Captured Enemy Material.

Leon Sec pointed out that there would not be sufficient PCL in the North to run the trucks if they were obtained. Ex C stressed, however, that it was important to get the trucks under our control to avoid the wastage by cannibalization etc.

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting held on 8 June 1945.

JUN 20 1945

Captured Enemy Material.

WMD S/C said a meeting had been held in Florence and the main question of interest to AC was transport. Ex C said that RCs were asking the policy on German vehicles and AC must take the initiative in getting them. Econ Sec to coordinate with WMD S/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

18 JUN 1945

Ref: 5829/EC

15 Jun 45

SUBJECT: Ambulances.

TO: Public Health Sub-Commission.

- 1 The following is an extract from the Minutes of AFHQ/MTUSA Conference of 4 Jun 45:

"AC said they were short of ambulances and were advised to place their demands on AFHQ/MTUSA at once.

"Action: AC."

- 2 Will you kindly submit your requirements to AFHQ direct, through this letter

G.R. Upjohn
G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.,
VP CA Section.

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EXTRACT FROM the Minutes of AFHQ/ATCUSA Conference held at 15 Army Group at 1430 hrs, 4 June 45.

Ref: AFHQ/5039/C(AE) dated 8 Jun 45 (Original on File 415/EC).

MINUTE No. 4.

4. USE AND REGISTRATION OF CAPTURED TRANSPORT.

- (a) It was agreed that there was no necessity to vary the policy contained in the external directive i.e.
- (i) Captured vehicles may be used to fill deficiencies in TE's (WE's).
- (ii) All remaining vehs should be formed into truck and car companies.
- (b) The AFHQ/ATCUSA policy as to the employment of captured transport is still:
- FIRST - Maintenance of enemy forces.
SECOND - Support of AC.
- (c) The general AFHQ/ATCUSA policy is to return all vehicles of Italian make to AC or MIA as soon as possible, but in view of the withdrawal of all Jeeps from British units for PAR PASU and the American vehicle rehabilitation programme, it is necessary at present to allow vehicles of Italian make to continue to be held against TE (WE) deficiencies.
- (d) (i) FIFTH ARMY have formed already and are continuing to form Truck Companies, which are assigned to Army Transportation who allocate them to POW maintenance or AMG as required.
- (ii) EIGHTH ARMY have formed 14 Tpt Pls in AUSTRIA for similar work.
- (iii) As AC stated that they had not yet received any vehicles it was pointed out that the movement of POW, displaced Persons, etc in Army Areas will preclude the handing-over of vehicles to AC until the beginning of JULY.
- (e) It was agreed that Armies and Districts would endeavour to repair with German personnel, all German vehicles handed-over to AC, but that no efforts would be made to repair Italian vehicles handed-over to MIA or AC, who will be responsible for collecting and providing drivers for all vehicles handed over to them.
- (f) 1 DISTRICT said they were forming a Captured Vehicle and Repair Park to be operated by five German Wksp Coys at CERVIÀ and that they expected to receive there some 4000 vehicles, mostly from FIFTH ARMY.
- (g) (i) It was agreed that the process of registering captured vehs as required by the external directive was in an unsatisfactory condition and that the proper registration of and issue of WD numbers to all vehicles is an essential preliminary to the preparation of reliable statistics as a basis for allocation.
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- (iii) PBS have put in to 15 Army Gp their demands for vehicles and Districts have been asked to state their requirements. 15 Army Gp are of the opinion that, as soon as the census figures are available, the responsibility for the allocation of captured transport in ITALY should pass from 15 Army Gp to AFHQ/AFMUSA.

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(h) It was reported that the only substantial stock of vehicle spares was at BOLZANO under control of FIFTH ARMY. It was agreed that these spares should be inventoried and then pass to AFHQ/AFMOUSA control. In the meantime EIGHTH ARMY, Districts and Base Section will place requisitions on FIFTH ARMY for such spares as are actually required to put vehs on the road.

(j) AC said they were short of ambulances and were advised to place their demands on AFHQ/AFMOUSA at once.

Action: (i) AFHQ/AFMOUSA will vary the external directive on the lines of Appendix "A", Sections 2 and 3 to cover points raised in (c), (e) and (g)(ii).

(ii) AC in respect of (e) and (j)

(iii) Armies Districts and Base Section in respect of (g)(i) and (g)(ii) and (h) without waiting for further instructions.

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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting held on 12 June 1945.

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Captured Enemy Material.

Ex C said he had considerable doubt as to whether the AFHQ policy that AC should get any vehicles surplus to operational requirements was being implemented. He was of the opinion that vehicles were being put into dumps, being cannibalized and their spare parts looted. Econ Sec were instructed on the return of Mr. Taylor to consider the matter and if necessary to make approach to AFHQ so that AC got their rightful share of transport available. In the meantime, Econ Sec were instructed to ask Col. Fiske to approach local military commanders with a view to guarding the dumps.

WMD S/C said the Italian Government had applied for 4,000 vehicles that needed repair so that they could give work to their factories in the North. Ex C stated that this was an excellent idea and instructed Econ Sec to follow it up.

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FROM.....HQ ALCOM CITE ACTPT

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TO.....AMG LOMBARDIA REGION FOR BRIG LUSH

12 JUN 1945

NO. 9243

RESTRICTED. PARA ONE. REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL 1067 DATED 02 RECEIVED 05.

PARA TWO. MR. TAYLOR DIRECTOR TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION ATTENDED MEETING AT 15 ARMY GROUP FLORENCE 4 JUNE TO DISCUSS CAPTURED ENEMY

TRANSPORT SITUATION. STATED AT MEETING THAT ALL SERVICEABLE TRUCKS BEING USED FOR MOVEMENT GERMAN POW TO CONCENTRATION AREAS AND OTHER MILITARY COMMITMENTS INCLUDING HAULAGE CIVILIAN SUPPLIES. SOME 4000 DEADLINED VEHICLES IN PARKS/

PARA THREE. NO ENEMY TRANSPORT IS TO BE HANDED OVER TO AMG FOR AT LEAST SIX WEEKS. ARMIES WILL DECIDE NUMBERS TO BE RETAINED FOR MILITARY USAGE AND SURPLUS WILL BE REPORTED TO AFHQ FOR HANDOVER TO AMG AND ALLOTMENT TO TRUCK POOLS IN NORTH. MR. TAYLOR REPORTS NO FURTHER ACTION POSSIBLE AT THIS STAGE.

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IN A MESSAGE. (REMARKS MARKED
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Para . From my observation hundreds of load and passenger carrying vehicles of German and Italian makes are being collected in the area north of TRENTO among other places.

Para 2. Other German transport is believed to be moving Germans to concentration areas. Every effort should be made to obtain release to ALLIED for Italian use before they are dispersed cannibalized or looted.

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A. ED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

HEADQUARTERS,

VENIZIA REGION.

30th May 1945.

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Ref: 5829/EC

TO: Vice-President,
Economic Section.

SUBJECT:

Transport.

The terms of Log Plan 177 and other administrative directives are not being followed by Amies with regard to German transport. It is stated that all transport is needed by the Germans in their re-deployment. But it is hard for the Italians and A.M.G. Officers to understand why, for instance, the use of Italian cars requisitioned by Germans from Italians, is necessary to convey German officers, they cannot they ride in lorries?

The fact is that at present A.M.G. and A.G. are obtaining no German transport.

This should be taken up at high level and pressed vigorously.

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Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: C.S.O.,
Executive Commissioner.

By Tuesday Week.

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VENUEIA REGION.

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SUBJECT:
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Executive Commissioner.

By Tuesday 12/6/45

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