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Chief Commissioner.

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248.

approval

Attached is submitted for your ~~signature~~ information

E.C.
18/1/47 ✓ M.C.

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EC

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C.S.O. H.L. 1110

Please see folio 248 for info.

This is a reply to our letter at 242
arising out of a meeting that was
held at this no.

Alt 7/10

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C.S.O. by Power

Folio 248 for info, please see 17/1

C.S. may wish to see H.L. 17/1

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held at this no.

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C.S. by Loman

7010 248 for wife, please aut 17/1

P.L. may wish to see. 17/1

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Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your ^{approval} signature ^{information}

PP236-238 nfer.

The Navy Sub Commission did not want reinsertion.

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AS 27/VIII 1946

Cec Comv.

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Meeting held. All points agreed. Land Force
will submit a letter to P.M. confirming.

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24 Aug. 46

Executive Commissioner.

240 opposite

Herewith draft of proposed letter
to Prime Minister for your approval.
as annex enclosed.

178/24/100

Issue.

Pappa as amended
178/24/100

Colonel A/Q A/R
M.M.I.A. 117. 24/8

Chief Commissioner.

24 Aug. 66

Executive Commissioner

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as recommended. *W. H. H. H.*

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Pappa as amended
28/12/66

Colonel A/O Auer
M.M. 2. A. 117. 29/8

Chief Commissioner

Please see para 243. for info. My para 2.
as the subject is now satisfactory, no further action
is necessary. *29/10*

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Chief Commission

P 220 for information. We will await AFHQ instructions.

before taking it up.

222.

NSC (23/4)

F.C. No matter sure that AFHQ doesn't expect us to act on this info copy

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Signal AFHQ. Request direction in Feb 63
NSC (23/4) 224

224 229

CSC Ex Comm.

228-226

Letter at ~~228~~ 223 for Signature please.

profits at ~~228~~ 221 have been approved by Com

Sec. + mem. 221

Your effort at 221

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2075- NSC 245 1123

Issue NSC (1/4)

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CSC. Ref falls 226. please in reply at

expect us to act on this info copy

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Signal REHA. Request direction on Jan 663 CC
172/615, see F224

~~227~~ 229

Cso. Ex Comm. 228-226
228-228

Letter at ~~227~~ 229 for Synthesis phase.

drafts at ~~227~~ 229 have been approved by Com.

Sec. + M. M. R. T.

Your approval at 211

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230/5 J.H. 345 1123

Issue (22/1/66)

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C89: Ref falls 226. please re supply at

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232. Folios 228-30 give the same view.

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Land Jones S/C ✓
V.P. Leon Sec.

Noted. Letter follows. RAC. 22/1/66

Will you please let E.C.
have your comments on 232.

J. S. M. Smith
H. C. C.

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209: 211.

C.S. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236. 237. 238. 239. 240. 241. 242. 243. 244. 245. 246. 247. 248. 249. 250. 251. 252. 253. 254. 255. 256. 257. 258. 259. 260. 261. 262. 263. 264. 265. 266. 267. 268. 269. 270. 271. 272. 273. 274. 275. 276. 277. 278. 279. 280. 281. 282. 283. 284. 285. 286. 287. 288. 289. 290. 291. 292. 293. 294. 295. 296. 297. 298. 299. 300. 301. 302. 303. 304. 305. 306. 307. 308. 309. 310. 311. 312. 313. 314. 315. 316. 317. 318. 319. 320. 321. 322. 323. 324. 325. 326. 327. 328. 329. 330. 331. 332. 333. 334. 335. 336. 337. 338. 339. 340. 341. 342. 343. 344. 345. 346. 347. 348. 349. 350. 351. 352. 353. 354. 355. 356. 357. 358. 359. 360. 361. 362. 363. 364. 365. 366. 367. 368. 369. 370. 371. 372. 373. 374. 375. 376. 377. 378. 379. 380. 381. 382. 383. 384. 385. 386. 387. 388. 389. 390. 391. 392. 393. 394. 395. 396. 397. 398. 399. 400. 401. 402. 403. 404. 405. 406. 407. 408. 409. 410. 411. 412. 413. 414. 415. 416. 417. 418. 419. 420. 421. 422. 423. 424. 425. 426. 427. 428. 429. 430. 431. 432. 433. 434. 435. 436. 437. 438. 439. 440. 441. 442. 443. 444. 445. 446. 447. 448. 449. 450. 451. 452. 453. 454. 455. 456. 457. 458. 459. 460. 461. 462. 463. 464. 465. 466. 467. 468. 469. 470. 471. 472. 473. 474. 475. 476. 477. 478. 479. 480. 481. 482. 483. 484. 485. 486. 487. 488. 489. 490. 491. 492. 493. 494. 495. 496. 497. 498. 499. 500. 501. 502. 503. 504. 505. 506. 507. 508. 509. 510. 511. 512. 513. 514. 515. 516. 517. 518. 519. 520. 521. 522. 523. 524. 525. 526. 527. 528. 529. 530. 531. 532. 533. 534. 535. 536. 537. 538. 539. 540. 541. 542. 543. 544. 545. 546. 547. 548. 549. 550. 551. 552. 553. 554. 555. 556. 557. 558. 559. 560. 561. 562. 563. 564. 565. 566. 567. 568. 569. 570. 571. 572. 573. 574. 575. 576. 577. 578. 579. 580. 581. 582. 583. 584. 585. 586. 587. 588. 589. 590. 591. 592. 593. 594. 595. 596. 597. 598. 599. 600. 601. 602. 603. 604. 605. 606. 607. 608. 609. 610. 611. 612. 613. 614. 615. 616. 617. 618. 619. 620. 621. 622. 623. 624. 625. 626. 627. 628. 629. 630. 631. 632. 633. 634. 635. 636. 637. 638. 639. 640. 641. 642. 643. 644. 645. 646. 647. 648. 649. 650. 651. 652. 653. 654. 655. 656. 657. 658. 659. 660. 661. 662. 663. 664. 665. 666. 667. 668. 669. 670. 671. 672. 673. 674. 675. 676. 677. 678. 679. 680. 681. 682. 683. 684. 685. 686. 687. 688. 689. 690. 691. 692. 693. 694. 695. 696. 697. 698. 699. 700. 701. 702. 703. 704. 705. 706. 707. 708. 709. 710. 711. 712. 713. 714. 715. 716. 717. 718. 719. 720. 721. 722. 723. 724. 725. 726. 727. 728. 729. 730. 731. 732. 733. 734. 735. 736. 737. 738. 739. 740. 741. 742. 743. 744. 745. 746. 747. 748. 749. 750. 751. 752. 753. 754. 755. 756. 757. 758. 759. 760. 761. 762. 763. 764. 765. 766. 767. 768. 769. 770. 771. 772. 773. 774. 775. 776. 777. 778. 779. 780. 781. 782. 783. 784. 785. 786. 787. 788. 789. 790. 791. 792. 793. 794. 795. 796. 797. 798. 799. 800. 801. 802. 803. 804. 805. 806. 807. 808. 809. 810. 811. 812. 813. 814. 815. 816. 817. 818. 819. 820. 821. 822. 823. 824. 825. 826. 827. 828. 829. 830. 831. 832. 833. 834. 835. 836. 837. 838. 839. 840. 841. 842. 843. 844. 845. 846. 847. 848. 849. 850. 851. 852. 853. 854. 855. 856. 857. 858. 859. 860. 861. 862. 863. 864. 865. 866. 867. 868. 869. 870. 871. 872. 873. 874. 875. 876. 877. 878. 879. 880. 881. 882. 883. 884. 885. 886. 887. 888. 889. 890. 891. 892. 893. 894. 895. 896. 897. 898. 899. 900. 901. 902. 903. 904. 905. 906. 907. 908. 909. 910. 911. 912. 913. 914. 915. 916. 917. 918. 919. 920. 921. 922. 923. 924. 925. 926. 927. 928. 929. 930. 931. 932. 933. 934. 935. 936. 937. 938. 939. 940. 941. 942. 943. 944. 945. 946. 947. 948. 949. 950. 951. 952. 953. 954. 955. 956. 957. 958. 959. 960. 961. 962. 963. 964. 965. 966. 967. 968. 969. 970. 971. 972. 973. 974. 975. 976. 977. 978. 979. 980. 981. 982. 983. 984. 985. 986. 987. 988. 989. 990. 991. 992. 993. 994. 995. 996. 997. 998. 999. 1000.

Submitted for approval, please

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V.P. Brownlee.

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b. Change after 31 August may induce confusion.

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CSS. Ex Comm.

draft letter at ^{209/211} ~~last~~ for approval
please. ²¹⁴⁻²¹⁵ mins to 219 refer. ⁶⁴ ~~219~~
There are amended drafts.

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Ext: 100

Land Forces Sub Commission, AG.
MILIA.

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18 JAN 47.

Allied Forces Headquarters.

Subject:- Tanks for Post Treaty
ITALIAN ARMY.

1. GRC in their letter 8159/61 of 19 Dec 46, addressed to War Office, copy to LFGC, refer to possible future requirements of Post Treaty ITALIAN ARMY, amongst other things, '2' Vehicles. It is difficult to make any accurate forecast of this requirement until it is known what interpretation will be made on Article 52 of Draft Peace Treaty. Relevant extracts state:-

ITALIAN ARMY TO BE BASED ON THE ITALIAN ARMY.
No more than 20% of the medium and heavy.

Presumably the Council of Ambassadors charged to supervise the execution of the treaty will, when commencing to operate, lay down their agreed interpretation.

The following are the points at issue:-

- (a) What is meant by a heavy and medium tank. Is this based on the nomenclature employed when referring to the types of tanks now in use in US and BRITISH Armies.
- (b) Are self propelled artillery equipments to be regarded as tanks or not.
- (c) Does the limit of 200 Tanks include tanks required for Training and Instructional purposes.
- (d) Can ITALIAN Army or Government hold reserves over and above this 200

As regards (b) above. The Self propelled 4/7t Gun of the M.10 VALENTINE or corresponding type would conceivably be classified as a tank though presumably self propelled field artillery would not be.

As regards (c) above. If Tank formations are to

1. GRC in their letter 0102/41 of 19 Dec 46, addressed to War Office, copy to LMG, refer to possible future requirements of Post Treaty ITALIAN Army, amongst other things, 'L' Vehicles.

It is difficult to make any accurate forecast of this requirement until it is known what interpretation will be made on Article 52 of Draft Peace Treaty. However extracts state:-

"LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF THE ITALIAN ARMY.
No more than 200,000 in medium and heavy."

Presumably the Council of Ambassadors charged to supervise the execution of the treaty will, when commencing to operate, lay down their agreed interpretation.

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The following are the points at issue:-

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As regards (c) above. If Tank formations are to be efficient a great deal of training both in schools and units **1120** ential, especially in the short service conscription ITALIAN Army with a call up of personnel every 1 month and a complete turnover every 12 months. These vehicles have a very short life, in the hands of learners.

If the intention is to allow the ITALIAN Army 200 Combat Tanks there must be a sufficient number of additional Tanks for Training, including Driving and Maintenance Instruction.

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TRANSLATION

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

SEP 30 1946

80670/82950.4/9.7

Rome, 26 September 1946

Dear Admiral,

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The Presidency of the Council begs me to inform you of the receipt of your letter No. 8255/241 and, in thanking you on behalf of the Government for the care which you have taken to ensure that the Armed Forces have precedence in the assignment of Allied materials, I wish to assure you that instructions have been given both to the Ministry of War and to the Air Ministry in order that the practical means of the procedure agreed on for the transfer of all materials to the Italian Administration should be carried out in the most satisfactory manner.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

(s) Paolo Cappa.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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Land Forces s/c

Air Force s/c

See M-246

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*Il Rappresentante di Stato
alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Roma, 20 settembre 1946

Caro Ammiraglio,

per incarico del Presidente del Consiglio, mi è gradito segnare ricevuta della Sua lettera n. 8255/241 e, nell'esprimerle il ringraziamento del Governo, per la cura posta nell'assicurare la precedenza alle Forze Armate nella assegnazione dei materiali allentati, desidero assicurarLa che sono state impartite istruzioni ai Ministeri della Guerra e dell'Aeronautica, affinché la pratica applicazione delle modalità concordate per il passaggio dei diversi materiali all'Amministrazione italiana avvenga nel modo più soddisfacente.

Al creda, con vera cordialità

Roberto Crippa
Suo affm

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All'Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE
Comissario Capo della Commissione Alleata

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AUG 26 1946

SUBJECT:- P.O.L. for Italian Army.

Land Forces Sib Commission AC.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.206

24 August 1946

TO : A.C. for Exec. Comm. ✓
(8255/205/EO of 3 June 46 refers)

INTERNAL: C.
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Reference is made to letter 71775/62350.4/9.7 of 13 Aug 46 addressed to you by President of the Council.

1. The allegation of delay on the part of the War Ministry in removing P.O.L. from C.I.P. Depots is not in accordance with facts.

For various reasons including industrial disputes C.I.P. Depots did not contain the stocks required by the Army.

2. The War Ministry report the situation is now satisfactory and no further action is desired by this S/C.

3. As regard the replacement of C.I.P. by civil distributing agencies it is understood no change is to be made until January 1947 when the War Ministry will be notified of the Italian Government's decision as to the Distributory agencies.

No difficulty is anticipated.

R. A. B. M. S. M. S.
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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(Capt. L)

See 17-244

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H. P.

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Ref : 8255/CA1/RO

28 August 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

You will no doubt recall my letter no. 8255/205/RO dated 3 June 1946 on the subject of supplies for the Italian Armed Forces.

As a result of discussions between this Commission and various members of your ministries, a meeting was held on 23 August attended by representatives of:-

President of the Council
Ministry of Re-Construction
Ministry of War
Ministry of Treasury
ARAR

to discuss the distribution of surplus military stores now being handed over by the British Army to the Italian Government.

I attach copy of the Memoranda upon which the meeting was based.

I am happy to inform you that the following proposals were unanimously accepted:-

- (a) That representatives of MIRA and of the Ministries of War and Air should be represented at the hand over and should subsequently have access to the Depot (and their schedules of contents) to facilitate the economic transfer of stores required by and allotted to these Ministries.
- (b) That the War and Air Ministries be allowed to submit a claim for such M.T. spares in No. 1 Sub Depot as are needed for the maintenance of special army pattern vehicles as are held by the Italian Government and that such claims (if supported by Allied Sub Commission) should be favourably considered by ARAR.
- (c) That the War and Air Ministries should be given absolute priority in regard to all material in No. 3 Sub Depot which is essential to the maintenance and employment of weapons held by the Italian Army and Air Force and is of no use in its present form to anyone else.

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In conformity with this agreement I have instructed the Allied Services Sub Commissions concerned to do everything possible to obtain all information necessary to ensure the smooth hand over of this vast quantity of material and hope that this may be achieved, so that the Allied troops may be enabled to leave Italy according to their programme and the Italian Nation may benefit by the receipt of these valuable stores.

I should like to thank you for the ready understanding of your representatives in this matter and would ask you to give appropriate instructions to your Ministers so that the implementation of the details may be achieved as successfully as the agreement on principle.

Yours very truly,

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Air Forces S/C
Land Forces S/C (MIA)

~~238~~Note for the Executive Commissioner

The undermentioned personnel will attend the conference at 1630 hrs today, 23rd August 1946:-

Brig M.S. Lash	Chairman
Brig M.G. Carr	Room Sec
Col Pidsley	M.M.I.A.
Lt.Col Curtis	M.M.I.A.
one other	M.M.I.A.
W/Cdr Collingwood	A.F.S.C.
P/Lt Carter	A.F.S.C.
Lieut Hall	Navy S/O
Capt Knisely	S.O. to Chairman

Five representatives from the Italian Government and Dr. Bombacci
An interpreter supplied by M.M.I.A.

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23rd August 1946.

See him B9

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Ref: 4235/X

22 August 1946

SUBJECT: Equipment for Italian Army

TO : V.P. Economic Section
Land Forces Sub-Commission.

1. A meeting will be held under the Chairmanship of the Executive Commissioner in the Chief Commissioners Conference Room on Friday 23 August 46 at 1630 hrs, for the purpose of discussing the provision of equipment for the Italian Army. A programme for the basis of the discussion is attached.

2. Addressees are requested to send representatives to this meeting who are fully conversant with the matters to be discussed. Navy and Air Forces Sub-Commission's are also invited to attend if they so wish.

3. Representatives of the Italian Government departments concerned will be present at the meeting.

E. W. BIND-SMITH

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioners.

Copies to : Navy S/O
Air Forces S/O
G.O.
Mr. Robinson

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Memorandum on Equipment for the Italian Army for
discussion at Allied Commission Meeting - 23 Aug 46

1. Most of the Armament and Weapons of the Italian Army and much of the transport and mechanical equipment are of British pattern and, except for motor transport, will probably remain so for some time.
2. Units of the Italian Army have been reasonably well equipped from this source, but the War Ministry holds practically no reserve equipment, replacements, spare parts or material for maintenance or repair.
3. The Allied intention has been that material for maintenance should be provided from three sources

- (a) British surplus stocks,
- (b) Italian indigenous sources,
- (c) Overseas import programme,

(a) and (b) are the more desirable from every point of view and it is the duty of the Land Forces Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.) to assist the Italian Army to obtain its requirements from the first source. It has now been ruled however that transfers to the Italian Army of all material (except serviceable weapons) must take place through Allied disposal agencies and A.R.A.R.

4. Since last November M.M.I.A. has been endeavouring to obtain the equipment required through these channels but, by reason of the Allies own needs and the unbalanced nature of available surpluses, have hardly been able to keep pace with current needs and have been unable to obtain stocks for future needs when all British Depots will be closed.

5. Now the last remaining British depot is closing immediately and this cannot be delayed. In a few days the complete depot and its contents will begin to be handed to our Disposals agencies who will (after meeting possible U.N.R.R.A. needs) transfer them in toto to A.R.A.R.

6. The subsequent disposal of this material by A.R.A.R. is an Italian Government affair which its representatives are now asked to consider. The hand over gives the War Ministry a last chance of obtaining quickly and on a reasonable economic basis material which it urgently needs and which no other owner could use economically. That which the War Ministry fails to secure from this source it will have to manufacture or import at very high cost - or do without.

7. The British Depot is divided into three sub depots as follows :

No.1 Sub Depot - Motor Transport Stores (Pontecagnano)

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- No.1 Sub Depot - Motor Transport Stores (Pontecagnano) 1110
- No.2 Sub Depot - Clothing and General Stores (Naples. S.Giorgio)
- No.3 Sub Depot - Armaments & War Instruments (Pontecagnano)

Material in No.2 Sub Depot, although originally for military use has also a civilian use and for this we make no special claim for the Italian Army.

Material in No.1 Sub Depot includes some spare parts for military type vehicles such as armoured cars and tracked weapon carriers which would be of no use to any other makes.

Material in No.3 Sub Depot is of no use in its present form to anyone but the Army, although the quantity of some items may be in excess of the army's needs.

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8. The Supreme Allied Commander has suggested that M.M.I.A. and representatives of the War Ministry should take part in the hand over so as to facilitate identification of stores and to ensure the most economical use of purely warlike equipment in the interest of the Italian nation.

9. This representation would only be effective if the Italian Government instructs A.R.A.R. to give the War Ministry some preference in respect of certain material.

10. The Italian Government is therefore asked to agree to the following three principles :-

- (a) That representatives of M.M.I.A. and of the Ministry of War should be present at the hand over and should subsequently have access to the Depot (and their schedules of contents) to facilitate the economic transfer of stores required by and allotted to the War Ministry.
- (b) That the War Ministry be allowed to submit a claim for such M.T. spares in No.1 Sub Depot as are needed for the maintenance of special army pattern vehicles as are held by the Italian Government and that such claims (if supported by M.M.I.A.) should be favourably considered by A.R.A.R.
- (c) That the War Ministry should be given absolute priority in regard to all material in No.3 Sub Depot which is essential to the maintenance and employment of weapons held by the Italian Army, and is of no use in its present form to anyone else.

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
Il Sottosegretario di Stato

71775/62350.4/9.7

13 August 1946

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My dear General,

Ref. your letter No. 8255/205/100 of the 3 June 46 to the President of the Council, I inform you that the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, after investigating the question of the supply of fuel to the Italian Army, has stated that the delay complained of does not take place at the time of consignment, but at the time of its removal. An earnest request has therefore been made to the Ministry of War in order that this inconvenient state of affairs may be remedied.

As regards the charging of private firms with the distribution of the fuel available in Italy, which before was dealt with by the C.I.P., the Ministry of Industry has stated that such a measure appears indispensable, in view of the deficiency found in the service of the C.I.P. and in order to ensure the necessary care for the normalization of the petroliferous trade and industry, eliminating for reasons of economic and social order, all monopolies no longer justified by the exigencies of war.

Please except my sincere good wishes.

(Signature)

Brigadier M.S. LUSH,
Exec. Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

EC DIST. 17 Aug

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

IL SOTTOSCRITTO DI STATO

11773/62950.4/9.7

43 AGO 1946

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Per quanto concerne, poi, il trasferimento a società private dell'incarico della distribuzione dei quantitativi di carburante disponibile in Italia prima assolto dal C.I.P., il Ministero dell'Industria ha reso noto che un tale provvedimento è apparso indispensabile, sia in considerazione delle deficienze riscontrate nel servizio del C.I.P., sia anche per raggiungere, con le dovute cautele, la normalizzazione del commercio e dell'industria petrolifera, eliminando, per motivi di ordine economico e sociale, ogni posizione di monopolio non più giustificabile da esigenze di guerra.

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Per d'Amico

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Al Gen. M.S. LUSH
Ufficio del Commissario Capo
della Commissione Alleata

ROMA

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Per decisa
Roberto Capponi

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5 : 960.51

7 June 1946

SUBJECT: POL for Italian Army

JUN 20 1946

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 794

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Reference 8255/204/EC, 3 June 1946.

1. It is the responsibility of the Italian Government to provide POL for the Italian Armed Forces.

2. The Italian Military, in conjunction with the Italian Government must decide the size and location of the stocks needed to meet any situation which the Italian Army, in its internal security role, may be called upon to deal. Therefore, the provisioning of the depots listed in your Appendix "A" is the responsibility of the Italian Government and if they consider that these are the most suitable locations to hold reserves of POL action to implement them should be taken forthwith.

3. As the maintenance of internal order is of primary interest to the Allies, you should encourage the Italian Government by every legitimate means to institute adequate and timely procedures for the maintenance of its armed forces by the establishment of reserve depots and other well recognized methods.

4. Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces in any circumstances other than that envisaged above would be a matter for decision when such circumstances arise.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

EC Dist - 20 June
ACTION - Land Forces (2)
INFO - CC
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/S/ A.L. HAMLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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Ref. : 8235/204/EC

3 Feb
1946.

SUBJECT: P.O.L. for Italian Army.

TO : A.F.H.Q.

1. It is evident that without regional reserves under its control the Italian Army is dependent on C.I.P. for supplying its requirements of petroleum products in a regular and orderly fashion. In times of emergency when the internal security of Italy might be menaced it may be expected the C.I.P.'s ability to carry out its functions will be adversely affected owing to the possibility of its employees being involved in the general unrest.

Already the efficiency of the Army and C.I.R. has been hampered by a lack of mobility due to non-arrival or late receipt of essential supplies. The situation suffered a further deterioration due to the recent strike among the petroleum workers engaged in the civilian distribution of petroleum products. Industrial disputes will undoubtedly be fanned by extremists anxious to embarrass the Government.

2. The War Ministry is being pressed by Land Forces Sub-Commission to secure control of adequate supplies and similarly the attention of the Italian Government is being drawn by us to their responsibility in the matter.

3. Under the terms of para 5 of AFHQ Directive of 2 November 1945 the S.A.C. reserves the right to re-assume command, at any time, of any part of the Italian Army. Even before such a step was taken the S.A.C. might be deeply concerned as to the ability of the Italian Armed Forces to function under Italian Command. It is therefore felt that A.F.H.Q. may wish to make provision for an adequate supply of P.O.L. in case this emergency does arise.

4. At Appendix "A" is listed the Italian Army Depots on which both Army Units and C.I.R. could be based together with the estimated consumption of P.O.L. for one month. If you concur you are requested to forward instructions as to the appropriate method of obtaining emergency supplies with the minimum of delay should the need arise in one or other of the localities mentioned.

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WALTER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Land Forces &
Recm Section
C. Commissioner.

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Seq. No.	Depot or Bulk installation			H.T. Petrol	Derv.	Kerosene	Motor Oil	Gear Oil 3,600
	FROM(+)	TO						
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2.	LIVORNO (Aust. Depot)	PLATONIA	Brls. Kgs.	3.706 449.570	928 124.970	43 5.634	126 20.991	3 3.415
3.	NAPLES	ROMA	Brls. Kgs.	1.443 527.040	1.495 201.370	22 2.824	133 22.218	34 4.992
4.	NAPLES	NAPLES	Brls. Kgs.	1.103 131.170	0.9 87.470	9 1.210	53 7.595	8 1.115
5.	PORT (Bulk install.)	PORT	Brls. Kgs.	824 98.080	390 51.130	8 1.083	35 5.141	2 3.60
6.		BALEARE	Brls. Kgs.	901 107.000	385 47.870	22 2.892	40 5.756	7 1.006
7.		CANILLARI	Brls. Kgs.	373 44.630	479 64.600	6 823	86 3.710	4 50.9
TOTAL				Brls. Kgs.	7.000 942.700	300 38.160	1.128 161.434	183 26.896

(+) Suggested Allied Depots from which R.S.L. should be supplied.

ANNEX "A" to

	U.S. Petrol	Barrel	Parsons	Motor Oil	Gear Oil 0.600	Grease	Transport by rail or road	Responsibility for furnishing bulk containers for transport
1a.	19,177	2,714	190	673	190	34	RAIL	Italian Military
2a.	2,277,410	365,290	21,256	36,328	15,629	6,295	RAIL	Italian Military
3a.	3,786	928	43	146	24	8	RAIL	Italian Military
4a.	443,970	124,970	5,634	20,951	3,446	1,427	RAIL	Italian Military
5a.	4,443	1,495	22	155	71	10,3	RAIL	Italian Military
6a.	527,840	201,570	2,024	22,216	4,999	2,036	RAIL	Italian Military
7a.	1,103	649	9	53	8	2,3	—	Italian Military
8a.	131,170	87,470	1,240	7,595	1,118	418	—	Italian Military
9a.	824	330	8	35	5	1,0	—	Italian Military
10a.	91,080	51,150	1,083	5,141	846	345	—	Italian Military
11a.	901	395	22	40	7	2,3	SHIPPING (if avail- able)	Italian Military
12a.	107,010	47,570	2,892	5,756	1,005	444	SHIPPING (if avail- able)	ITALIAN Military
13a.	375	479	6	26	4	1,3	SHIPPING (if avail- able)	ITALIAN Military
14a.	44,630	9,602	823	3,710	589	237	SHIPPING (if avail- able)	ITALIAN Military
15a.	30,610	7,000	300	1,128	188	60		
16a.	3,651,700	942,700	53,160	101,434	26,895	10,867		

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Ref. : 8255/205/NO
SUBJECT: POL for Italian Army.

3 June 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

1. I am informed that although the Italian Army has been allotted adequate supplies of motor fuels and lubricants that there has been a delay in delivering to certain units the quantities which have been allotted to them.

2. The Minister of War has been informed of the need for economy but even so I consider he will be unable to meet his various commitments unless he is assured that his requirements of petroleum products will be punctually and regularly supplied especially during June and July.

3. The deficiency has no doubt been accentuated by the recent strike of G.I.P. employees and this has demonstrated to what extent, in the absence of regional reserves, the Italian Army is dependent on a regular and adequate supply being maintained.

4. I understand that it is intended to prolong the present status of G.I.P. to the 31st August and that after this date the distribution of petroleum products will revert to commercial companies whose depots facilities have been pooled and are now being used by G.I.P. It would appear that this latter course might result in a certain confusion and possible breakdown in the planned and orderly distribution of POL rendering still more difficult the supply of the Army's needs.

5. I therefore request you to

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Yours very truly

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

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
HUBERT W. SUTTON
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 66984

Date/Time of Origin: MAY 31 1052Z

Message Centre No: H/3503

Date Time Rec'd: MAY 31 1400Z

Precedence: PRIORITY

MAY 31 1946

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAGGED CITE PHUGF

TO: ALCOM ROME

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feeding of Italian armed forces. Reference No. 3290 dated 21 May 46.
It is not considered by AFHQ and agreed telephone conversation Seeley-Gowper even date that action on fan 663 is necessary.

2. Your letter 8255/164 dated 20 April 1946 refers and finalised the arrangement for provisioning Italian Armed Forces by the Italian Government Ref 1 June 1946.

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Executive Commissioner

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: W 86726

Date/Time of Origin: MAY 21 1328

Message Centre No: H/3215

Date Time Rec'd: MAY 23 1030

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ALWAR FROM COS

TO: ARHQ FOR MORGAN

INFO: CABINET OFFICES FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

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THIS IS PAN 663. SUBSISTENCE FOR ITALIAN NAVY AND AIR FORCE IS SUBJECT.

1. REFERENCE MAP 1123.
2. THE ASSUMPTION BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT EFFECTIVE 1 JUNE 1946 ON RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUBSISTING THE ITALIAN NAVY AND ITALIAN AIR FORCE NOW UNDER BRITISH AND UNITED STATES COMMAND IS APPROVED.
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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER HEADQUARTERS

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TO: AHCQ FOR MORGAN

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23 MAY 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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Ref: 9006/309/EC

21 May 1946.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your 685/12060.441/19.8 of 3 May 46.

I fear that I cannot consider the position as satisfactory. From correspondence between A.R.A.R. and the War Ministry dated 29 March 46 (reference ARAR/1E/8307/Sbd) and 23 April 46 (reference War Ministry 20896Q/II) it would appear that the War Ministry is not receiving sufficient material aid from this source.

It appears that the War Ministry will obtain nothing from A.R.A.R. unless Treasury approval is first obtained and further that A.R.A.R. refuse to "freeze" material considered by the War Ministry of value to them pending a Treasury decision.

I agree that my suggestion to include in the A.R.A.R. organisation direct War Ministry representation would not longer appear desirable.

I would ask, however, for an assurance that the needs of the Italian Army will be given the consideration justified by their importance so that the efficiency of the Italian Army may be maintained.

It is a matter of concern to see a deterioration of the Army resulting from lack of maintenance.

I will give one example. On 8 Nov 45 the War Ministry under reference 25184/DM requested the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to allocate a proportion of tyres and tyre repair facilities to the Army. In spite of frequent reminders no results have been achieved.

The transport of both Army and CC.RR. is reduced to a dangerously low level and lack of tyres is a serious contributory factor.

The percentage of tyres received by A.R.A.R. from Allied surplus stocks which have been released to the War Ministry are insufficient to remedy the present position.

The War Ministry require:

- (a) adequate repair facilities;
- (b) the release of tyres listed at Appendix "A".

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May I have your assurance that this assistance will be given and a copy of any instructions which may be issued to the Department concerned.

Very truly yours,

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

/s/ ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Land Forces S/C (Ref Q.006 of 17 May 46)

APPENDIX "A" to R 9006/109/EC
dated 21 May 1946

TYRES REQUIRED BY WAR MINISTRY FOR ARMY AND CO. RR.

<u>Size.</u>	<u>Covers</u>		<u>Tubes</u>	
	<u>Now</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
325 x 19	500	50	500	50
350 x 19	2000	200	2000	200
400 x 15/425 x 15	500	50	500	50
500 x 15	2500	250	2500	250
550 x 15	1800	180	1800	180
400 x 17/426 x 17/ 450 x 17/130 x 40	1600	160	1600	50
600 x 16/140 x 40	500	50	500	50
140 x 40/165 x 400	500	50	500	50
14 x 45	100	10	100	10
700 x 18	1000	100	1000	100
32 x 6/34 x 7	3600	360	3600	360
210 x 20	8000	800	8000	800
270 x 20/38 x 9/1050 x 20	3500	350	3500	350

SUBJECT:- P.O.L. Italian Army.

Lend Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,

M.H.I.A.

R O M E

Q.206

15 May 1946

TO : Allied Commission (2 copies) ✓

MAY 16 1946

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3. Owing to irregular deliveries particularly in TURIN, MILAN, GENOA and FLORENCE small reserves are being depleted and in some cases already exhausted.

4. On top of this, workers of C.I.P. are now on strike and, although this may only be temporary it leaves a feeling of insecurity for the future particularly in view of possible commitments during JUNE and JULY.

5. In these circumstances I recommend that the following action be taken:-

(a) A letter from Chief Commissioner to Italian Government asking for an assurance that a reasonable and adequate allocation be made available regularly to the War Ministry.

(b) A letter from the Chief Commissioner to AFHQ informing them of the present and future petrol situation and asking to what extent plans exist or can be made to supply with petrol ~~the~~ units of the Italian Army whose mobility the Supreme Allied Commander requires to be assured.

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Major General,
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Draft Letter to Italian Prime Minister

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SUBJECT : POL for Italian Army.

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Yours very truly

Chief Commissioner

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25 May 46*

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SUBJECT : P.O.L. for Italian Army.

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Chief Commissioner

Agreed.
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for LOC hand down etc
25 May 46

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Chief Commissioner

*Agreed.
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for local board
25 May 46*

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3.	NAPLES	ROME	Brls. Kgs.	4.443 527.840	1.495 201.370	22 2.824	155 22.218	31 4.999
4.	NAPLES	NAPLES	Brls. Kgs.	1.103 131.170	649 87.470	9 1.210	53 7.595	8 1.118
5.	BARI (Bulk install.)	BARI	Brls. Kgs.	824 98.080	380 51.130	8 1.083	35 5.141	5 846
6.		PALERMO	Brls. Kgs.	901 107.000	355 47.870	22 2.892	40 5.756	7 1.006
7.		CAGLIARI	Brls. Kgs.	375 44.630	479 64.600	6 823	26 3.710	4 589
T O T A L			Brls. Kgs.	30.610 3.635.700	7.000 942.700	300 38.160	1.128 161.434	188 26.896

(+) Suggested Allied Depots from which P.O.L. should be supplied.

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APPENDIX 'A' to

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	M.T. Petrol	Derv.	Kerosene	Motor Oil	Gear Oil C.600	Grease	Transport by rail or road	Responsibility for furnishing bulk containers for transport.
1a.	19.177	2.714	190	673	109	34	RAIL	Italian
2a.	2.277.410	365.290	24.256	96.328	15.629	6.295		Military
1a.	3.786	928	43	146	24	8	RAIL	Italian
2a.	449.570	124.970	5.634	20.951	3.416	1.427		Military
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1a.	1.103	649	9	53	8	2,3	----	Italian
2a.	131.170	87.470	1.210	7.595	1.118	418		Military
1a.	824	380	8	35	5	1,8	----	Italian
2a.	98.080	51.130	1.083	5.141	846	345		Military
1a.	901	355	22	40	7	2,3	SHIPPING	Italian
2a.	107.000	47.870	2.892	5.756	1.006	414	(if available)	Military
1a.	375	479	6	26	4	1,3	SHIPPING	Italian
2a.	44.630	64.600	823	3.710	589	237	(if available)	Military
1a.	30.610	7.030	300	1.128	188	60		
2a.	3.635.700	942.700	38.160	161.434	26.896	10.867		

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SUBJECT:- P.O.L. Supply of.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q. 206
13 May 46

TO : Ministry of War

Your 60/2029/QA/s of 7 May 46.

1. The supply of P.O.L. in adequate quantity to ensure the tactical and strategical movement of the Army (incl. CO. RR) is an essential part of the maintenance of the Armed Forces for which the Italian Government is responsible.

2. Allied assistance if made available will only be given for imperative reasons of internal security and may thus be excluded save under circumstances of extreme urgency.

3. It is essential that you represent the existing position to the Italian Government and that you press the Minister for Industry and Commerce continuously by every means in your power until a satisfactory reserve has been built up in each Territorial Command.

4. You should enforce the most stringent economy in the use of P.O.L. and insist on retaining strict control over your strategic reserve. The release of tactical reserve supplies should be absolutely prohibited except by express order of the Territorial Commander who must satisfy you, after issue, that his action was unavoidable.

You should ensure that available stocks are re-distributed as the situation demands for e.g. BOLZANO incl. TRIUMI holds more than is justified under present circumstances.

5. Action will be taken by M.M.I.A. with the Chief Commissioner to support your claim and to endeavour to improve the functioning of the C.I.P. distributing agency.

Action will also be taken to prepare for the release in emergency of P.O.L. from Allied stocks.

6. It is however essential that

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8. It is however emphasised that nothing must detract from your own efforts to ensure adequate supplies are obtained and held under military control.

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

Copy to:- A.G. for Executive Commissioner —

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