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MAY 1945 – NOV. 1946

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Note for file.

I saw the Cofroni representative with Colonel Pedeley. I read them the gist of f 264 explaining AFHQ's attitude. We discussed f 265 & the telegram from Cofroni London. I told them that we could regretfully do no more & that their only remedy was to signal Cofroni London suggesting that they persuade the War Office to instruct G.H.Q. C.M.F. on the lines of the telegram. This they propose to do. No further action needed here.

HS 11/146

M. Allen P/A.

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217

6 July 1946

TO : Executive Commissioner Ref m 224.

1. I agree, in principle, that communications should not go to outside agencies when there are unreconciled differences of opinion in the Allied Commission. Under this principle, the attached Folio 217 should not have been sent to the outside agencies.

2. In extenuation of the error re Folio 217, it can be said that there were good reasons for transmitting the documents to the Italians. CEM Branch had been dealing with A.R.A.R. and the Ministry of Transport, whilst MMIA had been dealing with the Ministry of War on this subject. The transmission to those outside agencies was an effort to keep them in the picture.

3. The material in question was battlefield scrap, and in the operations of the CEM Branch, under agreement with the Military Command, the disposal of battlefield scrap was treated differently than the disposal of other types of c.e.m.

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Charles W. Walton
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Colonel, A.C.
Acting Vice President.

228.

Ex Comm.

In view of min 227. I suggest that the conference mentioned in para 6 of folio 217 be called without delay. MMIA particularly request that this be done on or before 7 Aug.

M.S. 26/7 C.T.S 26/7

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MC
After 7th Aug
N.S. 26/7 Q.M.G. 26/7

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C.S.O.

Reference Minute 265. I have discussed with Brigadier Lush and it was agreed that we should submit to AFHQ giving them the text of the message received by the Embassy's Legal Adviser and ask them whether in view of their wire (at 264) any good purpose would be served by any further action being taken in the matter.

Captain

MC
No action
Doc Minute 26/7
MC

29 September 1946.

M. CARR,
Brigadier,
A/Executive Commissioner.

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Acting Vice President,
Economic Section.

1. At Folio 217 in this file is a minute or letter between two branches of this HQs. It contains an expression of opinion on a matter which is under discussion. Other branches of this HQs may not agree with the opinion expressed.

It is most irregular for CEM Branch to send copies of inter-office minutes or letters to outside agencies, in this case, the Ministry of War, Ministry of Transport, and A.R.A.R.

Could you please take steps to ensure that this practice ceases.

2. With regard to this question and the proposed conference, there are certain points which require clearing up beforehand. It seems open to question as to whether these vehicles were NOT CEM.

Folio 217 suggests that suitable vehicles be allotted from A.R.A.R. surplus stocks as replacements. Is it the intention that these replacements should be made without payment?

If payment is to be made then it would appear that the original owners of the vehicles, presumably the Ministry of War, should be credited with the sale price of these vehicles.

According to para 2 of Folio 217, the money is with AFA No.1 A/C.

3. May I have your views?

19.July.46.

M Carr
Brigadier,
A/Executive Commissioner.

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22 July 1946

TO: Director, CEM Branch

Please give me your further views and recommendations without delay.

CWW.
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CHARLES W. WALTON
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Acting Vice Pres., E/S.

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26 July 1946

TO: A. V/P, Economic Section

Returned in accorance with our discussion this date.

J. C. Campbell
J. A. CAMPBELL
Lieut. Colonel
Director, CEM Branch

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To Land Forces S/C. (MMIR) 218

Ref folios 213 + 4 and min 215.
Do you please agree to the suggestion contained in para 6 of 217.

Alan Kennedy Capt.

219.

Executive Commissioner Office.

Agree. Would like meeting earliest under chairmanship of rep from your office.

W Pidsley.
Colonel. AQ
9th Fm. I.A.

17 Jul 46.

221.

CSO. Ref folio 217 and min 218+9. Who should take the chair, please. Quirk 19/7

222.

Ex Comm.

Ref 4 217 and m 219. The only rep from this office who could possibly attend such meeting would be

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Executive Commissioner Office.

Agree. Would like meeting conducted under chairmanship of rep from your office.

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Colonel AQ
9th Ind. I.A.

17 Jul 46.

221.

CSO. Ref folio 217 and min 218+9. DSO should take the chair, please. Auck 17/7

222.

Ex Comm.

Ref f 217 and m 219. The only rep from this office who could possibly at this proposed meeting would be yourself. Unless you particularly wish to do this I suggest that Col Pidsley be asked to conduct the proceedings.

NS. 1817.

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Brig Carr.

Would you preside?

NS/1817

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Ex Com -

203

I was interested to read M MiA's opinion on the legal and other aspect of this controversy.
The views of this S/C are quite simple.
Either the Italian authorities possess under their own legislation the legal means to settle this issue with their own nationals, or they have not.
In the first instance, no allied intervention is necessary.
In the second, it is not up to an allied agency to force them to achieve their object illegally.

Legal S/C
H Markb.

G. G. Hammond
Hist

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G.O.C Land Forces

For concurrence (letter to Caltano)

205 17/5/43

Issue. 18/5/43 - see folio 208

214.

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ESO.

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Legal d/c
H Mar H6.

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G.O.C Land Force

For concurrence (k Hu to Cabinet)

205 IIS/513

Issue. IIS/513 - See folio 208

214.

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C.S.O.

Folio 213 for your decision vide para 4, please.

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Curtis

Aide-memoir

Ref folios 213 + min 214. I spoke. Lt. Col Curtis & Major Bates will discuss and submit recommendations to the E.C.

Hbl 11/7

N.I. 11/7.

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Executive Commissioner, A.C.

Ref your draft letter 8272/199/SC:- and minute 199.

After discussion with my Deputy Commander, Col. KERR, who has handled this matter throughout, I feel it my duty to comment on the draft letter, as below, in order that the Chief Commissioner may have our opinion on the implications before he signs it.

COMMENTS. I.

Para 1 - no comment

Para 2 - no comment

Para 3 - this is not a correct statement. Many vehicles were in running order, completely serviceable. The inference in this para is that the "contracts" were in fact legal, which they were not.

Para 4 - the entire transaction was in violation of CCS and AFHQ instructions - and the Italian Government knows this. I do not see that the opinion of the legal advisers of A.C. or the contractors can make the contracts valid. This para puts the Chief Commissioner in the indefensibel position of attempting to justify a direct violation of the order of CCS, AFHQ and his own orders to AMG, while attempting to influence the Italian Government to condone this. It is highly probable that elements of the Italian Government will object to the whole transaction.

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This para (as also para 4) has the effect of A.C. virtually taking the part of Italian nationals against the Italian Government. The Italian Government should be free to deal with its own nationals as it thinks fit.

Para 8 - no further comment necessary.

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II.

In my opinion, there are inherent dangers both as regards the best interests of the Allies and the Chief Commissioner himself if your letter is signed by the Chief Commissioner as written; and it gives ammunition to those who rightly or wrongly, may wish to make capital out of the business.

III.

I therefore recommend that, instead:-

(a) The funds be transmitted to the Italian Treasury by the Finance Sub-Commission with letter as follows:-

"The enclosed sum of 13,924,913 lire represents ~~"bond money"~~ deposited by civilian firms with Region IV AMG in connection with the use by the firms of certain Italian Government vehicles. The Italian Government will settle all financial claims of the civilian firms direct with them, without reference to the Allied authorities. M.M.I.A. letter Q/5/10 of 29 May 1945, to the Ministry of War, specifically refers.
The Allied Commission will not concern itself in any way with any form of settlement the Italian Government may decide to make with the firms concerned, or any steps the firms may wish to take in connection therewith".

(b) All agencies of the Allied Commission be instructed to forthwith refuse to receive communications from, give advice to, or communicate with, the civilian firms or their lawyers, except to tell the civilian firms and their lawyers to deal henceforth with the Italian Government who alone will adjudicate the matter.

R. Browning

Major General,
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4 March 1946

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4 March 1946

LB/sr

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CLA
CFA. For comment. If we can produce a letter with everyone's concurrence so much the better.

202 MS 7/3.

I agree with M.M.I.A draft, provided no reference is made to previous instructions, thus letting the Italian authorities entirely free to deal with the matter as they think fit.

Legal S/C 4 Mar 46. G.S. Hammond Lieut

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to take any further action desired.

19 Feb.

CFA

W.

CS Hankford to speak again W/15/2

C.F.A.

P.M

Please draft letter to [redacted] on lines of
Cofy Office

your own & CFA's minute. C.C. will sign.

We will notify Land Force Sub Com & if possible

seek their concurrence - but the letter should go

1882. IX/20/2.

(When spoken to Col Ridsley Land Forces on the above
subject)

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Ex Com.

Sir,

Letter submitted opposite in accordance with your Minn 188 to Ch.A. Lt Col Timmins has seen & concurs.

25/2

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1664. 1/V/20/2.

(I have spoken to Col Pidcock Land Force on the above

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179

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Letter submitted opposite in accordance with your Minn. 188 to C.L.A. Lt. Col. Timmins has seen a minute. J.S. 25/2

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G.O.C. Land Force Sub Com

I am to submit attached letter to C.C.

175 20/2

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TO : Executive Commission .

re. GOC Land Force S/C letter (184)

This brings us no nearer to other goal we wish to reach; i.e. to prevent AC having to be responsible for damages.

1. If Finance Sub Commission transfers to the Treasury the funds paid to AMG by the firms for the vehicles, the Ministry of War, if funds are accepted, automatically becomes a party to the contract.

2. Why should AC be made responsible for compensation when the Ministry of War is quite prepared to settle direct with the firms concerned provided he is not prevented from doing so by AMG.

3. Would it not be possible to write to the Ministry of War as follows:

"The whole matter is transferred to you. AC has no further interest in the recovery of the vehicles. Therefore we transfer to you the monies we have received for them and ask you to take the responsibility for the settlement of any claim arising therefrom.

For your information both our legal experts (Brig. Upjohn and Col. Behrens) and yours (President Pilotti) are of opinion that AMG could legally transfer the captured vehicles to the firms concerned and that the contract is valid."

4. The fact that Region IV acted against AMG instructions cannot be opposed to the Italian claims and does not render the contract invalid. All it does is to make the officer who signed the contract responsible personally for any sum which Allied authorities may have to disburse on account of his negligence.

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E.E. Hannaford 2177

C.C. HANNAFORD
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

LEGAL SUB COMMISSION

18 February 1946

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To: Executive Commissioner

1. I concur with Lt. Col. Hannaford's minute 185.
2. I feel we should turn whole question, including funds, over to the Italian Government and allow them

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G.O.C Land Forces.

Please read C.A.'s note below. Will
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you take action as ~~requested~~ suggested by him?

DS 13/2

A/C.C.

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See letter at 185.

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Supply Group, Economic Section.

(a) The following is the list of passenger vehicles as advised by the Milan Office of the Captured Enemy Materials Branch:

1. Fiat cars repaired, complete with 5 wheels and tyres 30
2. Fiat cars on hand, but not completely repaired. With wheels and tyres 25
3. Fiat cars still to be repaired. Without wheels and tyres 160

(b) To complete the Fiats 1500, 100 wheels with tyres are needed.

(c) To complete the Fiats 1100, 340 wheels with tyres are needed.

(d) To complete the Fiats 500, 350 wheels and tyres are needed.

(e) All of these vehicles are available in the Milan area.

18.2.46.

Captured Enemy Materials Branch.

176

TO: Executive Commissioner AC

Invite attention to minute 175 above.

CHARLES H. [illegible]
Colonel
Chief Supply Group

18 February 1946

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ESO

I am afraid that the whole of this is an impasse in which I can get no further. Col Kerr will not agree to the draft and does not wish to put it up to AFHQ as he says that the decision has been made ref minutes of meeting altd. at 166 & implemented by CC. ref letter at 158 & that to resubmit the case would be tantamount to asking AFHQ whether Regal S/C or the CC were right. The only solution that I can see would be for Ex Comm to discuss the whole case with Col Kerr & Lt/Col Hammerford.

CBB 12/1

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Prom. Sec. (for WMD)

Pse see f. 171 - many a reply be submitted as soon as possible pse.

Mbangbe Capter.
Office Ex. Comm.

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Central Emergency Material Board

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CDB 18/1

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Wm Bamborough Capt.
Office Ex. Comm.

31/1

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173

Captured Enemy Material Branch

For compliance with minute 172 and preparation of reply to MMIA for Exec. Commissioner's signature. Pls submit through Econ. Sect.

T.D. Morgan, Capt
Supply Group
Econ. Sect.

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159.

E.S.O. Ref your min 156 pte see min 157 and folio 158

CBS 7/1

160

E.S.O.

Had a further discussion with Col Curtis. MMIA told to the point that Region IV had no right to make the sale, which looks as tho' it is true (ref AFHQ Circular 13 of 1944 flagged and attd.) Do you not think that it should be referred to AFHQ? At present it is a deadlock.

CBS 9/1

161

Captain B.

Min. 160 - thanks. Would you in consultation with Legal & MMIA put up a draft letter to AFHQ Better also clear it with CEM who are [redacted] interested I think.

9/1

163

C.S.O. Ref min 161 et ante, may I have your opinion on draft herewith submitted. I will then consult legal CEM & MMIA

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T-Hw 9/1

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SSO Ref min 161 et ante, may I have your opinion on draft herewith submitted. I will then consult legal CEM & MMIA.

CBB 10/1

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Chamb, now consult the rest.

T-Hw 10/1

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Ex Com.
C.O.S.

Ref folio 136 & mins 133 & 136. letter to RCs submitted for signature/ having been cleared by Com - see their routing slip as mins 138-141.

cc

ellB 20/v

...wdu

Strutt

C.O.S + 146+147 for info. 148.

Strutt 17/2/45

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Ex.Com.

P. 153. do you know ale about dés?

Perhaps you will wish to discuss with G.O.C. and Comer s/c.

Comer

...s/t

155.

Let us know the facts. Has Land Forces Sub Com. directed M. d'Ydewalle as alleged in 152 et ps.? If so what right has 2 Army

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C.O. + 146+147 for info. 148. SHAEF 17/12/45

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Ex-Com.

P. 153. do you know all about this?

Perhaps you will wish to discuss with G.O.C. 21st Army Gp. 21st

155.

Let us know the facts. Has Land Forces Sub Com. directed M. of War as alleged in 152 et fr.? If so what exactly has been 1 so to direct.

MS/441

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Copy B. As above min 155 early pl.

157.

Exec Comm.

Instructions contained in Supreme Comd's C/S/10 7 July 45 issued in compliance with C.C.S. Copy of 7 July C.O.S. enclosed as 158. for easy reference.

7 Jan.

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APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

ROUTING AND WORK SHEET

Each note must be numbered and each space completely filled in. THIS WORK SHEET MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE TO WHICH ATTACHED UNTIL ACTION IS COMPLETED AND THEN FILED WITH FILE COPIES OF COMMUNICATION TO WHICH IT PERTAINS. A line will be drawn the full width of the page under each note.

SUBJECT: Italian Army M.T.

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From
138	13 Nov	Transportation S/C	Please see Folio 135 and Memo # 137. Your comments and/or concurrence is requested.	Supply Gp. A. Wagner
139	14 Nov	Supply Gp.	Folio 135 agreed. P.S. Bruce Comm	Tn S/C.
140	15 Nov	A/VP	attention mailed to Memo 139 Norman P. Smith C.W.W. NORMAN P. SMITH Major, AGD	Supply Group
141	15 Nov	CSO for Comm.	Cleared by Economic Section - C.H. Coleman	Ec. Section CSO.

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138	13th Nov	Transportation S/C	Please see Folio 135 and Minute 137. Your comments and/or concurrence is requested.	Supply Group A. Moylan
139	14th Nov	Supply Gp.	Folio 135 agreed. P.S. Allen Comm	Tn S/C.
140	15 Nov	A/VP	attention invited to minute 139 Norman Smith C.W.W. NORMAN F. SMITH Major, AGD	Supply Group
141	15 Nov.	C50 for Comm.	Cleared by Economic Section - E Holstein	Ec. Section C50.

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Ex. Com.

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CSO- Ref folio 123. Herewith letter for E.C's signature covering points raised by MMIA in folio 122

Email 16/10

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Ex. Com.

CSO- Fol. 131 informs Italian govt. of decision re AC proposed by MMIA and accepted by TN S/C (fol. 120, 122 & 129)

At last all agreed!

Email 25/10

133

CSO.

We should inform RCs. DS/2710

136

CSO Should clear first with Ecom (Pt.) ref minn 133 & folio 134 before draft at 135. 2170

It appears alright - shall I have it prepared for ECs (? ref from 2. 134) signature or E's?

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Ormsd 16/10

132

Ex. Com.

CSO- Fol. 131 informs Italian govt. of decision
a AC proposed by M M A and accepted
by TN S/C (fol. 120, 122 & 129)
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Ormsd 25/10

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CSO.

We should inform RCs. DS (21/10

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CSO (should clear first with Econ (Spt.)) 8 fol. 134

Ref min 133 /re the draft at 135. 2171
It appears alright - shall I have
it prepared for CCs (? ref para 2. 134) sig-
-nature or EEs?

EB 9/11

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Econ Section for Tpt.

Pse see remark 136 & folio 135 & relevant correspondence & return file with comments if any.

EB 10/11

EB Butler Esqre
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS SUB DIVISION

NOV 12 1946

Ref : CEM/95/1262

12th November, 1946
CEM/lc

SUBJECT : CAV assigned to and operated by Civilians.

To : Provincial Commissioner,
ASTI, UDINE Provinces.

1. The attached copy of Land Force Sub Commission letter 205/9 of 9 Nov. 1946 is forwarded to you for compliance with para. 4 please.

2. You are instructed to liaise with 5 MIU and 5 Territorial Command respectively and assist in the recovery of all vehicles of Italian military origin not on the official list referred to in para. 2 (b) of the attached letter.

3. MILA, however, will please appreciate that in many cases present owners have spent large sums of money in servicing these vehicles (sometimes building them up from mere hulks) and it is considered that suitable compensation for this outlay should be made in deserving cases and when proof of such payments can be produced.

4. Your letter 220/20 of 24 Oct. 1946 refers.

S. Miller Colonel.

S. W. MILLER, Colonel,
Director,
CEM Sub Division.

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Copy to : MILA - reference letter 205/9 of 9 Nov. 46 and conversation Col. Miller - Lt.Col. Curtiss.
Executive Commissioner.

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Telegrams:
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[illegible], AG (ITALY) CAF 268 4

2 Nov. '46

[illegible] (For CMH Sub Division)
5 HIH (Action as in para 3. AG/47/269 of 30 Oct, 46 refers)

SUBJECT: Italian Army Motor Transport

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(a) Physical possession of the vehicle for reconditioning and release.

(b) possession of a replacement vehicle to be provided by the Minister of Transport when the civilian user of the Army vehicle is recognised as operating the vehicle in the Italian national interest. An official list compiled and agreed by War Ministry, Ministry of Transport and Allied Commission.

3. The activities of the War Ministry in VENEZIA GIULIA are being hampered by [illegible] Provinces who claim authority to permit the retention by civilians of vehicles of Italian Military origin leased under an AMG hire contract.
A final list of all such vehicles was agreed with HQ AC and published in printed form by the War Ministry (see para 2 above)

4. You are requested to instruct [illegible] Provinces that all vehicles of Italian Military origin [illegible] on the official list (a copy of which is in possession of 5 Base Command [illegible]) are to be handed over to the Italian Army.

5. 5 HIH will report to this [illegible] any further difficulty in this connection and ensure that the position is understood by 5 Base Command who should be assisted to comply with the War Ministry directives of 28 February 1946.

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Copy to: (for Executive Commissioner)
[illegible] War Ministry

[illegible]
Major General
AMG, [illegible]

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (ITALY) CMF

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Major General
GOC, VMLA

Copy to: AC (for Executive Commissioner)
CMQ
War Ministry.

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Office of the Economic Adviser,
British Embassy,
Rome.
September 20th, 46.

To: Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
C.M.F.

Subject: Caproni - R.E.M.F.

Referring to previous conversations and correspondence in connection with the above, a telegram with the following text from the Caproni Corporation, London, has been submitted by Caproni, Italy, through the Embassy's Legal Adviser, Sir John Sorrso, K.B.E. :-

" Were willing grant one month prorogation contract stop but they nee[d] General Holt to send cable to War office requesting amendment of cancellation Caproni contract owing to civil unrest cable me immediately" - Prontorms.

It will be appreciated if appropriate action can be taken on the above, and the outcome communicated to this office.

A.K. Hancock, Col.
Deputy Economic Adviser.

Local 266.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION E & COMM. 264

Originator's Reference: R 72139
Date/Time of Origin: 201815B SEP

Message Centre No: H/6717
Date Time Rec'd: SEP 210915
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHCOS
TO : HQ ALCOM

SEP 21 1946

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Ref your 4954 of 13 Sep.

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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Allied Force Headquarters

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

FROM:
BRIGADIER R.A. HOLT.

18 SET. 1943

D.C./1211.

10th September, 46.

Dear Lush, 255

With reference to your 1/DO/EC of 4 September and further to our conversation on 9th September.

Major Gadsby's letters did give our projected programme until the end of this year and were written on 2 August, one to SARONNO Project which is overhauling engines and the other to the TALIEDO Project which is occupied in overhauling vehicles.

On that date it was the intention to continue the projects until 31st Dec this year, but this intention had to be altered.

On 9th August D.Q.M.G., this H.Q. called a meeting to discuss the implecations of a new policy formulated by S.A.C., which had not been made known to me, previously. This new policy called for an accelerated closing up of all installations outside the existing XIII Corps boundary, and, from the E.E.M.E. aspect, the cessation of the CAPRONI contracts in MILAN by 1 Oct.

The factors which were in favour of cessation of work in MILAN were:-

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I attach some notes concerning the numbers employed in the two factories and the amounts that have been paid for work done up to the end of July '46. From this you will see that a sum of over half a million pounds Stirling has been spent in what I consider is a direct contribution to the rehabilitation of Italian Industry.

Other benefits Caproni have gained due to our contracts are that the firm is now a going concern and able to enter into direct production on civilian contracts; that we have paid their operatives during the period of the contracts, whereas, had we not done so Caproni would have had to pay the men (or a certain proportion of them) out of Capital.

Other contracts have also been placed with Caproni (quite apart from Taliedo and Cemsa projects) as a result of direct tendering in competition with other firms, for the manufacture of vehicle and engine spares and other items of Ordnance supply which R.A.O.C. could not provide at the time they were required.

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I think you will agree that R.E.M.E. have done Caproni an immense amount of good and it is understandable that they will feel the loss when the contract ends. However some operatives will be employed during October in helping to clear stores and machinery and the method of payment for these services has been agreed.

In view of the reasons given you will also realise that it is not possible to keep on the contracts as the vehicles and engines are not required.

I think your suggestion that M.M.I.A. might be able to give similar work to Caproni well worth pursuing, also my own suggestion that the Italian Government might be able to place orders for repair of vehicles and engines for ultimate use by civilian firms.

I have dealt with the subject at some length, but I hope I have succeeded in giving you a clear picture of the situation.

Yours sincerely

La Dick

Brigadier M. LUSH, C.B. C.B.E.
H.Q. Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 794.
C.M.F.

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Average Weekly Numbers of Civilians
on Strength at the Caproni Project.

SARONNO

		Numbers.
Construction period	20 Aug 45 - 20 Oct 45	281
Production "	20 Oct 45 - To date	852

TALIEDO

		Numbers.
Construction period	20 Aug 45 - 20 Oct 45	535
Production "	20 Oct 45 - To date	2200

Total expenditure to date on Caproni Contract inclusive of materials and alterations, also taking into consideration devaluation of lire - January 1946. (quoted in stirling).

SARONNO - £199,596.
TALIEDO - £400,448. } excl. Augusta a/cs.

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SUBJECT IS CONTRACT FOR OVERHAULED WAR DEPARTMENT VEHICLES BETWEEN GENERAL HEAD QUARTERS AND ARMSTANI CAPRONI MILAN ONE CONTRACT NUMBER NINE FOUR NINE SLANT TWO EASY SLANT THREE THREE FIVE SIX FD

PARA ONE FD PRESIDENCY OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS REPRESENTED THAT ALTHOUGH FIRM REALIZED THAT CONTRACT CAN BE CANCELLED AT MONTHS NOTICE THEY HAD ASSUMED FROM LETTER NINE FOUR SLANT TWO EASY SLANT TWO THREE TWO NINE OF AUGUST THREE FROM NOONER EASY NINE EASY THAT THE PROGRAMME UP TO DECEMBER THREE ONE WAS AGREED FD THEY POINT OUT THAT CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT THROWS FOUR FIVE ZERO ZERO MEN OUT OF WORK AND ARE ASKING WHETHER IN VIEW OF THE REPERCUSSIONS OF THIS AND THE PRESENT DIFFICULT TIMES IF THE CANCELLATION CAN BE ANNULLED FD

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PARA TWO FD I STRONGLY RECOMMEND RETENTION OF CONTRACT AT AIR RATE UNTIL NOVEMBER FOUR BUT IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE THAT EVERY FACILITY BE GIVEN TO ENABLE THE MINISTRY OF WAR TO ARRANGE SIMILAR CONTRACT WITH CAPRONI FOR OVERHAUL ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES FD THIS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE UNLESS NOONER EASY NINE EASY IS PREPARED TO LEAVE A NUMBER OF SPARE PARTS WITH CAPRONI FOR USE UNDER PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH MINISTRY OF WAR IF BRIGADIER HOLE GAVE BRIGADIER LUCAS TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE KEN ALSO SEE LATTER QUEEN ONE ZERO FOUR NINE OF SEPTEMBER ONE ONE

PRIORITY

EXECUTIVE CONSIDERATIONS

Copy to MMIB 16/9.

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Torino "Appollinare"
Vicarello -
10th Sept. 1946

My dear Hemingway,

I understand that Brig. Lash has seen the report above of Capuano but he said the matter depends from the War Office in London - who could only dispose for a promotion.

As you know even the D.S. have intervened and asked to keep it secret as what might be rather serious if these over 5000 men remain without work.

Is it possible to ask Lash to cable to London and recommend the promotion which has been asked for, dep. to the end of Oct. now and ensure the work up to Nov at least? 2184

You do please once again a hell Lash that I take the liberty to recommend him again this matter.

My next box end Saturday. A very short one!

Kindest salute.

Yours
Vernon

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Fo. Roma, settembre 19

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Caro Ammiraglio,

il Presidente del Consiglio, On. De Gasperi, è stato personalmente informato dalla Direzione della Soc. Caproni di Milano della gravissima situazione nella quale si troverebbe la Società qualora dovesse avere attuazione il provvedimento notificato alla stessa di anticipata cessazione dei lavori ordinati dal R.E.M.E. per tutto il corrente anno.

Con tale cessazione al 4 ottobre, 4500 operai dovrebbero essere licenziati.

Questa Presidenza, preoccupata per le possibili gravi ripercussioni so-

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

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ciali nella Città di Milano, Le rivolge viva preghiera perchè voglia intervenire presso il Comando del R.E.M.S., al fine di ottenere possibilmente che il contratto abbia lo svolgimento che era stato prefissato.

Sinceramente suo

(Avv. Paolo Cappa)

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J. A. SERRAO K.B.E. 36 VIA REGINA ELENA

Sept. 8th
1946

Mon cher mon ami,

I am just leaving for a few - I say few - days rest after over two years very hard and continuous work.

I enclose herewith a letter, I mean copy of a letter, which the Providence de Courghi has addressed to Rome about the Capuani affair. Could you kindly send it on to Rome just to remind him the matter?

I am back home Saturday next.

Thanks and salut.

from yours
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Serrao

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A P O 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 1/EC/EC

4 September 1946

I have been approached unofficially by the British Embassy with regard to the cancellation of your contract (16/2/3356 of 11/6/46) with Caproni Aircraft Factory at Milan, intimation of which was given to them in your EC.25.3356 of August 22.

Caproni in their approach to the Embassy make no allegation that the War Office or yourselves are acting beyond the terms of the contract in giving them a month's notice under Article 19, but they do represent that on August 3rd by Major Gadsby's letter EC.25.3359 they were led to believe that a programme of work had been laid down for them lasting until December 31st. They, perhaps somewhat naturally took this letter as an indication that the contract was firm until the end of 1946, at least, and as a consequence of the letter made suitable preparations including of course, the signing on of staff, to cover the programme.

Your letter of August 22 cancelling the contract has therefore come as an unpleasant surprise to them and will incur, unless they get other work at short notice, the laying off of some 5,000 hands during October.

I have agreed with the British Embassy to bring this to your notice in a semi-official capacity (because until and unless the Italian Government take this up with us I cannot write as from the Commission) and I confirm myself now to pointing out the very difficult economic and political situation with which Italy is faced in the North, and the unfortunate impression which will gain ground if it is thought that British military authorities have led Caproni to believe that the programme of work was firm until the end of the year and then break the contract from the beginning of the last quarter, thereby increasing the unemployment figures in Milan at the very outset of what is expected to be a very difficult winter.

Please don't think that I don't realise the difficulty that you must have in reconciling the directives of the War Office with the economic difficulties in this country, which I know are as much your concern as ours. Perhaps some compromise helpful to Caproni's and their workers could be found.

(Sgd) M. S. LUSH
Brigadier

Brigadier N.A. Holt,
D.S.A.A., AMG.
C.M.Z.

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PRO MEMORIA

In data 11 Marzo 1946 è stato firmato il contratto tra il Ministero della Guerra di S.E. Britannico e la S.A. Aeroplani Caproni per la revisione e riparazione di autoveicoli alleati.

Le prime trattative erano state iniziate presso il Q.G.A. di Caserta personalmente dal Sig. Conte Caproni nel Giugno 1945.

Successivamente si ebbero a Taliedo visite di ufficiali superiori del Q.G. Alleato a seguito delle quali la S.A. Aeroplani Caproni presentava un progetto per l'organizzazione di una apposita officina alla quale affidare la lavorazione per la revisione di autoveicoli alleati.

Il progetto veniva favorevolmente esaminato dal R.E.M.E. di Caserta e in data 19 Settembre 1945 la S.A. Aeroplani Caproni riceveva a firma Colonn. Field una lettera preliminare di contratto.

La S.A. Aeroplani Caproni assistita da ufficiali del R.E.M.E. provvedeva subito a realizzare gli impianti e le sistemazioni d'officina previste nel progetto in maniera tale che le lavorazioni per la revisione degli autoveicoli alleati potessero essere iniziate nel successivo mese di Ottobre 1945.

Il progetto andò sempre bene regolarmente sviluppandosi secondo il piano prestabilito, fino a raggiungere il suo completo sviluppo nel mese di Marzo-Aprile 1946 con una revisione mensile di 400-450 autoveicoli.

Il progetto è regolarmente continuato nel suo regolare ritmo di produzione per tutti i mesi successivi e con piena soddisfazione dell'Ispettorato R.E.M.E. presso la S.A. Aeroplani Caproni.

Il giorno 7 Agosto 1946 l'Ispettorato R.E.M.E. trasmetteva alla S.A. Aeroplani Caproni copia di lettera del Q.G.A. in data 3 Agosto 1946 nella quale era confermato il programma di lavoro a tutto il 31/12/1946 e precisamente la revisione di 1900 autoveicoli.

La Direzione della S.A. Aeroplani Caproni a seguito di questa comunicazione prendeva subito tutte le disposizioni necessarie per assicurare un normale programma delle lavorazioni d'officina, e predisponeva anche il conseguente piano finanziario.

Il 26 Agosto 1946 l'Ispettorato R.E.M.E. comunicava alla Direzione della S.A. Aeroplani Caproni la lettera 22 Agosto 1946, MS/33/3196 del Sig. Brigadiere Holt Direttore dell'Ingegneria Meccanica con la quale si preavvisa che l'intera produzione di autoveicoli avrà termine a datare dal 4 Ottobre 1946?

Questa inattesa comunicazione, che riduce di quasi sette il termine di preavviso per la disdetta del contratto (termine previsto di un mese) desta sorprici-

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Va infatti considerato che a seguito della disdetta del contratto R.R.R.R. le due Società si trovano ad avere disoccupate un forte contingente di maestranza - circa 5000 - unità che non potranno trovare subito lavoro in altre produzioni.

Poichè questa grave situazione viene a determinarsi improvvisamente e all'inizio della stagione invernale, sono da attendersi gravi ripercussioni di carattere sociale.

Sarebbe pertanto molto opportuno che il provvedimento di arresto del contratto R.R.R.R. venisse aggiornato almeno a tutto dicembre 1946 come già concordato nella lettera 3 Agosto sopra accennata, permettendo così una graduale riassorbimento di buona parte della mano d'opera in altri programmi di lavorazione che sono attualmente allo studio.

Roma, 29 Agosto 1946

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QUARTIERE GENERALE
SCACCHIERE DEL MEDITERRANEO CENTRALE
ROMA

ME.2E/3156
20/8/46

Spett.le
Aeroplani Caproni
Milano - Taliedo

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20/9/46

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7. L'Ufficiale Autorizzato, allo scopo di completare il lavoro successivo al 4/10/46, riterrà tutti i poteri conferitigli in conformità all'Art. X del Vs/ contratto. Egli avrà pieno controllo sulla mano d'opera da Voi impiegata per qualsiasi necessità derivante dal Vs/ contratto.

8. Sono state impartite istruzioni all'Ispettore locale del M.d.G. affinchè tratti per conto dell'Ufficiale Autorizzato qualsiasi questione sorgente in seguito a questa lettera.

P.te Brigadiere R.A. MDAT
Direttore dell'Ingegneria Meccanica

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Traduzione

ISPETTORATO R.E.M.E.

OFFICINA R.E.M.E. RIPARAZIONE AUTOMEZZI
TALIEDO

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7 / 8 / 46.

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Milano

Ogg.: - Programma riparazione automezzi.-

A seguito della mia lettera RI/CW/18 del 15 Marzo 46 accompagnante le copie delle lettere REME/IT&PT/307 del 6/3/46 e ME.2B/2923/12 del 5/3/46 rispettivamente dell'Ispettorato Capo e della Direzione Ingegneria Meccanica, Quartier Generale.

1. Per Vs/ conoscenza e per gli opportuni provvedimenti si trasmette in allegato copia della lettera ME.2A/2923/12 del 3 corr.

F.to Magg. MacGregor
Senior Ispettore - Ispettorato REME
Officina REME Riparazione Automezzi
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QUARTIERE GENERALE
SCACCHIERE DEL MEDITERRANEO CENTRALE
NERVI

MB.2A/29 3/12

3 Agosto 46

Al Senior Ispettore
Ispettorato MBME - Officina MBME
Riparazione Automezzi - Taliedo

Ogg.: - Riparazione automezzi "B" - Programma fino al 31/12/46.-

1. Il programma di lavoro assegnatovi per il periodo 1° Ottobre 31 Dicembre 46 prevede un quantitativo totale di 1500 automezzi ripartiti come segue:

	3-tonn	15-cwt.	Totale
Bedford	500	250	750
Dodge	250	125	375
Chevrolet	250	125	375
Totale	1000	500	1500

I Chevrolet da 5 tonn. saranno del tipo 4x4
I " " 15-CWT saranno del tipo 4x4 o 4x2 od ambedue.

2. Se nella Vostra produzione totale per il periodo Aprile-Settembre 46 le proporzioni per marche e per tipi si discosteranno sensibilmente da quelle indicate al paragrafo 2a della mia lettera MB.2B/2923/12 del 5/3/46, sarà necessario modificare le cifre esposte al paragrafo 1. della presente.

F.to Magg. R.D.S. GARNEY
per conto del Brigadiere - Direttore della
Ingegneria Meccanica -

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DATE	SECTION OR INITIALS FROM	TO	ACTION REQUIRED
12 Sep.	Q	Exec Comm	Copy of message herewith. We have been advised by phone that the Dodge Washington office plans are to be shipped to UK and for Australia. We do not have this data. Can this be obtained? Regards

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I MEMO

FROM APHQ 1218OOB

TO MSIA

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REGRET ALL DODGE AND REDFORD VEHICLE SPARES HELD BY CAFRONT
WILL BE REQUIRED FOR FUTURE AMIN WD VEHS AND ARE BEING BACK
LOADED TO 500 AOD (.) FOR YOUR INFORMATION ALL WD MACHINERY
INSTALLED XXXXXXX IN CAFRONT WORKS IS BEING REMOVED ON EXPIRY
OF CONTRACT

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SUBJECT REPAIR ITALIAN ARMY TRANSPORT STOP TERMINATION
REME CONTRACT WITH C A P R O N I OFFERS OPPORTUNITY
WAR MINISTRY EXPEDITE REPAIR DODGE AND BEDFORD VEHICLES
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DISPOSAL OF SPARE PARTS AT PRESENT HELD BY C A P R O NI
AND TERMS ON WHICH WAR MINISTRY MAY BE AUTHORIZED TO
USE THEM STOP UNLESS IMMEDIATE RELEASE IS APPROVED
IMPOSSIBLE WAR MINISTRY NEGOTIATE WITH C A P R O N I
FOR WORK TO CONTINUE AFTER TERMINATION PRESENT REME
CONTRACT STOP IF DECISION IS TO RELEASE SPARES TO
A R A R THROUGH C D O RECOMMEND PERCENTAGE BE EARMARKED
FOR ITALIAN ARMY

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R.A. CURTIES Lt.,Col.,

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE MB/2B/3356

MEMO

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Whereas the Contractor undertakes to perform the work required by the Authorised Officer on the hereinafter specified conditions,

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(b) Provide all labour, suitably skilled and including supervision

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(c) Provide such plant, tools and machinery and manufacture such jigs and special tools as may be considered necessary and which cannot be provided by or through the Authorised Officer.

(d) Maintain all such premises, plant, machinery and tools, including those items provided by or through the Authorised Officer, in full

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working order at all times.

(e) Provide transport within the works which the Authorised Officer does not undertake to provide.

(f) Provide such accomodation for stores and offices for War Dept. personnel as may be deemed necessary.

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(a) For work done during the period from the commencement to 30 Sept. 1945, the sum of 20,929,652 lire (Twenty million, nine hundred and twenty-nine thousand, six hundred and fifty-two lire).

(b) For work done thereafter, a fee inclusive of indirect, direct and overhead costs allocatable to the work, calculated upon the basis of time required for the execution of the work, at the rate of 170.00 lire (One hundred and seventy lire) per hour per worker other than foremen, inspectors, management, clerks, accountants, guards, or any other workmen or employees not directly employed on work executed in accordance with the contract. Provided always that where, in carrying out the terms of the contract, some benefit accrues to the Contractor by reason of the nature of the work done, the total sum payable in accordance with this part of the Clause shall be reduced by agreement between the Contractor and the Authorised Officer.

(c) (i) The sum of 14,280 lire (Fourteen thousand, two hundred and eighty lire) in respect of each vehicle overhauled and accepted, in accordance with the terms of this contract.

(ii) The sum of 6,105 lire (Six thousand, one hundred and six lire) in respect of each vehicle overhauled and accepted in accordance with the terms of this contract as a bonus to the workers, which will be paid subject to the Contrac-

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(b) It is to be clearly understood that no payment, additional to the sum due in accordance with Clause 2 hereof, will be made to the Contractor in respect of overtime, night or Sunday work, or any such work occasioned by the working of shifts.

(c) No payment will be made for any State or Local Taxes arising by virtue of the Contract and the Contractor will not be reimbursed for State or Local States levied against him pursuant to carrying out the provisions of the Contract.

(d) (i) If, during the course of the Contract, increases in wages, allowances or insurances are authorised by Italian Government decree, or by the local recognised wage-fixing body, the amount payable under Clause 2 (b) of this Contract will be increased by the amount the Contractor necessarily incurs in meeting these authorised increases. On the other hand, if, during the course of the Contract, decreases in rates of wages, allowances or insurances are similarly duly authorised, the amount payableunder Clause 2 (b) of this Contmct will be decreased by the amount the Contractor could save in applying these authorised decreases. There shall be excluded from the amount of any variations in prices to be paid to the Contractor any sum in respect of overheads which remain unaltered.

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(iv) The Contractor agrees that this contract has been based upon the average daily rates of pay as specified in Schedule "A" hereto and that they do not exceed the maximum rates authorised and in force at the date of this Contract. The Contractor further agrees that the daily rates as quoted include Base Pay (Retribuzione Ordinaria) including all regular recurring compensation with respect to standard work periods as defined in Collective Labour Contracts or established recognised practice, and in addition Cost of Living Indemnity (Indennità di Carovita) at the legal rate for private industry.

(v) The decision of the Authorised Officer as to the amount of any increases or decreases in price to be paid or obtained from the Contractor under this Clause shall be final and conclusive. Unless the parties otherwise agree, any increases or decreases in such prices shall be adjusted on completion of the Contract.

4. Commencement and Duration of the Contract.

The effective date of commencement of this Contract is 20th August 1945 and it shall remain in force until terminated in accordance with Clauses 18, 19 or 21.

5. Plant, Equipment and Output.

All work, unless otherwise authorised, will be performed at the Contractor's premises at Taliedo, in that part agreed by the Authorised Officer in accordance with Clause 1 hereof.

The Contractor shall not remove any plant or equipment from, nor make any structural alterations to his premises, other than in the normal course of care and maintenance, without the prior agreement of the Authorised Officer.

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6. Ordering of Work.

All orders given in connection with this Contract shall be in writing and on the authority of the Authorised Officer. Responsibility will not be accepted for work executed on verbal orders given by any person.

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The longest possible notice of future orders and their priorities will be given to the Contractor by the Authorised Officer.

Notwithstanding that orders may have been issued in accordance with this Clause, the Authorised Officer reserves the right to cancel or vary these orders as may be necessary at any time.

7. Specifications and Patterns.

The articles made or work executed by the Contractor shall be of the qualities and sorts described in the orders for work issued by the Authorised Officer and equal in all respects to the pattern, specifications, drawings or sample specified. Should no specification be quoted or pattern exhibited, the article or work must, notwithstanding, be of the best quality and workmanship.

8. Standard of Work.

The highest standards of workmanship shall be maintained. Inspection standards will be in conformity with normal War Dept. practice as advised from time to time by the Authorised Officer.

9. Inspections.

All work will be executed to the satisfaction of Inspectors who will be appointed from time to time by the Authorised Officer, the decision of this Officer being final. Inspectors will have the right of access to and inspection of the plant and process work in all stages and departments at all times.

The Inspectors will further have the right of access to all storage accomodation and of examining all books and records deemed necessary by them to determine that the quantities of materials and spares used are fair and economical and that the amount of labour used and the costs involved are reasonable in all respects.

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The decision of the Inspecting Officer in determining whether any particular employee or workman is employed directly on work executed in accordance with the Contract shall be accepted by the Contractor as final.

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11. Delivery and Acceptance.

Completed vehicles will be collected from the Contractor's premises. The Contractor must obtain from the Authorised Officer a receipt in writing for all vehicles accepted and an acknowledgment in writing for all articles manufactured under this Contract and shall not be entitled to claim for work alleged to have been executed unless he can produce such receipt or acknowledgment.

Notwithstanding that a vehicle may have been inspected and passed in accordance with Clause 9, the Contractor shall remain responsible for any loss of or damage to the vehicle until finally accepted in accordance with this Clause.

12. Repairable Vehicles, Vehicle Spares and Related Stores.

Provision of vehicle spares and relative stores is made by arrangement between the Contractor and the Authorised Officer. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to notify the Authorised Officer of the quantities of the spares, etc. required to maintain the standard of production specified in the terms of this Contract. The Contractor will ensure that adequate provision is maintained, and will, by reference to the Authorised Officer, ensure that adequate stocks of all War Dept. materials are available to meet future commitments.

All repairable vehicles, vehicle spares and related stores which are required in the execution of the work, and including materials for the manufacture of jigs and special tools in accordance with Clause 1, will be delivered free to the Contractor by or through the Authorised Officer in such quantities as are agreed between the Authorised Officer and the Contractor.

The Contractor shall keep accurate records of all vehicles, vehicle spares, stores and materials received to show the disposal and keep such records available for examination by the Inspecting Officer at any time in accordance with Clause 9.

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The Contractor shall be responsible for any loss or damage to War Dept. vehicles, spares, stores and materials in his possession and will replace in kind, or pay at full commercial rates prevailing at the time of the payment for any items lost or damaged as may be directed by the Authorised Officer.

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The Contractor shall, if required to do so, make a cash deposit or provide suitable security to cover the value of War Dept. property in his possession.

Any vehicles, spares, stores or materials issued to the Contractor in excess of actual requirements, owing to work being omitted under duly authorised deviations, miscalculations, or for any other reason, or any other surpluses, will remain the property of the War Dept., and will be delivered up to the Authorised Officer on termination of the Contract, or earlier if required.

Should the Contractor dispose of any items belonging to or supplied by the Authorised Officer, including scrap, to Third Parties, or otherwise for any purpose other than the manufacture of articles or execution of work ordered by the Authorised Officer, he will in addition to any action that may be taken against him by the competent Government Authority be liable to pay to the Authorised Officer the full amount obtained by him for the disposal of the items or the value to the War Dept. if greater. The authorised Officer reserves the right to demand the replacement in kind.

The value of any loss or damage, or of any scrap requiring valuation under this Clause, shall be assessed by the Authorised Officer, whose decision shall be final, and the Contractor agrees that any sum due under the terms of this Clause may be recoverable under the conditions of the Contract.

13. Plant, machinery and tools.

The Contractor guarantees the due return of all plant, machinery and tools issued to him by the Authorised Officer, including any jigs or special tools made by him under Clause 1 and should any such items be lost or damaged, from whatever cause or happening, other than through fair wear and tear, while in the possession of the Contractor, his servants, workmen or agents, he shall be responsible to the full value thereof to be assessed by the Authorised Officer.

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Should the Contractor dispose of any items belonging to or supplied by the Authorised Officer, including scrap, to Third Parties, or otherwise for any purpose other than the manufacture of articles or execution of work ordered by the Authorised Officer, he will in addition to any action that may be taken against him by the competent Government Authority be liable to pay to the Authorised Officer the full amount obtained by him for the disposal of the items or the value to the War Dept. if greater. The authorised Officer reserves the right to demand the replacement in kind.

The value of any loss or damage, or of any scrap requiring valuation under this Clause, shall be assessed by the Authorised Officer, whose decision shall be final, and the Contractor agrees that any sum due under the terms of this Clause may be recoverable under the conditions of the Contract.

13. Plant, machinery and tools.

The Contractor guarantees the due return of all plant, machinery and tools issued to him by the Authorised Officer, including any jigs or special tools made by him under Clause 1 and should any such items be lost or damaged, from whatever cause or happening, other than through fair wear and tear, while in the possession of the Contractor, his servants, workmen or agents, he shall be responsible to the full value thereof to be assessed by the Authorised Officer.

The Contractor shall also maintain all such plant and equipment at all times in full efficient working order to the satisfaction of the Inspecting Officer.

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14. Workmen and Employees.

The Contractor shall, if required, furnish a list of all his employees and workmen employed on this Contract, stating their nationalities and shall conform to any regulations in force concerning the employment of foreign labour.

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He shall forthwith remove any workman or employee not approved by the Authorised Officer.

15. Wages and records.

The Contractor shall pay rates of wages and allowances and observe hours of labour in accordance with the conditions of Government decree or with the rules of accepted wage-governing bodies as are functioning in the trade and district concerned, or such as are customary in the trade and locality at the time of execution of the work.

The Contractor shall keep proper wage books and time sheets showing the wages paid and time worked by the workpeople in his employ in and about the execution of this Contract, and such wages books and time sheets shall be produced whenever required for inspection by the Inspecting Officer in accordance with Clause 9.

16. Payment of Accounts.

Bills for work carried out shall be rendered monthly on War Dept. Form A.F.P. 1922 to the Authorised Officer and shall cover the time spent on work executed in accordance with the contract during the previous working months up to and including the last working day of the month.

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17. Costing.

(a) The Contractor undertakes to furnish such particulars of costings in connection with this Contract as may be required by the Authorised Officer and to permit the same to be verified by a representative of the Authorised Officer by inspection of his books, and should any portion of the work under the Contract be carried out by any subsidiary or allied company, to ensure that the books of such

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In order to enable the provisions of the Costings Clause to be implemented as may be deemed necessary, the Contractor undertakes to maintain the following records in connection with this Contract:-

(i) Wages sheets and wages allocated to the Contract.

(ii) Details of materials used in the execution of the Contract.

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(iii) Details of transport, used in connection with the Contract.

(iv) Details of any other charges capable of direct allocation to the contract.

(v) Details of overhead charges with copies of last available accounts and necessary records and data (to allow of comparison with present-day conditions). The total indirect expenditure to be expressed as a percentage on the labour cost.

(b) The total amount stated to be payable under this Contract shall not be exceeded and shall be the maximum price but shall be subject to the Authorised Officer being satisfied, from an examination of the costings of the Contractor, his suppliers or sub-contractors or otherwise, that the charges for materials, labour and overhead costs and the profit margin, are fair and reasonable. Pending the result of any such examination, the Authorised Officer reserves the right to withhold a percentage of such maximum price.

(c) In the event of the Authorised Officer considering after any such examination that either the charge for materials, labour or overhead costs, or the profit margin, are in excess of what is fair and reasonable, such maximum price shall be reduced by such amount as the Authorised Officer may determine. The Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any sum in excess of such reduced price and any over-payment shall be recoverable from the Contractor.

(d) If in connection with, or for the purpose of, this Contract, substantial sub-contracts or orders are made or placed, by the Contractor with any other Sub-contractor or supplier, the Contractor shall include in any such sub-contract or orders the provision of this Clause subject only to the omission of this sub-clause and the last sentence of sub-clause (b).

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(e) The decision of the Authorised Officer on any matter or thing arising out of this condition shall be final and conclusive.

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18. Special Power of Termination.

(a) If (in the opinion of the Authorised Officer) the Contractor is not satisfactorily executing the work or for any breach by the Contractor of any Clause of this Contract, the Authorised Officer may, at any time, by notice in writing summarily terminate this Contract without

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compensation to the Contractor and the Contractor shall be liable for any excess cost of the completion of the Contract.

(b) In the event of the termination of the Contract in accordance with this Clause, the Contractor agrees to hand over the premises, plant, tools, machinery and all other items in use for the purpose of the Contract at the date of termination, for use by the Authorised Officer, free of all charges for rent or depreciation, in completing the overhaul of such vehicles as may be required by him.

19. Termination of Contract.

The Authorised Officer may terminate the Contract at any time by one month's notice in writing. The Contractor may terminate the Contract at any time by two months' notice in writing, provided that in such event he agrees to the conditions as stated in sub-clause (b) of Clause 18.

The Contract will be deemed terminated one month or two months, as appropriate, after receipt of the notice by the other party, but without prejudice to the rights of the parties accrued to the date of termination.

In the event of the termination of the Contract in accordance with this Clause, the Contractor shall be paid the amount due in respect of work carried out under the Contract.

20. Final Settlement.

On termination of the Contract, the Contractor agrees to pay such sum as may be determined in agreement with the Authorised Officer as representing the value accrued to the Contractor by the development of his works for the overhaul of vehicles or for the carrying out of any such other work for which they may be adapted.

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(a) The Contractor shall not offer or give, or agree to give, to any person in His Majesty's Service, any gift or consideration of any kind.

(b) Any breach of this condition by the Contractor or anyone employed by him or acting on his behalf (whether with or without the

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knowledge of the Contractor) shall entitle the Authorised Officer to cancel this Contract in accordance with the conditions of Clause 18.

(c) Any dispute or difference of opinion in respect of either the interpretation, effect or application of this condition, or of the amount recoverable hereunder by the Secretary of State for War from the Contractor shall be decided by the Authorised Officer and his decision will be final.

22. Recovery of Sums Due.

Whenever, under this Contract, any sum of money shall be recoverable from, or payable by, the Contractor, the same may be deducted from any sum then due, or which at any time thereafter may become due to the Contractor under this or any other Contract with any Department or Branch of the British Forces.

23. Personal Disqualifications.

No member of the British Armed Forces or person employed by the British Government is allowed to participate in this Contract.

No member of the United Kingdom House of Commons or of the Senate or House of Commons of Northern Ireland shall be admitted to any share or part of this Contract, or to any benefit to arise therefrom (see House of Commons (Disqualification) Acts 1782 and 1801, Government of Northern Ireland Act, 1920 and House of Commons Disqualification (Declaration of Law) Act 1932).

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25. Settlement of Disputes.

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In witness thereof, the parties hereto do hereby execute this Contract this eleventh day of March, 1946.

A E R O P L A N I C A P R O N I
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for Brigadier,
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Witness: Ing. Carlo Pasquini

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SUBJECT:- Vehicle Repair.

18 SET. 1943

Land Forces Sub Commission No.,
M M I A
R O M E
C.003

11 September 1943

TO : ARMISTICE COMMISSION No.,

Copy : War Ministry
A.C. (for Exec. Com.) ✓
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In confirmation of to days meeting this sub Commission undertakes to examine the possibility of negotiating a contract for the repair of Dodge and Bedford vehicles the property of the Italian Army.

They will approach the War Ministry and invite them to contact you direct at the earliest possible date with a view to work commencing on the 4th of October .

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

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SUBJECT:- Recovery Italian Army Vehicles

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.205

7 August 1946

TO : War Ministry

AUG 8, 1946

Reference is made to your 9568 of 21 June 1946 and 53925 VRI dated 15 July 1946.

1. At a conference held at A.C. Headquarters on 6 August 1946 it was agreed that

(a) The War Ministry should receive compensation for Italian Military vehicles released by Allied Authorities to Ministry of Transport or A.R.A.R.

(b) That vehicles identified as belonging to this category should be added to the War Ministry official list.

(c) The nature and amount of compensation would be the subject of direct negotiation between your Ministry and the Italian Government Department concerned.

2. Recovery action from civilian holders of vehicles should be suspended until a decision is reached.

3. In the specific cases mentioned by you the civilians title to the vehicle is upheld provided he is authorised by the Ministry of Transport to operate the vehicle. In such cases the vehicles come under the same category as in 1(a) above.

Vouchers forwarded by you are returned herewith. 2132

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

8/8/46

Copy : AG for Exec.Comm.
(ref Q272/230/HC 29 Jul 46) 230.
AG for CMP Branch

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

CEM/74/1486

29 July 1946

JUL 30 1946

SUBJECT : Recovery of Vehicles of the Italian Army

TO : Ministry of Transport.

TO : Azienda Rilievo Alienazione Residuati
Corso d'Italia, 25
Rome.

1. A meeting to discuss the above subject, has been called for Tuesday, 6 Aug. 46, at 1100 hrs and will be held at H.Q. Allied Commission in the office of Brigadier Carr, room No. 58, 5th floor.

2. Will you please notify C.E.M. Branch if this date and time is convenient for your chosen representative to attend.

J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.Colonel
Director,
CEM Branch

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1 Copy to : Executive Commissioner
Headquarters Allied Commission

1 " " : Economic Section
Headquarters Allied Commission.

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Ref. : G/TS/330/20 29 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Recovery of Italian Army Vehicles.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MTLA) AC. 213
CCS Branch AG.

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With reference to letters Q 205 dated 5 July 46 and only TS/4/29 dated 22 July 46.

A meeting will be held in the office of the Vice President, C.M.A. Advisory Council, at on Tuesday 6 August at 1400 hrs to discuss the following suggestions:

"In the event of a vehicle, released to an Italian civilian being utilised by the Ministry of War, application should be made by the Ministry of Transport to A.F.H.Q. that a suitable vehicle be allocated from A.F.H.Q. surplus stocks as replacement".

The following are invited to attend:

Brigadier	CCS	President
Lt/Col.	Officer	Land Forces S/C
Major	Major	CCS Branch

Representatives from

MINISTRY OF WAR
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
A.F.H.Q.

It is requested that Land Forces S/C arrange for the attendance of the Ministry of War's Representative and that CCS Branch arrange the attendance of Ministry of Transport and A.F.H.Q.'s Representatives.

By Command of Rear Admiral Glynn:

A. W. Knisely. 2139

Secretary,
Executive Committee.

COPY TO: Vice President C.M.A.

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SUBJECT:- Recovery Italian Army Property.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
C.205

23 July 1946

JUL 23 1946

TO : A.C. for C.E.M. Branch

Ref your CEM/74/1483 of 23 July 1946.

1. The M.M.I.A. letter quoted has no relation whatever to the transaction under dispute.

Italian Army Vehicles salvaged in North Africa were C.E.M. and are not claimed by the War Ministry.

2. Vehicles claimed by the War Ministry are those abandoned in Italy and of Italian Military origin. Under A.F.H.Q. Directive such vehicles are to be returned to the Italian Army through M.M.I.A. Should any Allied Officer directly or indirectly authorise any civilian to retain such a vehicle this contravenes an Allied Force H.Q. order and is invalid.

3. To resolve this difficulty agreement was reached whereby A.C. would furnish a list of all vehicles of military origin held by Civilians.

The War Ministry arranged to obtain from the Minister of Transport either vehicles in lieu or Treasury Credit and as their part of the bargain agreed to suspend recovery action in the case of all vehicles on the official AC list.

4. It is suggested that the appeal of Mr MARTINELLI had best be raised by you at the Conference suggested in your C.M./74/1483 of 12 July, the date of which has not yet been arranged.

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TO : A.C. for C.R.E. Branch

Ref your CRE/74/1483 of 25 July 1946.

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R.B. Cumby Lt.Col.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: AC for Executive Commissioner.

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SUBJECT:- Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.205

18 July 1946

TO : War Ministry

Reference is made to your 9368 of 21 June 1946. 144

1. It would appear that the vehicles listed come under the same category as those dealt with in Land Forces S/C. letter Q.051 of Nov 45.

Every endeavour was made by A.C., and M.M.I.A. to ensure the list referred to in our letter Q.205 of 16 Jan 46 was complete and final.

If however "Italian military origin" can be proved it will be necessary to add the vehicles in question to the official List and para 3 of Q.205 of 16 Jan 46 must be qualified to that extent.

2. If this is accepted it follows that the vehicles in question should form part of the agreement entered into between War Ministry, Ministry of Transport and A.M.A.M. by which the War Ministry receive vehicles in exchange or Treasury credit to obtain new vehicles from the Italian Motor Industry.

3. Contracts of the nature evidenced in the vouchers submitted have been passed by A.C. to the Italian Ministry of Transport and are now an Italian Government responsibility.

4. To assist the War Ministry in stating their claim A.C. has agreed to invite representatives of Ministry of War, Transport and A.M.A.M to a conference at an early date. 2138

Vouchers forwarded by you are being retained and will be produced at the conference by M.M.I.A.

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SO : War Ministry

Reference is made to your 9368 of 21 June 1946.

1. It would appear that the vehicles listed come under the same category as those dealt with in Land Forces S/C. letter G.031 of Nov 46.

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

Copy to : A.C. for Treas. Comm. ✓
A.C. for Cdr. Army Int. Branch
A.C. for Dir. of Artillery & Mechanisation

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Captured Enemy Materials Branch

CEM/74/1469.
12 July 1946.

JUL 15 1946

SUBJECT : Recovery of Italian Army Vehicles.

TO : A.C. for Executive Commissioner.

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With reference to Q 205 (Land Forces Sub-Commission AC - M.M.I.A.) dated 5 July 1946, copy to Captured Enemy Materials Branch.

1. It is stressed that all vehicles released to Italian civilians by this Branch were released under our battlefield clearance scheme, and were in fact, in all cases merely hulks of vehicles and NOT CME, which the Italian civilians reconstructed under contract, at considerable expense.

2. In all cases, the civilian concerned has in his possession the authority given by this Branch. This takes the form of the Allied Military Government Voucher F/F18, which shows the amount of deposit, paid on the hulk, deposited into AFA A/C No 1.

3. As all the contracts made by this Branch have been already passed to the Italian Ministry of Transport they are thus an Italian Government responsibility.

4. All C.E.M. vehicles and surplus are released to A.R.A.R., the official Italian Government Agency.

5. Thus all parties concerned in the question are within the Italian Government and the following suggestion is put forward

(a) In the event of a vehicle, released to an Italian civilian being claimed by the Ministry of War, application should be made by the Ministry of Transport to A.R.A.R. that a suitable vehicle be allocated from A.R.A.R. surplus stocks as replacement.

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6. It is suggested that a conference be held with representatives of the Ministry of War, Transport, and A.R.A.R. together with representatives of M.M.I.A. and C.E.M. to discuss this obvious solution.

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F.C.C. BATES
Major R.A.S.C.
Acting Director
CEM Branch.

Copy to : Ministry of War
Ministry of Transport (Attn. Dr. Mundaro)
A.R.A.R. (Attn. Dr. DE MARCHI)
Land Forces S/C (M.M.I.A.)

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See 17-218, 219, 221-228

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Subject : Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

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

Q.205

11 July 1946 JUL 11 1946

TO : A.C. for Executive Commissioner.
(file 8272/EC refers)

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1. Further to Land Forces Sub Commission Q.205 of 5 July.

Vehicle Lorry Fiat 626
Targa No 33300/MA
Chassis No 006589
Engine No 11754

is claimed by the War Ministry.

2. As this vehicle was apparently sold by AMG/AC contrary to AFHQ instructions, recovery action would appear to be legal but undesirable.

3. AMG authority photostat enclosed. *

4. Your decision is requested.

no action see files 213 1 No 215

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

Copy to: A.C. for C.E.M. Branch.

* Ref: Comrade Gordon - Knowles this will be shown CEM Br and made document with them.

(CAPT K.)

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Subject: Recovery Italian Army Vehicles

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

Q.205

5 July 1946 JUL 8 1946

TO : AC for Executive Commissioner
(file 8272/EC refers)

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1. Reference is made to this HQ Q.031 dated 20 Nov 45 (copy attached).

Vehicles listed at Appendix A are claimed by War Ministry as of Italian Military origin.

Copies of AMG/AC authority enclosed. — Marked file.

2. It would appear that the War Ministry are entitled to recover them and they seek instructions on this point.

3. It is suggested that as an alternative to recovery action the War Ministry be allocated an equivalent number of reconditioned vehicles from C.E.M.

4. Your decision is requested.

R.A. CURTISS Lt Col
for Major General
M.M.I.A. 2125

Copy to: AC for Captured Enemy Material Branch

no action
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Subject: Italian Army Transport.

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

Q.205

21 March 1946

TO : AC for Executive Commissioner 174 ← 176

Further to Q205 of 8 February and your 8272/175/EC of 11 February herewith translation copy of War Ministry letter 202701/11 of 19 February, addressed to President of the Council.

May a copy of the reply to your ES/15.07 of 18 January be forwarded when received. 170

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

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MINISTRY OF WAR

CABINET

Subject: Release of vehicles to the Army in place of military vehicles retained by civilians.

TO : Presidency of Council of Ministers.

COPY : M.M.I.A.

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Signed: BROSIO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPR/1/Q Tel. 489081 Ext 414 8 March 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Military Vehicles.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission.

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Reference your letter Q.205 dated 16 February 46.

1. The remaining vehicles are at present being used for moving refugees from North Italy to France.

2. D.P.& R.S.C. Representative in MILAN has been instructed that as soon as this move has been completed these vehicles will be handed over to 3 B.L.U. Milan. Your Representative at Milan has also been informed.

For the Director!

C.F. FOTHERGILL,
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Director.

Copy to: A.C. for Executive Commissioner
H.Q. "N.W" Group, D.P.R.S.C.
3 B.L.U., Milan.

(Capt K)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
FINANCE BRANCH
APO 394

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6 March 1946

SUBJECT : Salvaged Italian Vehicles

TO : Prof. Epicarmo Corbino
Ministro del Tesoro

1. The enclosed sum of 13,924,913 lire represents funds deposited by civilian firms with Region IV, AMG, in connection with certain vehicles particulars of which you can obtain from the Ministry of War. The Italian Government will settle all claims of the civilian firms direct with them, without reference to the Allied authorities. The Allied Commission will not concern itself in any way with any form of settlement the Italian Government may decide to make with the firms concerned, or any steps the firms may wish to take in connection therewith.

2. Will you be so kind as to acknowledge receipt.

(Signed) B. E. L. TIMMONS
Lt. Col.

B.E.L. TIMMONS Lt.Col.
Director, Finance Branch
Economic Section

Copy to: Executive Commissioner
Land Forces Sub-Com (MMIA)
Legal Sub-Com
Transportation Sub-Com
Finance Branch
Minister of War, Italian Government
Minister of Transportation, Italian Government

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1st March 1946.

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Public Relations Officer.

Reference attached, reply should be made as follows:

"Allied Commission is an integrated organisation and there are no British or American Representatives as such. What American officers see, British officers see also.

The contract does not become effective until civil aviation is permitted in Italy and therefore does not conflict with the Armistice Terms.

Information can be obtained from the Ministry of Aviation."

M. S. [illegible]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MSL/JG.

(CSO) GAB 7/3

Copy to: Air Forces S/C

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CO' 'MISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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1st March 1946.

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Chief Commissioner.

1. PRO has been asked by "Daily Express" correspondents whether the attached article is correct. I propose to instruct him to reply that the first sentence is incorrect. As regards the second sentence neither the American or the British representative on the Allied Commission was informed and not having seen the agreement, cannot say whether it conflicts with the Armistice Terms.

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Informal can be sent from Dir. of Aviation

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does not conflict with Army term

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SUBJECT:- Recovery of Italian Army Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q/5/10
29 May 45.
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TO : War Ministry
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1. Further to this H.Q. letter Q/5/10 dated 22 May. Each and every vehicle on the list which accompanied our Q/5/10 of 15 May will be recovered by the Italian Army.

2. To avoid any difficulty which might otherwise have arisen from the compulsory seizure of these vehicles it has now been arranged with the Allied Commission that they shall be handed over on a pre-arranged date at one or other of the Italian Army Repair Units. It is expected a majority will be returned to No 1 Repair Unit at ROME. You will be notified as and when the vehicles are to be received. An Allied officer will be present and tyres which are the property of the Allied Commission will be exchanged for Italian Army tyres.

3. Any financial arrangements out-standing with the civilian firms operating these vehicles are to be cleared by the Italian Government to whom any bond money held by the Allied Commission will be paid. In consideration of anyrepairs effected to these vehicles by civilians and dependant upon the condition of the vehicles when returned to the Italian Army the War Ministry should recommend to the Italian Government a fair and equitable arrangement be made for the labour and material produced by the civilian.

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

Copy to :- A.C. (for Transportation Sub-Commission).

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Subject : Italian Army Transport.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. Rome.
(M.M.I.A.)

S.Q. C54

21 February 1946.

To : A.F.H.Q. (10 copies)

FEB 23 1946

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2. Vehicles, both British and Italian, at present in operation are, for the greater part, nearing the end of their life, and if a conservative estimate of "wastage" is added to the present deficiencies against W.E. the position is shown to be extremely grave. The total deficiency by types is illustrated at Appendix "C".

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(a) Reconditioned Italian Vehicles at present held in large numbers in "Inefficient" Vehicle Parks.

(b) From the Italian Motor Industry.

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4. The existing Italian Army workshops are designed to maintain vehicles already on charge by units in the respective Territorial Commands. They have only a very limited capacity available for reconditioning recovered vehicles. The War Ministry are endeavouring to arrange contracts with selected civilian firms in order that the output of reconditioned vehicles may be increased, but, as will be seen from Appendix "C", coln 7, the number obtained is not likely to be large.

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5. As regards provision from the Italian Motor Industry, enquiries made through Economic Section A.C. indicate that the Government plan a 200% reactivation of the industry in 1946. Details of the target production and essential imports are given at Appendix "D".

It is difficult to give any firm figures as to the number of vehicles the War Ministry may expect to obtain from this source. It is considered that these are most unlikely to exceed those given at Appendix "C", coln 8, unless the Italian Government are required to give priority in this respect to the armed forces, which will necessitate further U.N.R.R.A. assistance to meet the needs of the civil economy.

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6. Any assistance from Allied sources must necessarily be a short term policy, but there would appear to be no alternative at present.

If it is decided that sufficient British vehicles and spare parts cannot be made available, the balance would presumably come from American sources. The difficulty of training mechanics and handling large quantities of M.T. spares, both British and Italian, will be immediately aggravated. Plans are prepared and very earnest endeavour is being made to establish at Bologna an Italian Army Base Workshop, where British vehicles will be maintained.

It is emphasised that in addition to the deficiencies shown in coln 9 of Appendix "C", 12 months maintenance spares are required for the British vehicles already held,(Vide Appendix "B"). The majority of these vehicles are nearing the end of their life - eg. in one of the Infantry Divs there are 600 engines needing complete replacement. This is not surprising, as the vehicles were generally in poor condition when issued, and have since experienced more than 12 months war service conditions.

7. Apart from the deficiency in vehicles, there is a serious shortage of tyres and of the raw material needed for the repair of tyres. No mention of this item is made in the report from Economic Section, on which the figures given at Appendix "D" are based. It is, however, known that there are a number of newly manufactured motor vehicles awaiting the provision of tyres before they can be put on the market. The Army is being hampered by being denied a share of the limited tyre and tyre repair facilities under control of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

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Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: A.C. for Executive Commissioner

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Appendix S.Q.G.

UNIT	Type "A" Vehicles			Motorcycles			Passenger Vehicles			Load Carriers	
	Held	W.E.	%	Held	W.E.	%	Held	W.E.	%	Held	W.E.
Infantry Divisions	1574	2640	52%	1512	2265	68%	413	995	42%	3554	4605
Internal Security Divs.	-	564	nil	153	528	30%	40	90	44%	257	1038
Independent Regiments	-	940	nil	110	770	14%	43	140	31%	195	1470
Training Establishments	52	274	19%	133	465	29%	15	337	4%	286	781
Services (Adm. Units)	59	-		402	712	56%	260	260	100%	1414	2284
Other	255	144	176%	1434	14764	10%	714	1061	67%	341	1980
TOTAL	1940	4562	42%	3744	19504	19%	1485	2883	56%	6047	12158

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Appendix "A" to M.E.I.A. letter M.E.Q.054 dated 24 February, 1946.

Type "A" Vehicles			Motorcycles			Passenger Vehicles			Load Carriers			Other Vehicles.		
ld	W.E.	%	Held	W.E.	%	Held	W.E.	%	Held	W.E.	%	Held	W.E.	%
4	2640	52%	1512	2265	68%	413	995	42%	3554	4605	76%	395	660	60%
	564	nil	153	528	30%	40	90	44%	257	1038	25%	6	51	12%
	940	nil	110	770	14%	43	140	31%	195	1470	13%	6	80	8%
	274	12%	133	465	29%	15	337	4%	286	781	37%	15	66	23%
	-		402	712	56%	260	260	100%	1414	2284	62%	135	620	22%
	144	176%	1434	14764	10%	714	1061	67%	341	1980	17%	61	161	38%
	4562	42%	3714	19504	19%	1485	2883	52%	6047	12158	48%	618	1638	37%

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SUMMARY OF VEHICLES HELD

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UNIT	BRITISH					ITALIAN		
	Type "A" Vehicles	Motorcycles	Passenger Vehicles	Lead Carriers	Other Vehicles.	Type "A" Vehicles.	Motorcycles	Passenger Vehicles
Infantry Divisions (5)	1,574	1,512	252	3,546	391	-	-	161
Internal Security Divisions (3)	-	-	-	-	-	-	153	40
Independent Regiments (10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	110	43
Training Establishments	52	133	15	286	15	-	-	-
Services (Adm. Units)	-	-	-	-	-	59	402	260
CC.RR	45	300	-	8	-	210	1134	714
RESERVE								
TOTAL	1,671	1,945	267	3,840	406	269	1,799	1,218

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SUMMARY OF VEHICLES HELD

Appendix "D" to ASIA letter S.A.05/4 dated 21 February 1946.

	BRITISH					ITALIAN				
	Type "A" Vehicles	Motorcycles	Passenger Vehicles	Load Carriers	Other Vehicles.	Type "A" Vehicles.	Motorcycles	Passenger Vehicles	Load Carriers	Other Vehicles.
	1,574	1,512	252	3,546	391	-	-	161	8	4
ons (3)	-	-	-	-	-	-	153	40	257	6
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	52	133	15	286	15	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	59	402	260	1414	135
	45	300	-	8	-	210	1134	714	333	61
	1,671	1,945	267	3,840	406	269	1,799	1,218	2,207	212

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Appendix "C"
W.D.054 dated

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TYPE (1)	DEFICIENT (A) (2)	WASTAGE British (3)	WASTAGE Italian (4)	WASTAGE Total (5)	TOTAL DEFICIENCY (2) + (5) = (6) (6)	From Reconditioned Vehicles (7)	Re... Tr...
"A" Vehicles	2600	?	-	?	2600	-	
Motorcycles	15700	700	1200	1900	17600 (B)	400	1...
Passenger Vehicles	1400	100	700	800	2200	300	
Load Carriers	6100	900	1600	2500	8600	1200	2...
Other Vehicles	1000	50	100	150	1150	100	

NOTE : (A) All Figures are expressed in round... those given at Appendix "A"

(B) When CO.MR Staff Tables are revis... be reduced to 10300.

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Appendix "C" to MAIA letter
B.Q.054 dated 2. Feb. 46.

MT (A)	WASTAGE			TOTAL DEFICIENCY (2) + (5) = (6)	TO BE PROVIDED			TOTAL
	British (3)	Italian (4)	Total (5)	(6)	From Reconditioned Vehicles (7)	From Motor Industry (8)	From Allies (9)	(10)
	?	-	?	2600	-	-	2600	2600
	700	1200	1900	17600 (B)	400	1050	16150	17600
	100	700	800	2200	300	300	1600	2200
	900	1600	2500	8600	1200	2100	5300	8600
	50	100	150	1150	100	200	850	1150

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Appendix "D" to MMIA letter
SQ.054 of 1: February 46.

TARGET PRODUCTION FIGURES 1946

A.	Light trucks (load up to 3-5 tons)	18,000 units
	Heavy trucks (load up to 7 tons)	16,000 units
	Light delivery vans	16,500 units
	Road tractors	600 units
	Trailers for light trucks	9,000 units
	Trailers for heavy trucks	15,000 units
	Trailers for road tractors	1,200 units

B. RAW MATERIALS REQUIRED.

Pig Iron	56,400 tons
Other ferrous products	232,700 tons
Copper	4,154 tons
Aluminium	16,841 tons
Zinc	1,134 tons
Lead	1,275 tons
Nickel	142 tons
Antimony	142 tons
Lumber	140,500 tons
Coal	120,600 tons

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The prime materials underlined above will have to be imported from abroad. Lumber, coal and some of the ferrous products

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Subject:- Italian Military Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) RCM.
C.205.
16 February, 1946.

FEB 18 1946

To:- Displaced Persons Sub Commission.

1. The undermentioned Italian Army vehicles are on loan to 78 ITI Camp COMO, which is under your command:

11 lorries
1 Van
3 Motorcycles.
3 Cars FIAT 1100
1 Car FIAT 500

2. These vehicles were originally loaned to your Sub Commission for the purpose of ferrying refugees from Switzerland on the understanding that they would eventually be returned to the Italian Army. It is now understood that 2 of the cars have been returned but that the remaining vehicles are being used to transport stores from Bolzano and Merano to Milan.

3. The Italian Army now requires the use of these vehicles urgently, and you are therefore requested to arrange for their immediate return to No. 3 Territorial H.Q. at MILAN, in accordance with A.F.H.Q. directive AG.386.3/Q(AM)-O of 2 October 45.

R.A. Curtis

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

See 7-209

Copy to:- A.C. for Executive Commissioner.
3 BLU, Milan, who will report progress.

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APO 394
TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION

Ext :- 378

Ref :- AC/38/97/Tn5

19 FEBRUARY 1946

FEB 19 1946

SUBJECT :- Salvaged Italian Vehicles

TO :- FINANCE Sub-Commission
Attn : Lt.Col.TIMMONS

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1.- Reference your memo 15069/7 dated 15 FEB. and further to our letter AC/38/96/Tn5 , 7 FEB. The total amount of Lire 13,924,913 should be handed over to the Italian Government .

2.- May it be pointed out however that there is considerable discussion going on between the Contractors and the Italian Government and it has been intimated that the Contractors may decide to hold Allied Commission responsible for breach of contracts.

3.- In view of the above Para it is recommended that before the funds are turned over to the Italian Government complete clearance should be obtained, e.g. the Italian Government should agree in writing to relieve the Allied Commission, or any Allied Officer who may have been concerned in the making of these contracts from all liability .

FOR THE DIRECTOR

Gordon S. Franklin

GORDON S.FRANKLIN
Chief
Roads Division

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LEGAL SUBCOMMISSION
ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB COMMISSION

Ref : 13069/F 15 February 1946

SUBJECT : Salvaged Italian Vehicles.

TO : Chief of Roads Division,
Transportation & Shipping Sub Commission

Ref. your AC/38/88/TN.5 dated 7 Feb. 1946.

1. A letter, 13069/F dated 5 June 1945, was sent to the Ministry of Finance (copy to you), asking them to apply the Allied Financial Agency for the sum of Lire 6.936.000. No such application has been received to date.

2. Our letter 13069/F dated 6 June 1945, addressed to you, referred to the above-mentioned letter to the Ministry of Finance, but also asked for instruction s for disposal of the balance of Lire 6.988.913.

3. We should be glad to receive these instructions before writing to the Ministry of the Treasury, so that one letter to them can cover the whole sum outstanding of Lire 13.924.913.

(sgd) B.E.L. TIMMONS, Lt-Col.
Director,
Finance Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION

GSF/lmm

Ref: AC/38/GS/TS.5

7 Feb. 1946

SUBJECT: Salvage Italian Military Vehicles.

TO : Finance S/C
(Attn: Lt.Col. Timmons)

1. Confirming conversation Timmons/Franklin 5 Feb.1946 regarding handover of Lire 6,936,000 now held by A.F.A. to the Italian Government. (Ref. letter 13069/F dated 29 Aug.1945) it is suggested that the funds be deposited with the Italian Treasury Dept.

2. This suggestion is made in view of the fact that several Italian Ministries are concerned with the ultimate disposal of these funds. Such being the case it would undoubtedly be unwise for Allied Commission to offer any opinion as to their disposal.

3. When A.F.A. make actual turn over of the funds the following Italian Ministries should be informed

Ministry for War
Ministry for Transport

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

GORDON S. FRANKLIN
Chief,
Roads Division.

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Subject:- Sale of Vehicles by Region IV. 822 184

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) RCASC.

Executive Commissioner. 181

FEB 19 1946

Reference Deputy Chief Legal Adviser's letter GCE/mda dated 14 February to you: 180

1. (a) Actually the letter of the Minister of War, folio 4, is not a contradiction of my letter Q.205 of 8 Feb 1946 to you. My letter does not refer to any of the vehicles in possession of the Giannini firm, as such vehicles are not included in the A.C. list of vehicles in the hands of civilians. 178

(b) The vehicles in the hands of the Giannini firm are a part of the 110 vehicles involved in the contracts of Region IV, about which there has been correspondence and conferences extending over the last year, with which you are familiar, and which was finally settled on the 7 July 1945, when the Chief Commissioner authorised the Ministry of War to repossess the vehicles in accordance with AFHQ instructions, which provide that the Ministry of War will be asked to adjudicate claims with the civilians after the vehicles have been returned to the War Ministry. However, the Ministry is under no legal obligation to settle any claim with the civilians involved as a result of contracts to which the Ministry was not a party.

2. Giannini was directed by Transportation Sub Commission on 30 June 1945 to turn the vehicles back to the Ministry. This he has not done. However, the Ministry has since seized five vehicles under the Chief Commissioner's authority.

3. (a) Giannini's letter of 7 December, referred to in folio 4, asked the War Ministry to return the five vehicles seized by the Ministry, not to seize any others, and to confirm that Giannini has good title to all the vehicles included in his contract with AMG. 180

(b) The War Ministry has rightly informed Giannini that the War Ministry's action in seizing the vehicles is correct and that the War Ministry will not confirm Giannini's title, as requested by him, and that any claim of Giannini to title is a matter between Giannini and AMG.

4. If Giannini desires the War Ministry to take any action, other than to seize the vehicles whenever and wherever possible, Giannini must turn the vehicles over to the War Ministry, which will then consider his claims in the light of a fair and equitable arrangement for the repairs, labour, and spare parts produced by the contractor.

L. Browning Maj. Gen
C.C.C.
Land Forces Sub Commission. 2105

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18 February 1946.
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FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

13199/F

15 February 1946

FEB 16 1946

SUBJECT : Sales of Vehicles by Region IV.

TO : Deputy Chief Legal Adviser.

1. Reference attached file on sale of vehicles by Region IV.

2. My following remarks are based on the assumption that the basic opinion of the Legal Sub-Commission is correct. -i.e., that the contracts for disposal of the vehicles to private persons are valid under international law - as I am not competent to pass on this point. Working on this assumption, I am in full agreement with you that the following course of action should be pursued:

(a) the Allied Commission should formally state that any question of the recovery of the vehicles is left to the Italian Government alone, dealing as a sovereign Government with its own nationals, using normal powers of requisition, etc.

(b) The funds presently deposited with AFA should be handed over to the Ministry of the Treasury for disposition. I cannot too strongly emphasize that the Allied Commission has no authority to settle any claims that might be lodged against it it by Giannini Bros. Brig. Graftey-Smith, former Director of this Sub-Commission, stated in his 13069/F of 29 June 1945 that "in any case there is no source from which A.C. could make recompense for a possible loss even if we owed any responsibility in that direction.

NR,

Director,
Finance Sub-Commission

Copyto: Ex. Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

GGH/mda.

13 February 1946.

FEB 14 1946

SUBJECT : Sale of Vehicles by Region IV.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

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1. The enclosed copies of letter and translation, from the Minister of War speak for themselves.

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2. This Sub-Commission is at a loss to understand how such instructions in complete contradiction with the contents of General Browning's letter to you Q 205 of 8 February 1946 can have been given.

3. It is further not clear how and under whose authority AC is made to undertake the responsibility of settling the eventual claims of the various firms concerned.

4. The situation appears to be most unsatisfactory and a letter should be sent to the Ministry of War definitely setting out the agreements which have been reached and the position of the private firms concerned vis a vis the Italian authorities.

G.G. Hannaford

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

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TRANSLATION

Ministry of War — Rome, 9 February 1946

To: Giannini Bros.- C/o Studio Vassalli
Lungotevere Vallati 19,
R o m a

Subject : Salvage of motorvehicles of military origin.

1 With reference to the request you made in para 5 of the claim, dated 7 Dec. 1945, signed by the President of Your Company, the claim in question was sent to Land Forces S/Commission (MMIA).

2 The said authorities (Land Forces S/Commission) have confirmed the instructions already given with regard to the salvage of motorvehicles that were the property of the Royal Army, and have stated that eventual claims must be dealt with between your Company and the Allied authorities concerned.

3 This communication is made for your information.

For the Minister
(signed Gen. P.G. Properzi).

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Roma 9 febbraio 1946 179.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Uff. Rec. Art. Mot. e Mot.

Alla Ditta Autotrasporti
F.lli GIANNINI
Presso Studio Vassalli,
Lungotevere Vallati 19,
ROMA

Divisione 3648
Prot. n. 690

OGGETTO : Ditta GIANNINI - Recupero Automezzi di provenienza militare.

1. Come richiesto al Comma 5 del reclamo in data 7 dic. 1945 firmato dal Presidente di codesta Società, il reclamo stesso é stato inoltrato alla Land Forces Sub-Commission AC (MMIA).

2. Le autorità predette hanno confermato le disposizioni date circa il recupero degli automezzi già appartenenti al R.E., avvertendo che gli eventuali reclami costituiscono una questione da trattarsi tra codesta ditta e le autorità alleate interessate.

3. Tanto si comunica per norma.

Per il Ministro
(Gen. P.G. Properzi)

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Subject : Replacement of Military Vehicles held by Civilians.

Major General L. BROWNING, CB, OBE, MC,
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) Rome.
Q. 205.

8 February 1946

Dear Lush

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1. I understand you have not yet received an official reply to the Chief Commissioner's letter ES 15.07 of 18 January 1946, addressed to De Gasperi, on the subject of this long outstanding dispute concerning the replacement of the 1,800 military vehicles held by civilians.

It has, however, had the desired effect of strengthening the War Ministry's position regarding the Ministry of Transport and other Government departments.

2. My senior liaison officer attended a meeting held at the War Ministry on the 2nd February 1946, when the subject was discussed by representatives of the Army, the Treasury, the Ministry of Transport and A.R.A.R. The Ministry of Commerce was invited to send a representative, but he failed to appear.

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500 Jeeps
300 Motorcycles
300 Load Carriers.

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This proposal received the support of the Ministry of Transport. The Treasury representative stated that whereas he had little doubt about securing the credit mentioned above, he could not guarantee without reference to his Minister that funds would actually be made available to cover the proposed army expenditure of one and a half billion lire in the purchase of new motor vehicles.

4. The meeting concluded with the general agreement that the War Ministry write to the President of the Council, formally proposing the agreement outlined in paragraph (3) above, and seeking assurance that the Treasury would make available the necessary funds for the purchase of new vehicles.

Yours sincerely

LASHLEY BROWNING

Brigadier M.S. LUSH, CB, CBE, MC.

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Thank you for your Q.205 of 8 February 1946, which describes what appears to be a very satisfactory solution of a difficult and long standing problem.

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Major-General L. Browning, CB, CBE, MC,
General Officer Commanding,
Land Forces Sub-Com (MMIA).

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Subject:- Replacement of Military vehicles held by Civilians.

Major General L. BROWNING, CB, CBE, MC,
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
Q.205.
6 February, 1946.

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Yours Sincerely
Langley Browning

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CA. for Legal

Brigadier M.S. Lush, CB, CBE, MC.

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APO 394
TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION

REF :- AC/38/87/Tn5 8 FEB.1946

FEB 15 1946

SUBJECT :- Salvaged Vehicles
Reg.IV AMG/AC Contracts (2)

TO :- Ministry of Transport

Reference your letter AC/38/70/Tn5 dated 8 NOV 1945 .

Your attention id directed to Para 3 of the above referred letter which in part reads to the effect that a charge of Lire 11,317,000 will be raised by the Allied Govts against the Italian Govt. to cover the cost of the salvage in question .

It has now been decided that such a charge will not be raised and you are therefore advised that Para 3 of letter referred above be disregarded.

Signed P.D.G.BUCHANAN

P.D.G.BUCHANAN
Colonel
Director

c.c. to :-

Allied Financial Agency
Finance Sub-Commission

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TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION

REF :- AC/38/66/Tn5 31 January 1946

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SUBJECT :- Transfer od Documents
covering salvaged Vehicles
(Contract I - Region IV AMG)

TO :- Ispettorato della Motorizzazione Civile
Ministero dei Trasporti
Piazza della Croce Rossa- R O M A

1.- The following papers referring to salvaged vehicles covered by Contract I - Region IV AMG,AC are hereby handed over to you :

a) Samples of Contract I - Reg.IV AMG/AC
b) List of Contracting Firms
c) List of receipts held in our Archives, covering Deposits made by Contracting Firms
d) Correspondence with Contracting Firms
e) Estimates of salvaged Vehicles by approved Valuers
d) Counterfoils and list of Trip Tickets issued to contracting Firms .

2.- By this hand over all Allied Commission responsibility in respect of Contract Nr. 1 of Region IV- AMG/AC is transferred to the Italian Govt , who will settle all claims concerning the said Contracts according to Italian law .

3.- Further Para 1, Sub Para c above, deposits made by contracting Firms with Allied Financial Agency are approximately L. 13,000,000- . The ultimate disposal is now under discussion between this Headquarters and the Allied Financial Agency, as soon as a decision is reached you will be informed. In the meantime it is recommended that you take the necessary action to legalize the holding of these vehicles by either the rightful owners or the Firms which carried out salvage operations, in accordance with Italian law. (Decree Nr. 49)

F.D.G. BUCHANAN 2096
Colonel
Director

Subject :- Tpt for CCRR

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. L. A.) ROME
Q.201
28 January. 1946.

To : A.C. for Exec Commissioner.

JAN 30 1946

1. High priority is at present being given to the CCRR as regards clothing, equipment, arms, ammition and transport.

A special section of MMIA has been authorised by AFHQ to examine the present CCRR organisation, advise on measures needed to promote efficiency and assess priorities of available equipment.

2. The meagre resources of the Italian War Min are insufficient at present to meet the requirements of the CCRR in full in addition to the Italian Army.

This is particularly so in the case of transport the gravity of the position being well known to AFHQ. An attempt is being made to augment the number of British vehicles available by securing the release of US Army surplus vehicles.

If successful this will confront the War Min with the task of maintaining British and American vehicles as well as Italian vehicles requiring a vast number of spare parts, peculiar to country of origin.

It follows that at the earliest possible date standardization of transport must be achieved and that vehicles of Italian manufacture are of primary importance to the Italian Army.

3. From the contents of GHQ letter 8031/4/Q(AZ) dated 28 Dec it appears that MED Sub Com are seeking disposal instructions for a considerable number of Italian passenger vehicles. They are required to reserve 56 'Fiat 1500' and 145 'Fiat 1100' for GHQ and may dispose of the remainder if "surplus to military requirements".

The present deficiencies in this type of vehicle are as under:-

	W.E.	Holding.	Deficiency.
CCRR	1061	714	347
Army other than CCRR	1922	911	1011
		Total	1358

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The War Ministry will then be informed in order that they may again seek the necessary Governmental approval to acquire these vehicles.

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5. As you are aware 1800 military vehicles were at the request of the Italian Government left in the hands of civilians on a pledge from the Min of Transport that they would be replaced by reconditioned Allied vehicles. This pledge has not been fulfilled.

The anomalous situation therefore exists that at a time when AFHQ are exercised in remedying the transport deficiencies of the Italian Army, Italian motor vehicles are being released to the Italian Government who show no intention of allocating them to the Army.

Copy to:- GHQ for Q(AE)
A.C. for NMD Sub Commision
CCRR Sec.

W. Pidsley. Colonel
for Major General
MMIA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commission
APO 394

EC/15.07

18 January 1946

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I would ask you to refer to the letter No. 581-10169, sent to me on 11 August 1945 by your predecessor in office. In this letter Professor Parri asked me, on political and economic grounds, to intervene with the military authorities, to prevent the recovery by the Italian Army of ex-Italian Army vehicles then in the hands of private organizations in the North.

Largely as a result of this request, the Allied Commission sponsored an arrangement which was entered into in October between the Minister of Transport and the Minister of War. Under the terms of this agreement, the Italian Army agreed to waive their undoubted right to recover these vehicles, and to leave them in the hands of the organizations which were operating them. In return, the Minister of Transport agreed to reimburse the Italian Army with an equivalent number of vehicles, on a tonnage basis, from the stock of vehicles handed over ex-Allied Sources and after reconditioning. It was further provided that the first batch of 153 vehicles would be made available to the War Ministry during the month of October, the balance of some 1600 to be similarly transferred at the rate of 500 per month commencing 1 November.

This arrangement has not, in fact, been carried out. It was not till the end of November that the first batch of 153 vehicles was available for transfer, and to date, despite frequent enquiries, there has been no further information as to when any more will be forthcoming, this in spite of the fact that over 14,000 Allied vehicles have been handed over to the Italian Government.

In an effort to clear up this matter, the Minister of Transport was invited to a meeting at this Headquarters on 7 January, and was requested to give a firm estimate of when the balance of these vehicles could be made available to the Italian Army. It now appears, however, that the ex-Allied vehicles were not handed over to the Ministry of Transport as such, but to the organization AFAR, which was at that time part of the Ministry. At a later date, however, AFAR apparently became part of the Ministry of Reconstruction, and, on the abolition of this Ministry at the end of the year, an autonomous body subject to no Ministry. On these grounds, the Minister of Transport has stated that this matter is now outside his orbit.

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The Allied Commission, despite the fact that control of the Italian Army has been returned to the Italian Government, is unwilling to see the Army left short of vehicles, which will react on its efficiency, and does not consider that the reasonable arrangement which it sponsored should fail to be completed owing to some technical detail of internal organization within your Government. Moreover, until the Italian Army receives the additional vehicles which are due to them, the Carabinieri will not have their full quota, so that the non-fruition of the arrangement to which I have referred may contribute to a question of internal safety.

I would therefore strongly suggest, Mr. President, that you direct ARAR, since this organization is apparently now responsible only to you, to proceed without delay to complete the handover of vehicles to the Ministry of War, as originally agreed by the Minister of Transport when ARAR was a part of his Ministry. I shall be glad to hear that you have taken action along these lines.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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Land Forces - By hand - Z/Lt. C. Franklin
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SUBJECT : Italian Military Vehicles in Hands of Civilians.

LAND FORCES
SUB COMMISSION, AC (MMIA)
R O M E
G/5/10
7 July 1945

TO : Minister for War

Ref MMIA letter G/5/10 of 15 May 1945.

1. With above letter you were furnished a list showing vehicles in the possession of civilian firms. Some of these vehicles have been returned to the custody of the War Ministry by the civilians.

2. In order to expedite the return of these vehicles to the Italian Army in accordance with AFHQ instructions, immediate action will be taken by you, under Italian law, which will insure the immediate return of these vehicles, in their present condition, to Army control.

3. These vehicles will be repossessed by you regardless of any contracts permits, or other documents signed by Allied officers, which are null and void insofar as you are concerned. No Allied officer is authorized to interfere in any way with your action in this matter. The War Ministry is in no way responsible for any claims which the civilians may have in connection with these vehicles.

4. All MMIA letters in conflict with this letter are rescinded.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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Subject:- Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
Q.205
17. January, 1946.

To:- A.C. for Executive Commissioner.

Herewith minutes of meeting held at H.Q. M.M.I.A. on 25th May 1945.

This refers to the arrangements agreed between A.C., M.M.I.A., and A.F.H.Q. as to the final disposal of the 110 vehicles held by civilians under the agreement made by Region 4.

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

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MINUTES of MEETING

held at HQ M.M.I.A.

on 25 May 1945

MINUTES of MEETING held at HQ MMIA on 25 May 1945 to consider the hand over to the Italian Army the 110 vehs of Italian Army origin currently operated by civilian contractors under A.C.

1. PRESENT :

Major Gen L. BROWNING, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.	- CHAIRMAN.
Major Gen. A. HAMBLEN	- A/CAO AFHQ.
Col. CLAYTON P. KERR	- Deputy Director MMIA.
Col. CHARLES W. WALTON	- Economic Sec. A.C.
Col. F.J. MOAKES	- M.M.I.A.
Lt. Col. R.A. CURTIES	- M.M.I.A.
Lt. Col. G.S. FRANKLIN	- Tn. Sub Commission A.C.
Mr. G.C. GROSS	- Tn. Sub Commission A.C.

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F.J. MCAKES, Col.
M. M. I. A.

FJM/le

26 May 1945.

Distribution :

AFHQ for A/CAO.
HQ A.C. for Economic Sec. (Col. WALTON).
HQ A.C. for Tn Sub Commission (Lt.Col. FRANKLIN).
HQ A.C. for Finance Sub Commission.
HQ A.C. for War Material Disposal Sub Commission.
MMIA ST.
MMIA File Q/5.
MMIA War Diary (2).

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EX COMMR 1622

Subject:- Requisitioned Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. E. I. A.)
G.2(A).
10 January, 1946.

To:- C. E. Z.

1. Arrangements have been made with the Executive Commissioner A.C. for this Sub Commission to be provided with lists of vehicles which G-4(A) are about to de-requisition.

2. It is proposed that the vehicles thus listed be inspected by this Sub Commission prior to de-requisition and application made to you without delay for the transferring from G-4(A) to G-4(B) of any vehicles which this Sub Commission would wish to retain. A.T.M.C.

To enable this to be put into effect, it may be necessary for the de-requisition to be delayed for a few days, in order that this Sub Commission can carry out inspections and submit applications for transfers of requisitions.

3. It is requested that the above arrangements be agreed by you as early as possible, so that appropriate action as may be taken with regard to the batch of vehicles which are due to be de-requisitioned in the very near future.

R.A. [illegible] Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. N. I. A.

Copy to:- G-4(Q Maint)
Executive Commissioner.
G-4 (A) A.C.
~~G-4 (B) A.C.~~

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner, APO 394

EWS/hjp

7 July 1945

SUBJECT:- Italian Military Vehicles.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission, HQ, A.C.

I am informed that Colonel Kerr has made an agreement with the Economic Section that the Transportation Sub-Commission would have local civil contractors return Italian military vehicles in their possession to the Italian War Ministry. In furtherance of this agreement, the War Ministry was instructed by MMIA not to repossess these vehicles directly but to await action by the Transportation Sub-Commission. To expedite their return, you may advise the War Ministry that they are at liberty to repossess these vehicles as directed by AFHQ Circular No 5 1945.

SIGNED. KILLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

CC: Ex Comm
Econ Sec

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

AC/4122/1/L.

31 December 1945

JAN 3 1946

SUBJECT : Sale of Vehicles by Region IV.

TO : Executive Commissioner.

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1. This is the case I spoke to you about. Legally the Ministry of War and MMIA have no leg to stand on. To carry on the policy of seizing all vehicles without compensation would be an act of duress of the occupant incompatible with International Law which sets out that the rights of private citizens must be respected. In this case even more so when these rights have been established by an act of the occupant himself.

2. If MMIA can't see their way out I would suggest a round table conference between all parties concerned.

3. If no agreement ~~was~~ reached no doubt this matter will eventually go to London and Washington for decision, and this is obviously undesirable.

G.G. Hannaford

G.G. HANNAFORD,
Lt. Col.,
Deputy Chief Legal Adviser.

Pl. return with file.

F.H.A.

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avvocato Filippo Vassalli
professore di diritto civile dell'Università di Roma

Apt "A" 152

Subject: Vehicles acquired by Italian Firms from AMG.Region IV.

To: ALLIED COMMISSION,

Rome,

(Attention: Legal Sub-Commission).

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2. In 1944 A.M.G.,Reg.IV,sold to Giannini Bros.certain wrecked motor-vehicles,on representation by Reg.IV that according to International Law the Allies had a title to them.

The sale agreement was duly executed and the purchase price paid by the the contractors.

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4. A long time after the agreement between Giannini Bros. and A.M.G. had been fully executed the Italian Ministry of War came out and claimed the vehicles on the ground that they were of Italian military origin.

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Roma - Lungotevere Tibaldi n.54 (Trastevere)
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5. In June 1945 Giannini Bros. approached AC. and A.M.G.. Both the then Chief Legal Advisor (Col. Behrens) and the Vice-President Civil Affairs Section (Brig. Unjohn) confirmed that the sale agreement is perfectly valid and the purchasers are to be considered lawful

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They are well aware that the present shortage of transport and the requirements of the Army may make it imperative that the vehicles in dispute be handed over to the Ministry of War, although they are informed that the Ministry are actually selling motorvehicles and that certain vehicles acquired from A.M.C. have been exempted from handing over, though they are of military origin.

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However it would be most unfair that our clients should be deprived of their means of livinghood, and should have to sustain an irreparable losse and be penalized because they have entered in good faith into a contract with the Allied Authorities which all parties

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It would therefore appear just and equitable that the Ministry of War acquire the vehicles in dispute from our clients at cur-

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rent market price.

It is respectfully suggested that M.M.I.A. and the Ministry of War be approached in this connection.

If such solution was adopted it would be absolutely imperative that payment for the vehicles be made forthwith in order to enable Giannini Bros. to carry on their business.

Rome, 29th December 1945.

F. Vassalli

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ROUTING AND WORK SHEET

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SUBJECT: Truck deal - Ministry of Transport with the Ministry of War

No	Date	To	REMARKS (1446)	From
1	15/12 1945	Trans. S/C cc: Ex. Comm. General Browning, A/VP, Ec. Section	1. Reference ES/15.07, 14 December 1945, subject, "Truck deal - Ministry of Transport with Ministry of War". 2. The attached directive bearing on the failure of the Minister of Transport to deliver trucks to the Minister of War is sent to you for the necessary immediate action. 3. It is requested that the Director of Transport S/C take appropriate action to accomplish the turn-over of the trucks by the Ministry of Transport to the Ministry of War as nearly in accordance with the previous understandings as may be feasible. 4. The Supply Group will be represented by Major Scotten in any meetings which you may call on this subject. 5. Please submit reports on the progress through the Chief, Supply Group. CHARLES W. WALTON 2082 Colonel, AC Chief, Supply Group See M. 1443	

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APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Tel: 267

14 December 1945

DEC 14 1945

Ref: ES/1507

SUBJECT: Truck Deal - Ministry of Transport with Ministry of War

TO : Chief Supply Division
Economic Section

1. General Browning has been to see the Executive Commissioner this morning relative to above subject.

2. It appears that no trucks have been turned over and that a public safety situation is involved.

3. The last time this was discussed it appeared there would be some delay due to difficulties on the part of the Ministry of Transport to get repair work done.

4. The Executive Commissioner directs that the strongest pressure be brought to bear on the Ministry of Transport in order to insure immediate delivery of trucks to the Ministry of War.

5. May I suggest that this matter be brought to a final settlement. I suggest a meeting of:

Minister of War
MMIA
Minister of Transport
ALCOM

6. Will you please have this matter looked into and a progress report made to the Executive Commissioner.

FOR THE ACTING VICE PRESIDENT:

L. D. Densmore

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, FA
Deputy Vice President

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cc: Executive Commissioner
General Browning
Transportation Sub-Commission

See folder 47

(MAJ H CAFFO) CPAK 17/12/45

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Subject:- Italian Army M.T.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
G.031.
26 November, 1945.

To:- ALLIED COMMISSION,
(Transportation Sub Commission)

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Reference is made to AC/62/62/Tn 5 of 17 Oct and this H.Q. G/5/10 of 23 Oct.

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1. Vehicles listed to date total 1,666.

2. No further communication has yet been received as to when the delivery of equivalent tonnage is to commence.

3. It will be recalled that the equivalent tonnage of the 193 vehicles listed in our G/5/10 of 31 Aug was to be made first priority. The tonnage was notified as being 525 tons in our G/5/10 of 2. Oct.

4. You are requested to state:

(a) how many Allied vehicles are actually in possession of the Ministry of Transport and where they are at present located.

(b) When delivery of the priority 525 tonnage will be made.

(c) What arrangements are proposed regarding the balance.

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5. It is pointed out that the terms of the agreement proposed in your 540/16/Tn 1 of 7 Oct 45 are reciprocal, that the necessary action has been taken by M.M.I.A. as regards the War Ministry responsibility, but that to date the Ministry of Transport has done nothing more than continually revise their estimate of when Allied vehicles will be made available. A reply is therefore requested not later than 1 Dec, giving the information detailed in paragraph 4.

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

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Executive Commissioner.

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SUBJECT : Recovery Italian Army Vehicles

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q.031
20 November 1945

NOV 23 1945

TO : War Ministry

Reference is made to this H.Q. letters:

Q/5/10 — 23 October 1945 — 131
Q.031 — 13 November 1945. — 135

1. In accordance with the policy laid down by the Supreme Allied Commander vehicles of Italian military origin may be lawfully claimed by the War Ministry.

Under the agreement between the War Ministry and the Ministry of Transport to which reference is made in the above quoted letters vehicles specifically listed as Army vehicles in the hands of Civilians are to be replaced on a ton for ton basis by Allied vehicles.

Vehicles whose description does not tally with this list may be seized if of Italian Military origin.

2. Recovery action instituted by the War Ministry in accordance with the above policy sometimes results in an appeal by the civilian "user" on the grounds either that :

(a) the vehicle was salvaged and retained after repair on the authority of AMG/AC;

or

(b) the vehicle is of civilian and not military origin.

3. In the case of 2 (a) above the claimant will be required to produce a copy of the AMG/AC authority, which will be forwarded to this H.Q. Pending a decision the vehicle may be held by the Army in the nearest Efficient Vehicle Park.

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If no authority can be produced the vehicle may be taken on charge and be made available for re-issue without reference to Land Forces Sub Commission.

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4. In the case of 2 (b) above, the matter will be decided by the Territorial Headquarters concerned who will obtain in writing the decision of the BLO MCIA affiliated to that H.Q. as to whether or not the vehicle is of civilian or military origin.

5. Appeals are frequently received direct by this Sub Commission or by other Sub Commissions of L.C. as for example those listed at app. A.

In these and all future cases it is desired that the above procedure be adopted.

The claimant will in all cases be referred to the War Ministry and informed of the procedure outlined above.

R.A. CURTIES Lt.Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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All E.C.'s M.E.'s. for action name.
A.O. for Executive Commissioner. (1)
Civil Affairs Section (12)
Economic Section (12)
Transp. Sub Commission (1)

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Reference	Details
W & D Disposal Sub Commission brought by hand	Industry Sub Commission refer question of ownership of Truck Fiat 626/N - Nos. 83603 at present held by Prodotti Chimici Nazionali. (Recommend See Work Sheet 8 Nov 45)
War Ministry A2262 7258 WSK 6 Nov.	Mr. Suani Aldo claims ownership to a lorry produced for German High Command.
War Ministry A6688 7244 WSK	Mr. Trasciona Felice claims ownership to a lorry produced for German High Command.
Pub Safety Sub Commission AG/14057/PS 9 Nov.	Truck Fiat 626/N - Nos 83603 held by Prodotti Chimici Nazionali and claimed by the War Ministry.
Transportation Sub Commission brought by hand	Comune di Forli' re lorry claimed by War Ministry letter ref. 33/31 - 7 Nov.45
Transportation Sub Commission brought by hand	Comune di Riccione re two lorries claimed by War Ministry letter ref. 7443 - 8 Nov 45.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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Ref: 8272/136/MC

21 November 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Army M.T.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region
Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region
Regional Commissioner, Liguria Region
Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region

1. Agreement has been reached between the Ministry of War and the Ministry of Transport, whereby Italian Army vehicles at present operated by civilians, may be retained by them, subject to an equivalent tonnage of Allied vehicles now being made available to the Italian Government being handed over to the Italian Army.

2. Only such vehicles as have been reported on lists forwarded by you are covered by this agreement. Provided sufficient information, i.e. Targa number, engine and chassis numbers have been furnished, a Transfer Document will be prepared by the War Ministry and delivered to the Ministry of Transport, entitling the present owner to continue to operate the vehicle. Transfer Documents will be issued in respect of vehicles of equivalent tonnage to those which have been requisitioned by the Italian Army from the Ministry of Transport. A specimen Transfer Document is attached as Appendix 'A'. 130

3. It is to be clearly understood by all concerned that the lists forwarded by you are final, that no additional vehicle may be added, and that recovery action will be taken by the War Ministry in the case of any other Army vehicles in the possession of civilians.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Land Forces A/C.
Econ. Sec.

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Subject:- Italian Army M.T.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
Q.031
8 November, 1945.

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To : A.C. for Executive Commissioner. ✓ (134)

Reference your 8272/134/EC dated 29th October 1945.

Draft letter to Regional Commissioners is given below:

"Agreement has been reached between the Ministry of War and the Ministry of Transport, whereby Italian Army vehicles at present operated by civilians, may be retained by them, subject to an equivalent tonnage of Allied vehicles now being made available to the Italian Government being handed over to the Italian Army.

Only such vehicles as have been reported on lists forwarded by you are covered by this agreement. Provided sufficient information, i.e. Targa number, engine and chassis numbers have been furnished, a Transfer Document will be prepared by the War Ministry and delivered to the Ministry of Transport, entitling the present owner to continue to operate the vehicle. Transfer Documents will be issued in respect of vehicles of equivalent tonnage to those which have been received by the Italian Army from the Ministry of Transport. A specimen Transfer Document is attached at Appendix 'A'.

It is to be clearly understood by all concerned that the lists forwarded by you are final, that no additional vehicle may be added, and that recovery action will be taken by the War Ministry in the case of any other Army vehicles in the possession of civilians.".

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

FE (134)

Ref: 8272/134/EC 29 October 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Army M.T.

TO : Land Forces S/C (MMIA) (31)

1. Reference your G/5/10 of 23 October addressed to Italian Ministry, the Executive Commissioner desires that all Regional Commissioners be informed of these arrangements.

2. Would you be good enough to prepare, for the signature of the Chief Commissioner, an appropriate letter to the Regional Commissioners, or do you believe that above reference contains all the information necessary for the Regions.

/S/ E.H. WHITE.
Chief Staff officer
to Executive Commissioner

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Subject:- Italian Army M.T.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
G/5/10
23 October, 1945.

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To:-

War Ministry.

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The Allied vehicles will be turned over "reconditioned". As no spares are now available, additional vehicles will be turned over to the Italian Army for cannabilisation.

2. In view of the opposition which has been encountered in the recovery of Italian Army vehicles and to remove the possibility of political trouble and discontent which might result from pressing the legitimate claim of the War Ministry, the above proposal has been accepted by M.M.I.A. at the request of AC/AMG and the Italian Civil Government.

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(b) M.M.I.A. will then furnish particulars of Italian Army Vehicles for which you will deliver transfer documents to the Ministry of Transport. When the transfer document has been delivered to the Ministry of Transport the Italian Army vehicle will be struck off Army records.

(c) Specimen transfer document is attached at appendix 'A'.

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

Copy to:
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All M.M.I.A. L.Os.
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Appendix 1 to ITA letter
C/S/72 dated 23 October 45

Operations Plan No.....

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Signed .....

Rank .....

Unit .....

Date .....

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in paragraph 4a hereof on Army duties only.

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(Name and address of owner)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner GSF/ep

Ref: AC/SS/SS/Tu5 17 October 1945.

SUBJECT: Return of Italian Army M.T.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (MMIA) (122)

1. Reference your letter Q/5/10 dated 8 October 1945.

2. Reference your para. 1 (a), it has been ascertained that these vehicles are now being released by air stores to Captain O'Donnell, MMIA, reference signal 4736, dated 27 September 1945.

Reference your para. 1 (b), every effort will be made by the Transportation Sub-Commission, Roads Division to have the 155 vehicles delivered as quickly as possible. See Folio 114

Reference your para. 1 (c), our agreement to deliver 500 vehicles per month, fully reconditioned, was based on the estimated capacity of Italian Ministry of Transport workshops, and civilian workshops under contract. Before saying that this figure may be increased, the matter must be discussed further with the responsible Italian authorities.

Reference your para. 2 (a), lists of Italian Army vehicles now being operated by AMG are in the course of preparation and will be forwarded to MMIA not later than 17 October 1945.

Your para. 2 (b) and (c) are agreed.

3. Due to the fact that Doctor La Malfa, the Italian Minister of Transport, has been absent from Rome for the past few days and is not expected to return until Wednesday, 17 October 1945, it has been impossible for the Transportation Sub-Commission, Roads Division to settle all details. However, a meeting has been arranged with the Minister of Transport for 18 October, at which time final details will be discussed and agreed. You will be advised accordingly. It is the considered opinion of Transportation Sub-Commission, Roads Division that delivery of vehicles can commence by 29 October 1945.

M. S. LUSH 2072 17/10

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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FROM: TN AMG VENEZIA REGION
TO: ALCOM CITE TPT SC

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Your 6496 ex Italian Army vehicles. Provinces report numbers known to them as follows BELLUNO 77 VERONA 216 PADOVA 55 VENEZIA 46 ROVIGO 49 TREVISO none VICENZA 61 total for 7 provinces 504. Particulars in mail. UDINE BOLZANO TRENTO not yet reported.

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FROM: AMG LIGURIA REGION
TO : ALCOM CITY ACCPT

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Ref your signal 5642 of 18 September. Owing to lack of provincial transportation officers complete information is as yet not available. End signed LLOYD DAVIES.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 8272/124/20 10 October 45

SUBJECT: Return of Italian Army MT

TO : Transportation Subcommission

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1. Herewith copy of comments and modification of Land Forces S/C (Ref Q/5/10 of 8 Oct) to Executive Commissioner's letter of 7 October (Ref. 540/16/En 1).

2. Will you prepare a reply for the Executive Commissioner setting forth your views?

3. Please treat as urgent.

E. M. WHITE
Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Subject: Return of Italian Army MT.

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/5/10

8 October 1945.

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To : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

OCT - 8 1945

Reference your letter 540/16/Tn 1 of 7 October

1. Your letter is agreed with the following exceptions:

a. Your para 2 (b) (1) - It has now been ascertained the exact figure is 33. However, we are advised that settlement is now being made in regard to the 33 vehicles.

b. Your para 2 (e) - Since the use of Italian Army vehicles was and is on first priority by AMG, it must be insisted that replacement of equivalent tonnage for the 153 vehicles must be also on first priority. Your letter does not specify this and leaves the decision with the Italian Ministry of Transport, thereby forcing the Italian Army to deal with that agency. We must have categorical assurance that the 153 vehicles will be replaced on first priority, and I feel it is only just and equitable that you should order the Minister of Transport to agree to this. There should be no difficulty in the provision of such a relatively small number of vehicles by the Ministry of Transport. Moreover, you will note that MMIA is prepared to ask for first priority for only the original figure of 153 instead of the figure 237 of which "details now available" as shown in para 2 of your 540/16 Tn 1 of 7 Oct.

c. Your para 2 (f) - The vehicles transferred to the Army must be fully reconditioned. Such workshops and repair organizations as we have are fully engaged.

2. In order to clarify the matter and prevent seizure of the Italian Army vehicles left in the hands of civilians, the following procedure should be followed:

a. Lists of vehicles to be delivered to MMIA by AC, as soon as possible, as a matter of urgency.

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b. Vehicles covering equivalent tonnage are then released by Ministry of Transport to Italian Army, whereupon

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c. Italian Army delivers to Ministry of Transport a document covering the vehicle which has been replaced.

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This document must be for each individual vehicle, so that it can accompany the vehicle left in civilian hands.

3. As this discussion has been going on for nearly 3 weeks and as AFHQ are pressing me for a report on its development, I must ask that you now agree to the "compromise" stated in your letter 540/16/Tn 1 of 7 Oct. as amended by my remarks above. I will then inform AFHQ and my Staff both in Rome and outstations accordingly.

L. Browning

Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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Ref. 540/16/Tn 1) October 1945

OCT - 8 1945

SUBJECT: Return of Italian Army M.T.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.) (TN SC)

1. In reply to your G/5/10 of 19 September 1945, it is noted that you agree, subject to certain conditions, to the principle that the Italian Army shall be reimbursed with vehicles equivalent to those now in the hands of civilian owners, partisans, etc., and that these latter vehicles shall be left in the hands of their present operators.

2. The provisos you mention in Paragraph 2 of your above-quoted letter appear reasonable, but the following comments are made on the various conditions as listed by you:

(a) It is only possible to list those vehicles which are known by A.C./A.M.G. to be in existence. Particulars are now being collected, and a complete list of all such known vehicles will be forwarded to you as soon as possible. There will no doubt be other Italian Army vehicles of which there is no record, and it is understood that you realise this fact and accept this position. For your advance information, the figures so far available are as follows:

Lombardia Region	219	} - Details now available.
13 Corps Area	18	
Venezia Region	1622	- Details not yet available.
Piemonte Region		} - Numbers and details not yet available.
Ligurian Region		

(b) It is understood that this condition refers to two lists of vehicles, totalling 41 vehicles as follows:

(1) 21 vehicles, said to be nearing completion in workshops in Turin on 15 August, and mentioned in your letter G/5/10 of 15 August, 1945, to AFHQ (not to ALCOM). Regional Transportation Officer, Piemonte Region, has now been instructed to freeze these vehicles if they are still in the factory, or to trace their present whereabouts if they have been issued, in either case so that they may be handed over to the Italian Army as requested.

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(2) 10 vehicles, particulars of which were given in your C/5/10 of 25 August to AFHQ, copy sent to this Headquarters under same reference of 3 September. With regard to these 10 vehicles, instructions are being sent to the Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region, directing him to arrange delivery forthwith to the MMIA, L.O. at Turin as requested by you.

(c) Agreed. No comment. Instructions are being sent accordingly to the Regional Commissioners concerned.

(d) The arrangements which have already been made for the hand-over of MD vehicles to the Italian Government do not include any for the hand-over of spare parts. An additional number of vehicles, however, is being handed over for cannibalisation and consequent production of spare parts. Other spare parts may be handed over if they are declared surplus from theatre stocks.

The same arrangements as above will apply in the case of ex MD vehicles transferred by the Ministry of Transport to the Italian Army, and it is understood that these arrangements will satisfy your condition (d).

(e) It is understood that this condition refers to a total of 153 vehicles, as listed by you in your letter C/5/10 of 31 August addressed to Chief Commissioner. It is agreed that an equivalent number of vehicles, making up the same tonnage as is represented by these 153 vehicles, will be turned over forthwith to the Italian Army, as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made; it is estimated that this will take about two weeks from the date of this letter. With regard to your desire that these vehicles should be turned over as first priority from reconstructed vehicles, this is being taken up with the Italian Ministry of Transport, who is now responsible for allocation.

(f) Program of delivery dates of vehicles and spare parts (or vehicles for cannibalisation) will be forwarded to you as soon as possible. Meanwhile, a preliminary discussion has taken place between this Sub-Commission and the Minister of Transport; the latter has agreed in principle to the scheme which you have accepted with the reservations noted.

Vehicles ex-Allied sources are now being handed over to the Italian Government, starting 21 September 1945, and representing a 20,000 to 30,000 ton lift. It is anticipated that this turnover will be completed by 31 October. Vehicles must be reconditioned after handing over and the speed with which this can be carried out

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is a limiting factor. If such reconditioning is not carried out, vehicles can be handed over to the Italian Army as fast as they are taken over from the Allies. As reconditioned vehicles have been promised, however, it is not possible to quote a firm figure of more than 900 reconditioned vehicles a month starting 1 November 1945. If the Italian Army is prepared to assist in reconditioning vehicles, some three times this number of vehicles requiring reconditioning could be handed over in addition. It is hoped in practice that the figure of 900 reconditioned vehicles per month can in fact be improved upon.

3. Will you please confirm that you are in agreement with the above.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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cc: Economic Section
Transportation Sub-Commission

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OFFICE OF THE G. O. C.
MILITARY MISSION TO THE ITALIAN ARMY

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Saturday 6 Oct.

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Dear Maurice,

How about the "M.T. compromise" official letter from you? I do want to get it settled. Jowr chaps & Col. Keen agreed on the draft Early this week.

I so enjoyed your party last night

Yours

Langley Brown

Brig. M.S. LUSH
CB. CBE. MC.
(RA)

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Reference your 6496 information requested in your 5647 has been sent to you by post.

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19 September 1945.

Chief Commissioner.

1. AFHQ Admin Memo No. 5 dated 11 April 45 reads as follows:-

II - TITLE TO ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES

The title to vehicles of the Italian Armed Forces falls into two categories as follows:-

1. Vehicles captured by the Allied Armies prior to the Armistice with Italy. These vehicles have become spoils of war and remain the property of the Allied Military Authorities who have discretion to allot them as they see fit in accordance with existing instructions covering captured enemy material.

2. All other vehicles of the Italian Armed Forces.

a. These remain the property of the Italian Government as outlined in AFHQ Circulars Number 15, and Number 29, 1944.

b. This transport should be used to the maximum benefit of the Italian nation as a whole, bearing in mind the calls made by Headquarters AC on the resources of the Allied Armies to meet essential civilian requirements.

c. The allocation of this transport in accordance with paragraph b above will be made as follows:

Italian Army vehicles by the Land Forces Sub Commission AC (LFSA). Italian Air Force vehicles by the Air Force Sub-Commission AC. Italian Navy vehicles by the Navy Sub-Commission AC. Transport surplus to the minimum needs of the Italian Armed Forces which is desired for civilian use by Headquarters AC will be allotted to civilian use by the appropriate Sub-Commission, AC title thereto and operation thereof being by the Italian Armed Forces under the control of the appropriate Sub-Commission, AC.

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2. Many hundreds of Italian Army vehicles were found in the north immediately after liberation and were rightly at once put to the maximum benefit of the Italian economy as a whole by Army AMG and Regional Commissioners. Many, if not the majority, were found to be in the possession of Partisans, or CLNs and were being used by them to distribute food, to move refugees, and sundry other purposes. The AMG Authorities permitted this to continue. Had they not done so the internal economy in N. Italy would have broken down.

3. Land Forces Sub-Commission have always taken the line that they had no objection to the use of these vehicles for state purposes but they resisted retention by individuals for purposes of private gain and they rightly insisted on the registration of such vehicles as Italian Army vehicles in order that the title of the Italian Army to them could be maintained. They in fact insisted on 2 (c), i.e. making the allocation of this transport themselves. This, they state, has not been done, and they claim that many hundreds of vehicles are being held by individuals and groups, with the tacit and sometimes patent approval of AMG and Italian authorities, and are being used for private gain. They demand the immediate return of these vehicles to the Italian Army and ask for AMG assistance in so doing.

4. On paper their claim is incontestable and there is no doubt that they have been resisted - at any rate by the Italian authorities in the North. Exception to the claim can be made in regard to the use of the vehicles by Displaced Persons, who have moved many IPOE in the trucks and thereby can claim that they are in the service of the civil government. It can also be argued that the Partisan Cooperative and other pool organisations which use these trucks are in the service of the civil government in that they are necessary for the economy of Italy.

5. However that may be we have to face the realities. Is it politic at this stage to withdraw these trucks from the possession of their present owners - realising that in many cases it will have to be done by force and that it has already been turned into a political issue in Turin. Sig. Parri clearly thinks it would not be politic and the Transportation Sub-Commission (Mr. Franklin) agrees.

6. An alternative has been found - suggested by the Minister of Transport. He proposes to make an offer to the Ministry of War whereby these vehicles be left under the Ministry of Transport and left by them in the possession of those now operating them. The Ministry of Transport in return will hand over to the Ministry of War for the Italian Army an equivalent tonnage lift from Allied W.D. vehicles which he is now receiving from the Allies and which are turned over reconditioned, and, as I am advised, in a better state generally than the vehicles in question.

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7. Transportation Sub-Commission regards this as an equitable compromise - one in fact which would be to the advantage of the Italian Army and which would avoid a great deal of discontent and possibly some bloodshed in the north.

Brigadier,
Executive Coordinator.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel: 378

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AC/349/TN 5

19 Sept. 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Army Vehicles

TO : Executive Commissioner.

1. Reference conversation Brigadier Lush/Mr. Franklin, 18 September, on the above subject.

2. The matter has already been discussed by this Sub-Commission with the Italian Ministry of Transport, and it has been suggested that an agreement along the following lines should be entered into between the Italian Ministry of Transport and the Italian Ministry of War. The Italian Army vehicles which are now in the possession of individuals, e.g., partisans, should be left with the present operators. The Italian Ministry of Transport would then reimburse the Italian Army with vehicles which are now in the process of being turned over by the Allies to the Italian Government. It may be advisable to point out that, if this agreement can be made firm, the Italian Army would gain in the long run, as the vehicles which are being turned over by the Allies are all being reconditioned and being put in first-class shape by the ISR and various Italian motor manufacturing firms.

3. There appears to be only one alternative, namely, that the Italian Government should publish a decree ordering individuals now in possession of Italian Army equipment (vehicles) to hand over such property to the rightful owners, e.g., the Italian Army. The equipment so handed over would then be replaced by the Italian Ministry of Transport with vehicles ex Allied military stocks which are now being disposed of direct to the Italian Government.

4. Of the two possible alternatives outlined above, the first is unquestionably recommended for the following reasons: It is considered that any attempt to remove the vehicles now in possession of their present operators will only result in the vehicles going underground, and may well cause incidents which are better avoided. The Italian Army, in these circumstances, would be the losers, and the Italian Ministry of Transport would still have to make an allocation of new vehicles to enable the Italian Army to carry out its functions. Also, such a forced withdrawal might tend to turn the present operators against the Italian Army, an attitude that might have political repercussions.

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5. It should be noted that AFHQ's original order for the hand-over of Italian Army vehicles clearly stated that such transport should be used to the best economy of the country as a whole, and it is therefore suggested that a very short view of the transport situation in Italy as a whole is being taken by MMIA.

6. It may also be pointed out that it is one thing to publish an order or a directive, and another thing to enforce it. If MMIA insist on the enforcement of this order, it will be necessary for them to provide the personnel, as AC as a whole, and Transportation Sub-Commission in particular, are in no position to furnish the necessary personnel for the enforcement of the order.

For the Director:

Gordon S. Franklin

GORDON S. FRANKLIN,
Acting Chief,
Road Division.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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ECONOMIC SECTION

Suspend to Thurs. 20 Sept.

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SUBJECT: RECOVERY OF ITALIAN ARMY VEHICLES AND PROPERTY

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From
1.	17/9/45	Tn.S/C	For immediate action. Will you please study the attached letters prepared as drafts for the CC's signature and return your remarks and recommendations to the office of the Supply Division. Please note hereon any additions or deletions in either of the two draft letters.	Supply Div. EconSect

CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, A.C.
Chief, Supply Division.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5829/14/EC

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 Subcommission to the Chief Commissioner Q/5/10 dated 12 September 45, subject as above, for immediate action.

P. Russell
Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Subject: Recovery of Italian Army Vehicles and Property

Allied Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/5/10
17 September 1945

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MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL STONE

1. AFHQ has directed that vehicles and property of Italian Armed Forces be recovered by the Armed Forces forthwith. Such orders have been passed on to the War Ministry and to the Territorial Commanders, who are now attempting to get this done.

2. Information has been received from several sources that Prefects and other civilian officials are resisting and hindering this recovery, claiming that the Prime Minister has given them authority to retain Army vehicles and property.

3. The Territorial Commander at Turin, in attempting to recover vehicles and property in the hands of so-called Partisans (the statement has been made that the vehicles were given to the Partisans by AMG) has met with various difficulties, the most serious of which is an attack on the Army by the newspapers, which state that the Prime Minister had promised the vehicles of the "ex-Royal Army" to the Partisans. As a result of this newspaper attack, it is reported that the property is not being recovered and feeling against the Army is running high. This is unfortunate as the Army is only obeying AFHQ instructions, and the name of the Prime Minister is being used (undoubtedly without authority) against the Army.

4. Suggest (1) that the Prime Minister issue a statement to Prefects and to the newspapers in Turin (draft attached), and (2) that the Chief Commissioner inform the Regional Commissioners (draft attached).

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Colonel, Infantry

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DRAFT OF STATEMENT OF PRIME MINISTER

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For the reorganization of the Italian Armed Forces it is necessary that all vehicles and property belonging to the Armed Forces in Italy be returned to the Armed Forces at once. The Supreme Allied Commander has so directed and the Ministers have issued instructions to competent commanders in the field, and these officers must obey these orders.

All individuals, civilians, companies, cooperatives, and agencies and officials of the civil government, and others in possession of such vehicles and property, secured from whatever source, must return the property to the competent military authorities at once. No person, individual, or officer of the Government is authorized to give away, use, loan, or otherwise illegally dispose of vehicles or property of the Government, and I desire all citizens and officials to cooperate to the fullest extent with the military authorities in the prompt and complete recovery of the vehicles and property of the Armed Forces which is so vitally necessary to the welfare of Italy.

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DRAFT OF LETTER FROM CHIEF COMMISSIONER
TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

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The Italian Armed Forces are having great difficulty in recovering vehicles and property in the hands of individuals, civilians, civilian organizations, and officials of the civil government.

The Supreme Allied Commander has repeatedly directed that these vehicles and property be returned to the Italian Armed Forces. I have also issued numerous instructions on the same subject.

It is reported that Italian civil officials are not cooperating in this effort, and that civilians and newspapers are abusing the Army which is attempting to carry out the orders.

If the Italian Armed Forces are to be reconstituted as an efficient arm of Government, all of their vehicles and property must be returned to them. Certainly we cannot have civilians in possession of vehicles and the Army on foot.

I desire that you make every effort to assist the Italian Army, correct the misinformation in the press and insist that the officials of the civil government cooperate.

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