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WAR MATERIAL DISPOSAL
DEC. 1945 - MAY 1946

CSA

288

Ref 235. Please see reply on 295-7. *Aut 17/5*
 Ref paras of 220. This has been done.
 Please see 251. *Aut 17/5*

Tocsa.

301

Executive Commissioner.

Reference Folio 288 - Tyres.

I spoke to Commerce Sub-Commission re this letter.

They state that the Commission now has no control what so ever on

TYRES.

They are completely controlled by the Italian Ministry of Supply and Commerce and Commerce Sub-Commission are of the opinion that this is a matter on which the Italian Ministries of War and Supply & Commerce should get together.

May I have your ruling please.

Aut 17/5

302

17/5

CSO
 I Ref folio 288 and min 301. *min 17/5*
 are dropping a letter to the P.M. for the
 En Comm. Separation.

I Ref enclosure to Folio 297. *min 17/5*
 are preparing a memo stating this was
 as this. *Aut 16/5*

5246

Hess JH. 213

252.

257 to info on letter at 235 ... P.D. refers.

K 2/3

AKESA

262

Ref folio 257, para 3, the agenda (folios 258/9)
has been forwarded to GWA by MMA1 on
9/3/46. all to you for info, please. *AKB* 11/3

~~AKESA~~ ~~folio 261 for info please~~

264.

Ex Comm.

- i) 4's 258-261 for info
- ii) 4 263 has been sent in answer (?) to 257.

JH. 1413

268.

C.S.O. i) Folio 263 cancelled as folio 267 rec'd in
lieu of draft letter (257) referred to in 263.

- ii) Folio 267 in conjunction with 234 for info, please.
A copy of 267 has gone to all addressees of 234. *JH. 1413*

269.

Thanks. Distribution within A.C. 2 265 dec'd. *by JH. 1413*
shown them. *18/3.*

272

C.S.O. See folio 271 for info. This is reply to J. 214, no further
action needed. *JH. 21/3.*

278

~~These folios are for info please~~

264.

Ex Com.

- i) 1's 258-261 for info.
- ii) 1 263 has been sent in answer (?) to 257.

H.S. 1413

268.

- C.S.O. i) Folio 263 cancelled as folio 267 need in lieu of draft letter (257) referred to in 263.
- ii) Folio 264 in conjunction with 254 for info, please. A copy of 267 has gone to all addressees of 254. *[Signature]*

269.

Albans. Distribution within A.S. 2 265 dead - be *[Signature]*
shown down. *[Signature]*

18/3.

[Signature]

272

C.S.O. See folio 271 for info. This is reply of 219, no further *[Signature]*
273.

278

C.S.O. Ref folio 277, a reminder was sent to the P.M. on 23 March asking for a reply to our 253 or 1. Have today asked Mr. Benmosei to help. *[Signature]*

279.

Capt H.

— Inform Land & S.C. (actually) that we are pressing I.C. strongly for a reply. H.S. 914 *[Signature]*

282.

Capt H. — Has Bombani done anything? H.S. 27/4

240.

AFHQ

Letter al 231-239, & 237 for info.
 Draft letter al 240a, implementing MIA's
 letter al 236 is submitted for approval.

18/12

AFHQ

244.

Letter al 243 submitted for signature.
 Please see 242 - does the ex. c. wish
 action to be taken or will he wait
 until a reply is received to his 234?
 19/12.

245.

Ex Comm.

- i) Ref 242. Do you wish action to
 be taken in this now or shall we wait
 for reply to 234.
 ii) See 237-239 for info.

19/12

CRO

246.

No further action necessary. We have written

to the P.M. and the fact is that the P.M. does not
 fight its own battles inside the Afghan Govt.

19/12

247.

CRO

... spoke to CAO (Gen Duff) about 12/3/44

... to AFHQ staff study

copy to received 15 his 234?
19/12.

245.

La Cour.

- i) Ref 242. Do you wish action to be taken on this now or shall we wait for reply to 234.
- ii) See 237-239 for info. J.H. 20/12

246.

CSO

No further action necessary. We have written to the P.M. and the fact is that the AFHQ must fight its own battles inside the Station Com.

178/21/2.

247

CSO ... I spoke to CAO (Gen Deff) about 178/21/2 today. He tells me that the AFHQ staff study is favourable and we can expect a reply soon.

178/22/2.

248.

Miss S. Ref your 244. Note in 246 & 247. J.H. 23/12

17/12/2.

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SUBJECT: Pharmaceutical Plant at Merano.

209.

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From
1	1946 14 Jan	Office of Ex-Commissioner	Reference your 9006/206/33 dated 10 Jan. 46 attached herewith draft of reply for Ministry of Foreign Affairs, together with copies of letters referred to. attached opposite.	C.E.M. Branch.

(MMS. 19. 51/17/12)

206 5242

20.

209 I believe you are interested in this - at
209 a is draft reply as requested in your
208 [209 above refers] and also is a cheering
letter from C4 (B) about the case. BL 151

Chen - 212
is amended.

1-151

230
P 229 etc discussed with Lane Foxes who will
submit two drafts: (1) to AFTRA on 87 I
then to P.M. on Pt II. W 12/2

230a

5241

Case Comm.

5243
① Fair copy of
revised drafts.

Sin,

① I have typed up
for signature opposite

I believe you are interested in this - at
209 a is draft reply as requested in your
208 (209 above refers) and so is a clearing
letter from C4 (B) about the case. BS 1571

1. Chamber - 212
as amended.

1-15-71
15/1

230
P225 etc discussed with Kana Fares who will
submit two drafts; 1 to AFHQ on P7 I
Other to P.M. on P6 II W 12/2

5241

230A

Enc. Comm.

5243

① Fair copy of
revised draft

Kenworth

② Letter to Kana Fares
re: reply of
Ward & Fairview etc
and will follow

14 Feb

14 Feb

14 Feb

14 Feb

14 Feb

Sin,

① I have typed up
for signature opposite
draft is underneath.

② Tabbed on file
Col. Kana's name
is in end sheet.

14 Feb

ACLO/BZ/9

H/2829

MAY 101230

MAY 110900

IMPORTANT

ALCOM BOLZANO

MAY 1 1946

ALCOM HOME FOR DIRECTOR C E O PT TO EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER AND DEFSO

COL FINDLEY

UNCLASSIFIED:

Discovered today that much C E M furniture Medical stores C and Sanita ETS Park Merano has not been handed over by distwo to Italian Govt. Understood Col Campbell and bril McKenzie personally supervised and certified this hand over. Loads of stores and medical equipment are being moved by German PW into their present camp which is more like a Hotel than otherwise. Capt ~~2800~~ Amoco has twice reported this outstanding release to you affecting the German Hospital and Colony.

A C DENT

ACTION - C E M/ER

INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

EX COMMR

DISPER

ECON

FILE

FLOAT 2



(Handwritten signature)
(CAPT K)

(Handwritten signature)
n/s

9006

8 Ev Comm. 299

CEM/BZ

H/2873

MAY 12

MAY 12 1130

IMMEDIATE

ALCOM CEM BOLZANO

ALCOM ROME DIRECTOR CEM BRANCH FOR CAMPBELL

MAY 13 1946

UNCLASSIFIED:

Train 1804 left Bolzano 12 May 0650 hrs with 6 trucks consigned CEM
Branch HQ, AC, CAMPBELL - CURRY.

HEADQUARTERS

12 MAY 1946

AC LIST

ACTION - C E M BR

INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

ECOM SEC

EX COMM

FLOAT 2

FILE

5239

145-
CAPT K/

Translation

IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Ref. 68504/12060.441/19.8

Rome, 3 May 1946

MAY 9 1946

Dear General,

I considered it advisable to hear the opinion of the Ministry of War regarding the problem of equipment for the new Italian Army, which point was raised in your letter to me n.9006/235/EC dtd 16 Feb last.

I am forwarding you a copy of their reply n.206456 dtd 9 March, as it stands, and am of the opinion that it deserves your kindly consideration, given the clear cut practicability of the solutions proposed for an immediate attainment of the object in view.

With kind regards,

(Signature)

See min 302 para 2
Brigadier General M.S. LUSH,
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

ECDIST - 9 May

ACTION:- EC

INFO:- EC

see 172986 301+302
Land Forces s/c (MMA)
Navy s/c
Air Force s/c
Com Sec (for CEMA)

(CAPT. A.)

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Translation

Rome, 9 March 1946

N.206458/11

Ref your N.61113/12060/12060.44.5.19.8, dtd 1 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Assignment of War Material to the FF.AA. (Armed Forces).

TO : Presidency of the Council of Ministers - Gabinetto, Rome

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA) A.C.
(Ref N.Q/003 of the 18 Feb last)

General Direction of A.R.A.R.

1. From the moment the Allies notified their intention of handing over their deposits of material in Italy to the Italian Government, this Ministry has been anxious to obtain all serviceable material for the Army, amongst which must be distinguished:

- (1) military material which, according to the orders of AMH, given during the war, must be handed over to the Army without payment (letter from A.C.C., R.C.-X.M.G. Section, A.P.O. 394, dtd 10/8/1944 and administrative instructions n.30 a copy of which is attached.)
- (2) material not coming under military administration which it is in the interests of the Army to acquire.

2. In view of the rules for the functioning of A.R.A.R. and that the Territorial Military Commands supervise the guarding of all material handed over by the Allies, it was ruled (circular 225200/11 dtd 20 Nov 1945 and n.202600/11 dtd 4 Feb 1946, copies of which are attached) (i) that the Territorial Military Commands should come to an agreement with the local representative of A.R.A.R., (ii) that they should arrange as soon as possible to examine all material at present in the deposits and (iii) immediately after:

- (a) remove the war material recognized as such without objection from the local representative of A.R.A.R.;
- (b) inform the General Direction of this Ministry what material the representatives of A.R.A.R. claim as being military property;
- (c) propose the purchasing of material not pertaining to the ⁵²³⁶Libary authorities, which is deemed useful.

The general directions have direct contacts with A.R.A.R. both for discussion over the military ownership of certain materials and for fixing the prices and manner of transferring the materials which the Territorial Military Commands intend to acquire.

See 7-290

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3. An organization is therefore already in being which, in agreement with A.R.A.R., will ensure that this Ministry is immediately informed regarding the materials handed over by the Allies. Officers of the Territorial Military Commands, who are specialists for each type of material, decide whether it belongs to the military and are able to point out its usefulness. Other officers of the individual general directions are particularly competent for settling possible differences between the Direction of A.R.A.R. and the War Ministry, and to negotiate the purchasing of suitable material.

I consider therefore that no perceptible improvement would be obtained by the assignment of one or more officers to A.R.A.R.

4. On the other hand a point which I consider essential for ensuring that the Army enters into possession of the war material as quickly as possible, is to obtain the consent of the Allies that their material should be, in accordance with the ruling of A.F.H.Q., handed over directly to representatives of the War Ministry before the deposits have been consigned to A.R.A.R.

5. Combined with the above mentioned fundamental measure there should be instructions given to perfect the organization mentioned in para 2, specifying that as soon as the Allies have handed over a deposit to the agencies of A.R.A.R. the latter should show the list of the material to the competent Territorial Military Command of the district and afterwards forward the list to the General Direction of A.R.A.R. clearly indicating which materials the Military Command desire to purchase outright or as being recognised as belonging to military administration. Such materials, naturally, should be kept at the disposition of this Ministry.

6. Lastly I consider it would be useful to have an Italian officer attached to the office of the Chief Disposal Officer, in order that he can inform either this Ministry or the Territorial Military Commands direct, what materials are on the point of being handed over. This would avoid the inconvenience which has sometimes occurred in the past of the Territorial Military Commands being informed of the handing over of the deposits of material after the Allied guards had already left and after pilfering and damage to the material had taken place.

I have already given orders to this effect by direct request of M.M.I.A.

THE MINISTER
(M. Brozio)

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6850H/12060.HH.1



19.8

Roma, 3 MAG 1946.

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*Al Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Caro Generale,

ho ritenuto opportuno conoscere l'avviso del Ministero della Guerra in merito al problema dell'equipaggiamento del nuovo esercito italiano, prospettatomi da Lei con la lettera n.9006/235/Es del 16 febbraio scorso.

Detto Ministero ha fornito al riguardo le delucidazioni che stimo di portare integralmente a sua conoscenza, trasmettendole copia del foglio n.206458 del 9 marzo u.s., il cui contenuto sembra meritevole di essere accolto, dato il criterio di praticità e snellezza cui si ispirano le soluzioni proposte per il più immediato ed organico raggiungimento dei fini.

Le invio cordiali saluti

L. Gamm

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

ROMA

297 5234

[Signature]

C O P I A

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Roma, 9 marzo 1946

N.206458/II

Risp. al disp.del I° corr.N.61443/I2060/I2060.44.5.I9.8

OGGETTO: Assegnazione alle FF.AA. di residuati bellici.

Alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri-Gabinetto
R O M A

e, per conoscenza:

Alla Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA)
 (rif.n.Q/003 del 18 febbraio u.s.)

Alla Direzione Generale dell'A.R.A.R.
R O M A

R O M A
 Corso d'Italia

I°- Questo Ministero fin da quando gli Alleati manifestarono la intenzione di cedere al Governo italiano i depositi di materiali da loro costituiti in Italia, si preoccupò di avere tutti i materiali utilizzabili per l'Esercito, fra cui occorre distinguere:

- i materiali già di proprietà militare i quali, secondo le disposizioni dell'A.F.H.Q., emanate fin dal periodo bellico, debbono essere restituiti all'Esercito gratuitamente (lettera del Comando A.C.C., R.C.-X.M.G. Section, A.P.O. 394 in data 10/8/1944 ed istruzione amministrativa n.30, unite in copia);

- i materiali non di pertinenza dell'amministrazione militare, che all'Esercito conviene acquistare.

2°- Tenuto conto delle norme che regolano il funzionamento dell'A.R.A.R. e dato che i Comandi militari territoriali soprintendono al servizio di vigilanza di tutti i materiali ceduti dagli Alleati, è stato disposto (con circ.225200/II in data 20 novembre 1945 e n.202600/II in data 4 febbraio u.s. unite in copia) che i Comandi militari territoriali prendano accordi con il locale rappresentante dell'A.R.A.R., provvedano nel più breve tempo ad esaminare tutti i materiali esistenti nei depositi, subito dopo:

- ritirino i materiali già di pertinenza dell'amministrazione della Guerra e riconosciuti come tali, senza contestazioni, dai locali rappresentanti dell'A.R.A.R.;

- segnalino alle Direzioni Generali di questo Ministero i materia-

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- segnalino alle Direzioni Generali di questo Ministero i materiali per i quali i rappresentanti dell'A.R.A.R. contestino la proprietà militare;
- propongano l'acquisto dei materiali non di proprietà militare ritenuti utili.

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Le direzioni generali hanno contatti diretti con l'A.R.A.R. sia per dirimere le controversie che si verificano circa il riconoscimento della proprietà militare di taluni materiali, sia per definire prezzi e modalità di cessione nei riguardi dei materiali per i quali i Comandi militari territoriali pongono l'acquisto.

3°-Quindi esiste già un'organizzazione che, d'intesa con l'A.R. A.R. garantisce a questo Ministero di essere informato tempestivamente sui materiali ceduti dagli Alleati. Ufficiali dei Comandi militari territoriali, specializzati per ciascuna specie di materiali, esaminano i materiali stessi e sono in grado di dimostrare l'appartenenza di essi all'amministrazione militare o di riconoscere la loro utilità. Altri ufficiali, delle singole Direzioni generali, sono particolarmente competenti a dirimere le eventuali controversie tra Direzione della A.R.A.R. e Ministero Guerra ed a trattare l'acquisto dei materiali utilizzabili.

Ritengo, quindi, che l'assegnazione di uno o più ufficiali presso l'A.R.A.R. non possa apportare un sensibile giovamento.

4°-Il provvedimento che ritengo invece essenziale per consentire all'Esercito la pronta utilizzazione dei materiali militari è quello di ottenere dalle Autorità alleate che i materiali già di proprietà di questa amministrazione, vengano, in base alle disposizioni dell'A.F.H.Q., ceduti direttamente ai rappresentanti del Ministero della Guerra, prima che i depositi siano passati in consegna all'A.R.A.R.

5°-Tale provvedimento fondamentale dovrebbe essere integrato da qualche contemporanea disposizione atta a perfezionare l'organizzazione indicata nel paragrafo 2°). E precisamente, occorrerebbe che gli organi periferici dell'A.R.A.R., non appena ricevuto in consegna un deposito dagli Alleati, facessero prendere visione dell'elenco dei materiali al Comando militare territoriale competente per territorio e, successivamente, trasmettessero tale elenco alla Direzione Generale dell'A.R.A.R. segnalandolo esplicitamente i materiali richiesti dal Comando militare per l'acquisto, o, eventualmente, perchè riconosciuti di pertinenza dell'amministrazione militare. Naturalmente tale ²ateria li dovrebbero essere tenuti a disposizione di questo Ministero.

6°-Infine, penso che possa riuscire efficace la presenza di un ufficiale italiano presso l'Ufficio del Chief Disposal Officer, perchè egli informi questo Ministero, o direttamente i Comandi militari territoriali interessati, dei materiali in procinto di essere ceduti. Ciò eviterebbe l'inconveniente di talvolta verifi-

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del personale di guardia alleato e cioè dopo che i materiali
stessi sono stati sottoposti ad asportazioni e degradazioni,

Ho già disposto in tal senso in seguito a richiesta diretta
della M.M.I.A.

IL MINISTRO
F/to M. Brosio

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CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH
MILAN OFFICE

at
HQ LOMBARDIA LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

AC-1/CEM/20/1539

6 May 1946

SUBJECT : Gramophone Records.

TO : HQ AC CEM Branch, Rome

Ref ACLO/EZ/9 of 30 Apr 1946 sent by Col. S.W. Miller to
Executive Commissioner AC, copy to you.

1. The discs referred to are the matrices of the records
of the phonetic registry. G.H.Q., vide their signal FX 63220 dated
21 Mar 46, have ruled as follows: -

(a) Release will be made to the Army Broadcasting Service,
and every facility will be offered in enabling them to
take what records they require.

(b) All political records of no value will be destroyed.

In addition to the above signal 2 District in their CEM/33 of 23
Mar 46 gave instructions for the A.B.S. to collect everything they
required including the matrices.

2. I entirely agree with the tone of Col. Miller's letter
and feel that these matrices should be preserved for universal
reproduction.

3. Since the matter was the subject of keen interest by
GHC, it is suggested that a further decision should be obtained
from them on the final disposal of the matrices, as distinct from
the records. This distinction, I believe, has not yet been
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T.I. Roworth

Major RE, O.I/c

Milan Office CEM

HQ Allied Commission

P/v.

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J. J. Rowan
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Major R.E.

T. I. Roworth
Major RE, O.I.C
War Office CMA
HQ Allied Commission

R/W.

Copy to: (1) HQ AC for the Executive Commissioner
(2) C.I.O., Bolzano
(3) HQ AC CMA, Bolzano

{ You are instructed to hand over the matrices on signature to the CIO for blocking and safekeeping until a decision is reached. }

CP/K
(CART K)

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ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER
BOLZANO

REF: ACLO/BZ/9.

DATE: 30 April 1946.
SWM/gg.

SUBJECT : Gramophone Records.

TO : HQ, Allied Commission,
for the Executive Commissioner.

MAY 6 1946

1. As you know, there are some 800 cases of gramophone records in the CEM-office at Bolzano of which some 21 cases contain irreplaceable metal master disks representing some of the most magnificent music in the world.
2. To-day Maj ROWORTH from Milan is sending transport to convey as many of these records as possible to Milan for classification.
3. I am, however, not sending the cases containing the metal disks pending further instructions from you. These disks are of such a cultural and commercial value that it is felt they should only be handled by experts in the gramophone trade.
4. These disks cannot be played on a gramophone as they represent only a gramophone record - negative. Their importance is therefore likely to be underestimated. These disks would be invaluable to such organisations as H.M.V. or the B.B.C. as an indefinite number of reproductions could be made.
5. I should be grateful if special disposal instructions regarding these disks could please be issued.

S. W. Miller.

S.W. MILLER, Colonel,
Chief Liaison Officer
BOLZANO.

Copy to: A/C. CEM Milan
A/C. CEM Bolzano
HQ, Allied Commission,
for Director C.E.M.

1 Spoke to CEM who have taken
Action 15/4
ACTION.

See 7-290

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SUBJECT:- Italian Army - Provision of Tyres.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,

M.M.I.A.

ROME

Q, 207

6 May 1946

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

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Appendix "C" 2 Apr 46 to Milan Tyre Committee
Appendix "D" 5 Apr 46 to Milan Tyre Committee

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See 302

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

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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

RAC/ar

Letter sent to PM.

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of (M.P.)
(L.A.T. X)

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Appendix "A" to 207 of May 46.

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

SIZE	COVERS		TUBES	
	NOW	MONTHLY	NOW	MONTHLY
325 x 19	500	50	500	50
350 x 19	2000	200	2000	200
400 x 15/425 x 15	500	50	500	50
500 x 15	2500	250	2500	250
550 x 15	1800	180	1800	180
400 x 17/425 x 17/ 450 x 17/130 x 40	1600	160	1600	50
600 x 16/140 x 40	500	50	500	50
140 x 40/165 x 400	500	50	500	50
14 x 45	100	10	100	10
700 x 18	1000	100	1000	100
32 x 6/34 x 7	3600	360	3600	360
210 x 20	8000	800	8000	800
270 x 20/38 x 9/ 1050 x 20	3500	350	3500	350

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Appendix "B" to Q.207 May 46

TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War
TO : Ministry of Industry and Commerce

Ref : 25184/DM

Date: 8.11.45

SUBJECT : Assignment of tyres from the Pirelli production.-

1. The Firm of Pirelli has commenced the production of vehicle tyres which are intended - at least in part - to meet national requirements.
2. In assigning said production, we ask that your Ministry kindly bear in mind the requirements of the Army, whose monthly need is listed hereunder.

PLEASE SEE ORIGINAL LETTER

Sgd. Propercj Gen.

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Ser 7-296

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Appendix "C" to Q.207 May 46

TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War

Ref. 26842/DM

TO : Milan Tyre Committee

2 April 46

Subject : - Request for tyres.

- 1 - To meet the requirements of the Army and above all to make up the CC.RR.HQ's and Unit's vehicle deficiencies - the perfect efficiency of the CC.RR., at this particular moment in the life of the nation, being the only warrantee of its normal development and safeguard against attempts and disorder - the following quantities of vehicles have been ordered from the manufacturers :

Spa	lorries	520
Isotta Fraschini	"	240
Bianchi	"	150
Guzzi	motor cycles	500
varie	bicycles	6000

- 2 - As is known, the manufacturer's supplies of vehicles are without tyres and therefore, in order to attend the intended objects, and also to ensure further work for the factories which would otherwise be deferred to a more propitious moment, since it is not possible to give further orders for vehicles destined to remain jacked up and unusable - it is essential that we arrange for the supply of tyres necessary for putting the above mentioned vehicles on the road.

- 3 - I therefore earnestly appeal to your Committee, which must undoubtedly have in its heart the security and tranquillity of the life of the Nation and the recommencing of our principal industries, that you kindly order the assignment of the following tyres to the Army (for the CC.RR.also) :

size 32 x 6	tyres	3640	innertubes	3640
size 210 - 20 or equivalent	"	2730	"	2730
size 3,25/3,50 x 19	"	1000	"	1000
size 28 x 1 $\frac{5}{8}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	12000	"	12000

- 4 - Sure of the widest understanding of the necessities pointed out on the part of your Committee, I trust in the speedy and complete fulfilment of my request.

sgt. Properjz Gen.

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Appendix "D" to Q.207 May 46

TRANSLATION

FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR

REF : 27074/DM

TO : The Milan Tyre Committee

5 april 1946

SUBJECT : - Tyre Request.-

- 1 - In Nov.1945, as soon as tyre production in Italy commenced, & subsequently, the writer notified the Ministry for Industry and Commerce of the monthly tyre requirement essential for the keeping on the road of Army and CC.RR, vehicles, engaged in tough and uninterrupted public order duties.
- 2 - It must be borne in mind that for more than two years the Army has been totally without tyre supply while it is essential to ensure the military transport service, resorting to the most desperate measures to make use to the very last, of the old and few recovered tyres.
- 3 - Purchase on the open market, to which we were compelled to resort, in addition to representing an enormous expense (to day no longer supportable) for the Finances of the State, assisted in maintaining at a very high level the proportion of tyres on the black market, thus seriously harming all users of vehicles and preventing the normalization of the market in this delicate sector.
- 4 - The Ministry of Industry and Commerce has never met any of the various requests of this Ministry and the situation has thus become so acute as to impose the withdrawal from circulation of numerous vehicles due to absolute lack of tyres.
- 5 - The vehicles of Italian manufacture at present employed in the Army, including the CC.RR., amount to more than 5000 and for the most part have worn or "sleeved" or studded tyres. In order to render the vehicles safely efficient, tyres shown in Appendix 1 are essential at present and those shown in Appendix 2 monthly.
- 6 - We trust in your Committee's understanding of the requirements of the Army and the CC.RR and await the widest possible compliance with this request.

sgd. Proper 5217 Gen.

Ser 7-296

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ATTENTION : General Allied Surplus Material
disposal of

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC-
M.M.I.A.
ROME
Q.006

30 April 1946

APR 30 1946

TO : War Ministry-

Ref your 208960/11 of 23 April 46 addressed to Direzione Generale ARAR.

1. Approval has been sought for the direct transfer to the War Ministry of surplus Allied war material which may be made available for the maintenance of the Italian Army. In the case of the stores recently delivered to BOLOGNA this procedure was adopted but in general the Allied policy remains that, with the exception of lethal warlike equipment, surplus stores will be disposed of through the Allied Disposal Agencies who deal only with ARAR.

2. Pending further clarification of what material is to be transferred direct, military to military, it is desirable that a distinction be clearly drawn between stores of Allied Origin and those classified as "captured enemy material" and which are obtained by the Ministry from ARAR.

3. Details of the financial adjustment needed have yet to be notified but the present position is as follows and should be noted by you.

(a) C.E.M.

(i) Material of Italian Military origin released direct by the Allies is regarded as the return to the War Ministry of property to which they have legal title. Such material if obtained from depots under ARAR control comes under the category described in para 1 of your above quoted letter viz "materials for which the Allied authorities have already granted the free recovery",

(ii) Material not of Italian Military origin which has been released by the Allies for the civil rehabilitation of the country is at the disposal of ARAR, and is subject to such financial adjustment as may be decided by the Italian Government as between ARAR and the User.

(b) Allied lethal equipment.

Weapons in possession of the Interim Army on the 15th. November 45 and such as have since been delivered are considered as on loan from the Allies subject to final disposal instructions. Shipping tickets have not yet been prepared by it is HQ for such equipment except as regards ammunition for these weapons.

(c) Allied surplus Military stores.

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Please acknowledge receipt.

Copy to CHQ (for "C(5D)(5) AC (for Exec.Com. & CEM.Br) Q (Accounts) Chief Disposals Officer 0...L.C.

INTERNAL : G Ordinance File Q.150

Major General M.M.I.A.

7/13/46

ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 9006/282/EO.

27 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Equipment for Italian Army.

TO : G-5 Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.Reference telephone conversation to-day (Major Hind-Smith -
Major Trounson).Attached is copy of letter 9006/235/EO dated 16 February
1946 to the Italian Prime Minister. We are pressing the Italian
Government strongly for a reply.

For the Chief Commissioner:

/s/ N. W. HIND SMITH
MAT
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Encl.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: ES/9 19

18 April 1946

APR 18 1946

SUBJECT: Restitution of material of Italian origin

TO : The Acting Chief Commissioner

1. I recommend in principle the approval of a trip for the Director of the ORM Branch to the Control Commissions, to discuss ways and means of restitutions of Italian materials removed from Italy by the Germans. Prior to departure the Director should bring to this Headquarters appropriate list of material so disposed which list should give destinations and indications of the financial arrangements on which the transactions were made.

2. In view of the directive of the joint Chiefs of Staff regarding the American Zones, it would appear that such information could be helpful.

(Signed)

CHARLES W. WALTON

Colonel, A. C.

Acting Vice President.

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Colonel AC

Acting Vice President

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

10 April 1946

REASONS FOR SUGGESTED VISIT OF DIRECTOR, CEM BRANCH TO
CONTROL COMMISSION, AUSTRIA (VIENNA) AND GERMANY (FRANKFURT AND MINDEN)

1. To contact American, British and French Staffs on the question of restitution of Italian heavy and power-driven industrial machinery and equipment, and other material to the Italian Government.
2. To investigate with Control Commission staffs the ways and means and priorities for the return of material urgently required in Italy.
3. To provide such information as is available from RUK records, showing proposed destination in Germany and Austria for machinery which left Italy.
4. To discuss general questions with regard to Italian material in these countries and ascertain as far as possible the Austrian and German Control Commission's views on the subject of restitution of material of Italian origin to Italians.
5. To explain the RUK Files in so far as to the type of information which is available and which may be useful and helpful in questions in which they are interested.
6. Tour of duty would take approximately 10 - 14 days, to include time for travelling.

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9006. *ad*SUBJECT:- Maintenance Italian Army - Allied Surplus Material.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.006
5 April 1946

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

APR 9 1946

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Reference your 9006/253/EC of 2 Mar 46.

1. It is understood no reply has yet been received to your 9006/235/EC of 16 Feb 46 to the Prime Minister.
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2. The attached copy of a letter addressed to the War Ministry by A.R.A.R. is forwarded for your information.
3. The situation remains unsatisfactory.
4. Meanwhile GHQ have been requested to approve direct transfer of Allied Military Surplus stores, see this Sub-Commission letter Q.006 of 2 April 46, copy attached.

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

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FROM: A.R.A.R.
TO : Ministry of War
and to MHA (for information)
REF: ARAR/IE/8307/Sbg
DATE: 29/3/44.

SUBJECT:- Assignment of War salvage to the Armed Forces.

With reference to letter 206458 of the 9th ult. this Establishment considers it necessary to point out as follows:-

(a) We agree with proposal made in para 2, i.e. that the Military Commands will arrange for the withdrawal of materials formerly belonging to the War Administration, which are recognised as such without any dispute by the local representatives of the ARAR, and will signal to the various Directorates General of Your Ministry information regarding the material in respect of which it is not possible to affirm without dispute, military ownership.

(b) The proposal advanced in para 4 does not seem available to this Establishment since direct cession on the part of the Allied Command to representatives of War Ministry before the Depots are handed over to the ARAR would have the disadvantage of making the Allies deal with two departments instead of only one and would definitely cause a delay in the handing over of the Depots to the ARAR.

(c) We have no comments to make on the proposal put forward in para 5, i.e. that the provincial Departments of the ARAR, as soon as a Depot has been handed over to them by the Allies will send a list of the materials contained therein to the local Military Territorial Command and subsequently arrange to forward this list to the Directorate General of the ARAR, pointing out explicitly the materials asked for by the Military Command for purchase or because identified as belonging to the Military Administration.

(d) It does not appear advisable to this Establishment to hold "frozen" (as proposed in the last part of para 4) the materials the purchase of which has been requested by Your Ministry. In fact, to keep such materials frozen in the Depots would mean a delay in the normal development of the operations which this Establishment must carry out, and consequently delay the introduction to the market of materials which could be of the greatest use in National reconstruction.

The difficulty would then be increased most appreciably if we had to extend this procedure to all other Administrations of the State. This Establishment, therefore, would not freeze the materials which it is desired to purchase and therefore all the relative negotiations would have to be dealt with urgently so that the necessary decisions could be taken before the said materials were sold to the public. Naturally this Establishment would arrange to give the maximum collaboration to the representatives of Your Ministry in order that the requirements of the

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Sgd. SOLARI,
Director General.

MEMO TO: Minister for Italian Affairs

Lord Pavesi Sub-Delegation L.O.
M.M.I.A.
E.O.M.E.
C.O.O.S.

2 April 1946

TO: C.O.O.S.

Reference to letter M.M.I.A. of 17 Mar 46 forwarding Minutes of C.O.O.S. Conference held 18 Mar 46. The following information is given:

1. (a) Since the conference this Ministry has again contacted the Chief National Officer, Ministry of Supply in Milan. It appears we may expect no active support from this source in office of para 22 of M.M.I.A. Directive of 2 Nov 45.
- (b) This is due to the fact that the Chief National Officer may deal only with ARAM and in practice no priority is given by ARAM to the needs of the War Ministry.
- (c) In para 6 of the Directive issued by Ministry of Supply to M.M.I.A. on 4 Mar 46 it is stated:

"The C.N.O. will have nothing to do with any question of outstripping the Italian Army. This is the responsibility of M.I.A. and/or the Italian Government. If the C.N.O. intervenes in this field he will be concerning himself with political issues".
2. M.M.I.A. has also interviewed the Director of the Italian Government National Agency (A.N.A.S.) who stated that he could provide representation from any Italian Ministry, that neither the Ministry of War nor any other Ministry has any priority.

A.N.A.S. is a central understanding representing the Italian Government interests and calls Allied agencies to the best of its ability. In the case of Government representation Treasury credit to the required amount is needed before the "order" is approved.

3. This offers but little chance to a service Ministry to have funds are not available. It is agreed that the immediate needs of the Italian Army will not be met from this source. Under reference 206/25/46 dated 18 Feb 46 the Chief Administrative Officer of the Italian Government is to give such priority as will ensure that Army is properly equipped. No

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Reference was made to the letter of 27 Nov 46 concerning the status of the Conference held 18 Nov 46. The following information is given:

1. (a) Since the conference this morning has again continued the Chief Marshal Officer, Ministry of Supply in R.M.L. It appears no way except no active support from this source in order of para 12 of R.M.L. Directive of 2 Nov 46.
- (b) This is due to the fact that the Chief Marshal Officer may deal only with ARAB and in practice no priority is given by ARAB to the needs of the War Ministry.
- (c) In para 6 of the Directive issued by Ministry of Supply in London on 4 Nov 46 it is stated:

"The C.D.O. will have nothing to do with any question of supplying the Italian Army. This is the responsibility of M.I.A. and/or the Italian Government. If the C.D.O. intervenes in this field it will be concerning himself with political issues".
2. M.M.L. has also interviewed the Director of the Italian Government Marshal Agency (A.R.A.R.) who states that he cannot provide representation from any Italian Ministry, that neither the Ministry of War nor any other Ministry has any priority.
- A.R.A.R. is a central undertaking representing the Italian Government interested in all Allied supplies to the best advantage. In the case of Government Representation Priority credit to the required amount is needed before the "sale" is approved.
3. This offers but little chance to a service Ministry to the funds are not available. It is agreed that the immediate needs of the Italian Army will not be met from this source. Under reference 9004/295/AM dated 16 Feb 46 the Chief Controller advised the head of the Italian Government to give such priority as would ensure the Army is properly equipped. No reply has yet been received.
4. In view of the above it is more than ever evident that unless material essential to the Italian Army is provided from British supplies direct to the War Ministry, there will be little chance of having an Italian Army for some time.

/s/.....

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5. It is therefore recommended (vide Memo 36) that the definition of looted equipment should be a wide one to include the following and that there should then be no limitation available in such quantities as are necessary:

- (a) Weapons, ammunition and explosives.
- (b) All instruments for fire direction and control.
- (c) All Army signal equipment.
- (d) All Field engineering stores and special equipment.
- (e) Artistic specialist tools, gauges and special maintenance stores (including exchange items) for weapons and technical equipment.
- (f) Spare parts and replacements for weapons and equipment.
- (g) All M.T. vehicles (not only "A" vehicles previously recorded).
- (h) Spare parts, accessories and associated stores for M.T. vehicles.
- (i) Spare and replacements for the above (including tyres and major assemblies).

6. The excellent guidance information regarding the projected "sterilization" of M.T. in the British Army and consequently of the surplus "mine" likely to be available to the Italian Army is required by this Mission to order that an exceptional distribution may be effected within the Italian Army with a view to sterilization within Italian frontiers.

W. P. D. Layland 5207

Major General,
M. A. I. S.

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Ref: 9006/273/EO.

23 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Equipment for the Italian Army.

TO : The Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

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A reply would be appreciated to this Headquarters' memorandum 9006/235/EO dated 16 February 1946, addressed to the Prime Minister.

B. SAMPSON

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 18 March, 1946.

Dear Admiral,

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I am in receipt of your letter dated 19 January, 1946, n. ES/5.13, dealing with the difficulties which the Agency for the Recovery and Sale of War Materials (A.R.A.R.) is undergoing in taking over of enemy material released by the Captured Enemy Materials Section.

Since, from information received it seems that the ~~gibber~~ in investigating the various deposits, and in carrying out other activities is due, above all, to insufficiency of fuel, necessary for the vehicles of the Officers of the A.R.A.R., we have obtained from the competent Ministry of Industry and Trade, an assignment of fuel indispensable for the requirements of the A.R.A.R. for next month.

In the meantime I think that the release of enemy material will soon reach normality, and I assure you that the Italian Government will do everything possible to facilitate this transaction.

With best regards,

Yours truly,

(s) De Gasperi.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

MAR 14 1946

ESD/855/1

Tel No. Freedom 254

12 Mar 46

SUBJECT : Captured Enemy Material - Disposal of to ITALIAN Army

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

Ref your letter 9006/EC of 15 Feb 46.

1. Your recommendation at para 5 (a) is agreed. An amendment to AFHQ directive AG-386.3/1(AE)-O of 2 Oct 45 has been issued under reference AG.386.3 1(CEMS)-O dated 8 Mar 46.
2. Regarding your recommendation in para 5 (c). We should welcome such a conference, which must of course be an integrated one. An interim conference on a grade one/two level was held at this HQ on 27 Feb. This has produced the relevant data required for the high-level conference.
It is understood that Land Forces Sub Commission is submitting an agenda. Arrangements will be made for the conference to take place as soon as convenient to all concerned.
3. The delay in replying to your letter, due to an oversight, is much regretted.

WMI/hre/G(SD)

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E.C. DIST - 16 MAR 46

ACTION - EX.COM

INFO - C.COM.

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NAVY SC

AIR FORCES SC

ECON. SEC (CEM BRANCH)

Wm. L. M. MacLeod
for
M.W.M. MACLEOD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS

MAR 14 1946

TELEPHONE No.:

REFERENCE No.:

SUBJECT

TO

Captured Enemy Material - Italian Ammunition.

H. Q., A.C.

Date 11 Mar 46.

1. Reference your 9006/240a/EC dated 20 Feb 46 and your 9006/255/EC dated 7 Mar 46.
2. Ammunition of Italian origin in Zone 'A' of Venezia Giulia is the subject of a claim by the Yugoslav authorities as 'War Booty'.
3. The claim has been referred to A.F.H.Q. and it is understood it is being taken up by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.
4. Pending a decision no further action can be taken on this matter.

By Order of COLONEL ROBERTSON:

F. J. Armstrong
F. J. ARMSTRONG,
Lt. Col.
Acting D/S.C.A.O.

FJA/gar

Copy to: War Booty Committee (Major SNOWDEN).

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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8 March 1946

AG 386.3 Q(CE'S)-0

SUBJECT: Disposal of Captured Enemy Material in Italy

TO : General Officer Commanding, British Troops in Austria
General Officer Commanding, Land Forces, Greece
General Officer Commanding, VIII Corps
General Officer Commanding, Number 2 District
General Officer Commanding, Number 3 District
General Officer Commanding, Middle East Forces
Commanding General, Rome Area Command, APO 794
Commanding Officer, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782

Letter Allied Force Headquarters, AG 386.3 Q(CE)-0 of 2 October 1945, as amended by letter Allied Force Headquarters, AG 386.3 Q(CE'S)-0, dated 8 February 1946, is further amended as indicated below:

Paragraph 3(c) lines 4 and 5.

Delete

"For maintenance of the ITALIAN forces within the authorized ceilings."

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

Edmund R. Stewart
EDMUND R. STEWART
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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Amended.
See in 209

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 9006/269/ES ✓

14 March 1946.

SUBJECT: GEM Disposal of to Italian Army.

TO : GSD GHQ

The attached copy of draft of letter ESH/81/3, undated from your HQ is forwarded.

May this office please be advised if this letter should have been sent, as it is still in draft form.

The Agenda referred to in the last para of your letter was forwarded to you by the Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (ISLA) on 9 March 46 under ref ID 109.

For the Chief Commissioner

AWK
Capt
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

COPY TO: M.M.I.A.

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REAR HQ XIII CORPS DISTWO, INFO: BTA ALCOM

MAR 11 1946

CONFIDENTIAL.*Subject captured enemy material.*

1. Captured or surrendered German booty of Italian origin released to Italian Government for civilian use is released without charge to Italian Government.
2. Future settlement may be required in respect of finished equipment and supplies which have been released to Italian Government for civil use and which were originally produced for and belonged to German armed forces exclusive of any facilities used to produce such equipment and supplies.
3. Receipts being compiled in accordance with para 11 of letter AG 386.3Q (AE)-0 dated 2 October 45 will specify origin as per paras 1 and 2 above.
4. Full reports required at this HQ by 14 Mar (A) on material not covered by paras 1 and 2 above especially on materials in BOLZANO DUMP (B) details general types and quantities of principal items not released to Italian Government. State proposed method of disposal.
5. Other materials be handed over to Italian custody without approval this HQ.

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SUBJECT: Conference - Italian Army Equipment

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC, (MMLA)

SD/109

9 Mar 46

MAR 11 1946

TO : CHQ (GSD) CMF

1. Further to this HQ SQ.054 of 5 Mar, herewith 10 copies of proposed agenda of an AFHQ conference on Provision of Equipment for the ITALIAN Interim Army.
2. The date suggested for the conference is 18 Mar 46 at 1400 hrs.
3. Will you please signal your approval or otherwise of the above suggestions so that the requisite preliminary work can be done.

A. F. S. [Signature]
Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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PROPOSED AGENDA

FOR

AFHQ CONFERENCE ON EQUIPMENT OF ITALIAN ARMY.

1. Object of Conference.

- (a) Based on AFHQ Directive of 2 Nov 45.
- (b) Changed conditions and postporments necessitate review of means and sources of supply of equipment.
- (c) Statement of present equipment position by M.M.I.A. Consideration of Post War as well as Interim Army.
- (d) Need of ensuring serviceability and maintenance of equipment issued, particularly if payment is insisted on.

2. Supply of Arms and Ammunition.

- (a) Firm decision required on the recommendation that Arms and Ammunition for Army (less Carabinieri) should be of British origin.
- (b) Provision of requisite spares, replacements and maintenance for as long as provision remains a British commitment.
- (d) Training commitment urgent, now being met by loan - further loans needed for Inf Regts.

- (d) Review of requirements by M.M.I.A.

- (e) Question of responsibility for scaling

- (f) Question of local manufacture for Carabinieri etc.

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(d) Remainder of Italian Army to improvise from Italian and other miscellaneous sources.

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4. MT and Spares (contd).

- (e) Essential that no equipment is forced on Italy without adequate maintenance.
- (f) Question of responsibility of working out details of spares and replacements.

5. Repair and Maint. Services and Replacements.

- (a) Need for greater assistance if proper use is to be made of all equipment issued.
- (b) Make recommendations re technical vehicles and machines ex British Workshops.
- (c) Can supplies be obtained from reserves, surpluses or manufacture outside this Theatre.
- Engineers - Bridging & Machines } M.M.I.A.
Signals - Wireless & Line } state-
Mechanical - Workshops machines } ment on
Medical - Drugs } each case

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Situation now cleared up by GHQ letter 5072/q(CEMS) of 4 Mar 46, but much valuable material has meanwhile been lost.

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Original Directive stated that financial arrangements would be made known later.

Italian finances are in poor shape and some terms of reference either imposed or agreed are desirable.

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9. British Personnel.

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6. Specialist Equipment.

7. Captured Enemy Material.

8. Finance.

9. British Personnel.

10. Any other points.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

ESD/31/3

Tel No. Freedom 254

Mar 46

MAR 7 1946

SUBJECT : Captured Enemy Material - Disposal of to ITALIAN Army

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

Ref your letter 9005/EC of 15 Feb 46.

1. Your recommendation at para 5 (a) is agreed. An amendment to

AFHQ directive AG-386.3/Q(AE)-0 of 2 Oct 45 is being issued.

2. Regarding your recommendation in para 5 (c). An interim conference on a grade one/two level was held at this HQ on 27 Feb. This has produced the relevant data required for a high-level conference, which we should welcome.

3. If you will instruct Land Forces Sub-Commission to submit an agenda for such a conference, we shall arrange for it to take place as soon as is convenient to all concerned.

MIL/lt/G(SD)

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

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TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

Ref your letter 9006/EC of 15 Feb 46.

1. Your recommendation at para 5 (a) is agreed. An amendment to ANHQ directive AG-385.3/Q(AE)-O of 2 Oct 45 is being issued.
2. Regarding your recommendation in para 5 (c). An interim conference on a grade one/two level was held at this HQ on 27 Feb. This has produced the relevant data required for a high-level conference, which we should welcome.
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Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

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*Agenda
copy attached
fwd to GTR (GSD)
under MRA 1A
SD/109 9 Mar 46*

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Ref. : 9006/255/EG

27 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Captured enemy material-disposal
of to Italian Army.

TO : A.F.H.Q.

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1. A reply would be appreciated to this HQ's 9006/EG of 15 February 1946.

For the Chief Commissioner

B. SANDSON

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref : 9006/255/83

4 March 1946.

SUBJECT : Captured Enemy Material-Italian Ammunition.

TO : SCAG 13 Corps.

With reference to your 13c/AMC/69/75 of 27 February 1946,
I am forwarding herewith a copy of letter AG 386.30 (OEMIS)-O, AFHQ
dated 3 February 1946.

For the Chief Commissioner

S.M.H.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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TELEPHONE NO : 4301.

27 Feb 46.

REFERENCE NO : 130/AMG/69/75.

SUBJECT : Captured Enemy Material - ITALIAN ammunition.

MAR 2 1946

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission.

1. Reference 9006/240a/EC dated 20 Feb 46.

2. May a copy of letter AG-3863/Q(CEMS)-O, AFHQ, dated 8 Feb 46, please be forwarded to this HQ as no copy has been received. Letter AG 386.3/Q(CEMS)-O dated 2 Oct 45, is available. On receipt of the first quote letter action to notify 5 B.L.U., will be taken.

For the Senior Civil Affairs Officer:

F. J. Armstrong
F. J. ARMSTRONG,
Lieut-Colonel,
A.D.S.C.A.O.

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Ref: 9006/253/30

2 March 1946

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Material.

TO : Land Forces S/C (MMA). 251

1. Reference your Q.003 of 23 February 1946. 235
2. No reply has as yet been received to our 9006/253/30 of 16 February from the Prime Minister. A copy will be forwarded to you as soon as it is to hand.

For the Chief Commissioner,

B. SAMPSON

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 9006/252/BJ

/ March 1946

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Material.

TO : H.Q., Lombardia Liaison Group, AG, APO 394.

1. Reference your LOMB/CLO/1 of 7 February 1946 on the above subject.

2. We have been informed that the destruction of tires at Laives (Balsano) was due to an order from 2 District. 2 District, being the responsible party concerned, is investigating this matter, along with the reputedly illicit sale of motor parts by local elements and POWs.

3. I thank you for this information.

For the Chief Commissioner,

SRS

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Subject : Liason with Chief Disposal Officer.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q . 003

28 February 46

MAR 1 1946

To : A.C. for Executive Commissioner.

Ref your 9006/235/EC of 16 Feb 1946.

1. Arrangements are now being completed for the appointment of an English speaking Italian officer to be the War Ministry liason officer at the office of the Chief Disposal Officer.

2. It is requested that this office be informed if any reply has been received to the above quoted letter from your office addressed to the President of the Council of Ministers.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

CEM/97/6

26 February 1946

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Material.

FEB 28 1946

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Reference your letter 9006/223/E.C. dated 9 Feb 46.

1. The destruction of tyres at Laives (Bolzano) was on the order of 2 Dist.
2. The reputedly illicit sales of motor parts and also the question of tyres is in the hands of 2 District who are investigating the matter and who, as the party concerned will take all action.

~~Correspondence returned herewith.~~

returned for CEM Branch file
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Donald H. Bell

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

4 Encls:

- 1 letter 9006/223/E.C. dated 9 Feb 46 — 222
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1 Newspaper cutting and translation — 221
1 Copy to Economic Section

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Subject: Pharmaceutical Plants at Morano.

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Two copies of the complete inventories - duly agreed and signed by MEMB, 2 District, Director CEM Branch, Allied Commission, and Director, A.R.A.R. - have been forwarded by 2 district to MEMB, AFHQ, one copy to be passed to C-5 section or Q(AR) CEM for information and record purposes.

J. A. CAMPBELL,
Lieut-Colonel,
Director,
CIB Branch.

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Ref: 9006/240a/31

20 February 1946

SUBJECT: Captured enemy material - Italian ammunition.

TO : Provincial Commissioner, Udine Province
SOAO Venezia Giulia.

1. Under AFHQ letter AG.386.3/3(AM)-0 dated 2 October 1945, amended by AG.386.3/3(AM)-0 dated 3 February 1946, the disposal of all ammunition of Italian origin in the provinces of Udine and Venezia Giulia will be decided by the Allied Military Government. It is considered important that the Italian War Ministry be permitted to re-possess themselves of all such ammunition of 20 mm calibre and below.

2. You are therefore requested to notify 5 B.L.U., Udine, of all such ammunition and to authorize its recovery by the Italian Army.

For the Chief Commissioner,

/s/ N. W. HIND-SMITH
majBrigadier
Executive CommissionerCopy to: Land Forces Subcommission (AMIA)
Main HQ 13 Corps.A
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Subject:- Tyre Repair materials for the Italian Army.

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

Q. 207

15 February, 1946.

FEB 18 1946

To:- A.C. for Executive Commissioner. ✓ 328

With reference to part II of Q.002 of 1 February 46.

1. It is notified for your information that the War Ministry have been endeavouring for some time to obtain the following raw materials required for the repair of army tyres:-

gomme per battistrada	Kgs.	13,500
sottostrate intermetro	"	3,300
soluzione per attacco	"	1,500
solvente (benzina avio)	"	1,000
talco	"	100
tessuto cord	"	150

2. The shortage of tyres is adding considerably to the already difficult position regarding transport for the army and for the CC.RR. Many thousands of repairable tyres are awaiting attention. The matter was referred to Industries Division to ascertain the availability and a copy of their reply is attached as appendix "A". 241.

3. This is submitted as a further example of the War Ministry failing to secure the necessary support from the Italian Government.

The War Ministry have been instructed to renew their efforts to obtain release of this material and to notify this Sub Commission the terms of the reply received by them from the Ministry concerned.

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

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Appendix "A" to MIA letter
Q.207 dated Feb 1946.

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Tel: 599

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Ref: AC/5777/IND

4 February 1946.

Subject: Tyre repair materials for Italian Army.

To: Land Forces Sub Commission.

From: Industry Department.

1. Reference is to your letter Q.207 dated 31 January.
2. The Italian Government has, as its property, large stocks of tyre repair materials furnished from Allied sources and such stocks contain all items listed in your letter.
3. Ownership and control of all tyre repair materials has been passed to the Government and it is necessary that the War Ministry obtain allocations through existing channels.
4. It is suggested that the War Ministry work through higher levels in the Government to obtain the required allocations.

E. W. REMBERT.
Chief
Industries Division.

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Subject:- Captured Enemy Material - Italian Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R.O.E.

Q.150

14 February, 1946.

FEB 18 1946

To:- Ministry of War.

1. The following instructions concerning the disposal of ammunition of Italian origin are forwarded for information and necessary action:

- (1) The location and quantities of all ammunition of Italian origin situated in Italy will be made known to the Italian Government or, in the case of the provinces of Udine and Venezia Giulia, to the Allied Military Government concerned.
- (2) The Italian Government or the Allied Military Government will make immediate arrangements to take over the ammunition and will be totally responsible for its safe custody until its final disposal. The Italian Government or the Allied Military Government concerned will assume the responsibility, within a time limit to be set by mutual agreement with the competent Allied Military Commander, for safeguarding such ammunition.
- (3) In the interest of internal security the Italian Government or the Allied Military Government concerned will be instructed to concentrate for particular guarding all ammunition of 20 mm calibre and below including mines, grenades, etc. They will be further instructed to place special guards on ammunition of a dangerous nature until its disposal. Commanders will satisfy themselves, when handing over, that such arrangements are in fact in hand. Such handover will only be at their discretion having regard to any operational directives to the contrary and to the maintenance of internal security.
- (4) The Italian Government, or Allied Military Government concerned, will make necessary arrangements, and be totally responsible for the disposal of all ammunition of Italian origin whether by destruction, dumping or breaking down into component parts for use in the civil rehabilitation of the country. Products resulting from the breaking down processes will be employed in the production of further armaments except as permitted by the Allied authorities. The Italian Government when making disposal will have regard to the requirements of the future Italian armed forces.

(5) The Italian Government, or the Allied Military Government concerned, will be made finally responsible for the

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 - (5) The Italian Government, or the Allied Military Government concerned, will be made finally responsible for the disposal of dangerous ammunition. However, present facilities for disposal afforded by the Allies will be continued as long as possible.
 - (6) Ammunition of Italian origin, located elsewhere than in Italy, will be disposed of as for captured ammunition of enemy origin.

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2. Attention is directed to the last sentence in paragraph (4).

3. Previous instructions issued by H.M.I.A. and in particular 0/23/44 of 11 October 45, are cancelled.

H.M.I.A.

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

Copy to:- A.C. for Executive Commissioner ✓
Public Safety Sub Commission.
War Material Disposal Sub Commission.
Industry Sub Commission.
List "B" less serial 12.

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R.A. CORTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. H. I. A.

Copy to:- A.C. for Executive Commissioner
Public Safety Sub Commission.
War Material Disposal Sub Commission.
Industry Sub Commission.
List "B" less serial 12.

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Subject:- M.T. Spare Parts - Italian origin.

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

Q.207
15 February, 1946.

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To:- War Ministry.

Reference is made to your 22230 of 7 February 46.

1. The disposal of M.T. spare parts at the LAIVES depot and neighbouring C.E. dumps near Bolzano has been placed in the hands of the Allied Commission, War Material Disposal Sub Commission.

2. It is the intention that these stores shall be handed over to the Italian Government, who is to decide as to their allocation between the Army and the civilian industry. Your claim that a considerable proportion of the contents of the LAIVES depot are of military origin is noted and your proposal to negotiate a satisfactory allocation to the Army with A.R.A.R. is fully approved.

3. 3 B.L.U. will maintain contact with the Milan branch of War Material Disposal Sub Commission and request support in the negotiations with a view to securing release to the Italian Army of the material so urgently needed by them. 3 B.L.U. will communicate any information on this subject to 4 B.L.U. in order that the latter may send a representative to be present at the physical transfer of the stores.

You are requested to instruct your representative to contact the M.M.I.A. representative at the H.Q. of 3 B.L.U. and later at 4 B.L.U. in order that the maximum assistance may be rendered.

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

Copy to (for Action):-

3 B.L.U. Milan - Q/37/15 dated 4 Feb 46 refers.

Copy to (for info):-

A.C. for Executive Commissioner.

War Material Disposal Sub Commission.
4 B.L.U. Bolzano.

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

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Copy to (for Action):- 3 B.L.U. Milan - Q/37/15 dated 4 Feb 46 refers.

Copy to (for info):- A.C. for Executive Commissioner.
War Material Disposal Sub Commission.
4 B.L.U. Bolzano.

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Subject:- Captured Enemy Material - Italian Ammunition.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
Q.125.

14 February, 1946.

To:- A.C. for Executive Commissioner.

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1. ~~Under~~ A.F.H.Q. letter AG.386.3/Q(AE)-O dated 2 October 45, as amended by AG.386.3/Q(CEMS)-O dated 8 February 46, disposal of all ammunition of Italian origin in the case of the provinces of Udine and Venezia Giulia will be as decided by the Allied Military Government. It is of importance that the War Ministry be permitted to re-possess themselves of all such ammunition of 20 mm calibre and below.

2. It is therefore suggested that the Allied Military Government representative be instructed to notify 5 B.L.U. of all such ammunition and to authorise the recovery of such ammunition by the Italian Army.

R.A. Curties

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

Copy to:- 5 B.L.U. Udine.
13 Corps.
War Ministry.

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Ref: 9006/235/EC. *See 4-291*
See 4-277

16 February 1946. *(3)* *235*

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

You must be as concerned as I am in regard to the provision of equipment for your new Italian Army, and you are, no doubt, equally anxious about the very serious deficiency at present existing in arms, ammunition, vehicles and spare parts.

As you know, it has been decided as an interim policy that much of this equipment must come from captured enemy stocks and from Allied military surpluses which are handed over to the Italian Government and distributed mainly through the agency of A.R.A.R.

The duty of ensuring that the Italian Army is properly equipped, as well as the responsibility for allocating material in the hands of A.R.A.R. and of the other government agencies or ministries, lie with your Government. Unfortunately, you have many economic difficulties with which to compete. There are bound to be conflicting interests which may act against the best interests of the Army. For instance, cases have been brought to my notice of motor vehicles and spare parts suitable for, and badly needed by, the Carabinieri, being allotted elsewhere.

In order to give the War Minister a fair opportunity of obtaining the equipment he requires, it would appear necessary that he should have a greater knowledge of the equipment available and the opportunity of acquiring priority for its allocation to the Army. I suggest that this might be done by including in the A.R.A.R. organisation a small nucleus of qualified Army officers who could inspect material as it becomes available, advise the War Minister of that which is suitable for his requirements and ensure allocation to the Army where necessary. I would ask you to consider adopting this suggestion at once, particularly as, if there is any case of doubt, the War Minister could obtain an Allied opinion from the Land Forces Sub-Commission (LMIA) at any moment. You might, of course, wish to consider similar representation of the Minister for Air and Marine, either as a joint effort, or separately.

As a further help to the War Minister I am instructing the Commander of the Land Forces Sub-Commission to arrange for the maintenance of permanent liaison with the Allied Surplus Disposal Agencies by means of suitable Italian officers who would thereby obtain early information of material to be released and advise the War Ministry accordingly.

You will agree, I know, that it is essential that confidence in the interim Italy Army be established both in Italy and among the United Nations. This can only be done if the needs of the Army are appreciated and provided by the Italian Government. The proposals outlined above would go a long way to ensure this.

Very truly yours,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,

Acting Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.
Land Forces S/C (LMIA)

Navy S/C. Air Forces S/C.

Econ Sec (for CEM Branch).

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Ref: 9006/EG.

15 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Material - Disposal of
to Italian Army.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.

1. Reference is made to AFHQ Directive AG.386.3/G(AE)-O
dated 2 October 1945.

This directive cancelled AG.386.3/163.100-0 dated 22 June 45 and deals with the disposal of captured enemy material in the Mediterranean Theatre. The important difference between these two documents is the wording of the paragraph 8(c), from which the following extract is quoted:

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In the original directive (para 9(c)), the wording was as follows:

"Recaptured material of Italian military origin which is not required for military purposes, including maintenance of POW will be turned over immediately to the Italian military authorities for Italian maintenance."

2. I am informed by GOC, Land Forces Sub-Commission that this directive as it stands at present is being construed as limiting the right of the Italian War Ministry to re-possess material of Italian military origin that proven necessary for "maintenance". In certain cases, the release of equipment of patterns not now current in the Italian Army has been refused on these grounds even though by adaptation or the use of component parts, a considerable amount of needed material could have been obtained. For example, in letter AFHQ/5067E/G(CEMS) dated 24 Jan 46, general release of arms and ammunition of Italian origin has been refused. Furthermore, the control of weapons newly manufactured in arms factories in the North is still exercised by HQ. 2 District.

It is submitted that AG, which is the instrument (under SACRED) responsible for ensuring that such material is not used for purposes contrary to the Armistice terms should be the sole arbiter in such matters.

3. Full details as to the holding of arms and ammunition have been submitted to your HQ by Land Forces Sub-Commission. It is understood that the Allied intention is to equip the Italian Army, less CO.RR, with British

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weapons. The re-organisation of the CC.RR, however, requires the allocation of the most modern Italian weapons, and it is therefore most undesirable that the Italian Government should be deprived of the right (controlled by AG) to possess themselves of Italian arms of recent manufacture.

4. I am informed that a further amendment to the directive dated 8. Feb 46, not yet received, gives title to the Italian Government so far as ammunition of Italian manufacture is concerned, but this will not entirely remedy the present situation. There are no satisfactory signs that the Italian Government is making adequate arrangements for the maintenance of the Army, which in any event is still dependent on the supply of equipment and spare parts from Allied sources. I feel the time has come when this subject should be discussed at a conference to be held at your HQ. I suggest that Land Forces Sub-Commission should produce the agenda for such a meeting, indicating the points on which AFHQ assistance is sought.

5. I accordingly recommend:

- (a) A further amendment to the AFHQ Directive of 2 Oct 45, as under, be approved forthwith:

AFHQ AG.386.3/0(AG)-0 of 2 Oct 45 paragraph 8(c), delete in line 4 "for maintenance of the Italian Forces within the authorised ceilings".

- (b) As in the case of the Navy and the Air Forces, the appropriate Sub-Commission of AG should be charged with the interpretation of the Armistice Terms and dependent directives in matters of the allocation of material to the Italian Army.
- (c) A conference at AFHQ to examine progress made in equipping the Interim Army in accordance with the directive of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, and the measures needed to ensure the maintenance of this Interim Army during 1946.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: C. Commissioner.
Land Force SC (MMIA).
Ecom Sec (for CEM Branch).
Navy SC.
Air Force SC.

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 ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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AG 386.3 Q(CEM3)-0

8 February 1946

SUBJECT: Disposal of CEM in the Mediterranean Theater (to include Italy, Austria, Greece and Middle East).

TO: Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, APO 762
 General Officer Commanding, British Troops in Austria
 General Officer Commanding, Land Forces Greece
 General Officer Commanding, XIII Corps
 General Officer Commanding, Number 2 District
 General Officer Commanding, Number 3 District
 General Officer Commanding, Middle East Forces

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The following amendments will be made to Allied Force Headquarters letter AG 386.3 Q(CEM3)-0 dated 2 October 1945.

1. Paragraph 9 a. sub-paragraph (1) Delete: "In ITALY (less Venezia Giulia)".

a. Substitute: "In ITALY (less Venezia Giulia and Udine Provinces)".

b. Sub-paragraph (2) Delete: "In VI CELIA GIULIA" Substitute: "In VI CELIA GIULIA and UDINE Provinces"

2. Paragraph 9 c: - - - - -

a. Insert new sub-paragraph (3) Italian Ammunition

"(1) The location and quantities of all ammunition of Italian origin situated in Italy will be made known to the Italian Government or, in the case of the provinces of Udine and Venezia Giulia, to the Allied Military Government concerned.

(2) The Italian Government or the Allied Military Government concerned will make immediate arrangements to take over the ammunition and will be totally responsible for its safe custody until its final disposal. The Italian Government or the Allied Military Government concerned will assume the responsibility, within a time limit to be set by mutual agreement with the competent Allied Military Commander, for safeguarding such ammunition.

(3) In the interest of internal security the Italian Government or the Allied Military Government concerned will be instructed to concentrate for particular guarding all ammunition of 20mm calibre and below including mines, grenades, etc. They will be further instructed to place special guards on ammunition of a dangerous nature until its disposal. Commanders will satisfy themselves, when handing over, that such arrangements are in fact in hand. Such handover will only be at their discretion having regard to any operational directives to the contrary and to the maintenance of internal security.

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nance of internal security

- (4) The Italian Government, or Allied Military Government concerned, will make necessary arrangements, and is totally responsible for the disposal of all ammunition of Italian origin whether by destruction, crushing or breaking down into component parts for use in the civil rehabilitation of the country. Products resulting from the breaking down processes will not be employed in the production of further armaments except as permitted by the Allied authorities. The Italian Government when making disposal will have regard to the requirements of the future Italian armed forces.
- (5) The Italian Government, or the Allied Military Government concerned, will be made finally responsible for the disposal of dangerous ammunition. However, present facilities for disposal offered by the Allies will be continued as long as possible.
- (6) Ammunition of Italian origin, located elsewhere than in Italy, will be disposed of as for captured ammunition of enemy origin.

D. Present sub-paragraph (3) will be re-numbered (4)

BY ORDER OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF:

Edmund R. Sargent
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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
February, 1946.

FEB 11 1946

Memorandum for Brigadier Lush.

I have been instructed by General Browning to hand to you the attached official letter, Q.002 of 1 February 46.

He wishes me to request that this may receive your consideration as a matter of urgency, and to say that the Deputy Commander Land Forces Sub Commission, Col. Clayton P. Kerr and Col. Pidsley will be glad of the opportunity to furnish any additional information you may require before the matter is placed in front of the Chief Commissioner.

He suggests that when approval has been obtained to officially communicate with A.F.H.Q., you might pave the way to a satisfactory outcome by sending a D.O. letter to General Duff. It is a matter of serious concern to M.M.I.A. that while the organisation and training side of the Interim Italian Army is well advanced, little progress is being made in providing for the adequate maintenance of the Army. With the one exception of clothing (and that is not entirely satisfactory) the administrative needs of the Army are gravely deficient, and there is no sign of any intention by the present Italian Government to remedy the matter.

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Lt. Col.
A.Q.M.G.
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- Captured Enemy Material - Disposal of, to Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. L. I. A.)
ROME.
Q.002

1 February, 1946. FEB 11 1946

To:- A.C. for Chief Commissioner.

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(b) Following your strong representations that weapons located at the Beretta Arms Factory should be made available for the CC.RR, release was obtained of 3,000 pistols and 10,000 automatic muskets, under AFHQ 65:000.5 dated 7 November 45. The release of additional weapons was withheld, subject to certain information which, it was agreed, should be furnished by Land Forces Sub Commission. A reply was addressed to G.5. by Civil Affairs Section under reference AC/14601/II/FS, copy of which is attached as appendix "B". ⁹²⁴

Full details as to the holding of arms and ammunition have subsequently been submitted to AFHQ by me. It has been pointed out that a firm policy decision is awaited as to the equipment of the Interim Italian Army. I am given to understand that the Italian Army will be provided with British Arms and ammunition and that the Italian arms will

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be utilised to equip the CC.RR., Finance Guard, and Italian Safety agents. It was apparent that stocks of Italian ammunition of small calibre were running low, and under authority, GHQ letter ESD/81/3 of 23 Jan 46, the War Ministry have been instructed to manufacture, subject to certain safeguards, the following quantities of ammunition :-

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

An application for the continued manufacture of small arms was refused pending an examination of the present holdings of weapons, as compared with the approved establishment. *5012/EC*

The activity of the Beretta Arms Factory, and the disposal of weapons already completed has been the subject of correspondence between you and AFHQ, your ES/12.11 of 24 November 45 refers. We have positive information that 2 District have removed a considerable number of weapons, the manufacture of which has been completed, from the factory, and are retaining them in Allied Dumps pending disposal instructions.

It is obvious that automatic weapons newly manufactured at the Beretta Arms Factory are of considerable value to the CC.RR., and that if the War Ministry could gain control over all Italian arms and ammunition, they would be in a position to re-distribute this equipment to the best advantage, or to salvage it for purely necessary and military purposes. I am of the opinion that the present situation can only be remedied by an amendment to the AFHQ Directive, with the object of removing any ambiguity as to the title of the the Italian Army to material of Italian military origin.

It will be observed that in the AFHQ Directive, authority is given for the Navy and Air Force Sub Commissions to give disposal instructions regarding Italian war material of naval or Air Force category. I therefore request that the Supreme Allied Commander may be approached by you in order that the following amendment receives his approval :-

AFHQ AG-586.3/Q(AE)-0 of 2nd October 45.
Paragraph 8(c), delete in line 4 " for maintenance
of the Italian Forces within the authorised ceilings"

PART II.

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- Further to the above particular cases I would like you to consider the need for reviewing the present policy under which all allied military surpluses and captured enemy material are passed over to the Italian Government, whose agency for distribution is A.R.A.R. which organisation allocates material to the various national needs, including the Italian Army.

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It does not seem to be realised that however correct this may be in theory, in actual practice A.R.A.R. is not interested in the Italian Army, which consequently suffers. The argument that the Allies have handed over control to the Italian Government is only partly valid - the Allies may have relinquished control but the Government would not seem to have acquired it.

In fact, the War Ministry is unable to obtain its requirements from this source and as I have shown above, it is in some cases further hampered by the withholding of releases by Allied Authorities.

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6. If the Combined Chiefs of Staff policy, to create an efficient Italian Army as quickly as possible, is to be effected, I am of opinion that the present method of disposal of surplus material must be changed and the War Ministry given priority regarding material needed for the Army. This might be done through a special War Ministry Commission as part of A.R.A.R. (under supervision of M.M.I.A. which can certify the needs of the Army) empowered by the Italian Government to establish priority and secure for the Italian Army any materials or items which come into the hands of A.R.A.R.

7. I realise that such an arrangement must be ordered by the Italian Government. The Italian Government should be more than willing to issue such a directive inasmuch as the supply and maintenance of the Army is the responsibility of the Italian Government from indigenous resources (and once Allied materials are in the hands of A.R.A.R. such materials become certainly "indigenous" resources). The Italian Government should not expect the Allied surplus to be used primarily for civilians and at the same time expect additional Allied items to be made available for the Army.

Even if the Italian Government is not willing, for political reasons (due to the influence of parties to whose advantage it is that the Army shall not be efficient as an instrument for the maintenance of law and order), to issue such a directive, the Allies, as providers, can insist, as a right and a pre-requisite for the supply.

The decision must be made, and at once, as to the priority between the civilians and the Army. An arrangement as outlined will give the Army what it needs, and no more, as M.M.I.A. would certify only the known requirements, and competition between the Army and civilians for other indigenous resources would be eliminated.

8. It would appear that unless the Italian Government is anxious to give the Army what it needs, the assistance of the Allies to rebuild the Army in the interest of Italy should be stopped at once.

As mentioned above, it has been laid down by C.C.S. that it is in the Allied interest that a new and efficient Italian Army shall be created in the shortest possible time. The Allies should therefore insist, as a right, that whatever Allied materials are turned over to the Italians must go first to meet the Allied commitments to the Army.

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d. Browning
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT:- Captured Enemy Material of Italian Military Origin.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 971

AFHQ/5067E/Q(CEMS)

24 Jan 46

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,
M.M.I.A.

Reference to Q.150 dated 17 Jan 46. *138 Vol II*

1. AFHQ letter AG.386.3 Q(AE)-0 dated 2 October states that material surplus to Allied military requirements will be turned over to the Italian Forces for maintenance purposes. It is not considered that the supply of arms and ammunition, now that hostilities have ceased, constitutes maintenance.
2. This Headquarters, therefore, is in agreement with HQ 2 District inasmuch that only material required for maintenance purposes will be released. The channel of transaction will be the Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC (MMIA) and not the BLU's, thereby ensuring that the authorised maintenance scales of the Italian Army are not exceeded.
3. Material of Italian military origin surplus to Allied military requirements is not required for the authorised maintenance of the Italian Forces is reported to this Headquarters in accordance with para 12 of AFHQ letter AG.386.3 Q(AE)-0 dated 2 Oct 45. Demands for release of such material should be submitted to this Headquarters.

(SGD) A. MCLACHLAN, Captain,
for Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- G-4 (A) (They spoke: Mr. Scharf - Capt. Hathaway - McLachlan)
HQ No. 2 District
CEMS IO, HQ 2 District
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Ref: AC/1,601/II/PS

December 1945

Subject: Arms for the Italian Police Forces.

To : AFHQ G-5

1. Reference your G-5:000.5 of 7 Nov 45.
2. Land Forces Sub-Commission state that the following distribution of the weapons released is being made:

	<u>Pistols</u>	<u>Automatic Carbines</u>
1. CC.RR Bde Turin	500	1539
2. Milan	500	1924
3. Florence	500	1924
4. Rome	500	2111
5. Naples	500	1539
6. Palermo	500	963
	<u>3000</u>	<u>10000</u>

3. A detailed examination of present holdings and estimate requirements of the Italian Army including CC.RR is now being made by Land Forces Sub-Commission, in accordance with AFHQ G (SD) signal FX 53377 of 16 November. Until this information is completed, it will not be possible for furnish the information called for at para 2 (a) and (c) of your letter under reference.

4. Land Forces Sub-Commission will ensure priority is given CC.RR units in making good their deficiencies in Italian weapons from Available Army stocks. Assistance required from the Allies will be notified to AFHQ when the reply to FX 53377 referred to above is prepared.

So far as CC.RR units are concerned it is anticipated this will amount only to the release of certain natures of Allied small arm ammunition and approval for the manufacture of such ammunition of Italian origin as is in short supply.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Sgd) S.H. WHITE, Lt.Col.,
A/VP CA Section.

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Copy : MMIA

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Ref: 9006/223/EC

9 February 1946

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Material.

TO : Economic Section.

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1. Forwarded herewith is letter from Chief Liaison Officer, Lombardia dated 7 February 1946 on the burning of tyres at Laives (Salsano) and illicit sales of motor parts by local elements and German p.o.w. for necessary action

SPH.

Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
MBARDIA REGION LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
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Office of the Chief Liaison Officer

LCMB/CLO/1

7 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Material.

TO : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission HQ.
A.P.O. 394

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1. A cutting of an article which appeared in yesterday's afternoon edition of "Corriere d'Informazione" is attached hereto.
 2. It deals with the burning of "mountains" of tyres at a dump at Laives (Bolzano) and illicit sales of motor parts by local elements and German p.o.w. Six of the latter were arrested in this area last week at a road block with three trucks laden with machinery and other goods.
 3. No. 2 District is interesting itself in the matter.

/s/ Col. A.N. HANGCOCK, O.B.E.
Chief Liaison Officer

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GERMAN PRISONERS TRADING - Under the title of "An incredible discovery" the CORRIERE D'INFORMAZIONE reported prominently that on Friday the police held up three large trucks laden with tractors and other machinery and driven by six Germans in uniform. It seems that the Germans had come all the way from Bolzano to sell the goods on their own. Another person with a German name, who was acting as broker for the deal, was also arrested and the Allied Military Police was notified. The paper added: "On our part we collected information in Bolzano and we learned some rather striking details. The camps where war material was collected are being cleared and since no agreement was reached between the Allies and the Italian Government on the enormous amounts of materials existing in Bolzano and its vicinity, orders were issued to destroy all perishable goods. Some 3,000 motor tyres were classified as such and burned. Other tyres and spares were sold to those who were first on the spot, and friends and acquaintances were of course given the preference. Most probably the six Germans arrested at Sesto San Giovanni had found a way to buy on their own or through the intermediary of some other person the materials in question, which were to be sold in Milan. This supposition is confirmed by the fact that for some time past the Germans have been trading spares and tyres."

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AG 386.3 C/S-O

30 January 1946

SUBJECT: Disposal of Captured Enemy Material in the Mediterranean (to include Italy, Austria, Greece and Middle East). EEP 7 1946

TO: Commanding General
Peninsular Base Section, APO 782
Land Forces Greece
General Officer Commanding
XIII Corps
Number 2 District
Number 3 District

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Vol II

1. Allied Force Headquarters letter file AG 386.3 Q (AT)-O dated 2 October 1945, paragraph 9g (3), states that "Italian military vehicles can usually be identified by two stars to be found on the engine".

2. The Italian Ministry of Marine states that it is having difficulty in recovering its motor vehicles from CFM dumps because of the above statement, it being assumed in some instances that the two star identification applies to Italian Naval vehicles. The Italian Ministry of Marine further states that:

a. I.R.N. regulations have never provided for motor vehicles to be marked in this manner.

b. The only distinctive markings on I.R.N. motor vehicles are the engine and chassis numbers.

c. From information received it would appear that the above marking - two five pointed stars - was adopted by the Italian Army for several lots of motor vehicles.

d. All Italian manufacturers have been approached formally in the matter and have given assurance that in supplying motor vehicles to the I.R.N. in no cases have they used this marking to distinguish them from those supplied to the public.

3. It is desired that information be promulgated to the effect that the two five-pointed star identification does not hold true for Italian Naval vehicles.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

Edmund R. Shugart
EDMUND R. SHUGART
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

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Ref. ES/5.13

19 January 1946

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

It has been brought to my attention that there is great delay in the taking over of captured enemy material once it is released by the Captured Enemy Materials Branch of this Headquarters to the Azienda Ricupero Alienazione Residuati, the agency which the Italian Government have set up for the acceptance and disposal of such material.

In November and December, although over a hundred releases of dumps and separate lots of material were made (apart from vehicle dumps), only some 15 acknowledgements of release orders have been received from ARAR. Amongst these releases, one was for a large quantity of all types of materials from No 1 CEM Dump, Bolzano. The release note for this material was forwarded on 12 December 45, but so far no attempt has been made to inspect or collect it.

The Director of the CEM Branch, after investigating the position, discussed the matter with Ing. CUTTICA, the ARAR Representative in Milan, and was informed that the cause of the delay was mainly lack of transport, especially the lack of passenger cars. Furthermore, it was stated that the allotment of petrol made to ARAR in the North was quite inadequate to carry out the work.

In this connection, I must point out that in one small dump, Foro Voaro, which was handed over to the Italian Government over two months ago, there were sixty cars, the large percentage of which were easily repairable, especially as at Gavardo a considerable number of spare parts had also been released. No steps were taken to commence repair work on these cars, many of which have now deteriorated, while parts and tyres have been stolen from the dumps.

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In view of the above, I should appreciate being informed whether the Italian Government are now in a position to take acceptance of the releases already made, as well as further releases which can be made in the immediate future. I should also like to have your assurance that the agency set up by the Italian Government to carry out the necessary work in connection with the physical take-over of all captured enemy materials will be effectively organized and equipped to do so. I think you will agree that delay in acceptance of these materials represents a serious loss to the Italian economy. On the other hand, if every release to the Italian Government can be dealt with promptly, it is hoped that the physical hand-over of all CEM can be completed by March, 1946.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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Ref: 9006/2094/50

17 January 1946

SUBJECT: Istituto Chimico Farmaceutico Militare

TO : Ministry for Foreign Affairs

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Reference your Memorandum dated 22nd December 45, subject Istituto Chimico Farmaceutico Militare.

1. It would appear that the information you have received on this subject is incorrect.

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2. The question concerning the Pharmaceutical Plant and Stocks at Merano has been the subject of correspondence between the CEM Branch and ARAR: this HQ's memo WMO/83/78 dated 12 December 45 and ARAR's letter ARAR/S/7283 dated 15 December 1945 refer. Copies are attached.

216 3. A scheme has now been agreed whereby a number of Italian technicians can enter the Plant at Merano on or after the 26th January so as to familiarize themselves with the machinery and production.

4. The handover of the complete plant to the Italian Government together with raw material and certain surplus stores will commence 16 February 1946.

5. The Geneva Convention does not apply in this case.

Em
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Copy to:

Land Forces S/O
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C.A.S. (for Pub. Health).

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AZIENDA RILIEVO ALIENAZIONE RESIDUATI

A. R. A. R.

Rome, 19 Dec. 45

ARAR/S/7283

TO: COL. CAMPBELL
Director
CEM BRANCH

Referring to your letter WMD/83/78 dated December 12th and to the following discussion I had with you here are the proposed alternatives.

- 1) The Merano medical installation will be handed over now to the Italian Government who will send it back to Florence from where it was removed limited to the machinery and raw material.
- 2) The Merano medical installation will be handed over to the Italian Government as a whole as soon as the packing activities in the interest of the Allied Forces will have come to an end that is to say in about six weeks time.
- 3) The Merano medical installation will be handed over to the Italian Government at the earliest possible date and the Italian Government will continue the packing activities in the interest of the Allied Forces and at their expenses.
- 4) The Merano medical installation will be handed to the Italian Government with the exception of the packing activities in the interest of the Allied Forces and at their expenses.
- 5) In all the alternatives, except the first, the installation will continue to work in Merano until the available raw material will have been consumed. After it will be transferred again in Florence from where it was removed.
- 6) We would particularly appreciate the collaboration of the Allied Forces in keeping at their work the German personnel actually working in the factory until the installations will be removed from Merano. During this period we will train our new personnel.
- 7) We are always ready to examine any other alternative your might suggest for the best result of the transfer.

s/ (Ing. Giorgio Valerio)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

WMD/83/78

12 December 45

SUBJECT: Disposal of CEM (Pharmaceutical Plants & Stocks)
at Merano.

TO : A.R.A.R.
Italian Ministry of Transport
ROME
(Att: Ing. Valerio)

With reference to my discussion with you regarding the disposal of Pharmaceutical Plants and Stocks at Merano, the following gives particulars regarding the matter.

1. There is at Merano a medical installation comprising a manufacturing plant and a Supply and a Repair Depot. The installation was established by the Germans and is still being run by the German Staff. Besides the present production there are large stocks of Pharmaceutical material and equipment on hand.

2. Though much of the material is of German origin some undoubtedly is of Italian origin and was removed by the Germans from Florence. Based on this the Italian Army, through M.M.I.A., are requesting that certain materials and Equipment of Italian origin in the Depot be returned to them.

3. The question of the disposal of the installation and its contents have been under discussion and it has been agreed that basically the principles laid down in our WMD/3c/218 from Economic Section to Ministry of Reconstruction, copy to Ministry of Transport in October 45, will govern its disposal.

4. It has therefore been decided that when certain demands made by Allied Medical Authorities including SEP requirements for C.M.F. have been met, the remaining stocks and equipment will be declared surplus and will be handed over to the Italian Government for disposal. It is pointed out, however, that the bids made by the Allied Medical Authorities are of considerable magnitude, and some time must of necessity, elapse before these demands can be

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satisfied.

5. The claim of the Italian Army will not be considered separately and no other disposal will be entertained. It is considered that the installation, surplus stock, and further output will not provide surpluses to the Italian Government's requirement from Italy. It will be for the Italian Government to decide the disposal of the installation stocks and output as between the Italian Army and Civil Economy, but in view of the importance of not disturbing output, it is suggested that the Italian Government should bear in mind the advisability of ensuring the continuance of the installation as a whole.

6. As you will remember when I discussed this question with you I stated that certain stocks of raw material and the majority of the machinery would be ready for disposal at an early date. The Depot itself, however, will be occupied for a further period and if it is decided that the Italian Government desire to continue the working of the installations as a whole, then the hand-over cannot be made for perhaps 2/3 months.

7. The following points are given for your information and to assist you in making a decision:

a) Raw material is in two categories - in the first category there is sufficient to run the plant for 4 months while in the other category there is only sufficient for two months output.

b) Considerable number of civilian employees at present working in the Depot will have to be dismissed if the plant closes down.

c) A considerable quantity of the machinery is very delicate and if it is going to be removed would require to be handled from the start by medical experts.

d) The raw material is all stored separately and the plant has stopped producing, the machines are only being looked after on a care and maintenance basis.

8. It is important that you inform this HQ your wishes with regard to this matter, i.e. if you intend to operate the plant in Merano or if you plan to move the raw material and machinery elsewhere.

9. Your urgent attention to this matter is requested and further action with regard to release of the Depot to you is being held up pending your reply.

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Copy to Economic Section
Supply Group

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

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MEMORANDUM

TO : HQ Commandant.

14. January 1946.

I understand that following arrangements made between G-4(B) and Economic Section (GEM Branch) a number of vehicles now in the North will be arriving shortly for the use of this HQ, particularly for those officers who have recently lost their own requisitioned vehicles.

I shall be grateful if a suitable vehicle can, if possible, be allotted to Lt. Col. Hannaford of the Legal Sub-Commission, most of whose time is taken up in visiting Italian authorities, Bureaus, etc.

F. H. McCLEARY

Lt. Colonel,
Acting Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: G-4(B)
Lt. Col. Hannaford, Legal Sub-Comm.
File 208/EC.

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APO 394
OFFICE OF G-4 (B)Tel: 489081
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11 January 1946

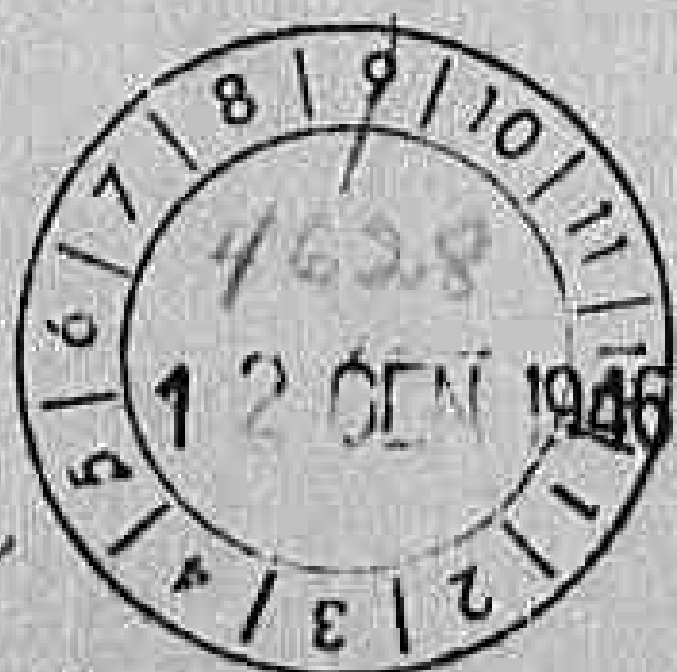
SUBJECT:- Disposal of Captured Enemy Material.

TO :- Office of the Executive Commissioner.

1. Reference your letter 9006/EC dated 10 January 1946.

2. Arrangements have been made with the H.Q. Commandant, this H.Q., concerning the number of captured enemy cars required by him and the supply of drivers to fetch them. Contact was made with CEM Branch, this H.Q., but no further action could be taken owing to the absence of the Director. However, this office contacted Lt.Col. J.D. Campbell in Milan last night and final arrangements for the delivery of the vehicles will be made on his return to Rome which is expected to-day.

Murray - we're getting on!!

True
15/12.R.M. GREEN
S. Comd. A.T.S.
G-4 (B).

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Ref: 9006/206/EC.

10 January 1946.

SUBJECT: Istituto Chimico Farmaceutico Militare - MFRAND.

TO : Economic Section. (Attn: C.R.W. Branch)

1. Reference p.205 of attached file 9006/EC (letter from Ministry for Foreign Affairs dated 22 December 45) we spoke (Campbell - McCleary) and I understand that the Ministry for Foreign Affairs have got hold of the wrong end of the stick inasmuch as the equipment and supplies of the Istituto are not being removed as stated and further that you are now in the midst of handing back the plant and equipment to the Italian Government.

2. If this is so, would you be good enough to put up a draft reply to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and return the file.

T-MC
Lt. Colonel,
Acting Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMA) (Your file Q156 returned)
Public Health Sub-Commission (Your file 3079/PH returned)

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Ref: 9006/EC.

10 January 1946.

SUBJECT: Disposal of Captured Enemy Material.

TO : G-4(B).

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1. Reference is made to GHQ CEM letter GHQ/8031/4/C(AE) dated 28 December 45 addressed to CEM Branch, copy to you, stating that there were some 200 Fiat vehicles available in the North, some of which could go to make up any deficiency we may have in Allied Commission. Has any action yet been taken on this?

2. I suggest that we might be in need of some vehicles, particularly now that all American requisitioned cars have been withdrawn, and therefore suggest that you at once get in touch with CEM Branch and let them know how many cars you want. Immediate action seems to be what is required. If thereby our establishment is exceeded this can be gone into later and the appropriate number of vehicles be handed back.

3. This unique and amazing offer of vehicles was made some time ago and as far as I am aware no action appears to have been taken. If I am wrong do not hesitate to correct me, at the same time letting me know what you have done.

True
Lt. Colonel,
Acting Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Economic Section (CEM Branch)

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS GME

Subject: Disposal of Captured
Enemy Material.

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 296

GHQ/3031/4/Q(AE)

28 Dec. 45

HQ, Allied Commission,
APO 394,
GMA Branch.

Reference your letter WMD/30/261 dated 9 Dec 45.

1. In view of the acute shortage of staff cars it has been decided that the following vehicles listed in the Appendix attached to the above referred letter are required for military purposes:

Quantity 56 FIAT 1500.
" 145 FIAT 1100.

and it is requested that you will advise this HQ when and where the vehicles are likely to be available.

2. The remainder of the vehicles listed may be disposed of as surplus to military requirements.
3. It is thought that the majority of the cars referred to in para 1 will be of use against HQ establishment of your Commission and it is requested that you will liaise with the appropriate department in order that the transfer may be arranged.

/s/ W.B. WEBBER, Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
Major General, Administration.

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ACTION: GEM (Branch)

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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• MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION.

SUBJECT: Istituto Clinico Farmaceutico Militare - MERANO.

1. The Italian Military Chemical Pharmaceutical Institute of Merano, after having been occupied by the German Armed Forces (Sanitäts-park Faltre and Sanitäts-park 521 Merano) is at present controlled by the Allied Authorities.

2. It is reported that the removal, as war booty, of a great part of the Institute's equipment and supplies is taking place or is contemplated.

3. According to articles 12, 14, 17 (1st and 3rd comma) and 22 of the International Convention of Geneva of 1929, of which Italy is one of the signatories, said Institute should have been returned by Germany to Italy who, according to said convention, has never ceased to be the legitimate and sole proprietor thereof, the temporary occupancy by Germany notwithstanding, occupancy for war purposes which is likewise contemplated and allowed by the Convention.

4. The property right of Italy to the Institute does not seem to have been altered or to be otherwise weakened according to the Convention, by the fact that the Allies have substituted themselves to the Germans in the occupancy of the Institute.

5. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs should consequently be grateful to the Allied Commission if they would kindly recommend to the competent Authorities the advisability of returning the Institute to Italy together with all its equipment and supplies as on September 11th, 1943, and inclusive of the purchases made with Italian money subsequent thereto.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Istituto Chimico Farmaceutico Militare - MERANO.

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6. As previously reiterated the Institute being an Italian military establishment of the Medical Corps, is protected by the Geneva Convention on the treatment of sick and wounded and cannot therefore be considered as war booty.

7. It would be appreciated if the matter could be treated as urgent. **K**

Rome, December 22nd, 1945.

