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Q 205 Recovery of Army Vehicles
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Subject: Italian Army Transport.

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

Q.205 ←

20 March 1946

TO : AC for Executive Commissioner

Further to Q205 of 8 February and your 8272/175/80 of 11 February herewith translation copy of War Ministry letter 202701/11 of 19 February, addressed to President of the Council.

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

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

RAC/fw

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Subject: Italian Army Transport

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

Q.205 ←

20 March 1946

TO : War Ministry (by LO)

Reference is made to your 202701/11 of 19 February addressed to President of the Council.

Please state whether a satisfactory decision has yet been reached as to Treasury support of the proposed solution.

It is requested that this HQ be informed as and when transport vehicles are obtained from ARAR or from new production.

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

RAC/fw

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

DPR/1/Q

Tel. 489081 Ext 414

18 March 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Military Vehicles.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission.

Reference your letter Q.205 dated 16 February 46.

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

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

For the Director:

(Fothergill)
G.T. FOTHERGILL,
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Director.

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

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ATTN YOUR 4/27/6 OF 27 FEB (-) SUBJECT G.D.M. (..)
NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED BY YOU.

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IMPORTANT

G.M. KING, 11330

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
FINANCE BRANCH
APO 394

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6 March 1946

SUBJECT : Salvaged Italian Vehicles
TO : Prof. Epicerio Corbino
Ministro del Tesoro

1. The enclosed sum of 13,934,913 lire represents funds deposited by civilian firms with Region IV, AMG, in connection with certain vehicles particulars of which you can obtain from the Ministry of War. The Italian Government will settle all claims of the civilian firms direct with them, without reference to the Allied authorities. The Allied Commission will not concern itself in any way with any form of settlement the Italian Government may decide to make with the firms concerned, or any steps the firms may wish to take in connection therewith.

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

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

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

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

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Executive Commissioner, A.C.

Re: your draft letter 3272/109/301.

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

COMMENTS.

- Para 1 - no comment
- Para 2 - no comment
- Para 3 - this is not a correct statement. Many vehicles were in running order, completely serviceable. The inference in this para is that the "contractors" were in fact legal, which they were not.
- Para 4 - the entire transaction was in violation of GCS and AMM instructions - and the Italian Government knows this. I do not see that the opinion of the legal advisers of A.C. or the contractors can make the contracts valid. This para puts the Chief Commissioner in the indefensible position of attempting to justify a direct violation of the order of GCS, AMM and his own orders to AMM, while attempting to influence the Italian Government to condone this. It is highly probable that elements of the Italian Government will object to the whole transaction.
- Para 5 - this was agreed by all concerned at the conference attended by General HAMMILL on 25 May 1945 (see folio 166) and certainly should be done at once.
- Para 6 - the Italians have already been requested to do this in accordance with the agreement at the conference on 25 May 1945 (see my V/5 of 25 May 1945, attached at folio 198).
- Para 7 - this virtually says to the Italian Government "A.C. will hand over to you the 13,924,913 lire (which belongs to you anyway) only provided you absolve A.C. of any liability". Italian nationals cannot legally enter claims against A.C. or AMM except through their own Government, but

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- Para 8 " no further comment necessary.

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200 (contd).

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

III.

I therefore recommend that, instead:-

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

"The enclosed sum of 15,924,915 lire represents 'bond money' deposited by civilian firms with Region IV AIG in connection with the use by the firms of certain Italian Government vehicles. The Italian Government will settle all financial claims of the civilian firms direct with them, without reference to the Allied authorities. M.M.I.A. letter 2/5/10 of 29 May 1945, to the Ministry of War, specifically refers. The Allied Commission will not concern itself in any way with any form of settlement the Italian Government may decide to make with the firms concerned, or any steps the firms may wish to take in connection therewith".

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

L. J. Beveridge
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Major General,
C.O.C., 1st Air Force Sub-Commission A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)

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L. Brown

Major General,
G.O.C., 1st Air Force Sub-Commission A.C.,
(N.M.I.A.)

March 1946

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*Recd. HC file 8272/EC
Capt. L. 205*

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From M of W
to MMIA

TRANSLATION
ref A6/1158/Serv
3/3/46

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Subject: Returns

284 on p203

Ref. letter Q /205 dated 16/1/46. to
We confirm that we have forwarded /Statcentre (Census) GHQ
MEF what requested by the letter to which we reply.
C/a
Col. Meloni

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Subject- Recovery of Italian
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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. I.A.)
R. S. M.
O.205

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2 March 48.

MINISTER OF WAR.

1. Reference your 15109/2442 of 25 Feb 48.
2. It is confirmed that there is no objection to your taking action as stated in your 1/1 letter.
3. Please keep this HQ informed of progress made.



C.E. KING, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

C.E.K./ab

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2/3/48
p.m.

Subject : Italian Military Vehicles.

HQ 3 British Liaison Unit.
(Tel No. 152965 Ext 25).

HQ MMIA.

Ref Q/41/9.

2 Mar 46.



1. Ref your Q 205 dated 26 Feb.
2. Of the list of vehs loaned to Displaced Persons Sub Commission, the following have now been returned :-

32 Lorries.
1 Van.
2 M/Cs.
1 Car FIAT 1100.
1 Car FIAT 500.

All the above were returned because they were non-runners. DPSC therefore are now in possession of the following vehicles :-

8 Lorries.
1 M/C.
2 Cars FIAT 1100.

3. D Group, Displaced Persons Sub Commission at Lombardia Region Liaison Group AO have been contacted regarding the return of the remainder of the vehs, but they state that to date they have received no orders from their HQ in ROME, and can take no action regarding returning them, until they do. It is felt that the remainder are likely to be returned as non-runners, unless they are returned fairly soon as they are covering a considerable mileage for DPSC.
3 Terr Comd are in urgent need of all available tpt, particularly in view of the increased commitments brought about by the coming call up.

MILAN.
JDM/LGB.

RCS

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J. L. G.

Maj.
DAA and QMG.

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TRANSLATION
from Territorial Region of RRCC of LAZIO
Station of Subiaco
to MMIA

ref 53/20-1945
27/2/46

SUBJECT : Recovery of M/T materials

Mr. Rossi Pierino, of the late Emilio, born and
domiciled at Subiaco, Corso Cesare Battisti n. 66, has
informed us that on August 1945, he has recovered in
the outskirts of this Commune, an engine Mercedes n O M
6501-150211, left by the retreating Germans.

The a/m engine has been left in his possession
by us, at disposal of Your Office.

The commander of the Station
Campanelli V.

C/a

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Suggest van
Main to give
chance to see
this ? RAC

Done! LSR REME.

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SUBJECT: CEM - Vehic

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
1: 152965(Ext- 25)

HQ M.M.I.A.

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27 Feb 46

Rptd:- CEM Branch -HQ Lombardia Liaison
Group A.C.

The attached correspondence from CEM Branch HQ Lombardia Liaison Group A.C. is forwarded for your information and any action considered necessary. It is thought that a matter such as outlined in the att correspondence is best dealt with by you direct with the War Ministry.

Please state if you require any action to be taken by this HQ.

MILAN
JDM/LO

Maj.
DAA & QMG

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CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH
MILAN OFFICE

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HQ LOMBARDA LIAISON GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION
ADD 304

AC-W/CMA/22/785

8 February 1946

SUBJECT : Recuperation of M/T.

TO : S.M.M.I.A. Milan.

1. Enclosed are copies of letters from the Italian airforce and its representatives on the recuperation of C.R.Vs of military origin.
2. It is suggested you take up the matter with all territorial commands in the north to ensure a just settlement between the three armed forces.
3. It is pointed out that lack of co-operation is met with only in the case of the R.Esercito.

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T.J. Roworth

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T.J. Roworth
Major RE
O.I/c Milan Office
CMA Branch
HQ Allied Commission

Encl.

ALLIED LIAISON

Copy to Aeronautica attn. Col. Ercolani, Milan.

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CEM Branch
HQ Allied Commission

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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR ROWORTH

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3. Carry out a division of the motor-vehicles taken over by civilian and by the Army before the meeting of the 12 Dec 45 by Major Roworth. In order to facilitate this work it would be advisable to take a decision similar to the Tombetta one.
4. Extra allotment of motor-vehicle for the R.Aeronautica. The Sub-Commission of control for the R. Aeronautica, taking all necessities into consideration, has only asked for three to No. 2 District. They were not granted. The Aeronautica is in need of six as a minimum running and fitted with tyres.
5. Genral Negroni of Bolzano in a conversation had with T.Col. Ercolani at 1200 hrs. of the 29 January, has declared that he was not aware of the agreement made at the conference of the 12 Dec. General Biglino has been appointed by the War Ministry to take on consignment all parks and depots of the Bolzano zone. The intervention of the Allied Commission is considered advisable for sending orders to all people concerned in the North of the Gothic line.
6. A decision from Major Roworth is necessary with regard to the classification of the motor-vehicles. The decisions taken lately in Rome by URMIT are not in accordance with logic and opportunity.
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UFFICIO RICUPERO
REGIA AERONAUTICA

Concessione IV del 26/9/1945
N. 803548/Serv.di Prot.

26/12/45

MEMORABDUM

Regarding salvage of motor-vehicle material from CEM Dumps
N. 2 Distr., for Major T.I. Roworth.

The undersigned Accatino Giuseppe in charge of the salvage of material for account of the Ministero dell'Aeronautica begs to submit to you this Memo with a view to have you taking into consideration the following request. He refers to the Memo presented by the undersigned dated 1st Nov. 1945 and following upon the meeting held on the 12 Dec. 1945 in the Offices of the WMD, Chairman Maj. Roworth, at which meeting the representatives of the Aeronautic Direzione Servizi - Rome Lt. Del Giudice and Mr. Accatino were present, as well as Lt. Col. Ercolani for the Comando Aeronautica Northern Italy.

1°) In accordance with agreements made at the first meeting between the representatives of the Armed Forces it was established that the Aeronautica should be reserved a percentage of 30 % in the distribution of the military means. This was not the case as during the collection operations the Aeronautica has had the 25% only. It is asked that such percentage be increased to 30 % as on the 8 Sept 43 the Aeronautica had evacuated in the Northern Italy nearly all motor vehicles and in a larger proportion than the other Armed Forces and that with the German occupation of all the Airports, these vehicles became an easy booty of the German occupation forces.

2°) In the formation of the Mixed Commission for the Armed Forces, it was agreed that the Army, Navy and Air-Force should send a representative to the competent Ministry. This was done by the Air and Navy Forces, but not by the Army. I say this as while there is a connection between the Air Force and the Navy, there is none with the representative of the Army.

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T.Col. Cuccioli commands a zone in which the collection work is carried out with a certain collaboration, but in some other zones, as Verona, Bolzano etc. the Army is collecting for his own account as many vehicles as possible, irrespective of the arrangements made at the meeting held on the 12 December 1945. It was the duty of T.Col. Cuccioli to inform his colleagues commanding the other zones

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as this collection work takes place in the zone of the 2nd Distr., at the North of the Gothic line.

The undersigned therefore asks that the Army also should appoint an Officer who would keep in touch with all the zones, so that the collection of the vehicles could be carried out in harmony by all the three armed forces and in accordance with the percentage established.

30) With regard to the last remark contained in the memo presented by the undersigned on the 1st Nov. 1945, the undersigned begs to inform you that it is not possible to establish the ownership of the motor vehicles for the Armed Forces only due to the fact that the engine bears a "star" mark, as it has been ascertained that motor car manufacturers delivered cars to the Armed Forces also without the "star" mark.

Taking also into account that many civilian motor vehicles were requisitioned and paid for by the Armed Forces, it is requested that a proportion be established in the distribution among the Civilian Bodies (A.E.A.R.) and the Armed Forces.

40) In view of the discrepancies and difficulties which have arisen and may arise in the future and in order to arrive at an equitable distribution of the motor vehicles it is requested that all releases made out by RMD or by CEM 2 District be issued on a sole application signed by the representatives of all the three Armed Forces appointed for the collection.

Hoping that this requests will be taken into consideration, and thanking you

IL DELEGATO AL RICERCA
per conto della REGIA AERONAUTICA
IT Direttore Generale

signed : Accattino Giuseppe

Translation /yt/

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SUBJECT : Exchange of Automobiles

Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O W E .

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36 Feb. '46.

TO : 7 B.C.D. HICKS

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1. Ref your SO/CA of 20 Feb 1946.
2. An enclosing copy of our letter to Lt-Col Coburn Gayle which is self explanatory. As I remember the transaction, it was as outlined by Major Nini, that is by mutual agreement, and also by virtue of some authority, Col. Gayle had from AFHQ, he was to exchange automobiles with the 7th Repair Unit. Both vehicles had been received from CHM stocks.
3. Suggest no further action be taken until we hear from Col. Gayle.

26/2/46

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[Signature]

R.O. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

TRANSLATION

From: M.of.W.

Ref: 15109/2112

To: M.M.I.A.

Date: 25/2/46

Subject: Recovery of Italian Army vehicles.

- I.- Ref letter Q/205 dated 16th inst.,
- II.- The return of the recovery of the vehicles belonging to the known IIO Group, is shown in the attached list.
- III.- Considering that the a/m IIO vehicles shall be returned to the Italian Military Administration, since for some of them the withdrawal from the present owner would cause an expense which would not be compensated by the value of the recovered materials this Ministry has in course of settlement the release on payment of the a/m vehicles to the same owners.
- IV.- the said procedure is followed in accordance with instructions approved by your Sub-Commission with letter Q/004 dated 7/12/45
- V.- Particularly will be released on payment the vehicles still in the possession of the Giannini firm and of the Commune of Subiaco; while the vehicles of the firms S.A.I.T.A.R., C.I.T.A.M., and S.A.F.R.A., which in the majority are wrecks, will be withdrawn.

C/a

(Sgd) Gen. Prpoperzj

*No objection to
the procedure.
RAB*

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SUBJECT : Exchange of Automobiles

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Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R G H E .

Q 205

25th Feb, '46.

TO : Lt-Col Osburn Gayle, c/o US Claims Service
WFOSEA APO 512 US Army.

1. Ref copies of attached correspondence.
2. Suggest that if what the Terr IR No 7 says is correct, that you should turn in the car you agreed to turn in, but my recollection is that you did; however you will know best. In any event may we have your statement as to the status of the vehicles, so that we may advise our 7 B.L.U. accordingly.

26/2/46

RCV
R.C. VAN KIRK, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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7 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FLORENCE

RECEIVED 23 FEB 1946
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REF: ST/G4

Florence, 2 Feb. 1946

Subject : Substitution of vehicles

To : M.M.I.A (Attn Major Van Kirk)

Ref. attached enclosed translation of 7 Territorial Command letter 390/Aut Rip. dated 16 Feb. 1946 and enclosed copy of MMIA Florence letter of 4 Nov. 1945.

As the records in this office do not show any details of this transaction, will you please forward the facts of the case, showing any action that should be taken by this BLU.

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D.S.L. GREGSON
Major
7 BLU

Q 202

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TRANSLATION

7TH TERRITORIAL COMMAND = FLORENCE
Auto Directorate

No. 390/Aut. Rip.

Florence, 16 February 1946

Subject : Substitution of passenger car.

To : 7th British Liaison Unit - Florence.

With reference to authority granted with letter dtd. 9th Nov. 1945, (see enclosed copy) we inform you that 7th Repair Unit delivered to Col. Coburn Gayle, C.A.C., U.S., the passenger car FIAT 1500 - No. RE 406230 in substitution of other passenger car to be turned in to 7th Repair Unit.

As such a delivery has not yet been made we beg you to kindly indicate what action has been taken to fix the position of the car issued.

THE DIRECTOR
Sgd. Col. A. Faronato

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET
(LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.H.I.A.)
FLORENCE

A.P.O. 650

U.S. Army

Subject : Authority to change one Italian passenger car.

Ind.No.	From	To	Date	
	Italian Liaison Office w/ M IA Florence	7th Repair Unit	4th Nov. 1945	Ref. request for change of passenger car actually operating for Lt.Col. Coburn Gayle, CMO, US, Claims Service. Maj. R.C. Van Kirk precised that 7th Repair Unit is authorized to deliver to a.m. Lt.Col. one pass. car. previous turning in of pass.car used at present.
				Maj. Biagio Mini.
				A true copy :- Illegible Signature

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TRANSITION

MINISTRY OF WAR

Cabinet

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

MP

To :- Presidency of Council of Ministers.

Copy :- M.E.L.A.

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The above has been submitted to the Presidency for the purpose of showing what results have been reached to date and to provide material for the reply to the letter sent by Admiral Stone Chief Commissioner of A.C., to the Presidency.

Signed: UNO310

14/11/44

[Signature]

Translation

From: M. of W. Cabinet

To the Presidency of the Council of Ministers

(Reply 58516/12060.44.I/19.8 dated 29/I/1946)

for info M.M.I.A.

Ref 202701/11

Date 19/2/46

Subject Allotment of Vehicles to the Army in Exchange
for Military Vehicles Released to Civilians.

A meeting was held on the 4/2/45, at this ministry, among the representative of the departments concerned in order to examine the question regarding the allotment to the army of vehicles from allied sources in exchange for those released to civilians for public utility requirements.

From the report on the meeting, copy of which I attach, it is shown that:

1°) - The Min. of the Treasury representative has assured the Min. of War the allotment of the funds necessary to pay for the vehicles which will be granted by the A.R.A.R., and therefore said firm will begin the delivery of the vehicles immediately;

2°) - Further to the statement made by the A.R.A.R. representative regarding the impossibility of allotting serviceable vehicles and the necessity that the army will have to arrange repair, more or less heavy, of the vehicles, the Min. of War, not being able to arrange such repairs for a time and having moreover to dispose of the vehicles as soon as possible, has suggested limiting the purchases from the A.R.A.R. and draw partly from Italian production.

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The above is in order to inform you of the results reached up to date and in order that you may furnish some answer to the letter sent by the Chief of the A.C. Admiral Stone, to this Presidency.

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TRANSLATION

From: Ministry of the Post war Assistance

Ref: 47087

To: M.M.I.A.

Date: 19/2/46

Subject: Vehicle of JENNO Carmine

We forward to you, the attached application, sent by Mr. JENNO Carmine fu Alderico da Palombaro (Chieti), ~~xxxxxx~~ tending to obtain the restitution of the lorry "Opel" W.H. 1383583 or failing that the prize for recovery established or the assignment in restitution of the said vehicle.

We thank you.

R.E.Cpl

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re
(Sgd) Dott. Fausto *564*

A. P. 205

The undersigned DI JENNO Carmine fu Alderico and of fu Angelo Maria born at Palombaro (Chieti) on the 23/12/1921, where he is living now, requires the restitution of the lorry "Opel" W.H. 1383583, which in February 1944, during a patrol of Italian and British Paratroopers to which he participated as civilian guide, captured from the Germans near the railway station of Guardiagrele (Chieti), and which was given to the undersigned by the Britishers at the end of said patrol. In the eventuality that his demand could not be granted, the undersigned begs, failing that, to receive the recovery prize laid down by the military authorities or better again, to have the vehicle assigned to him.

We thank You

R. E. Cpl

Carmine DE JENNO

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Subject:- Recovery of Italian
Army Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

W O M E

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19 Feb 46.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. Reference attached documents referring to the claim of the President of the Cooperative of the 36th Garibaldi Biancomini Bde to retain vehicles which were handed over to the Bde by Eighth Army in July 45.

2. Recovery of these vehicles may be carried out at your discretion, provided that it is ascertained that they are of Italian Army origin and no trace can be found of them in the key list published with your directive 1000 of 5 Jan 46.

R.A. Curtis

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

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Subject :- Plat - 37 AM Arm Car Chassis

To :- Hq Land Forces Sub Comd (MIA)
Rome

REC'D 19 FEB 1946

1 British Liaison Unit

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Ref point of 205 of 6 Feb.

1. It has not been possible to ascertain the present whereabouts of the chassis in question. The local CM rep of 30 has been posted elsewhere. Our CM officer does not return from LAR until 26 Feb. Enquiries made by this unit have been unsuccessful, particularly as the 2 District letter gives no information as to the past history of the chassis.

2. CM, 2 District, should be competent to locate the chassis from the 7 MIA 205/207/4 of 21 Feb, no copy of which is in possession of this Office.

attached 954

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17 Feb 46

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J. H. Bourne
Major
Liaison Unit

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Subject:-

Transfer of vehicles from AG/AUG 32 IIT.

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

16 February, 1946.

To:-

11 DMI, Palermo.

Reference your PAI/2/42 of 3 February 1946.

1. A copy of a letter issued on this subject by E.I. Allied Commission on the 14 June 45, to the Director General of IIT is attached. From this it will be seen that lists of vehicles, formerly the property of IIT, were prepared and completed by 25 June 45.
2. All identification certificates were once completed by Major Long, M.H.I.A. I.C. in Sicily, and the A.C. representative, vide paragraph 5 of attached letter. It is therefore not understood why you should now be requested to sign new identification certificates. Could this be the result of using the original certificates for we have not included in the A.C. transfer. Therefore, explanation, satisfactory to you, must be made by IIT to show the disposition of the original certificates issued for these vehicles, before you issue duplicate certificates. Of course, you must be satisfied that any certificates issued by you are for vehicles included in the list (which is in possession of IIT) of A.C. transfer. This list, dated 13 June 45, the original of which is held at H.Q. A.C. can be identified by an agreement attached to the inside cover signed by Major D.C. Doyle and Det. Aldo. Maccioni. It consists of 9 separate sections in paper slightly larger than quarto, bounded together in one volume.
3. Unless the vehicles now listed, and for which you have been requested to sign identification certificates, can be shown as included on the A.C. transfer list, the claim by IIT is not considered valid, and the Territorial Commander should be advised to recovery action.

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

Copy to:-

A.C. for Finance Sub Commission.
Transportation Sub Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Transfer of Truck Pools to Italian Government. 11 JUNE 1945

FROM : Captain J.C. HANWELL, R.A.
Finance Sub-Commission, AME/AC, GEN.

TO : Dott. Angelo Salini
Director General, Istituto Nazionale Trasporti
32 Via Libertà, Palermo.

With reference to the meeting between the representatives of AME/AC (Major D.C. MOYLE R.A. and Captain J.C. HANWELL, R.A.) and representatives of the Italian Treasury, State Railways and I.N.T., held at your office on Monday 11th June 1945, the following were the main points agreed upon:-

1. The transfer of all assets and liabilities of the Istituto Nazionale Trasporti (I.N.T.) at present owned and controlled by AME/AC will take place as from the close of business on 15th June 1945
2. After this date AME/AC will have no responsibility either for the operation or for the property and liabilities of I.N.T.
3. For simplicity, the transfer of all assets and liabilities including trucks will be from AME/AC to the Italian Government who may then transfer to the Italian State Railways or I.N.T. as they wish.
4. The representatives of the Italian Government will prepare lists of all trucks, spare parts, stationery, office equipment etc., at present the property of AME/AC and being used by I.B.R. Sicily as at the close of business on 15th June 1945.
These lists will be completed by 25th June 1945 and will be submitted to the AME/AC representatives on that date at the office of the Liaison Officer AME/AC, Palermo.
5. The lists will be discussed at a subsequent meeting and an agreement arrived at.

When the lists are agreed, both parties will sign.

6. The books of account of I.N.T. will be closed as at the close of business on 15th June 1945 and new books opened as from 14th June 1945.

7. A Balance sheet as on the 15th June 1945 will be prepared, certified correct by the Director of I.N.T. and be submitted to the AME/AC representatives by 25th June 1945.

The balance sheet will include all Cash and Bank balances, debtors, stock, payments made in advance, creditors, and all other assets and liabilities of I.N.T. as on the 15th June 1945.

The Balance Sheet will be supported by schedules which will show the detailed composition of all items appearing in the balance sheet. All

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The Balance Sheet will be supported by schedules which will show the detailed composition of all items appearing in the balance sheet. All schedules will be duly certified as correct by the Director General I.N.T.
8. As from the close of business on 13th June 1945 all cash, cash at bank, debtors, stock, trucks, and other assets of I.N.T. will become the property of the Italian Government, and all creditors and other liabilities will be taken over by them.
9. Certificates from the Banks showing the balances in hand at the close of business on the 13th June 1945 and certificates from the Banks showing that these balances have been transferred to the Italian Government will be obtained by the Director General I.N.T. and given to the AMG/AC representatives.
10. Dottore Giovanni Monli, representing the Italian Treasury will give to the AMG/AC representatives receipts for the Bank and Cash balances taken over.
11. Any outstanding claims whether in respect of third party accidents or otherwise whenever incurred will become a liability of the Italian Government.
12. A further meeting will be held at the Office of I.N.T. at 2400 hours on the night of 29th - 30th June 1945.

J.G. MANWILL, Captain R.A.

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

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5 February 1946

Subject: Transfer It. Army vehicles to I.N.T.

File : PAL/Q/12

To : Land Force Sub-Commission
(M.M.I.A.) Rome

Ref. telephone conversation Major S.E. Sneezum-Lt.Col. Curties on
2 Feb.46.

1. I.N.T. (Istituto Nazionale Trasporti) have asked for this H.Q. to authorize the transfer of attached list of vehicles of Italian Army origin (previously A.C. property) to the Italian Civil government.
2. They have submitted relevant "Identification Certificates Former I.N.T. - A.C. vehicle" signed by Major D.C. MOYLE on behalf of Transportation Sub-Commission H.Q. Allied Commission.
3. The present operators of these vehicles must still be A.C. since transfer is not yet authorized. Vehicles are actually held by I.N.T.
4. This transfer is related to a contract made on 13 June 45 between A.C. and the Italian government authorizing the handing over of 2015 vehicles to the Italian Government.
True copy of this contract is attached.
5. Can instructions be forwarded with regard to the authority of this H.Q. to sign over the vehicles in question and any further vehicles which may be part of the same contract and not yet handed over.

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Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

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MINISTERO DEI TRASPORTI

Ferrovie dello Stato
Direzione Generale

In seguito ad accordi fra il Governo Italiano e la Commissione Alleata per il trasferimento dell'A.C. dell'organizzazione Trasporti denominata I.N.T. (Sicilia), il sottoscritto Dott. MACCIANI ALDO delegato del Governo Italiano ha preso in consegna il 14 Giugno 1945 duemilaquindici (2015) autoveicoli.-

Tali autoveicoli di proprietà del Governo Italiano descritti come tipo, condizione ed ubicazione nell'unito inventario vengono al 14 Giugno 1945 consegnati dal nominato delegato al Dott. ANGELO SALINI Direttore dell'I.N.T. di Palermo.-

Il sunnominato rappresentante del Governo Italiano ed il Dott. ANGELO SALINI sono in pieno accordo per ciò che riguarda il numero, tipo e condizione degli automezzi descritti nell'inventario e così consegnati.-

Dott. MACCIANI ALDO - Delegato Min.Trasp.

Dott. ANGELO SALINI - (I.N.T. - Palermo)

ACCORDO PER IL TRASFERIMENTO DEI VEICOLI DALLA A.C. DELLA ORGANIZZAZIONE
DEI TRASPORTI

I.N.T. (SICILIA)

In seguito ad accordo fatto fra i rappresentanti del Governo Italiano e la Commissione Alleata il 5 Giugno 1945 per il trasferimento dell'A.C. dell'organizzazione trasporti denominata I.N.T. (Sicilia), il sottoscritto Maggiore D.C. MOYLE R.A., nominato Rappresentante delegato della Commissione Alleata ha il 13 Giugno 1945 trasferito duemilaquindici (2015) autoveicoli di proprietà della Commissione Alleata descritti come tipo, condizione ed ubicazione nell'unito inventario al Dott. Aldo Macciani, delegato nominato rappresentante del Governo Italiano.-

Il sunnominato rappresentante della Commissione Alleata e del Governo Italiano, sono in pieno accordo per ciò che riguarda il numero, tipo e condizione degli automezzi descritti nell'inventario e così trasferiti.

D.C. MOYLE Maggiore R.A.
Dott. Aldo Macciani

AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF VEHICLES A.C. TRANSPORT ORGANISATION.

I.N.T. (SICILY)

Pursuant to agreement made between representatives of the Italian Government and the Allied Commission on 5 June 45 for the transfer of the A.C. operated Transportation Organisation known as I.N.T. (Sicily) the aforementioned Major D.C. MOYLE R.A. the duly appointed representative of the Allied Commission has this 13 day of June 45 handed over two thousand and fifteen (2015) vehicles the property of the Allied Commission, described as to type, condition and location in the attached schedule to Dott. Macciani Aldo duly appointed representative of the Italian Government.

The above representatives of the Allied Commission and the Italian Government are in full agreement as to the number, type and condition of the vehicles shown on the schedule and hereby transferend.-

D.C. MOYLE, Major R.A.
Dott. ALDO MACCIANI

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No.	Make	Chassis	Type	Motor
4001	FIAT	001481	621/N	002483
4002	BIANCHI	306539584	MEDIOLANUM	
4006	O.M.	Illegib.	TAURUS	
4007	BIANCHI	10153	MILES	
4009	FIAT	Illegib.	621/PN	001869
4011	SPA	017126	38 R.	020521
4013	FIAT	000306	621/PN	
4016	FIAT	000494	621/N	000532
4018	SPA	009033	38 R.	020041
4023	FIAT	00189	632	000132
4024	FORD	517820	8 W.	517820
4027	BIANCHI	3830	MEDIOLANUM	3830
4028	BIANCHI	9670	MILES	600634041
4033	O.M.	00273	Taurus/N	00273
4036	FIAT	000306	666	
4037	SPA	009115	38 R.	4669
4038	SPA	014434	38 R.	2720
4041	FIAT	003240	626/B	
4044	FIAT	003362	626/B	
4046	CEIRANO	31626	50 C.	
4051	PAVESI	25770	P. 4	
4052	FIAT	075141	500	
4053	FIAT	076802	500	075532
4054	SPA	23124	25 C/10	8124
4055	FORD	3000	8 W.	526416
4056	SPA	Illegib.	25 C/10	5093
4058	FIAT	Illegib.	621/N	
4059	FIAT	Illegib.	15 TER	3066
4061	FIAT	002803	618	010575
4064	MERCEDES	Illegib.	BENZ	
4065	FORD	Illegib.	8 W.	
4068	SPA	Illegib.	DOV.	
4069	O.M.	0448	3 BOD.	0448
4071	FIAT	Illegib.	618	
4073	BIANCHI	Illegib.	MEDIOLANUM	
4074	SPA	Illegib.	25 C/10	Illegib.
4075	GUZZI	Illegib.	500	
4077	FIAT	008182	634	
4078	FIAT	002087	621/N	
4079	FIAT	273420	1100	
4096	GILERA	42392	500	42392
4097	BIANCHI	71393	500	71393
4098	N.S.U.	698	500	181658
5103	VIBERTI	1033		
4107	GUZZI	8646	500	GT 41571
3172	GILERA	351404	500	351404
3174	LANCIA	7737	3 R0	6447
3175	LANCIA	6392	3 R0	
3176	FIAT	262296	1100	
3177	LANCIA	6622	3 R0	
3179	ALFA	310448	R. 800	

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4016	FIAT	000434	621/N	000322
4018	SPA	009033	38 R.	020041
4023	FIAT	00189	632	000132
4024	FORD	517820	8 W.	517820
4027	BIANCHI	3830	MEDIOLANUM	3830
4028	BIANCHI	9670	MILES	600634041
4033	O.M.	00273	Taurus/N	00273
4036	FIAT	000308	666	
4037	SPA	009115	38 R.	
4038	SPA	014434	38 R.	
4041	FIAT	003240	626/B	
4044	FIAT	003362	626/B	
4046	CEIRANO	31626	50 C.	4669
4051	PAVESI	25770	P. 4	2720
4052	FIAT	075141	500	
4053	FIAT	076802	500	075532
4054	SPA	23124	25 C/10	8124
4055	FORD	3000	8 W.	526416
4056	SPA	Illegib.	25 C/10	5093
4058	FIAT	Illegib.	621/N	
4059	FIAT	Illegib.	15 TER	3066
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4064	MERCEDES	Illegib.	BENZ	
4065	FORD	Illegib.	8 W.	
4068	SPA	Illegib.	DOV.	
4069	O.M.	0446	3 BOD.	0448
4071	FIAT	Illegib.	618	
4073	BIANCHI	Illegib.	MEDIOLANUM	Illegib.
4074	SPA	Illegib.	25 C/10	
4075	GUZZI	Illegib.	500	
4077	FIAT	008182	634	
4078	FIAT	002087	621/N	
4079	FIAT	273420	1100	
4096	GILERA	42392	500	42392
4097	BIANCHI	71393	500	71393
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4107	GUZZI	8646	500	351484
3172	GILERA	351404	3 R0	8447
3174	LANCIA	7737	3 R0	
3175	LANCIA	6392	1100	
3176	FIAT	262296	3 R0	
3177	LANCIA	6622	R. 800	
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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
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APO 394

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Q/5/10

No. 1191

21 March 1945

SUBJECT: Motor Transport Material

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA) ROME

Reference your Q/5 subject as above dated
11 March 45.

1. Captain Calvanese has now returned to Palermo
and I have again conferred with him on the above subject.

2. We still cannot come to an agreement that any
of the vehicles were not in Allied hands on Sept 8, 1943.
Therefore I presented to him your recommendations on
inventorying all the vehicles and then definitely identify
them by a certificate securely placed on the vehicle.
Captain Calvanese readily agreed to this and we tentively
drafted an appropriate and conspicuous sticker to be
sealed probably to the windshield. On this certificate will
be listed the engine number, chassis number, registration
number and type of vehicle together with a certificate
signed by Captain Calvanese and myself stating that the
vehicle is (or was) Alcom property and title thereto has been
transferred to the Italian Civil Government.

3. Although Capt Calvanese has agreed to the iden-
tification proposal, he states that he must first have Alcom
Headquarters approval before he can proceed. He stated he
would write immediately for this authority.

Cops to see
Col Q.
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Homer E. Long
Major MAC
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Subject: Motor Transport and Material

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/S
11 March 1945

To : MMIA LG, Sicily

Reference your 1191 of 6 March 1945, above subject

1. It is regretted that it has been impossible for you to clear up the motor transport situation in Sicily with the representative of the Allied Commission, and it is desired that another attempt be made to contact him and settle the entire matter.

2. It appears that it will be necessary to have a complete list of the vehicles under ALCON control including motor numbers and other identification in order to proceed with the matter. Once this has been supplied, you and the representative of ALCON can come to an agreement that certain vehicles are, in fact, captured vehicles and should remain with ALCON or be disposed of by ALCON. When this has been determined, the vehicles should be definitely identified by some sort of certificate securely placed on the vehicle so that the Italian authorities will not disturb the vehicle. This certificate should be signed by you and the Allied Commission representative, and the Italian Military Command should be given a list of the vehicles on which the certificates have been placed.

3. Once this has been accomplished, the Italian military authorities have full right to take possession of any of their property not covered by a certificate.

4. Report progress.

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cc: Transportation Sub Commission
Att: Mr. Taylor

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

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LIASON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
% AC SICILY REGION HQ
APO 394

6 March 1945

No. 1191

SUBJECT: Motor Transport and Material

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA) ROME

1. A report has been received from Captain Calvanese, Sicilian Region A.C. Road Haulage, Transport Control Officer, in reference to Motor Transportation and Material of Italian Army origin now in the hands of I.N.T. and controlled by Allied Commission.

2. The report, except to show the number of vehicles held by I.N.T. and controlled by A.C. is not very helpful to our cause. There remain several questions I wish to answer concerning the report, but Capt Calvanese has been in Rome since rendition of the report and I must await his return.

3. In order that you may have a clear insight as to what is being done on this matter, I am enclosing a copy of my letter No. 1191 on the subject, to Capt Calvanese and his reply thereto. As you can see the report does not help us materially, at least it does not secure the return of any of these vehicles to the Italian Military.

4. As far as I can determine from the written report and through personal discussions with Capt Calvanese, the majority of these vehicles were in possession of the Allied Armies at the time of the armistice. Some military vehicles were commandeered from civilians after the armistice, but no record can be found to determine which ones they are.

5. For the most part Allied Commission is withdrawing from Sicily, and in that event I feel that A.C. should not transfer title to these vehicles to I.N.T. but should return them to their original owner the "Italian Military". I wish to take this matter up with Captain Calvanese when he returns and at the same time if your headquarters desires to contact Headquarters A.C. Rome on the subject I believe it might have a good effect. Otherwise I believe the vehicles are A.C. property and they can control them or dispose of them as they see fit.

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James E. Long
JAMES E. LONG
Major QMC
LO Sicily

2 Incls: (1) Ltr. No. 1191 9-2-45 MMIA LO Sicily
(2) Ltr. Captain Calvanese 21-2-45 Allied Commission

See my letter to Long 11 March
D. Lee Folio 9

ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

INC/cp

21 Febbraio 1945

In reply
refer to: RTC 386.3

Subject: Motor Transport and Material Italian
Army Origin.

To : Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (NMIA)
c/o A.C. Sicilia Region APO 394.

1. Reference Noll91 Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(NMIA) 9 February 1945.

2. Reference your para.1a. out of some (1500) fifteen hundred vehicles only (500) of which are efficient (550) five hundred fifty are directly traceable to "military type" vehicles as shown in attached Annex "A" per type, per province. The balance are vehicles similar to the military, but certainly does not exist of the origin, "military or civilian".

3. Reference your para.1.b. a reply to the dateline, "7 September 1943" is most difficult. When this officer concerned from the earliest Amgot days began organizing motor transport in Sicily, no worthy records or inventories could be found in any provincial Amgot office, as to when they took over each and every vehicle; from whom, and the conditions; all there existed was "graveyards" salvage dumps of Amgot, British and American units who had passed junk and some efficient vehicles parts etc., which this officer with I.N.T. civilians took over, made effort to put into running order, organized the operations and the going concern I.N.T., made inventories etc. However, from the documented letters of instructions it is evident that all of what I.N.T. now operates as A.C. property (with exceptional cases) was already in the possession of either Seventh or Eight Army Units, as well as Amgot, N°1 District, and I.B.S. prior to the Armistice. As a matter of fact, some of this equipment, between the time they had it and the time Amgot really was able to set-up organized and control it, was stolen, cannibalized, and disappeared due to Sicilian's ingenuity at "field stripping".

Some of the documents:

a. " Hq. 7th Army 11 August 1943, ref.A.G. 386.3 Misc. all units of 7th Armywill without delay turn over all commandeered civil motor transportation to the nearest American Civil Affairs Office.

By Command of Lieutenant General Patton".

b. " Amgot/217/Hq. 14 August 1943. To all SCAO's Pursuant to memo.6 August..... from 15th Army Group to 7th and 8th Armies ordering all local captured transport to be turned over to the nearest Amgot Officer..... It has been reported that there is still considerable civilian traffic on the roads In order to provide Amgot with necessary transport CAO's should be directed to try to collect vehicles.....

signed

Charles Spofford

Lt.Col. G.S.C.

Chief Staff Officer "

c. " Amgot/217/Hq. 29 July 1943, Memo..... Chief of Staff 15th Army Group..... discussion between Generals Alexander and Rennell in which an agreement was reached..... in order that maximum use be made of this transport for the restoration of order to the island of Sicily..... Transport should be turned in to the nearest Amgot Officer who will insure its distribution.

Major General

Chief Civil Affairs Officer."

d. Following the order; Message Center 110 Cipher Office 1548

" To 7th and 8th Army and Fortbase From Main 15 Army Group O/0001 031615all local captured transport in possession of armies will be handed in to the nearest Amgot Officer at earliest possible date.

O 31700 B "

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e. " AFHQ Circular No.63, 3 September 1943. The responsibility for the assignment of.....captured enemy material..... is placed upon CEMEC".

It was thru these channels mostly, if not all, that Amgot in the hectic days of following the tornado of advancing armies took over what it could, perhaps added to and lost some

thru pilfering. Realizing that some day important records would be sought on this equipment Amgot, AMG, ACC, AC, did make every effort to trace back for the specific information but it was nowhere to be found. Note the fact that the above - quoted document are all previous to the Italian Armistice date; the conclusion being that this equipment has always been in the possession of some Allied unit somewhere in Sicily; that the transfers were affected on paper to Amgot, thru AMG, ACC, and AC, that this officer has assisted the collection utilization of same, thru its operating organization INT from Amgot days onward.

4. Reference your para. 1c, this office has never sold any parts to anyone; however, the British No.1 District, 56 Area etc., along with I.B.S., have thru their respective salvage units sold much equipment. AMG could not control the actions of these separate commands, records should be found in their headquarters. It is however true that officers belonging to this Allied Headquarters, did rid themselves of some vehicle equipment; this officer was authorized to recover same and affect refund to the individuals concerned. To date, only part of them have recovered in that manner, but it is difficult to find both records and equipment sold.

5. Reference your para. 3 when the Transportation Sub-Commission was consulted on contents of AFHQ Circular No 13 of 1 May 1944 with letter 386.3 (V) 1 September 1944, this officer received specific instructions not to return all equipment in the hands of I.N.T. operated for A.C., with 378/ACC/Tn/R/I of September 8, 1944. A copy of those instructions were forwarded to MMIA, IO Sicily Region.

6. Reference your para.4 with RTC 386.3 A.C.C. 29 August 1944; I.N.T. ceased recovering material outstanding or hidden away which would be recoverable by the Italian Armed Forces. A.C. and its operating organization have and will continue to cooperate with all authorities; A.C. has transferred to Italian Armed Forces in Sicily at least two very large auto-parks, with some vehicle equipment, in addition to military tractors, and a number of ex-military ambulances. It has referred to them the Sangiuliano case, involving some (12) twelve trucks with a stick of tyres etc., which it would ordinarily have recovered. Assistance and advice has been given them; this officer suggested that they set-up physical road-checking points

As there are ex-military trucks and tyres circulating recoverable by them); in addition if a civilian - purchasing scheme were envisaged by them rather than prohibit sales of parts etc., with decrees, it would net handsome stocks in Sicily, experience leads me to conclude.

For the Regional Commissioner:

I. M. Calvanese

I. M. CALVANESE
Captain, Q. M. C.
Regional Road Haulage
Transport Control Officer.

Copies to:

- 2 - to MMIA
- 1 - " I. N. T.
- 1 - " HQ Sub-Commission

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CIVILIAN TYPE VEHICLES

MAKE AND TYPE	AGRIGENTO		C/NISSETTA		CATANIA		ENNA		MESSINA		PALERMO		RAGUSA		SYRACUSA		TRAPANI	
	in- eff.	in- eff.	in- eff.	in- eff.	in- eff.	in- eff.	in- eff.	in- eff.	in- eff.	in- eff.	in- eff.	in- eff.	in- eff.	in- eff.	in- eff.	in- eff.	in- eff.	in- eff.
FIAT 18 BL.	10		3						1		10		2				2	
FIAT 614	2						2		1		1						1	
FIAT 614							10		1		4							
FIAT 621	15		6		12		2		25		27		3				16	
FIAT 626	9		6		13		1		26		12							
FIAT 632											3							
FIAT 635	1						1											
FIAT 634	1		2				2											
FIAT 666																		
FIAT 621 PW																		
ALFA R.85	1								8		1		1					
ALFA R.350	1								8		1		1					
ALFA R.500	1										1							
ALFA R.500	1										1							
O.M. Urens	4								7		7							
O.M. Taurus									4		3							
O.M. Titano									1		1							
O.M. Seuro									1		1							
Is. Fr. D.50									1		1							
Is. Fr. D.80	1								1		1							
Lancia R0	1								1		1							
Lancia 3 R0	4								1		1							
Lancia R0 R0	4								1		1							
SPA 31	5								1		1							
Bianchi Med.	1								3		1							
FORD 8 V.	2								2		1							

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MAKE AND TYPE	AGRIGENTO		C/NISSEITA		CATANIA		ENNA		MESSINA		PALERMO		RAGUSA		SIRACUSA		TRAPANI	
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AUTO UNION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MERCEDES	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PEUGEOT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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BUSSING	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
MINERVA	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
OTROEN	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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NOTE: In this chart are also included 21 trucks of IMT property requisitioned by AMG.

N. 5 - O.M. URSUS - matric. 6042 - 6043 - 6044 - 6045 - 6046 - N. 1 - O.M. TAURUS - matric. 6028-

N. 15 - FIAT 606 - matric. 6014 - 6027 - 6029 - 6030 6031 - 6032 6033- 60 34 - 6035 - 6036 - 6037
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MILITARY TYPE VEHICLES

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MARCA e TIPO	AGRIGENTO		C/NISSEBITA		CATANIA		ENNA		MESSINA		PALERMO		RAGUSA		SIRACUSA		TRAPANI	
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FIAT 18 BL.	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
FIAT 18 BIR	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
FIAT 633	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
O.M. 3 BOD.	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
O.M. 32	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Is.Fr. D.70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SPA 25 C.10	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
SPA 25 Dov.	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
SPA 38 R.	9	3	5	2	14	8	6	7	23	31	29	3	2	6	6	13	16	-
SPA 39 CL.	3	2	-	1	14	8	6	7	7	5	23	1	1	7	6	4	15	-
BIANCHI MILANO	-	7	2	3	4	2	3	3	10	7	8	2	-	4	2	2	2	-
CEIRANO 22	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
CEIRANO 47	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-
CEIRANO 50	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	2	2	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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LEALSON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (MMIA)
% AC SICILY REGION Hq.
APO 594

No. 1191

9 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Motor Transport and Material Italian Military
Origin.

TO : Captain Calvanese, A.C., Sicily Region # 1.

1. Reference our recent conversations concerning the above subject it would be greatly appreciated if you would furnish me with the following information:

a. A complete list of all vehicles, by type and Targa number, now in the hands of A.C.

b. What vehicles now held by A.C., were taken by A. C. subsequent to 7 September 43. (These vehicles may be designated by underscoring the Targa number in red on list in 'a' above)

c. A list of motor vehicles and/or parts sold to Civilians and private enterprises showing the name and address of the purchasers.

2. As I see it, Motor Transport and Material of Italian origin fall into two categories:

(1) That which was captured prior to the Armistice and (2) that which was seized after the Armistice. Many civilians are in possession of Military vehicles and material both legally and illegally. An effort is being made to determine the legality of title to such property; to my knowledge, your office is the only one on the island in a position to assist in this regard.

3. From AFHQ Circular No. 13, of 1 May 1944 I quote the following paragraph, which establishes the policy regarding Italian Army property:

" Ib. Italian Material. All Italian material belonging to all arms and services of the Italian Ground Forces and in the possession of the Italians at the time of the Armistice is considered as Italian Material and, except as otherwise directed by this Hq is reserved for the use of the Italian Army under the direction of the Army Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission".

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4. It therefore follows that any material which has come into Allied hands since the Armistice remains the property of the Italian Government and individuals, Allied or Italian, holding such material has no title to it, and the Italian Army can therefore recover the material under Italian law. Any assistance which you can give me in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

HOMER E LONG
Major QMC
L O Sicily

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Subject:- Italian Military Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. L. A.)
C. 205.

16 February, 1946.

To:- Displaced Persons Sub Commission.

1. The undermentioned Italian Army vehicles are on loan to 78 IMI Camp 6000, which is under your command:

- 11 Lorries
- 1 Van
- 3 Motorcycles.
- 3 Cars FIAT 1100
- 1 Car FIAT 500

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

3. The Italian Army now requires the use of these vehicles urgently, and you are therefore requested to arrange for their immediate return to No. 3 Territorial H.Q. at MILAN, in accordance with A.F.H.Q. Directive AG.386.3/0(AS)-0 of 2 October 45.

Rao
H.A. GENTINI Lt. Col.
for Major General,
M. M. L. A.

BF in file
21 Feb

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

Rao/ram

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SUBJECT : Recovery Italian Army Vehicles

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
R O M E
Q.205
16 February 1946

TO : Ministry of War

Please expedite reply to our Q.205 dated 18 January 46 -
Subject - Recovery of Italian Army Vehicles.

SEE 138-T
SEE 133-T
Rae
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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FROM: M M I A

TO : 1 BIU

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DATE 11/19 TIME A

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REF M M I A Q805 OF 6 FEB (.) UNDER 021626 GHIQ
AUTHORIZE DISTWO TO RELEASE 33 CHASERS FIAT ARMED CARS TO
M M I A FOR ITALIAN ARMY (.) REPORT PORTSMOUTH IF WHEREABOUTS OF
THREE CHASERS NOW KNOWN

PRIORITY IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION [Signature]

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SIGNAL

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FROM: M S I A

DATE TIME
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TO (FOR ACTION): WAR MINISTRY

TO (FOR INFO) : 6 BLU

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UNCLASSIFIED

REF M S I A 0.818 OF 12 FEB (.) TANKS AND SCOUT
CARS WILL BE COLLECTED FROM 274 ARMY DIV. SON LOCATED AT F E R R A R A (.)
PLEASE ARRANGE

PRESENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION

COPY TO: G(THG)

AT
HOME

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6, 205

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9/805
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SUBJECT:- Recovery of Italian Army Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.,
M.M.I.A.,
R O M E
9/5/10
29 May 45.

TO : War Ministry

1. Further to this H.Q. letter 9/5/10 dated 22 May. Each and every vehicle on the list which accompanied our 9/5/10 of 15 May will be recovered by the Italian Army.

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

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

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

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

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SUBJECT: Vehicles

RECEIVED 18 FEB 1948

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Tel: 452965 (Ext-25)

RE: D GROUP
Lombardia Region Liaison Group
Disposal Persons - Registration Sub Comm.
A.C.

Spdx. H.A.I.A. (Further than 200 letter 12/2 dated 11 Feb).

1. Ref your letter 12/2 dated 9 Feb.
2. The following report has been rendered by 3 Territorial Command regarding the condition of the two vehicles loaned to you and now returned by you.
The vehicles concerned were two Fiats which were when loaned to you efficient and in good condition. On return both vehicles were inefficient i.e. off the road, besides which one came back deficient of a hole for the spare wheel and the other with the complete spare wheel missing.
3. It is requested that you ensure that the remaining 17 vehicles still on loan to you are kept in a good condition and are returned in due course to 3 Territorial Command efficient and complete.
4. It is further suggested that the loss of the complete spare wheel and tube be made good.

MILAN
10/2/48

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DATE 12/11/46 TIME A

OM: M H I A

TO(FOR ACTION): WAR MINISTRY

TO(FOR INFO) : 6 BLU

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UNDER AUTHORITY GHQ FX60362 OF 8 FEB FURTHER QTY SIX
STAGHOUNDS T17E1 (1) CLASS II AND QTY EIGHT DAIMLER SCOUT CARS
CLASS II MAY BE TAKEN OVER ON LOAN FROM ARG BOLOGNA FOR USE
IN REGIMENTAL TRAINING CENTRE C E S A N O (.) PLEASE ARRANGE
COLLECTION AND REPORT COMPLETION

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

SEE 118
AUTHENTICATION

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ROME

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SUBJECT: Return of Italian Military Vehicles.

HQ M.M.I.A.

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Tel: 152965(Ext- 25)

Q/41/9

11 Feb 46

Further to this HQ Q/41/9 dated 9 Jan 46.

Att find copy of a letter from HQ D Group Lombardia Region Liaison Group Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub Commission A.C. regarding the vehicles on loan to them from 3 Territorial Command. It would appear from the letter that the only method of hastening the return of these vehicles is through HQ D.P. & RSC AC ROME.

MILAN
JEM/LO

MAJ
DAA & MG

Q. 205

14-2-46
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HEADQUARTERS 'D' GROUP
NARDA REGION LIAISON GROUP
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION
C.M.F.

DC/305
9 February 46.

SUBJECT: Vehicles Italian Army.

TO : HQ. 3. British Liaison Unit. MILAN.

Reference your letter 0/44/9 dated 4. Feb 46.

1. It is confirmed that 2 Cars were recently returned to HQ.3 Terr. Comd. which were on loan to this HQ.
2. The remaining 17 vehicles are being retained on instructions from HQ. D.P. & R.S.C. Allied Commission, Rome, for the purpose of transporting stores from Bolsano and Merano to Milan.
3. This HQ. will keep you informed as to when these vehicles will be free for return to HQ.3 Terr. Comd.

H.C.F. GEORGE, Captain
O.C. 'D' GROUP D.P.R.S.C.

SEE HQA

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RECEIVED 11/1/77
LROV V METO 11255 NOVR2
FROM HQ 1 ARG 111450A
TO 274 ARMD DEL SQN
INFO M M I A
GR -- BT

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SIGNALS

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101DS2(.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) ISSUE TO REGTL TRAINING CENTRE
MMIA QTY 6 STAGHOUND T17E(1) CLASS 2 AND QTY 8 DAIMLER S/C CLASS
2 (.) UNIT WILL COLLECT (.) FOR MMIA ONLY (.) LOCATION 274 ADS IS FERRARA
BT
SENT ENT 255 AR TKS
T/255 RD 11/1/// 11/2116A CP AR K

Q205 5623
[Signature]

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LRCP V LATE NR ⁹⁰² 33 T MSNO
GVR2

FRLOM AFHQ 111519A

TO DISTWO

INFO NMIA

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UNCLAS FROM GHR GME (.) REF NMIA QSDG OF G(.)
RELEASE TO NMIA QTY 33 CHASSIS FIAT ARMED CARS
BT

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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Ref: 8272/175/EC.

11. February 1946.

My dear General.

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

Yours sincerely

Maurice Lusk

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

MSL/JG.

Col. A/R WP

Keep pressing to get
this matter settled

Done
Dup. Gen.
BGS

See 145 d.p.

12 Feb 5621

CORR etc

Bl. 13/r.

A.Q.M.G. For continued action WP

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Subject: - Transport - Retention
Validity.

*Original sent to the Hon. Secy
Land*
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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.S.I.A.)

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MINISTRY OF WAR.

9 Feb 46.

1. It is notified to you that the u/s vehicles were sold under contract 4791 at TRIPOLI on 23rd Nov 1944 to BARAKES, Corso Italo Balbo N°9, TRIPOLI by Allied Military Authority and are not to be considered as vehicles of Italian Military origin in the sense that they can be recovered by you. Therefore no recovery action on any of these vehicles to be taken by you.

A)

- 5026 - Trucks or parts of trucks type Fiat 634
- 2 - OM Taurus
- 18 - LANCIA 3 RO or parts of LANCIA 3 RO
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- 8 - Trailers
- 1 - Frame and bodywork SPA Motor Ambulance
- 5 - Frames and bodywork SPA truck
- 3 - Saharian trucks SPA.

of the above the following have been registered and are in use.

B)

<u>Reg. Plate No.</u>	<u>Engine No.</u>	<u>Frame No.</u>
L.P. 4964	02798	02798 5620
" 4965	040614	010569
" 4966	012730	000424
" 4967	012943	002937
" 4968	2546	564/5880
" 4969	3672	564/1128
" 4970	3099	564/3777
" 4971	008307	010452
" 4972	3065	564/2903
" 4973	1147	564/1131
" 4974	6356	564/5945
" 4975	4738	564/5980

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Reg. Plate No.

L.S. 4976
" 4977
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" 4982
" 4983
" 4985
" 4986

Engine No.

00903
011908
102/6645
013115
202830
102/194
102/4273
102/1135
012955
009600

Serial No.

01896
010607
564/1124
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204601
564/743
564/1129
564/1130
008536
008749



C.E. KING, Major,
for Major General,
H.M.I.A.

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.

To: A.F.H.Q.

Date: 7th February, 1946.

Ref: AFSC/655/3/RQ.

CAPTURED ENEMY VEHICLES.

Reference paragraph 3 of your AFHQ/5067E/C(CEMS), Jan. 10, herewith particulars of all German vehicles salvaged by the Italian Air Force which have now been reported to the Italian Government in accordance AG 386.3 Q(AE)-O, Oct. 2. 45.

Sub 10/2

D. C. Walker

D. C. WALKER,
Wing Commander,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Director,
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

Copy to: A.H.Q. Italy.
" " M.M.I.A.
" " HQ. A.C. (C.E.M. Branch).
List of vehicles to A.F.H.Q. only.

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Subject:-

Replacement of Military vehicles held by Civilians.

Major General L. B. Singh, CR, MC, MG,
Land Forces Sub Commission A.D.
(Lt. M. L. A.)
Holler.

5 February, 1945.

Dear

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1. I understand you have not yet received an official reply to the Chief Commissioner's letter of 23/15.07 of 18 January 46, addressed to DE GASTHEI, on the subject of this long outstanding dispute concerning the replacement of the 1,800 military vehicles held by civilians.

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

2. My senior liaison officer attended a meeting held at the War Ministry on the 2nd February 46, when the subject was discussed by representatives of the Army, the Treasury, the Ministry of Transport and A.R.A.R. The Ministry of Commerce was invited to send a representative, but he failed to appear.

3. The Treasury representative agreed in principle to make available to the War Ministry a credit of two billion lire to offset the value of the Army vehicles in the hands of civilians. The Ministry of War agreed to supply the Ministry of Transport with full details of these vehicles, in order that the Ministry of Transport might collect the agreed valuation from the civilian "owners". It was emphasized by the War Ministry that this two billion lire SHOULD NOT figure as part of the normal army vote. The A.R.A.R. representative explained the functions of his organization which, he stated, was purely a commercial agency for selling off surplus Allied material in the same condition as that it was received. He offered the War Ministry facilities to take away from the A.R.A.R. parks vehicles selected by them, provided the Ministry accept responsibility for their repair. In view of the large number of vehicles already awaiting repair in the Army Workshops, this proposal was not acceptable, and eventually a compromise agreement was reached whereby:

(a) The War Ministry would select the best they could find in A.R.A.R. parks, up to the maximum of;

- 500 Jeeps
- 300 Motorcycles
- 300 Load Carriers.

(b) Estimating the above as approximately worth 2.5 billion lire, the War Ministry would select the best they could find

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2. War Ministry on the 2nd February 46, when the Ministry of Transport and representatives of the Army, the Treasury, the Ministry of Commerce was invited to send a representative, A.R.A.R. The Ministry of Commerce was invited to send a representative, but he failed to appear.

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(b) Estimating the above as approximately worth half a billion lire, the balance of the credit being given the Army (about one and a half billion lire) would be set aside for the purchase by the Army of new vehicles from the Italian motor industry both vehicles and tyres.

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

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

Yours

Brinsford M.S. Bush, CB, CBE, MC.

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URGENT MESSAGE OF 15 ARMS CARB CHARGES ONLY THAT MANUFACTURE
WAS CLAIMED BY ITALIAN ARMY BUT RELEASED WITHIN BY DISTRO
FURNISH YOUR TRUCKS FOR THE PROPOSED IMMEDIATE RELEASE AS OF
MILITARY ORIGIN AND OF VALUE AS SOURCE OF SPARE PARTS IN
SHORT SUPPLY

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Subject:- FIAT - 37 AEM Armored Car Chassis.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(U. M. I. A.) RMSE.

G.205.

2 February, 1946.

To:- A.C.
For War Materials Disposal Sub Commission.

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1. Herewith copy of A.D.C.G. 2 District letter GWD/9005 of 1 February 46, to C.E.M.S. G.H.O. L.C. attached 2 District.

2. May this U.O. please be kept informed of progress made in the "search" of the 37 AEM Armored Car Chassis.

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C.E. KING Major,
for Major General,
U. M. I. A.

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Subject:- FIAT - 37 ADM Armoured
Car Chassis.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

R.S.M.E.
Q.205

1 DDJ.

6 Feb 46.

1. Copy of 2 District letter QND/9005 of 1 Feb 46 is forwarded herewith.
2. Please follow up the "search" for these Armoured Car Chassis and report result to this HQ.



G.E. KING, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

CEM/nb

R/Geo
6/2/46

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Subject:- FIAT-37 ABM Armoured
Car Chassis.

HQ 2 District GEM

Tel Ext: 313

GEM HQ 10
Adm HQ 2 District

ORD/9005
1 Feb 46

Reference attached Allied Commission letter AC-2/AMD/221 dated 24 Sept 45 which was passed to this Branch by you on 26 Sep 45.

1. The chassis were inspected by REME and report forwarded to this HQ as per attached copy of 7 AGRA REME/REX/4 dated 21 Nov 45.
2. After receipt of this report, it was decided, in consultation with "C" this HQ, that the chassis would not be released to AG for FIAT - my ORD/9005 dated 29 Nov 45, copy attached, refers.
3. A request has since been received from MMIA DOMB, asking for the chassis to be released to the Italian Army, and a representative of 3 GEM Group was instructed to ascertain if they were still in situ at CARWAGUOLA TUNIA. A search was made by him and the chassis could not be located.
4. Can you please take this matter up with Allied Commission with a view to ascertaining the present whereabouts of the chassis in question, and whether in fact they have been removed by FIAT without authority.

Lt Col,
(PW BUTLER)
for Col, DDOS.

/MIB

Copy to:- HQ MMIA DOMB - ref 3 GEM Group signal 3GEM/A/20/19
dated 30 Jan 46.

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Subject: FIAT - 37 AM Armoured
Car Chassis

HQ 2 District CMF

Tel Ext; 313

ORD/9005

1 Feb 46

CMF CMF 10
Attn HQ 2 District

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25 FEB 1946

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authority.

/MIF.

Lt Col,
(PW BUTLIN)
for Col, DIXON.

Copy to: HQ AMIA ROMI - ref 3 CM Group signal 3CM/A/20/19
dated 30 Jan 46.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION

GST/lms

Tel. 378

31 Jan. 1946

Ref. AC/363/21/TN.5

SUBJECT: Vehicles Transferred from Tripolitania to Italy.

TO : Land Forces S/C -MIA-
(Attn. Col. Curties)

FROM : Tpn. & Sh. S/C - Roads Div.

1. Reference conversation Franklin/Curties to-day's date, and A.F.S.C. Memo.ATSC/876/MT dated 29 Nov.1945, attached hereto is copy of letter from Finance and Accounts Department, Headquarters B.M.A. Tripolitania D.C.F.A./SP/5/1 dated 15 December 1945, together with information requested in your letter referred to.

2. It will be noted from the attached correspondence to Baranes Bros. that the vehicles under discussion were disposed of Nov.1944 by the competent military authority in Tripolitania. May it be pointed out that as these vehicles were captured or recovered by the British Army in Mid East prior to cessation of hostilities with Italy, they come under the category of Legitimate War Booty and therefore, the Italian Ministry of War can not legally make claim to them.

For the Director:

See (114)

Gordon S. Franklin
GORDON S. FRANKLIN
Chief,
Roads Division.

Attachment .

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C O P Y

(Translation)

SUBJECT: Sale of Motor Vehicles formerly belonging to the Italian Armed Forces and abandoned in the territory of LYBIA - SAHARA and along the road Bun Gem-Hon.

Finance and Accounts Dep.
HQ.B.M.A. Tripolitania
D C F A/SP/5/1

15 December 1945

BROS- BARANES-
Corso Italo Balbo 9
TRIPOLI

Copies: SP/IF/6037

It is hereby certified that:

1. by contract No.91 stipulated in Tripoli on the 23rd November 1944 registered in Tripoli the 24 Nov.44 at No.3779, 2nd Series, Volume 202, the Chief Administrator of Tripolitania, represented for the stipulation of the a/m contract by the Chief Revenue Officer, has sold to the Firm of Brothers Baranes, Corso Italo Balbo No.9, Tripoli, all Motor Vehicles and miscellaneous materials abandoned by Italian or German Armed Forces in the territory of HON-(Lybian Sahara) and along the road Bun Gem-Hon;

2. in the list attached to the contract and which forms integral part of same, the following abandoned motor vehicles or motor vehicle parts are shown as having been sold, as said above, to the Firm of Bros Baranes of Tripoli:

- No. 26 - Trucks or parts of trucks type Fiat 634
2 - OM Taurus
18 - LANCIA 3 RO or parts of LANCIA 3 RO
2 - LANCIA RO or parts of LANCIA RO
3 - Frames and bodywork Fiat 1100 (light truck)
1 - Frame and bodywork Fiat 1100 (passenger car)
8 - Trailers
1 - Frame and bodywork SPA Motor Ambulance
6 - Frames and bodywork SPA truck
2 - Saharian trucks SPA;

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3. the "Road Transport Controller"- HQ. B.M.A. Tripolitania has confirmed to this Department that the following ~~twenty~~ twentytwo motorvehicles, rebuilt in Tripolitania have been issued with Registration Plate as follows, and have the frame and the engine number as shown:

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<u>Type</u>	<u>Reg. Plate No.</u>	<u>Engine No.</u>	<u>Frame No.</u>
OM Taurus	I.T. 4964	02798	02798
Fiat 634	" 4965	010614	010569
Fiat 634	" 4966	012730	010424
Fiat 634	" 4967	012943	009937
Lancia 634 3 RO	" 4968	2548	564/5880
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Lancia 634 3 RO	" 4974	6356	564/5945
Lancia 634 3 RO	" 4975	4798	564/5980
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Fiat 634	" 4977	011908	010607
Lancia 3 RO	" 4978	102/6645	564/1124
Fiat 634	" 4979	013115	007112
Fiat 1100	" 4980	262830	204601
Lancia 3 RO	" 4981	102/194	564/743
Lancia 3 RO	" 4982	102/4273	564/1120
Lancia 3 RO	" 4983	102/1135	564/1150
Fiat 634	" 4985	012656	008536
Fiat 634	" 4986	009600	008749

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Signed (Illegible)
Major
for Deputy Controller of Finance
& Accounts

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
AFO 512

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).

TO: Commanding General
Peninsular Base Section, AFO 762
Land Forces Greece
General Officer Commanding
XIII Corps
Number 2 District
Number 3 District

1. Allied Force Headquarters letter file AG 386.3 Q (AE)-O dated 2 October 1946, 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

Dist: See reverse side.

AFHQ Ltr, AG 386.3 C/S-O Con't.

30 January 1946

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30--Sparos (to Q (AE))

INFO COPY TO:

1--GHQ, Middle East
1--BTA

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 202462/11

TO: All addressees

DATE: 28.1.46

M.M.I.A. for info.

SUBJECT: Issue to the Army of Allied vehicles.

As is known, following agreements reached between the Transport Ministry, the Allied Commission and this Ministry, it was laid down that the Military Administration would refrain from the recovery of military vehicles (about 1800) found in the possession of civilians after the armistice and used for public utility services, on the condition that the Transport Ministry, which at that time was appointed to look after the vehicles ceded by the Allies, would issue, free, to the Army, an equivalent tonnage of Allied vehicles.

Since, following the transfer of the management of Allied surplus war materials to the A.R.A.R., whose working is controlled by L.D.No.793 of 23.11.45, this agreement can no longer be considered valid, it is necessary to reach a satisfactory definition of the matter which is of appreciable interest, not only to the military administration, but also to the entire economic life of the country.

The Allied Commission has also been approached on the question : on the 18th. inst., Admiral Stone sent a letter to the Prime Minister requesting that the A.R.A.R. hand over the vehicles to the Army on the basis of the previous agreements.

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In order to examine the situation and to reach a conclusion as soon as possible I should be pleased if the departments addressed would send a representative to a meeting which will be held at this Ministry (Cabinet - Office 2) at 1000 hrs. on the 4th. February next.

Sgd. BROGIO
War Minister.

C. Danin Cpl.

Handwritten: May Baumgardner
NAC 20-1-45
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Translation.

From:- M. of W.

Ref:-2783/

366 URM.

To:- MMIA.

Date:- 26th Jan. 46.

Subject:- COLETTA Fulvio Firm - authority for salvage of vehicles.

Ref. your Q/5/10 dated 31st Oct. 45.

1) Further to our letter No.44790/9134 URM dated 12/12/45, we inform you that, as a result of ~~the~~ investigations carried out by Bolzano Territorial Command, no authority has been given by any of the offices of the a/n Command to the Firm COLETTA Fulvio. Therefore, the copy of the document sent to you, must ~~not~~ be considered false.

II) Moreover, as a result of investigations carried out by the CCRR Legion, Lazio, the Firm Coletta has not salvaged any vehicle at Rocca Priora.

Sgt. Fabre.

Sgd. Properzj.

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~~LROF V LAEE NR 84 QVR2~~

FROM BTA 261000A

TO GHQ CMF

INFO MMIA

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10109/ORD(1) UNCLASSIFIED . YOUR C 16516 OF 24 . REGRET TYPE NOT KNOWN .
ENGINE FIAT CHASSIS NO SS 3004 . FITTED W/TWIN AA MTGS . UNSERVICE-
ABLE BUT CANNOT CLASSIFY ACCURATELY AS ALREADY POINTED OUT VEH IMPOS-
SIBLE TO MOVE OUR FACILITIES HERE . LOOCATED KLAGENFURT . IN VIEW
ABOVE REQUEST PERMISSION TO RENDER INNOVUOUS FORTHWITH UNLESS YOU ~~CON~~
SUPPLY SUITABLE FACILITIES TO RECOVER TO ITALY

~~BT 261000A~~

~~SENT NR 84 KM B~~



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Rd 1800 1000 *Feb 25/1*

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LRKB V MEAV SRL 240334

FROM DDOS DISTWG 241300 A

TO HQ M M I A ROME

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REF YOUR G 790 OF 22 (.) ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY YOU IF GNASSIS

STILL REQUIRED

BT 1510

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NRCD CB B4 2155 K

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FROM ATHQ 241627A
TO BTA
INFO MMIA
C 16516
UNCLAS FROM GHQ CMF (.) REF 10109/CRB (1) OF 22 (.) SUBJECT ITALIAN
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Translation

from: CCRR Legion Perugia

ref. 45/44/div.III

to: MMIA

23 Jan. 46

Subject: German lorry F/3 n.19669 MUNZ LENRUNG DRP in
possession of LONGETTI Alfredo resident at Civitella
Bonazzone.

In reply to a/m letter of MT ^{Repairs} Directorate of Rome Terr.
Command, we inform you that at the BURAGLINI W/S-Perugia
there is the wreck of a/m lorry composed of: chassis, cabin
steering gear, recovered by Mr. LONGETTI Alfredo di Giuseppe
resident at Civitella Bonazzone-Perugia.
Mr. Longetti has been questioned concerning the recovery of
this wreck and he has informed us that he had in due time,
~~informax~~ reported a/m recovery to the MT Recovery Commission
Perugia. This Commission with letter dated I/12/1944 autho-
rised him to detain a/m wreck and refit it.
Since this is a German lorry we beg MMIA to give us instruc-
tions concerning this matter.

c/u

Rossi

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LROF V LAEE NR 92 QVR2
FROM BTA 221600A
TO GHQ CMF
INFO MMIA
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3/23
SIGNALS

10109/ORD(1) . UNCLASS . THIS HQ SIGNAL Q 7964 OF 04 . ONLY 22 ITALIAN
ARMED CARS DESPATCHED CASARSA . IMPOSSIBLE TO LOAD FURTHER ITEM IN
VIEW IT BEING HEAVIER TYPE POSSESSING ONLY TWO WHEELS FOR WHICH SUITABLE
LIFTING TACKLE TO EFFECT LOADING & UNLOADING NOT AVAILABLE HERE OR
AT CASARSA
BT 221600A
SENT NR 92 KM B

RAB
Q 705
R. 22.24
R. 22.41-46
RAB

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Subject: Receipt of Vehicles from A.R.A.R.

Land Forces Sub Comm,
A.C. (M.M.I.L.A.)
ROME

DATE/1400

22 Jan. 48.

To : Direzione Generale Artiglieria e

Motorizzazione.

I have to advise you urgently that the condition of the vehicles being handed over at No 1 Efficient Vehicle Park from A.R.A.R. to the Army is alarming. These vehicles are apparently not re-conditioned (one in fact was towed there without a distributor or plug leads), and I am informed that they are deficient of spare wheels and tools.

I would urge you to protest to higher authority at the condition of the vehicles received, as it is understood that these vehicles were to be re-conditioned before handing over to the Italian Army.

This HQ is very concerned that the vehicles you receive should be in good condition. Of those seen so far, the majority require workshop attention and re-conditioning.

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Motorizzazioni.

I have to advise you urgently that the condition of the vehicles being handed over at No. 1 Efficient Vehicle Park from A.N.A.R. to the Army is alarming. These vehicles are apparently not re-conditioned (some in fact was towed there without a distributor or plug leads), and I am informed that they are deficient of spare wheels and tools.

I would urge you to protest to higher authority at the condition of the vehicles received, as it is understood that these vehicles were to be re-conditioned before handing over to the Italian Army.

This HQ is very concerned that the vehicles you receive should be in good condition. Of those seen so far, the majority require workshop attention and re-conditioning.

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R. B. Hunt

Lt. Col.
A.D.M.S.
M.A.I.A.

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Copy to : 'Q'

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Subject:- Billie property of
SANTI Giuseppe of
CITTA' DI CASTELLO.

Lead. Foreign Sub Comm. N.C.
(M.I.I.A.)
R O A P
4.205

MINISTRY OF WAR.

22 Jan 46.

1. The attached letter forwarded to us by GI Area is passed to you for information and necessary action.
2. Please inform C.I.S.A. CITTA' DI CASTELLO of action taken.

Interpeller Capt.

H.V. PIRONI, Capt.
For Major General,
M.I.I.A.

Copy to:- HQ GI Area.
Your CIA/PRO/11/137
refers.

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MESSAGE FORM
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FROM : MIA
TO : DISTWO
REF : Q.790

DATE/TIME
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REFERENCE YOUR ORD/9005 OF 18 JAN PARA 2 (.)
ARE YOU GETTING GHQ DECISION

PRECEDENCE Important

AUTHENTICATION W. P. ... Capt.

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Q.205.

MP/fem

Subject:-

Transfer of re-conditioned Allied
Vehicles to Italian Army.

Major General L. BROWNING, CB, CBE, MC,
Land Forces Sub Commission A.O.
(R. M. T. A.) DOME.
3.205.

17 January, 1946.

Sir

I have to refer to the meeting which took place on the 7th January at the Headquarters of A.C. between the Minister of Transport and a representative of the Chief Commissioner. Generale Properti, Direttore Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazioni, was present on your behalf.

The Minister of Transport was pressed to give a firm estimate of when the re-conditioned Allied vehicles would be made available to the Italian Army in replacement of the 1,500 military vehicles at present held by civilians. He explained that as A.R.A.R. is no longer subject to his Ministry, he was no longer in a position to order this transfer.

The Chief Commissioner has therefore addressed a letter to the President of the Council of Ministers, a copy of which I enclose herewith.

You will see that everything possible has been done to secure the replacement of the Army vehicles by an equivalent tonnage of re-conditioned Allied vehicles. I trust you will now press for action to be taken by the Government, as suggested in the letter from the Chief Commissioner.

Yours

A.B.

R/4/46
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Yours The Minister for War.

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10/15/07

19 January 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

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

Largely as a result of this request, the Allied Commission sponsored an arrangement which was entered into in October between the Minister of Transport and the Minister of War. Under the terms of this agreement, the Italian Army agreed to waive their undoubted right to recover these vehicles, and to leave them in the hands of the organizations which were operating them. In return, the Minister of Transport agreed to reimburse the Italian Army with an equivalent number of vehicles, on a tonnage basis, from the stock of vehicles handed over ex-Allied sources and after reconditioning. It was further provided that the first batch of 153 vehicles would be made available to the War Ministry during the month of October, the balance of some 1,600 to be similarly transferred at the rate of 500 per month commencing 1 November.

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

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

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

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

Yours very truly,

MILAM W. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

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

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Subject : 37 FIAT ABM Armoured Car Chassis.

HQ
MMIA, ROME.



HQ 2 District CMF
Tel Ex : 317
ORD/9005
18 Jan 46.

Reference phone conversation DAQMG/Capt. DOBRASHIAN (DADOS CEM)
and further my signal OS/469 of even date.

1. Attached are copies of correspondence relative to 37 ABM Armoured Car Chassis situated at CARMAGNOLA, TURIN.
2. Before these can be handed over to the Italian Army, the matter will have to be referred to GHQ for a decision.

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Enclosures : HQ/AC MILAN letter ref AC-M/WMD/221
dated 24 Sep 45.

EME 7 AGRA report REME/RET/4 dated 21 Nov 45.
DDOS 2 District ORD/9005 dated 29 Nov 45.

Capt.
(R.M. DOBRASHIAN)
for Col.DDOS.

Ar follow up.
Is 2 sent or not?
up Def Comd to see
Rab
20 Jan

SEE 98

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COPY

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
MILAN OFFICE
WAR MATERIALS DISTRICTAL SUB-COMMISSION.

AG-M/WD/42 1

24 September 1945

SUBJECT: Fiat - 37 ABM Armored car chassis.

TO: DDCG No 2 District attn Major Toon.

Herewith enclosed copy of letter from FIAT
dated 11 September 1945.

I am in favour of the release being made direct
to FIAT of this material.

(Sgd) TI ROWORTH, DSO,
Major IC,
WD Sub-Com,
AC Milan.

Incl Copy ltr FIAT to AMG-TURIN dated 11 Sept 45

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COPY

✓ 11th September 1945

ANG - TURIN

WMD Office (Maj EASTON)

During a meeting held at FIAT between Maj ROWORTH and Maj EASTON of WMD AG MILAN and TURIN, and FIAT Directors, amongst other items the position of 37 ABM armored car chassis was taken into consideration.

These 37 chassis, sent by Allied Authorities to SPA (TURIN), are included in a group of 256 chassis ABM, sold to the German Govt, for the sum of Lire 123.254.619.500.

FIAT only received a partly payment of Lire 16.284.619.500, which represents the price of 33 units at Lire 481.463.350 per unit. No payment was ever received for the rest of the chassis which therefore legally belong to FIAT.

Taking in consideration that, as results of an accurate survey of the 37 chassis in Carmagnola, they are all missing of tyres, batteries, magnets, starter, dynamo, sparking plugs, etc, and in very bad condition, owing to deterioration due to atmospheric elements, we cannot consider them other than scrap iron.

We do not think it the case to forward a written offer requested by you as we consider such material as our property, and can clearly prove it.

Nor can we be held responsible for any further deterioration of the vehicles, that may occur during the prolonged stay in CARMAGNOLA.

We will be grateful to have your point of view on the matter.

Sincerely Yours,

FIAT

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C O P Y

Subject : ABM Armoured Car Chassis.

HQ 7 AGRA
Tel Ex : 17
REME/RET/14
21 Nov 1945.

AIME
HQ 2 District.

1. The following ABM Armoured Car Chassis, now at CARMAGNOLA, are all in a similar condition, viz :

Chassis are complete with engines (plus carburettors), fans, transmissions, brake drums, (less wheel nuts). Steering wheels are fitted and gear and brake controls. Fuel tanks are fitted, also air cylinders, but these are not connected to the pipelines.

2. Tyres, wheels, radiators, and most of the electrical circuits are non existent. Instrument panels have been robbed of ammeters, thermometers, and oil gauges in most cases. Ignition systems have been robbed of leads from distributor heads. There is no superstructure whatsoever fitted to these chassis.

CHASSIS NUMBERS

55583	55860
55584	55862
55585	55863
55586	55864
55587	55865
55588	55868
55589	55870
55590	55871
55593	55872
55595	55873
55814	55874
55823	55875
55830	55876
55841	55877
55850	55878
55855	55879
	<u>55887</u>

Total 33 Chassis.

WLN/js.

Sgd ??
Capt REME for
Brigadier Commander.

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C O P Y

Subject : FIAT - 37 ABM Armoured Car Chassis.

HQ Allied Commission.
War Material Disposal Commission
MILAN.

HQ 2 District CMF
Tel Ex : 317
ORD/9005
29 Nov 45.

Reference your AC-M/WMD/22.1 of 24 Sep 45.

These chassis must not under any circumstances
be handed back to FIAT.

They will remain in situ until disposal instructions
are given by this Headquarters.

Copy to: CEM Liaison Officer Q(AE)5.
Q2.
G (conversation CAMPBELL-WOODALL refers)

Capt.
(W.W. WOODALL)
for DDOS. ✓

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LSK 7 MEAV NR 180352 QVR2
FROM DEOS DISTWO 181700A
TO OC 3 CEM GROUP RAOO ALESBANDRIA
INFO DAQNG MMIA ROME

QSH GR50
OS/459. UNCL. EME 7 AGRA INSPECTED 37 FIAT ABM ARMoured CAR CHABBIS
AT CARMAGNOLA TURIN CN KVG NOV 45. INFORM SECOND ADDRESSEE COPY THIS
OFFICE IF THESE STILL IN SITU.

BT 1800
SENT 35:00WJP
LAST GP READS SITU SITU
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Subject:- Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

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

✓ C. 205.

18 January, 1946.

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To:- War Ministry.

Reference the attached copy of this H.A. letter
Q/5/45 of 22 Aug 45.

1. It is requested that the information contained in
appendix "A" thereto may be amended and brought up to date.
2. Information is sought as to the action being taken
by the Ministry regarding vehicles still outstanding.

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

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Subject:- Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

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

To:- A.C. for Executive Commissioner.

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

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

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

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[Signature]

C O P YMINUTES OF MEETING

held at HQ M.M.I.A.

on 25 May 1945

MEETING OF MEETING held at HQ M.M.I.A. on 25 May 1945 to consider the hand over to the Italian Army the 140 vehs of Italian Army origin currently operated by civilian contractors under A.C.

1.

PRESENT :

Major Gen L. BROWNING, C.B., C.B.E., M.C. - CHAIRMAN.

Major Gen. A. HAMILTON

- A/CAS AFHQ.

Col. CLAYTON P. TUNN

- Deputy Director M.M.I.A.

Col. CHARLES W. WALTON

- Economic Sec. A.C.

Col. F.J. NOAKES

- M.M.I.A.

Lt. Col. R.A. CARRISON

- M.M.I.A.

Lt. Col. G.S. FRANKLIN

- Tn. Sub Commission A.C.

Mr. G.S. CROUS

- Tn. Sub Commission A.C.

2. After discussion the following decisions were taken :-

(a) The 140 vehs as listed on Tn Sub Commission list will be handed over by Tn Sub Commission to Italian Army at places to be arranged by M.M.I.A. with Tn Sub Comm.

(b) The tyres and tubes on the vehs were Tn Sub Comm property and would be removed by Tn Sub Comm at hand over point, or M.M.I.A. to arrange the provision of equitable tyres or tubes in exchange.

(c) A.C. to arrange for Finance Sub Comm to hand the "hard money" to the Italian Government.

(d) The Italian Government will clear all financial arrangements with the contractors. M.M.I.A. will convey to the War Ministry that a fair and equitable arrangement should be made for the repairs, labour and spare parts produced by the Contractor.

(e) The hand over of the vehs to be at an early date. Tn Sub Comm considered that 12 Jun 45 was the probable starting date.

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- R.M.I.A.

It. Col. R.A. CURTIS

- Tn. Sub Commission A.C.

It. Col. G.S. FRANKLIN

- Tn. Sub Commission A.C.

Mr. G.G. GROSS

After discussion the following decisions were taken :-

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(a) The 110 vehs as listed on Tn Sub Commission list will be handed over by Tn Sub Commission to Italian Army at places to be arranged by MIA with Tn Sub Comm.

(b) The tyres and tubes on the vehs were Tn Sub Comm property and would be removed by Tn Sub Comm at hand over point, or MIA to arrange the provision of equitable tyres or tubes in exchange.

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F.J. MOAKES, Col.
M. E. I. A.

FJW/1e

26 May 1945.

Distribution :

- ASHQ for A/GAO.
- HQ A.C. for Economic Sec. (Col. WALTON).
- HQ A.C. for Tn Sub Commission (Lt.Col. FRANKLIN).
- HQ A.C. for Finance Sub Commission.
- HQ A.C. for War Material Disposal Sub Commission.
- MIA ST.
- MIA File 9/5.
- MIA War Diary (2).

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TRANSLATION

94B

From: M.M.W.

Ref: 56114
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To: M.M.I.A.

Date: 1-1/45

Subject: Community of Badia Polesine - recovery of military vehicles

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I.- ref letter Q/5/10 dated 15th August 1945

II.- Bologna Military territorial H.Q., who was ⁱⁿ charged of recovering the vehicles in possession of the Badia Community mentioned by you, has pointed out that the van Fiat 1100 motor 291754, chassis N.273795 has been withdrawn on the 5/9/45 by the Allied Command from the Transport Office of Rovigo.

III.- the tractor Spa 38 motor 204930 has been withdrawn and is at present at the depot of the 22 Recovery Commission of Rovigo.

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(Sga) Gen. Properzi

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Auto

N.46/ 103/Serv. di prot. Roma, li 16 gennaio 46
Vehicles "B" census.

OGGETTO: Censimento autoveicoli "B".-

Allegati: 2

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.(MMA)

R O M A

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Further to letter N.6/1942 dated 23/12/1945
Seguito foglio 46/1972 del 23/12/1945.-

We forward to you the list of vehicles arrived
at the 7th Repair Unit during the period 23-31-12-1945
coming from the P.B.S. of Leghorn
1945, provenienti dal P.B.S. di Livorno.-

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d'ordine

IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI 5585

-Colonnello N. Meloni-

IN

Date

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7° PARTO RIPARAZIONI AUTOMOBILI - TICHE

PARCO VEICOLI EFFICIENTI

ELENCO DEI AUTOMEZZI GIUNTI DAL P.B.S. DI LIVORNO NEL PERIODO 23- 31/1945 (3° elenco)

N° di carico	Marca e tipo	N° targa orig. Alleata	N° motore	metallo	gomme	NOTE
1441	Autob. Fiat 626/M	WH.1610003	009267	008804	6	
1447	" " 626/B	CAP.1752	009058	008595	5	
1452	" " 626/B	CAP. 724	009020	008557	4	
1493	" " 626/M	CAP. 650	009002	008532	4	
1512	" " 626/B	DR. 75750	010846	010371	6	
1515	" " 626/M	DR. 63990	013682	008285	6	
1520	" " 626/M	S.T.	014298	008857	4	
1511	Autob. " 626/M	OT.99286	010002	006506	6	
1439	Autob. " 621	U.S.A.	100340	200334	4	
1483	" Lancia 3/RO	CAP. 1877	12652	10328	4	
1519	" " 3/RO	S.T.	2708	9253	4	
1521	" " 3/RO	WM.110386	12731	10117	6	
1514	" " Esaro	WH.1609093	67	64	6	
1448	Autob. SPA 38/R	WH.1624230	019139	016281	5	
1481	Autob. O.M. Taurus	OT.98171	00832	23019	6	
1490	" " "	OT. 92115	03466	03466	6	
1494	" " "	OT.91503	03207	03299	6	
1486	" " "	S.T.	23882	23822	6	
1516	" " "	S.T.	23456	23456	6	
1518	" " "	S.T.	03363	03363	6	
1482	Rimorchio Furg. Viberti	OT.91762	==	451200	6	
1495	" a Cass. Orlandi	OT.87522	==	B281	4	
1510	Immob. Carenzi	S.T.	==	==	8	
1513	Rimorchio Ray a Botte	S.T.	==	==	2	
1487	Rimorchio a Cass. Orlandi	S.T.	==	161	4	
1517	Furg. Orlandi	S.T.	==	==	4	
(.)1489	Autob. Lancia Esaro	WH.1609094	88	103	5	

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ELenco DE I AUTOMEZZI PROVENIENTI DAL 3.S. DI
LIVORNO RIPARATI DAL 7° REPARTO RIPARAZIONI AUTO
E PASSATI AL 4° PARCO VEICOLI EFFICIENTI NEL PE-
RIODO DAL 24 AL 32/11/1946 (3° elenco)

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Antec. Fiat 626 targa RE.	406351	- mot.	001490	- telaio	001334
"	626	"	RE. 406339	"	013080
"	626	"	RE. 406341	"	==
"	626	"	RE. 406352	"	008948
"	626	"	RE. 406371	"	004993
"	666	"	RE. 406305	"	003743
"	666	"	RE. 406338	"	003706
"	665	"	RE. 406308	"	000379
"	Lancia 3/RO	"	RE. 406324	"	889
"	3/RO	"	RE. 406336	"	11281
"	O.M. Taurus	"	RE. 406348	"	04316
"	"	"	RE. 406354	"	02949
"	"	"	RE. 406359	"	03141
"	"	"	RE. 406349	"	24585
"	"	"	RE. 406361	"	03400
Rimorchio Tedesco	"	"	RE. 80022/R	"	==
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Subject:- Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

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

To:- War Ministry.

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1. Reference this H.Q. Q.205 of 16 Jan 46 relating to the official A.C. list of Army vehicles held by civilians subject to agreement with the Ministry of Transport.

As this is being distributed to Territorial H.Qs there should be no need for further correspondence between them, the Ministry and M.M.I.A.

Provided proof is forthcoming that a vehicle is the property of the Italian Army, recovery action may be taken, unless a full description of the vehicle appears on the official list.

Consequently this H.Q. letter Q.205 of 16 Jan 46 is cancelled.

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R. A. Curties

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

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Copy to: List "B"

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Subject:- Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) 7042.
Q. 205.
16 January, 1946.

To:- War Ministry.

1. Reference the official printed list of Italian Army vehicles at present held by civilians.
2. This list has been checked in M.M.I.A. and brought fully up to date on information supplied by A.C. Transportation Sub Commission. Details of engine and chassis numbers have been inserted wherever possible.
3. The amended list will be considered as final and no further additions or amendments will be accepted by M.M.I.A. You are requested to forward one copy of your official list and a copy of the necessary amendment based on the information now supplied. 8185
4. You are requested to amend your official circular 54034 10000 USM dated 5 January 45. Paragraph 3 should now be deleted. It should be made clear to all concerned that unless a full description of any vehicle in dispute appears in the official list, recovery action may be taken by the War Ministry.

Rab.

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

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Copy to:- A.C. for Transportation and Shipping Sub Commission,
reference your 547/TN 1 of 23 December 45.

Subject:- Recovery Italian
Army Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/205 ✓

14 Jan 46.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. It has been decided that when Italian Army vehicles are recovered by Terr. HQ's for which owners can produce documents, these latter may be passed by Terr HQ's to you direct who will in turn submit to this HQ for ruling.

2. Similarly, rulings will be communicated by this HQ to you for action.


C. E. KING, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- List "B"
(less 12)
(for 10 BLU - your
10Q of 7 Jan 46 refers).

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12 JAN 46

Subject: GER - Vehicles.

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

TEL. NO. FRE-DEM 271

AFHQ/50674/4 (GERS)

10 Jan 46

To : Hq., Allied Commission,
(Attn: Air Forces Sub-Commission)
A.P.O. 394.

Reference your AFHQ/655/3/Lt of 26 Dec 45.

1. The claims of the Italian Air Force to the German vehicles salvaged by them are appreciated.
2. In view of this Headquarters letter AG 386.3 (AR)-0 dated 2 Oct 45 their retention cannot be sanctioned without the authority of the Italian Government to whom they would be offered in surplus to Allied requirements.
3. However, in order to clear the matter up, the vehicles concerned are hereby declared surplus to Allied requirements and will be handed over, through Allied Commission, to the Italian Government. It will be for the Italian Government to decide their disposition. Numbers and particulars of the vehicles concerned and handed over will be reported to this Headquarters.
4. Particulars of the French vehicles referred to in para 3 of your letter under reference will be reported to this Headquarters, in accordance with letter AG 386.3 (AR)-0 dated 2 Oct 45, who will arrange disposal.
5. The Italian vehicles referred to in para 5 of your letter under reference will be made available as scrap to the Italian Government.

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D. BARNES, Lt. Colonel,
for Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to: Air HQ, AFHQ, GHP.
MIA.

Hq., Allied Commission (Attn: Captured Enemy Material Branch)

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SUBJECT: Return of Italian Military Vehicle.

HQ 3 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Tel: 152965 (Ext-25)

HQ MMIA

Q/41/9

9 Jan 46

1. Ref your Q 031 dated 7 Dec 45.
2. The number of Italian Military Vehicles on loan to Displaced Persons Sub Commission is ~~confirmed~~ as nineteen made up as follows:

11	Lorries
1	Van
3	M/Cs
3	Cars Fiat 1100
1	Car Fiat 500

These are in fact with 78 ITI Camp CCMO.

3 Territorial Cnd require this tpt to be returned to them forthwith but the latest correspondence from HQ "D" 55.8 Group Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub Commission dated 4 Dec stated that these vehicles could not be released and no estimated date for release given.

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JDM/LO

MAJ
DAA and QMG

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject: Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.H.I.A.) B O M B.
6/5/46

MEMO TO M.H.I.A.

21 July 45

Ref this HQ 02/1108 dated 4 July 45 regarding the recovery of vehicles the property of the Italian Army and at present understood to be operating between GHIASSO and GMSO.

attached

A verbal agreement was reached between this H.Q. and the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub Commission to which reference is made in their letter DFR/1/C 11 July (copy to you). On condition that particulars of all vehicles in this area operated by Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub Commission were furnished by them and that vehicles the property of the Italian Army were handed over to an Italian Army representative, it was agreed that the 24 vehicles in question be loaned to enable the present repatriation of Italian refugees from the Swiss border to be completed.

The instructions contained in this H.Q. letter quoted above should be amended accordingly.

You should report in due course, the number of Italian Army Vehicles recovered and the number which continue to be operated by Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub Commission in accordance with the verbal agreement reached at this H.Q.

F.J. Noakes

F.J. NOAKES Col.
For Major General.
M. H. I. A.

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Copy to:-
S.M.P.E.
A.C. for Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub Commission,
S.T.

RAG/Pen

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

DER/1/0

Tel. 489081 Ext. 392

11 July 45.

SUBJECT : Italian Military vehicles surrendered to Swiss Government.

TO : A.D.S.T.
M.M.I.A.

1. Reference your ST/1103 dated 4 July 1945 and subsequent discussions regarding these vehicles.

It would be appreciated if you would cancel the instructions contained in this letter.

2. As was discussed these 24 vehicles were handed to this Sub-Commission by the Swiss for the purpose of providing a road link between CHIASSO and COMO and it is essential for the smooth working of the repatriation from Switzerland to Italy that they remain until repatriation is completed.

3. This Sub-Commission would be most grateful if you would agree to these 24 vehicles continuing to work for us and on completion of refugee repatriation they will be handed over to the Italian Army.

For the Director.

C.F. FORTBERGHE
Lt. Colonel.
Deputy Director.

Copy to: M.A.P.A. I.C. N.S. Italy.
S.M.T.E.
Maj. HIRTZEL (D.F. & R. Lombardia Region)
File DER/48/41/C-II (IT)

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject :- Recovery of Italian Army Tpt.

SE/1108

4 July 45

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA)
Rome
Tel : Rome 439081 Ext 526

To :- MIA LO, N.W. Italy

attached 584

1. 24 Italian Army lorries have recently arrived in the VALESE area, having been used by Displaced Persons Sub-Commission A.C. to convey refugees from Switzerland to Italy.
2. It has been agreed between MIA and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission that these vehicles will be handed back to the Italian Army, and Major RECKEL, of Displaced Persons Sub-Commission MIAH, has been instructed to contact you, and arrange to hand over these vehicles on 15 July.
3. Will you please advise MILAN Territorial HQ that sufficient nos of these vehicles should be taken on the strength of No 3 Territorial Admin Tpt Coy to complete to WD/TO, and any surplus vehicles handed over to No 7 Efficient Vehicle Park.
4. You are requested to report completion of the above to this HQ in due course.

See 79

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V.A. L. Ten o.e.
Lt. Col. ADST.,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA).

Copy to :- S.M.R.E.
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission A.C.

Internal : Q/2.
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ST/1207

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

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8 January 1946

TO : President of the Council of Ministers.

Dear

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

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

In an effort to clear up this matter, the Minister of Transport was invited to a meeting at this Headquarters on 7 January, and was requested to give a firm estimate of when the balance of these vehicles could be made available to the Italian Army. It now appears, however, that the ex-Allied vehicles were not handed over to the Ministry of Transport as such, but to the

o /anisation ARAR, which was at that time part of the Ministry. At a later date, however, ARAR apparently became part of the Ministry of Reconstruction, and, on the abolition of this Ministry at the end of the year, an autonomous body subject to no Ministry. On these grounds, the Minister of Transport has stated that this matter is now outside his orbit.

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

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Yours very truly,

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*Seen and approved.
by govt
Dep. Comd.
etc. by hand
D.C.*

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by GOC Sep Comd.
SFC by hand
to Tm
returned 9 Jan
RAC*

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject:- Mat 508 Cella, No. 9.7940
relating to SARTI Giuseppe
of Citta di Castello.

82-D
Hq. Area CEF
Ancona 2326

To: 3rd District.

614/216/61/137
7 Jan 46

Q.
Ref 61/44-1-944: CERR letter dated 13/12/1945.

1. The a/s letter is forwarded for your information and necessary action, please.

[Signature]
(...). Major.
Assistant Provost Marshal.

SM

Copy to:- Comandante Stazionario dei CERR
Citta di Castello - (Ref 61/44-1-944
dated 13/12/45 refers).

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Subject:- Man 508 R. 11a, Nov. 8.7.40
belonging to SRTI Giuseppe
of Ditta di Castello.

To: Gen. 10 District.

82-10
It. 1 Area 011
Quota 2326

61A/PRO/61/137
7 Jan 46

D.

Ref 101/41-1-911, CORR Letter dated 15/12/1945.

1. The a/c letter is forwarded for your information and necessary action, please.

Handwritten signature

(A. R. HONEY). Major.
Assistant Provost Marshal.

BT

Copg to:- Commandante Stazione dei CORR
Ditta di Castello - (Commot/41-1-911
dated 15/12/45 refers).

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COPY

TERRITORIAL LEGION OF THE ROYAL CARABINIERI
OF LAZIO.

CITTA' DI CASTELLO.

Secret Ref: N°1/41-1-944

Città di Castello. 15/12/1945.

SUBJECT:- Fiat 508 Balilla. N°P.G. 7940 belonging to SARTI Giuseppe
of Città di Castello.

TO: Hq. Military Police. Arezzo Detachment.

Reference our letter N°1/41-944 of the 19/10/45, which we sent to the English F.S.M. of Arezzo, regarding the above mentioned vehicle, and to which we have not yet received a reply, we once more repeat our request:-

For the proceedings which your Hq will deem necessary, herewith attached statement presented by the lawyer Carlo Zagnoli of Città di Castello in the interests of SARTI Giuseppe, also of Città di Castello, for the restitution of Vehicle Fiat 508 Balilla, N°P.G. 7940 in excellent condition, complete with tyres.

The above mentioned vehicle was taken from SARTI Giuseppe by Captain HANNAPEL Sergio of the Italian Army, who promised that the above mentioned vehicle would be returned within a few days, or that otherwise a regular requisition document would be given to him.

The above mentioned Officer gave SARTI, a receipt for the vehicle, as mentioned in the attached statement.

SARTI has not had his vehicle returned to him, nor received the promised requisition certificate.

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The Lieut. Commanding.
(Leo De Santis)

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

785020

SUBJECT :- Recovery of Italian Army Vehicles.

10 British Liaison Unit
Tel: NAPLES 15744
10 Q

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)
R O M E

Jan 46

Reference the attached letters in respect of vehicles recovered in NAPLES Territorial Command.

1. These are forwarded for a decision to be given by MMIA.
2. It has been the case to date that all queries of this nature forwarded by NAPLES Territorial HQ have had to be referred to MMIA ROME, and the reply has then been passed to NAPLES via the Italian Ministry of War.
3. It would therefore appear that it would be quicker if the doubtful cases raised by NAPLES Territorial HQ were passed direct to Ministry of War who could then consolidate them and raise them with AC direct. In this way one channel only would be used and an adequate check on the proceedings could be maintained by NAPLES Territorial HQ.

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JRM/ajw

Dr/ Reply by letter to War
Min laying this on

11 Jan

See Claims Files
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copy to 10 BLU

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Translation

From Ministry of War. Direz. Gen. Art. and Mot.

No. All Territorial Commands. etc.

82 BT
No 51043 U.R.M.
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Dated 5 Jan. 46

- 1 Further to arrangements between the Ministries concerned and LFSC AC (AMIA), a lot of vehicles that are now in civilian hands and that are used by them on the basis of permits given by AGORVANC, must be excluded from any action of recovery and must be left in possession of anyone is owning them.
- 2 The Ministry of Transport, with a special procedure, will provide to deliver to Ministry of War, in order to replace the s/m vehicles, other vehicles ~~proceeding~~ from Allied source and put them at the disposal of the Italian Government, not on the base of the number of them, but on the base of the total tonnage.
- 3 The vehicles mentioned on page 1 are listed in the attached book. Not any increase will be added to this list. If a change is necessary it is to be notified to this Ministry.

1 All Territorial Commands (Direction of Vehicles Repairs):

(a) have to check in their territory all the vehicles shown in attached book and must certify the details and position of each vehicle, and the identity of the detainer;

(b) have to give to the detainer a declaration (showing his name, full address) signed by the 3 of the Terr. Comd., in which it is shown that the vehicle (with progressive n° recorded in the book; type, tag n°, chassis n° and engine n°, tonnage etc.) is to be excluded from any action of recovery.

(c) have to send in the mean time a copy of the said declaration to this Ministry; Direz. Gei. Art. and Mot. with the name and full address of

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5 Some of the vehicles shown in the book are not complete with details in order to individualize them, (chassis or engine no, address of detainer, target etc;). The missing details will be sent to this Ministry as soon as possible, by mail, to the Direz. Gen. Art. e Mot. for the necessary actions.

6 We give notice that the recovery of vehicles shown on the book is only in suspense and that they will be finally owned by the actual detainer only when the Ministry of Transports will give to this Ministry the equivalent tonnage as it is said in para 1.

7 All the vehicles, now in civilian hands, which will be identified as of Military source and are not shown in the book, will be recovered

10/11/46

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as usually. We give notice, therefore, that in addition of the current instructions regarding automobilistic recovery, some new instructions are in course of decision, by which it will be possible to arrange ~~a report~~ ^{Del} to the actual detainer (private or firm) of the vehicle that because of D.L.L. 1st of February 45 No 32 (circ No 93 and 191 GM 45) ought to be given back to the Military administration.

* 2 Whenever some dispute should rise with some civilian detainer who would assert that ~~the~~ the vehicle in his hands is included in those mentioned in para 1, the complainer must be invited to ask the AC or ANG officer concerned for a certificate in which it results that the mentioned vehicle is to be considered included in the attached list, (citing letter Q/031 dated 13 Nov 45 of MIA), and showing in the certificate all the details of the vehicle as it is said above. Awaiting for the certificate the vehicle must be "kept" as usually. (circ. 4717 U.E.M. dated 1 Oct 45).

2 The certificates mentioned in para 2 must be sent with urgency to this Ministry, Direc. Gen. Art Enot; recovery office, mentioning this circular, that will provide to check them with the most recent informations, and will say if the vehicle is to be considered as those listed in the book and then given back to the civilian.

10 Whenever, if by the presented recourses it would appear that the vehicle was recovered and kept by the civilian after its renewal with an ANG or AC authority, the claimer will be invited to show to the Terr. Cmd. the said authority which will be immediately sent to this Ministry. Awaiting for judgement the vehicle will be kept by the Repair Unit concerned.

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12 Send immediately acknowledgement of receipt.

signed Generale Properzi

Translation

From M. of W.

To M.M.I.A.

Ref. 6I/046I/DM

Date 4/1/46.

Subject Auction Sale.

- 1) - During a public auction sale of various stores authorised by the 5° Army HQ (Allied Command Section at Reggio Emilia) the DEL CONTE Enzo firm purchased 5 vehicle wrecks belonging to the Italian Army, concerning which after their reconstruction the firm has requested authority to register them in the P.R.A.
- 2) - As a document testifying the legality of the purchase, the firm has shown a bill of sale, copy forwarded. ✓
- 3) - The name of the firm and the registration of the vehicles in question do not appear in the list of vehicles held by civilians and for which the Min. of Transport has to grant the writer a like tonnage of vehicles of allied make.
- 4) - We ask you to kindly inform us whether the a/m sale is to be held valid, this with the view to releasing of the requested authority and the registration of the vehicles in the P.R.A.

DAK

Col. G. Balanzino.

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Translation

From M. of W.

To The Lost Recovery Directorate.

Ref. 77/0475

date 4/1/46

Subject Allotment of Allied Vehicles.

With reference to the above letter and pointing out that up to date it has still not been possible to withdraw from the camp at Aversa the 71 trucks referred to in ^{your} ~~the~~ previous letter 27308/022770 dated 26/II/45.

We ask you therefore to issue instructions ~~whxxx~~ to the effect that the above trucks, when withdrawn they must be in the best running condition, complete with loading tackle and supplied with fuel (letter 30976/026427 DATED 29/12/45 forwarded by you to the Transport Min.- War Salvage Office - be allotted as soon as possible. We would like to have any information concerning the matter.

DAK

P.S. Properzj.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner, AFO 334

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REQ/143
7 July 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Military Vehicles.

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

I am informed that Colonel Kerr has made an agreement with the Economic Section that the Transportation Sub-Commission would have local civil contractors remove Italian military vehicles in their possession to the Italian War Ministry. In furtherance of this agreement, the War Ministry was instructed by MILA to to remove these vehicles directly but to await action by the Transportation Sub-Commission. To expedite their return, you may advise the War Ministry that they are a liberty to remove these vehicles as directed by AFO Circular No 5 1945.

SIGNED: ELMER W. SCOTT,
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner 5500

CC: Ex Comm
Room 500

*Copy sent to Encl. Comm.
in reply to inquiry in New file*

TO

1. Land Forces Sub-Commission, HQ, A.C.

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SUMMARY

ALLIED G. STAFF,
Rear Admiral, USAR
Chief, Commission

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CC: Lt. Gen.
Room Sec

Copy sent to Gen. Gurn.

in reply to inquiry in New file
8272/EC.

File in 82705

"Did USMC direct War Min to
repossess vehicles. If so what
might have they do to direct?"

RAG

7 Jan 45.

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COPY ONLY.

Subject:- Italian Military Vehicles in Hands of Civilians.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
Q/5/10
7 July 1945.

To:- Minister for War.

Reference MMIA letter Q/5/10 of 15 May 1945.

1. With above letter you were furnished a list showing vehicles in the possession of civilian firms. Some of these vehicles have been returned to the custody of the War Ministry by the civilians.
2. In order to expedite the return of these vehicles to the Italian Army in accordance with AFHQ instructions, immediate action will be taken by you, under Italian law, which will insure the immediate return of these vehicles, in their present condition, to Army control.
3. These vehicles will be repossessed by you regardless of any contracts, permits, or other documents signed by Allied officers, which are null and void insofar as you are concerned. No Allied officer is authorised to interfere in any way with your action in this matter. The War Ministry is in no way responsible for any claims which the civilians may have in connection with these vehicles.
4. All MMIA letters in conflict with this letter are rescinded.

*The infamous
110 Vehicles*

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

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Subject:- Transfer reconditioned Allied Vehicles to Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
O. 205
3 January, 1946.

To:- Ministry of War.

1. The meeting arranged between Transportation Sub Commission A.C. and the Ministry of Transport, to which you are invited to send a representative, and which was to have been held in the Conference Room at the A.C. building at 1600 hrs today, 3 January, will now take place at the same place at 1600 hrs on Monday 7 January. This confirms telephone conversation of to-days date.

2. It is suggested that if possible, Generale Propendi, Direttore Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazioni may attend. If he will visit M.M.I.A. at 15.45 hrs, our representative will accompany him to the Conference Room.

W. P. ...

✓ Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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

Internal:- Deputy Commander.
Col. 4/9

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject :- AFVs in Civ Weapons.

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TOP SECRET

To :- HQ Land Forces Sub Com AG(MMIA)
ROME

Ref this office Signal 3 430 of 19 Dec.

Herewith a report from Capt MORTLEY, RME Offr 1 BLU.

In view of your instrs to proceed with discretion, Capt MORTLEY did not make any direct enquiries. If you wish a further investigation to be made, will you please inform this office, forwarding any info in your possession that would be of assistance.

Field
21 Dec 45
FWAG/fem

RECEIVED 27/12/45
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Major
DAA & QIG

Q. 203
27/12/45

Q/S/O
The above
is for the
further
info and H.M.S.

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TOP SECRET

Subject: - A.F.V's. in civilian workshops.

1/EME/Sec.

To: - G.I.
1.ELU.

Ref. conversation with Capt. Clark. regarding the possibility of AFV at FIAT.

Without going to the FIAT branches and telling them what I am looking for, it is going to be very difficult to get any further in this matter.

I myself have visited their workshops and have not seen any AFV at all. Of course it may well be that I have only seen what they wanted me to see, and brick walls can hide such a lot.

From enquiries I have made from various people, I find that FIAT have never undertaken AFV work of any description.

All AFV work has been done by SPA. which is now part of the FIAT organisation, and I have visited the SPA repair shops and have seen that they are breaking down all types of AFV. The majority of this material is in fairly good condition, and this may well be what the enquiry was instigated for.

Would you please give me further instructions.

Field.
20-12-45.

Whitney
Capt.
R.E.M.E.
1. B.L.U.

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(COPY INCOMING SIGNAL
IMPORTANT

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FROM : 1 BLU
TO : MMIA ROME
Q.438

DATE TIME 191255A

~~UNCLASSIFIED~~
CONFIDENTIAL

REF COVERSATION KING - CLARK OF FM 18 (.)
NO AFVS HELD AT FIAT (.) SPA BREAKING DOWN ALL TYPES (.) LETTER FOLLOWS

ACTION COPY : Q.205

SEE 78

[Signature]

(K)

[Signature]

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LRCM V MELG NR21 IMPORTANT

IMPORTANT

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FROM 1 BLU S11255A

TO MMIA ROME

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject: 37 ARM Armoured Car Chassis
(FIAT) at CARBAGNOLA.

HQ No. 2 District, CMP.
Tel ext: 326.
ORD/5129.
1. Oct 45.

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Reference copy letters attached (ex AMG
TURIN dated 11 Sep, and HQ AC MILAN AC-1/WMD/22.1
dated 24 Sep 45.)

Your authorisation is requested before
release for these chassis is made to AC WMD.

See Signal to
L6 Milan 19 Oct

/RC.

[Signature]
Major.
(T.C. PLESTED),
for DLOS.

SEE 224

Copy to: DAQMG. CEM.

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As these chassis belong to F.I.A.T and
are not required by Allied or Italian forces
I see no objection to letting F.I.A.T. keep
them. Do you?
Perhaps it is not for us to say *WP*
9 Oct

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.
MILAN OFFICE.

APC 394.
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL SUB-COMMISSION.

AC/M/WD/22.1

24 Sep 45.

Subject: Fiat - 37 ABM Armoured Car Chassis.

To: DDOS No. 2 District . Attn. Major TOTH.

Herewith enclosed copy of letter from FIAT dated 11 Sep 45.

I am in favour of the release being made direct to FIAT
of this material.

Sd. T.I. ROWORTH, USO.
Major RE.
WMO Sub-Com.
AC. MILAN.

11 Sep 45.

AMG - TURIN.

WMO Office (Major BASTOW).

During a meeting held at Fiat between Major ROWORTH and Major BASTOW of WMO AC MILAN and TURIN, and Fiat Directors, amongst other items the position of 37 ABM armoured car chassis was taken into consideration.

These 37 chassis, sent by Allied Authorities to S.I.A. (TURIN), are included in a group of 256 chassis ABM, sold to the German Govt. for the sum of Lire 123,619,500.

Fiat only received a partly payment of Lire 16,284,619,500, which represents the price of 33 units at Lire 481,453,350 per unit. No payment was ever received for the rest of the chassis which therefore legally belong to Fiat.

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Taking in consideration that, as results by an accurate survey of the 37 chassis in CATANIA, they are all missing of tyres, batteries, magnets, starter, dynamo, sparking plugs, etc., and in very bad condition, owing to deterioration due to atmospheric elements, we cannot consider them other than scrap iron.

We do not think it the case to forward a written offer requested by you as we consider such material as our property, and can clearly prove it.

Nor can we be held responsible for any further deterioration of the vehicles, that may occur during the prolonged stay in CATANIA.

We will be grateful to have your point of view on the matter.

Sincerely yours,

P I A T.

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RESTRICTED (.) SUBJECT 37 ARMORED CAR CHASSIS AT CARMAGNOLA (.)
SEE DISTWO LETTER ORD/5129 OF 1 OCT ADDRESSED TO MMIA (.) APPEARS
33 CHASSIS PAID FOR BY GERMANS THEREFORE CEM (.) ARRANGE WITH
DISTWO FOR RECOVERY COMMISSION TO SECURE FOR ITALIAN ARMY

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