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Q/5/10 Recovery - Army - Vehicles

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Major General L. BROWNING, C.B., O.B.E., D.S.O.,
 Headquarters,
 Military Mission to the Italian Army,
 R.O.M.E.

10/2 19 October, '45.

My dear

Reference our conversation this morning, you will remember that I informed you that M.M.I.A. had been able to recover for the Italian Army a large number of motor vehicles at NAPLES. Since our conversation I have been given further information by my staff and I find that the amount of not only M.T. but also clothing and equipment of all sorts which we are recovering for you is enormous.

As an example the figure of motor trucks recovered at NAPLES and handed over to you is 600. In addition there are 100 trucks being handed over at LECORNE. Some 800 car loads have arrived in ROMS Depots through P.M.S. LECORNE, consisting of clothing, Italian uniform cloth, pack saddles, and equipment of all sorts. Another 4,000 tons of clothing and equipment is also being handed over at LECORNE. There will be a vast amount of clothing, equipment and vehicles coming from AUSTRIA. In addition there are large dumps at BOLZANO and MILAN. We have handed over 600 captured german horses and 1,000 U.S. mules. A large number of British mules are also being handed over. The list could be continued indefinitely and will continue to increase all the time.

The point I want to make to you is that you are getting for your army an enormous stock of vehicles, clothing and equipment of all sorts which should cover your requirements for a long period to come and I feel that it would be a great advantage if you concurred yourself personally with this very important matter. I feel that if you would instruct your staff to give you a weekly statement in general terms of all vehicles, clothing and equipment recovered, together with a statement of where it is located and what action has been taken to distribute it where necessary, you would keep your finger on the pulse of the matter and could control it in a big way.

Incidentally the COMO Clothing Factory which we got back for

600 captured German horses and 1,000 U.S. miles. A large number of British
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located and what action has been taken to distribute it where necessary,
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Incidentally the COMD Clothing Factory which we got back for
you can turn out 150 coats and 250 trousers per day. With all the cloth-
ing that you have now got out of the stores we have recently recovered
for you, that factory can work full blast and you should be able to get
the whole clothing situation of the Italian Army including CC.RR well on
to its feet in quite a short time.

I know you will not mind my making the above suggestions to you
because it is all for the common good and because I got the impression at
my conversation with you this morning that your staff had not fully infor-
med you of the vast amount of stores which were now being made available to
the Italian Army.

With best wishes,

Yours

5/15/45

H.B.

Major General,
M. I. A.

Signor JACINI,
Minister of War.

/ajc

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Copy 8/5/45
9/15/45

SUBJECT : Recovery of Vehicle

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

R O M E

2/5/40

18 October 1945

TO : Ministry of War

Ref: your 37028 / NT / URM dated 11 October 1945.
7344

1. In accordance with A.F.H.Q. instructions, the vehicle in question, is captured Enemy Material and therefore its disposal is the responsibility of the Allied Authorities.

2. The relevant paragraphs from A.F.H.Q. letter are hereby given for your information:

- a) Captured or surrendered Enemy War Material - (Hereafter referred to as enemy material) includes any material of whatever nature and wherever situated, intended for war on land, at sea, or in the air, which has been at any time in use by, or intended for use by, the armed forces, civil defence, or other formations or organizations under the control or influence of the German Governments, German authorities, or Governments or authorities of any states allied to, or associated with, GERMANY.
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Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(R.M.I.A.)

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SUBJECT : Bicycles

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M B

✓ 5/10 18 October 1945

TO : Ministry of War

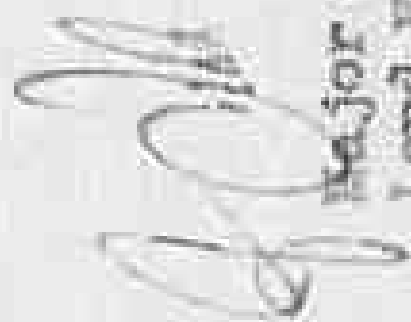
Ref: your 24845 /DM dated 8 October 1945.
016347

This H.Q. has no objection to the sale of 50 civilian bicycles
to the High Commissioner ofardinia.

[Signature]
Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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to the High Commissioner of Martinia.



Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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TRANSLATION.

From: Ministry of War.

To: A.M.I.A.

Subject: Bicycles.

1 - The 14th Repair Unit (Sardinia) has, during the month of August, started the repair to bicycles, mentioning that:

- a) of the 1000 military bicycles, about 500 can be completely repaired (they will be minus saddles), or the remaining 500, 50% of the frames, wheels and accessories can be recovered;
- b) of the 1500 civilian bicycles (with tyres), about 450 can be repaired (they will be minus the saddles, tyres and certain parts of the brakes), or the remainder about 1000 frames, wheels, handlebars, multipliers etc. can be recovered.

2 - The High Commissariate for Sardinia has pointed out the necessity to issue, on repayment, to the Sardinian Electric Company, 50 military bicycles, to avoid the poor conditions to which the employees of an electric power station are subject, who, due to lack of transport, are obliged to walk, 10 km. a day, to and from work.

The a/m request has also been put forward so as to enable line guards to inspect the line (they would be issued with bicycles), each of these line guards have considerable lengths of line under their control.

We believe, that the request put forward by the High Commissariate of Sardinia for the issue on repayment of 50 bicycles, which should be drawn from the civilian bicycles repaired, is justified.

We await your decision.

Propperej.

Carty.

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Ref: 21843/DM.

016347

Date: 6/10/45.

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Propperz].

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SUBJECT : Recovery of Italian Army Vehicles

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
(K.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/5/40

11 October 1945

TO : M.M.I.A., 10, M.W. Italy - Milan

1. Please ascertain whether Territorial H.Q. Milan have received an Italian Army truck and trailer bearing the following particulars:

	Registered Nos.	Engine Nos.	Chassis Nos.
Truck	AMB MILAN 000737	011674	00545
Trailer	AMB MILAN 000556	" "	2487.

2. These vehicles should have been handed in sometime in August, and we are still awaiting confirmation of receipt.

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in Italia any truck and trailer bearing the following particulars:

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Trailer	AMS MILAN 000556	- -	2437.

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J. J.

Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.F.I.A.)

JL/rn

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TRANSLATIONFrom: M.of.W.To: M.M.I.A.Ref: 36216Date: 15/10/45Subject: Recovery of Italian military vehicles.-

Ref your letter Q/5/10 dated 30/6/1945

- We inform you of the license plate numbers, the type and the manufacture of the 10 lorries in possession of the ZOCCALI firm of Reggio Calabria.

FIAT 634 N. 2081

" 626 N. 2066

LANCIA 3 RO N. 1783

" " N. 1787

FIAT 634 N. 2091

7 ton lorries N. 5388337- 5388338- 538833- 5388342- 5388332.

- Kindly let us know whether we must or not carry out the recovery of a/m vehicles.-

Lgd: Russo
Gen.

R.E.
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TRANSLATION

FROM: War Ministry

REF: 221111/DM

DATE: 10 October.

TO: M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT: Forwarding of lists of vehicles of established
or presumed Military Administration ownership.

We enclose herewith the lists of vehicles and trailers of
established or presumed Italian Military Administration ownership
which are held at the following parks:

	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>M/Cycles</u>	<u>Trailers</u>
Gravellino Camp (Ivrea)	5	-	-
Alessandria Camp (M.T. Barracks)	64	2	9
Piacenza Camp	106	1	6
Brescia Camp (A.M.G.)	36	-	-
Poggio Rusco Camp	22	-	3
Ghedì Camp	642	4	29

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Balanzino during a recent visit to the said camps after authorisation
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As agreed, M.M.I.A. posters were placed on the vehicles in order to facilitate the task of tracing and salvaging them.

We are still not in possession of the lists of vehicles and trailers held in the camps of Uscio (Genoa), Ponte ^{San} Pietro (Bergamo), Bergamo, Cervia (Rimini), and Bellalida, but shall forward them as soon as they are received from the various units entrusted with their compilation.

In view of the above we beg M.M.I.A. to kindly authorise, for the time being, the withdrawal of the vehicles and trailers shown on the enclosed lists.

We take this opportunity to point out that no selection has been made of the vehicles lying in the Rho (Milan) Camp since the camp appeared to be, at the time of a visit there, in the hands of the U.R.M.I.T. (German Installations Material Recovery Office) which had its personnel installed there and, using first - class salvage equipment,

was taking away all the best stuff to be found in the camp, including several Lancia 3 RO's which were certainly military. Such vehicles, if cars, were sent to the O.M. workshops at Brescia which had collected about 400 of them on its premises, and if trucks, to the C.A.N.S.A. of Cameri. The said firms have been appointed to repair the vehicles assigned to them and afterwards return them to the U.R.M.I.T., which, in accordance with instructions from I.R.I., will issue them to civilians. The salvage concession, which is not restricted to Rho camp only, appears to have been issued by A.F.H.Q. Caserta on the notification of Milan A.M.G.

Whether the above is a correct statement of the facts or not, it still remains that a civilian organisation is taking away ex-military vehicles.

We therefore beg M.M.I.A. to intervene as necessary to stop such salvage as soon as possible and thus permit the Military Administration to regain possession of its own vehicles which are so necessary to bring up to the level of efficiency the important transport service of the Army.

Sgd. PROPERZJ

Gen.

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O. Danin Cpl.

Sgd. PROPERZJ

Gen.

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Translation

Rom 15 October 45

Note for Maj. Taylor,

- ① We return the list of vehicles in possession of civilians in the Province of PAVIA.
- ② Vehicles which are the property of the Italian Army have been uncollimated in red. -
- ③ Some of these vehicles have only the number of the chassis or motor uncollimated in red because only the former or the latter are (without any doubt) the property of the Italian Army.
- ④ Concerning the other vehicles which are not uncollimated / enquiries are being carried out. At Rom.
- ⑤ The Recovery Section of the General Army & MT Directories have already issued instructions to

property of the
(4) Concerning the other vehicles which
are not unidentifiable/engines are
being carried out. At Rome.

(5) The Recovery Section of the General
Army & MT Directorates have already
taken action & issued instructions to
Rome MT Repair Directorate to
withdraw (in agreement with the
PREFETTURA OF PERUGIA) ^{those} vehicles
5197 of the Italian
which are the property of

Rome

BALDIZINO

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	Motor		Chassis	
Isotta Fraschini	2089		2032	
Fiat 626	"	009851	"	008567
Fiat 635RM	"	355L003894	"	000239
Fiat 621	"	004152	"	002456
Bianchi LD20	"	306109166	"	306114770
Fiat 621	"		"	000089
Bianchi 500	"		"	09067
Lancia 3R0	"		"	10640
Alfa Romeo	"	22252104	"	215219 5
Alfa Romeo	"	2251639	"	2154984
Fiat 1100	"	201760	"	201806
GM Taurus	"	23592	"	20118
Bianchi	"		"	406634885
Ceirano	"	8342	"	31309
Lancia	"		"	1028636
Fiat 621	"	324004855	"	001364
Fiat 618	"	118/A/011448	"	618XM 005238
Spa 38	"	18/RO/13716	"	04333815/ 7229290 - M20174 M 75
GM Taurus	"	21443	"	21443 153730
Fiat 621	"	324001929	"	00288
Fiat 500	"		"	007393
Spa 38	"	008260	"	34453
Bianchi 59	"		"	52442
Fiat ISTR	"		"	4087
Bianchi Medios <i>Andis</i>	"	600634588	"	406634739
Spa 38	"	009776	"	36197
Lancia 3R0	"	102/11652	"	5796/9070
Lancia RO	"	1898	"	2693
GM	"	9719		
Fiat 626	"	605333	"	005421

Model	Motor	Chassis
Bianchi Mediolanum	600632275	3770
Ceirano 47	" 7980	" 29834
Fiat 633	" 00991	" 000071
Bianchi Milles	" 600634663	" 9331
Lancia 3 RD	" 1593	" 1712
Bianchi Milles	" 600633690	" 9319
Fiat 665	"	" 006755
Lancia 3R0	" 6445	" 564/6035
Spa 36	"	" 0223625
OM Taurus	" 24287	" 22833 } ?
OM Taurus	"	" 22833 }
Fiat 626	"	" 006055
Spa	" 20104	" 10022
Isotti Fraschini	" 2007	" 2007
Bianchi Milles	" 600633203	" 8832
Spa	"	" 51629
Fiat 626	" 226-002349	" 0022-19
Bianchi Mediolanum	" 600633260	" 8869
Lancia	" 1040	" 167/1052
Spa	" 008361	" 008361 64647
Fiat 626	" 007568	" 003595
Fiat 621RN	" 324 0033494	" 00051
Fiat 618	" 1141	" 001128
Fiat 626	"	" 16715
Ceirano	" 5094835	" 31792
CM 3 BOD	" 0981	" 10987
Fiat 665	" 000376	" 000363
Fiat 626	" 009605	" 500953
Bianchi Milles	" 600633127	" 8756
" "	" 606-33415	" 9044
Fiat 618	" N 118/4011520	

OM 5 th BOD	Motor	Chassis	N822
OM	"	"	22936
Ceirano 47	"	"	6098
O.M. CRD	"	"	N0299
Spa 38	" 021672	"	018264
Spa 38R	" 009683	"	36104
Fiat 666	" 06404	"	003989
Fiat 634	" 009923	"	108146
Lancia 3RO	"	"	564/2937 <i>562/2932</i>
Bianchi Mediolanum "	206536919	"	305636949
Lancia 3 RO	"	"	1029112
Alfa Romeo 500	"	"	2252066
Fiat OL	"	"	646328
Spa	"	"	108872
OM CRD	"	"	23241
OM Taurus	"	"	22133
Ceirano 47	" 5043	"	32102
Fiat 626	"	"	006612
O.M. TAURUS	" 23241	"	23241

Subject: Recovery of Military Materials

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MMIA)
Rosa
Q/S/10

October 1945

To : Minister for War

Ref your 220247/11 of 26 September 1945 above subject
227-5-18

1. As you know, all materials captured from the Germans or acquired as a result of the Germans' surrender in the North are classified as captured enemy material, regardless of whether it is of German or Italian origin or its original ownership, and under AFHQ instructions are under control of the Allied Military Commander in the Area. Certain of these materials are used for Allied purposes, and certain materials become available to the Italian Army on authority of the District Commander.
2. A large amount of captured enemy material has already been allotted to the Italian Army, and has been recovered through the efforts of the Recovery Commissions and MMIA. This runs into thousands of tons of motor vehicle material, clothing and other items. However, the material must be released by the Districts after the Allied requirements have been met, and this obviously requires that the Districts first inventory the material in the dumps to ascertain what is there. Once this has been done, then MMIA makes every effort to secure the material which can be used by the Italian Army.
3. It is suggested that you direct your Territorial Commanders to report to the MMIA LO on the spot the availability of any material known to them which has not been released to the Italian Army in order that the MMIA LO may secure release from the District Commander and also that your Territorial Commander be instructed to recover such material as is in the hands of civilians without fear of favor.

CPK/lak

cc: MMIA LO Milan
MMIA LO Genoa
MMIA LO Turin
MMIA LO Bolzano
MMIA LO Udine
MMIA LO Florence

CLAYTON F. KENNEDY
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MMIA)

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Translation.

Military Territorial Command, Milan.
G.H.Q. Service Office.

Milan. 27 September 1945.

The Italian Military authorities have been authorized by the Allied Supreme Command to proceed with the recovery (over and above military material illegally possessed by civilians) of said material sold to civilians by the enemy before the surrender.

However any military material belonging to the Italian army sold by the Germans within 3 months preceeding the surrender will be considered annulled, and the material could be recovered by Italian administration.

Whoever is in possession of said material is requested to declare it to Italian Military Command or the local C.C.R.R. command.

Sgt Fabre /ps

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Subject: Italian Army Vehicles and Property

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

✓ October 1945

To : Chief Commissioner, ALCOM

1. Under date of 28 September, the Minister for War reports that a civilian firm, known as the Ufficio Recupero Materiali Italo Tedeschi, located in Milan has been authorized by AMG for the purpose of salvaging all vehicles and material in that area, and especially removing vehicles from the salvage depot of 830 in Milan.

2. The Minister for War contends that this firm is taking possession of vehicles and other property of the Italian War Ministry and converting such vehicles and property to its own use, thereby depriving the Italian Government of Italian State property.

3. This appears to be an organization similar to the organization organized in Genoa for the same purpose as referred to in our letter Q/S/10 of 27 September 1945, subject: "Captured Enemy Material in Genoa" 204/3

4. Inasmuch as the Minister for War alleges that this organization has been set up by AMG and is therefore beyond the control of the Italian Government, it is requested that the matter be investigated, and the organization directed not to handle any captured enemy material which is reserved for the Italian Army by AFHQ letter AG 386.3/133 LOG-0 of 22 June 1945, subject: "Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy".


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

CPK/lak

cc: AFHQ
GOC Two District
MMIA LO, Milan.

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ANSLATION

From : M of War

Ref : 20940
016766

To : MMIA

Dtd : 28 Sep 45

Subject : Repairs to Vehicles of Italian Army Origin.

It has been brought to our knowledge that, in Northern Italy, the renovation of broken-down vehicles of Italian Army origin, and held in the Wrecked Vehicle Parks, will be entrusted to civilian firms which are connected with aircraft production.

There are no objections to this project, promising as it does, to provide the definite employment of skilled workers, and speedily to renovate a noticeable quantity of vehicles.

It is, however, necessary that the vehicles in question-when renovated-should be used in the reorganisation of the Armed Forces, the latter being unable to rely upon other sources of supply for this purpose.

In fact, no reliance may be placed upon the speedy recovery of vehicles of the Italian Army, at present employed with Public Services, Partisan Cooperatives, etc. in Northern Italy. It was recently ordered under the present circumstances- to leave the said vehicles at their

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In fact, no reliance may be placed upon the speedy recovery of vehicles of the Italian Army, at present employed with Public Services, Partisan Cooperatives, etc. in Northern Italy. It was recently ordered -under the present circumstances- to leave the said vehicles at their present locations, and, for the time being, solely ^{to make} ~~make~~ a census of them.

In view of the fact that the latter decision has been taken following a decision to assign to the Italian Army, for reorganisation purposes, the number of vehicles at present held in Wrecked Vehicle Parks in N. Italy -a decision also favoured by General Browning -future and different assignment of the said vehicles would inevitably result in this Ministry not being in ^{the} position of having at its disposal materials which are indispensable to the reorganisation of Army units.

We must courteously ask the MMIA to bring its attention to bear on this matter, in order to avoid that referred to above.

The Minister,
sgd. Jacini.

Transit

From: M of W
To: MMIA

Ref. No. 6/10308

Date: Sept. 28, 1945

9/5/10

Subject: Recovery of M.T.

The Territorial Military Command of Bologna informed this S.M. that the Partisans Association of Padua is handicapping the recovery of Italian Army M.T. unlawfully held by civilians in the province of Belluno.

The aforementioned Army Command has already approached local Allied authorities in Belluno.

The foregoing is brought to your attention in order that your mission may take whatever steps are deemed necessary with the Allied agencies concerned for the purpose of straightening out the matter.

Signed: Grede Rouco

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Subject: Captured Enemy Material in Genoa

Land Forces
Sub Commissioner, AC (MMIA)
Rome
9/5/10

27 September 1945

To : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

1. It has been reported by the Italian Army that the Prefect of Genoa has organized a concern called the "Comitato Recupero" which is searching for, selecting and disposing of by sale all types of captured enemy material including British and US property. In addition, the Prefect is alleged to be collecting and selling ammunition, both German and Allied, to private firms, which action is in direct contravention of AFHQ instructions on disposal of ammunition which provide that no ammunition will be placed in the hands of private firms or individuals.
2. The Italian Army officials further allege that the Prefect has been informed by them of the proper method of handling this material, but that he is openly hostile, and bases his actions on alleged approval of his actions by AMG officials in the area.
3. It is therefore requested that you instruct the Regional Commissioner, Liguria to authorize General Brattini, Commanding the 2d Territorial Headquarters of the Italian Army to check the records of this "Comitato Recupero" working under the Prefect of Genoa, in order to clear up the situation and place Allied and captured enemy property under control as provided in AFHQ instructions.

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

CPK/lak

cc: AFHQ (3)
MMIA LO, Milan
MMIA LO, Genoa

H.P.I.A.

MIA TO MILAN

APRD. HTA O MAINT.
201 SUB AREA FOR MIA TO.

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FOR EDWARDS(.) REF CMA 0618 OF 25 SEPTEMBER(.) ONE(.) YOU WILL BE AT HQ HTA
 O MAINT OFFICE ON OCT 1st 43 45 ~~NOT~~ ^{NOT VALLY} WHERE YOU WILL MEET FRANKLIN OF
 IN SUB COMMISSION AND ARRANGE WITH HIM RENTAL OF VEHICLE TO ITALY(.)
 TWO(.) FRANKLIN WILL BRING NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS(.) THREE (.) AFTER YOUR
 FOR 5300 REFERS(.) ACK

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Translation

From : MGA
 To : MIA
 Subject : Recovery of military materials.

Ref. 220247/11
 Date Sent. 26. 1945

1. The Polzano Mil. Terr. Command has forwarded copies of some correspondence between the No. 5th Army and the MIA 10 at said Mil. Terr. Command. From said letters (copies enclosed) we have made out that the No. 5th Army did not grant authority to 24th Recovery Commission to visit main material depots existing in the provinces of Polzano and Trento, for eventual recovery of materiel once belonging to Italian Army.

2. As MIA, with letter 2/5/10 dated July 3, 1945, confirmed the fact that one of the main duties of the Mil. Terr. Command was to recover all of the materiel belonging to the Italian Army, and declared that MIA was interested in seeing that the recovery of materiel and the re-use of Italian military materiel work was crowned with success, I beg to report what was reported by Polzano Mil. Terr. Command for the necessary action which you may deem advisable to take.

3. I take the liberty to report that the authority to recover and transport of materiel should be granted as soon as possible, as the quantities of materiel existing there is growing smaller and smaller (in particular, M.T. materiel, clothing, mountain rations and materials), owing to illegal removals, and frequent withdrawals carried out by order of the Allied authorities.

The Minister

Jacini

Col. VII

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R.M.I.A.

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R.M.I.A. L.O. MILAN FOR EDWARDS

201 SUB AREA FOR ROMA LO
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ONE(.) AFHQ ADVISE BTA HAS CONSIDERABLE
NUMBER OF ITALIAN VEHICLES MOSTLY NON RUNNERS
AWAITING CLEARANCE FROM DEMIL PARKS THERE TO
ITALY(.) BTA HAS NO MEANS OF CLEARING THESE
BUT ANXIOUS TO MOVE THEM TO ITALY IN VIEW OF
NEAR APPROACH OF WINTER(.) TWO(.) YOU WILL GO
TO HQ BTA SOONEST AND ARRANGE REMOVAL OF VEHICLES
TO ITALY FOR ITALIAN ARMY(.) THREE(.) AUTHORITY
GRANTED FOR ITALIAN LOS AND DRIVERS TO ENTER
AUSTRIA UNDER BTA ARRANGEMENTS AND BRITISH SUPERVISION
FOR REMOVAL OF VEHICLES FX 45300 DATED 23 SEP (.)
REPORT ACTION AND PROGRESS

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S.T.
R.E.M.E.

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Translation

File

From : AOM
To : Circular

2/5/10

Ref.: 220650/II

Date:

Further to and clarifying signal 220650/II which was sent to Turin and Milan Mil. Terr. Commands only.

In regard to the recovery of military trucks held by civilians, I wish to point out that:

a census of all vehicles proved to be Italian Army property should be carried out immediately;

vehicles held by civilians should be withdrawn immediately;

vehicles held by public undertakings or partisan cooperatives and repatriates and intended for public utilities' transport will be left temporarily to said units and withdrawn only gradually.

The addressee Hqs. will make ^{a plan} ~~arrangements~~ with the prefects for the withdrawal of vehicles left temporarily at public and cooperative authorities and will forward details of the ~~arrangements~~ ^{plan} to the Arty and M.T. Directorate General.

(sgd) Jacini

Cpl. VDC

cooperative authorities and will forward details of the ~~airplane~~ ^{plane} to the Arty and M.T. Directorate General.

(sgd) Jacini

Cpl. VDC

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Subject: Release of Captured Enemy Material.

Joint Forces Sub Commission A.C.

8/5/40 - A.C.

21 September, 1945.

To:-

U.S. I.A. L.O.
c/o 7 Ave.

1. Reference your JFSC/5/6 dated 11 Aug 45, and our
JFSC dated 15 Aug 45 to C (AS) A.P.S.C.

2. Attached copy of A.P.S.C. letter AFM/5046/2(AS)
dated 17 September 45 giving ruling regarding 31 vehicles in
Germany at Berlin.

3. It is requested you arrange with Headquarters U.S.
for the recovery of these vehicles for the Italian Army, and
report action urgently.

[Signature]
Major General.
U. S. I. A.

[Signature]
SEE *[Signature]*

cc: JFSC

cc: JFSC, U.S. I.A. L.O. Italy, Milan.

See 6 5 JFSC

JFSC

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Subject: Release of Captured Enemy Material.

ATTACHED FORMS: HEADQUARTERS

TEL. NO. PRISONER 971

ARMY/50.6/2 (A)

17 September 45

For: 1st Army Group and Headquarters A.I. (P.O. 10)

Reference is made to your 9/5/45 and 17 September 45.

1. The policy regarding the return of vehicles of Italian origin to either Allied Forces, or the Land Forces, A.I. (P.O. 10), for the Italian Ministry of War, is governed by para. 93(5) of the H.Q. Directive 43 386.3/163 100-0 dated 22 June 45.
2. The ruling given in this directive appears to be sound and not in need of amendment at the present time.
3. If there is any real question of doubt as to whether a vehicle was previously Italian Army property, visibly identifiable by the A.I. on the dashboard or instrument panel, or civilian property, then, under the terms of the directive, the U.S. I.A. will determine the ownership and subsequent allocation in conjunction with Allied Commission.
4. This section letter ARMC/5051/0(A) dated 6 September 45 is cancelled where it is at variance with the above policy.

(signed) D. Burns Lt. Col.

For Major General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

24/45

Copy for: 2-5 10/45
File 3072.

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Copy 10/45

MESSAGE FORM

FROM : M.M.I.A.

TO : 217 AREA

INFO : S.M.R.E.

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UNCLASSIFIED (.) ST/1228 (.) FOR 68 ARMY REGT FOR BYATT (.)
 ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR TRANSFER OF FOLLOWING SURPLUS EFFICIENT
 VEHICLES EX 210 ADM DIV TO NO 4 TERN ARM TPT COY BOLZANO (.) MOTORCYCLES
 5 (.) PASSENGER VEH 6 (.) JOURNALS 22 (.) 210 DIV WILL DELIVER (.)
 FOR EDWARDS (.) 10 INEFFICIENT VEH EX 210 DIV WHICH ARE IMMOBILE REMAIN
 AT PESQUERA WITH 21 RECOVERY SECTION (.) REMAINING INEFFICIENTS HAVE
 BEEN TRANSFERRED TO REPAIRS UNIT MILAN. CONVERSATIONS MILLS - EDWARDS AT
 BOLZANO REFER

PRECEDENCE

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M. J. J.

BEEN TRANSFERRED TO RECORDS UNIT

BOUZANO REFER

Shenker

PRECEDENCE

William L. By

AUTHENTICATION

LT. COL.

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REMS

Dr.

Subject:- Captured Enemy Material

Land Forces Sub Commission. AC.
(M. M. I A.)
2/5/40
3 September 45.

To:-

Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

1. Inviting attention to these inclosures.
2. a. The vehicles referred to in incl 1 are of military origin, and in accordance with para 2 of incl 1 are therefore military vehicles to be returned to the Italian Government contrary to the contentions in incl 3.
b. However, the vehicles have been requisitioned by AMG, and are now in the possession of AMG, in direct contravention of the AFHQ directive that these are 'captured enemy vehicles' and are not subject to AMG requisitions.
3. It is therefore requested that you direct AMG, Piemonte Region, to deliver the vehicles forthwith to the MMIA HQ at Turin, who will secure receipts for them as captured property.
4. If you then desire the vehicles to be used in public service, the Italian Army will be directed to place the vehicles in such service, operated by Italian Army personnel.
5. Request information of action taken.

CLAYTON P. FURR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (M. I A.)

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- 3 Incls:
Incl 1 - Ltr G-5, AFHQ, 8-22, 31 Aug 45
Incl 2 - Ltr MMIA, 8/5/40, 25 Aug 45
Incl 3 - 1st Ind, Regional Transport Officer,
Piemonte Region, 9 Aug 45

cc: LG, Turin

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Subject: Anthony J. Lee, alias

and Robert Lee, alias, et al.
C. R. 7, 7-1
10-10
10-10-1965

Re:

Fortress, N.Y.
Re: Memorial Service for Robert Lee, alias, et al.

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It is requested that you advise me by letter 9/15/65
and in October, 1965.

[Signature]
J. Edgar Hoover, Jr.
The Major General
C. R. 7, 7-1

Very truly,

Director of FBI
Anthony J. Lee, alias, et al.
Robert Lee, alias, et al.

WJH

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CIRCULAR

From : Military Territorial H.Q. TENOA (II)

Ref : 10/10/1/1000.

To : H. of War

Ref : 20 Aug 49

Director of Security of Arch. and International

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Subject : Revelation of the Prof. of Tenoa.

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For the information of the H. of War, and in order that a clear idea may be formed of the political situation in the first national area of the II Republic, I forward herewith (luc. No. 1), a document to be read by an officer who, for political recovery reasons, is in contact with the President of Tenoa.

In addition, I attach copies (luc.)
 - of a letter from the said President (luc. 1) ;
 - of a letter in reply to him (luc. 2) ; (both letters forwarded to the H. of War - Cabinet by letter No. 02/1700 of 7th Aug 49) ;
 - of all correspondence of the officer mentioned above with the II Republic in the Tenoa area (Major Macdonald) (luc. 4) .

The Military Government, 5777
 General Macdonald Ind.

8/10/49
 J. Macdonald

TRANSLATIONAttachment 1.COPI

Ref : 739 241
 Dtd : 23 Jun 45

From : Prefecture of Turin
 To : SAC - Turin

I have been informed that, on the 21 of this month, the authorized and self-styled representatives of the Territorial H.Q.'s of Turin and Turin have presented themselves in some of the houses of the province in order to withdraw, from private owners, vehicles, types and spare parts formerly the property of the Italian or Fascist Republican armies.

For fear of impoverishing the transport capabilities of the province, and not having been forewarned by the said H.Q.'s, on the 21st of this month, I issued, telegraphically, the following instructions to all the Mayors of the Province :

"It has become known that today, both authentic and self-styled representatives of the Territorial H.Q.'s of Turin and Turin have presented themselves to my Communal offices of this province, requesting the immediate restoration of the assignment of vehicles formerly belonging to the Italian and Fascist Republican armies, and likewise the types and spare parts. Inform local population that requests for handing-over must not, at any cost, be granted without the said H.Q.'s having in the must not, at any cost, be granted without the said H.Q.'s having in the necessary to make contact with

"It has become known that today, both authentic and self-styled representatives of the Territorial M.A. of Turin and Genoa have presented themselves to many Town Hall offices of this Province, requesting the immediate restoration of the insignias, of vehicles formerly belonging to the Italian and Fascist Republican Armies, and likewise the trees and square parts. Inform local populations that requests for handing-over must not, at any cost, be granted without the sign H.V. having in the first place been informed that it is necessary to make contact with this Prefecture, or orders having been issued regarding this matter by the Provincial Allied C.E."

I consider it my duty to communicate the above to A.M.C. for information and necessary action.

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The Prefect,
AVV. C. VERZANO.

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Attachment 2.
 Date: 02/17/2018
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30- I have issued no order stating that the vehicles should be withdrawn, but only that their existence should be confirmed, and that they should remain at the service of those who hold them, with the sole provision that neither the vehicles, nor removable parts thereof, **must** be evacuated.

44- It is for this reason that the representatives have not contested the Prefecture. The census, which is a confirmation of existence, is made of all military materials, and is a procedure which does not, in any way, interfere with the civil government of the Province.

50- Going to Turin, I have myself contacted the Prefecture, and so has the General second in command. Other officers, who for reasons of their duties would have not to discuss certain matters with the Prefecture, have done likewise. The officers who take the census of materials of various categories, fulfill nothing but a task of confirmation, on account of which the Prefecture seems to have nothing returned itself.

55- The territory of the Province of Turin is, from a military point of view, under the jurisdiction of the Territorial M.O. of Genoa, therefore this matter does not interest the Military Territory of Turin. I have written to the latter M.O. Annex to inform them, that intervention on their part is in no way necessary.

The General Commanding,
Mario Pratini.

Pratini

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MEMORANDUMAttachment 3

TO : Military Territorial D.O. G-104 (II).
 FROM : MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF S.M.

The Prefect of Chusco, whom I visited, together with Doctor Castrocalle of the Industrial Union and Captain Arce, on the 6th of this month, has expressed opinions, which, in brief, are :

- 1a) - That, owing to the fact that he represented the Government, the only representative with executive authority in the province, was himself. Therefore, nothing could be done to effect the recovery of the vehicles (in the possession of civilians and presumed or known to be the property of the Military Administration), whether now held by private individuals or cooperative firms), except through his own offices.
- 2a) - That, in his opinion, with regard to this particular matter, he considers that the Italian Army, which claims the right to take action against those civilians, should be considered as an individual, and should adhere to legal methods. To authorize such assertions he quoted I do not remember what order, which places lawyers in a privileged position to deal with disputes which might arise (if not particularly concerning the Italian Army), from cases of a general nature.
- 3a) - That the circulars issued by the Ministry of War, even if in agreement with the DIA, do not have, at the moment only a due force, inasmuch as :
 - a) - The Province of Chusco, is not yet in territory which

civilian, should be considered as an individual, and should adhere to legal authority. To authorize such assertions he quoted I do not remember what order, which placed lawyers in a privileged position to deal with disputes which might arise (if not particularly concerning the Italian army), from cases of a general nature.

3c)-That the circulars issued by the Ministry of War, even if in agreement with the DIA, do not have, at the moment any value for him, inasmuch as :

a)- The Province of Lucca, is not yet in territory which comes under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government, therefore he could recognize no other authority than the A.M.G. If the Ministry intended therefore, to issue orders thereto, they should be made through the offices of the above-mentioned A.M.G.

b)- The M of War could not impose direct authority over the private retailers of the vehicles, but could only act through the offices of the Prefecture and by the above-indicated means **5774**

In addition to this own opinion of not being able to withdraw the vehicles from the civilians, he put forward the following reasons:

a)- That the withdrawal of vehicles, would, ~~have repercussions upon the communication, transportation, and in particular to the food-supply services.~~ ~~transport services in general, and in particular to the food-supply services.~~

b)- That the withdrawal, even of a few vehicles would have thrown

the civil population, to a panic, and in part I am, you have have disturbed the emergency partisan cooperatives.

c)-That the measure would have probably brought about the ^{realizing} ~~even~~ ~~grave~~ ^{transient} ~~persecutions~~ ^{on the part of the retailers} ~~especially those of~~ ^{repercussions on the emergency services}, which at food-supply, and to the re-appearance of the partisan disputes, which at present, is being eliminated through the help that the political authorities have sought to render to ~~taxes~~ ^{employment} to put them on the road to rehabilitation and ~~employment~~.

The Director for Vehicle Repairs.

Major Enzo Pirani.

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COPYTRANSLATIONAttachment 4MEMORANDUM FOR THE IIF COMLIER.

In the Province of Suco, lorries have been traced, but remain there at present, with their present owners.

This has been done at my suggestion, verbal agreements having been made with the A.S.S.

However, investigation is absolutely necessary.

With regard to whether or not a prompt withdrawal is advisable, it appears to me that we ourselves ~~xxxxxxxx~~ not knowing the needs of the Army, are competent to judge.

Enzo Marchese.

B.S. Vinary

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Subject: Italian Army Vehicle

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

19 September 1945

To : A.F.H.Q. for Q/AE

Inviting attention to two inclosures with reference to an alleged Italian Army Truck.

Request that the records be checked inasmuch as the truck referred to may be captured property of the British Army. If so, the Italian Army cannot recover.

However, if it is not captured property of the British Army, request that it be returned to the Italian Army, thru our Liaison Officer, Naples.

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

CPK/ac

cc: L/O, Naples

SUBJECT: Recovery of Italian
Army M.I.

Major General L. Reuning, CG, GHE, MC,
Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
M.M.I.A.,

R O M E

15/5/50

19 September 1945

Dear

Reference our talk this morning and your memo to Chief Commissioner dated 19 Sep on above subject:-

1. M.M.I.A. is prepared to agree to your proposed "compromise", subject to the conditions in attached letter.

2. I suggest that Chief Commissioner in his talk to PARTI this afternoon:-

- (a) makes clear that the Italian Army title to the vehicles in question is incontestable and in accordance with orders from the C.C.S.
- (b) mentions the proposed "compromise".
- (c) deprecates the hostility shown by Prefects etc. to the Italian Army authorities in connection with this whole business, as those Army authorities are merely carrying out their orders.
- (d) takes the opportunity to mention the attacks on the new Italian Army by Italians in the press (of the TURIN campaign recently) when it is so necessary that the prestige and authority of that Army (on which ultimately the safety of ITALY, internal and external, depends) should be increased to the maximum possible at this time.

- (b) mentions the proposed "campaigns".
- (c) deprecates the hostility shown by Italians etc. to the Italian Army authorities in connection with this whole business, as these Army authorities are merely carrying out their orders.
- (d) takes the opportunity to mention the attacks on the new Italian Army by Italians in the press (of the TURIN campaign recently) when it is so necessary that the prestige and authority of that Army (on which ultimately the safety of ITALY, internal and external, depends) should be increased to the maximum possible at this time.

Yours

L. B.

Brigadier M. S. LIND, CB, CBE, MC,
Executive Commissioner,
Allied Commission.

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

18 September 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Liaison Division
Office of the Executive Commissioner

1. All Italian Army trucks are the property of the Italian Government, not MMIA, which only authorizes the War Ministry to dispose of vehicles which are considered to be of no further value to the Army. We do not dictate to the Ministry the disposition of such property, and should not be put in the position of disposing of Italian Government property.
2. The procedure is:-
 - a. The individual applies direct to the War Ministry for right to purchase a vehicle.
 - b. War Ministry decides if they have any vehicles they want to sell to applicant, and reports the vehicles to MMIA.
 - c. MMIA inspects vehicles and determines if they have any military value. If not, War Ministry is authorized to dispose of the vehicle under their own arrangements.
 - d. War Ministry and purchaser conclude the transaction.

CPK/ac

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CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel Infantry

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Subject: Recovery of Italian Army property.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.H.I.C.) H.C.H.S.
✓ 9/10

17 Sep 45

Chief Coordinator, A.C.

1. In continuation of previous information sent you on the above subject, I attach herewith further illuminating documents, which show the attitude of the Civil Government to the orders issued by A.C. that Italian Army vehicles shall be returned to the Italian Army.
2. I should be grateful if you could inform me of the result of your talk to M. PALLI and what action you are taking in this connection.

L. Browning

Major General,
M.H.I.C.

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From : Military Territorial E. . OMA (SI)
 To : Ministry of War,
 Director General of Art & Motorization.

Ref : 02/2181/Serv.

Date : 20 Aug 45.

Subject : Dealings with the Prefecture of Omeo.

For the information of the Ministry of War, and in order that a clear idea may be formed concerning the political authorities in the jurisdictional area of the II Consistor, I forward herewith (Enc. No. 3) a report made to me by an officer who, for various recovery reasons, made contact with the Prefect of Omeo.

In addition, I attach as last:

- of a letter from the said Prefect (Enc. 1);
- of my letter in reply to this (Enc. 2); (both already forwarded to Ministry of War - Cabinet with letter No. 02/2800 dated 7 Aug 45);
- of the name of the officer authorized to represent the II Consistor in the Omeo Area (Major Maurizio Vico) (Enc. 4.)

The Military Commandant,
 General Marco Prattini

Attachment 1.

From : Prefecture of Genoa.

Ref : 739 GAB

To : A.M. - Genoa

Date : 23 Jul 45.

I have been informed that, on the 21 of this month, both authentic and self-styled representatives of the Territorial U. I. of Genoa and Turin have presented themselves in some of the Communes of the Province in order to withdraw, from private owners, vehicles, tyres and spare parts formerly the property of the Italian or Fascist Republican Action.

For fear of impoverishing the transport availability of the Province, and not having been concerned by the said U. I. on the 21st of this month, I issued, telegraphically, the following instructions to all the Mayors of the Province:

"It has become known that today, both authentic and self-styled representatives of the Territorial U. I. of Turin and Genoa have presented themselves to some Municipal Offices of this Province, requesting the issuance of authorization by the municipality, of vehicles formerly belonging to the Italian and Fascist Republican Action, and likewise tyres and spare parts. Inform local populations that requests for hand-over of such property, at any rate, be granted without the said U. I. having in the past been informed that it is necessary to make contact with this Prefecture, or orders having been issued regarding this matter by the Provincial Allied U. I."

I consider it my duty to communicate the above to A.M.G. for information and necessary action.

The Prefect.
AVV. G. VERZANO.

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Enclosed 2.

From : Military Territorial R. T. Genco.
 To : The Prefect of Gono.
 Subject : Vehicles belonging to the 1. Man or Militia Republican
 Armed Forces.

I have received, for due information, the copy of your letter
 No. 752/CAS dated 23 July 45.

I hereby state that :

1. I have sent to the provinces of Gono, as likewise, to the other
 three provinces of the territory under my jurisdiction, authorized
 representatives, furnished with proper identification, to whom is entrusted
 the task of a census of the military vehicles held by civilians.
2. If there are, in circulation, unauthorized representatives of
 my R. T., it would be necessary to give notice in writing concerning them,
 in order that they may be arrested.
3. I have issued no order stating that the vehicles should be
 withdrawn, but only that their existence should be notified, and that they
 should remain at the service of those who hold them with the sole provision
 that neither the vehicles, nor removable parts thereof must be evacuated.
4. It is for this reason that the same representatives have not
 contacted the prefecture. The census, which is a notification of existence,
 is not of all military materials, but is a procedure which has not, in
 any way, interfered with the civil government of the provinces.
5. After to Gono, I have myself contacted the Prefecture, and we had
 the General located in command. Other officers, and the members of their
 section would have had to consult on the matter with the Prefecture, have
 been likewise. The officers who take the census of materials of various
 categories, fulfill nothing but a task of notification, in respect of which
 the Prefecture seems to have totally disturbed itself.
6. The territory of the Province of Gono, is from a military
 point of view, under the jurisdiction of the Territorial R. T. of Gono,
 therefore, this matter does not interest the Military Territorial R. T. of
 Turin. I have written to the latter R. T. to inform them, that
 intervention on their part is in no way necessary.

The General commanding
 Enrico Pettini.

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Attachment 2.

From : Ministry for Italian E. C. C. 03/04 (II)

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF S.I.

The Director of S.I., whom I visited, together with Director of the Industrial Union and Captain Arnes, in the City of this study, have expressed opinions, which, in brief are:

1. That, owing to the fact that he represented the Government, the only representative with executive authority in the province, was himself. Therefore, nothing could be done to offset the recovery of the shelled (in the opinion of civilians and promised in 1940 to be the property of the military administration, whether or held by private individuals or co-operative firms), except through his own actions.
2. That, in his opinion, with regard to the particular matter, he considered that the Italian Army, which has the right to take action against these civilians, should be considered as an individual, and should suffer no legal actions. To authorize such action he stated I do not remember what order, which placed lawyers in a privileged position to deal with disputes which might arise (if not actionably concerning the Italian Army) even in case of a general nature.

3. That the problems caused by the Ministry of War, even if in agreement with the S.I. do not involve, at the present, any value for him, inasmuch as:

- (a) The Province of Sarno, not yet in territory which comes under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government, therefore he would recognize no other authority than the A.S.C. If the Ministry intended therefore, to issue orders through the Ministry of War, the Ministry of War should be made through the offices of the above mentioned A.S.C.
- (b) The Ministry of War could not involve direct authority over the private business of the civilians, but could only act through the offices of the Prefecture and by the above indicated entities.

In addition to his own opinion of not being able to withdraw the violations from the civilians, he put forward the following reasons:

- (1) That the provincial would, owing to the severity of other result of its limitations, have had representations upon the Government services in general, and in particular to the food-supply services.

(a) The province of Oruro, not yet in territory under control of the Italian Government, therefore is to be considered as other authority than the A.S.A. If the Ministry intended to go on, to issue orders through the offices of the above mentioned A.S.A.

(b) The Ministry of War could not impose direct authority over the private citizens of the Italian, but could only act through the offices of the Prefecture and by the above mentioned A.S.A.

In addition to his own opinion of not being able to withdraw the vehicles from the civilians, he put forward the following reasons:

(1) That the withdrawal would, owing to the necessity of other means of communication, have had repercussions upon the transport services in general, and in particular to the food-stuff services.

(2) That the withdrawal, even of a few vehicles would have thrown the civil population into a panic, and in particular, would have disturbed the Italian Co-operatives.

(3) That the measures would have probably brought about the halting of the vehicles, on the part of the resistance, resulting even greater repercussions on the transport services; especially those of food-supply, and to the re-emergence of the Italian dispute, which at present, is being eliminated through the help that the political authorities have sought to render to obtain the essential elements to put them on the road to rehabilitation and employment.

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The Director for Vehicle Control,
Major Enzo Pizzi.

8 Attachment 4.

REPORT ON THE SITUATION IN THE PROVINCE OF CHINEE.

In the Province of Chinee, Latrice have been traced, but remain there at present, with their present owners.

This has been done at my suggestion, verbal agreements having been made with the A.B.C.

However, investigation is absolutely necessary.

With regard to whether or not a prompt withdrawal is advisable, it appears to me that we ourselves knowing the needs of the Army, are competent to judge.

Enclosed.

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TRANSLATION

From : M.O.W.
To : Florence Mil Terr Command
Directorate of M.T Repairs.

Ref
Date :

Subject : Recovery of Vehicles of Italian Army Origin in use in the
various provinces of Tuscany.

With ref to and following letter 28282/5813 dated the 14th of August 45
of the same subject.

M.M.I.A. have informed this Ministry that your Directorate have
understood the instructions in the said letter, ^{mean} that the vehicles at
present being used by civilians in the various provinces of the territory
may be left at their disposal up to the 31st of October .

It is pointed out that the instructions mentioned above are in
accordance with the program of gradual returning of vehicles which you
should have compiled in agreement with the various Prefectures concerned,
and that the 31st of October (as clearly stated in para 2 of letter
28282/5813) should be considered as the limit date granted for the
carrying out of said program which must however be started immediatly
and completed in time.

Kindly Acknowledge.

WH/CPL

Signed PG PROPERZJ.

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WIRELESS MESSAGE

DATE SENT

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FROM: MOSA

TO: LA HABANA

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URGENTLY REQUIRED: BUREAU OF TARIFFS AND CUSTOMS
IN THE AT CUBA AIRFIELD

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Subject: Captured Enemy Material.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
9/3/49
14 September, 1949.

To:-

Marbourn II. .
War Material Material & I.P. . Sub Commission, A.C.

1. It has been reported that No. 5 Renault Unit in Florence is holding a new-runner French civilian truck Renault Type 090 engine No. 6796A.
2. As this is not an Italian Army vehicle, it is requested that you arrange for its recovery and subsequent transfer to the French Authorities.

J. A. C. M. I. Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to:-

Ministry of War.
M.M.I. . I.P. c/o Florence City Council (reference ST/L/V 7 dated 26 Aug 49).
M.M.I. & I.P. Sub Commission.

21/10/49

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TRANSMISSION.

From: Ministry of War.

Q/5/10

Ref: 19524/D.M.
014138.

Date: 14/9/45.

To: M.M.I.A.

Subject: Recovery of R.E. Vehicles.

Reference G/5/10 dated the 20/5/45.

1) - Further to signal 16830/O12938 dated the 13/3/45 of this Ministry

General Directorate of Arty. and M.T.

2) - We forward hereunder the report on the handing over of the 21 vehicles in excess of requirements of the Industrial Inspection Unit according to data from S.M.R.E. Information Office:

a) - Already handed over to the units shown:

See original.

b) - Assigned to M.T. Group of the Information Office in letter
6/7215/Serv. dated the 18/7/45 of the Services Office of the SMRE:

See original.

c) - To be handed over to units shown:

See original.

3) - The above is forwarded for your information and for eventual modification of orders given in letter mentioned above, which ordered the complete handing over of vehicles in excess of 1st Repairs Unit.

Properly.

Carter.

b) - Assigned to M.T. Group of the Information Office in letter 6/7215/Serv. dated the 18/7/45 of the Services Office of the SMRE:

(See original)
See original.

c) - To be handed over to units shown:

See original.

3) - The above is forwarded for your information and for eventual modification of orders given in letter mentioned above, which ordered the complete handing over of vehicles in excess of 1st Repairs Unit.

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Subject: Requisition of Cars.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.H.I.A.) R O M H.
2/5/10

13 Sep 45

45 Claims & hirings

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Reference your CC. 3/45/496 dated 21 Aug 45.

Attached copy of letter from Ministry of War, giving
information as you requested.

att.

J. O. H.

R.A. CURRISS Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M.H.I.A.

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C O P Y

From: Ministry of War

Ref. 18717

To: M.M.I.A.

Date: 5 Sep 45

Subject: Requisition of Fiat 1500, Licence No. C.I. 8704,
belonging to Margheri Sebastiano.

Ref your O/10 dated 26 July 45.

1. The Fiat 1500 Licence No. C.I. 8704, belonging to MARGHERI Sebastiano, was requisitioned by British personnel on Nov 19, 1943 and de-requisitioned by British personnel on June 5, 1944.
2. On said date, the car, which could not be repaired, was issued to the HQ of SABANDA Div. The parts which could be used were used for the repairing of similar cars on charge to said Division.
3. The wreck of the car which consisted of a D/S body only was then turned in to the M.F. Materials Collection Center at Catenasso (Messina) and then to the Palermo Collection Center where it can be found at the present time.

This Ministry has given instructions for the payment of the requisition indemnity to the owner.

For the Minister

(sgd) Properijs.

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Subject: Captured Enemy Material - Release of.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(H.M.I.A.) ROME
9/5/45

Sep 45

A.F.H.Q. for G-5 Section

128 - 323 J. J. J.

1. With our letter 9/5/45 dated 25 Aug 45, addressed to Q(AS) Branch, a list of vehicles claimed as captured Enemy Material was submitted with a request for disposal instructions. In your reply to the above with letter 8-22 dated 31 Aug 45, you asserted that, as Italian Military vehicles are to be handed over to H.M.I.A., vehicles of civilian origin to A.C. and those of doubtful origin to H.M.I.A. who are to decide whether they are of civilian or military origin, the matter should be settled between A.C. and H.M.I.A. direct.

2. Similarly, another list of Army vehicles under the category of Captured Enemy Material was submitted to Q(AS) Branch in our letter 9/5/45 dated 15 Aug 45. Here, the ruling which came from Q(AS) Branch under letter AFHQ/8034/Q(AS) dated 6 Sep 45, was completely different.

3. It is requested you contact Q(AS) Branch with a view to having their ruling cancelled and a final decision along your lines arrived at. Meanwhile action has been taken in accordance with your ruling.

W. P. ...
For Major General.
H. M. I. A.

JL/wh

In reply see folio 183.

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Subject:- Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
9/5/45
12 September, 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

Reference your letter M298/6244 VHM dated 3 Sep 45.

1. With regard to action to be taken over the Army
Lorry BIANCHI MILES at present held by a civilian, the action to
be taken is clearly laid down in our letter of 9/5/45 of 7 Jul 45.
Any military vehicle held by a civilian, regardless of permission,
contracts or documents given by an Allied Officer which confirm
his possession will be returned to the Italian Army and such
permission will be regarded as null and void.

2. You will, therefore, in this case, proceed to
recover the said vehicle to the Italian Army and report to us
as soon as this has been done.

[Signature]
R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

JL/rem

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Subject:- Italian Ambulances.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
 (M. M. I. A.) ROME.
 9/5/10
12 September, 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

Reference our 9/5/10 dated 31 Aug 45, copy to you.

1. The attached letter is the reply received from our Liaison office with 1 District.
2. It is not understood why the GRI have been allowed to take away lathes from the T.T. Co. nor why they are in possession of Italian Army vehicles.
3. Unless vehicles in paragraph 2 have been authorised by this H.Q. to be in possession of the GRI, you will instruct Territorial H.Q. to recover them. They will also be instructed to recover the lathes which are badly needed for the reorganisation of the Repair Unit.

[Signature]
 P.A. JUSTICE Lt. Col.
 for Major General.
 M. M. I. A.

Copy to:-

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Subject:- FLAT 1500.Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.,
(M. M. I. A.) SCMP.
Q/5/10
7 September, 1945.

To:-

45 Claims and hirings.

Reference your 003/45/454 dated 21 Aug 45.

1. War Ministry had been ~~requested~~ to make enquiries, but so far no answer has been received.
2. A reminder has been sent to them, and you will be informed as soon as a reply is received.

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

JL/fcm

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Subject:- FIAT 1500 No. 8704.

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

2/5/40

7 September, 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

May investigation be made as to whether a car
FIAT 1500, with the following particulars, is held by the
Sabanda Division.

FIAT 1500
Type Cabriolet.
Sedan body
Colour Black and White
Five Seater
Chassis No. 001596
Engine No. 001367

Ras

R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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