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Recovery - Italian - Equipment From - Captured -
Stocks Biella - Blankets

Oct. 1945

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FROM : MMIA N. ITALY
TO : MMIA ROME
INFO : MMIA LO TURIN C/O 7 AGRA
REF : Q 140

DATE/TIME
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SIGNAL DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS M M I A SHARE OF BLANKETS FROM BIELLA
WHICH MAY AMOUNT TO 800,000

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FROM: MMIA

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TO : (FOR ACTION) AFHQ

REFERENCE NUMBER

Q 643

RESTRICTED (.) REF ALCOM SIGNAL 708 SUBJECT BIELLA BLANKETS (.)
FIRST (.) BASIS OF MMIA REQUEST FOR REMAINDER OF BLANKETS NOT
ALLOCATED BY YOU TO POW AND AUSTRIA IS THAT ITALIAN ARMY CLAIMS
ALL RAW MATERIAL FOR ALL BLANKETS WAS STOLEN FROM ITALIAN ARMY
DEPOTS BY GERMANS THEREFORE COMPLETED BLANKETS NOT DESIRED BY
AFHQ SHOULD BE RETURNED TO ITALIAN ARMY (.) SECOND (.) FACTORY
OWNERS ADMIT SOME 166,000 BLANKETS PAID FOR BY GERMANS (.) OF
THESE SOME 22,000 HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISPOSED OF BY AC/AMG (.)
THIRD (.) BALANCE OF 519,000 FACTORY OWNER CLAIMS NOT PAID FOR
BUT ADMITS RAW MATERIAL FURNISHED BY GERMANS (.) FOURTH (.) CC.RR
HAVE BEEN FURNISHED WITH EITHER NEW U S COMFORTERS OR REGULAR
ITALIAN ARMY BLANKETS ACCORDING TO SCALE (.)

PRECEDENCE

22.6

AUTHENTICATION

C. P. KERR, Colonel

cc: Hq, ALCOM

Subject: Italian / N Blankets.

M.H.I.A. North Italy.
MILAN.

Tel: Milan 13989.

MTL/4/2/1.

2 Oct 45.

To: A.C. War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission,
Milan.

Reference conversation Lt. Col. ECHINON - Major STRACHAN-AUDAS
of today's date.

1. AFHQ have already ruled that the Blankets at BIELLA are captured enemy material and as such are to be disposed of to

(a) PW
(b) MIA
(c) AC

ALCOM signal 5425 of 14 Sep refers.

2. This being the case, A.N. have no right to block or unblock any of the blankets, or to decide how many will be handed over to 2 District. The sole authority for their disposal is in fact 2 District, acting for AFHQ.
3. It is not therefore understood why your Sub-Commission, together with an Italian Claims Commission believed to be U.N.M.I.W., are now investigating the status of the blankets, which have already been declared GEM. Had any investigation been necessary, it would have been carried out by No. 2 District with representatives of all interested parties present.

In order to get the matter settled, it is requested that

ALCOM Signal 5425 of 14 Sep 1950.

2. This being the case, A.C. have no right to block or unblock any of the blankets, or to decide how many will be handed over to 2 District. The sole authority for their disposal is in fact 2 District, acting for INHO.
3. It is not therefore understood why your Sub-Commission, together with an Italian Claims Commission believed to be U.S.M.I.W., are now investigating the status of the blankets, which have already been declared CEM. Had any investigation been necessary, it would have been carried out by No.2 District with representatives of all interested parties present.
4. In order to get the matter settled, it is requested that you will withdraw the Italian Claims Commission and hand over all the blankets, including those at present on loan, to CEM Liaison Officer, 2 District.

A. J. J. J.

Lieut-Col.
Senior IMIA CO, W. Italy.

Copy to : CEM Liaison Officer, No.2 District.

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IMIA TO TURIN.

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FROM : A.P.H.Q. (SIGNED SACRED SITE PUGAS)
 TO : DISTWO
 INFO : MHA
 REF : FX12683

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UNDERSTOOD QUANTITY APPROXIMATELY 500000 BLANKETS AT V E R O E L I I(.)
 STATUS THESE BLANKETS IF THAT OF CAPTURED WINTER MATERIAL(.)
 SHOULD BE DELIVERED IN ADEQUATE FOR WINTER PRIORITIES FIRST
 SUGGESTED ^{Quantity} ~~100000~~ 100000 IN ADEQUATE FOR WINTER PRIORITIES FIRST
 SUGGESTED QUANTITY 200000 SHOULD BE SUGGESTED WINTER PRIORITIES TO
 COVER WINTER REQUIREMENTS IS COMING WINTER.

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