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From:- Director, Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.
To :- The Air Minister, Italian Air Ministry.
Date:- 9th October, 1946.
Ref :- AFSC/841/ENG.

JET PROPELLED TORPEDOES.

Reference my letter AFSC/827/ENG., dated 11th June, 1946 (with enclosures) and your replies SERV/370712/ST/4/2325 Coll., dated 26th June, 1946 and RE/2088/AM/2501 Coll., dated 10th July, 1946, on the above mentioned subject. In view of the fact that correspondence requesting details of these weapons and requests for drawings has gone on for two years, it is considered by higher Allied Authorities that every effort has not been made to supply the required information.

2. In the afore mentioned correspondence requests have been made for information and particulars. I am now compelled to ask that the information required be supplied immediately. I must add that I am being hard pressed for this information.

I. E. Brodie

I. E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

Cpy to Navy S/c. ✓

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1 RELATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

77127/35784/1.6.4.

Navy S/c
Rome, 28 August 1946

Dear Admiral,

In reply to the requests formulated in your letter No. 9/28/CA of 25 June 1946, I transmit to you the following data supplied to me by the competent offices with regard to the type and calibre of the arms assigned to the "Carabinieri" and to other police forces as well as with regard to the system of governmental control over the production, repair and transit of war material.

The Ministry of War provides for the armament of the carabinieri, of the finance guards, of the P.S. guards, of the corps of custody agents of penitentiaries and of the local police agents (communal guards, sworn guards etc.) according to the specialties as indicated in the enclosed list.

As to the Public Safety corps in particular, the relative rule establishes as individual armament the sabre and the pistol for the warrant officers, the pistol and the musket for the "brigadieri", "vicebrigadieri", chosen guards and guards.

The detachment armament is not definitely set in the ruling. Practically it is composed of armored cars for 20 mm guns, heavy machine-guns for 8mm, of 6,5mm machine-guns and of hand grenades and tear bombs.

Such arms are however not sufficient for the total need of the corps, regardless of the fact that the General Direction of P.S. of the Ministry of the Interior provides to integrate the supplies furnished by the Ministry of War (see enclosure) with the distribution to the detachments of automatic muskets, machine-guns and heavy machine-guns which have been obtained second hand and then opportunely revised and repaired.

The control over the production and repair of arms in military establishments and in the armament factory "Beretta" of Gardone Val Trompia is being exercised by the Ministry of War, while for the remaining civilian factories of arms and ammunition is competent the Ministry of the Interior. The latter provides also - according to art. 28 and the following of the P.S. laws approved by Royal Decree 18 June 1931 No. 773 and of paragraph 4 of title 1 of the rules for the carrying out the P.S. law, approved by R.D. 21 January 1929 No. 62 - for the vigilance of the transit of war material across the borders and the various regions of the national territory.

E.C. Dist 3/9/46

Sincerely yours

Act. C.A. Sec:
Inf. C.Comm.
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Land Forces S/c
Navy S/c
Air Forces S/c
Ecom Sec.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

SECRET

Ref : LH/3

31 January 1946

SUBJECT : Manufacture of war-like stores in ITALY.

TO : HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Reference your Signal No. 8435.

Attached please find copy of a letter no. T/65 dated 14 January 1946 from the Captain in Charge, R.N. Taranto.

GMR/CB

/s/ G.M. REVELLEY, Major
Acting Chief Liaison
Officer
AO BARI

BY DIST
ACTION - ROOM 522 (2)
INFO - LAND FORCES 3/3
NAVY 3/3
AIR FORCES 3/3
G.A. SEC
EXEC COMMR.

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SUBJECT : MANUFACTURE OF WAR-LIKE STORES IN ITALY
From : THE CAPTAIN IN CHARGE, TARANTO
Date : 14th January 1946 No. T/65
To : LIAISON OFFICER, ALLIED COMMISSION, BARI

With reference to your letter No. LB/3 of 23rd December, 1945, the following firms have been employed for general and optical work in connection with gun-mounting:-

- (a) GALILEO - Via Massini 216, Taranto (described as "Officina Galileo, Firenze").
- (b) SAN GIORGIO - Bindisi Road
- (c) MARISIO - Via Viale Virgilio, Taranto.

The firms carry out work mainly of a repair nature for British and Italian Ships but it is not known whether they are capable of manufacturing new instruments.

2. The only other firm mentioned is a small one viz:
OFFICINA MECCANICA PEPPE - Via Costantinopoli 13
Taranto.

Signed:

/s/

A. STANLEY
Captain R.N.

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