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BRITISH MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

A.P.O. S. 551 C.M.F.
25, CORSO D'ITALIA, ROMA

Telegrams; Shipminder, Rome.

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Ref: GAB/236/46/R.17.

21st March, 1946.

To : Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

From : M.W.T. Representative, (Italian Area).

Subject: EX GERMAN COASTERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN ITALIAN SHIPYARDS.

Further reference is made to C. in C. Med's 46/935/2/1 of 10.1.46 and to F.O.I.L.'s 687/4 of 15th December, 1945, to C. in C. Med.

Reference to my letter of 21st January, (GAB.79/46/R.17), Ministry of War Transport, London, inform me it is considered that ships under construction in Italy for German account should be offered for sale as they lie, but the sale should be affected on the London market and restricted to Allied bidders. This applies to the vessels referred to in the Transportation Sub Commission's letter of December 4th 1945, (AC/607/39/TN3.) attached to F.O.I.L.'s 687/4 of December 15th, also to the 9,000 tons motor tanker on the stocks at Monfalcone.

Ministry of Transport, London, say the funds accruing should be dealt with in the same way as other German assets in Italy, whatever that may prove to be.

G. A. BELL.

M.W.T. Representative
(Italian Area).

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.

10th January, 1946.

Ref. 46/935/2/1

THE MINISTER OF WAR TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVE.

EX GERMAN COASTERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN ITALIAN SHIPYARDS.

A copy of the Flag Officer, Italy, and London's No. F.O.I.L.607/4 dated 10th December 1945 and enclosures thereto is forwarded for the favour of your remarks.

(Sgd.) PETER CAZALEY.

For ATTENTION.

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C O P Y.

Office of the Flag Officer,
Italy and Liaison,
ROME.

15th December, 1945.

No. P.O.I.L. 687/4.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION, NAPLES.

(Copy to:- Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, Malta.
Transportation Sub-Commission, Hq., A.C.
War Materials Disposal Sub-Commission, Hq., A.C.
Navy Sub-Commission Hq., Allied Commission.)

EX-GERMAN COASTERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN ITALIAN SHIPYARDS.

With reference to Transportation Sub-Commission's letter No. AC/607/39/TNS, dated 4th December, 1945, and enclosure, copies of which are attached, it is requested that Allied Force Headquarters may be asked to issue a directive as to the disposal of these vessels and the appropriate authority for handling the matter.

(Sgd.) ---

For REAR ADMIRAL.

Enclosure:-

Copy of Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission's letter No. AC/607/39/Tn.3, dated 4th December, 1945, and enclosure thereto.

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APO 394

Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

Our Ref.: AC/607/34/Tn.3

4 December 1945.

Subject: EX-GERMAN COASTERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN ITALIAN SHIPYARDS.To: Reil.

1. Attached is a copy of a letter from Ing. Mario Gosulich addressed to this Sub-Commission regarding a proposal to purchase two ex-German coasters (K.T. Class), apparently considered "war booty."

2. These vessels, 700 T.D.W., originally planned as war transports, are on the slipways of the Ansaldo Shipyards in Genoa in an advanced state of construction, assembled with prefabricated parts supplied by a German firm.

3. According to the applicant's letter, neither the Navy Sub-Commission nor the War Material Disposal Board consider themselves competent in dealing with this matter.

4. It is believed that similar cases exist also in other shipyards in Northern Italy and, being a type of vessel particularly valuable for coastwise traffic, it is requested that a decision be made about the correct channel for disposal of ships under construction and ex-German property.

5. The Legal Sub-Commission in their AC/4014/4/L of 8 November considered the War Disposal Board would be the proper department to deal with the sale of such vessels, but this is not confirmed by the applicant's letter.

(Sgd.) P.D.G. BUCHANAN
Colonel
Director.

Copy to: Navy Sub-Commission.

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C O P Y.

Ing. Mario G. G. G.
Viale Mazzini 146,
Rome.

29 November, 1946.

To:- Allied Commission H.Q. - Transportation Sub-Commission
for attention of Liaison Officer - Ministry of Marine.

Subject:- RE-ARMED COASTERS.

1. On the slipways of the Ansaldo Shipyard in Genoa-Sestri there are two coasters of the "R.T." Class - 2,4 built, assembled with prefabricated parts supplied by the German Firm Deutsche-Werft, Hamburg.
2. These ships, originally planned as "war transports" with reciprocating engines, could be easily converted into Diesel-driven coasters of 800 T.D.W. approximate, that is, the most suitable type of vessel for Mediterranean waters, so scarce to-day.
3. I understand that the mentioned vessels are considered war booty and consequently the shipyard hesitates in carrying out completion works.
4. It is my desire to purchase the two coasters and to start in this way to rebuild a destroyed fleet.
5. I have already applied at the Navy Sub-Commission and at the "War Material Disposal Board," and both of them claimed not to be competent in this matter.
6. The above considered, I beg the Transportation Sub-Commission to kindly inform me to which Allied Authority a bid for purchase of the two vessels should be addressed.

(Sgt.) Ing. Mario A. G. G.

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