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ITALIAN TORPEDOES
STORED AT CADIZ (SPAIN)
OCT. 45 - FEB. 47

B.M.A. MADRID (R). C IN C LTD. H.O.I.C. GENRALEAR. F.O.L.I.

FROM: ADMIRALTY.

CONFIDENTIAL

your 051805 approved.

DM 071033 march.

ref. Council of Ambassadors dealing with matter of torpedoes at Cadix.

dist. O - 6, 14, 21, 30.

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H.C.C.K

T.O.R. Date 14/3

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I think this has now
died a natural death
when Spanish Naval
Torpedo Depot recently
blew up at Cadix. *iff*
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ADMIRALTY D.N.I. (R) C IN G MED., F.O. GIB, F.O.L.I.

FROM: B.N.A. MADRID.

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Admiralty's 252005 February.
In view of obvious delicacy of these negotiations have consulted
H.M. charge d' Affaires before approaching Spanish Navy and Italian
Naval Attache.

2. H.M. charge d' Affaires supports my own view (?) that under
the circumstances it will be far better to leave the matter to be
dealt with as suggested in para 4 of above quoted Admiralty message.

3. I would be very grateful for Admiralty approval to take (?)
further steps in this matter.

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DTG 051805 March.

ref: matter could be dealt with by security council.

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T.O.R..a.m./7/3

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B.N.A.MADRID (R) C IN C MED., F.O.L.I.

FROM: ADMIRALTY.

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your 011701, O in C med's 071624.

2. These torpedoes are Italian property and not (R) NOT Spanish. Italy is not allowed to have submarine torpedoes under terms of peace treaty and it is not in the interest of Allied powers that Spain should have ?? as indicated in my 051258 February 1946 (not to all) so that the only solution therefore is to dump them or to destroy them.
3. The fact that the Italians owe the Spanish for storage of these torpedoes does not concern Allies. Italians must clearly (?) pay their debt. On the other hand the Spanish cannot expect approval from Allies in obtaining payment from the Italians in view of their unneutral conduct in allowing torpedoes to be maintained in Spanish territory during the war.
4. If the situation has not (R) NOT been modified in any way by signature of Italian treaty ?? the torpedoes have not been dumped before ratification, the matter could be conveniently be dealt with by staff of the Council of Ambassadors for supervision of the treaty.

252005 February.

- Refs: (1) request for further instructions and Spanish claim for 1½ million pesetas.
 (2) requesting Admiralty to issue necessary instructions.
 (3) if torpedoes are S/H they are to be destroyed. Delay in dealing with this matter an advantage.

Dist. O - 6, 21, log.

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T.O.R. 22/23/2

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ADMIRALTY (R) F.O.L.I., F.O.GEO., B.N.A.M.D.I.D.

FROM C in C MED.

SECRET

B.N.A. Madrid's 011701. Request Admiralty will issue necessary instructions.

2. Statement in para 2 is not correct. Approach was made by Navy Sub Commission in November 1946 as result of which a in (1) Med's 051208, December was made.

DIG 071650 February

Ref: Italians having received permission to proceed with
 negotiations regarding sale of torpedoes.
 (2) Consider disposal of torpedoes to be agreed.

Dist: O - 6, 21, logs

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T.O.R. am./8/2 G73

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SECRET

THE FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
Rome.

7th February, 1947.

No.F.O.L.I.1045/1.

THE NAVY SUB-SECTION,
I.M.A.S.

ITALIAN TORPEDOES STORED AT CADIZ.

Herewith is forwarded a copy of the
British Naval Attache, Madrid's signal timed 011701
February, which refers to your letter No.NSC/5681,
dated 21st November, 1946.

C. J. St. John

for REAR-ADMIRAL.

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FROM: NAVAL ATTACHE MADRID.

SECRET

Your 091040 January and my 101200 January.
Italian torpedoes at 0400Z.

I have now been in touch with Spanish Ministry of Marine and Italian Naval Attache in Madrid. present position as follows:

It will be remembered these torpedoes had originally been the (one gr corrupt) Spanish Navy from the Italian and that this order was made before outbreak of late war after arrival at Cadiz in 1941 or 1942 they there remained until surrender of Italy when they were taken charge of by Spanish Naval Authorities . I understand from my Italian colleague that Italians have always wished to be paid for these torpedoes in kind i.e. serge for naval uniforms but Spaniards have been unable to agree with Italians as to relative value of these torpedoes.

(B) Spanish Ministry of Marine is claiming sum of $1\frac{1}{2}$ million pesetas for storage of these torpedoes in Spanish Naval Arsenal at LA CARRAGA, CADEZ. Italian Naval Attacks put their total value at 3 million pesetas more.

(c) Spanish Naval Authorities are also claiming from Italians a considerable sum for maintenance of Italian Squadron's intervention in BALEARIC ISLANDS during war. Spaniards are in fact combining these two totally different claims.

2. My Italian colleague state about a year ago Italian Ministry of Marine approached Commander in Chief Mediterranean on this matter and received permission to proceed with their negotiations with Spanish Govt regarding sale of these torpedoes.

3. I have explained to him but(?) not to Spanish Naval Authorities policy of H.M. Government contained in Admiralty message 101343 December 1946. He is extremely cooperative and will not protest when I start to arrange to have these torpedoes shipped to Gibraltar, but I feel sure that Spanish Naval authorities will be unwilling to release them until their bill for 1 1/2 million pesetas is settled by someone. I feel equally sure that they would raise no objection to their removal once bill has been paid. They have after all had these torpedoes in their charge for 3 or 4 years.

4. In view of certain intricacies of these negotiations I would be very grateful for further instructions particularly as to whether situation will change in any way after signing of Peace Treaty with Italy which I understand is likely to take place on 10th February.

Italian torpedoes at CADIZ.
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(B) Spanish Ministry of Marine is claiming sum of 1½ million pesetas for storage of these torpedoes in Spanish Naval Arsenal at LA CARRACA, CADIZ. Italian Naval Attache put their total value at 3 million pesetas now.

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Ref: C in C's 091040; desirable that torpedoes be shipped to Gibraltar.
B.N.A.'s 101200; Admiralty's 101343 Dec not received.
Admiralty's 101343; prevent strengthening of Spanish Armed Forces.

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NAV F. Shore Code.

T.O.R. a.m. 3/2

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6 FEB 1947

Navy Sub-Committee

B.N.A. MADRID (R) ADMIRALTY, F.O.CIB., F.O.L.I.

From: C in C MED.

SECRET

Report action you are taking on A.M. 101343 December.

It is desirable that these torpedoes should be shipped to Gibraltar for disposal if possible

DTG 091040 January.

Ref: Torpedoes not to be sold to Spaniards.

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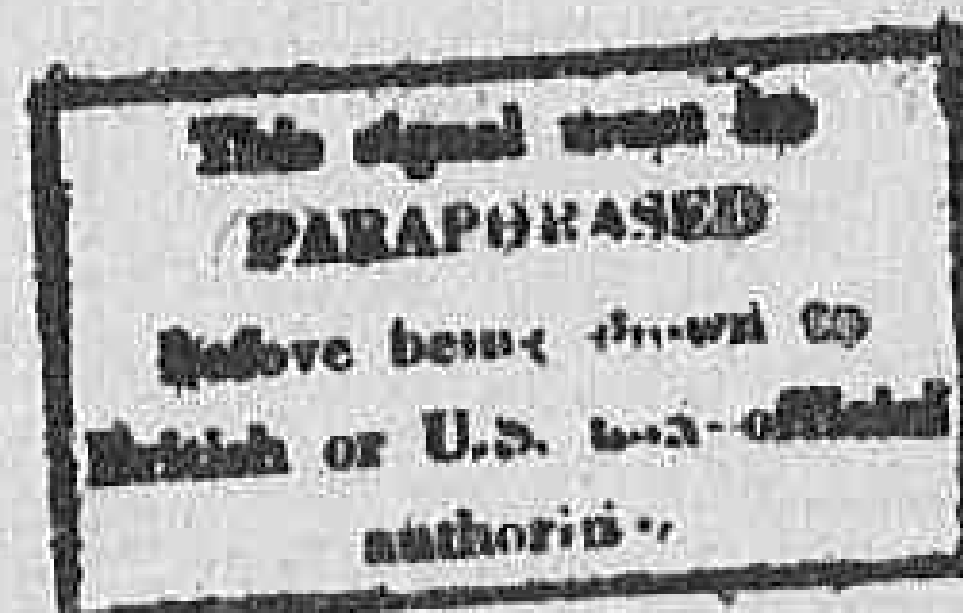
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T.O.R...p.m./9/1

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C in C MED (R) N.S.C. From: F.O.L.I.(2)

SECRET

Following received from D.N.A. Madrid begins:
Your 191746 December confirmed. These torpedoes are in Arsenal
at La Caxaga.ased up. DTG 241900 ends.
2. Request Admiralty be asked to arrange disposal.

DTG 04 2232 January

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TOD...am/5

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B.N.A. MADRID (R) Cin C MED., N.S.C.

From: F.O.L.I.(2)
191146A

SECRET

Request you confirm that Italian torpedoes 22 in number
are still stored at LA CARACA naval base CADIZ.
Your 191940 February refers.

DTG 191146A December

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T.O.D..a.m./19/12/46.

Ref: 22 Torpedoes stored at Cadix.
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NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320H

SECRET

To:

From:

F.O.L.I.

From: MALTA CCO.

This repeats Admiralty's 101343 addressed C in C Med (R) E.N.A. Lisbon
F.O. GLB. F.O.L.I. begins

Your 051208. The policy of H.M. Government is to prevent as far as possible
the
any strengthening of Spanish Armed Forces. Neither warlike material nor civil
material capable of warlike use is being exported to Spain from this country.
A logical conclusion of this is to prevent the Spaniards acquiring such material
from other sources. The torpedoes should not therefore be sold to the Spaniards.

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T.O.R...a.m./12/12/51

ADMTY (R) BNAMADRID
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051208

SECRET

A.M. 051258 Feb to CINC MED only.

Torpedoes at CADIZ are all submarine torpedoes. In view of state of ITALIAN Peace Treaty negotiations consider their disposal should now be ordered. Navy Sub-Commission wish to know whether sale to SPANIARDS would be permitted BNA MADRID 191940A February being passed to ADMTY refers to this point.

DTG 051208 December

C&W N.G.CY.

FOR a.m. 6th

WJCE

6.12.46

REF:- 1 - May be returned to ITALY if above-mentioned tubes
2 - 22 torpedoes stored in Spanish base at Cádiz

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Allied Force Headquarters
 ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
 APO 794

WSI-2/N/ 233

24 July 1947

Subject: COMPLETION OF ITALIAN NAVY AMMUNITION.
 To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
 Reference: (a) the Ministry of Marine's ltr. No. 3147/UT dated 23 October 1946.
 (b) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters' ltr. WSI-2/N/98 dated 23 April 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a) and in continuation of reference (b), the gradual completion of the 90 mm. ammunition complement is approved only in respect of guns actually mounted which should be limited to a full ready use and reserve complement of ammunition plus an allowance for exercise.

2. Calculated on the basis of the information contained in the Ministry of Marine's memorandum therefore, the number of rounds required to be manufactured to complete the complement should not exceed 110,080 (one hundred and ten thousand and eighty) rounds, arrived at as follows:-

Afloat:

Ready use:	44 mounted guns @ 400 rounds per gun	-	17,600	rounds
Reserve :	44 mounted guns @ 1100 rounds per gun	-	48,400	"

Ashore:

Ready use:	48 mounted guns @ 535 rounds per gun	-	25,680	"
Reserve :	48 mounted guns @ 2765 rounds per gun	-	128,400	"
			220,080	"
			275	"
Plus allowance for exercise		-	18,500	"
			238,580	"
Less rounds already held by Italian Navy		-	128,500	"
Total requirement is therefore:			110,080	rounds

REAR ADMIRAL,
 DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

26 JUL 1947

SECRET

NSC/5681
21 November 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
Subject: Italian Torpedoes stored at Cadix.
Reference: (a) Admiralty signal 051255A February 1946.
(b) B.N.A. Madrid signal 191240 February 1946.

1. In view of recent developments in the Italian Peace Treaty negotiations, it is felt that the reasons for delaying the disposal of the Italian torpedoes stored at Cadix are no longer applicable.

2. It is therefore requested that a decision in the matter may now be communicated, consideration being given to allowing the W.533/7,20 and W. 533/6.5 torpedoes (20 in all) to be transferred to the Spanish Navy if desired.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION 2753

Copy to:

P.O.L.I.

22 NOV 1946

F O L I

C I N C H E D
231040S E C R E T

Please see NAVY SUB-COMMISSIONS 1210058 (CINC MED) A.M. 051258/rev
CINC MED's 151449 Feb and HMA MADRID 191940/Feb (which?) have been passed
to you. Request you explain to NSC reason for delay.

DTG 231040 Apr 11

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N.G.Cy.

GR 98

TOP 1740/23 WJCE 24.4.46.

REF:-

121005 - When may a reply be expected

051258 - Disposal of torpedoes at CADIZ

151449 - Request information as to types

191940 - Reply to 151449

DIST:- 0 - 3, 5, 6, NSC, log.

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C IN C MED
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AVY S/AC

Reference your 260958A Feb. when may a reply be expected
from Admiralty.

121005B Apr ...

Ref. Matter referred to Admiralty for decision - Reply to letter
NEG/3997.

Dist. O-5,10. log. NEG (4).

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TOD 1403

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12/4.

3hrs 57mins

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NSC RUMS (R) Redistribution. Malta C C O Correction.
O IN C MED

U/C.

Your 121010A Feb. (Not to FOIL). This matter has been referred
to Admiralty for decision.

260958A Feb ...

Ref. Request early reply to letter NSC/3997.

Dist. 1-4, 16, 25. Log. NSC (4).

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TO C IN C MED

S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1950)
(Revised—June, 1944)

REQUEST AN EARLY REPLY TO
DATED 45 NOVEMBER 1945.

NAVY S/C LETTER NNC/3997

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TO: ADMIRALTY

(R) FOIL, NAVY SUB COMMISSION, H.Q. ADMIRALTY COMMISSION

FROM: CINC MED.

Request an early reply may be given to Med Submission No. 5216 45/10507 dated 1st December 1945. Regarding Italian torpedoes, at Cadiz.

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T/F P/L TOR 1350 P.R. 21/1.
Dist. 0-5.13.15.17.25 N.S.C(4).log.

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1st NOVEMBER 1945

15/10/45/3/1

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THE NAVY SUB. COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS, LILLET COMMISSION

The Navy Sub. Commission, Headquarters, Lillet Commission's
 340/407 of 15th November 1945 with signature, therefore.

THE COMMISSION OF THE NAVY

(Copy to:-

The Navy Sub. Commission, Headquarters, Lillet Commission
 The Flag Officer Italy and Liaison.)

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Forwarded for their Lordships' attention on the receipt of these
 documents.

2. If they are to revert to Italian ownership, no doubt freight will
 be approved as the value of an Italian cruiser for this purpose is not

The Navy Sub. Commission, Headquarters, filed the decision's
 1500/2022 of 15th November 1945 with enclosing to note.

THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN

(Copy to)

The Navy Sub. Commission, Headquarters, filed the decision's
 The Flag Officer (Italy and Liaison).

2747

Forwarded for their Lordships' guidance on the disposal of these
 items, each.

2. If they are to revert to Italian ownership, merchant freight will
 be arranged on the visit of an Italian officer for this purpose is not
 justified.

Peter C. C. C.

FOR A D H I R A B

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

MSC/3997
15 November 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.
Subject: Transportation of Italian Torpedoes Stored at Cadix (Spain).
Enclosure: (A) Copy Ministry of Marine ltr SM/23597 of 27 Oct. 1945.
(B) Copy FOIL Minute II No. 1045/1 on Encl. (A).

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for the decision of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, as recommended in enclosure (B).

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AG.
for CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

Copy to:
FOIL w/o Encls.

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16 NOV 1945

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SECRET.

TRANSPORTATION OF ITALIAN TORPEDOES STORED AT
CADIZ (SPAIN).
(Ministry of Marine's letter No. SM/23597 dated the
27th October, 1945.)

II.

No. F.O.I.L. 1045/1.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION, H.Q.,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

Forwarded recommending that the question
of importing torpedoes be taken up with the Commander-
in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

2. If it is decided to return these torpedoes
to Italy, arrangements for shipment will be made by
the Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison.

F. H. Stachurski.

ROME.
8th November, 1945.

for REAR-ADMIRAL.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : F.O.I.L. - Rome
Date: 27th October 1945
Ref.: SM/23597

Subject: Transportation of Italian Torpedoes stored at Cadiz
(Spain)

1. At Cadiz there are twenty-one torpedoes belonging to the I.R.N. which await transportation to Italy by a naval vessel.

The Spanish Authorities have told our Naval Attache' that there are no difficulties to prevent their being taken away.

2. It is requested that an Italian Cruiser in class "A" proceeding to Gibraltar for allied requirements may be allowed to continue as far as Cadiz in order to embark the 21 torpedoes abovementioned.

Should the above be impossible it is requested that these torpedoes may be embarked on any Allied vessel bound for Italy from the Atlantic.



for CHIEF OF STAFF

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NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
HQ. AC.

SECRET

Ltr. Ref. Date & Subject

CinC Med. (R) Admiralty FOLI. 4 Feb. 1947

6 FEB 1947

Date Rec'd

N.A. Dredge. 04/20/ Feb

(X) ACTION

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Italian Torpedoes at CAPIZ.

CHIEF

DEPUTY CHIEF

CSO (LT)

CSO (MC)

LIAISON

PERSONNEL

ADMINISTRATION

SUPPLY

COMMUNICATIONS

ALL HANDS

ADDITIONAL ROUTING

TYPE AND RETURN TO ACTION OFFICER:

SECRET

The Dredge made the original request for the return of these torpedoes in October 1945 and the question has not yet reached a satisfactory conclusion !!!

When we finally know what exactly will happen to them we will have to reply to the Dredge etc of October 1945! - Better late than never !!!

H/2/2.

Suggest to put Best Dredge's report now.

H/1/3.

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for Council of Ambassadors!

BRING-UP DATE:

15/3

ACTION COMPLETED - FILE

INITIAL

R. day

30/1/47

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