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10000/124/319 ST-1/N TRANSFER OF 16 B.Y.M.S. (AMERICAN LEND-LEASE) CRAFT, AND STORES FOR SALE TO ITALIAN NAVY DEC. 46 - SEP. 47

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (NAVY) (Maritat)
To : F.O.I.I. - ROME
Date: 2nd September 1947
Ref: 35932

Subject: MMS - Undelivered minesweeping equipment.

1. Following a check of the minesweeping equipment on board the MMS taken over by the Italian Navy at Venice, it has been discovered that various items are missing, according to the equipment laid out in the "Manual of Minesweeping" 1940/UV 635 edition, page 28 line 199 (a).

Further, part of the material handed over is now unusable and must be substituted.

2. The vessels, according to the agreements of the time, should have been handed over in operational conditions. They will be transferred from Venice to Taranto for mooring-up, and will commence actual mine-sweeping in October.

In order not to delay the operations and to avoid keeping the vessels in active duty to lack of equipment, it would be appreciated if you could supply the material in the enclosed list as soon as possible; supply would obviously be considerably hastened if it was available in Malta. If this is possible the equipment should be sent to the Inspectorate of Minesweeping at Taplon.

3. The Italian Naval staff has already ordered similar spare material from the National Industry, but this will be delayed.

Other material, of less importance, has also been omitted, but this has been replaced and is therefore not requested from F.O.I.I.

(sgd.) for THE CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

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Enclosure No.1

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Acknowledging equipment requested because not supplied or worn out by [illegible]:

- port sweeping cables (300 fathoms) -	17	in	No.
- starboard sweeping cables (300 fathoms) -	17	"	"
- kites -	2	"	"
- oropesa floats -	5	"	"
- dans -	4	"	"

Note: regulation British Naval equipment is requested.

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Rep. O.B.S. Uff. B.D.3^Sez.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 35952 Allegati

Roma - 2 SET. 1947 agosto 1947

Al F. O. L. I.

R O M A

ARGOMENTO: Motodragamine BYMS - materiale di dragaggio non consegnato.

1.- Dal controllo delle apparecchiature di dragaggio esistenti a bordo dei BYMS presi in consegna dalla Marina Militare a Venezia, si è rilevato che alcuni materiali sono mancanti rispetto alle dotazioni previste dal "Manual of Minesweeping - ed.1940/OV 6350 - pag.28 pas.199 (a)" -

Inoltre una parte del materiale consegnato non è più in condizione di utile impiego per il lungo uso e deve essere sostituito.

2.- Le unità, secondo gli accordi presi a suo tempo, avrebbero dovute essere consegnate in condizioni di operare. Esse saranno prossimamente trasferite da Venezia a Napoli per un periodo di allenamento e in ottobre inizieranno il dragaggio effettivo.

Allo scopo di non ritardare le operazioni e di evitare che alcuni dragamine restino inattivi per mancanza di apparecchiature, si prega di esaminare la possibilità di fornire con cortese urgenza il materiale specificato nell'allegato elenco. La fornitura sarebbe certo più sollecita se esso fosse disponibile a Malta.

In caso di favorevole decisione si prega di disporre che il materiale sia inviato a Napoli, all'Ispettorato del Dragaggio.

3.- Si comunica che questo S.M.ha già disposto per l'ordinazione di consimile materiale di riserva all'industria nazionale ma che queste forniture non saranno rapide.

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Altro materiale di minore importanza non è stato consegnato insieme alle unità, ma poichè è stato possibile provvedervi,non lo si richiede a codesto FOLI.

p IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
J. Lamberti

ISTITUTO POLIGRAFICO DELLO STATO

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Allegato n° 1

DRAGAMINE BYMS

MATERIALE DI DRAGAGGIO RICHIESTO PERCHE' NON CONSEGNATO OPPURE NON IMPIEGABILE PER LUNGO USO:

- Cavi di dragaggio sinistra (da 300 braccia)	n°	17
- Cavi di dragaggio dritta (da 300 braccia)	"	17
- Immersori	"	2
- Divergenti	"	3
- Galleggianti di ferro	"	4

Nota: Si richiedono materiali dei tipi regolamentari della Marina Britannica.

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SERVICE.

Across Flap. Sealing Envelope.

T.G.P. Wt. 43541

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S. 48.243

S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1930)
(Revised—June, 1944)

TO CINC MED (R) COMNAVMED ADMIN. COMNAVEU.

FROM COMNAVMED.

Restricted.

Following passed FOLI for information.
Your 291712. Negotiations being made throug. OFLC for sale at Trieste of 12 BYMS. Meeting with OFLC at Naples on 3rd Dec. Request you do not (R) not sail BYMS from Trieste until results of this meeting can be signalled to you. Early receipt of S.P.A. 3 forms necessary to expedite negotiations.

....02 0725A/Dec....

DIST: 0-6, 10, 13, 14, LOG.

CSW C.C.M. AM 165a DCS 13/12.

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C I N C M E D (R) C O M N A V M E D A D M I N
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PASSED FOR INFORMATION

C O M N A V M E D
040222

Refer COMNAVMED 020725Z and your signal 031225Z. O.F.L.C. ROME advises ten days required to complete negotiations with ITALIANS for sale of 12 BYMS at TRIESTE. O.F.L.C. presently co ducting negotations in ROME and state location of craft at TRIESTE (today?) as immaterial. If you do not desire to delay craft at TRIESTE until O.F.L.C. sale completed sailing to MALTA acceptable. Regret BYMS cannot be accepted immediately at TRIESTE.

DTG 040222Z December

C2W C.C.M. GR 96 TOR time 16th WJCE 16.12.46.

REF:- 1 - Sale at TRIESTE of 12 BYMS
2 - Not held

DIST:- 1 - 5; 21, log.

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FOLI (R) COMNAVMED

CINCMED
151012

CONFIDENTIAL IMPORTANT

COMNAVMED's 020725 and COMNAVMED ALMIN's 040222z both being passed.

Request you confirm that these 12 BYMS are to be used by the ITALIANS for post-war mineclearance. Retention on board of BRITISH M/S gear is in quastion.

DTG 151012 December

C&W C.C.M. GR 73 TOR p.m. 16th CH/SB 16.12.46

REF:- 1 - Sale at Trieste of 12 BYMS
2 - Ten days required to complete negotiations

DIST:- 1 - 5, 21, log.

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C. IN C. MED (R) R.A.D. N.S.C. F.O.L.A.I.
171714A

CONFIDENTIAL IMPORTANT

Reference C in C Med's 151012 December not to R.A.D.

Request specimen blueprints and performance data of Y M S may be sent to Rome by air for Navy Subcommission

DTG 171714A December

C&W N.Co. X T.O.D p.m./17 CYS 17/12/44

Ref: Request for confirmation that 12 BYMS are to be used by the Italians

Dist: 1 - 5, 21, log.

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CINCMED (R) COMNAVMED
COMNAVEU
NSC

FOL I(1)
181127

CONFIDENTIAL

The Navy Sub-Commission requests 12 BYMS in TRIESTE be despatched to VENICE for inspection by ITALIAN Navy to expedite completion of negotiations for their purchase by ITALIAN Government. COMNAVMED 040222 to CINC MED refers.

DTG 181127 December

C&W C.C.M. GR 73 TOO p.m. 18th WTCE 18.12.46.

REF:- Ten days required to complete negotiations

DIST:- 1 - 5, 21, log.

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R.A.F. (R) F.O.I.I. N.S.O.

From: C in C MED.
181142.

Request you take very early action on F.O.I.I's 171714 December

DTG 181142 December.

CGW N.Co.X G353 CYS T.O.O. 0110/19/12/42
Ref: Requesting duplicate and performance date of Y M S.
Dist: 1 - 5, 21, log.

PAVF

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British or U.S. non-official
authorities

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501. 8071. 11/44. 25,000m. C.E.S.S. Ltd. 51.6549.

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S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1939)
(Revised—June, 1944)

TO NOIC TRIESTE (R) FOLX, COMNAVMED, CO NAVEG,
NSC, M/S 151, SNOAD, RNO VENICE. FROM CINC MED.

Important Restricted.

My 041350 not to all. Twelve RYMS are to be sailed to Venice forthwith for inspection by Italian Navy.
2. Demilitarisation is to be completed at Venice. SA type Mark 4 gear is not (R) not to be removed. Your 121500 ot to all refers.

....19 1820A/Dec....

REF: (1) Not held.
(2) Not held.

DIST: O-6, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, Log.

C&W CODE AM 2: X DGS 20/12.

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DUPLICATE

SUBJECT :— B.Y.M.S. - DRAWINGS AND PERFORMANCE DATA

From : Rear-Admiral, Destroyers, Mediterranean, Manoel Island, Malta

Date : 19th December, 1946. No. A.B. 163/9

To : THE FLAG OFFICER, LIAISON, ITALY, ROME
(For Navy Sub Commission)

With reference to the Flag Officer, Liaison, Italy's signal timed 171714 to the Commander in Chief, Mediterranean 4 in number drawings for B.Y.M.S. are forwarded herewith, as follows:-

General arrangement, Main Deck, Platform deck and hold	}	for B.Y.M.S. 2155 to 2409
" " Outboard Profile		
" " Inboard Profile		

Inboard Profile and Deck Plans for B.Y.M.S. 2001 to 2134.

2. The following information on endurance is applicable to all vessels.

Fuel stowage - 6200 gallons
Fuel consumption - 28 galls. per hour approximately at 10 knots
Endurance at 10 knots - 2200 miles
Lubricating oil stowage - 200 gallons
Lubricating oil consumption - Less than 1 gallon per hour. at 10 knots

for REAR ADMIRAL.

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OFFICE COPY

THE FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
Roma.

19th December, 1946.

No. F.O.L.I. 1145/54.

THE MINISTRY OF MARINE,
ROME.

PURCHASE OF Y.M.S. FROM U.S. NAVY.

Very early written confirmation is requested that the twelve Y.M.S. which the Italian Navy is proposing to purchase from the U.S. Navy will be used by you for post-war mine clearance.

Signed C. E. MAYBEN.

REAR-ADMIRAL.

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S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1939)
(Revised—June, 1944)

501 98071. 11/44. 25,000m. C.B.&S. Ltd: 51.5549.

M/S 151 BYMS 2024. INFO CINC MED FOLI COMNAVMED NSC SNOAD RNO VENICE FROM...NOIC TRIESTE.

Unclassified.

M/S 151 to take 11 BYMS under his command and sail at 1400 today 20th: Dec: by inshore route to Venice.
2. Lieut: W.Whitehead to take command of BYMS 2024 for passage only.
3. S.O.'s ship to keep constant watch on Port Wave during passage.
4. ETA Venice 2000.

.....20 1245A/Dec.....

Dist: 0-5 10 13 [illegible].

C&W F/L TOR A.M. 21st. MF 21/12.

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73691 t. 30147/D0071 15,000,000 11/44 MP 51-5349

S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1940)
(Revised—June, 1944)

TO RYMS 2027 (R) CINC MED, FOLI, COMNAVMED, NSO, SNOAD,
RNO VENICE. FROM NOIC TRIESTE.

Unclassified.

Slip at 1000/23rd December and sail by inshore route to Venice.
(2) ETA Venice 1400.

....22 1148A/Dec....

DIST: 0-6, 10, 13, log.

C&W P/L AM 23rd. DGS 23/42.

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C 4x C MED (R) F.O.L.I., S.N.C.A.D., R.N.O. VENICE
M/S 151

FROM: N.O.I.C. TRIESTE.
221222A

Your 191820A and My 201245A. As sweeping ordered in your 011258A (to NOIC TRIESTE only) is not yet completed no demilitarisation nor restoring of ENMS has yet been started. Para 2 of your 011350 (not to all) refers.

2. In view of the labour difficulties at destoring and demilitarising in VENICE and lack of material security when landed and absence of accomodation for ships' companies on paying off the following proposal is submitted.

3. ENMS be returned to TRIESTE where plans have already been formulated and labour retained for transferring of armaments and stores stored to an L.S.T. under supervision of base staff and wing L.S.T. as accomodation ship as each ENMS reduced. Minimum steaming parties would then sail ENMS to VENICE returning overland to TRIESTE for passage to Malta. Propose to ship stores in L.S.T. 3510 on arrival and to accomodate personnel temporarily in L.S.T. 3027 on return from her ammunition dumping about 26th December, transferring them later to LST 3510 for passage to Malta. As R.N.B.I at TRIESTE has been closed there is no longer place accomodation for ENMS ships companies.

4. As no ITALIAN navy representatives have yet arrived in VENICE to inspect ENMS it appears very unlikely that the process of handing over will start until after Christmas Holidays.

5. In view of this probable delay and the fact that all Christmas welfare arrangements and festivities for which there are no facilities in VENICE have been completed in TRIESTE, it is requested that favourable consideration be given to proposals in my para 3 above.

ITG 221222A December

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C&W CODEX A/M 23rd WJOB 24/12.

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S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1940)
(Revised—June, 1944)

TO NOIC (R) CINC MED, COMNAVMED, NEG, RNO VENICE, ENOAD, M/S 151.

FROM NOIC TRIESTE.

Important Restricted.

O An O Med's 191820 and my 201245A. Italian Navgt representatives at Venice have not (R) not yet received any information concerning inspection of BYMS.
(2) Request information whether you can inform me when this inspection is likely to commence. My 221222A (not to all) also refers.

....22 1224A/Dec....

REF: (1) BYMS to sailed Venice for inspection by Italian Navy.
(2) M/S 151 sail. 11 BYMS to Venice.
(3) No Italians arrived for inspection.

DIST: 0-6, 10, 13, 42, 15, 16, 21, Log.

CSW [illegible] CODER AM 23rd [illegible] 23/12.

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S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1930)
(Revised—June, 1944)

TO NOIC TRIESTE (R) FOIJ, SNOAD, RNO VENICE, M/S 151. FROM CINC MED.

Immediate Restricted.

Your 221222 para 3 approved. Demilitarisation and reduction of personnel is to be carried out as quickly as possible.

....23 1100A/Dec....

REF: (para 3 - received corrupt - repetition requested)

DIST: 0-6, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, Log.

C&W N.C.O.J. FM 23rd. DCS 24/12.

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S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1939)
(Revised—June, 1944)

ROLI INFO RNO VENICE CINC MED RA MALTA
SNOAD COMNAVMED NSO ROME M/S 154

FROM.....N.O.I.C.
TRIESTE.

IMPORTANT RESTRICTED,

My 22122. Italian Navy at Venice has been instructed to carry out inspection of EYMS. Detailed arrangements are being made.

.....23 1518A/D23.....

Ref: Italian Navy at Venice not yet received information re inspection of EYMS.

Dist: 0-6 10 13 14 15 16 21 Engr.

CRYPTO TOR A.M. 24th. REF 25/12.

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S. 1220d.
(Established—May, 1910)
(Revised—June, 1944)

TO MINISTRY OF MARINE (R) ROLL. FROM NSC (2).

Important. Restricted.

Twelve minesweepers (YMS) are now at Venice available for inspection by officers of the Italian Navy pending completion of negotiations for possible sale. Request you advise NSC expected date of arrival of inspection party and instruct them to report to British NNO Venice.

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H/M E/L EM 23rd DGS 23/12.

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FOLI (R) CINCMED

ADMTY
231850

SECRET

A.M. 041702. Annex 4A of Treaty has now been approved and it is therefore too late for ITALIANS to purchase these minesweepers for permanent retention.

DTG 231850 December

C&W N.G.CY.X GR TOR a.m. 25th WTB. 26.12.46.

REF:- Request FOLI expedite settlement

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S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1930)
(Revised—June, 1944)

NOIC TRIESTE PEGG.....FOLI (1)

Restricted.

Request information when Italian inspection party should arrive at Venice to inspect BIAS. CINCs 231108 and NOIC Triesteds 221222 refer.

.....2h. *221A/Dec.....

Ref: (1) Demilitarisation to be carried out.
(2) No inspection party yet arrived Venice.

Dist: O-6 10 13 14 15 16 21 log.

Phone P/T. TOO 2h 1300 MF 26/12.

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(Established—May, 1910)
(Revised—June, 1944)

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CINC MED FROM FOLK SHOAD R/O VENICE REC ZONE
RA MAIKA M/S 451 COMNAVMED

FROM ...N.O.I.C.
TRIESTE.

IMPORTANT RESTRICTED.

Italian Ministry of Marine has instructed Marina Venice to submit
e commission from local Commands for inspection of EMS.
2. Intend to sail first four BYMS for inspection Thursday January 2nd:
3. Detailed arrangements are being made with HMO Venice.

.....2; 1622A/Dec.....

Dist: 0-6 10 13 14 15 16 21 Io

CSW [illegible] CRYPTO FOR A 25th: XF 26A2.

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(Rear Admiral (D), Mediterranean's letter No.AD 163/9,
dated 19th December, 1946).

II.

No.F.O.L.I.1145/54.

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

Forwarded.

ROME,
31st December, 1946.

for REAR-ADMIRAL.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : F.O.L.I.
Date: 7th January 1947
Ref.: 19309

Subject: Purchase of Y.M.S. from the U.S. Navy.

Answer is made to your letter 1145/54, dated 19th December 1946.

The Y.M.S. which may eventually be purchased by the Italian Navy will be employed on post-war minesweeping, as established in Art.62A of the Peace Treaty, assuming, of course, that the Treaty is ratified.

CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON (ITALY)
9 JAN 1947
No. M.3864/1145/54
ROME

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Rep. OPERAZIONI Uff. Raviglio

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 1309 Allegati

Roma 12 gennaio 1947

Al F . O . L . I .

ARGOMENTO: Acquisto di Y/M/S/ dalla Marina Americana.-

Risposta vostra 1145/54 del 19 dicembre u.s.

Si comunica che i dragamine Y M S che eventualmente potranno essere acquistati dalla Marina Italiana saranno impiegati nel dragaggio postbellico, così come stabilito dall'Art. 62A del Trattato di Pace, semprechè, ovviamente, questo ultimo entri in vigore.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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TO CINC MED, FOLT (R) SNOAD, RAM, COMNAVMED, NSO ROME,
NOIC VENICE, RAD, FMS 2009, LST 3510.

FROM NOIC TRIESTE.

Unclassified.

Your 191620 (not to all) and my 2/1622 (not to RAD) Inspection of all BYMS by Italian Inspection Committee commenced at Venice 5th Jan. Inspection includes steaming of hulls. Senior Inspection Officer intends returning to Rome with report on 10's and anticipates that at least 14 days will elapse from that date before the Italian Ministry of Marine will promulgate they will accept all or some of the vessels. Officer himself is most cooperative and promises to speed matters up as much as possible. FOLT is requested to impress upon the Italian Naval authorities at Rome the necessity for an early decision in this matter in order to avoid further delays in the reduction of the MV Bats at Trieste.
2. Ref para 5 of your 211225 Dec(not to all) the situation as regards LST 3510 is as follows: (A) 120 ratings at BYMS and certain stores are already embarked. (B) Preparations are now in hand for the transportation of Horses to Malta.
3. The BYMS still have a steaming party onboard consisting of 2 officers and 9 ratings in each ship. Assuming that the Italians will accept at least six (R) six of these craft intend still further reducing total number of officers and ratings by half thus leaving 12 officers and 54 men for the following purposes.
(A) As caretakers until final transfer to Italian Navy.
(B) To man BYMS for steaming trials and to assist in docking.
(C) To provide steaming parties for any BYMS not (R) not accepted by Italian Navy which may have to be steamed to Malta or other port for laying up or disposal.
4. Subject to your concurrence intend sailing LST 3510 to Malta with horses etc. embarked.
5. When the BYMS are finally transferred to Italian Navy propose accomodating the 54 ratings mentioned in para 3 in LST 3516 until first available opportunity for passage to Malta occurs.

....07 1604 /January....

REF: (1) 12 BYMS to be sailed for inspection by Italian Navy.
(2) Arrangements for inspection of BYMS.
(3) Not held.

DIST: 0-6, 7, 10, 14, 15, 16, 21, Lo/o

C&W P/L All 8th DCS B/Ot.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

From:

To:

FM NDLO TRIESTE, FOLL, (E) SNOAD, COMNAVMED RAD FMO VENICE
DTRIS 2009 IST 3510. FROM CINC MED.

Unclassified.

NDLO Trieste 07160A para 4 and 5 approved.
2. NDLO is requested to expedite dexiation so that the 5A ratings mentioned in para 3 may if possible take passage in Cheviot and Children who are due to sail from Trieste on 20th Jan and cannot be delayed more than a day or two.

....OB 1556A/Jan....

REF: Intend accordating 5A ratings in IST 3516 to await passage Malta.
DEST: 0-6, 7, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

TO NOIC TRIESTE, ROLL, (E) SHOAD, COMNAVNEA, NAD, FPO VENICE
EXMS 2009 IST 3510. FROM CINC MED.

Unclassified.

NOIC Trieste 071604 para 4 and 5 approved.
2. FOLT is requested to expedite decision so that the 54 ratings mentioned in para 3 may if possible take passage in Cheviot and Childers who are due to sail from Trieste on 20th Jan and cannot be delayed more than a day or two.

....08 1558A/Jan....

REF: Attend accordating 54 ratings in IST 3516 to await passage Malta.
DIST: 0-6, 7, 10, 15, 16, 21, fcg.

C&S PAW F/L AM 9th DGS 9/01.

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Pack No .....

STAFF MINUTE SHEET

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY

Subject: Inspection of BYMS at Venice - Delaying reduction of RN Base, Trieste

Originator, reference No. & Date: ~~B.~~ NO/1 Trieste 0716 04 Jan 47

Referred to	Remarks of Staff Officers should be drafted in the form of a letter or signal to cover desired action.
~~SOLTH~~ SO 91, ESO 9/1 Sec	I have already told Bernabò orally about this. Propose attached signal. G.H. SOLTH

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NAVAL MESSAGE

TO

MINISTRY OF MARINE INFO NSC FROM.....FOLY (5)

Unclassified.

THE CLOSING OF THE ROYAL NAVY MINESWEEPING BASE AT TRIESTE, WHICH IS A MATTER OF URGENCY, CANNOT BE EFFECTED UNTIL DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS ARE ISSUED FOR THE MINESWEEPERS REMAINING IN THE NORTH ADRIATIC. IT IS REQUESTED THEREFORE THAT A VERY EARLY DECISION MAY BE GIVEN CONCERNING THE PURCHASE BY YOU OF Y.M.S. FROM THE U.S. NAVY.

.....09 1505A/JUN.....

Dist: C-7 10 15 16 21 Log.

H/H F/O TOD P.M. 9th: EF 9/6/47.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)

To: S.U.S.N.L.O.I. and for information: F.O.L.I. (ref. FOLI's signal 9th inst)
N.S.C., A.C.

Date: 15 January, 1947.

Ref: 186/UT.

Subject: Purchase of 22 American Minesweepers by the Italian Navy.

Further to letter B.10680 dated 13th December 1946.

1. The inspection of the minesweepers in question by the technical commission, sent for the purpose to Venice, has proved that the possession of some of these types of vessels would be of the greatest use to the Italian Navy.

Further information is awaited from the Ministry of Mercantile Marine regarding the possibility of adapting the American minesweepers to civilian uses.

2. In order to examine the question of the eventual purchase of the above minesweepers in all possible aspects, however, it is necessary to refer to the previous dealings between the Ministry of Marine and Senior United States Naval Liaison Officer, Italy, regarding the cession of minesweepers to the Italian Navy.

As you are aware, the Minister of Marine, in letter 3924/B, dated 17th April 1946, requested you to submit for the approval of the Naval Authorities at Washington, the proposal to lend the Italian Navy a certain number of American minesweepers in order to expedite mine-sweeping and to contribute to the improvement of the Nation's great food supply problem, by returning part of the M.F.V.'s requistioned for minesweeping, to the fishing industry.

In letter No.420, dated 20th May 1946, you informed us of the result of the negotiations with Washington on the Ministry of Marine's requirements, and stated that:" The Navy Department and the Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Europe, have considerable interest in your request for the loan of the above mentioned minecraft and study is now being made toward the accomplishment of the loan."

For this purpose the Ministry of Marine asked that an official request should be put forward through you, for the loan of the above craft, while the necessary plans for their employment were prepared, and a short report was to be forwarded concerning minesweeping in Italian waters during

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the last 6 months by Italian and British minesweepers.

The Naval Staff, in letter 28968, dated 30th May 1946, provided you with the requested information regarding the minesweeping operations and confirmed its desire to receive on loan from the United States Navy 18 A.M. and 50-60 Y.M.S. minesweepers.

3. The matter had no further result until last December, when the information was received from New York that the Council of Foreign Ministers had added to the list of ships left to Italy, 16 Y.M.S. type acquired from the United States, without altering in proportion the total tonnage allowed to Italy. This was received almost contemporaneously with your signal 121220/Dec., that 22 American minesweepers were available for immediate sale to the Italian Government, at 60,000 dollars each, and on the condition that 16 should continue to be employed on minesweeping and 6 should be completely demilitarised.

4. With regard to the above, it is clear that the question of the American minesweepers must be examined under a twofold and very different aspect:

a) Minesweeping commitments - Minesweeping in the Mediterranean is an extensive operation of international interest to which Italy is obliged to participate with all the means at its disposal, as stated in Art. 62/A of the Peace Treaty.

Although this provision and the consequent serious financial burden of prolonged minesweeping operations may seem right from Italy's point of view, it does not appear fair that Italy should also have to buy the craft to carry out the task alloted to her by Art. 62/A, especially as the Peace Treaty is taking away from her part of the minesweepers which she now possesses.

The Ministry of Marine had, therefore, realising the necessity of contributing as much as possible towards minesweeping commitments, suggested, that a few American minesweepers should be lent to the Italian Navy, and, as has been states above, this idea appeared to be favourably received by the American Naval Authorities.

Since the Council of Foreign Ministers has not altered the total tonnage allowed to Italy, equivalent to the 16 sweepers added to Enclosure 44, the Ministry of Marine considers it all the more necessary to be obliged to insist on the proposal that the above craft should be loaned until the completion of minesweeping.

b) The Italian Navy's desire to possess a number of American minesweepers.

As has already been stated at the beginning of the letter, the Italian Navy is keenly interested in acquiring a number of American minesweepers, but their possession will not, in any case, be possible until the

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completion of sweeping in the Mediterranean, because until it is completed, the vessels will be at the disposal of the Central Minesweeping Commission.

I therefore consider that the possibility of acquiring the craft in question by the Italian Navy may best be examined at the end of the period of minesweeping.

5. In conclusion it is proposed that:

a) In consideration of the great importance and international interest of the minesweeping problem, the minesweepers in question should be loaned to the Italian Navy to enable it the better to carry out its task.

b) Postponing the possible acquisition of the above minesweepers by the Italian Navy until the end of the period of minesweeping.

THE MINISTER.

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
Date 21 JAN 1947
No M.3410/1145/54
ROME

MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

Gabinetto

Ufficio Trattati

Prot. N° 186/14 Allegati

Risposta al disp. del N°

Roma, 15 Gennaio 1947

ARGOMENTO: Acquisto di 22 dragamine americani da parte della Marina Militare italiana.

Al S.U.S.N.L.C.I.

e per conoscenza:

F.O.L.I. (riferimento telegramma FCLI del 9 corrente)

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sottocommissione Navale -

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Si attendono ulteriori notizie dal Ministero della Marina Mercantile circa la possibilità di adibire i dragamine americani ad usi civili.

2° - Per esaminare sotto tutti i suoi possibili aspetti la questione dell'eventuale acquisto dei suddetti dragamine è necessario però richiamarsi alle precedenti trattative intercorse tra questo Ministero e codesto Ufficio per la cessione dei dragamine stessi alla Marina Italiana.

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Come è stato detto all'inizio del presente foglio, la

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Marina italiana ha vivo interesse a possedere qualche esemplare dei dragamine americani, ma tale possesso non potrà comunque essere realizzato che dopo che sarà ultimato lo sgombero delle mine dalle acque mediterranee, perchè sino a tale termine i dragamine saranno a disposizione della Commissione Centrale del dragaggio delle mine. .

Ritengo pertanto che la possibilità di acquisto dei dragamine in argomento da parte della Marina italiana potrà essere efficacemente esaminata alla fine del periodo del dragaggio.

5° - In conclusione si propone che:

a) in considerazione della grande importanza e dell'interesse internazionale della questione dello sgombero delle mine, i dragamine in argomento siano dati in prestito alla Marina italiana per metterla in condizione di meglio assolvere tale compito;

b) l'esame della possibilità di acquisto dei suddetti dragamine da parte della Marina italiana sia rinviato alla fine del periodo del dragaggio.

IL MINISTRO

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TO FOLI (R) NOIC TRIESTE, RHO VENICE. FROM CINC MED.

Unclassified.

NOIC Trieste's 071604 para 1 Request information of progress.
2. Is it expected that steaming parties will be able to take passage in accordance with my 081558 para2.

....15 1446A/Jan....

REF: 12 EYMS to be sailed for inspection by Italian Navy.
DIST: 0-6, 7, 10, 14, 15, 16, 21, Log.

C&S F/L AM 16th DCS 16/1.

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STAFF MINUTE SHEET

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY

Subject: 12 Ryans for Inspection by Italian Navy.

Originator, reference No. & Date: C in C's 15th/16th Jan.

Referred to	Remarks of Staff Officers should be drafted in the form of a letter or signal to cover desired action.
~~Sec~~ GR 16/1	In hand. I will report to C-in-C. towards Tuesday) forenoon GR 16/1
Sec Adm	
Sec 17/1 ~~Sec Adm~~	What is the answer? Adm 17/1
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After action	
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~~Secretary~~

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~~Propose attached signal~~ Ed. Softy

C.S.O. has drafted signal Ed.

Sent Hy 1625/20/1/47

Continue on fresh minute sheet if necessary.

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COMNAVEU (R) COMNAVMED, F.O.L.I., OFLC ROME.

From: SENALUSLO ITALY

CONFIDENTIAL

Italian Minister of Marine informed me in official correspondence that Italian Navy does NOT (R) NOT desire to purchase 16 BYMS now that he has information that the tonnage is not exempt from tonnage limitation in final draft of Peace Treaty and that the 16 BYMS to be aquired from U.S. are included in list of ships remaining to Italy. Further states post war minesweeping commitments involve heavy financial burden so that in interest of national economy the Italian Government feels unable to purchase at this time. The Minister insists in proposing that in consideration of importance and International interest of minesweeping problem subject craft be loaned to Italian Navy until completion of minesweeping operations and he further requests that the possible acquigition be postponed until the end of minesweeping period. Your 211306Z December to OFLC Paris not to all info addressees refers.

OFLC Rome please pass to OFLC Paris.

=191550Jan

Ref: Not Held.

Dist: 0 - 6,log.

This signal must be PAR[illegible] before [illegible] to British [illegible] non-official [illegible]

Hand P/L TOR...2.12./20/1 CES 20/1/47.

VENICE.

State of B.Y.M.S, on January 19th 1947.

B.Y.M.S.	OPERATIONAL CONDITION	DEFECTS ~~DEFX~~
2009 (S.O.)	GOOD	NIL
2027	GOOD	NIL
2141	State B	NO S.A. BOX GYRO DEFECTIX
2023	GOOD	NIL
2012	GOOD	NIL
2206	STATE C.	GYRO LL. S.A.
2014	GOOD	NIL
2013	GOOD	NIL
2024	STATE B.	NO S.A. nor SWEEP WIRES
2037	STATE B.	NO TAIL nor SWEEP WIRES
2073	GOOD	NIL
2028	GOOD	NIL

BRITISH PERSONEL STANDING BYE B.Y.M.S.

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S. 1320b.
(Established—October, 1918)

NAVAL MESSAGE.

TO: C in C MED (R) N.O.I.C. TRIESTE, R.N.O.VENICE

FROM: From: F.O.L.I.

CONFIDENTIAL IMMEDIATE

Your 1514462 January. Italian Minister of Marine has written officially to SEMALUSLO that Italian Navy does not desire to purchase 16 BYMS since their tonnage is included in total tonage allowed in Peace Treaty. Italian Government also feels unable to purchase the ships at present owing to shortage of dollars and has made counter proposal that ships be loaned to Italians for minesweeping.

DTG 201652A January.

Ref: Steaming parties for BYMS.

Dist: O - 6,log.

C&W N.Co.K TOD. .p.m./20/1 CYS 20/1/47

This signal must be PARAPHRASED before being shown to British or U.S. non-official authorities

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SENIOR U. S. NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER, ITALY.
ROME, ITALY.

FROM: COMNAVEU - REENCIPHERED BY COMNAVMED

CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL
PRECEDENCE: DEFERRED

DATE: 22 JANUARY 1947.

ACTION:

INFO: SENALUSLO ITALY, OPLC ROME FOLI, ALUSNA PARIS

211004Z / JANUARY 1947.
201716Z / JANUARY

THIS IS COMNAVEU 201716Z, ACTION: CNO, INFO: COMNAVMED, ALUSNA PARIS SENALUSLO ITALY 191550Z PASSED TO YOU BETEIG. WILL SUBMIT RECOMMENDATION AFTER DISCUSSION WITH CAPTAIN PRYCE WHO IS EXPECTED LONDON THIS WEEK.

SENALUSLO ITALY 191550Z - SALE OF 16 HYMs TO ITALY.

DISTRIBUTION:

INTERNAL: OO, C1

EXTERNAL:

NSG FOLI OPLC ROME

Already Received by FOLI

ACTION:

INFO: (FILE)

TOR: .....

INCOMING - OUTGOING D/T GR: .....
DISPATCH

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1 Copy to Com. Ziroli

PAWT

NO COMNAVMED (2) FOLI, ROIC TRIESTE, RNO VENICE, SNOAD. FROM CINCMED.

Unclassified.

Owing to shortage on the station it is necessary to withdraw remaining British personnel from RMS at Venice so that they can take passage to Malta aboard 7th Feb. in Oaferia.

2. If disposal has not been formally completed by then it is requested that you will arrange for Italians to take over custody of the RMS in time to release British crews as in para one above.

...23 [illegible]/ten.....

DTGT: 0-7, 10, 11, 1966

CS E/L AM 2146 YOS 24/4.

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Zachief, NSC

1145/54

SENIOR U. S. NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER, ITALY.
ROME, ITALY.

FROM: COMNAVEU

CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL
PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

DATE: 27 January 1947.

ACTION: SEMALUSLO ITALY, AND OPIC ROME, CMO

INFO: ALUSNA PARIS NOT ADEE PASS OPIC PARIS - COMNAVMED

2418062/ JANUARY 1946.

MY DEPUTY FOR NEW YORK CFM MEETING INFORMED ME THAT HE PROPOSED INCREASE IN WAR SHIPS TONNAGE ALLOWED ITALY TO COMPENSATE FOR INCLUSION OF SIXTEEN YMS BUT WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT DUE TO SOVIET AND FRENCH OPPOSITION. REFER ART 59 ITALIAN TREATY. THEREFORE RECOMMEND 16 YMS BE MADE AVAILABLE BY U.S. TO ITALIAN NAVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SWEEPING MINED AREAS ALLOCATED TO ITALY BY MED 1 BOARD AND FOR WHICH TEMPORARY ADDITION OF ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL WAS AUTHORIZED IN ART 60 OF THE TREATY.
NEW SUBJECT: MINES 2919422 MOTAL MINES. IN EVENT OF SALE OF 6 ADDITIONAL YMS TO ITALIAN NATIONALS NOT AUTHORIZED OR NOT CONSUMATED RECOMMEND THESE BE MADE AVAILABLE SIMILARLY.

CSD.
SC(AF) Ltr
P.A.

OPIC - NAVY - ROME

C2Ltr. 12.02/20.

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INTERNAL: OO, O1, NSC (2)

EXTERNAL: OPIC

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.
27th January, 1947.

Red.47/529/10/1
OFFICE OF FOREIGN LIQUIDATION COMMISSION, ROME.
(Copies to:-
Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Mediterranean.
Flag Officer, Liaison, Italy).

INSPECTION OF B.Y.H.S.'s - OFFICE OF FOREIGN LIQUIDATION COMMISSION'S SIGNAL TIMED 231722 JANUARY.

The following information regarding location of B.Y.H.S.'s is forwarded in accordance with your signal timed 231722 January, not to Flag Officer Liaison, Italy:-

Malta. 2075, 2212.

Venice. 2009, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2023, 2024, 2027, 2028, 2037, 2073, 2141, 2206.

2. These are in addition to B.Y.H.S.'s 2011, 2026, 2031, 2149, 2174, 2175, and 2177 All located at Malta.

Sgd. P.S. SMITH

for ADMIRAL.

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
Date 14 FEB 1947
N C1941/1145/54 ✓

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C in C Med (R) R.A.D., R.A.M., S.N.O.A.D., F.O.L.I.
R.N.O. VENICE, L.S.T. 3516, Senior BYMS

From: N.O.I.C. TRIESTE.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Your 231550 and 311610 neither to all.
As all the BYMS crews still at Venice total 11 officers and 54 ratings it is intended in anticipation of their releases to propose to transport them to Malta in L.S.T. 3516 about 10th February owing to shortage of accommodation in "OCTAVIA" in addition it was intended that L.S.T.3516 should call at Trieste on route from Venice to Malta to embark stores for disposal and a further 45 ratings from R.N. base who will be available for discharge in accordance with reduction programme.

2. Propose that L.S.T. 3516 who according to ammunition dumping programme will be in the dumping area about 11th February should embark personnel and stores as in my para 1 and continue to Malta on completion of dumping ammunition returning to Northern Adriatic to comply with your 311610 January.

DTG 021130 February.

Refs: Not Held.
Dist: C - 6, log.

C&W N.C.O.I. T.O.R.A.M./3/2 CXS 3/2/47

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SENIOR U. S. NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER, ITALY.
ROME, ITALY.

FROM: COMNAVMED

CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL
PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

DATE: 5 February 1947.

ACTION: SENAILOSLO, ITALY

INFO: OPIC ITALY, COMNAVMED, CNO, ALUSNA PARIS, OPIC PARIS

041256Z/February 1946.

(ORIGINATED BY COMNAVEU 031657Z)

AS STATED IN CNO 011758Z THERE IS NO CONFLICT BETWEEN PARTS 56(1) AND 59(3). TOTAL TONNAGE WARSHIPS ALLOWED ITALY IS APPROXIMATELY 63000 TONS INCLUDING 16 YMS. ITALIAN

NAVAL REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK CAPTAIN GURIARDI HAS MADE AWARE OF US LAWS WHICH PROHIBIT LOANING OF WARSHIPS AND U.S. REPRESENTATIVE INTEND TO HAVE 16 YMS INCLUDED

IN ANNEX 12(A) IN ORDER ELIMINATE CONFLICT WITH PART 59(5). IT WAS ONLY AFTER LONG DEBATE THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS AGREED TO INCLUSION. THEIR AGREEMENT WAS GIVEN BECAUSE

US LAWS PROHIBATE LOAN AND SIMILAR PROPOSAL BY BRITISH TO INCLUDE 8 EX-BRITISH MINE-SWEEPERS IN TREATY WAS NOT ACCEPTED. ITALIAN NAVAL REPRESENTATIVE OFFERED NO OBJECTIONS

BUT ASKED THAT TONNAGE ALLOWED UNDER PART 59(3) BE INCREASED TO AILOW FOR MINESWEEPERS SINCE FIGURES 67500 HAD BEEN REACHED PRIOR TO THEIR INCLUSION IN ANNEX 12. NAVAL

COMMITTEE REFUSED AGREE TO US PROPOSED TONNAGE INCREASE SINCE MINESWEEPER TONNAGE COULD AND PROBABLY WOULD BE REDUCED BY ITALY AFTER MINESWEEPING PERIOD AND BEFORE

1950. IN VIEW OF ABOVE. URGIS 191550Z. AND SHORT INTERVAL UNTIL TREATIES COME INTO FORCE REQUEST YOU ADVISE ME SPECIFICALLY IN THE FOLLOWING. IS ITALIAN OBJECTION TO

ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE BASED ON (A) OBJECTION TO PURCHASE COST (B) DESIRE NOT TO PREJUDICE POSSIBLE UTILIZATION OF ALL MARGINAL TONNAGE IN REPLACEMENT OF CRUISER

DESTROYER AND ESCORT TYPES (C) OR WAS REAL DESIRE OF MINISTRY THAT U.S. SHOULD DEFRAY EXPENSE OF ITALIAN POST WAR MINE SWEEPING BY LOANING SWEEPS AND EQUIPMENT

(WHICH PRESENT LAW DOES NOT PERMIT) WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING WARSHIP REPLACEMENT MARGIN AFTER 1950.

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INTERNAL: 00, 01

ACTION:

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EXTERNAL: NSC (2)
OPIC

Copy for Adm. Hanson

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SENIOR U. S. NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER, ITALY.
ROME, ITALY.

FROM: HYSONG

ACTION: WBS FOR OPIC, COMNAVEU

CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL
PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

INFO: CNO, OPIC ROME, SENALUSLO ITALY, COMNAVMED, ALUSNA PARIS.

DATE: 7 February 1947.

0517352/FEBRUARY 1948.

REFERENCE CNO 301843 AND YOUR 311624Z. 22 YMS ARE INCLUDED IN INVITATION FOR BIDS EXPIRING FEBRUARY 26. YOU WILL BE ADVISED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE REGARDING THE DISPOSAL OF SUBJECT VESSELS.

DISTRIBUTION:

INTERNAL: CO, OI

ACTION:

INFO: (FILE)

EXTERNAL: NAVS (2), FOLI, OPIC ROME.

TOR: .....

INCOMING - OUTGOING D/T GR: .....
DISPATCH

ADMTY INFO ROLI R.A.D. NOIC TRIESTE FROM...CINC M.T.

RESTRICTED DEFERRED.

A.M. 031610. Request was contain d in COMNAVMED's 020725/Dec: that twelve BYMS should be kept at Trieste t til result of sale negotiations were known. This was complied with although MS would have otherwise sailed for Malta to pay-off about 4th: December.

2. COMNAVMED's 040222/Dec: st ed that location of craft at Trieste or Malta immaterial, but ten days only re uired for completion of sale negotiations. BYMS were therefore left at Trie te and crews reduced.

3. NSC later requested through OIC that BYMS be sailed to Venice for inspection to expedite completi of negotiation, ROLI 031127A/Dec: refers. This was done but inspection di not start until early January and included dry-docking and steaming trials. On arrival at Venice crews were further reduced to meet other commitmen .

4. Inspection and negotiations ave been protracted, and in CINCMED's 231558A/Jan: COMNAVMED was requ ted to arrange for Italians to take over custody of BYMS as it would be n cessary to withdraw remaining British Naval ratings about 7th: Februa .

5. It is now understood that I lians are not (R) not buying these BYMS but are hoping to borrow them.

6. It would be difficult to st m BYMS from Venice to Malta, not more than two steaming crews being availal e. BYMS are not fit for Winter Atlantic crossing. Considerable refitting work would be necessary to make them fit for even the Summer crossing, a crews could not be provided from Station resources.

7. Signals quoted not to all.

.....06 1264/Feb.....

Refs: (1) Not Held. A.M. 031610 Feb.
(2) Negotiations being m e through OPIC.
(3) Sale of 12 BYMS.
(4) [redacted]. Confidential.
(5) Withdrawal of remain g British Personnel.

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C&W CRYPTO TOR A.M. 7th: RF (DGS) 7/2/47.

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O in C MED (R) F.O.I.I., M.O.I.C.TRIESTE, R.M.O.VENICE.

FROM: CINCMEDAIRMED.

CONFIDENTIAL PRIORITY

Reference your 061052. Admiralty's 051610 not containing latest information MTBs. CMTC have informed me certainly for sale opens 26th February and estimates 30 days to concummate sale. Regret that transfer of custody cannot be accomplished except as indicated in CINCMEDAIRMED dispatch quoted in referenced Admiralty dispatch.

DTG: 061436Z February.

Ref: (1) Transfer of custody of MTBS to Italians.
(2) Not held.

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RMK RAAC 2/L T.C.R.-Rom./1/2 CES 7/2/47.

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1145/54

TO MINISTRY OF MARINE (R) NAVAL SUBSECTION, ROME, FOLI. FROM SENALUSLO ITALY.

Unclassified Routine.

Ref my signal 121220/Dec. and your letter to Senclusle 186/MT of 15th Jan. 1947. You are informed that U.S. law prohibit loan of warships to foreign nations and therefore cannot approve your request. Desire your immediate decision for the purchase of 16 minesweepers which are available for sale to Italian Government. Am further informed that these MS's are being negotiated by other countries. Am further informed that U.S. Government has recently granted Italian Government ten million dollar credit for the purchase of surplus U.S. Government property. Request necessary funds be obtained from your Government and to designate ROME as point to expedite negotiations for the acquisition. Request this matter be treated as urgent.

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"W": Not Held.
S/M F/S TOD P.E. 7th: LP 7/2/47.

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NOIC THLESTE INFO RA(D) FOLI FROM....CINC MED.

RESTRICTED.

Necessary to retain British C&M parties in HMS after 20th: Feb, my 061052A and COMNAVMED's 061436 not to all refer.
2. Reference para 3 of your 071604/Jan: C&M party is to be reduced to three Officers and 54 Ratings. Signal details of ratings due for dispersal by 27th: March. Balance of Officers available for disposal in accordance with my 101634/Jan: (Not to FOLI) are to be discharged to Malta and names of three Officers being retained reported.

Ref: .....09 14064/Feb.....
(1) Withdrawal crews cannot be delayed later 20th: Feb;
(2) Sale of HMS.
(3) Not held.
(4) Not to FOLI.

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CCH CRYPTO TOP [illegible] 10th: 10/2/47.

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TO ADMIRALTY (E) CINC MED, COMNAVMED, COMNAVEU, FOLI, NOIC TRIESTE.
FROM EAD WASHINGTON.

Restricted.

Admtymessage 031610 and CinC Med's 061246(Neither to all). The position is as stated in OPLC letter of January 6th, 1947 copy of which was forwarded to Treasury and list of which is contained in EAD's 072151 January(to Admty only). Under this arrangement BYMS in the Mediterranean would be disposed of by OPLC either by local sale(vessels to be offered for sale promptly) or failing this by abandonment to the U.K. authorities???. The question of sailing them to USA would thus not arise. This has been pointed out to Navy Department and discussions with them and OPLC are continuing in order to confirm beyond doubt that all concerned agree that there is no question of returning vessels to USA and also with the object of expediting completion of negotiations regarding BYMS at the Med. Further developments will be reported by signal.

....11 1635A/Feb.....

REF:(1).Not held.(2).Italians hoping to borrow BYMS.(3).Admty only.
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CSW. CRYPTO. T.O.R. PM 12th. DCS. 15/2/47.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet).
To : SEMALUSLO and for info: NSS - IMAS; FOLI.
Date: 13th February, 1947.
Ref.: 554/UT.

Subject: Purchase of 16 American Y.M.S. Minesweepers.

With reference to your signal timed 061800/Feb.

1. The Minister of the Treasury, approached regarding the information received from you, has communicated that the Italian Government is not aware of any particular credit given by the U.S. Government for the purchase of surplus American material. The only credits allowed to the Italian Government resulted from the purchase by the U.S. Government of two buildings in Rome.

2. As, on the other hand, the 16 minesweepers appear in Appendix XII/B of the Peace Treaty, among the shipping assigned to Italy, the Italian Government is prepared to purchase them and desires to find a way to realize such an intention.

3. For this purpose it is proposed, in agreement with the Ministry of the Treasury, that the minesweepers in question should be included among the material which the U.S. Government is handing over to the ARAR; this society would then provide for the payment of the price agreed for them, in accordance with the agreement which regulates the cession to Italy of American surplus materials.

THE MINISTER.

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
18 FEB 1947
Date
No M3427/1145/54
ROME

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Mod. 39

Ministero della Marina Militare

GABINETTO

Ufficio Trattati

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N.° 554/UI *Allegati*

Roma, 13 FEB 1947 *194*

Al S.E.M.A.L.U.S.L.O.

e per conoscenza:

I.M.A.S. - Sottosezione Navale

F.O.L.I.

ARGOMENTO: Acquisto 16 dragamine Y.M.S. americani.

Riferimento telegramma 061800/Feb.-

Il Ministero del Tesoro, interpellato su quanto riferito dalla S.V., ha comunicato che il Governo italiano non è a conoscenza di alcun speciale accreditamento concessogli dal Governo degli Stati Uniti per l'acquisto di materiale americano surplus. I soli accreditamenti effettuati al Governo italiano concernono l'acquisto di due palazzi a Roma da parte del Governo statunitense.

Poichè d'altra parte i 16 dragamine figurano nell'allegato XII/B del Trattato di pace fra il naviglio assegnato all'Italia, il Governo italiano è disposto ad acquistarli e desidera trovare il modo per realizzare tale operazione.

A tal uopo, in accordo col Ministero del Tesoro, si propone che i dragamine in questione siano inclusi fra i materiali che il Governo degli Stati Uniti mette a disposizione dell'A.R.A.R.- Questo Ente provvederebbe poi al pagamento del prezzo per essi concordato con le modalità stabilite nell'accordo che regola la cessione all'Italia di materiale surplus americano.

IL MINISTRO

F°) Gasparotto

L'AMMIRAGLIO DI DIVISIONE

Capo Ufficio Trattati

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Pack No 1145/54

STAFF MINUTE SHEET

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY

Subject: Purchase of 16 American Y.M.S. Minesweepers

Originator, reference No. & Date: Min. of Mrs 5574/UT of 13 Feby 47

Referred to	Remarks of Staff Officers should be drafted in the form of a letter or signal to cover desired action.
Sec(Nav) CR 24/2 C 24/2 Sec(A) 25/2 C.S.S. 26/2. Sec.	Attached signals are self-explanatory. The request that they should be made came through Baroni, & the one about sailing a corvette to Malta was confirmed later by Pecori. The corvette will probably be the GRV. Propose that these signals be sent Sir Somerville
A/Secretary.	
To be signed by	
After action	
Disponsal P.A.	

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM:

TO:

FOR INFO RA(D) NOIC TRIESTE FROM ..QINC MED.

CLASSIFIED.

Ref: (111C/. Advised to retain 1Mr. (A) J.G. High JUNK and three enclosive officers mentioned in para one of NOIC Trieste's 10172.

.....16 JUNE 1806/TRI.....

Ref: CSI partieo 1Qr 10172.
Subj: Off 10 M Zone

SIG CINCSIX BT Addr Info: ZE 16/2/1.7.

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EGYPTIAN NAVY AIR REQUESTING THEIR OWN PAPER PRIORITY IN SECURING
NOS 2023 2435 2028 and 2013 AT VERDUN.

.....22 1022A/Feb.....

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CASE UNCYPHD FOR A.M. 23rd. SET 23/2/33

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ADMIRALTY (R) C IN C MED AFLOAT, F.O.L.I. N.O.I.C. TRIESTE,
R.N.O. VENICE.

yzzm; C in C MED.

CONFIDENTIAL

possibility that four E.M.S. now at VENICE may be purchased by Egyptian Navy. Request instructions whether in this event M/S spar S/A type "A" MKIV should be removed.

2. C.A.F.O. 404/47 para 2 (c) refers.

DTG 221052 February.

Ref: C.A.F.O. 404. Preparation of Lend-Lease vessels for re-delivery to U.S. List of British items to be removed.

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

FROM

TO MINISTRY OF MARINE (R) COMNAVEU, COMNAVMED,
OFLC PARIS, OFLC ROME,
F.O.L.I.

FROM N.S.S. OF I.M.A.S.

Unclassified.

Subject: sale of American BYMS to Italian Navy. Commodore ZIROLI sends:-
Am informed by OFLC authorities that unless Italian Navy pledge that it will purchase 16 minesweepers BYMS offered for sale prior to noon 26th February they will no longer extend priority for acquisition by the Italian Navy and that minesweepers will be sold to other interested Governments and bidders in accordance with special invitation bid No. 199. This urgency is prompted by large demand from other sources and large number of bidders who desire prompt delivery.

....25 1158A/Feb....

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D/ TRAFFIC. P/L. DCS. 25/2/47.

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OWLS ROME INFO COURIAVEN CONGRAVEN OWLS PARIS FOLL

FROM. N.S.S.
OF IMMS.

IMMEDIATE Unclassified.

My 251158. Subject: Acquisition of American EYMS.
Ministry of Defence has this date pledged to purchase 16 EYMS for Italian
Navy awaiting pledge subject to receipt of Italian Government extension
of additional credit of ten million dollars now being negotiated.

.....26 1147z/Feb.....

Sent: 0616 17 24 Copies
2 H/M OWLS Rome.

Hyh CGH T/P(NAAC) P/L NOD A.M. 26th: HF 26/2/47.

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TO CINCMED (R) F.O.(D)., P.A.M., GIBRALTAR. FROM FOLJ (5).

Restricted Unclassified.

NAVY WASHINGTON'S 111635 to C in C Med only. Request approval to sail Italian corvette to Malta with Italian Naval Commission to inspect 4 RMS whose purchase is being considered by Italian Government.
2. Commission would consist of CAPTAIN MAGNANI (Inspector of Minesweeping) Lieut. Commander (E) SCHIROLI and Lieut. (E) Cavedale.

...26 1513A/Feb.....

REF: Not held.

DIST: 0-6, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, Log.

ITALO CARLO. EXETO. P.M. 26th. DTG. 27/2/47.

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TO ADMIRALTY.

FROM N.S.O.OF I.M.A.B.

Immediate Unclassified.

Please pass my 251158 and 261117 to O.P.I.C. PARIS.

....27 C3481/Feb.....

REF: (1). Sale of 16 MMBS.
(2). Acquisition of American MMBS.
DIST: 0-6, 4, 17, 21, 10&.

TRANS CAIRO. F/L. A.M. 274h. DCS. 27/2/47.

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ROUTED UNDER D.T.G. QUOTED BY COMNAVMED.

COMNAVMED FROM...NSS OF RMAS.

Immediate Unclassified.

Following is repetition of my 261806Z. Begins Addressed.

OPIC ROME INFO COMNAVEU COMNAVMED OPIC PARIS FOLI FROM..NSS OF RMAS.

Immediate Unclassified.

My 251158. Subject. Acquisition of American BMB.
Ministry of Defence has this date pledged to purchase 16 BMB for Italian Navy stating pledge subject to receipt of Italian Government extension of additional credit of ten million dollars now being negotiated.

DTG..261806A..Ends. .... 01 1105A/Feb.....

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COM P/L TOD A.A. 1st: RF 1/3/47.

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TO ZYLE (C) CINCNAV MALTA, R.I.D. 9.0.M., SECRET. FROM CINC MED(A).

Important Restricted.

My objection to your 261513 February.
2. Have you any more information about disposal of the twelve ex Italian Tripoli.
3. POSE pass to SECRET.

...02 09302/Mal.....

REF: Request approval sell Italian corvette Malta.

DTG: 06, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 21, 2nd.

DEADLINE. CRYPTO. A.M. 3rd. TOR. 3/3/43.

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TO CINC MED(M) (R) CINC MED(A), F.O.(D), F.O. MALTA, SENALUSIO.FROM NOLI(5).

Important Restricted.

My 261513 February. Intend sailing corvette GRU from Messina PM/4th so as to arrive Malta 050800.
2. On completion of inspection of BUMS request GRU be sailed to either Messina or Taranto as desired by Inspector of Minesweepers.

.....03 1649A/Mar.....

REF: Request approval sail Italian corvette to Malta.

DIST: 0-6, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, Log.
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TO CINC MED(A) (R) CINC MED(M), F.O.(D), F.O.(M). FROM BOLI.

Restricted.

Ministry of Defence have pledged to purchase BYMS for Italian Navy subject to receipt of extension by Italian Government of additional credit of ten million dollars now being negotiated. Your 020958 refers.

....04 1700A/Mar.....

REF: Requesting information of 12 BYMS.

DIST: C-6, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, Log.

ENCIPHERED. CRYPTO. A.M. 4th. DCS. 4/3/47.

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C.S. MALTA INFO CINC 2ND (2) FROM...NAVY NOTE.

RESTRICTED.

Request very early forwarding of information required by my 281458 /Feb: as Italian corvette Cmd'r ETA Malta is 05 0800.

.....C4 1650A/March.....

Distr: 0-6 10 14 15 16 17 21 Insp.
Ref: Info re: seat of W/T valves.

CSN CRYPTO TOD P.M. 5th: RF 5/3/47.

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OTHC NSO (W) INFO G.S. MALTA FROM...N.S.O. ROME.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

Information regarding by my Ch/650 has been received and transmitted to Ministry of Defence (Navy) who are making arrangements for payment.
2. Owing to lengthy negotiations with Treasury however, the opportuni of shipment on Italian account and urgency of Italian requirement, request favourable consideration be given to supply of stores on re-payment as a special case.

.....11 1095/18(2)....

Ref: Code or W/T various.
Time: 0-6 10 12 14 16 17 20 Z.G.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM:

TO:

O in C Med. (E) F.O.L.I. K.O.I.C. Trieste, R.N.O. Venice.

Repeated. From: Admiralty.

Your [illegible] Reference:

1. Nightingale must not (R) NOT be removed but in the event of mole it should be made clear that a change will be made for [illegible]

2. [illegible]

3. The valid Inclining (1 group corrupt) cards of a set of [illegible] are approximately ANG.

19[illegible] March

Dest: A. Signs may be purchased by Egyptian Navy.
Signed [illegible]
Initials [illegible] Date/24/3 M.O.[illegible] CIS 23/3/27

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DIRECTOR OF I.N.P. AFHQ INFO C.S.M. FROM....CINC MED.

RESTRICTED.

Your 111805. Not received until 17th:
As Gru has sailed and no immediate shipping opportunity forseen, suggest negotiations for prepayment be expediated to enable valves to be shipped next opportunity.

.....21 1818B/March.....

Ref: Supply of valves on repayment.
Dist: 0-6 10 14 15 16 21 Log.

ITAL CABLE CRYPTO TOR A.M. 22nd: RE 23/3/47

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TO OFLC PARIS (R) ADMTY, OFLC ROME, COMNAVMED, FOLI, ROIC TRIESTE,
FROM CINC MED.

Unclassified.

Request early information anticipated date when disposal of EYMS at Malta and Venice will be completed.

....23 1022A/April....

DIST: 0-7, 10, Log. 2 H/M OFLC Rome.

ITALCAIRE. F/L. A.M. 24th. DCS. 24/4/47.

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TO ADMIRALTY (R) FOLI, FOD, FOM, NOIC TRIESTE. FROM CINC MED.

Restricted.

Over five months have now elapsed since 12 EMBS at Venice were declared available for disposal.

2. Wide continued delay in disposal, and consequent inability to release four officers and 59 ratings forming C and M parties, is delaying personnel reductions and will soon delay releases.

3. Request CNO decide be asked to expedite disposal of these vessels in the very near future.

4. My 061246A February 031022A and AM 091705 refer.

5. References not to all.

INFO: (1) Italians take over custody of EMB.
(2) and (3) not held.

DIST: C-7, 10, 11, 15, 16, 21, Log.

29 1550A/April...

ITALOMED. CRYPTO. P.M. 306h. DNB. 2/5/47.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

[illegible] (R) P.O.A.C., W.O.S. Naval Attaché.

CONFIDENTIAL

Dated 29 1950 April.

Following is extract from a telegram from U.S. Naval Attaché Italian Naval Ex[illegible], to Office, Washington. Begins:

Number 1/1740 R. Italian Government have been notified of grant of 16 MTBS released by Minister of Defence (Navy) and have been authorized to place [illegible] guards aboard for the protection of equipment and crews relieving Italian navy of custodial responsibilities pending receipt of disposal papers. Ends.

2. Suggest you consult U.S. Authorities on Sunday and arrange direct with Italian Ministry of Defence (Navy) for ships to be taken over.

[illegible] 1/5 of 1947 [illegible].

Distribution:
[illegible]

Action: Naval Attaché; Information: Foreign Security.

Released [illegible] Authenticated [illegible] 6/5/47

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM:

TO: NAVY (2) CINC MED(A), RAD, ROM, NAVC TOKYO. INFO: CINC MED.

Important Restricted.

A.M. OPERATIONAL May. It is important to relieve all British personnel in AMG's at Venice at earliest possible date.
2. Request you will consult CINC Med and Italian Ministry of Defence (Navy) as to their intentions for taking over these ports. It is most desirable that all AMG's at Venice should be involved in the 15.

...05 1030Z/May.....

ADD: Extract from a despatch from U.S. Naval Member T.F.S.
CHECK: C-7, 10, 15, 16, 24, Ter.

INITIALS. CYPHER. P.M. Sec. DTG. 6/5/47.

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From: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY) (Maristat)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 3rd May 1947
Ref.: 19416

U R G E N T

Subject: Minesweeping equipment of the American B Y M S

It appears that the magnetic-acoustic and mechanical minesweeping equipment is missing on some of the B Y M S, for which negotiations are in progress for purchase.

It would therefore be appreciated if we could be informed whether it is possible to obtain the missing equipment from British Naval stores, and if so, what procedure should be followed, either for the original American gear which was landed, or for British equipment which replaced the American type on the vessels in question.

We should also be interested to know whether spare parts for the latter are available.

for THE CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

U.S. OFFICER LIAISON
5 MAY 1947
N.3665/1947/54
ROME

JLP/P.
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Mod.39

Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Roma 5 maggio ~~Aprile~~ 1947. 19

Rep. M.D.S. Uff. D.D./3^Sez.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 19416 Allegati

Al F. O. L. I. ROMA

ARGOMENTO. Materiale di dragaggio dei B Y M S americani.=

- U r g e n t e -

A bordo di alcuni B Y M S, dei quali - come noto - sono in corso di perfezionamento le trattative per l'acquisto, risultano mancanti le apparecchiature magneto-acustiche e di dragaggio meccanico.

Sarebbe pertanto desiderabile sapere se è possibile ottenere tali apparecchiature mancanti dai magazzini della Marina Britannica e quale procedura dovrebbe essere seguita a tale scopo, sia per il materiale originale americano sbarcato sia per quello britannico che sostituì a suo tempo quello U.S.A. a bordo delle unità in parola.

Interesserebbe inoltre conoscere se di quest'ultimo materiale esiste la possibilità di avere pezzi di rispetto.=

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE.

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Staff Minute Sheet Pack No. 54

F L A G O F F I C E R, I T A L Y and L I A I S O N.

Subject:- M/S equipments of American Y.M.S.

Originator, reference No. & Date:- Min. of Def (N)'s 19416 of 3 May

Referred to X for action / for information	Remarks should be drafted in the form of a letter or signal to cover desired action.
SSO 7/5 Sec	This letter is an embellished version of a despr which I propose is no hurrying last week. VCN Hannah confirmed that certain indispensable items for sweeping were missing from the BYMS (vide his ~~letter~~ ~~under~~ ~~ref~~ ~~A~~ ~~para 4~~ ~~page~~ ~~last page of~~ above below) ~~He is in Venice now & will return shortly to~~ ~~on his way back to Rome - & he undertakes to confirm the alleged shortage in detail. Pending his arrival in Rome, request approval to attached signal, which I suggest should NOT be sent until he arrives gets here.~~ Yr. Sec,
	Signal sent AHM 7/5
TO BE SIGNED BY	

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Referred to
X for action
/ for information

Remarks should be drafted in the form of a letter or signal to cover desired action.

CSO 7/5
Sec

This letter is an embellished version of a draft which I propose to use instead of a signal. Hannah confirmed that certain indispensable items for sweeping were missing from the BYAS (vide his tabulated report attached below). ~~his visit to Spain & passed to last page of packet below)~~ ~~He is in Paris was a rather short to do his way back to London & he undertakes to confirm the alleged shortage in detail. Pending his arrival in Rome, request approval to attached signal which I suggest should NOT be sent until he arrives & gets here.~~

Yrs. Sec,

Signal sent 7/5

TO BE SIGNED BY

AFTER ACTION

DISPOSAL

B.U. 20/5

Continue on fresh minute sheet if necessary.

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Lt. Godwell R.N.V.R.

OPERATIONAL STATE OF H.M. B.Y.M.S. AT VENICE, 4th MAY 1947.

	Main Engines.	5/0 kw.	Gyro.	P.Sweep Wires.	Multiplane Otters	Floats.	S.Sweep Wires.	Dans.	LL.	Sk Dan.	Remarks.
2073.	OK	OK	OK	2	3	2	2	Nil	OK	OK	General.
2023.	OK	OK	OK	2	6	3	2	Nil	OK	OK	Sweep wires are all double length and can
2012.	OK	OK	OK	2	4	3	2	Nil	OK	OK	be cut and re-spliced to make two. 19 Kite wires are held between the ships.
2013.	OK	OK	OK	2	4	2	2	Nil	OK	OK	
2014.	OK	OK	OK	2	3	2	Nil	Nil	OK	OK	
2009.	OK	OK	OK	2	3	3	2	Nil	OK	OK	
2141.	# OK	OK	* NOK	2	6	2	2	Nil	OK	OK	# Star. gear box under re pair. * Minus amplifier panel & azimuth motor.
2028.	OK	OK	OK	2	6	3	2	Nil	OK	OK	
2024.	OK	OK	OK	Nil	3	2	Nil	Nil	OK	OK	
2027.	OK	OK	OK	2	7	3	2	Nil	OK	OK	
2206.	$ OK	OK	OK	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	7	OK	Nil	$ One shaft requires changing. % This ship has been used only as a dan-layer recently.
2037.	OK	OK	OK	2	6	2	2	1	OK	OK	

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NAVAL MESSAGE

TO CINCMED(E) (R) FOD, FOM, SNFO HAIFA, INB, NOIC TRIESTE, RNO VENICE.
FROM FOLL.

Restricted.

Of MMS awaiting transfer to Italians in Venice.
(A) 2014, 2024 and 2206 have no aweep wires.
(B) 2144 has neither amplifier panel nor azimuth motor for gyrocompass.
(C) 2206 has no RA Box(reported to have been landed in Malta).
2. Request information whether it will be possible to make good these shortages from R.N. sources and on what terms.
3. Request also confirmation that any spare parts of either British or U.S. origin intended for MMS involved in sale and held by R.N. will be released to the Italians, CMED 404/46 para 2 (a) refers.

.....07 1216Z/May.....

DIST: 0-6, 10, 15, 16, 24, 108.

ITALIANS/FROM. CRITICAL. A.M. 6th. DOS. 3/5/47.

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OFFICE COPY

THE FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
Rome.

7th May, 1947.

No.FOLI/1145/54.

THE OFFICE OF THE FOREIGN LIQUIDATION COMMISSION,
VIA UMBRIA,
ROME.
(Attention Lieutenant-Commander Jeryan, U.S.N.R.).

Y.M.S. CRAFT AT VENICE.

The enclosed copies of two signals timed 011317 B May and 031030 A May, 1947, received from the Admiralty and the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, respectively, are forwarded with the request that your intentions regarding the transfer of these craft to the custodianship of the Italian Navy may be communicated without delay.

2. It is understood that the Italian Ministry of Defence (Navy) are prepared to assume responsibilities of custody immediately.

Signed G. L. WARREN

REAR-ADMIRAL.

P.A.

Pack No 1145/54.

STAFF MINUTE SHEET

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY

Subject: Y.M.S. Craft at Venice

Originator, reference No. & Date: CinC's 031030 May 9 Admlty's 011817 May

Referred to	Remarks of Staff Officers should be drafted in the form of a letter or signal to cover desired action.
~~Sotat~~ Sa 7/5	In other hands apparently - Commodore himself is dealing with this I believe Sa.
~~Sotat~~ PAS 7/5	The Commodore has suggested that we forward these two signals to OFLC Rome requesting their instructions. CSO has spoken to OFLC this morning by phone and they are obtaining OFLC's Paris authority. OFLC Rome's representative will report here Friday morning for a conference.
CSO 7/5	Proposed to
Sec Adty	The Office of the Foreign Liquidation Commissioner, Via Umbria, Rome. IOFLC/XN. (Attention. Lt. Cdr Jerpan USNR).
To be signed by R.A.	The enclosed ~~two~~ copies of two signals timed 011817 B. May and 031030A May 1947 received from the Admlty and the C in C Med respectively, are forwarded with the request that your intentions regarding the transfer of these craft to the ~~custodianship~~ custody of the U.N. may be communicated without delay.
After action	2. It is understood that the U.N.O.S.B. (NAVAL) are prepared to ~~take over custodial responsibilities~~ assume custody of the craft immediately.
Disposal	

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~~Sotaff~~ 7/5

~~Sotaff~~ PSO 7/5

~~CSOff~~ 7/5

Sec Adty

To be signed by

R.A.

After action

Disposal

Staff M.O.

On other hands apparently - Commodore himself is dealing with this I believe. 4.5. Sec.

The Commodore has suggested that we forward these two signals to OFLC Rome regarding their instructions. Cdre has spoken to OFLC this morning by phone and they are obtaining OFLC's Paris authority. OFLC Rome's representative will report here Friday morning for a conference.

Proposed to

The offices of the Foreign Liquidation Commissioner,

Via Umbria, Rome. ICRYXN.

(Attention. Lt. Cdr Jerpen USNR).

Copies of

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2. It is understood that the I N ~~M~~ M A (Naval) are prepared to ~~take over custodial responsibilities~~ assume custody immediately.

Convey concurs. 7/5.

Concur. ~~RA~~. Concur E 7/5 Typed Adty

Continue on fresh minute sheet if necessary.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM CINC MED.

TO ROUT (P) ROIC TRIESTE, RAD, ROM.

Restricted.

Correct address of my 1311584 should read as the address of this signal.

....14 1815A/May.....

DIST: 0-7, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.

INTERCEPT. CRYPTO. P.M. 15th. DGS. 16/5/47.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

ST-2/N/131 14 May 1947

Subject: BYMS BEING PURCHASED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

To: FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY.

1. The following dispatch, quoted for your information, has been received from the Office of Foreign Liquidation Commissioner, Paris.

" Ten vessels located at Venice have been selected for award to Italy, after careful consideration of all of the factors, including objections raised by Italy to the mine sweeping gear on the four vessels at Malta which they asked for. The hull numbers of the vessels at Venice are: 2206, 2073, 2037, 2141, 2027, 2024, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2023.

In addition, six mine sweepers which are in good condition and are now in the United Kingdom have been selected for award to Italy and are available for immediate inspection by the Italian Navy. The hull numbers of these vessels are: 2167, 2252, 2040, 2034, 2016, 2029.

The decisions reflected above will enable the Italian Government to acquire 16 mine sweepers entirely satisfactory to them.

There are being reallocated to Egypt the four YMSs now in Malta which the Italians have not wished to accept as well as two at Venice. The relevant hull numbers are:2028, 2075, 2013, 2212, 2175, 2149. CINC MED is being asked to deliver these vessels to authorized representatives of the Government of Egypt.

The Italian Government is authorized to continue to hold in protective custody the 10 YMS now at Venice, which have been awarded to them so that the British Navy can be relieved of the responsibility. It should be understood that until these ships are formally turned over after execution of the credit agreement the Italian Government assumes full responsibility for their care and protection. " No DT group no.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

Copy to:
Ministry of Defence, Navy.

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
15 MAY 1947
ROME

Pack No 11457

STAFF MINUTE SHEET

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY

Subject: Byrnes being published by Italian Govt.

Originator, reference No. & Date: NB: AFHQ's FX-2/N/131 of 16 May '47.

Referred to	Remarks of Staff Officers should be drafted in the form of a letter or signal to cover desired action.
	Flimsies in circulation
LtCdr. Hammerle	FF. 17 May. Official date of hand over is to be May 23rd. all British crews will sail for Malta in B.Y.M.S. 2013-2028 on May 24th. 1947.
~~Capt.~~	
~~Capt.~~	
~~Capt.~~	

To be signed by

After action

Disposal

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Others on circuit.

Lt Cdr. Hammond

~~Sec'y~~

~~C.S.O.~~

~~S.O.~~

Official date of hand over is to be May 23rd. All British crews will sail for Malta in B.Y.H.S. 2013-2028 on May 24th. 1947.

~~F.O.~~

17 May.

To be signed by

After action

Disposal

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NAVAL MESSAGE

From:

To:

(1) FROM: ...FROM

...PRIORITY ORIG ADDEE OF (1)AR ORIG (FOR OPTR
...SECURITY ORIG CLAS SPEC INSTR
...PASS: SECT TRANSMISSION SERVICE

...CLASSIFICATION

...ting Secretary Navy has announced that
...ed operation of ... Naval Detail Office ...
Sunday 23rd: Nav.
2. Request all British crew of MMS mail Venice for exits in
MMS 2028 and 2015 Saturday 24th: Nav. MMS Venice to make necessary
arrangements for landing and sailing.

ITG.....17 1210B/May.....

Ref: Relief of British personnel in MMS at Venice.
Dist: O-7 10 11 12 16 21 Info. 2 U/S Mills Room for CONVEYANCE Room

...CLASSIFICATION PHONE-T/L TOD A.M. 17th: RF 12/5/47

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COMMANDER
U. S. NAVAL FORCES, EASTERN ATLANTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN
REPRESENTATIVE
Via Umbria 2, Rome, Italy

25 May 1947

File:
Serial: A16-4
1807

AIR MAIL

FROM: Commander, U. S. Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean.

TO : Office of Foreign Liquidation Commission.
Central Field Commissioner.
28 Avenue d'Iena
Paris (16), France.

Attn: Commander Roger Prestwood, USNR

Subject: Receipt for MIS 2009, 2012, 2014, 2023, 2024, 2027, 2037, 2073, 2141 and 2206, Transmittal of.

Reference: (a) OFLC, Maritime Branch, Rome ltr. of 14 May 1947 to the Italian Ministry of Defense (Navy).

Enclosure: (a) Receipt for subject vessels (7 MS.), dated 20 May 1947, signed by LUIGI SACCARDO, Minister of Defense, representing the Italian Government.

1. Two (2) copies of enclosure (a) are transmitted herewith in lieu of the OFLC Bill of Sale which has not been received.

2. The subject vessels were turned over to the Italian Government for Protective Custody as authorized by reference (a).

3. The ten (10) subject vessels are identified as reference numbers 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, and 21 in OFLC Sales Catalogue 199.

I. F. HAGUE
By direction

cc: OFLC Rome (1cy/encl.)

NAVAL OFFICER LIAISON (ITALY)
Date 24 MAY 1947
No 11.3740/MS/57
ROME

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM:

TO:

INFO ADMIRALTY (R) CYPHER SEC, OFFICIAL PARIS, COMMONWEALTHLINE, LONDON, F.O.D., F.O. MALTA, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY). FROM F.O.L.N. (1).

Important Restricted.

Request location in U.K. of R.Y.M.S. - 2016-2029-2034, 2040-2167-2252. Craft selected to Italian Navy by C.N.L.O. Paris.
2. Italian Navy intend sending two officers to U.K. leaving Rome about June 10th to inspect R.Y.M.S. Date of arrival in U.K. will be signalled.

.....20 11583/May.....

DTG: 0-7, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.
2 S/M C.N.L.O. Rome.
2 S/M Ministry of Defence (Navy).

INITIALLED: H/S. CYPHD: P/L. P.M. 20th/ A.M. 21st. DSS. 21/5/47.

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FROM TRIESTE RUO VENICE

INFORMATION.

Your 071216. Equipment in para 1(a) and (c) is available and can be supplied on prepayment in accordance with MSM 5475 dated 21st Jan: 1947. Availability of equipment in 1 (b) being investigated.
2. With reference to para 3 of your 071216 no spare parts are held for MFS involved in this sale.
3. A limited amount of spare M/E gear of British origin can be supplied on prepayment.

DTG.....20 1846Z/May.....

Ref: G-6 10 15 16 21 Log.
Ref: MSM for transfer to Italians in Venice.

TRACABLE CRYPTO TOR 22nd: 24/5/47

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

FROM

TO

ROUTINE NAVY (7) ROME, NAVCAD, NAVSEC, RED VENICE, COMNAVEASTMED ROME, DSEO, FROM NOTE RELEASE.

Immediate Restricted.

ROUTINE 172148. Italian Naval authorities at Venice advise that they have not (R) not yet received any official instructions to take over custody of the 10 MTBs. In the meantime they are making complete inventories of all items of stores and equipment. No (R) No U.S. authorities are present.

2. Measures have been taken to obtain receipts for vessels only in accordance with CARO 404/46 para 2 (f) but leaking intermediate from Rome local authorities will not (R) not act. They also state receipts will be given in Rome. ROME is requested to confirm and clarify instructions.

3. It will not now be possible to release British crews in time for MTB 202 and 2013 to sail on 24th for Malta but it is hoped they will only be delayed few days. Further signal will be made. CinC Med's 191022 refers.

.....21 1947B/May.....

REF: (1). Italian Navy has commenced taking over custody of 10 MTBs.
(2). Approved British crews sail Venice for Malta Sat. 24th May.

DIST: 6-7, 10, 11, 15, 16, 21, LOG.

2 W/S Files Rome for COMNAVEASTMED (Rome).

T/P(RAAC). P/L. T.O.R. 0916/23rd. DCS. 23/5/47

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM:

TO:

Ten ships at Venice for Italy are to be loaded over the approximate route
D.R. 760. 40N/18E.

DTG.....22 1052Z/MAY.....

Date: 0-7 10 15 16 21 Iogs.
2. H/E OTTO MORE.

RELEASED--CRYPTO. Phone--P/L. TOD A.M. 22nd: RE 22/5/45

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NAVAL MESSAGE

TO:

TO FULL (S) CINC MED, OPLG PARIS, FO MALTA, BAD WASHINGTON. FROM ALUSNY.

Restricted.

YOUR 2041(GS. MOST 2016-2029-2030-2040 and 2252 re Pembroke Dock. MYSO 2467 paying off and recommissioning.
2. Request you urge Italian Navy to take earliest possible delivery.

.....22 2020Z/May.....

REF: Request location of above MYSO.
MISC: 6-7, 10, 15, 16, 21, TOR.

ENCIPHER. CIPHER. W.M. 24th. DGR. 24/5/47.

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(A)

NAVAL MESSAGE

From:

To:

TO NAVY MINISTRY (R) ROME NAV, ROM, NAV, AND NAVCOS, COMNAVNORTHAFT NAPLES,
C.I.N.C. FOR F.O.L.I.

Translate to ROC Private. Decrypt to yourself.

Your 211947. Italians in Venice have now been instructed by Ministry of Defence (Navy) to take custody of 10 MAS today 23rd May.
2. Ships are to be handed over in accordance with my 2210522. In order to release Royal Navy crews immediately lists of permanent stores are to be checked by Italians after (1) after transfer, NOIC Italians dealing with any question which they may raise as it is understood permanent stores were exchanged in Valeta December 1945.
3. Ministry of Defence has signed formal receipt for MAS in Rome but RNO Venice should obtain on behalf of Royal Navy a further receipt from the Italians when they take custody of the ships.
4. No (R) No U.S. representative will be present at transfer.
5. MAS 2020 and 2013 are to be sailed to Malta as soon as possible.

.....23 1105Z/May.....

REF: (1). Italian Naval authorities state no official instructions received to take over custody of MAS.
(2). Ten MAS at Venice for Italy.

DIST: C-7, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log. 2 H/E File Room for Commonwealth.
TEA/CAMGR/PHONE. CRYPTO:F/L. P.M. 23rd. DTG. 23/5/47.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM:

TO CINC MED (R) MULT, MOD, CO MALTA, FOR FORT Said, ENO VENICE,
COMNAVEASTLANT (HOME), D.T.N.B. FROM NOIC TRIESTE.

Restricted.

Italian Naval authorities at Venice have now taken over custody of ten-ENE. Intend sailing ENE 2028 and 2013 to Malta A.M. 27th. Cin C Med's 191022 and NOIC's 231105(not to NOIC Port Said) refers.

.....25 0945B/May.....

PRE: (1). Approved British crews sail Venice for Malta 24th May;
(2). British crews to be sailed Malta as soon as possible.
DIST: 0-7, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log. 2 H/M-File Room for Comnaveastlant(Rome).

T/R(NAVO). P/L. A.M. 26th. DNB. 26/5/47.

Office of the
Naval Officer-in-Charge,
T A L E S .

27th May 1947.

No. 2454/6.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN.
THE FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY.

TRANSFER OF B.Y.M.S. TO ITALIAN NAVY.

With reference to my signal timed 2309Z/5 May, the enclosed Certificates signify acknowledgement of the transfer of custody of B.Y.M.S. 2004, 2012, 2014, 2023, 2024, 2027, 2037, 2073, 2141 and 2206 from the Royal Navy to the Italian Ministry of Marine.

2. The Certificates are signed by Maj. (M) SCUDELLI Roberto and Tenente di Vascello GIUSTINI Otello.

3. Three copies have been handed to the Italian Ministry of Marine.

4. Receipts for valuable stores on all B.Y.M.S. handed over were also obtained in accordance with C.A.F.O. 426/46 (para. 2 (m)).

(C.S.D. BOARD)
C A P T A I N.

FLAG Officer Liaison Italy
Date 31 MAY 1947
No N 3759/46 S/S
ROME

ENCLOSURES:

2 copies of Certificates for Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

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No. 24546.

THE CHIEFS-OF-STAFF, MEDITERRANEAN.
THE FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY.

TRANSFER OF R.Y.M.S. TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

With reference to my signal timed 250945 May, the enclosed Certificates signify acknowledgement of the transfer of custody of R.Y.M.S. 3004, 3012, 3014, 3023, 3024, 3027, 3057, 3073, 2141 and 3006 from the Royal Navy to the Italian Ministry of Marine.

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(C.G.B. 10/2023)
C A F F A T T.

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
Date 31 MAY 1947
No M 3739/1162/1.4
ROME

ENCLOSURES:

2 Copies of Certificates for Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.
5 Copies of Certificates for FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY.

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Certificate of Transfer of Lend Lease Vessels.

The following Lend Lease Vessels have this day been transferred from the British Royal Navy to the Custody of the Italian Ministry of Marine at Venice in accordance with F.O.L.I.s signal timed 171218 May 1947.

Designation and Numbers of Vessels.

Minesweepers (B.Y.M.S.) Numbers 2009, 2012, 2014, 2023, 2024, 2027, 2037, 2073, 2141 and 2206.

Receipt of the above mentioned B.Y.M.S. into the Custody of the Italian Ministry of Marine at Venice is hereby acknowledged.

Tenente di Vascello
Adelio Fergnani

Maj(E) Mil. Advt.

Italian Ministry of Marine Representative.

Witnessed by. Fred K. L. Hill
Shipt Lieut Comdr R.N.
British Royal Navy Representative.

Ship's inventories, other than valuable stores were not checked at the time of signing this certificate.

Dated. 23rd May 1947 At Venice.

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Certificate of Transfer of Lend Lease Vessels.

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Tenente di Vascello
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Magg(E) Ubaldi Nobile

Italian Ministry of Marine Representative.

Witnessed by Fred L. Hill.

Shipt Lieut Comdr R.N.
British Royal Navy Representative.

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Dated 23rd May, 1947. At Venice.

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Tenente di Vascello
Stefano Giorgini

Maj (E) Michel Nichita

Italian Ministry of Marine Representative.

Witnessed by. Fred "L. Hill

Shipt Lieut Comdr R.N.
British Royal Navy Representative.

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Dated 23rd May 1947 at Venice.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

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The following Lend Lease Vessels have this day been transferred from the British Legal Navy to the Custody of the Italian Ministry of Marine at Venice in accordance with P.A.I.38 signed since 17th May 1947.

Description and Nature of Vessels.

Minesweepers (M.S.M.'s) Numbers 2009, 2012, 2014, 2023, 2024, 2027, 2037, 2073, 2141, and 2236.

Receipt of the above mentioned M.S.M.'s into the Custody of the Italian Ministry of Marine at Venice is hereby acknowledged.

Tenente di Vascello
Michelangeli

Maj (E) Mario Nobile

Italian Ministry of Marine Representative.

Witnessed by. Fred "L. Hill.

British Naval Liaison Officer R.N.
British Royal Navy Representative.

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Dated. 23rd May, 1947 At Venice.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

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Particulars and Numbers of Vessels.

Motorscooters (M.T.M.S.) Numbers 2000, 2012, 2014, 2023, 2024, 2027, 2037, 2039, 2073, 2141, and 2206.

Receipt of the above mentioned M.T.M.S. into the Custody of the Italian Ministry of Marine at Venice is hereby acknowledged.

Tenente di Vascello
Aldo Giorgi

Maj (E) Ildebrando Roberto

Italian Ministry of Marine Representative.

Witnessed by

Fred^c L. Hill

Chief Mount Coast Off.
British Royal Navy Representative.

Ship's inventories, other than valuable stores, were not checked at the time of signing this certificate.

Dated 23rd May, 1947

At Venice.

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OFFICE COPY

THE FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
Rome.

28th May, 1947.

No.FOL/1145/54.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

BANK OF AMERICAN B.E.F.-S. TO ITALIANS.

With reference to paragraph 3 of my signal time 2311Z/23/May, herewith is forwarded a copy of the receipt given by the Italian Ministry of Defence for B.L.S.S. Nos. 2009, 2012, 2014, 2023, 2026, 2027, 2037, 2073, 2041 and 2206. It will be noted that the receipt is an interim one in lieu of the Foreign Liquidation Commission's official Bill of Sale, which is not at present available.

Signed G.N. BLACKBURN

for REAR-ADMIRAL.

Pack No 1145

STAFF MINUTE SHEET

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY

Subject: Visit to U.K. of Italian Naval Officers to inspect BYMS

Originator, reference No. & Date:

Referred to	Remarks of Staff Officers should be drafted in the form of a letter or signal to cover desired action.
C.S.O.	In a long conversation with Badini yesterday
Lt Cdr Hammond 25/5.	forenoon he asked that the information
	requested in the attached signal be obtained.
R.A.	He also said that he would like to
CSO 29/5	visit the Royal Navy's M/S School (I presume
	this would be Port Edgar) and call on the
CSO 11/6.	Central Mine Clearance Board while he is in
	the U.K. I advised him to speak to C.S.O.
	directly on these two questions
	Ed. Sqn.
To be signed by	Duncan 27/5 Asst Fly.
After action	The applications for visits to M/S School & C. in C. Board should be made in writing.
Disposal	A.M. 07/1529 B June.
	Visit postponed Fly 30/5

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Referred to

C.S.O.

Lt Cdr Hammond 25/5.

R.A.

CSO 27/5

CSO 11/6.

To be signed by

After action

Disposal

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Sd. Sam

Duncan F 27/5 Sent Hly

The applications for Naval Officers to visit
M/S schools & C. in C. Boards should be
made in writing.

A.M. of 1529B June.

Visit postponed Hly 10/6.

Continue on fresh minute sheet if necessary.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

ADMIRALTY TELEGRAM AND OTTO PARIS FROM.....TOUR (5)

RESTRICTED.

Officers in para 2 of my 201158 will be Captain Francesco Mallini and Lieut. Comdr. (E) Roberto Schizzi.

2. Request following information:-

(a) To what times officers should report on arrival in U.K.

(b) Whether uniform or plain clothes should be worn.

(c) Is it intended MMS should be steamed to Italy by British crews.

(d) Whether 5 MMS will remain at Pembroke Dock and one at Falmouth until after inspection by Italians.

3. Italians have asked for sea and harbour trials and inspection in dry dock before taking delivery.

DTG.....28 1226B/May.....

Dist: C-7 10 15 16 21 Log.
2 H/M OTTO Rome for OTTO Paris.

Ref: Italian Navy sending two officers to U.K. leaving Rome about June

UNCIPHERED CYPHER TOD F.M. 28th: RF 29/5/47.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

From: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY) (Office of the Secretary General)
To : Italian Naval Branch - Rome
Date: 29th May 1947
Ref.: 1847/U.T.

Subject: 16 American Y.M.S. craft

Reference is made to your letter SI-2/N/131, dated 14th May 1947, and to the Rome O.F.L.C.'s letter of the same date.

1. As you are aware, The Ministry of Defence (Navy) has provided for the protective custody, on behalf of the Italian Government, of the 10 Y.M.S. minesweepers at present at Venice, and assigned to Italy.

2. You are also aware that the Ministry of Defence (Navy) is sending Capt. Baslini and Lt.Cdr. (E) Schiroli for the inspection of the other 6 Y.M.S. minesweepers assigned to Italy, and at present in England. They are expected to leave Rome on the 10th June next.

3. The Italian Naval Branch is now requested to approach the appropriate British authorities so that, when the above officers arrive in England, the 6 minesweeping may be admitted into dry-dock, their machinery and electrical equipment tested, and a rapid check of their deck equipment allowed, etc. In other words, it would be appreciated if instructions could be given to allow the Italian commission to make the necessary inspection to prove that the 6 minesweepers are "in operational condition".

(Sgd.) for THE MINISTER.

DATE: 31 MAY 1947
FROM: NAVAL BRANCH, AFHQ.
TO : FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

for DIRECTOR.

JLP/P.
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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
Date 31 MAY 1947
No 11375/NEG/SC
ROME

REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA - MARINA
SEGRETARIO GENERALE - COORDINAMENTO MARINA

Indirizzo: MARINA ROMA

UFFICIO Trattati

Prot. N. 1847/U.T. Allegati

Roma, li 29 MAG 1947

Al ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
Allied Force H.Q.
ROMA

ARGOMENTO: 16 dragamine Y.M.S. americani.

URGENTISSIMO

Si fa riferimento al foglio ST-2/N/131 in data 14 maggio c.a. di codesta I.N.B. e alla comunicazione in tale data del O.F.L.C. di Roma.

1. - Come è noto, questo Ministero, a nome del Governo Italiano, ha provveduto a prendere in custodia protettiva i 10 dragamine Y.M.S., attualmente a Venezia, assegnati all'Italia.

2. - E' altresì noto che per l'ispezione degli altri 6 dragamine Y.M.S. assegnati all'Italia, che sono attualmente dislocati in Inghilterra, questo Ministero ha disposto l'invio del Capitano di Vascello BASLINI e del Maggiore G.N. SCHIROLI, che partiranno da Roma presumibilmente il 10 giugno p.v.

3. - Si prega ora codesta I.N.B. voler interporre i suoi buoni uffici presso le competenti Autorità britanniche perchè, all'arrivo dei suddetti ufficiali in Inghilterra, sia disposta l'immissione in bacino dei 6 dragamine in questione, siano consentite brevi prove dei loro apparati motori e degli impianti elettrici di bordo, sia autorizzato un rapido controllo delle dotazioni di bordo, ecc.: in altre parole, siano date disposizioni perchè la Commissione italiana possa procedere a tutti gli accertamenti necessari per constatare che i 6 dragamine assegnati sono "in operational conditions".

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Ufficio Trattati

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IL MINISTRO

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Pack No 1165/54

STAFF MINUTE SHEET

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY

Subject: 16 American Y.M.S craft

Originator, reference No. & Date: Min of Def(N) S 1825/U.T.

Referred to 2/6

~~S.O.(Fl)~~ Fe

~~C.S.O.~~ F5

~~S.O.(H)~~ Sec

~~M.A.~~

C.S.O.

~~U.S.~~ Sec

Sec 4/6

Remarks of Staff Officers should be drafted in the form of a letter or signal to cover desired action.

Formats in circulation.

Since the C in C the Italians have copies of the Receipts consider no action is necessary. Sd. Sec.

What about the request in the attached letter? F 3/6.

Reject overnight.

Paragraph 3 of FOLI's signal timed 281226/Jan (attached) impressed the Admiralty that the Italians were requesting trials and inspection in dry dock. It did not ask for these during the Italian Specs' stay in the U.K.

Propose a further short signal

Sd. Sec.

To be signed by

Concur F 4/6.

Sent. Fly 4/6

After action

Disposal

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~~S.O.(44)~~ Sir

~~C.S.O.~~ FS

~~2nd (44)~~ Sir

~~1st A.~~

C.S.O.

1st A. 4/6

Sec/Sy

To be signed by

After action

Disposal

Formats in circulation.

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What about the request in the attached letter? 3/6.

Regret oversight.

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Continue on fresh minute sheet if necessary.

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COMMANDER
U.S. NAVAL FORCES, EASTERN ATLANTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN
REPRESENTATIVE
Via Umbria 2, Rome, Italy.

File: A16-4
Serial: 1611

30 May 1947.

From: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean.
To: Flag Officer, Liaison, Italy (Rome).

Subject: Transfer Documents for Ten (10) Lend Lease YMS at Venice, Italy, transmittal of.

Enclosure: (A) Ten (10) original "Acceptance of Return of Leased Vessels".
(B) Ten (10) copies of "Survey of Lend Lease Vessels".

1. Enclosures (A) and (B) covering the acceptances of subject lend lease vessels at Venice, Italy, dated 23 May 1947, are transmitted herewith.

2. Hull numbers of subject vessels are as follows: 2009, 2012, 2014, 2023, 2024, 2027, 2037, 2073, 2141 and 2206.

I. F. MACEY,
By direction.

cc: OFLC, Rome.

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
Date 2 JUN 1947
No.
ROME

OFFICE COPY

OPEN by ON FASTEN

[illegible] NAVAL OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
ROME.

31st May, 1947.

No. [illegible]/1115/54.

[illegible] DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE (NAVY),
ROME.
(Copy to:-
The Director, Italian Naval Branch,
Allied Forces Headquarters).

REQUISITE FOR R.Y.M.S. TRANSFERRED TO ITALIAN NAVY IN VENICE.

With reference to your letter No.19446, dated 3rd May, 1947, (copy attached for the Director, Italian Naval Branch) my Minesweeping Liaison Officer has reported after inspection that there are the following deficiencies in the R.Y.M.S. transferred to the Italian Navy in Venice :-

(a) R.Y.M.S. 2044, 2025, and 2205 have no sweep wires.

(b) R.Y.M.S. 2205 has no S. [illegible] bars.

(c) R.Y.M.S. 2144 has neither magnetic panel nor automatic meter for precautions.

2. The equipment in (a) and (b) above can be made available from R.N. stocks in Malta upon prepayment in sterling.

The availability of the equipment in (c) is being investigated.

3. While the Royal Navy holds no spare parts allocated to the R.Y.M.S. involved in the transfer at Venice, a limited amount of spare minesweeping gear of British origin intended for R.Y.M.S., can also be supplied on prepayment.

4. If it is desired to acquire any of this equipment on these terms, it is requested that you will inform the Director, Italian Naval Branch, as soon as possible.

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NAVAL.

(Copy to:-
The Director, Italian Naval Branch,
Allied Forces Headquarters).

EQUIPMENT FOR B.Y.M.S. TRANSFERRED TO ITALIAN NAVY IN VENICE.

With reference to your letter No.19416, dated 2nd May, 1947, (copy attached for the Director, Italian Naval Branch) my Minesweeping Advisor has reported after inspection that there are the following deficiencies in the B.Y.M.S. transferred to the Italian Navy in Venice :-

(a) B.Y.M.S. 2014, 2024, and 2206 have no sweep wires.

(b) B.Y.M.S. 2206 has no M.F. key.

(c) B.Y.M.S. 2141 has neither amplifier panel nor asdic echo for gyrocompass.

2. The equipment in (a) and (b) above can be made available from R.N. stocks in Malta upon prepayment in sterling.

The availability of the equipment in (c) is being investigated.

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Signed D. L. WARREN.

REAR-ADMIRAL.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 759020

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM:

TO ADMIRALTY.

PRIORITY O.I.C. (5).

Restricted.

Request information whether it will be possible to implement para 3 of my [illegible] stating visit of MAGNET and SERENADE to U.K., as it is now felt that this may be [illegible] operational requirements.

.....C-in-C 12CDR/June.....

Ref: Italian regular sea and harbour trials and Cyprus inspection before taking delivery.
DELY: 0-7, 10, 13, 16, 21, Dec.

ORIGINATOR. ORIG. P.M. 4th. DTG. 5/6/47.

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

5th May, 1947.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

INTRODUCTION.

This is to introduce Capitano di Vascello (Captain) Francesco BASLINI, and Maggiore del Genio Navale (Lieutenant-Commander (E)) Roberto SCHIROLI, both of the Italian Navy. These two officers have been authorised by the Italian Naval Authorities, with the concurrence of the British Admiralty, to inspect the following B.Y.M.S. allocated to the Italian Navy and now lying in British Ports:-

B.Y.M.S. Nos. 2016, 2029, 2034, 2040, 2167, 2252. 2051 2058 2071 2152

2. It is requested that every assistance may be afforded these officers in their work.

(signed) S.N. BLACKBURN

CAPTAIN, ROYAL NAVY,
CHIEF STAFF OFFICER.

PA

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B.Y.M.S. AT VENICE.

Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Representative's letter No.1611, dated 30th May, 1947).

XX.

No.FOLF/114 /34.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

Forwarded in continuation of my letter No.FOLF/1145/34, dated 28th May, 1947.

(Signed) G.H. BLACKBURN

ROME,
6th June, 1947.

For ADMIRAL.

PA.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

TOPSEC

TO F.O.E.I. (R) CINC MED, OPTO PARIS.

FROM ADMIRALTY.

Restricted.

Your 231226Z. Arrangements for delivery of MMS to Mediterranean are not repeat not yet clear and are under discussion.
2. Request you suggest that Italian Naval officers postpone their departure for U.K. until position is clarified.
3. Further telegram will be sent as soon as possible.

.....07 1529Z/June.....

Note: Two Italian Naval officers wish to leave Rome about June 10th for visit to U.K.
DTPS: 07, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.

TRANSMITTED. CYPHER. A.M. 9th. DTG. 9/6/43.

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F.O.L.I. (R) C IN C MED. From: ADMIRALTY.

CONFIDENTIAL

For your information Americans undertook to sell DMS to Italy in expectation that British crews would sail them to port of delivery and that refitting would be carried out under British arrangements.

2. In Admiralty view there is no obligation of this nature in the lease-lend agreement under which these D Y M S were originally supplied by U.S. Moreover provision of crews and refits would be a matter of greatest difficulty.

3. A.M. 222020 was sent before the above misunderstanding with Americans arose.

4. You should, of course, avoid being drawn into discussion with the Italian authorities on the merits of this issue between ourselves and the Americans.

DTG 07 1523 B June.

Dist: C in C, Leg.
Italy Generals. T.O.R.'s.m./9/6/47 OTS

This signal must be
PARAPHRASED
before being shown to
British or U.S. non-official
authorities

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NAVAL MESSAGE

(5)

A/S. 071529. As U.S. Naval Leader has informed me CINCAF Admiral desires inspection of MTB by Italians, request earliest convenient date for visit of Officers be stipulated.

CINC.....20 14529/June...

Ref: Suggest visit be postponed until position is clarified. Date: 0?, 10 15 to 21 Inst.

20/6/47

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NAVAL MESSAGE

TOKYO

Distribution Department.

COMNAVFORJAPAN has informed U.S. Naval Hospital that there is considerable amount of declassified listed in para 1 of 07126/May x letter dated 20 May were originally classified with updated now missing. If declassifies cannot be made that some Mediterranean stocks COMNAVFORJAPAN intends asking Admiralty to supply duplicate U.K.
2. Request information whether you have any objections.
3. Further request outcome of investigation in para 1 of 07126/May be expedited.

END: (1). Declassified of ETBU awaiting transfer to Ireland in Venice.
(2). Availability of equipment being investigated.
copy: Ops, Id, 15, 16, 21, Log.

THAYER. CROSS. R.M. Pohl DNS. 21/6/47.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

1145

NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: -

TO: -

TO C.I.N.C. NOME (R) ROM, F.O.I.C., U.S. MALTA. FROM CINC MED.

Unclassified.

Your 13 1600Z June. Limited quantity of spares are available for Roman and Leros Marine engines.
2. Details of requirements should be forwarded by letter.

....23 1646Z/June.....

REF: Spares for Italian Navy.
NAME: C-5, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.

DRAFTER. P/L. A.M. 24th. DOS. 24/6/47.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

1145/54

(1) C.S.H. (2) F.O.Z.T. FROM C-in-C MED.

Unclassified.

ZEBS 214. transferred to Italian Navy is deficient of amplifier and switch boxes for two compass. Request if suitable replacements are available Malta and whether American or British origin.

+++++24 W/TOA/Cmds.+++++

DTGS: 0-7, 10, Aug.

ADDRESSED: F/L. A.M. 25th. ZKS. 25/6/47.

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TO F.O.I.T. (1) FOR, NOD, D.N.I.S, A.F.H.Q., CAIRO MISSION, FOR GUNS NOD.

Restricted.

Opinion in your 201700B not concurred in. Instruction for return of land lease vessels is contained in C.C.S. 402/46. This provides for return in condition vessel came off operations but does not require British stores and equipment to be left on board. Consequently any equipment handed over to the Italians or required by them to complete vessel must be on usual terms, i.e. pre-payment. Admiralty's message 191802A March not to all in reference.

.....24 14328/June.....

Distr (1) (Presumably 201708B) Replacement of deficiences in HMS.
(2) Approximate value of equipment for HMS purchased by Egyptian Navy.
DRFT: O-6, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.
STATIONED. CYPHER. P.M. 25th. DGS. 4/7/47.

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From: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY) (Office of the Secretary General)
To : Italian Naval Branch - A.F.H.Q.
Date: 24th June 1947
Ref.: 2130/UT

Subject: Inspection of Y.M.S. minesweepers in Great Britain

Reference is made to our letter 1847/UT, dated 29th May 1947.

In order to hasten the visits to the Y.M.S. craft in Great Britain, the Ministry of Defence (Navy) has decided to send Commander (E) Dante SOLDERATO on the mission with Capt.Baslini and Lt.Cdr.(E) SCHIROLI.

You are requested to inform the appropriate British Authorities accordingly.

26 JUN 1947

DATE:
FROM: ~~NAVAL~~ Italian Naval Branch
TO: NAVAL OFFICER LIAISON ITALY.

FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

H.Q.1. Staff

By direction
The Secretary General
Adm. E. FERRATI.

RECEIVED
21 JUN 1947
NAVAL BRANCH, AFHQ.

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON
Date 25 JUN 1947
No. 3863/Mus
ROME

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MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA - MARINA
SEGRETARIO GENERALE - COORDINAMENTO MARINA

Indirizzo: MARINA ROMA
Ufficio Trattati

PROT. N. 2188/UT. ALLEGATI

Roma, 24 GIU 1947

Al ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH

ARGOMENTO: Ispezione a draganine Y.M.S. in Inghilterra.

Riferimento foglio 1847/UT del 29 maggio u.s.-

Per rendere più sollecite le visite ai draganine Y.M.S. in Inghilterra, questo Ministero ha deciso di inviarvi in missione, oltre il Capitano di Vascello BASLINI e il Maggiore G.N. SCHIROLI, anche il Ten.Colonnello G.N. Dante SOLIMBERGO.

Si prega portare quanto sopra a conoscenza delle competenti Autorità britanniche.

d'ordine
IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE
(Amm.Sq. E. Ferreri)

IL CAPITANO DI VASCELLO
Segretario Coord. Marina
(G. Marini)

G. Marini

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM

ADMIT INFO CINC MED OFIC PARIS FROM.....ROEL (5)

RESTRICTED.

Commander (E) DANTE SOLIMBERGO, Italian Navy, will be third member of commission visiting U.K. to inspect MMB. Para 4 of my 2812268/May refers.

DTG....27 0950B/June....

Dist: O-7 10 15 16 21 Log.
Ref: Italian Naval officers visiting U.K.

CSW CRYPTO TOR....I/T RP 2706/47

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM

TO CINC LND.

FROM C.E.M.

Unclassified Routine.
(To F.O.E.I., D.C.N.E, A.F.H.Q. for information).

Your 2/1430. Amplifier pattern 64202 and azimuth motor pattern 642135 are available in dockyard and can be supplied to EMS 2141. Both are of American origin.

.....27 1350A/June.....

REF: EMS 2141 deficient of amplifier and azimuth motor.
DIST: C-6, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.

C & W. F/L. A.M. 2nd. DGS. 2/7/47.

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authorities

F.O.L.I. (R). C in C Med. From: Admiralty.

SECRET.

Agreement has been reached with U.S. Authorities on the following lines. My 0715Z/3 June refers.

2. B.Y.M.S. for Italy, Greece and Egypt are to be inspected by the Admiralty and U.S. representatives and then allocated by the U.S. to countries concerned.

3. Six B.Y.M.S. selected for Italy will be towed out to Italy by the Admiralty. They will be towed "dumb" but complete with gun, ammunition, W/T set and minimum amount of stores. There will be no Radar.

4. Your 2014/3B*. It is NOT considered that any useful purpose could be served by Italian officers visiting this country before the allocation has been made. The U.S. authorities concur. A further signal will be sent suggesting suitable date for their departure.

5. It will NOT be possible for any further work to be done on the B.Y.M.S. in the U.K. as a result of any request the Italian officers should make following their inspection.

6. C.F.L.C. have been requested to inform the Italians to this effect.

DTG 28 1436Z June.

Refs: (1) Misunderstanding with Americans.
*(2) Requesting earliest convenient date for visit of Italian officers.

Dist: O - 7.log.

Italcab. Secretex T.O.R. 2.m. 30/6/47 CYS

Pack No 1145

STAFF MINUTE SHEET

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY

Subject: Inspection of BYMS in U.K. by Ft. Nav. Officers.

Originator, reference No. & Date: A.M. 281430 B. June.

Referred to	Remarks of Staff Officers should be drafted in the form of a letter or signal to cover desired action.
~~S.O. Ops~~ Sa 3/7 C of S Sec Adm 1/7 ~~Sec (M)~~ Sec 1/7	Propose informing Italians unofficially, leaving formal notification to come from CinC, as indicated in A.M. Sa 30/6. Concur Sec 1/7.
To be signed by	
After action	
Disposal P.A.	

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~~SO (Fin)~~ Sri 3/7/0

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Sy/c 1/7

~~S/C~~ (T) Sri 1/7

Proper informing Italians unofficially, leaving formal notification to come from HLC, as indicated in A.M. Sri 30.

Concur 3/7.

To be signed by

After action

Disposal

P.A.

Continue on fresh minute sheet if necessary.

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(C) O.H.M. (H) N.O.I.I. D.F.R.O. A.W.H.Q.

Unclassified Referred.

Request gear in your 27350 (being passed to repeat addressees) to be issued to HMS 2741 and shipped to Italian port, shipping particulars being signalled vouchers to be marked Free Issue in replacement of gear deficient at recapture of vessel by U.S.A. and supplied in accordance with terms of recapture.

.....01 16524/July.....

REP: Amplifier and azimuth motor available.
DIST: C-6, 10, 15, 16, 25, log.

C in C. P/L. A.M. 2nd. DGS. 2/7/47.

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CINC MED FROM.....FOLI (5)

RESTRICTED.

In view of my 20/7031/June request early confirmation that equipment in para 1 (a) and (c) of my 07/2162/May can only be supplied from Malta on prepayment, as, if this is the case, U.S. Naval member of I.M.T. wishes to obtain gear from Admty stocks in U.K. through COMNAVEASTLANT.

MTG.....03 10138/July.....

Ref: (1) Replacement considered a British obligation.
(2) Deficiencies of EMS for transfer to Italians.

Dist: 0-6 10 15 16 21 Log.

CST CRYPTO TOD · A.M. 3rd. R.F. 3/7/47.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

TO CINC MED. FROM F.O.L.I.

Restricted.

In view of your 241432 June cancel my 031013.

.....04 1223B/July.....

LMS: Spare parts for LMS.
DIST: 0-6, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.

C & W. ORIGO. A.M. 4th. DCS. 5/7/47.

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Admiralty. (R) F.O.L.I. From: C in C Med.

SECRET

A.M. 28 1430 June para 4. Nearly all difficulties experienced over Lend-Lease craft have been due to the fact that buyers did not inspect craft to examine condition prior to purchase.

2. It in therefore considered most desirable that Italian officers should be given opportunity to inspect craft prior to allocation, in fact before above quoted A.M. was received they had been strongly advised to do so during my recent visit to Rome.

DTG CM 1712A July.

Ref: Visit by Italian officers to U.K. considered not to serve any useful purpose.
Dist: C - 7 Log.

COS Secretex T.O.R. [illegible] 5/7/47 CVS

This signal must be PARAPHRASED before being shown to British or U.S. non-official authorities

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM:

TO:

INFO: CINCNELM (3) U.S.N.A., NAVY ANNEX.

From C.O. MALTA.

Unclassified.

Your 011652. Amplifiers and motor for Gyro compass being sent to Italy first opportunity for NYSC 2144 despatch details later.

*******09 17024/July**********

NYSC: Request gear be shipped Italy.
STOP: 0-6, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.

C & W. F/L. A.E. 11th. DGS. 11/7/47.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM

TO

ZC CINC MED (R) ROM, BOD, BOIT, OSM, HMSO MALTA. FROM DNHB, AFHQ.

Restricted.

Submit section in your 2h/432 June not to CIN be reconsidered in respect of the SA box for HMS 2206 observing that:-

(a) HMS were originally fitted with material now missing(NOIA's 204706 June not to CIN). Material therefore appears to be American and subject to CAFO 40/46 para 2 (a).

(b) Your 191820 December not to all, stated that SA type Mark 4 gear was not to be removed.

(c) All HMS in Italian custody with one exception have SA boxes.

(d) It would therefore appear that all HMS at Venice must have originally been fitted with american SA boxes since their retention on board at present would have been disallowed if boxes were originally British. CAFO 40/46 para 2 (c).

2. Consequently submit that deficient SA box in HMS 2206 should therefore be replaced in accordance with CAFO 40/46 para 2 (a).

3. If replacement of SA box in approved request it may be shipped by C.S.M. in accordance with your C/1652 not to all.

4. Request confirmation that sweep wires stated to be available at Malta in your 201846 May are of British origin and that no American sweep wire exists on the station.

.....14 1226Z/July.....

DIST: C-6, 10, 15, 16, 21, log. NEWS: Replacement of deficiencies in HMS.

C & W. CYPHO. A.M. 14th DGS. 11/7/47.

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C I C O O

TO ADMIRALTY (R) D.I.N.D., CIPC 2ND. FROM F.O.E.I.

Importunt Restricted.

Cinc Med's Q.47124 July and my 1011078 June. OETO has informed Ministry of Defence (Navy) of revised serial numbers of MAS allocated to Italians and Captain MARLING left by train for U.K. on 19th July.
2. He is contacting office of COMNAVEASTLANT and Director of Minesweeping on arrival in London.

.....21 1314B/July.....

MIS; Secret.
NIST; C-S, Log.

C & W. CRYPTO. A.M. 21st. LGB. 22/7/41.

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TO DIND, AMMO. (R) F.O.L.T., NO(D), U.S.N.

Restricted.

Your 14:226. S.A. Work & gear is British (R) British Admiralty's 182302 March to NOLI permits sale of gear to Italians.
2. It must be borne in mind that so far as the R.N. is concerned transfer of these MMS was back to U.S. not to Italian Navy. Any issue of British stores and equipment to Italians requires repayment.
3. Request COM confirm sweep wires referred to in para 4 of DIND's message were British and stating if any American sweep wire held.

.....23 1105A/July.....

USF: Replacement of deficiencies in Egypt.
DIST: O-6, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.

O & W. CHIEFS. A.M. 24th. DSS. 25/7/47.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

From:

TO F.O.i.C.

FROM CINC MED.

Restricted.

My 23/1105 July. Request what action has been taken to charge Italian Navy for British gear handed over with BYMS in accordance with instructions in A.M. 194802 March.

.....23 1107A/July.....

Subject: Replacement of deficiencies in BYMS.
DUSP: 0-5, 10, 15, 16, 21, LOG.

C & W. CRYPTO. P.M. 24th. DCS. 25/7/47.

From: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY, ROME.
To: O.F.L.C. - Rome and for info: Italian Naval Branch.
Date: 30th July 1947
Ref.: 2681/UT

Purchase of 16 American YMS craft.

According to the instructions contained in your letter of the 14th May 1947, the Ministry of Defence, Navy was to take over and supply Italian crews to the following 10 YMS craft at Venice: 2007 - 2012 - 2014 - 2023 - 2024 - 2027 - 2037 - 2073 - 2141 - 2295.

On the 19th May last, the Minister of Defence, Navy signed a provisional receipt for these vessels, which contained the following provision, also included in the above quoted letter: - "the Italian Government is authorised to hold them in protective custody and have its men on board until the ships are formally turned over to the Italian Government after the execution of the credit agreement and other requirements necessary for the transfer".

On the 21st July last, an agreement was signed at the Ministry of the Treasury between Italy and the United States for the cession to Italy of all "surplus" materials belonging to the United States, including the 16 YMS craft in question.

You are therefore requested to inform me what further action is required to complete the final cession to Italy of the above 10 YMS craft, so that they may be employed in minesweeping as soon as possible.

(Sgd) The Minister.

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American BYMS

NAVAL MESSAGE

To

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DO CITO ZNR (H) (Z) NAVY TARIVG, NOTO TRIESTE, ZEN, ARMO, ZFOM DGNAV Gen) Gen

Unclassified.

10Y/PT. Yor ZNR. Your 2516334. Pgol 011 James and transfer ex-Venice Tip ZNR. Nov 1946. To Trieste 5702 Kansas 272 Destroyer U 69 1028 Steel 7469 Dec 1946. To Trieste 8853 MSC Chavis 751 Total 9304.
2. Your Ind.47/296/3/1 received today replacement action being requested from American, United States have no stock Trieste. Would you agree replacement as part of issue (Naples) or Taranto.

.....SR 14002/July.....

NNN: NOT Nelli.
INFO: G-5, 10, 15(2), 16, Log.

T/P(REAC). E/L. R.M. 1st. Encl. 4/8/

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM C.S.M.

TO DIMB ADMIN (R) CINC MED, TO (D).

Restricted.

CinC Med's 23105. The sweep wires referred to in your 141226B both July are of British origin. The American sweep wires are held in Malta.

.....02 113M/Aug.....

REF: (1) Request confirmation sweep wires were British.
(2) Replacement of deficiencies in MMS.

DEST: C-S, 10, 15(2), 16, Log.

TRANSMIT. CRYPTO. A.M. 5th. 6/8/47.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

TO CINC MED (12) F.O.L.I., DTNB ANNX. FROM CS MAJEL.

Unclassified.

My 091702 July. Amplifiers and motor for Gyro compass in package 13.63 shipped per HMS Peacock on 2/8/47 consigned to NOIC Trieste for DMS 2141.

.....05 1534A/Aug.....

NOTE: Gear being shipped first opportunity.
DIST: 0-6, 10, 15(2), 16, log.

JTC/CAMJL. P/L. A.M. 6th. DGS. 6/8/47.

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TO CINC MED. FROM F.O.L.I.

Restricted.

Your 231107A July. No parallel action has been taken yet. In accordance with A.M. 191802 March (referring to sale of RNN to Egyptians) pending agreement between COMNAVEASTLANT and Admiralty whether SA boxes although British make, are considered replacements for original American boxes fitted and therefore whether para 2(a) or para 2(c) of CANO 404/46 applies 2. U.S. Naval Member of I.N.E. has requested COMNAVEASTLANT to take matter up with Admiralty for final decision.

.....07 1253Z/Aug.....

REF: (1). What action taken to charge Italian Navy for British gear handed over with RNN.
(2). Sale of RNN to Egyptians.
DIST: O-6, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.

INITIATOR. CRYPTO. A.M. 7th. DCS. 8/8/47.

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TO COMNAVEASTLANT (R) F.O.L.I., CINC MED(M).
FROM US NAVAL MEMBER ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH, AFHQ, ROME.

Restricted Routine.

URDIE 181949Z June refers. CinC Med has located and is supplying Amplifier panel and Azimuth motor missing from ex-HMS 2141. Admiralty 191802 March, addressed CinC Med stated that S.A. Mark four gear need not be removed from HYMS at Venice but that in the event of sale it should be made clear that a charge would be made for the gear. Value 160 pounds sterling each. Have been unable to ascertain as yet if and when S.A. gear was removed from YMS 2206 but CinC Med, on basis of above Admiralty instructions, maintains that (A) S.A. gear of British origin can be supplied number 2206 from existing stocks Malta only on prepayment in sterling. (B). Payment is due British for gear now installed in nine ex-HYMS being finally turned over to Italian this week in Venice. (C). No U.S. sweep wire or S.A. gear is held by British in this theatre and therefore CAFO 404 para 2 (a) cannot be held to apply i supplying deficiencies. Recommend this matter be taken up with Admiralty on the basis that British S.A. gear now installed should be considered replacement for American gear removed as stated URDIS 181949Z. Also that British S.A. equipment be supplied YMS 2206 from Malta under same terms. Also that question of whether and how deficiency in sweep wire should be made good under terms of contract be discussed with OFLC Paris.

.....08 2005Z/Aug.....

INFO: C-6, 10, 16, 21, Log. Italmedio, CINCPAC. Adm. Sch. DGS 11/6/

TO F.O.L.I. (for information).

TO CINC MORE, CINC MED, F.O.S.N.I., C.S.P.D., (R) A.S. CHATHAM, C.S. SHEERNESS, F.O.C.R.F. NOIC SHEERNESS, COMDR:M/S SHEERNESS, M/S TWO, M/S 151, M/S 153, F.O. GIB, F.O. MALTA, CINC PLYMOUTH, LOCHINVAR.

FROM ADMIRALTY.

Unclassified.

Thirty-One Lend Lease MMS have been sold by U.S.A. to Mediterranean Navies as follows. Six to Italy, three to Egypt, twenty-two to Greece.

2. These numbers will be made up from (A) sixteen from 151st and 153rd M/S, PCs on completion of sweeping at home (B) MMS 2054 from Lochinvar Training Flotilla (C) Fourteen from those laid-up at Pembroke.

3. Craft in paras 2 (A) and (B) will proceed under own power and are expected to leave U.K. about 15th September. CinC More and F.O.S.N.I. are requested to arrange for their preparation and for their sailing in company.

4. Arrangements have been made for craft in paragraph (C) to be towed dumb as follows. (A) Eleven by Gaysfort and tugs. Expected to sail 9th August. A.M. 21242/July not to all refers (B) three by vessels of Second M/S F. on passage from U.K. to join Med. Fleet and expected to sail about 2nd September.

5. When ready CinC More is requested to sail craft in paragraph (A) and (B) and C.S.P.D. craft in paragraph 4 (B) to Gibraltar for onward routing as ordered by CinC Med.

6. CinC Med, F.O. Gib and F.O. Malta have been informed separately of the final destinations of individual MMS.

7. After MMS in para 2 (A) and (B) have been transferred CinC Med is requested to arrange early homeward passage for their crews. Maximum numbers involved are 51 Officers and 400 ratings but these include personnel on draft to Mediterranean Station.

.....09 10023/Alg.....

DIST: 1-6, 10, 16, Log.

ITALCABLE. P/L. A.M. 21st. DGS(R.F.). 21/8/47.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

TO ROMA NAVY (R) F.O. CATANZARO, F.O. NAPLES. FROM COMGENTRAFFE.

(For information). Unclassified.

A.M. 21756 July para 1. Request you will route ENS in accordance with following allocation.

(A) ENS 2142, 2150, 2194, 2277, 2278 and 2280 to Naples.
(B) ENS 2035, 2041, 2069 to Alexandria.
(C) ENS 2054, 2076, 2070, 2182, 2202, 2221, 2233, 2258 to Piraeus.

2. Request you will inform authorities concerned of the above allocation.

.....09 1021B/Aug.....

RAF: Not held.
DEST: 1-6, 10, 16, Log.
TRANSMISSION. P/L. A.M. 21st. DGS. 21/8/43.

COPY

2 Via Umbria, Rome, Italy.

10 August 1947.

To: Ministry of Defence, Navy, Republic of Italy.

Subject: Sale of 16 American Minesweepers to Italy.

Reference: Letter of Ministry No. 2681/UI, dated 30 July 1947.

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2. The correct procedure for a complete and final transfer of these craft to the Italian Navy by this office is to execute a Bill of Sale giving ownership title to the vessels to the Italian Government. This Bill of Sale is now being prepared in our Paris Office and should reach the Ministry within approximately two weeks. In the meantime, while waiting for the Bill of Sale, the Italian Government is authorized to make use of the above mentioned minesweepers as it sees fit and as if the final transfer has been affected.

3. Another Bill of Sale will be prepared for the remaining six minesweepers after they are selected by the Italian Navy in the manner previously agreed to.

P. H. Jeryan, Lt. Comdr. USNR
Maritime Branch.

COPY to FOLI - for info.

U.S. DIPLOMATIC LIAISON ITALY
8 AUG 1947

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NAVAL OFFICER LIAISON (ITALY)
8 AUG 1947
ROME

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Pack No 1145/54

STAFF MINUTE SHEET

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY

Subject: Sale of 16 American M/S in Italy.

Originator, reference No. & Date: U.S.N.L. Maritime Branch's 7.10 Aug

Referred to	Remarks of Staff Officers should be drafted in the form of a letter or signal to cover desired action.
~~C~~ Co 9/8 H. Hadley CSO 11/8. A/S 13/8. Sec(M)	Perhaps we should now tell Min. of Def (Navy) that S.A. Boxes will have to be paid for in sterling (pending agreement on matter between COMNAVEASTLANT and Admiralty. FOLIs 07 1253 Aug and CinCs 23 1107A/July refer. Otherwise, Once the Italians have signed the sale documents we shall subsequently not be able to claim Payment for the S.A. boxes in the event of a decision being reached that they are to be regarded as British equipment left on board Agree that we should tell the Italians that they may have to pay in sterling for the SA Boxes. 8/8 Proposed Minute To: The Ministry of Defence (Navy) Payment for British Equipment fitted in Y.M.S. transferred by
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signal to cover desired action.

Ea 9/8

Lt. Hadfield 11/8.

C&O 11/8.

A/S 12/8.

Ed. Secty)

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Adty

Agree that we should tell the 8/8
Italians that they may have to pay in Sterling for the SA Boxes.

Proposed Telegram

To: The Ministry of Defence (Navy)

Payment for British Equipment fitted in Y.M.S. transferred by U.S. Government to Italian Navy

With reference to your letter number 19416, dated 3rd May, 1947, you are informed that pending Admiralty decision, it may be necessary to request payment in Sterling from the Italian Government for the British S.A. boxes fitted in the Y.M.S transferred by the U.S. Government to the Italian Navy.

Continue on fresh minute sheet if necessary.

Yrs Secy,

Captain Pryce prefers OFLC telle Signals have been drafted for Secy accordingly. 11/8
Italians. Adty.

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Pack No 114-51/54

STAFF MINUTE SHEET

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY

Subject: Sale of 16 American M/S in Italy.

Originator, reference No. & Date: U.S.N.L. Naples Comm's Ltr 0ltg

Referred to	Remarks of Staff Officers should be drafted in the form of a letter or signal to cover desired action.
~~C~~ Ea 9/8 ~~C~~ 11/8. A/S 12/8. Ea. ~~Sec(M)~~	Perhaps we should now tell Min. of Def (Navy) that S.A. Boxes will have to be paid for in Sterling (Pending agreement on matter between COMNAVEASTLANT and Admiralty. FOLI's 07 1253 Aug and CinC's 23 1107A/July refer.
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After action	
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Propose telegram

To: The Ministry of Defence (Navy)

Payment for British Equipment fitted in Y.M.S. transferred by U.S. Government to Italian Navy

With reference to your letter number 19416, dated 3rd May, 1947, you are informed that pending Admiralty decision, it may be necessary to request payment in sterling from the Italian Government for the British S.A. boxes fitted in the Y.M.S transferred by the U.S. Government to the Italian Navy.

Sir Sec,

Captain Pryce prefers OFLC tells Italians. Signals have been drafted by Secy accordingly.

Continue on fresh minute sheet if necessary.

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TO CINC MED(M).

FROM F.O.L.I.

Restricted.

My 071253B. Signing of bills of sale is being held up pending decision on U.S. Naval Member,INB AFHQ's 0320052.

.....11 1034B/Aug....

REPS: Replacement of equipment in HMES.
DIST: 0.6, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.

ITALCABLE. CRYPTO. A.M. 11th. DGS. 11/8/47.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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TO O.F.L.C. ROME (R) INR, AFHQ. FROM F.O.L.I.

Important.

Request signing of bills of sale in respect of sale of VMS at Venice to Italians be held up pending final agreement between COMNAVEASTLANT and Admiralty on status of S.A. boxes.

2. If these boxes are classified as British equipment left on board prepayment must be made for them in sterling price of each box being 160 pounds.

.....11 1049B/Aug.....

DIST: 0-6, 10, 16, Log. 2 H/M O.F.L.C. Rome.

HAND. F/L. A.M. 11th. DGS. 11/8/47.

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TO ADMIRALTY (H) F.O.I.C.

FROM CINC MED(M).

Restricted.

FOLIOS 071253Z and 091237 being passed to Admiralty refer to British gear in ex-Lend Lease MMS transferred to Italian Navy.
2. Consider that so far as R.N. is concerned transfer was back to U.S.A. in accordance with CARD 404/46. Re-transfer to Italy is a separate matter and any British stores and equipment turned over with vessels to Italians should be on re-payment.

.....11 1742A/Aug.....

REFS: Gear for MMS.
NOTE: 2nd ref logged under DTG 082005Z.
DIST: 0-6, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.
ITALCABLE. CRYPTO. A.M. 12th. DGS. 12/8/47.

(To FOII for information).

TO CINC MED (R) CINC NORE, FO MALTA NOIC SHEERNESS, COMDR M/S SHEERNESS, LOCHINVAR,

FROM ADMIRALTY.

nclassified.

Admiralty Message 091002A Aug. para 2 (A) and (B). On delivery of BYMS in Med. following Officers are to take up a ppointments as shown. Dates to be reported.
2. Lieutenants R.N.
G.B. SMEDLEY, BYMS 2035 to S . Angelo additional as S.O.O. to NOIC TRIESTE vice R.F. McDougall R.N.:: R J.I. Connaghine BYMS 2041 to Cosport.:: G. Cussins BYMS 2078 to Comm vice Collier RNVR.:: F.G. Smyth BYMS 2202 to St. Angelo additional for Shillay as 1st Lieut: vice Dew-Jayne R.N.(to be returned to U.K. FOR E.S.C. ourse).:: E.J.H. Miles BYMS 2233 to Peacock vice K.W. Randle R.N.(to be retu ned to U.K. for E.S.C. course).::T.B. Sexton NYMS 2069 to St. Angelo addit onal as Boat Officer and NO.O.D. vice Blackburne R.N.(to be returned to U.K. or E.S.C. ourse).:: R.N. McIntyre BYMS 2182 to Stag additional for duty with Commodor Palestine and for LCT (E) 443 vice G. Mitchel R.N.:: R.P.E. Nicholl BYMS 2221 to St. Angelo additional vice Tempy: Lieut: (SP) S.W. Hart RNVR.:: Ricketts BYMS 2256 toCHivalrous vice J.C. Moberley RNVR.:: T.P.V. Lawler BYMS 22 3 to Stag additional for duty with NOIC Port Said vice Tempy: Lieut: F. Sherrat RNR.:: G.R.A. Murray BYMS 2142 to Striker vice G.C. Baker R.N.:: C.J. Draper MS 2233 to Pelican vice G.H. Williams RNVR.
3. Temporary Sub-Lieutenants R.N.V.R
B.T. Jones BYMS 2076 to Rowe a vice I.G.M. McCal RNVR.:: P.G. Hartley BYMS 2142 to St. Angelo additional for uty at Fort Ricasoli vice R. Gardiner RNVR.:: W.K. Shakespeare BYMS 2182 t Phoenicia additional vice S.L. Maguire RNVR.:: F.T. Costello BYMS 2280 to S , Angelo additional for Shillay additional.:: I.F. McBeat BYMS 2054 to Fal on additional for RNAS Halfar vice R.H. Cregg RNVR.

.....4. 1553A/Aug.....

REF: Sale of Lend-Lease BYMS to Med Mediterranean Navies.
DIST: 1-6, 10/ Log. 16.

ITALIANISE. P/L. M. 21st. DCS(R.F.) 21/8/47.

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From: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY) (Maristat)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 2nd September 1947.
Ref.: 35952

Subject: BYMS - Undelivered minesweeping equipment.

1. Following a check of the minesweeping equipment on board the BYMS taken over by the Italian Navy at Venice, it has been discovered that various items are missing, according to the equipment laid out in the "Manual of Minesweeping" 1940/O.V.6350 edition, page 28 line 199 (a).

Further, part of the material handed over is now unusable and must be substituted.

2. The vessels, according to the agreements of the time, should have been handed over in operational conditions. They will be transferred from Venice to Naples for working-up, and will commence actual minesweeping in October.

In order not to delay the operations and to avoid keeping the vessels inactive owing to lack of equipment, it would be appreciated if you could supply the material in the enclosed list as soon as possible; supply would obviously be considerably hastened if it was available in Malta. If this is possible the equipment should be sent to the Inspectorate of Minesweeping at Naples.

3. The Italian Naval Staff has already ordered similar spare material from the National industry, but this will be delayed.

Other material, of less importance, has also been omitted, but this has been replaced and is therefore not requested from F.O.L.I.

Cmdr. Giovanni.
Tel: 360251 Ext. 316.

(Sgd.) for THE CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

JLF/P.
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NAVAL OFFICER LIAISON
7 SEP 1947
M.O.I(Italy)
ROME

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Enclosure No.1

BYLES

Minesweeping equipment requested because not supplied or worn out by long usage:

- port sweeping cables (300 fathoms) -	17	in	No.
- starboard sweeping cables (300 fathoms) -	17	"	"
- kites -	2	"	"
- oropesa flgots -	3	"	"
- dans -	4	"	"

Note: regulation British Naval equipment is requested.

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15 SEP 1947

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TO ADMIRALTY (R) F.O.I.I.

FROM CINC MED(M).

Restricted.

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.....11 1742A/Mag.....

REFS: Gear for EYMS.
NOTE: 2nd ref logged under DTG 032005Z.
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TO C.F.L.C. ROMA (R) INS, AFHQ.

FROM F.O.L.I.

Important

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2. If these boxes are classified as British equipment left on board prepayment must be made for them in sterling price of each box being 160 pounds.

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.....11 1049B/Ang.....

DIST: 0-6, 10, 16, Log. 2 M/M C.F.L.C. Roma.

HAND. F/L. A.M. 11th. DGS. 11/8/47.

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TO CURC MED(E). FROM F.O.L.I.

Restricted.

My 071253Z. Signing of bills of sale is being held up pending decision on U.S. Naval Member IRB AFHQ's 082005Z. 2650

.....11 103LM/Aug....

REFS: Replacement of equipment in MMS.
DIST: 0-6, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.

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TO OTTHO MED (X) F.O. OPERATIONS, F.O. MESS. FROM ADMIRALTY.

(For information). Unclassified.

A.M. 311756 July para 1. Request you will route MMS in accordance with following allocation.

(A) MMS 2142, 2150, 2194, 2277, 2278 and 2280 to Naples.
(B) MMS 2035, 2041, 2969 to Alexandria.
(C) MMS 2056, 2076, 2078, 2082, 2202, 2221, 2233, 2256 to Piraeus.

2. Request you will inform authorities concerned of the above allocation.

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.....02 1021 B/Ang.....

REF: BCK hold.
DEST: 4-6, 10, 16, Log.
DRAFTSMAN. P/L. A.M. Asst. DCS. 21/8/47.

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TO F.O.L.I. (for information).

TO CINC HOME, CINC MED, F.O.S.N.I., C.S.P.D., (R) A.S. CHATHAM, C.S. SHEERNESS, F.O.C.R.F. NOIC SHEERNESS, COMDR:M/S SHEERNESS, M/S TWO, M/S 151, M/S 153, F.O. GIB, F.O. MALTA, CINC MEDITERRANEAN, LOCHINVER.

FROM ADMIRALTY.

Unclassified.

Thirty-one Lend Lease MMS have b[e]n sold by U.S.A. to Mediterranean Navies as follows. Six to Italy, three to Egypt, tw[e]nty-two to Greece.
2. These numbers will be made up [f]rom (A) sixteen from 151st and 153rd M/S. Pts on completion of sweeping at home (M[M]S 205, from Lochinvar Training Flotilla (C) Fourteen from those laid-up a[t] Pembroke.
3. Craft in paras 2 (A) and (B) w[i]ll proceed under own power and are expected to leave U.K. about 15th September. CinC M[e]d and F.O.S.N.I. are requested to arrange for their preperation and for their sailing in company.
4. Arrangements have been made fo[r] craft in paragraph (C) to be towed dumb as follows. (A) Eleven by Caryafort and tugs. [E]xpected to sail 9th August. A.M. 21242/July not to all refers (B) three by vessel[s] of Second M/S F. on passage from U.K. to join Med. Fleet and expected to sail about [2]nd September.
5. When ready CinC Home is reques[t]ed to sail craft in paragph (A) and (B) and C.S.P.D. craft in paragraph 4 (B) to Gibra[l]tar for onward routing as ordered by CinC Med.
6. CinC Med, F.O. GIB and F.O. M[A]LTA have been informed separately of the final destinations of individual MMS.
7. After MMS in para 2 (A) and (B) have been transferred CinC Med is requested to arrange early homeward passage for their crews. Maximum numbers involved are 51 Officers and 400 ratings but these include personnel on draft to Mediterranean Station.

.....09 1002Z/Aug.....

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DIST: 1-6, 10, 16, Log.

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TO COMNAVEASTLANT (R) F.O.L.I., CINC MED(M).
FROM US NAVAL MEMBER ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH, AFHQ, ROME.

Restricted Routine.

URDIS 181949Z June refers. CinC Med has located and is supplying Amplifier panel and Azimuth motor missing from ex-HYMS 2141. Admiralty 191802 March, addressed CinC Med stated that S.A. Mark four gear need not be removed from HYMS at Venice but that in the event of sale it should be made clear that a charge would be made for the gear. Value 160 pounds sterling each. Have been unable to ascertain as yet if and when S.A. gear was removed from YMS 2206 but CinC Med, on basis of above Admiralty instructions, maintains that (A) S.A. gear of British origin can be supplied number 2206 from existing stocks Malta only on prepayment in sterling. (B). Payment is due British for gear now installed in nine ex-HYMS being finally turned over to Italian this week in Venice. (C). No U.S. sweep wire or S.A. gear is held by British in this theatre and therefore CAFO 404 para 2 (a) cannot be held to apply in supplying deficiencies. Recommend this matter be taken up with Admiralty on the basis that British S.A. gear now installed should be considered replacement for American gear removed as stated URDIS 181949Z. Also that British S.A. equipment be supplied YMS 2206 from Malta under same terms. Also that question of whether and how deficiency in sweep wire should be made good under terms of contract be discussed with OFLC Paris. 2817

.....08 2005Z/Aug.....

DIST: 0-6, 10, 16, 21, Log. Walcable. CRYPTO. A.M. 9th. DCS. 11/8/

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COPY

2 Via Umbria, Rome, Italy.

10 August 1947.

To: Ministry of Defence, Navy, Republic of Italy.

Subject: Sale of 15 American Minesweepers to Italy.

Reference: Letter of Ministry No. 2681/UI, dated 30 July 1947.

1. In response to above reference, this office wishes to inform the Ministry that by virtue of the recent agreement between Italy and the United States with regards to cession to Italy of surplus American equipment, as is referred to in the Ministry's letter, the ten minesweepers, of which the Italian Navy has now protective custody in Venice, will be permanently transferred to the Italian Navy. These vessels bear hull numbers: 2009, 2012, 2014. 2023, 2024, 2027, 2037, 2073, 2141, and 2206.

2. The correct procedure for a complete and final transfer of these craft to the Italian Navy by this office is to execute a Bill of Sale giving ownership title to the vessels to the Italian Government. This Bill of Sale is now being prepared in our Paris Office and should reach the Ministry within approximately two weeks. In the meantime, while waiting for the Bill of Sale, the Italian Government is authorized to make use of the above mentioned minesweepers as it sees fit and as if the final transfer had been affected. 2845

3. Another Bill of Sale will be prepared for the remaining six minesweepers after they are selected by the Italian Navy in the manner previously agreed to.

P. H. Jeryan, Lt. Comdr. USNR
Maritime Branch.

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

TO: FROM:

TO CINC 14th. FROM F.O.L.T.

Restricted.

Your 231107A July. No parallel action has been taken yet in accordance with A.M. 191802 March (referring to sale of EYMS to Egyptians)pending agreement between COMNAVEASTLANT and Admiralty whether SA boats although British make, are considered replacements for original American boats fitted and therefore whether para 2(a) or para 2(c) of CAFO 404/46 applies 2. U.S. Naval Member of I.N.B. has requested COMNAVEASTLANT to take matter up with Admiralty for final decision.

.....07 1253B/Aug.....

2844

REF: (1). What action taken to charge Italian Navy for British gear - handed over with EYMS.
(2). Sale of EYMS to Egyptians.

DIST: O-6, 10, 15, 16, 24, Log.

DRAFTED. CYPHD. A.K. 7th. DGS. 8/8/47.

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Mtpl. noted advised by LT. Goodsell a.m. 6/8.
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NAVAL MESSAGE

TO CINC MED (R) F.O.L.T., DNB AFHQ. FROM CB MALTA.

Unclassified.

My 091702 July. Amplifiers and motor for Gyro compass in package MB 63 shipped per HMS Peacock on 2/8/47 consigned to NOIC Trieste for HMS 2141.

2843

.....05 1534A/Aug.....

REF: Gear being shipped first opportunity.
DIST: 0-6, 10, 15(2), 16, Log.

ITALCABLE. P/I. A.M. 6th. DGS. 6/8/47.

Copy of signal given to Lt. by Goodsell.

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

TO DNIS AHQ (R) CINC MED, FO(D). FROM C.S.M.

Restricted.

CinC Med's 231105. The sweep wires referred to in your 141226A both July are of British origin. ~~The~~ No American sweep wires are held in Malta.

02 1134A/Aug. 2842

REF: (1) Request confirmation sweep wires were British.
(2) Replacement of deflaerolon in MMS.

DIST: C-6, 10, 15(2), 16, Log.

TRAFALGAR. CRYPTO. A.M. 5th. DGB. 6/8/47.

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From: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY, ROME.
To: O.F.L.C. - Rome and for info: Italian Naval Branch.
Date: 30th July 1947
Ref.: 2681/UT

Purchase of 16 American YMS craft.

According to the instructions contained in your letter of the 14th May 1947, the Ministry of Defence, Navy was to take over and supply Italian crews to the following 10 YMS craft at Venice: 2009 - 2012 - 2014 - 2023 - 2024 - 2027 - 2037 - 2073 - 2141 - 2206.

On the 19th May last, the Minister of Defence, Navy, signed a provisional receipt for these vessels, which contained the following provision, also included in the above quoted letter: - "the Italian Government is authorised to hold them in protective custody and have its men on board until the ships are formally turned over to the Italian Government after the execution of the credit agreement and other requirements necessary for the transfer".

On the 21st July last, an agreement was signed at the Ministry of the Treasury between Italy and the United States for the cession to Italy of all "surplus" materials belonging to the United States, including the 16 YMS craft in question.

You are therefore requested to inform me what further action is required to complete the final cession to Italy of the above 10 YMS craft, so that they may be employed in minesweeping as soon as possible.

2841

6 Aug

Answered by O.F.L.C. who have authorised Italian Govt. to employ 10 U.S.N. YMS now at Venice on minesweeping duty pending cession of title of craft to Italy. R.T. Payne

(Sgd) The Minister.

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1 AUG 1947
NAVAL BRANCH, AFHQ.

REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA - MARINA
SEGRETARIO GENERALE - COORDINAMENTO MARINA

Ufficio Trattati
Indirizzo: MARINA ROMA

PROT. N. 2681/UT ALLEGATI

Roma, 30 LUG 1947

Al O.F.L.C. - ROMA

e per conoscenza:

ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH

ARGOMENTO: Acquisto 16 dragamine Y.M.S. americani.

Secondo le disposizioni contenute nella lettera in data 14 maggio u.s. di codesto O.F.L.C., questo Ministero provvedeva a prendere in consegna ed armare con personale italiano i 10 dragamine Y.M.S. contrassegnati coi numeri: 2009 - 2012 - 2014 - 2023 - 2024 - 2027 - 2037 - 2073 - 2141 - 2206 - e dislocati a Venezia.

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Nel pomeriggio del 21 luglio u.s., come è noto, è stato firmato presso il Ministro del Tesoro l'accordo fra l'Italia e gli Stati Uniti per la cessione all'Italia di tutti i beni "surplus" appartenenti agli Stati Uniti e disponibili in Italia, compresi i 16 dragamine Y.M.S. in argomento.

Prego pertanto comunicare quali ulteriori pratiche de-

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SEGRETARIO GENERALE - COORDINAMENTO MARINA

Ufficio Trattati
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NAVAL MESSAGE

TO DTNE, AMEM, (R) F.O.L.T., HD(D), C.S.M. FROM C.I.N.C.

Restricted.

Your 141226. S.A. Mark 4 gear is British (R) British Admiralty's 151802 Mk.VII permits sale of gear to Italians.
2. It must be borne in mind that so far as the R.N. is concerned transfer of these MMS was back to U.K. not to Italian Navy. Any issue of British stores and equipment to Italians requires repayment.
3. Request CSM confirm sweep wires referred to in para 4 of DTNE's message were British and stating if any American sweep wire held.

.....23 1105A/July.....

2834

REF: Replacement of deficiencies in Rome.
SECT: 0-6, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.

O & W. CYPRO. A.M. 24th. DCS. 25/7/47.

REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA - MARINA
SEGRETARIO GENERALE - COORDINAMENTO MARINA

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Secondo le disposizioni contenute nella lettera in data 14 maggio u.s. di codesto C.F.L.C., questo Ministero provvedeva a prendere in consegna ed armare con personale italiano i 10 dragamine Y.M.S. contrassegnati coi numeri: 2009 - 2012 - 2014 - 2023 - 2024 - 2027 - 2037 - 2073 - 2141 - 2206 - e dislocati a Venezia.

Il 19 maggio u.s. il Ministro della Difesa-Marina firmava una ricevuta provvisoria di tali dragamine, nella quale era riportata la disposizione, contenuta nella lettera sopracitata, che: "the Italian Government is authorized to hold them in protective custody and have its men "on board until the ships are formally turned over to the "Italian Government after the execution of the credit agree-"ment and other requirements necessary for the transfer".

Nel pomeriggio del 21 luglio u.s., come è noto, è stato firmato presso il Ministro del Tesoro l'accordo fra l'Italia e gli Stati Uniti per la cessione all'Italia di tutti i beni "surplus" appartenenti agli Stati Uniti e disponibili in Italia, compresi i 16 dragamine Y.M.S. in argomento.

Prego pertanto comunicare quali ulteriori pratiche de-

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vono essere svolte per perfezionare la definitiva cessione all'Italia dei 10 dragamine Y.M.S. sopra indicati, in modo da poterne al più presto iniziare l'impiego per il dragaggio.

IL MINISTRO

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM:

TO:

TO DINE, AMB. (R) M.G.I.T., FO(P), C.N.M. PARIS CLNO MED.

Restricted.

Your 1443226. U.A. Work & gear in British (R) British Admiralty's 191802 March to ROM permits sale of gear to Italians.
2. It must be borne in mind that so far as the R.N. is concerned transfer of these MMS was back to U.S. not to Italian Navy. Any issue of British stores and equipment to Italians requires repayment.
3. Request ACM confirm sweep wires referred to in para 4 of NCNB's message were British and stating if any American sweep wire held.

.....23 1405A/July..... 2839

KMS: Replacement of deficiencies in Rome.
DIST: C-6, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.

C & W. CRYPTO. A.M. 24th. DGS. 25/7/47.

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FROM C.INC MED.

Restricted.

My 231105 July. Request what action has been taken to charge Italian Navy for British gear handed over with BYMS in accordance with instructions in A.M. 291602 March.

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.....23 1107A/July.....

RMKS: Replacement of deficiencies in BYMS.
DIST: 0-6, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.

C. & W. CRYPTO. P.M. 24th. 1938 25/7/43

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From: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY) (Office of the Secretary General)
To : Italian Naval Branch - A.F.H.Q.
Date: 19th July 1947
Ref.: 2554/UT

Subject: Purchase of 6 B.Y.M.S. craft in England.

Reference is made to our letter 1847/UT, of the 29th May 1947.

You are informed that Captain BASLINI will leave tonight for England, to inspect the 6 B.Y.M.S. craft which are to be ceded to Italy.

According to your information, given verbally, the 6 B.Y.M.S. are the following :

2034 - 2040 - 2051 - 2058 - 2071 - 2152
and not the ones previously mentioned.

Captain BASLINI will contact the COMNAV Chief of Staff, EASTLAND, 20 Cros Square, London, to make arrangements for the inspection and the tests to prove the efficiency of the minesweepers.

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Seen by: CA
Capt. Pryce
SO(M)
Secy
SO. (Intel)

By direction
Rear-Admiral L.Rubartelli.

COMNAV Eastland informed of Baslini's visit by USNaval Attaché.

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MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA - MARINA
SEGRETARIO GENERALE - COORDINAMENTO MARINA
Ufficio Trattati
Indirizzo: MARINA ROMA

PROT. N. 2554/UT ALLEGATI

Roma, 19 luglio 1947

Al ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH

ARGOMENTO: Acquisto di 6 dragamine BYMS in Inghilterra.

Riferimento 1847/UT del 29 maggio u.s.-

Si informa che il Capitano di Vascello BASLINI partirà questa sera per l'Inghilterra per visitare i 6 dragamine BYMS designati per essere ceduti all'Italia.

Come da comunicazioni verbali della S.V., tali 6 BYMS sono i seguenti:

2034 - 2040 - 2051 - 2058 - 2071 - 2152

anzichè quelli precedentemente segnalati.

Il Capitano di Vascello BASLINI prenderà contatto col Capo di Stato Maggiore del Comnav Eastland, 20 Gros Square - Londra per concretare le visite e le prove atte ad accertare la buona efficienza dei dragamine. 2836

d'ordine
L'AMMIRAGLIO DI DIVISIONE
Capo Ufficio Trattati
(L. Rubartelli)

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

ST-I/N/ 216 16 July 1947

Subject: PURCHASE OF 16 AMERICAN YMS CRAFT.

To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference: (a) The Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. 2292/UT dated 2 July 1947.

1. Subject to the terms of the agreement under which the Italian Navy is holding these 10 Y.M.S. in protective custody, there is no objection to the proposals contained in reference (a).

2. The United States Naval Member concurs.

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(Sgd) C. L. MARTIN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

TO: CINCMED (2) NOM, NOE, NOLL, CSM, SENIO MALTA. FROM DUNK, ADMO.

Restricted.

Submit decision in your 2416/32 June not to CSM be reconsidered in respect of the BA box for MMS 2206 observing that:-

(a) MMS were originally fitted with material now missing(NOIC's 261703 June not to CSM). Material therefore appears to be American and subject to CAFO 404/46 para 2 (a).

(b) Your 191820 December not to all, stated that BA type hand lead was not to be removed.

(c) All MMS in Italian custody with one exception have BA boxes.

(d) It would therefore appear that all MMS at Venice must have originally been fitted with American BA boxes since their retention on board at present would have been disallowed if boxes were originally British. CAFO 404/46 para 2 (a).

2. Consequently submit that deficient BA box in MMS 2206 should therefore be replaced in accordance with CAFO 404/46 para 2 (a).

3. If replacement of BA box is approved request it may be shipped by C.S.M. in accordance with your 011652 not to all.

4. Request confirmation that sweep wires stated to be available at Malta in your 201/46 May are of British origin and that no American sweep wire exists on the station.

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.....14 1226Z/July.....

DIST: C-6, 10, 15, 16, 2½, Log. MEMO: Replacement of deficiencies in MMS.

C & W. cypher. a.m. high. nor 41/747

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From: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY)
To : Italian Naval Branch - A.F.H.Q.
Date: 2nd July 1947
Ref.: 2292/UT

Subject: Purchase of 16 American Y.M.S. craft

Reference is made to letter 2163/UT, dated 22nd June last.

In attendance of a definite decision on the question of the 10 Y.M.S. minesweepers at Venice, and for which the Italian Navy has operational responsibility, as well as custody, it would be appreciated if you could authorise the Ministry of Defence to allow these craft to sea, off Venice, for short periods, in order to check the machinery and deck equipment.

(Sgd.) for the MINISTER

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SEGRETARIO GENERALE - COORDINAMENTO MARINA
Ufficio Trattati
Indirizzo: MARINA ROMA

PROT. N. 2292/U.T. ALLEGATI

Roma, 2 LUG 1947

Al ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH

ARGOMENTO: Acquisto 16 dragamine Y.M.S. americani.

Riferimento foglio 2163/UT del 22 giugno c.a.-

In attesa che siano prese le decisioni atte a risolvere in modo definitivo la questione dei 10 dragamine Y.M.S. dislocati a Venezia e dei quali la Marina italiana ha la responsabilità operativa oltre che di custodia, si prega voler intanto autorizzare questo Ministero a disporre brevi uscite di dette unità nelle acque antistanti Venezia, allo scopo di controllare le manutenzioni agli apparati motori e alle apparecchiature di bordo.

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IL MINISTRO

P. Cerreni

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Admiralty. (R) F.O.L.I. From: C in C Med.

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A.M. 28 1430 June para 4. Nearly all difficulties experienced over lend-lease craft have been due to the fact that buyers did not inspect craft to examine condition prior to purchase.

2. It is therefore considered most desirable that Italian officers should be given opportunity to inspect craft prior to allocation, in fact before above quoted A.M. was received they had been strongly advised to do so during my recent visit to Rome.

DTG 04 1712A July.

Ref: Visit by Italian officers to U.K. considered not to serve any useful purpose.
Dist: 0 - 7,log.

C89 Secretex F.O.R. a.m./5/7/47 CYS

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This signal must be PARAPHRASED before being shown to British or [illegible] official

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NAVAL MESSAGE

From:

To:

SECRET

FROM F.O.T.E.

Restricted.

In view of your 241432 June cancel my 031013.

.....CL-12253/July.....

SECRET Guard paragraphs for 2nds.
DECL: OADR, 10, 15, 16, 25, Indefinite

O.T.G. CRYPTO: d.3d. 4th. DTG. 5/7/47.

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FROM.....TOIL (5)

RESTRICTED.

In view of my 2017082/June request early confirmation that equipment in para 4 (a) and (c) of my 0712162/May can only be supplied from India on prepayment, and if this is the case, U.S. Naval member of I.M.T. wishes to obtain gear from Admiralty stocks in U.K. through CONTRABASSIENT.

IMG.....03 1013z/July.....

Ref: (1) Replacement considered a British obligation.
(2) Deficiencies of MMS for transfer to Italians.

Distr: C-in-C 10 15 16 21 Togs

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Code ORY-TOD A.M. 3rd: R.F. 3774.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM

TO

TO ORIG MED (2) F.O.T.T., DTG ADVD. FROM C.C. NAPLES.

Unclassified.

Your 0?652. Amplifiers and motor for Gyro compass being sent to Italy first opportunity for MTB 214 despatch details later.

.....09 1702A/July.....

ROUT: Request gear be shipped Italy.
ROUT: C-5, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.

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C & W. P/L. D.M. 11th. MGS. 11/7/47.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

From:

To:

TO CINC HME.

FROM C.S.M.

Unclassified Routine.
(To N.O.I.S., D.I.N.B., A.F.H.Q. for information).

Your 2:4:30. Amplifier pattern 642202 and azimuth motor pattern 642135 are available in dockyard and can be supplied to HMS 2141. Both are of American origin.

.....27 1350A/June..... 2825

REF: HMS 2141 deficient of amplifier and azimuth motor.
DIST: 0-6, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.

C & W. P/L. A.M. 2nd. DGS. 2/7/47.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM:

ADMTY INFO CINC MED CINC PARIS FROM.....DDI (S)

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Commander (R) DANTE GOLDBERGO, Italian Navy, will be third member of commission visiting U.K. to inspect RNMS. Para 1 of my 281226Z/May refers.

DTG.....27 0950B/MAY.....

Mark: G-7 10 15 16 24 Dog.
Ref: Italian Naval officers visiting U.K.

CONF CRYPTO TOD.....2/T KF 27/6A7

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TO F.C.L.I. (R) FOR, FOF, D.I.N.D, A.F.H.Q., SENIOR NAVAL MEDICAL CLINIC MED.

Restricted.

Opinion in your 201708B not concurred in. Instruction for return of Lend Lease vessels is contained in CAFO 404/46. This provides for return in condition vessel came off operations but does not require British stores and equipment to be left on board. Consequently any equipment handed over to the Italians if required by them to complete vessel must be on naval terms, i.e. pre-payment. Admiralty's message 191802A March not to all is relevent.

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.....24. 14324/June.....

REF: (1) (Presumably 201708B) Replacement of deficiences in RNMS.
(2) Approximate value of equipment for RNMS purchased by Egyptian Navy.

DIST: O-6, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log.

MAICAME. CRYPTO. P.M. 25th. DCS. 4/7/47.

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TO C.B.M. (2) M.O.I.C. FROM C.N.O. MED.

Unclassified.

MMS 244 transferred to Italian Navy is deficient of amplifier and asdic arbor for Gyro compass. Request if suitable replacements are available Malta and Mediterranean American or British origin.

.....2. 1430A/June.....

DIST: O-7, 10, Log.

INITIALED. F/L. A.M. 25th. DGS. 25/6/47.

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From: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY)
To : Italian Naval Branch - A.F.H.Q.
Date: 22nd June 1947
Ref.: 2163/UT

Subject: Purchase of 16 American Y.M.S. craft

Reference is made to the previous letters on the subject.

1. The question of the purchase by the Italian Government of the 16 Y.M.S. craft, has not yet, despite the ready compliance of the Italian Government with the American wishes on the subject, reached a suitable solution, and one which would enable these vessels to be used in minesweeping.

In order to decide on the necessary provisions which will enable such a solution to be reached, I think it would be opportune to sum up briefly all the previous dealings between the American Authorities and the Ministry of Defence.

2. As you are aware, when the text of the Peace Treaty with Italy was published at the end of 1946, allowing the Italian Navy 16 Y.M.S. craft to be acquired from the U.S. (Appendix XII A) the Ministry of Defence had already for some time been in contact with S.U.S.N.L.O.I. regarding the cession of a number of American minesweepers, required to hasten mineclearance operations. This provision of the Treaty altered the whole question, as it gave Italy the right to possess the 16 minesweepers on the coming into force of the Peace Treaty. The question therefore took on a predominantly political-military aspect.

On the American side, however, the cession was still looked upon as a commercial transaction and it was decided that the Italian Government should purchase the craft from the C.F.L.C., through the A.R.A.R. at 60,000 dollars each. And, as these craft figured in the C.F.L.C.'s sale proclamation No.199, the Italian Government understood that the offer for the purchase of the minesweepers should be received during the time stated by the above proclamation.

The Ministry of Defence, although it considered the method unusual, and was inconvenienced by the conditions of the sale proclamation, did not raise any objection in the interest of hastening the transaction.. For the same reason it made no objection when the Americans stated that the cession of the minesweepers should be subordinated to the conclusion of the agreement for another credit of 10 million dollars which the United States Government was about to offer to Italy.

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Baron: informed verbally of position by Capt. Pryce also awaiting reply from U.S. Embassy - O.F.L.C. Athy 26/6.

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On the 26th February 1947, therefore, the Ministry of Marine made the requested offer in the name of the Italian Government. Immediately afterwards, however, it made the provision that the craft should be in "operational condition", owing to the purpose for which they were purchased and the necessity of employing them immediately.

3. Following agreements with the Italian Naval Branch and with the C.F.L.C., the representatives of the Ministry of Marine had chosen the minesweepers to be ceded to Italy, at Venice and Malta, and these craft (12 at Venice and 4 at Malta) were indicated in the tender forwarded on the 26th February 1947.

As, however, other bids were received by the C.F.L.C. besides the Italian ones, the C.F.L.C. decided that only 10 of the 12 Y.M.S. craft at Venice should be handed over to Italy, and none of those at Malta. It was further decided that the 6 other Y.M.S. craft for Italy should be chosen among those in Great Britain.

4. Meanwhile, the Italian Government received the further credit of 10 million dollars, mentioned above, out of which the craft would have to be paid for, but the Ministry of the Treasury thought the credit unacceptable owing to its conditions.

The C.F.L.C. then decided that the 10 minesweepers at Venice should be handed over to the Italian Government on condition that they were to be maintained in protective custody and not employed until the above agreement for the 10 million dollar credit had been concluded. The Ministry of Marine, in the name of the Italian Government, had to accept this condition, and at the end of last May, the 10 minesweepers at Venice were taken over by the Italian Navy.

5. As F.C.L.I. stated in letter No.1145/54, of the 31st May 1947, a few of the 10 minesweepers in Venice have not a complete crew.

With regard to the 6 sweepers located in England, the technical representatives of the Italian Navy are ready to depart to inspect them and the Ministry of Defence, in letter 1847/U1 of the 29th May last, informed the Italian Naval Branch of the necessity that the appropriate British Authorities should be asked to authorise the admission into dry dock of the craft, and all the routine tests to be made to make certain that the 6 craft are in operational condition.

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6. In conclusion, the present position is as follows :

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a) The Italian Navy is in possession of 10 Y.M.S. sweepers at Venice, but may not make use of them. Little equipment is lacking.

b) The other 6 sweepers, at present in England, are expected to reach Italy in a couple of months.

7. The most important conclusion, however, is that, for purely economic reasons, which do not concern the Italian Navy, precious time is being lost in the minesweeping operations and the completion is being retarded of a duty which greatly concerns all seafaring nations.

The provision which would speed up the solution of the problem, has already been proposed by the representative of this Ministry, in agreement with the President of the A.M.A.R., and consists of separating the question of the minesweepers from that of the 10 million dollar credit, in other words, to make a special agreement to authorise the purchase of the sweepers out of the original credit of 160 million lire allowed to Italy by the United States through the Bonner-Corbino agreement. dollars

You are requested to examine this possibility, which would allow the 10 sweepers at Venice to be employed immediately.

As for the 16 craft to be ~~found~~ obtained in England, it is requested that the representatives of this Ministry should be allowed to select them among those in the United Kingdom, instead of examining merely the 6 indicated by the C.F.L.C. In this way the risk would be avoided of taking over vessels in conditions which would not enable them to be employed immediately.

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THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA - MARINA
SEGRETARIO GENERALE - COORDINAMENTO MARINA
Ufficio Trattati
Indirizzo: MARINA ROMA

PROT. N. 2163/U.T. ALLEGATI

Roma, 22 GIU 1947

Al ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
ALLIED FORCE H.Q.

ARGOMENTO: Acquisto 16 dragamine Y.M.S. americani.

Si fa riferimento ai precedenti fogli sull'argomento.

1. La questione dell'acquisto, da parte del Governo italiano, dei 16 dragamine Y.M.S., malgrado la pronta adesione del Governo italiano a tutte le richieste americane sull'argomento, non ha ancora raggiunto la soluzione desiderabile e tale da consentire l'impiego delle unità nelle operazioni di dragaggio.

Per poter decidere sui provvedimenti necessari al raggiungimento di tale soluzione, ritengo opportuno riassumere brevemente il passato svolgimento delle trattative intercorse tra le autorità americane e questo Ministero.

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2. Come è noto, quando alla fine del 1946 venne pubblicato il testo del Trattato di Pace con l'Italia, che all'allegato XII/A contempla l'assegnazione alla Marina italiana di 16 dragamine Y.M.S. "acquired from the U.S.", questo Ministero aveva già da tempo iniziato pratiche col S.U.S.N.L.O.I. per ottenere la cessione di un certo numero di dragamine americani, indispensabili per sollecitare le operazioni di rimozione degli sbarramenti di mine. Tale disposizione del Trattato di Pace veniva a modificare completamente i termini della questione, in quanto sanciva il diritto dell'Italia di

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venire in possesso dei 16 dragamine all'entrata in vigore del Trattato di Pace. La questione quindi assumeva anzitutto un aspetto politico-militare.

Da parte americana invece la cessione fu mantenuta nell'ambito commerciale e fu disposto che il Governo italiano acquistasse i dragamine dall'O.F.L.C., tramite l'A.R.A.R., al prezzo di 60.000 dollari ognuno. E poichè tali unità figuravano sul Bando di gara n.199 dell'O.F.L.C., fu preteso dal Governo italiano che l'offerta per l'acquisto dei dragamine pervenisse nel tempo prescritto dal suddetto bando.

Questo Ministero, per quanto trovasse strana la via prescritta e ne rilevasse i possibili inconvenienti dovuti alle condizioni stabilite nel bando di gara, non sollevò obiezioni nell'intento di sollecitare la conclusione della cessione. Per la stessa ragione non sollevò obiezioni nemmeno quando, da parte americana, venne stabilito che la cessione dei dragamine fosse subordinata alla conclusione dell'accordo per un nuovo credito di 10 milioni di dollari che il Governo degli Stati Uniti stava per offrire al Governo italiano.

In tal senso pertanto il 26 febbraio 1947 il Ministero della Marina, a nome del Governo italiano, rilasciava l'offerta richiesta. Subito dopo però segnalava la necessità che i dragamine fossero consegnati "in operational condition" dato lo scopo per il quale erano acquistati e la necessità di impiegarli immediatamente.

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3. A seguito di accordi con l'I.N.B. e con l'O.F.L.C., i delegati del Ministero della Marina avevano scelto a Venezia e a Malta i dragamine da assegnare all'Italia, e tali unità (12 a Venezia e 4 a Malta) erano state indicate nell'offerta inviata il 26 febbraio 1947.

Poichè però, oltre quella italiana, altre offerte di

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acquisto dei dragamine erano pervenute all'O.F.L.C., questi dispose che all'Italia fossero assegnati soltanto 10 dei 12 Y.M.S. di Venezia e nessuno dei 4 prescelti a Malta. Dispose inoltre che altri 6 Y.M.S. fossero assegnati all'Italia fra quelli dislocati in Inghilterra.

4. Nel frattempo perveniva al Governo italiano, da parte di quello americano, l'offerta del già citato ulteriore accreditamento di 10 milioni di dollari, sul quale avrebbe dovuto gravare l'acquisto dei dragamine, ma il Ministro del Tesoro di allora non credette poter accettare l'accreditamento date le condizioni cui era subordinato.

In seguito a ciò l'O.F.L.C. stabilì che i 10 dragamine di Venezia fossero consegnati al Governo italiano con l'obbligo di tenerli in custodia protettiva ma di non impiegarli fino a che non fosse stato concluso l'accordo per il sopradetto credito di 10 milioni di dollari. Il Ministero della Marina, a nome del Governo italiano, ha dovuto accettare anche questa condizione e alla fine del maggio scorso i 10 dragamine di Venezia sono stati presi in consegna dalla Marina italiana.

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5. Come ha segnalato il F.O.L.I. con sua lettera n.1145/54 del 31 maggio u.s., alcuni dei 10 dragamine di Venezia non sono completamente equipaggiati.

Per quanto riguarda i 6 dragamine attualmente dislocati in Inghilterra, la delegazione tecnica della Marina italiana è pronta a partire per ispezionarli e in data 29 maggio u.s. questo Ministero, col foglio 1847/UT, ha segnalato a codesta I.N.B. la necessità che siano interessate le competenti autorità britanniche perchè autorizzino l'immissione in bacino di tali unità e l'esecuzione di tutte le prove e visite necessarie per accertarsi che i 6 dragamine siano "in operational condition".

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6. Concludendo, la situazione attualmente è la seguente:

a) La Marina ha in consegna 10 dragamine Y.M.S. a Venezia, ma non può impiegarli. Essi mancano di pochi materiali.

b) Gli altri 6 dragamine che sono attualmente dislocati in Inghilterra si prevede che potranno giungere in Italia fra un paio di mesi.

7. Ma la conclusione più grave è che per delle ragioni puramente economiche, e che comunque non dipendono dalla Marina italiana, si sta perdendo un tempo prezioso per le operazioni di dragaggio delle mine e si sta ritardando l'assolvimento di un compito che è di estremo interesse per i navigenti di tutto il mondo.

Il provvedimento che varrebbe ad accelerare la soluzione del problema è già stato proposto dal rappresentante di questo Ministero, d'accordo col Presidente dell'A.R.A.R., e consisterebbe nel separare la questione dei dragamine da quella dell'accreditamento di 10 milioni di dollari, ossia fare una convenzione particolare che autorizzi a far gravare l'acquisto dei dragamine sul primitivo accreditamento di 160 milioni di dollari concesso dagli Stati Uniti all'Italia coll'accordo Bonner-Corbino. 2816

Si prega la S.V. voler esaminare tale possibilità che, se realizzata, consentirebbe intanto di impiegare subito i 10 Y.M.S. di Venezia.

Per quanto riguarda i 6 dragamine da prelevare in Inghilterra si prega considerare l'opportunità che i delegati di questo Ministero possano sceglierli fra quelli dislocati nel U.K. anzichè dover esaminare soltanto i 6 indicati dall'O.F.L.C.-

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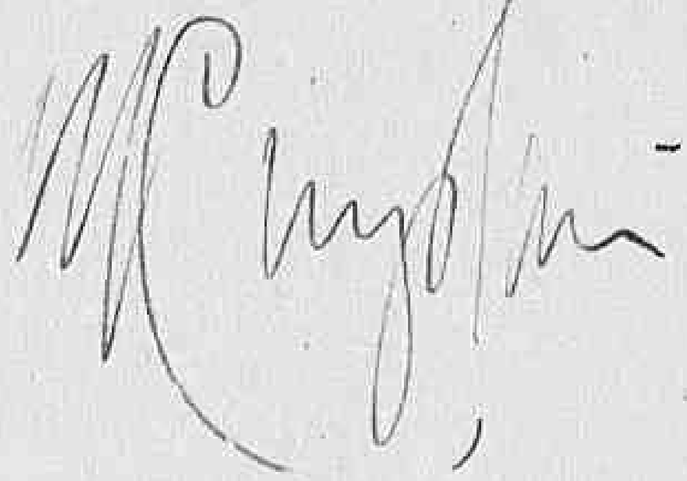
Si eviterebbe così il rischio di aver assegnate delle unità che all'atto pratico non siano in condizioni di poter essere immediatamente impiegate.

IL MINISTRO



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From: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY) (Office of the Secretary General)
To : Italian Naval Branch - A.F.H.Q.
Date: 24th June 1947
Ref.: 2188/UT

Subject: Inspection of Y.M.S. minesweepers in Great Britain

Reference is made to our letter 1847/UT, dated 29th May 1947.

In order to hasten the visits to the Y.M.S. craft in Great Britain, the Ministry of Defence (Navy) has decided to send Commander (E) Dante SOLIMBERGO on the mission with Capt.Baslini and Lt.Cdr.(E) SOMMONI.

You are requested to inform the appropriate British Authorities accordingly.

By direction
The Secretary General
ADM. E. FERRONI.

RECEIVED
26th June 1947

DATE: 26th June 1947.
FROM: NAVAL
TO : FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY.

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20 CINC MED (2) HQ(4), MO(5), EXCH ADMY, EXCH NAVY, EXCH M.O.I.I. (5).

Important Reinforcements.

COMANDSUPTAIR has informed U.S. Naval Member JMB that he considers replacement of deficiencies listed in para 1 of my 07126/May a matter obligation since AFHQ were originally entitled with material now missing. If deficiencies cannot be made good from Mediterranean stocks COMANDSUPTAIR intends asking Admiralty to supply from U.K.

2. Request information whether you have any objections.

3. Further request outcome of investigation in para 1 of your 20184/May be signalled.

20 1708/June

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INFO: (1). Deficiencies of ACS awaiting transfer to Italians in Venice.
(2). Availability of equipment being investigated.

DESP: 0-6. 10. 15. 16. 21, Log.

DRAFTED. CYPHER. P.M. 20th. DTG. 21/6/43.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM

TO

FROM.....NOTE (5)

ADDRESSED

SECRET CYPHER

A.F. 97529. As U.S. Naval Member IEB has informed me OPNAV have urgently desire inspection of MAS by Italians, request earliest convenient date for visit of officers be signalled.

DTG.....20 1430/June....

Ref: Suggest visit be postponed until position is clarified.
Distr: C-7 10 15 16 21 Log.

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PRIORITY	CYPHER	TOD P.M.	20th	RP	20/6/47

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM ADMIRALTY.

TO F.O.I.T. (2) CINC MED, CINC EAST.

Restricted.

Your 2312262. Arrangements for delivery of MTBs to Mediterranean are not repeat not yet clear and are under discussion.
2. Request you suggest that Italian Naval officers postpone their departure for U.K. until position is clarified.
3. Further telegram will be sent as soon as possible.

.....07 15292/June.....

MEM: Two Italian Naval officers wish to leave Rome about June 10th for visit to U.K.
DIST: 0-7, 10, 15, 16, 21, Ios.

INITIALS. ORIG. A.M. 9th. DGS. 9/6/47.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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NAVAL MESSAGE

TO: ADMIRALTY. FROM N.O.I.C. (5).

Restricted.

Request information whether it will be possible to implement para 3 of my 2612/26 by having radio at MILANI and SCHERIA to U.K., as Italians desire that MTB be fully operational on transfer.

.....C.S. 12068/Rms.....

REF: Italians request sea and harbour trials and dry-dock inspection before taking delivery.
GRAM: 6, 7, 10, 15, 16, 21, Zone.

ORIGINATOR. CYPHO. T.M. 4th. DTG. 5/6/47.

FWF - ST 28108

THE FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
Rome.

31st May, 1947.

No.FOLI/1145/54.

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY),
ROME.
(Copy to:-
The Director, Italian Naval Branch,
Allied Forces Headquarters).

EQUIPMENT FOR B.Y.M.S. TRANSFERRED TO ITALIAN NAVY IN VENICE.

With reference to your letter No.19416, dated 3rd May, 1947, (copy attached for the Director, Italian Naval Branch) my Minesweeping Liaison Officer has reported after inspection that there are the following deficiencies in the B.Y.M.S. transferred to the Italian Navy in Venice :-

(a) B.Y.M.S. 2014, 2024, and 2206 have no sweep wires.

(b) B.Y.M.S. 2206 has no S.A. box.

(c) B.Y.M.S. 2141 has neither amplifier panel nor azimuth motor for gyrocompass.

2. The equipment in (a) and (b) above can be made available from R.N. stocks in Malta upon prepayment in sterling.

The availability of the equipment in (c) is being investigated.

3. While the Royal Navy holds no spare parts allocated to the B.Y.M.S. involved in the transfer at Venice, a limited amount of spare minesweeping gear of British origin intended for B.Y.M.S., can also be supplied on prepayment.

4. If it is desired to acquire any of this equipment on these terms, it is requested that you will inform the Director, Italian Naval Branch, as soon as possible.

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No. 2041/Italy/47.

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Signed E. L. WARREN.

REAR-ADMIRAL.

RECEIVED
23 JUN 1947
NAVAL LIAISON AFHQ.

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DUPLICATE

From: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY) (Office of the Secretary General)
To : Italian Naval Branch - Rome
Date: 29th May 1947
Ref.: 1847/U.T.

Subject: 16 American Y.M.S. craft

Reference is made to your letter SI-2/N/131, dated 14th May 1947, and to the Rome C.F.L.C.'s letter of the same date.

1. As you are aware, The Ministry of Defence (Navy) has provided for the protective custody, on behalf of the Italian Government, of the 10 Y.M.S. minesweepers at present at Venice, and assigned to Italy.

2. You are also aware that the Ministry of Defence (Navy) is sending Capt. Baalini and Lt.Cdr. (E) Schiroli for the inspection of the other 6 Y.M.S. minesweepers assigned to Italy, and at present in England. They are expected to leave Rome on the 10th June next.

3. The Italian Naval Branch is now requested to approach the appropriate British authorities so that, when the above officers arrive in England, the 6 minesweeping may be admitted into dry-dock, their machinery and electrical equipment tested, and a rapid check of their deck equipment allowed, etc. In other words, it would be appreciated if instructions could be given to allow the Italian commission to make the necessary inspection to prove that the 6 minesweepers are "in operational condition".

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(Sgd.) for THE MINISTER.

DATE: 31 MAY 1947
FROM: NAVAL BRANCH, A.F.H.Q.
TO : FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY.
FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
Date 31 MAY 1947
No
ROME

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Officers in para 2 of my 201458 will be Captain Francesco Mauldi
and Lieut. Angelo (2) Roberto Bolgeri.

2. Request following information:-

(a) To what ports officers should report on arrival in U.K.

(b) Whether uniform or plain clothes should be worn.

(c) If it intended ship should be steamed to Italy by British crew.

(d) Whether 2 ships will remain at Pembroke Dock and one at Falmouth until after inspection by Italians.

3. Italians have asked for sea and harbour trials and inspection in dry dock before taking delivery.

DTG.....28 1226Z/May.....

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Dist. 0-7 10-15 16 21 Maj.
2 P/S OPTC Wing for DSTD Paris.

Ref: Italian Navy sending two officers to U.K. leaving Rome about June

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM:

TO:

TO NCIC INFORMATION (2) CINC MED, NOM, POR, AMO VENICE, COMNAVEASTLANT NORFOLK, D.I.N.S. NCSO F.O.I.C. I.

Immediate to NCIC Trieste, Important to Commander.

Item 211247. Italians in Venice have now been instructed by Ministry of Defence (Navy) to take custody of 10 MTBS today 23rd May.
2. Ships are to be handed over in accordance with my 221052Z. In order to relieve Royal Navy ocean immediately lists of permanent stores are to be checked by Italians after (R) after transfer. NOTE Trieste dealing with any queries which they may raise as it is understood permanent stores were retained in Trieste December 1945.
3. Minister of Defence has signed formal receipt for MTBS in Rome but NCO Venice should obtain on behalf of Royal Navy a further receipt from the Italians when they take custody of the ships.
4. (R) (2) No U.S. representative will be present at transfer.
5. MMS 2020 and 2023 are to be sailed to Malta as soon as possible.

23 1105Z May

NOTE: (1). Italian Naval authorities state no official instructions received to take over custody of MTBS.
(2). Ten MTBS at Venice for Italy.

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DIST: C-7, 10, 15, 16, 21, Log. 2 M/S File Room for Communication.
TELCOMM:FROME. CRYPTO:F/L. P.M. 23rd. Des. 23/5/47.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM:

TO:

TO ROLT (M) ONG AMD, OPIC RAKE, MO MAEA, BAD WASHINGTON. FROM ADMIN.

- Restricted.

Your 2071/22B. RMS 2016-2029-2034-2040 and 2252 at Pembroke Dock. RMS 2167 paying off and recommissioning.
2. Request you urge Italian Navy to take earliest possible delivery.

.....22 2020B/May.....

REF: Request location of above RMS.
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DRAFTER. ORIG. R.M. 24th. DGE. 24/5/47.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM:

TO

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Ten (10) ea Vanilla for Italy are to be handed Dear in accordance with [illegible] 40y/26.

DTG.....22 1052Z/May.....

DISTR: CG 7 10 15 16 21 Togo
2 H/M OFFICE HOME.

RELEASED--CRYPTO. Phone--F/L TOD A.M. 22nd: RF 22/5/47 2801

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM

TO

INFO: (1) F.O.N., F.O.M., BNO VENICE, COMNAVEASTLANT ROME, UNIV, FROM NOIC TRIESTE.

Immediate Rerouted.

NOIC's 17215. Italian Naval authorities at Venice state that they have not (1) not yet received any official instructions to take over custody of the 10 MAS. In the meantime they are making complete inventories of all items of stores and equipment. No (2) two U.S. authorities are present.

2. Efforts have been made to obtain reasons for vessels only in accordance with CINC MED 140/45 para 2 (2) but leading instructions from Rome. Local authorities will not (2) not act. They also state receipts will be given in Rome. BOLT is requested to confirm and clarify instructions.

3. It will not now be possible to release British crews in time for ZAMB 202 and 203 to sail on 24th for Malta but it is hoped they will only be delayed few days. Further signal will be made. CINC Med's 191022 refers.

KEY: (1). Italian Navy has commenced taking over custody of 10 MAS. approved 21 1947/May.....
(2). Approved British crews sail Venice for Malta Sats 24th May.
DIST: 0-7, 10, 11, 15, 16, 21, Log.
2 H/S File Room for COMNAVEASTLANT (Rome).

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

From:

To:

ROUTINE INFO RA(D) NO MEXTA DUPE ATTN CINC NAVEU
NOTIC PRIORITY RHO VENICE FROM...CINC MED

RESTRICTED.

Sweetwater — SA Box

Your 071216. Equipment in para 1(a) and (c) is available and can be supplied on prepayment in accordance with MEM 5675 dated 20th Jan: 1947. Availability of equipment in 1 (b) being investigated.

Amphibian Panel
Destroyer Panel
Panel for Yugoslavia

2. With reference to para 3 of your 071216 no spare parts are held for MTB involved in this sale.

3. A limited amount of spare M/S gear of British origin can be supplied on prepayment.

DTG.....20 1845A/May.....

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Ref: MTB for transfer to Italians in Venice.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

TO:

FROM:

(1) ITOM ..MOM

BRITISH NAVAL MISSION TO GREECE
ATHENS
BRITISH EMBASSY ANNEXE

Begins Cypher. Not to all. Italian Navy has commenced taking over ships of ex MAS in Venice. Official date of handover is 16th May.

2. Repeats all British crews of MTBs sail Venice for Malta on 15th 2020 and 2013 Saturday 24th: May. ISO Venice to make necessary arrangements for fuelling and victualling.

MTC.....17 12th/May.....

Ref: Relief of British personnel in MTBS at Venice.
Sat: 6-7 30 11 16 16 21 Tue. 2 H/M File Rome for COMNAVMEDITERR Rome.

CAPTAIN CRYPTO. ROME-F/X. TOO A.M. 17th: RP 16/5/47 27915

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File

Rome, Italy,
14 May 1947.

Subject: Purchase of 16 American Minesweepers by the Italian Government.

To: Ministry of Defence (Navy), Rome.

1. The Central Field Commissioner of this organization, after careful consideration of all the factors previously discussed, including objections raised by the Italian Government to the mine-sweeping gear on the four vessels in Malta, has decided to award to Italy the following ten minesweepers now located in Venice, bearing hull numbers: 2009, 2012, 2014, 2023, 2024, 2027, 2037, 2073, 2141, and 2206.

2. In order to complete the number of minesweepers originally bid for by the Italian Government, the Commissioner has selected six similar vessels in good condition now located in the United Kingdom, for award to Italy. They are available for immediate inspection by the Italian Navy. The hull numbers of these vessels are: 2016, 2029, 2034, 2040, 2167, and 2252.

3. In order to relieve the British Navy of further custody of the ten above mentioned vessels in Venice, the Italian Government is authorized to hold them in protective custody and have its men on board until the ships are formally turned over to the Italian Government after the execution of the credit agreement and other requirements necessary for the transfer.

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FOR THE COMMISSIONER:

P. H. Jeryan

P. H. JERYAN,
LTCDR, USNR,
Maritime Branch.

cc: Director, Italian Naval Branch, Rome ✓
ComNavMed.
Royal Navy, FOLI.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

ST-2/N/131

14 May 1947

Subject: BYMS BEING PURCHASED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

To: FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY.

1. The following dispatch, quoted for your information, has been received from the Office of Foreign Liquidation Commissioner, Paris.

" Ten vessels located at Venice have been selected for award to Italy, after careful consideration of all of the factors, including objections raised by Italy to the mine sweeping gear on the four vessels at Malta which they asked for. The hull numbers of the vessels at Venice are: 2206, 2073, 2037, 2141, 2027, 2024, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2023.

In addition, six mine sweepers which are in good condition and are now in the United Kingdom have been selected for award to Italy and are available for immediate inspection by the Italian Navy. The hull numbers of these vessels are: 2167, 2252, 2040, 2034, 2016, 2029.

The decisions reflected above will enable the Italian Government to acquire 16 mine sweepers entirely satisfactory to them.

There are being reallocated to Egypt the four YMSs now in Malta which the Italians have not wished to accept as well as two at Venice. The relevant hull numbers are:2028, 2075, 2013, 2212, 2175, 2149. CINC MED is being asked to deliver these vessels to authorized representatives of the Government of Egypt.

The Italian Government is authorized to continue to hold in protective custody the 10 YMS now at Venice, which have been awarded to them so that the British Navy can be relieved of the responsibility. It should be understood that until these ships are formally turned over after execution of the credit agreement the Italian Government assumes full responsibility for their care and protection. " No DT group no.

H. W. ZIROLI
COMMANDER, U.S. NAVY.
FOR: REAR ADMIRAL
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

Copy to:
Ministry of Defence, Navy.

14 MAY 1947

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The following is the substance of a message dated May 9 received from Hyssong at Paris for Com. Ziroli.

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TO ROLL (R) NOIC TRIESTE, RAD, ROM. FROM CINC MED.

Restricted.

Correct address of my 131458A should read as the address of this signal.

....14 1815A/May.....

REF: NCS at Venice.
DIST: 0-7, 10, 15, 16, 21, Info.

INFO/ZEXPO. P.M. 15th. DCS. 16/5/47.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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Restricted.

Re Italian ships to Venice.

1. With dwelling crews to Italians in Venice.
(A) 2014, 2024 and 2206 have no crew wires.
(B) 2141 has neither emergency panel nor azimuth mirror for pyrotechnics.
(C) 2206 has no RA equipment as have been landed in Malta).
2. Request information whether it will be possible to make good these shortages from R.N. sources out on that basis.
3. Request also confirmation that any spare parts of either British or U.S. origin imbarked for ships transferred in sale and held by R.N. will be released to the Italians. Cable ref para 2 (e) refers.

DTG: 06, 10, 15, 16, 21, Dec

TRANSMITTED. DECODED. ENC. 9/5/47. 2799

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DUPLICATE

From: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY) (Maristat)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 3rd May 1947
Ref.: 19416

U R G E N T

Subject: Minesweeping equipment of the American B Y M S

It appears that the magnetic-acoustic and mechanical minesweeping equipment is missing on some of the B Y M S, for which negotiations are in progress for purchase.

It would therefore be appreciated if we could be informed whether it is possible to obtain the missing equipment from British Naval stores, and if so, what procedure should be followed, either for the original American gear which was landed, or for British equipment which replaced the American type on the vessels in question.

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We should also be interested to know whether spare parts for the latter are available.

for THE CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

FLO OFFICER LIAISON II-AF
5 MAY 1947

JLP/P.

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From: Ministry of Defence (Navy) (Secret)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
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for THE CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON
5 MAY 1947
ROME

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

FROM:

TO:

[illegible] (U) CINCPAC), RUE, ROM, RUHC ORIGIN, RYOM CINC NME.

Information Immediate.

SUBJECT: Security Key. It is important to believe all British personnel in [illegible] at twice at earliest possible date.

2. Request you will consult CINC Home and Nation Ministry of Defence (Navy) as to their intentions for taking over these ports. It is most desirable that all ports at Tenian should be included in the 16.

[illegible] Intrech Zemp Gemstol Zem U.S. naval [illegible] U.S.N.

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MEMORANDUM. SECRET. 2.L. 5th. DEC. 6/3/47.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM

TO

(a) For O Med. (b) B.C.N.F., 29.9.43.

Naval Attaché,

Dear Admiral,

Reference your message of 29th September, 1943.

Additional to evidence from a completely free Naval Attaché Italian Naval Re. A.T.B.C. to C.-in-C. Wellington. Regret:

Number 785020 re. Italian Governments have been notified of award of 10 pts. awarded to Ministry of Defence (Navy) and have been authorised to allow funds abroad for the protection of equipment and credit relevant British Navy or merchant ships pending receipt of discord papers. Rule.

2. Suggest you consult U.S. Authorities on Malta and advise direct with Italian Ministry of Defence (Navy) for ships to be taken over.

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Sec of Navy Message.

Distr: C-N, 20, 23, 26, D, Log.

Note: Have 12 other Navy addressees; Cargo Comdt.

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Verbatim. Urgent

Authenticated: DJS 6/5/47

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

TO ADMIRALTY (R) FOLK, FOD, FOM, NOIC TRIESTE. FROM CINC MED.

Restricted.

Over five months have now elapsed since 12 LYMES at Venice were declared available for disposal.
2. This continued delay in disposal, and consequent inability to release four officers and 59 ratings forming G and M parties, is delaying personnel reductions and will soon delay releases.
3. Request OPIC Paris be asked to expedite disposal of these vessels in the very near future.
4. My 061246A February 071022A and AM 091705 refer.
5. References not to all.

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MISC: (1) Italians take over custody of LMSs. ....29 1550A/April....
(2) and (3) not held.
DIST: O-7, 10, 11, 15, 16, 21, Log.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

From:

To

R 22 1052. (E) F.O.T.A. M.O.U.A. Athens. E.A.O. Voulas.

Secret and Personal.

Your 22/1052 February.

2. Equipment used was (E) NOT be removed but in the event of sale it should be made clear that a charge will be made for it.

3. The value including (1 group illegible) cents of a set of S.A. MKV is approximately £150.

19/802 March.

Ref: A MKV may be purchased by Egyptian Navy.
Mar:10 - 3.3.Log.
Malah. Date/24/3 K.G."B" OKS 25/3/44

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TO CINC MED(A) (H) CINC MED(E), F.O.(D), F.O.(M). FROM FOLI.

Restricted.

Ministry of Defence have pledged to purchase MMS for Italian Navy subject to receipt of extension by Italian Government's of additional credit of ten million dollars now being negotiated. Your 020938 refers.

....OA 1100A/Mar.....

REF: Requesting information of 12 MMS.

DEST: 0-6, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, Log.

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TO CINC MED(M) (R) CINC MED(A), F.O.(D), F.O. MALTA, SENALUSLO. FROM DOLI(5).

Important Restricted.

My 261513 February. Intend sailing corvette GRU from Messina PM/4th so as to arrive Malta 050800.
2. On completion of inspection of RYMS request GRU be sailed to either Messina or Taranto as desired by Inspector of Minesweepers.

.....03 1649A/Mar.....

REF: Request approval sail Italian corvette to Malta.

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ITALCABLE. CRYPTO. P.M. 3rd. DCS. 4/3/47.

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TO ROLF (R) CINC MED MALTA, R.A.D., R.A.M., SIMILUSIO. FROM CINC MED(A).

Important Restricted.

NO objection to your 261513 February.
2. Have you any more information about disposal of the twelve MMS at Trieste
3. FOXI pass to SIMALUSIO.

....02 09382/Mar.....

REF: Request approval sail Italian corvette Malta.

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TO CINC MED (2) F.O.(D). P.M., SECRET/USLO.

FROM NOLI (5).

Restricted Unclassified.

BAD WASHINGTON'S 111635 to C in C Med only. Request approval to sail Italian corvette to Malta with Italian Naval Commission to inspect 4 BYMS whose purchase is being considered by Italian Government. 2. Commission would consist of CAPTAIN BASILINI (Inspector of Mine-sweeping) Lieut. Commander (E) SCHMOLK and Lieut. (E) Garofalo.

....26 1513A/Feb.....

RRR: Not held.

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ITALIO CAPLO. NAVFO. P.M. 26th. DGS. 27/2/47.

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OPD EDIS INFO CONFIDU COMMANDO OVLA PARIS NOLE

FROM. M.S.S.
OF EMAS.

IMMEDIATE Unclassified.

My 251456. Subject. Acquisition of American EMBs.
Ministry of Defence has this date pledged to purchase 16 EMBs for Italian Navy stating pledge subject to receipt of Italian Government extention of additional credit of ten million dollars now being negotiated.

26 1417z/Feb

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2 H/Qs OPD Rome.

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H/E CoS M/P(NAAC) P/L JOD A.M. 26th: RF 26/2/47.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

TO MINISTRY OF MARINE (R) COMNAVEU, COMNAVMED, OFLC PARIS, OFLC ROME, F.O.L.I.

FROM N.S.S. OF I.M.A.S.

Unclassified.

Subject: sale of American BYMS to Italian Navy. Commodore ZINOLI sends:- Am informed by OFLC authorities that unless Italian Navy pledge that it will purchase 16 minesweepers BYMS offered for sale prior to noon 26th February they will no longer extend priority for acquisition by the Italian Navy and that minesweepers will be sold to other interested Governments and bidders in accordance with special invitation bid No. 199. This urgency is prompted by large demand from other sources and large number of bidders who desire prompt delivery.

....25 1158A/Feb....

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IN TRANSIT. P/L. DGS. 25/2/47.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FOLI OPO NOIC TRIESTE RMO VENICE CINC MED (A) FROM CINC MED (M)

RESTRICTED.

EGYPTIAN NAVY ARE REQUESTING THROUGH OPLC PARIS PRIORITY IN SECURING FYMS 2073 2121 2028 and 2013 AT VENICE.

.....22 1022Z/Feb....

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REDIST UNDER D.T.G. QUOTED BY COMNAVMED.

COMNAVMED FROM...NSS OF IMAS.

Immediate Unclassified.

Following is repetition of my 261806Z. Begins Addressed.

OPIC ROME INFO COMNAVEU COMNAVMED OPIC PARIS FOLI FROM..NSS OF IMAS.

Immediate Unclassified.

My 251156. Subject. Acquisition of American BYMS.
Ministry of Defence has this date pledged to purchase 16 BYMS for Italian Navy stating pledge subject to receipt of Italian Government extension of additional credit of ten million dollars now being negotiated.

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NSC/5850
9 January 1947

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine.

Subject: B.Y.M.S. Drawings and Performance of.

Enclosure: (A) Four (4) Van Dyck prints of B.Y.M.S.

1. Enclosure (A) comprising four Van Dyck prints of general arrangements of subject craft is forwarded for information.

2. Additional data relative to the endurance of these vessels is as follows:

Fuel Stowage	-	6200 gallons
Fuel Consumption	-	28 gals. per hr. at 10 knots, approx.
Endurance at 10 Knots	-	2200 miles
Lubricating Oil Stowage	-	200 gallons
Lubricating Oil Consumption	-	Less than 1 gal. per hr. at 10 knots.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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General Particulars of B.Y.M.S. for Disposal at Trieste.

Length Extreme. 136 Feet.

Breadth Extreme. 24 Ft 6 ins.

Depth to Upper Deck. 15 Feet.

Displacement Loaded. 350 Tons.

Mean Displacement on Trials. 290 Tons.

Draught Loaded. 8 Feet Forwards

Draught Loaded. 8 Ft 9 ins Aft.

Mean Draught Light. 7 Ft 6 ins.

Propelling Machinery. 2 in Number 500 H.P. General Motors Diesel Engines. 8 Cylinders Type 268 A.

Fuel Consumption Chart.

Knots.	R.P.M.	Fuel Consumption in Galls. Per Hr.
4.	400.	12.
5.	450.	13.
6.	550.	15.
7.	650.	17.
8.	720.	19.
9.	820.	21.
10.	900.	23.
11.	980.	25.
12.	1050.	29.
13.	1100.	32-33.
14.	1200.	35-35.

Diesel Tank Capacities.

Main Tanks.	3964.	Galls.	
Auxy Tanks.	1202.	Galls.	266 Galls per Ton. 2775
Total Capacity.	5166.	Galls.	

Lubricating Oil Capacity. (Brand. No.9250)

Main Tanks.	250 Galls.
Settling Tank.	80 Galls.
Clarifying Tanks.	158 Galls.

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Fresh Water Tank Capacity. 1600 Galls.

Auxiliary Machinery.

1 in Number 500 H.P. General Motors Diesel Driven 540 Electric Generator
8 Cylinders Type 268 A.
For supplying power for operating LL Sweep.

2 in Number 30 H.P. General Motors Diesel Driven 30 K.W. Electric Generators.
3 Cylinders Type 71.
For supplying power and lighting for general ship use.

Minesweeping Gear.

Electrically Driven Winch and associated Gear for Oropesa Sweeping.
Towed S.A. Box Type iv. LL Cable and associated sweeping equipment.

Armament.

All armament has been removed from these ships in accordance with C. in C. Med's signal timed 041350 December 1946.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

Turn over 4 BYMS

to ZIN

TO MCIC TRIESTE, FOLI, (F) SNOAD, COMNAVLET, RAD, PRO VENICE
EYMS 2009 IST 3510. FROM CINC MED.

Unclassified.

MOIC Trieste 071604 para 4 and 5 approved.
2. FOLI is requested to expedite decision so that the 54 ratings mentioned in para 3 may if possible take passage in Cheviot and Childers who are due to sail from Trieste on 20th Jan and cannot be delayed more than a day or two.

....C8 1556A/Jan....

REF: Intend accomodating 54 ratings in IST 3516 to await passage Malta.
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C&W F/L AM 9th DCS 9/01.

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NSC/ 5835
4 January 1947

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine.

Subject: Specifications for B.Y.M.S.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Specifications.

1. Enclosure (A), giving the particulars of the B.Y.M.S. type craft available for disposal is forwarded herewith for information.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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B.Y.M.S. - DRAWINGS AND PERFORMANCE DATA.
(Rear Admiral (D), Mediterranean's letter No.AD 163/9,
dated 19th December, 1946).

II.

No.F.O.L.I.1145/54.

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

Forwarded.

for REAR-ADMIRAL.

ROME,
31st December, 1946.

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Serial 168

Unclassified 30 December, 1946

From: U. S. Naval Liaison Officer Trieste
To : Senior U. S. Naval Liaison Officer Italy
Subject: B. Y. M. S. - specifications of
Enclosure (A): Subject report

1. In accordance with your request enclosure (A) is submitted herewith.

2. Enclosure (A) was obtained upon request from NCIC Trieste who will furnish supplemental data if so requested.

C.R. CARLI

FIRST ENDORSEMENT
File S1
Serial: 8C1

7 January 1947.

From: U.S. Naval Liaison Officer Italy.
To: Navy Sub-Commission.

Subject: B. Y. M. S. - specifications of.

1. Forwarded for appropriate action.

L. S. Rogers 2779
L. S. ROGERS
by direction.

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SUBJECT:— B.Y.M.S. - DRAWINGS AND PERFORMANCE DATA

From : Rear-Admiral, Destroyers, Mediterranean, Manoel Island, Malta

Date : 19th December, 1946. No. A.D. 163/9

To : THE FLAG OFFICER, LIAISON, ITALY, ROME
(For Navy Sub Commission)

With reference to the Flag Officer, Liaison, Italy's signal timed 171714 to the Commander in Chief, Mediterranean 4 in number drawings for B.Y.M.S. are forwarded herewith, as follows:-

General arrangement,	Main Deck, Platform deck and hold	for B.Y.M.S. 2135 to 2409
"	" Outboard Profile	
"	" Inboard Profile	

Inboard Profile and Deck Plans for B.Y.M.S. 2001 to 2134.

2. The following information on endurance is applicable to all vessels.

Fuel stowage - 6200 gallons
Fuel consumption at 10 knots -- 28 galls. per hour approximately at 10 knots
Endurance at 10 knots - 2200 miles
Lubricating oil stowage - 200 gallons
Lubricating oil consumption at 10 knots - Less than 1 gallon per hour.

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/ Troubridge
for REAR ADMIRAL.

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SENIOR U. S. NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER, ITALY.
ROME, ITALY.

FROM: COMNAVEU

ACTION: OPIC PARIS

CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL
PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

INFO: SENALUSLO ITALY, OPIC ROME, CNO, COMNAVMED

DATE: 3 FEBRUARY 1947

3116242 JANUARY 1947.

CNO 301843 AND SENALUSLO ITALY 191550Z REFER. CNO 301843Z PASSED AS COMNAVMED 310056Z.

AM INFORMED THAT 22 BYMS DECLARED BY COMNAVMED HAVE BEEN INCLUDED, REUR INVITATION TO BID 199 EXPIRING 26 FEBRUARY. REQUEST ADVICE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE WHETHER CRAFT CAN BE DISPOSED OF SO THAT CNO AND ADMIRALTY CAN BE INFORMED ACCORDINGLY.

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NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
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MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY. 2681/UT
30 July 1947.

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	PERSONNEL		
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	COMMUNICATIONS		
	ALL HANDS		

Purchase of 16 American YMS craft.

ADDITIONAL ROUTING

TYPE AND RETURN TO ACTION OFFICER:

This letter is addressed to OFLC copy to INLB. OFLC make reply direct. NFA by INLB on this paper.

BU for CSM's reply to C-in-C Fleet's signal 231100 July. ✓
. FOLF - - C - - - 231107 July. ✓

and OFLC's reply to Nor D-N's ltr of 22 June, which may be superseded by this new paper. [illegible] 1/8.

Above DUN — BU now for COMNAVEASTLANT's reply to USNHQ's signal. [illegible] 11/8
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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

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DIRECTOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR CSO (LI) PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION SUPPLY ALL HANDS			

BYMS - Undelivered minesweeping equipment.

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