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AIR SEA RESCUE
SEPT. 1944 - JAN. 1945

From: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ROME
To: I.A.F. STATO MAGGIORE
Date: 16th January, 1945
Ref.: AFSC/R/16/AIR

AIR SEA RESCUE BASE IN SAN NICOLA VARANO.

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Reference your 30003/odl/1364 Coll dated 2nd.
January.

2. Approval has been granted for part of the Air Sea Rescue Seaplane Base to transfer from Taranto to San Nicola Varano.
3. W/Cdr. GLIFT will be advised of this, and he will make the necessary arrangements for the transfer.



W.B. ROYCE,
WING COMMANDER
For AIR VICE-MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, ROME

AFSC/R/16/AIR

16th January, 1945

AIR SEA RESCUE SEAPLANE BASE IN SAN NICOLA VARANO.Dear *Clift*

I have seen the A.V.M., and he approves of maintaining an A.S.R. detachment at San Nicola Varano, but he does not consider it necessary to move the entire Base from Taranto yet.

We have informed the Italian Air Ministry to this effect, and they will probably approach you about the matter in the near future.

Saluti,

Yours

V.H. Clift

w/Cdr. V.H. Clift - Taranto

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DO/VHC.

Taranto,

10th January, 1945.

Dear Royce.

Have just received your AFSC/R/16/AIR dated 5th January, 1945.

There is no difficulty about Varano for A.S.R. - I have always kept a detachment there - withdrawing them from August onwards on account of the malaria. As I am sending an H.S.L. up to Termoli very shortly for the same purpose, they will be able to formulate some plan for inter-communication!? Possibly you can arrange for a telephone line from Biferno to Varano?? Previously I had one to Noya.

Weather permitting I will fly to Varano early next week to ensure that all is ship shape. Propose allotting you a brace of Cant 504's for the job from Brindisi, changing crews and aircraft every fortnight as hitherto.

Cheers,

Yours

W/Cdr. W. B. Royce,
Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME

AFSC/R/16/AIR

5th. January, 1945.

AIR SEA RESCUE SEAPLANE BASE IN SAN NICOLA VARANO.

Dear

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from I.A.F. Stato Maggiore on the above subject. Before I went ahead I hoped you would give me your views on the subject.

I think the idea is sound, and the reasons probably right, but I have no idea of the facilities there and did not want to put up another idea to M.A.A.F. without making sure that the place could accomodate the A.S.R. people.

All the best. Hope to see you again soon.

Yours,

W.H.

W/Cdr. V.H. Clift - Taranto

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TO : I.A.P. STATO MAGGIORE
FROM : AF30
DATE : 2nd JANUARY 1945
REF : 30003/odl/1364 Coml.

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AIR SEA RESCUE SCPLANE BASE AT SAN NICOL VERANO

Owing to the transfer of "Baltimore" Squadron to "Inferno," and in expectation of the possible transfer of other Italian Units to the Central Adriatic Operational Section, it would appear necessary to have an Air Sea Rescue Scplane Base transferred from Taranto to San Nicol Verano Base, which is being at present equipped and garrisoned.

It is therefore requested that your Sub-Commission's approval be granted to the said transfer.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE



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Stato Maggiore Regia Aeronautica
SEZIONE ORDINAMENTO-SERVIZI E MOBILITÀ.

Ufficio Ordinamento

Prot. N. 30003 del 1/1364 Coll. Allegati

Al L. A. C. - A. P. S. C.
TRAMITE UFFICIO DI COLLEGAMENTO
= ROMA =

Rispondente Foglio del
L. 11/1

N.

OGGETTO: Sezione Idrosoccorso a San Nicola Varano.-

In seguito al trasferimento dello Stop
mo " Baltigore " a Biferme ed in previsione dell'aventu-
le spo-
stamento di altri Reparti Italiani nel settore operativo Cen-
tro-Oriente, si riterrebbe necessa-
rio trasferire una Sezione
di Idrosoccorso da Taranto alla Base di San Nicola Varano, at-
tualmente presidiata ed attrezzata.

Si prega pertanto codesta Commissione
di voler concedere il proprio benestare per il suddetto trasfe-
rimento. =

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Clemente) 1151

Si prega inoltre per ogni lettera in cui si esprime il consenso, nella risposta, di far pervenire copia allo stesso Ufficio a cui si risponde.

TRANSLATION (GILBERT)

FROM: AIR MINISTRY, Cabinet of the Minister.
 TO: A.F.S.C. A.C.C.
 REF: 01083/sg/268 COLL.
 DATE: September 5th 1944.
 Subject: I.A.F. Motor-launch RT "RAMA 1021" Interred in Spain.

- 1° On September 1943 the Spanish Government interned the I.A.F. motor-launch "RAMA 1021" at Puerto de Mahon (Minorca). The vessel had made for that Port in accordance with the clause of the Armistice.
 The Launch was being used for Air Sea Rescue work, and in conformity with art. 5 of the Hague Convention of October 18TH 1907 was carrying the markings prescribed by that convention for a "petit bâtiment affecté au service hospitalier".
- 2° The vessel in question has been specially built and equipped for Air Sea Rescue Work at Sea and would be of the greatest use to the I.A.F. as there are at present no launches of this type available.
- 3° This Ministry has approached the Foreign Office (Italian) in order to obtain the release of the ship by the Spanish Government, as laid down in art. 1 to 5 of the Hague Convention of 1907.
 The Air Attache in Madrid has furthermore expressed undertaken to approach the Spanish Air Staff in the matter.
- 4° The British Naval Attache in Madrid last April informed the Italian Naval Attache verbally that the Allied Authorities in Algiers intended to obtain the release of the vessel which should have left for an Allied Navy Naval Base.
 Following the request expressed by the Italian Naval Attache that the ship should be released to the Italian Government ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ it is understood that the Allied Authorities have taken no further steps in the matter.
 5° It would be appreciated if your Sub-Commission could kindly take the matter up with the competent authorities so that the request of the Italian Government to the Spanish Government should receive the support of Allied Authorities in order to obtain the release of the vessel and its eventual return into service with operational units of the I.A.F.

by order
 THE CHIEF OF THE CABINET
 (sgl) General U. CAPP.

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THE CHIEF OF THE CABINET
(sgd) General U. CARPA.

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Ministero dell'Aeronautica
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

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Ufficio Affari Generali

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Roma, 6 SET. 1944

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI
CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'AERONAUT.
(Tramite Uff. Collegamento)
R O M A

Risposta al Foglio del

Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO Motolancia della R.A. "RAMA 1021" internata in Spagna.

1°)- L'11 settembre 1943 è stata internata dal Governo Spagnolo a Puerto de Mahon (Minorca) la motolancia della R.Aeronautica contrassegnata "RAMA 1021".

La motolancia aveva riparato a Puerto de Mahon in esecuzione delle clausole d'armistizio.

L'imbarcazione era adibita al servizio di soccorso^e in conformità dell'articolo 5 delle Convenzione dell'Aja 18 ottobre 1907 recava i prescritti contrassegni di "petit bâtiment affecté au service hospitalier".

2°)- L'imbarcazione di cui sopra, appositamente studiata e attrezzata per il servizio di salvataggio e di soccorso agli aerei in mare, sarebbe di notevole utilità alla R.Aeronautica, che attualmente non dispone di alcun mezzo del genere.

3°)- Questo Ministero ha interessato il Ministero degli Esteri perchè promuova il rilascio dell'imbarcazione da parte del Governo Spagnolo, in base agli articoli 1 e 5 della Convenzione dell'Aja 18 ottobre 1907.

Il R° Addetto Aeronautico a Madrid, inoltre, ha provveduto ad interessare in tal senso lo Stato Maggiore dell'Aeronautica Spagnola.

4°)- L'Addetto Navale del Governo Britannico a Madrid, nello scorso mese di aprile, ha fatto verbalmente conoscere all'Addetto Navale del Governo Italiano che le Autorità Alleate di Algeri intendevano ottenere il rilascio dell'imbarcazione, che sarebbe dovuta partire per una base navale Alleata.

In seguito al desiderio espresso dal R° Addetto Navale perchè l'imbarcazione fosse lasciata a disposizione del Governo Italiano, le Autorità Alleate, per quanto risulta, avrebbero successivamente desistito da ulteriori passi al riguardo.

5°)- Si chiede l'interessamento di codesta Commissione perchè, ove lo ritenga opportuno, la richiesta inoltrata dal R° Governo al

Si prega trattare per ogni lettera un solo argomento e indicare nella risposta il N. di Protocollo e la Divisione a cui si risponde.

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Governo Spagnolo sia appoggiata dalle Autorità Alleate, a fine di ottenere il sollecito rilascio dell'imbarcazione e la successiva restituzione al servizio delle Forze Operanti della Regia Aeronautica.=

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

(Generale - U.Cappa)

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