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FROM : Mediterranean Allied Air Secretariat.

TO : Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome.

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UX 473 15 Nov Top Secret. The combined Chiefs of Staff in FAN 697 have approved the proposals contained in NAF 1169 including in principle the increases over paragraph 5 of NAF 1103. You are therefore to proceed with reorganisation of the interim Italian Air Force to the extent Italian Government desires within limit set by NAF 1169 and in conformity with limitation to be imposed on Italian Air Force as agreed by Council Foreign Ministers (Section 5 Part 4 Draft Peace Treaty with Italy). This is not to be (construed??) as a commitment to furnish United States and British equipment. It is desired to point out that modification to some of these proposals will be necessary to ensure totals not only as to overall total aircraft but also as to types are within limits agreed by Council Foreign Ministers in Paris. In particularly scale reserve aircraft and unit equipment for training to back the force will probably need modification in light of experience gained by RAF and US Army Air Forces. In order to arrange matter of detail and on requiring technical and administrative advice you are to communicate with War Department and with Air Ministry as appropriate through Mediterranean Allied Air Committee. Notwithstanding approval given above, it will always be subject to the Supreme Allied Commanders over riding responsibilities should any operational commitment arise.

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