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C. Sug. O. to 1st

✓ Please ask for a report of Enclomur 8A
and let me know what it is all about.

Vogelmann
6.12.46

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12A.

FROM :- AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION, A.C. ROOM.
TO :- NAVY SUB COMMISSION, A.C. ROOM.
Copy to :- Mr. MAYNARD R.S.A. ~~British Embassy.~~
DATE :- 12th December, 1946.
REF. :- AMSC/47/AIR.

LEASE OF THE TERRAVECCHIA ZONE BY THE B.C.A.C.

Reference is made to your letter MS/5716 dated 29th November 1946 and Ministry of Marine letter B.9682 dated 17th November 1946.

2. The British Government through the British Embassy in Rome are negotiating with the Italian Government for the lease of the Terravecchia Zone Augusta, to be used by British overseas Airways as a Seaplane Base.

3. Meanwhile the Italian Navy have kindly allowed B.C.A.C. to use their buildings and an interim agreement (our letter AMSC/47/AIR dated 22nd August 1946 refers) was reached on the 18 July 1946,.

4. This is to confirm that the date this zone will be rented by B.C.A.C. will be the date on which the Allied Military authorities deromulsioned the Zone.

5. The B.C.A.C. authorised Mr. LLOYD Evans to act for them with regard to deromulsification formalities.

6. The question of payment, rent and other expenses such as Water Electricity etc., will be determined by the two Governments ~~concord~~ and will be incorporated in the final commercial agreement.

John Smith
A.C. SAUER, S/LDR.,
AIR VICE MARSHAL
DIRECTOR
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION.

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AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION, A.C., BOMB

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SUPERINTENDANT B.O.A.C. AUSTRALIA

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CHIEF SIGNALS OFFICER

A.S. RAY

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AIR FORCEES SUB COMMISSION, A.C., ROME

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CHIEF SIGNALS OFFICER

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.
To : Station Superintendent, Augusta.
Date : 6th. December, 1946.
Ref. : AFSC/47/AIR.

ACCOMMODATION FOR LT. CICALA.

Your memorandum on the above subject, ref. AUG.1/ND.5/317 of 23rd. Nov., has been received and Col. Libri, the Director of the Italian Met. Service is taking action to ensure that Lt. Cicala is provided with suitable accommodation for himself and his family by the Italian Naval people at Augusta.

2. A telegram authorising this has already been despatched to the parent Met. Unit at Palermo, and, in addition, the Naval authorities here in Rome are being advised that this action has been taken so that warning can be sent to the Naval Commander at Augusta.

A.G. Salter
for A.G. SALTER, E/LDR.,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
A.F.S.C.

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Il Comandante

della responsabilità civile in conseguenza del servizio di

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Ricevuto il

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EVENTUALE DI POSTO

PAGARE - D. G.

52. ID ROMA AUGUSTA 111 87/EE 4 1450
- SN 874 041130 7 FOR S / LDR SALTER FIRSTLY WE HAVE
BEEN APPROACHED BY MA RE SFF WORKING ON BEHALF OF AFEB
LONG LINES LIAISON OFFICER REGARDING REPAIRS AND
MAINTENANCE TO OUR TELEPHON SYSTEM SECONDLY WHAT
FINANCIAL RESPONSABILITY IS THIS INCURRED AND DO YOU
ADVISE ACCEPTANCE THIRDLY SYSTEM THIS DAY REQUIRES
MODIFICATION AND GENERAL TUNING NOT URGENT FROM LLOYD
EVANS - DDAC AUGUSTA

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s/p Ray

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TELEGRAMMA

N. Precapito. Rimesso al fattorino alla ...

ALLIED SUB COMMISSION

(414) 5049

Vlado

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION APO 794

NSC/5716
29 November 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Air Forces Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
Subject: Lease of the Terravecchia zone by the B.O.A.C.
Enclosure: (A) Ministry of Marine letter B.9682 of 17 November 1946.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for appropriate action in accordance with the request contained in paragraph 5.



H. W. Ziroli
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COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - E.Q. - A.C.
Date: 17th November 1946
Ref.: B.9632

Subject: Lease of the Terravecchia zone by the B.O.A.C.

1. Reference is made to the B.O.A.C.'s memorandum date 7th July 1946 and to the letter AI/ND/432, dated 18th August 1946, addressed to the Italian Naval M.C.S.O. by Mr. Lloyd Evans, B.O.A.C. representative at Augusta. A copy of both letters is enclosed.
2. Since it appears that Mr. Lloyd Evans has been given wider powers than are now being agreed on, it is considered that he has either misinterpreted his orders from Malta Headquarters, or else that some misunderstanding has arisen which ought to be clarified.
3. Squadron Leader A.G. Salter of the Air Force Sub Commission, approached on the subject, has assured us that Mr. Lloyd Evans has only been empowered to sign the derequisition formalities, as there is now no Allied Officer on the spot.
4. He confirmed, besides, that the zone is considered to be rented by the B.O.A.C. from the date on which it is derequisitioned by the Allied Military Authorities, and therefore the B.O.A.C. will pay, from that date onwards, the rent as well as the expenses for water, electricity, etc., as will be established in the contract.
5. It is requested that the Navy Sub Commission should inform the Allied Air Authorities concerned, of the Ministry of Marine's desire for an official confirmation of the above.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

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BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATION
M E M O R A N D U M

From : Station Supt Augusta

To : Manager Home Station-London
cc. Special Representative-
Rome

7th July, 1946

Augusta - Politica

1. Wing Commander Broad, Senior Officer, Supply, of Malta R.A.F. Headquarters, visited us yesterday and informed the officer commanding the Augusta Air Force Station that the official date on which the R.A.F. would leave, was fixed as the 1st August 1946.

Our telegram of the same date informs you of this.

2. W/Cdr. Broad has made complete arrangements with the R.A.F. Commandant at Augusta, by which we would become the custodians of the requisitioned property, as agents of the British Air Ministry, and all material, installations, furniture and buildings, pass to the undersigned; all the consignment is to be fully documented in forms until the ratification of the Italian peace treaty and the beginning of commercial employment of the Augusta Base.

(Signed) C. Lloyd Evans
Station Supt.
Augusta.

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BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATION
M E M O R A N D U M

From : Dirigente della Stazione Aerea B.O.A.C. - Augusta
To : N.C.S.O. - Italian Navy - Augusta

13th September 1946

TERREVECCHE ZONE

Dear Sir,

I have the honour of informing you that, as from Monday the 23rd September 1946, the requisitioning powers, at present held by the Commandant of the Augusta R.A.F. Base, will be transferred to me, as ordered by the Malta Headquarters which acts on behalf of the British Air Ministry.

The power of requisition will remain active until you are informed of the date of its cessation by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and I by the British Ambassador in Rome; the derequisition of a few buildings considered surplus to our requirements, is left to my discretion.

According to my instructions, I am to inform you that until orders are received to the contrary, all existing services (light, electric power, water, etc.) will continue to be supplied as up to the present, that is, exempt from payment by the British Government. For our operations, we have received a guarantee of protection from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(Signed) Lloyd Evans, R.A.F.V.R. Supt.

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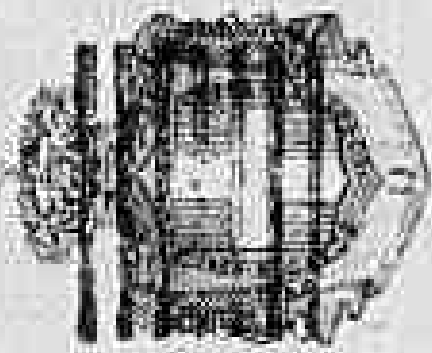
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Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Ord. N. B. 7682 Allegati

ARGOMENTO Affitto della zona di Terrevicchio da parte della B.O.A.C. -

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2. Poichè sembra che siano stati conferiti a Mr. Lloyd Evans dei poteri che vanno al di fuori di quanto si sta concordando, si ritiene che egli abbia mal interpretato le disposizioni impartitegli dal Q.G. di Malta o che comunque sia nato qualche malinteso che si è ritenuto opportuno chiarire.
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4. Ha confermato altresì che la zona intendosi presa

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Roma

NAVY SUB COMMISSION
Headquarters, A.C.

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Dist. 15 B. 9682 Maggioli

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B.O.A.C. pagherà a partire da tale data, i canoni di affitto nonché le spese per i servizi (acqua, energia elettrica, etc.) come verrà stabilito da regolare contratto.

5. Si prega codesta Sottocommissione Navale di voler prospettare alle competenti Autorità Aeronautiche Alleate il desiderio di questo Dicastero di ricevere una conferenza ufficiale a riguardo di quanto sopra comunicato.-

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. G. MARINI



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BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATION

MEMORANDUM

From Station Supt. Augusta

To Manager Home Station-London
cc. Special Representative-Rome
7th July, 1946

Augusta - Politics

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Il nostro telegramma della stessa data ne riferisce.

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T.to C. Lloyd-Evans
Station Supt.
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Station Supt.
Augusta

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C O P I A

BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATION
Memorandum

Augusta I/ND/5/432

From: Dirigente della Stazione Aerea B.O.A.C. - Augusta.-
To: N.C.S.O. - R. Marina Italiana - Augusta.-

18/9/1946

Zona di Terrevecchie

Egregio Signore

Ho l'onore di informarla che, a datare da lunedì 23/9/1946, il potere di requisizione attualmente riconosciuto dal Comandante della Base della R.A.F. di Augusta, sarà trasferito a me secondo ordine ricevuto dal Quartier Generale di Malta che agisce per conto del Ministero dell'Aeronautica di S.M. Britannica.-

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Ho l'onore di dichiararmi, signore, suo devotissimo

F.to Lloyd Evans R.A.F. V.R. Supt

FROM: Marina Italiana - Augusta.-
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BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CO. ATION

Memorandum

From Station Supt. Augusta.

To Allied Sub-Commission (Air)

Rome

(Att. S/Ldr. Salter R.A.F.)

cc. Manager Home Stations.

23.11.46

AUG.I/ND.5/517

Meteorological Unit - Augusta.

Dear S/Ldr. Salter

I enclose true copy of a memorandum addressed to S.MET.O. Malta, in connection with the situation of Lieut. Cicala, the senior Italian Met. Officer, who departed yesterday.

As I mentioned to your representative F/Lt. Reid, when he was at Augusta on Nov. 6th, the Met. Section suffers because its parent unit at Palermo neglects its administrative duties badly, and Cicala can get no satisfaction in regard to his married accommodation, which would be allocated from the married quarters available in the Italian portion of the Camp if only formal request was presented from Palermo and/or Rome Met. Hqs to Italian Naval Authorities.

The attached memorandum further illustrates the difficulties being encountered - perhaps you would be good enough to apply the necessary pressure in the requisite direction - Cicala is a good man, far more efficient and keen than the recently arrived replacements.

The Met. Forecasting standard will need to be maintained at the highest possible level during the next few months, as we will have a large programme of R.A.F. Sunderland movements, these aircraft returning from Far East to U.K. in command of inexperienced Captains with little or no knowledge of winter conditions in the Mediterranean.

Yours sincerely


C. Lloyd-Beans
S/S. Augusta.

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of Aeronautical HQ for Sicily (Palermo) a reply to your letter which you sent us on the 15^o October 1946 and I transmitted for reference to them, with the enclosed price list for met. instruments at Augusta, for which your Ministry gave authority to be sold to the Italian Air Force.

From this reply it results that H.Q. are not in favour of the purchase of these instruments, which therefore remain in charge of B.O.A.C.

2.- My duties with B.O.A.C. Augusta will cease in a week or two, as to this day, no steps have been made to provide a flat near the Office for me and my family.

Other unmarried Forecasters will come from Catania to take my place and they will relieve one another in the service at Augusta for two months each.

This solution of course will jeopardize the uniformity of this Office and therefore it is hoped to find a fitter arrangement for the Forecaster as well as for the rest of staff that works in the base for B.O.A.C. in the near future.

Once this arrangement is found I shall be glad to resume my duties at Augusta and on these terms I am at your disposal.

Copies to:

Comando Aeronautica della Sicilia-Direzione Telecomuni-

cazioni - PALERMO

→ The Station Manager B.O.A.C. = AUGUSTA =

Copy of paragraph in visit report to
Catania and Augusta by Flt. Reid and
Lt. Cole.

Pay for Civilians. B.O.A.C. wish to pay
their employees more wages but so far they
have been sticking strictly to the rates
laid down by military authorities. No
bonuses for heads of family, Marriage and
children are paid and the corporation are
losing good men because the Italian Navy
are paying higher rates. Mr. Lloyd Evans
would appreciate the guidance of this
Sub Commission on the subject.

DADENLEY Room.

Put in Augusta File

Have informed Mr. Hayward.

14.11.46 11.50 hrs.

Richard

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROME.
To : Navy Sub-Commission, A.C. ROME.
Date : 14th November, 1946.
Ref. : AFSC/47/ARL.

AUGUSTA NAVAL BASE

The enclosed information has been passed on to the Italian
Ministry of Marine verbally.

2. They requested us to confirm in writing through your Sub-
Commission.

A. G. SALMER, S/LTR.,
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
A.F.S.C.

BRITISH EUROPEAN AIRWAYS

Telegrams Flying Telephones 480782
Beeline 43303

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
PIAZZA S. BERNARDO, 15
R O M E.

11th November, 1946.

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S/L Salter,
Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission,
R o m e .

Dear Salter,

Augusta Naval Base

I have received notification from Lloyd-Evans that Mr. Hodgson, B.O.A.C. Chief Civil Engineer, arrived at Augusta on Wednesday last to inspect the breakwater.

I should be glad if you would pass on this information to the Italian Ministry of Marine.

Yours sincerely,

Raymond



BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS CORPORATION

From:- Station Supt.
B.O.A.C. Augusta.

AUG.I/ND.5/44

To:- Direzione Polizia - Roma.
cc. Allied Sub Commission - Roma.
cc. Prefetto - Siracusa.
27.9.46

MARINE AIRPORT, AUGUSTA.
SECURITY.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to place on record the valuable services rendered to this Corporation to date, by Doctor Ardizzoni the Chief of the Quacstura, at Augusta.

Doctor Ardizzoni is co-operating enthusiastically with our own Security organization in combatting the incidence of petty larceny, which has been increasingly evident since the withdrawal of the Royal Air Force Guards, and is also meeting with considerable success in keeping down the contraband traffic in cigarettes etc. from Malta. His latest and best effort to date has been the total recovery of 10 tons. of H.M. Government Stores consigned from Catania to B.O.A.C. Augusta, and stolen from the Railway sidings from a sealed truck. This saved the Italian State Railways from a claim for more than one million Lira.

We would be glad of an assurance that Dr. Ardizzoni will continue in his present post at Augusta - it is felt that a replacement at this stage, however good, could not achieve the same results.

[Signature]
.....
C. Lloyd Evans
Station Supt.
Augusta.

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROMA.
 To : British European Airways Division - ROMA - ROMA.
 Date : 21st September, 1946.
 Ref. : AFSC/47/AEB.

AIRPORT NAVAL BASE

Reference is made to our letter of even reference, dated 2nd August, 1946.

The following revisions of the attached agreement to the above-mentioned letter are made: -

Para 1, Line 7	Sched. No. 19	to read Sched. No. 18
" 2, " 7	Slipway " 18	" " Slipway " 29
" 3, " 2	Post " 29	" " Post " 30.

N. N. Hughes

N. N. HUGHES, M.A., A.C.
 FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL,
 DIRECTOR,
 AIR FORCE S/C.

Copies to:

M.A.C. Carabinieri, A.M. Italy.
 British Embassy - Rome,
 American Embassy - Rome,
 Italian Ministry of Marine, Rome,
 A.C. - Toronto,
 Naval Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome.

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From: Direzione servizio ricerca e soccorso
 To: F/LT REID ROME
 Date: 16 September 1946
 Ref: 871/C12

Existence and efficiency of the areoplanes near
 the hydro-helped Section on 16/9/46

VIGNA DI VALLE	No. 3	Efficient	No. 1
LA SPEZIA	" 2	" 2	" 2
BRINDISI	" 13	" "	" 1
TARANTO	" 16	" "	" 6
ELMAS	" 4	" "	" 1
VENICE	" 4	" "	" 1

At Disposition

Airfield Urbe	No. 1	Baltimore efficient
" Linaten	" 1	" "
" Lecce	" 1	" "

If it is necessary the areoplanes of the Military Air Force can be used

DIREZIONE SERVIZIO
RICERCA E SOCCORSO

Centocelle, li 16/9/

ALL'UFFICIALE DI
COLLEGAMENTO DELLA A.F.S.C.
F/LT REID ROMA

N. 87/c 12 di prot.

OGGETTO: ESistenza ed efficienza velivoli presso le
Sezioni Idro-Soccorso alla data del 16/9/46.-

Vigna di Valle	n° 3	Efficienti	n° 1
La Spezia	n° 2	"	n° 2
Brindisi	n° 13	"	n° 1
Taranto	n° 16	"	n° 6
Elmas	n° 4	"	n° 1
Venezia	n° 4	"	n° 2

Sono in oltre a disposizione:
Aeroporto Urbe n° 1 Baltimore efficiente
" Linat n° 1 " "
" Lecce n° 1 Caccia "

In caso di necessità possono impiegarsi i velivoli della Aeronautica Militare.

CAPO COORDINAMENTO DIRETTORE DEL SERVIZIO RICERCA E SOCCORSO
(Col. A.A.F. - A. Del Monte)

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47/10/46

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