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SUPPLIES TO THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, POLICY
FEB. 1945 - JAN. 1947

S.E.O.

1.
Please pass copy of 9th to I.A.M. for their
information with special emphasis on 4th para
last sentence of 4th para. We would like to
see how R.A. represented too - say soft. Pass to
me for signature pl. Any comment on this.
18/2 JFB

Director

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19/2 Consider this a very helpful suggestion. Always.

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Director

(H.M.S.C.O.)

Reference enc. 16A, I attended the meeting with F/Lt. Cartner. The Executive Commissioner was in the chair.

The Italian representatives after some discussion on points of detail agreed to the suggestions of enc. 16B para. 10 which is roughly that the Italian War Ministry should get some preference from A.R.A.R. in respect of material in which they are interested, now being disposed of at the three British Army depots. It was also agreed that this preference would be accorded to the Air Ministry as well and both of us also certainly got the impression that a general principle was being enunciated which apply to all future disposals by A.R.A.R.

At 17A is the Chief Commissioner's letter to the Italian Government on the subject which however confines its references to the particular case of the three British Army depots only - perhaps naturally enough as they are said to be the last.

Yours The matter is entirely an Italian Departmental one, but it seems that it would have been a great benefit to the I.A.F. if some preference had been given to them in the past. I understand that a lot of useful equipment has gone to civilian competing contractors.

Yours In the future we have the residual stocks at 114 & 159 M.U.'s which will very shortly be in the hands of A.R.A.R. I will sound the Air Ministry as to how far they are interested and whether they propose to get A.R.A.R. to play and let them have their approved requirements on a preferential basis. Presumably this would be at the prices put on the stores on their transfer from M. of S. to A.R.A.R.

W.A.D. COLLINGWOOD, W/Cdr,
Senior Equipment Officer.

2nd September, 1946.

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S.E.O.

Rif Pm 3. good work. Suggest a copy of 17^A be sent to I.A.R. for information and ask them whether they can take action with the Govt. Dept. nations in 17^A para 8, except War Ministry to get his principles applied to RAF & USAAF depots & material, too. I would first discuss with the directorate head at I.A.R. & then write on him agreed in your discussion.

W.M. 3/9.

FB 9/10
Director 8/10
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I had information a few days ago from visiting Italian officers that the S.A.M. intend to buy from A.R.A.D. the whole stock of R.A.A. equipment left lying at the late M.V. site at Cancello.

Whether this is a result of 17A or not I do not know, but it might be.

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Eq. 1
Enc. 26A. Pl. see the previous correspondence and endeavour to bring to a conclusion. I cannot be certain whether or not the Stato Maggiore have had our letter of the 9th. Dec. & this wants verifying first. If there is further difficulty we must bother the still Minister of Supply again (Via delle Botteghe Oscure).

J.W.C.

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FROM: STATO MAGGIORE MILITARY AIR FORCE
LOGISTIC SECTION

TO: A.F.S.C., A.C., ROME
(through LIAISON OFFICE)

DATE: 5TH JANUARY 1947

REF: 30021/L.7/0/33Cell.

and for information to:

AIR MINISTRY
GENERAL MILITARY COMMISSIONER DIRECTION
no V/3D/37353/GOM. dated 23rd December 1946.
LIAISON OFFICE A.R.A.R.

MATERIAL - CAMP 114 M.U. - R.A.F. POSILLIPO

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Further to our letter SERV/305196/L.9/D dated 4th December 1946.

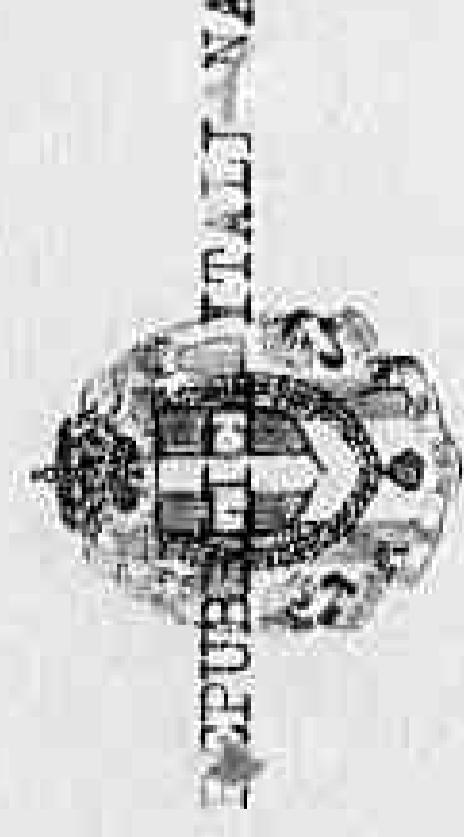
2. It is hoped that the request for the availability of electrically heated and normal flying clothing lying in Camp 114 M.U. may be given particular consideration and information of decisions taken forwarded to us.
3. It is pointed out that the General Direction of A.R.A.R., furtherly urged by us, confirms that as the material in question has not yet been made available by the A.C., it cannot at present assume any engagements as regards furnishing.

THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Translated by Eva Rosati

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P.I./ME

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REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

Maggior R. Monaca
E.R.
U.M.

L'A.C. - A.P.S.C. = ROMA
(Tramite Ufficio Collegamento)
Sede

Br. N. 30021 Mgral L. G. / 33 C.R. //
OGGETTO : Materiali Campo 114 U.M. - R.A.F. Posillipo.

e, per conoscenza:

- AL MINISTERO AERONAUTICA - Direzione Generale di Commissariato Militare - SEDE
(Rif. V/30/37353/Com.del 23/12/1946)

- ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO A.R.A.R.

- SEDE

1°) Si fa seguito al foglio Serv/305196/L.9/D, in data 4 dicembre c.a.

2°) Vi preghiamo di voler prendere cortesemente in buona considerazione la richiesta di sblocco degli indumenti di volo elettroriscaldati e normali esistenti presso il Campo 114 -U.M. di Posillipo e darci notizia delle decisioni prese.

3°) Vi segnaliamo che la Direzione Generale dell'Arar ultimamente da noi sollecitata ci conferma che non può assumere per il momento alcun impegno di fornitura dato che il materiale del campo in oggetto non è stato regolato ancora disponibile da parte dell'A.C.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGgiORE

OGGETTO : Materiali Campo II4 U.M.- R.A.F. Posillipo.

e, per conoscenza:

-AL MINISTERO AERONAUTICA- Direzione Generale di Commissario Militare- SEDE
(Rif.V/30/37353/Com.del 23/12/1946)

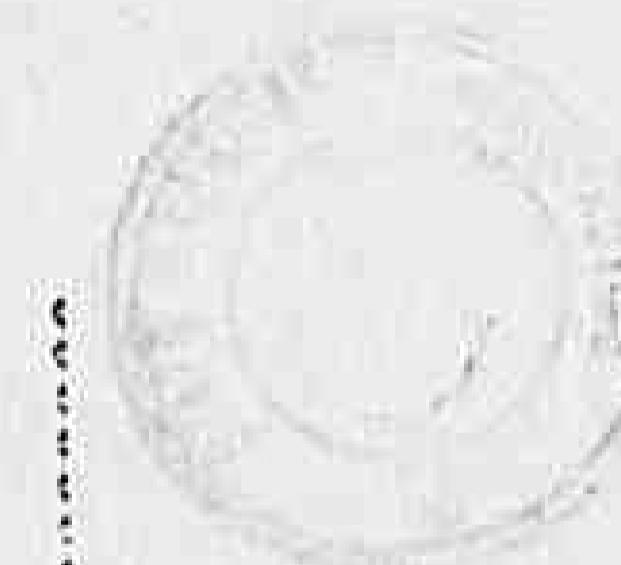
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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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FROM: AIR FOI -S SUB-COMMISSION, A.C., ROME
TO: STATO MAGGIORE AERONAUTICA MILITARE
SEZIONE LOGISTICA
DATE: DECEMBER 9TH 1946
REF: AFSC/670/EQ.

MATERIAL

Reference your SIRV/305196/L.9/T/3929 Coll. dated 4th December 1946 this was made the subject of a personal visit to the Chief Disposals Officer of the Ministry of Supply and it is now definitely stated that the former R.A.F. Depot at Posillipo has been fully released to A.R.A.F., those items which were required for U.N.R.R.A. having been removed.

Furthermore, the lists of items left by the R.A.F. at Posillipo have been examined and it is discovered that none of the items mentioned in your first letter were required by U.N.R.R.A. They should therefore, still be present at Posillipo unless A.R.A.F. has in the meantime disposed of them elsewhere. The items required by U.N.R.R.A. were mostly khaki uniform.

There should now be no difficulty in arranging matters with A.R.A.F. but should any arise, will you please notify this office, and every assistance will be rendered.

W.A.D. COLLINGWOOD
WING COMMANDER
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL
DIRECTOR, AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION
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P.I./VA VERY URGENT

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FROM: STATO MAGGIORE MILITARY AIR FORCE
LOGISTIC SECTION
TO: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C., ROME
DATE: DECEMBER 4TH 1946
REF: SERV/305196/L.9/D/3929COLL.
and f. inf. to: AIR MINISTRY
GENERAL MILITARY COMMISSARIAT DIRECTION

MATERIAL

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(r)
- 1) Reference your letter AFSC/670/EQ., dated 19th November 1946 of even subject.
 - 2) Your communication informing us that A.R.A.R. is already in possession of your Depot at Posillipo is hereby confirmed.
 - 3) The material stored in the said Depot has not been made available yet by the Allied Command thus hindering the operations of inventory and consequently those of allotment and sale also.
 - 4) This Stato Maggiore is aware that the Allied Command's order not to allot the material yet is justified by the necessity of safeguarding it for the need of U.N.R.R.A., but the fact that the flying clothing stored in Camp 114 M.U. may be of any whatsoever interest to the same U.N.R.R.A. is to be excluded if the specific destination of flying clothing is considered seriously. Therefore we would deeply appreciate if you will kindly expose the urgency of this matter to the competent Allied authorities, so that the flying clothing existing in Camp 114 M.U. may at least be handed over to A.R.A.R. thus enabling the latter to furnish this Ministry with the said material. The principle of precedence in our favour stated by you with letter AFSC/670/EQ. dated 5/9/46 will, of course, be observed.
 - 5) Please consider with particular attention the urgency of our request and kindly bear in mind the important fact that the Flying Units are in pressing need of the said flying clothing. 5181.

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THE CHIEF OF STAFF



Translated by Eva Rosati

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Roma, li... 4 DIC. 1946.....

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Prot. Serv/ 305195 / L. 9/D / 3915.Cu.

Oggetto: Materiale.

e per conoscenze:

MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA-

Direzione Gen. di Commissariato Militare

ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO A.R.A.R.

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- 1°) - Riferimento alla vostra AFSC/670/EQ in data 19 Novembre c.a., pari oggetto.
2°) - Risulta esatto quanto si comunicate-Il Depo-
sito di Posillipo è già in materiale possesso
dell'A.R.A.R.-
3°) - Peraltro il materiale ivi contenuto risulta
non ancora reso disponibile dal Comando Alleato,
il che impedisce le operazioni di inventario e
conseguentemente anche quelle di cessione e di
vendita.
4°) - Questo Stato Maggiore si rende conto come il
fermo posto dal Comando Alleato sia giustificato
dalla necessità di salvaguardare il materiale oce-
corrente per l'U.N.R.R.A. ma è del pari da escludere
che gli indumenti di volo esistenti presso
il campo 114-M.U. possano in una qualsiasi manie-
ra interessare l'U.N.R.R.A. stessa, avuto riguardo
alla specifica destinazione degli indumenti di volo.
Vi saremmo pertanto particolarmente grati di
voller con cortese premura intervenire presso il 80
Organi competenti Alleati perché almeno gli indumenti
di volo esistenti presso il Campo 114-M.U.
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questo Ministero, con il grado di precedenza de-

Oggetto: Materiale.

e per conoscenza:

MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA -
Direzione Gen. di Commissariato Militare

ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO A.R.A.R.

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- 5°) - Vogliate considerare di particolare urgenza la trattazione della presente pratica, avuto riguardo all'imponente necessità dei Reparti di volo di disporre delle combinazioni di volo di che trattasi. -

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C., ROME  
TO: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY  
DATE: NOVEMBER 23RD 1946  
REF: AFSC/670/LQ.

R.A.F. MATERIAL EX 114 A.U.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter V/30/3300700/3769CCB, dated 14th November 1946 and your attention is drawn to our letter of even reference dated 19th, November 1946 in which it is stated that no action can be taken by this Sub-Commission to facilitate the handover of ex R.A.F. stocks to you which are already in the possession of A.R.A.R.

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R. CARTER  
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT  
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL  
DIRECTOR,  
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION

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FROM: AIR MINIST. - MILITARY COMMISSARIAT SECTION  
MATERIAL DIVISION

TO: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ROME  
(through LIAISON OFFICE)

DATE: NOVEMBER 14TH 1946

REF: V/30/33007COM./3769COLL.

A.R.A.R. MATERIAL FIELD 114M.U., POSILLIPO

and for information to : STATO MAGGIORE  
LOGISTIC SECTION- MAIN OFFICE

Further to our V/30/32917COM., dated November 13th. 1946,  
and reference your letter AFSC/670/LR., dated September 1st. 1946.  
18P

It is our earnest desire that your A.F.S.C. kindly submit  
to the competent Allied authorities, this Ministry's request to  
obtain priority in the purchase of flying clothing stored in Field  
114 M.U. which is soon to be handed over to A.R.A.R. by the A.A.F.  
Please bear in mind the principles stated in your just mentioned  
letter AFSC/670/LR., and above all consider the fact that said  
clothing is of particular interest to this Air Administration.

We would appreciate a kind reply.

FOR THE MINISTER  
THE DIRECTOR,  
LT. GEN. C.C.R.C.  
A. GIACCHELDU

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DIREZIONE DI DIREZIONE CENTRALE - UNITÀ  
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PRESSO IL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA

PRESSO L'INISIERO ULL'AERONAUTICA

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PRESSO L'INISIERO ULL'AERONAUTICA

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ON 1946

✓/LA SOTTO COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
PER L'AERONAUTICA

O GGETTO Vattellai A D. A. P. Cando 114 35 00 in Possesso.

e, per come segue:

ATTICO STUDIO VACANZE - M = sezione Togliere

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V.30/3.2.9.1.7/ur. . . in data. 1.4. - 1.6. . .  
A seguito del dispaccio n°. 3.2.9.1.7/ur. . . della scrivente e con riferimento alla nota AFSC/670/Eq del 5 settembre  
c.a. di codetta Sottocommissione, si prega vivamente di intervenire  
presso gli organi competenti alleati allo scopo di ottenerne che gli in-  
dumenti di volo, esistenti presso il campo 114 U.M., che fra breve sarà  
consegnato definitivamente all'A.R.A.R. da parte della R.A.F., siano ce-  
duti con carattere di precedenza a questo Ministero, sia in conformità  
a quanto disposto dalla ricordata nota AFSC/670/Eq e sia, soprattutto,  
in considerazione che tali indumenti interessano esclusivamente questa

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C., ROME  
TO: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY - DIREZIONE GENERALE  
COMMISSARIATO - DIVISIONE MATERIALI  
DATE: NOVEMBER 19TH 1946  
REF: AFSC/670/EQ.

MATERIAL

Reference your V/30/3247/COM./3767Coll., dated 13th November 1946 it is advised by the Disposals Officer of the British Ministry of Supply that the depot at Posillipo is already in physical possession of A.R.A.R. although, a portion of the equipment there is earmarked for UNRRA.

It would therefore appear that any transfer of equipment to the Italian Air Force can now be arranged direct with A.R.A.R. without the intervention of the Allied authorities.

  
W.A.D. COLLINGWOOD  
WING COMMANDER  
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL  
DIRECTOR,  
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

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FROM: AIR MINISTRY - GENERAL COMMISSARIAT "IRECTION  
MATERIAL DIVISION - through LIAISON OFFICE A.F.S.C. (t)  
TO: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION - ROME  
DATE: NOVEMBER 13TH 1946  
REF: V/30/3267/COM./3767COLL.  
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MATERIAL

and for information to : STATO MAGGIORE A.M.  
LOGISTIC SECTION  
LIAISON OFFICE A.H.A.R.

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Further to your letter AFSC/670/EQ., dated 5th. September 1946, informing us that various material formerly belonging to the R.A.F. was soon to be handed over to A.H.A.R. At the same time, it was stated that the Armed Forces were to have the right of purchase precedence. Therefore, this Ministry has sent a competent commission of Officers to examine the material lying in Field 114 M.U., R.A.F. POSILLIPO.

Following this inspection most of the material was found to be of particular interest to the Air Administration.

Will your Sub-Commission kindly submit our request to the competent Allied authorities so that this Administration may be favoured with precedence in purchasing the material as soon as Field 114 M.U. POSILLIPO is finally handed over to A.H.A.R. by the Allies. We also wish to call to your attention the fact that the characteristics of said material are much alike those of material normally allotted to Air Force Units.

Hereto attached is a first list of material which is of interest to this Administration.

THE MINISTER

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(L)ST OF MATERIAL

|                                                                                    |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| CLOTHES BRUSHES.....                                                               | 508   |
| SHOE BRUSHES.....                                                                  | 747   |
| FORKS.....                                                                         | 10000 |
| SPOONS.....                                                                        | 13500 |
| KNIVLS.....                                                                        | 11200 |
| LONG-SLEVED WOOLEN PULLOVERS.....                                                  | 2761  |
| SLEEVELESS WOOLEN PULLOVERS.....                                                   | 8885  |
| BLUE WOOLEN SOCKS.....                                                             | 8962  |
| SHORT-SLEVED WOOLEN UNDERVESTS.....                                                | 4584  |
| SLEEVELESS WOOLEN UNDERVLSTS.....                                                  | 785   |
| COTTON UNDERVESTS.....                                                             | 2100  |
| KAKI COTTON SOCKS.....                                                             | 8670  |
| COTTON TOWELS.....                                                                 | 5000  |
| RUBBER BOOTS.....                                                                  | 4000  |
| RUBBER BOOTS FOR SKIERS.....                                                       | 327   |
| SNOW-CAPS.....                                                                     | 2000  |
| CANVAS KAKI OVRALLS.....                                                           | 1437  |
| BLACK WOOLLN SOCKS.....                                                            | 4157  |
| BLACK COTTON SOCKS.....                                                            | 552   |
| OILLD-SKIN OVERCOATS-medium size.....                                              | 3000  |
| " " " " -large size.....                                                           | 1500  |
| APRONS FOR COOKS.....                                                              | 723   |
| WHITE CANVAS JACKETS.....                                                          | 272   |
| BLACK SHOES WITH RUBBER OR LEATHER SOLES<br>(only those with leather soles if new) |       |

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*Ministro dell'Aeronautica*

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA COSTRUZIONE DEGLI APPARIGLIAMENTI

DIREZIONE GENERALE COMITATO DI VERTIGINE AERONAUTICO

- Divisione Materiale - (tramite Uff. College A.R.A.F.)  
Ind. N. 303252 ~~Uff. College A.R.A.F.~~ 3464 Col. M.  
OGGETTO: ~~Materiali~~ per gli uffici

E, per conoscenza:

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE A.M. - Sezione Logistica  
ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO A.R.A.F.

A seguito del Foglio AFSC/670/3q, del 5 settembre c.2., con cui codesta Sottocommissione comunicava che fra breve sarebbe stato ceduto all'A.R.A.F. materiale vario già di pertinenza della R.A.F., e, nello stesso tempo, sanciva il principio che le Forze Armate avrebbero dovuto avere la precedenza negli acquisti, questo Ministero ha inviato al Campo 114 A.U. R.A.F. in Possillipo apposita Commissione di Ufficiali per prendere visione dei materiali, ivi giacenti.

Dagli accertamenti eseguiti, tali materiali, nella quasi totalità, interessano in modo particolare l'Amministrazione Aeronautica.

Si prega, pertanto, vivamente codesta Sottocommissione di voler intervenire presso gli organi competenti Alleati al fine di ottenere che i materiali stessi, già di pertinenza della R.A.F. e che, zei tipi e nelle fogge, molto si avvicinano a quelli in normale dotazione presso i reparti dell'Aeronautica, siano ceduti con carattere di precedenza a questa Amministrazione, non appena il campo 114 A.U. in Possillipo sarà definitivamente consegnato all'A.R.A.F. da parte degli Alleati.

Si ecclude un primo elenco del materiale che interessa questa Amministrazione.

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ELenco MATERIALI

|                                                                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Spazzole per abiti .....                                                          | 506   |
| Spazzole per scarpe .....                                                         | 747   |
| Porchette .....                                                                   | 10000 |
| Cucchiali .....                                                                   | 13500 |
| Coltellini .....                                                                  | 11200 |
| Fullover di lana g.a. a maniche lunghe                                            | 2761  |
| Fullover di lana g.a. senza maniche                                               | 8885  |
| Calze di lana azzurra                                                             | 8962  |
| Maglie di lana a mezza manica                                                     | 4584  |
| Maglie di lana senza maniche                                                      | 785   |
| Maglie di cotone tipo canottiera                                                  | 2100  |
| Calze calci di cotone                                                             | 8670  |
| Asciugatoi di cotone                                                              | 5000  |
| Stivaloni di gomma                                                                | 4000  |
| Stivaloni di gomma per scivolisti                                                 | 327   |
| Passamontagna                                                                     | 2000  |
| Combinazioni da lavoro tele calz.                                                 | 1437  |
| Calze nere di lana                                                                | 4157  |
| Calze nere di cotone                                                              | 552   |
| Soprabiti tele cerata misura media                                                | 3000  |
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TRANSLATION

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE TO THE  
PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

80670/62950.4/9.7

Rome, 26 September 1946

Dear Admiral,

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The Presidency of the Council begs me to inform you of the receipt  
of your letter No. 8255/241 and, in thanking you on behalf of the Government  
for the care which you have taken to ensure that the Armed Forces have  
precedence in the assignment of Allied materials, I wish to assure you that  
instructions have been given both to the Ministry of War and to the Air  
Ministry in order that the practical means of the procedure agreed on for  
the transfer of all materials to the Italian Administration should be  
carried out in the most satisfactory manner.

Believe me,

yours very truly,

/S/ Paolo Cappa

Admiral Ellery W. Stone  
Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
Rome

EC. DIST- 30-9-56  
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Land Forces S/C  
Air Force S/C



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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
Allied Commission, ROME.  
To: Stato Maggiore Aeronautica Militare.  
Date: 5th September, 1946.  
Ref: AFSC/670/Lq.

ACQUISITION OF EX-R.A.F. STORES THROUGH  
A.R.A.R.

Attached is a copy of a letter from the Chief Commissioner to the Prime Minister which informs him of the agreement arrived at between A.R.A.R. and other Government Departments for the Italian Army and Air Force to have priority in the procurement of certain equipment in Nos. 1 and 3 British Army Sub-Depots.

2. In actuality it is considered that there will be little equipment in these depots which will be required by the Italian Air Force.

3. However, now the principle has been officially established it would seem to be opportune to come to a similar agreement, if you have not already done so, with A.R.A.R. so you may have priority of purchase equipment which is purely of an aeronautical nature.

4. Nos. 114 and 159 Maintenance Units (R.A.F.) will be handed over shortly to the Ministry of Supply and A.R.A.R.

5. There may be considerable amounts of equipment which you may desire to purchase.

6. It is suggested that it would be in your interests to take action with the Government Departments mentioned in paragraph 2 of the attached letter in an endeavour to come to a satisfactory agreement.

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D. C. WALKER,  
Wing Commander,  
for Air Vice Marshal,  
Director,  
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

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17/9  
Gard 10/9/46

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August 1946

Dear Sirs:

You will no doubt recall my letter no. 22/2 dated 3 June 1946 on the subject of supplies for the Italian army.

As a result of discussions between this Commission and various members of your Ministry, a meeting was held on 20 August attended by representatives of:-

President of the Council  
Ministry of Reconstruction  
Ministry of War  
Ministry of Treasury

to discuss the distribution of surplus military stores now being handed over by the Italian Army to the Italian Government.

I enclose copy of the memorandum upon which the meeting was based.

I am sorry to inform you that the following proposals were unanimously accepted:-

- that representatives of M.R.I. and of the Ministries of War and Treasury should be represented at the hand over and should subsequently have access to the spot (and their ministers or deputies) to facilitate the exchange transfer of stores required by and allotted to these Ministries.
- that the War and Treasury be allowed to submit a claim for such M.T. stores in No. 3 sub-class as are needed for the maintenance of special transport vehicles as are held by the Italian Government and that such claims (if supported by valid sub-rationales) should be favourably considered by A.C.I.
- that the War and Treasury should be given absolute priority in respect to all material in No. 3 sub-report which is essential to the reparation and equipment of weapons held by the Italian Army and the same is of no use in its present form to anyone else.

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In conformity with this agreement I have instructed the allied services and Commissions concerned to do everything possible to obtain all information necessary to ensure the smooth hand over of this vast quantity of material and hope that this may be achieved, so that the allied troops may be enabled to leave Italy according to their programme and the Italian Nation may benefit by the receipt of these valuable stores.

I should like to thank you for the ready understanding of your representatives in this matter and would ask you to give appropriate instructions to your Ministers so that the implementation of the details may be achieved as successfully as the agreement on principle.

Yours very truly,

John Henry W. Stone  
H.M.G. Envoy  
Our Agent, Italy  
and Commissioner

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,  
President of the Council of Ministers,  
Italian Government,  
1945

Copy to: Chief Commissioners  
Executive Commissioners  
for Areas S/C  
Euro-Norope S/C (N.D.L.)

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Ref: 8255/SC

22 August 1946

SUBJECT: Equipment for Italian Army.

TO : V.V. Economic Section  
Land Forces Sub Commission.

1. Meeting will be held under the Chairmanship of the Executive Commissioner in the Chief Commissioner's Conference Room on Friday 23 August 46 at 1630 hrs, for the purpose of discussing the provision of equipment for the Italian Army. A memorandum for the basis of the discussion is attached. B
2. Addressees are requested to send representatives to this meeting who are fully conversant with the matters to be discussed. Navy and Air Forces Sub-Commission's are also invited to attend if they so wish.
3. Representatives of the Italian Government departments concerned will be present at the meeting.

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N. W. HIND-SMITHChief Staff Officer,  
to Executive Commissioner.Copies to : Navy S/C  
Air Forces S/C —  
C.O.  
Dr. BombasseiP.P. 11/8  
Safeguard

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Promemoria on Equipment for the Italian Army for  
discussion at Allied Commission Meeting-23 Aug 46

1. Most of the Armament and Weapons of the Italian Army and much of the transport and mechanical equipment are of British pattern and , except for motor transport, will probably remain so for some time.
2. Units of the Italian Army have been reasonably well equipped from this source, but the War Ministry holds practically no reserve equipment, replacements, spare parts or material for maintenance or repair.
3. The Allied intention has been that material for maintenance should be provided from three sources
- (a) British surplus stocks,
  - (b) Italian indigenous sources ,
  - (c) Overseas import programme ,
- (a) and (b) are the more desirable from every point of view and it is the duty of the Land Forces Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.) to assist the Italian Army to obtain its requirements from the first source. It has now been ruled however that transfers to the Italian Army of all material (except serviceable weapons) must take place through Allied disposal agencies and A.R.A.R.
4. Since last November M.M.I.A. has been endeavouring to obtain the equipment required through these channels but, by reason of the Allies own needs and the unbalanced nature of available surpluses, have hardly been able to keep pace with current needs and have been unable to obtain stocks for future needs when all British Depots will be closed.
5. Now the last remaining British depot is closing immediately and this cannot be delayed. In a few days the complete depot and its contents will begin to be handed to our Disposals agencies who will (after meeting possible U.N.R.R.A. needs) transfer them in toto to A.R.A.R.
6. The subsequent disposal of this material by A.R.A.R. is an Italian Government affair which its representatives are now asked to consider. The hand over gives the War Ministry a last chance of obtaining quickly and on a reasonable economic basis material which it urgently needs and which no other owner could use economically. That which the War Ministry fails to secure from this source it will have to manufacture or **5166** import at very high cost - or do without.
7. The British Depot is divided into three sub depots as follows :

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7. The British Depot is divided into three sub depots as follows :

- No.1 Sub Depot - Motor Transport Stores (Pontecagnano)
- No.2 Sub Depot - Clothing and General Stores (Naples. S.Giorgio)
- No.3 Sub Depot - Armaments & War Instruments (Pontecagnano)

Material in No.2 Sub Depot, although originally for military use has also a civilian use and for this we make no special claim for the Italian Army.

Material in No.1 Sub Depot includes some spare parts for military type vehicles such as armoured cars and tracked weapon carriers which would be of no use to any other makes.

Material in No.3 Sub Depot is of no use in its present form to anyone but the Army, although the quantity of some items may be in excess of the army's needs.

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8. The Supreme Allied Commander has suggested that M.M.I.A. and representatives of the War Ministry should take part in the hand over so as to facilitate identification of stores and to ensure the most economical use of purely warlike equipment in the interest of the Italian nation.

9. This representation would only be effective if the Italian Government instructs A.R.A.R. to give the War Ministry some preference in respect of certain material.

10. The Italian Government is therefore asked to agree to the following three principles :-

- (a) That representatives of M.M.I.A. and of the Ministry of War should be present at the hand over and should subsequently have access to the Depot ( and their schedules of contents ) to facilitate the economic transfer of stores required by and allotted to the War Ministry.
- (b) That the War Ministry be allowed to submit a claim for such M.T spares in No.1 Sub Depot as are needed for the maintenance of special army pattern vehicles as are held by the Italian Government and that such claims ( if supported by M.M.I.A. ) should be favourably considered by A.R.A.R.
- (c) That the War Ministry should be given absolute priority in regard to all material in No.3 Sub Depot which is essential to the maintenance and employment of weapons held by the Italian Army, and is of no use in its present form to anyone else.

If agreement in principle is reached as above the detailed method could be left to A.R.A.R. and the War Ministry as advised by M.M.I.A.

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Translation

IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Ref. 68504/12060.441/19.8

Rome, 3 May 1946.

Dear General,

I considered it advisable to hear the opinion of the Ministry of War regarding the problem of equipment for the new Italian Army, which point was raised in your letter to me n. 9006/235/EC dtd 16 Feb last.

I am forwarding you a copy of their reply n. 206458 dtd 9 March, as it stands, and am of the opinion that it deserves your kindly consideration, given the clear cut practicability of the solutions proposed for an immediate attainment of the object in view. B

With kind regards,

(Signature)

Brigadier General M. S. LUSH,  
Executive Commissioner,  
Allied Commissioner,  
R o m e .

EC DISTR. 9 May

ACTION - EC  
INFO - CC  
- Land Forces S/C (MINIA)  
- Navy S/C  
- Air Force S/C  
- Econ. Sec. (for CEM Br.)



D. This ties up with 10A.

In consequence I have done a ~~5164~~ further in the matter.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Translation

Rome, 9 March 1946.  
N. 206456/11

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Ref. your N. 61443/12060/14.5.19.8, dtd 1 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Assignment of War Material to the FF.MA. (Armed Forces).

TO : Presidency of the Council of Ministers - Gabinetto, Rome.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MIA) A.C.  
(Ref. N. 9/003 of the 18 Feb last)

General Direction of A.R.A.R.

1. From the moment the Allies notified their intention of handing over their deposits of material in Italy to the Italian Government, this Ministry has been anxious to obtain all serviceable material for the Army, amongst which must be distinguished:

- (1) military material which, according to the orders of AFHQ given during the war, must be handed over to the Army without payment (letter from A.C.C., R.C. - X.M.C. Section, APO 394, dtd 10/8/1944, and administrative instructions n. 30 a copy of which is attached).
- (2) material not coming under military administration which it is in the interests of the Army to acquire.

2. In view of the rules for the functioning of A.R.A.R. and that the Territorial Military Commands supervise the guarding of all material handed over by the Allies, it was ruled (circular 225200/11 dtd 20 Nov 1945 and n. 202600/11 dtd 4 Feb 1946, copies of which are attached) (i) that the Territorial Military Commands should come to an agreement with the local representative of A.R.A.R., (ii) that they should arrange as soon as possible to examine all material at present in the deposits and (iii) immediately after:

- (a) remove the war material recognized as such without objection from the local representative of A.R.A.R.;
- (b) inform the General Direction of this Ministry what material the representatives of A.R.A.R. claim as being military property;
- (c) propose the purchasing of material not pertaining to the military authorities, which is deemed useful.

The general directions have direct contacts with A.R.A.R. both for discussion over the military ownership of certain materials and for fixing the prices and manner of transferring the materials which the Territorial Military Commands intend to acquire.

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3. An organization is therefore already in being which, in agreement with A.R.A.R., will ensure that this Ministry is immediately informed regarding the materials handed over by the Allies. Officers of the Territorial Military Commands, who are specialists for each type of material, decide whether it belongs to the military and are able to point out its usefulness. Other officers of the individual general directions are particularly competent for settling possible differences between the Direction of A.R.A.R. and the War Ministry, and to negotiate the purchasing of suitable material.

I consider therefore that no perceptible improvement would be obtained by the assignment of one or more officers to A.R.A.R.

4. On the other hand a point which I consider essential for ensuring that the Army enters into possession of the war material as quickly as possible, is to obtain the consent of the Allies that their material should be, in accordance with the ruling of A.F.H.Q., handed over directly to representatives of the War Ministry before the deposits have been consigned to A.R.A.R.

5. Combined with the above mentioned fundamental measure there should be instructions given to perfect the organization mentioned in para 2, specifying that as soon as the Allies have handed over a deposit to the agencies of A.R.A.R. the latter should show the list of the material to the competent Territorial Military Command of the district and afterwards forward the list to the General Direction of A.R.A.R. clearly indicating which materials the Military Command desire to purchase outright or as being recognized as belonging to military administration. Such materials, naturally, should be kept at the disposition of this Ministry.

6. Lastly I consider it would be useful to have an Italian officer attached to the office of the Chief Disposal Officer, in order that he can inform either this Ministry or the Territorial Military Commands direct, what materials are on the point of being handed over. This would avoid the inconvenience which has sometime occurred in the past of the Territorial Military Commands being informed of the handing over of the deposits of material after the Allied guards had already left and after pilfering and damage to the material had taken place.

I have already given orders to this affect by direct request of M.M.I.A.

THE MINISTER  
(M. Brosio)

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
Allied Commission, Rome.  
To: A.R.Q. Italy.  
Date: 26th April, 1946.  
Ref: AFSC/670/RQ.

RADAR EQUIPMENT FOR ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

Although at the present time no authority has been given for the Italian Air Force to be equipped with Radar, it is considered that such authority will be granted in the not very distant future.

2. It is appreciated that no stocks of Radar equipment now in Maintenance Units and being destroyed can be frozen in anticipation of the Italian requirement.
3. It is suggested however that the radar equipment in the possession of Desert Air Force could be utilised by the Italians when D.A.F. is disbanded.
4. Whether this is practical depends primarily upon authority being given for the Italians to use radar and the policy regarding the eventual disposal of D.A.F.'s equipment, which in any case will be insufficient to cover the whole requirement.
5. Appendix 'A' shows the estimated amount of equipment required by the I.A.F. and also the amount it is expected will be taken up by D.A.F.
6. It is requested that authority may be obtained for this projected transaction in anticipation of approval being given by Air Ministry for the I.A.F. to be equipped with Radar.

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*D. C. Waller*

D. C. WALLER,  
Wing Commander,  
For Air Vice Marshal,  
Director,  
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

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Copy to: M.A.A.C. Secretariat.

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Annexes "A"PART I

Equipment required for transfer to the Italian Air Force.

Radar Stations

| Type          | 2 Static Sectors | 1 Mobile Sector | Tech. Training School | Total |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------|
| AN/FPS Type 6 |                  | 1               | 1                     | 5     |
| AN/FPS Type 8 | 8                |                 | 1                     | 9     |
| AN/FPS Type 9 | 4                |                 | 1                     | 5     |

PART II

Equipment that may be exported to be available in Italy after the disbandment of Desert Air Force.

Radar Stations

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| AN/FPS Type 6 | 12 |
| AN/FPS Type 8 | 4  |
| AN/FPS Type 9 | 2  |

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13 April 1946

SUBJECT: UNRA Priority

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TO : C-in-C, AFHQ

1. I wish to invite your attention to two almost identical notes verbales which were sent to the Italian Government by the United States and British Missions on procurement by the Italian Government for its Armed Forces. In the notes the subordinate position of the Italian Government vis-a-vis UNRA is clearly defined.

2. I feel some concern about the subordination of the Italian Government procurement because of the previous difficulties which have occurred when the Italian Government has undertaken to provide rations for the army. In general their ability to provision for their Army has been delayed by difficulties in procurement and transportation, as well as the non-availability of supplies in the countries of source. These difficulties have been further enhanced by the non-availability for Armed Forces of such supplies as those shipped by UNRA, lacking special arrangements for repayment. You will recall that advances have been made to the Italian Government from allied military stocks.

3. The notes, stating the views of the two Governments, stipulate that supply must be accomplished from:

- (a) indigenous sources;
- (b) Allied surpluses;
- (c) Italian Government purchases abroad with that Government's foreign credits.

4. I anticipate no priority difficulty with supply from indigenous sources.

5. With respect to Allied military surpluses, it is to be noted that while this source is listed prominently as available to the Italian Government, the reliability of the source is reduced by the higher priority assigned to UNRA. It is believed that the Italian Government, in its procurement for the Armed Forces, should have an equal, if not a higher priority position than UNRA in procuring from Army surpluses. This is supported by the necessity for an efficient and effective military establishment to maintain peace and order in the country, which are prerequisites to UNRA operations. (S-5)

6. The assignment of an overriding priority to UNRA for the procurement of imported supplies might have unfortunate effects. UNRA is

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Director

For your information

Mr. [redacted]

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doubtless a dominant factor in the markets of the supplying countries, as well as in the use of transport facilities. With such a priority there is the possibility that procurement agents of UNRRA, in the supplying countries, might assert their priorities to such an extent that the ability of the Italian Government to procure would be prejudiced.

7. Insofar as the Italian Mission of UNRRA is concerned I do not anticipate any difficulties, because that Mission is fully cognizant of the Italian needs and well aware of the necessity for leaving the Italian Government free to procure for the segments of the population for which the funds are not eligible.

8. In view of the considerations above, I suggest submission of a recommendation to the Combined Chiefs of Staff that they represent to the two Governments the desirability of placing the Italian Government on a higher priority in its procurement of supplies for the Armed Forces.

M. S. USH

Brigadier  
Acting Chief Commissioner

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Copies of notes verbale from  
U. S. and British Embassies

CC: Land Forces S/C  
Air Forces S/C  
Navy S/C  
W/C Supply Ops. Branch  
U. S. Embassy  
Attn.: Commercial Attaché  
British Embassy  
Attn.: Commercial Attaché  
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British Embassy,

Rome.

NOTE VIGRALE

His Majesty's embassy present their compliments to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and have the honour, under instructions, to communicate the views of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom on certain points related to the maintenance of the Italian Armed Forces:-

- (1). Italian military requirements should, as far as possible, be provided from indigenous Italian resources.
- (2). All imports, including tyres and tubes, should be purchased by the Italian Government through their own resources in accordance with existing arrangements for supplies outside the basic programme.
- (3). UNRRA supplies may not be used by the Italian Army.
- (4). Italian military requirements should be subordinate to UNRRA for the disposal of surplus property in Italy.
- (5). The maximum use should be made of Allied Army surpluses to meet the requirements of the Italian Army.
- (6). Requirements for Italy sponsored by UNRRA must have priority over requirements for the military forces.
- (7). Supplies in Category A. of the civilian import programme should not be used for military purposes except where the Allied Commission believes it impracticable to establish a separate line of supply for specific items outside that programme.
- (8). No specific additional tonnages should be included in the Category A programme for Italian military requirements.
- (9). No assurance can be given as to the flow of military supplies.

8th January, 1946,5157

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
Palazzo Chigi,  
Rome.

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• (Note Verbale sent by American Embassy).

V.O. No. 358.

NOTE VERBALE

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, under instructions from the State Department at Washington, has the honor to communicate the views of the United States Government with regard to the following questions related to the maintenance of the Italian Armed Forces:

- (a) Priority as between Italian Army and UNRRA in obtaining surplus property;
- (b) Priority as between Italian military requirements and civilian requirements in Italian import programs;
- (c) Question of assurances to be given concerning furnishing of supplies in the civil import program;
- (d) Whether specific additional tonnage shall be included in civil import program for military purposes;
- (e) Whether tire and tube equipment can be supplied through civilian import program.

In these questions, the views of the United States Government are as follows:-

1. We agree that Italian military requirements should, in first instance, be taken from Italian indigenous resources, and secondly, from surplus United States and United Kingdom stocks in Italy.

2. UNRRA should have priority over Italian military requirements in the disposal of surplus property in Italy.

3. Items including tires and tube requirements which cannot be supplied locally or from surplus should be purchased by Italian Government through its available foreign resources. Italian Government should determine relative priority of military and civilian requirements in making its purchases.

4. UNRRA supplies cannot be used for military purposes.

5. Supplies in category A, civilian import program, should **5256** (repeat not) be used for military purposes except where Allied Commission believes it impracticable to establish separate line of supply for specific items outside that program. No specific additional tonnages should be included in category A program for Italian military requirements.

Dated. January 4, 1946

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To the  
Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
Rome.

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From: Italian Air Ministry,  
Gabinetto del Ministro.

To: Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
Allied Commission, ROME.

Date: 2nd April, 1946.

Ref: 8632/1306 Coll.

EQUIPMENT POLICY - ITALIAN ARMED FORCES.

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In reply to letter ref. A/SC/670/Lq. dated 19th February 1946,  
the under-named officers are proposed to be included in the A.R.A.F. organisation:

Lieutenant Colonel Pilot  
Major C.A.r.i.  
Captain C.C.r.c.

ARENA Giuseppe  
PANUNZIO Sergio  
ANGELMI Tomolito

THE CHIEF OF THE OFFICE  
Colonel Pil. D. LUDOVICO

(translated by Anna de Bernardis)

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The Ex Commission has not had a reply yet from the  
Prime Minister and we are to take no action until he  
does.

DR. 11 46. 1946



MINISTERO AERONAUTICA  
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

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Prot. N. 8033/1306 coll.

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Rome.

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ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA -A.C.  
(tramite Ufficio di Collegamento)

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Oggetto: Politica di approvvigionamento Forze Armate  
Italiane.-

In risposta al foglio n.AFSC/670/Eq in data  
19 febbraio 1946 si propongono per l'inclusione nel  
l'organizzazione A.R.A.R. i sottosottati ufficiali:

|                             |          |            |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------|
| - Tenente Colonnello Pilota | ARENA    | Giuseppe   |
| - Maggiore G.A.r.i.         | PANUNZIO | Sergio     |
| - Capitano C.C.r.c.         | ANSELMI  | Ippolito.- |

d'ordine  
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO  
(Colonnello Pil. D. LUDOVICO)

*[Signature]*

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From :- Headquarters, Royal Air Force, MEDJUGORJE  
 To :- Air Headquarters, Iraq & Persia  
 Headquarters, No. 206 Group  
 Air Headquarters, Italy (reference Q.449 of 5th Feb 46)  
 Air Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, Rome  
 Air Headquarters, Greece  
 Chief Air Adviser, British Military Mission  
 Air Attaché, Turkey  
 Air Attaché, Teheran

Date :- 18th February 1946

Ref :- S.205669/ORG.2.

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Tel.Ext.13

AIR MINISTRY ORDER A.1016/45 - ISSUE OF EQUIPMENT  
AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

The following amendments are to be made to this Headquarters letter of even reference dated 3rd January 1946.

Para.2 (e) - Delete this sub paragraph and substitute the following.

"(e) Greece. Demands from R.H.A.F. within target force through Air Headquarters, Greece to No.373 H.U. who in turn demand on affiliated H.U."

Para.2 (f) - Delete this sub-paragraph and substitute the following.

"(f) Italy. Demands from I.A.F. through the Air Forces Sub Commission to No.114 H.U."

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(U.P. HOME) Sgn. Mr.

Chief Air Adviser, Mediterranean Bureau  
Air Attaché, Turkey  
Air Attaché, Teheran

Date :- 18th February 1946

Ref :- S. 205669/ORG.2.

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AIR MINISTRY ORDER A. 1016/45 - ISSUE OF EQUIPMENT  
AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

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(V.F. HOME) Sig.Ldr.  
for Air Vice Marshal  
Air Officer i/o Administration  
RAF Mediterranean & Middle East

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To: Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
Allied Commission, ROME.

To: Italian Air Ministry.

Date: 19th February, 1946.

Ref: AFSC/670/Eq.

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SUPPLY POLICY - ITALIAN ARMED FORCES.

1. The attached copy of correspondence on the above subject from the Acting Chief Commissioner to your Prime Minister is forwarded for perusal as it is thought it will be of great interest particularly in respect of the final sentence of para. 4.
2. This Sub-Commission considers the suggestion a very helpful one and would like to see suitably qualified Italian Air Force officers encluded in the A.R.A.R. organisation.
3. In anticipation of representation in the organisation it is suggested that the matter is reviewed and suggestions forwarded to this Sub-Commission.

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I. E. BRODIE,  
Air Vice Marshal,  
Director,  
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

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Mr M. G. S.

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Ref: 9026/23/47.

16 February 1947.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

You must be as concerned as I am in regard to the provision of equipment for your new Italian Army, and you are, as noted, equally anxious about the very serious deficiency at present existing in arms, ammunition, vehicles and spare parts.

As you know, it has been decided as an interim policy that much of this equipment must come from captured enemy stocks and from allied military supplies which are handed over to the Italian Government and distributed mainly through the agency of A.R.A.A.

The duty of ensuring that the Italian Army is properly equipped, as well as the responsibility for allocating material in the hands of A.R.A.A. and of the other government agencies or ministries, lie with your government. Unfortunately, you have many economic difficulties with which to cope. There are bound to be conflicting interests which may act against the best interests of the Army. For instance, cases have been brought to my notice of motor vehicles and spare parts suitable for, and badly needed by, the Carabinieri, being allotted elsewhere.

In order to give the Mr. Minister a fair opportunity of obtaining the equipment he requires, it would appear necessary that he should have a greater knowledge of the equipment available and the opportunity of securing priority for its allocation to the Army. I suggest that this might be done by including in the A.R.A.A. organization a small nucleus of qualified Army officers who could inspect material as it becomes available, advise the Mr. Minister of that which is suitable for his requirements and ensure allocation to the Army where necessary. I would ask you to consider adopting this suggestion at once, particularly as, if there is any case of doubt, the Mr. Minister could obtain an allied opinion from the Land Forces War Commission (LFWC) at any moment. You might, of course, wish to nominate similar representation of the Minister for Air and Navy, either as a joint effort, or separately.

As a further help to the Mr. Minister I am instructing the commander of the Land Forces War Commission to arrange for the maintenance of permanent liaison with the allied various supply agencies by means of suitable Italian officers who would thereby obtain early information of material to be released and advise the Mr. Ministry accordingly.

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You will agree, I know, that it is essential that confidence in the interim Italy Army be established both in Italy and among the United Nations. This can only be done if the needs of the Army are appreciated and provided by the Italian Government. The proposals outlined above would go a long way to ensure this.

Very truly yours,

Acting Chief Comptroller.

Copy to: Chief Comptroller.

Land Forces /G (MIA)

Navy S/C. Air Forces S/C.

Recd. (for GMA Branch).

From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
Allied Commission, ROMA.

To: Italian Air Ministry.

Date: 8th February, 1946.

Ref: AFSC/670/EQ.

ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE - ALLIED MATERIAL FROM OTHER THAN R.A.F. SOURCES.

1. N.M.I.A. report that there are some misunderstanding as to the correct accounting procedure for receipt of material by Italian Armed Forces from Allied Military sources.
2. For your information the following is the correct procedure.
3. Shipping Tickets are prepared on the basis of vouchers previously signed by an Italian Army (Navy or Air Force) officer and countersigned by an Allied officer (normally O.C. issuing depot or agency). When Shipping Tickets are forwarded to your Ministry for signature, it is expected that the Head of the respective interested Directorate will sign on the basis of confirming the signature of the officer who signed the original voucher. Original vouchers accompany Shipping Tickets when the latter are forwarded to your Ministry.
4. After signature by your Ministry has been accomplished, the Shipping Tickets are signed by an Allied officer of this H.Q., nationality depending on the source of the supply.
5. Following this one copy of the Shipping Ticket is forwarded to the Chief Accountant, Allied Commission and a copy is returned to your Ministry for file.
6. It must be clearly understood that this in no way applies to equipment from R.A.F. sources. Demanding procedure is to be carried on normally through this office for R.A.F. equipment.

D.C. WALKER,  
Wing Commander,  
for Air Vice Marshal,  
Director,  
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

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SUBJECT: Accounting Procedure



LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) ROME  
Q/1/15-215  
6 February 1946

TO : Ministry of War

1. Some misunderstanding is evident concerning accounting procedure for receipt of material by the Italian Armed Forces from Allied Military sources.
2. In order to clarify the present procedure relevant details are included in the following paragraphs.
3. Shipping Tickets are prepared on the basis of vouchers previously signed by an Italian Army (Navy or Air Force) officer and countersigned by an Allied officer (normally C.O. issuing depot or agency). When Shipping tickets are forwarded to your Ministry for signature, it is expected that the Head of the respective interested Directorate will sign on the basis of confirming the signature of the officer who signed the original voucher. Original vouchers accompany Shipping Tickets when the latter are forwarded to your Ministry.
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R. Robert Wilson 5149  
R. ROBERT WILSON, Major  
for Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: Navy Sub Commission A.C. (Request that Ministry of Marine be advised of above)  
Air Forces Sub Commission A.C. (Request that Ministry of Air be advised of above)  
Chief Accountant, A.C.

OUTSTANDING

From:- Headquarters, Royal Air Force,

To:- Air Headquarters, Iraq & Persia  
 Headquarter 2nd Group  
 Air Headquarters Italy  
 Air Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission Rome  
 Air Headquarters, Greece  
 Chief AIR Adviser, British Military Mission  
 AIR Attaché Turkey  
 AIR Attaché Persian

Date:- 3rd January 1946.

Ref:- S. 205669/ORG.

AIR HEADQUARTERS ORDER A.1016/45 - ISSUE OF EQUIPMENT  
 AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

In view of the instructions given in Air Ministry Order A.1016/45, it has been agreed by Air Ministry that regarding reconscription of the application of the order to demands for spaces for the maintenance of aircraft already in use by the foreign governments concerned, the existing system should remain in force.

2. The following are therefore the channels to be used until further notice for the foreign governments shown :-

- (a) Iraq. Demands from R.E.M.S. and R.A.F. Airlines through Chief Air Adviser, British Military Mission to affiliated Maintenance Unit.
- (b) Turkey. Demands from Turkish Air Force and State Airlines through Air Attaché to R.P.O. (W.L.E.)
- (c) Iraq. Demands from Royal Iraqi Air Force through Air Attaché to I.I.S. Maintenance Unit.
- (d) Iran. Demands from Royal Iranian Air Force and State Airlines through Air Attaché to I.I.S. Maintenance Unit.
- (e) Greece. Demands from Royal Hellenic Air Force through Within Target Force through Air Mission to 737 Maintenance Unit, who in turn demand on affiliated Maintenance Unit.

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Date:- 3rd January 1946.

Ref:- S. 20569/ORG.

DEPARTS IN CLEAR 1016/45 - TITLE OF EXCUTANT  
D. TECHNICAL INFORMATION TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

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With reference to Air Ministry Order A.1016/45, it has been agreed by Air Ministry that, pending reconsideration of the application of this order to demands for services for the maintenance of aircraft already in use by the foreign Governments concerned, the existing system should remain in force.

The following are therefore the channels to be used until further notice for the foreign Governments shown :-

- (a) Yugoslav. Demands from R.S.F.S.R. and other Airlines through Chief Air Adviser, British Military Mission to affiliated Maintenance Unit.
- (b) Turkey. Demands from Turkish Air Force and Service Airlines through Air Attaché to U.S.S.R. (U.S.S.R.)
- (c) Iraq. Demands from Royal Iraqi Air Force through Air Attaché to I.M.U. Maintenance Unit.
- (d) Iran. Demands from Royal Iranian Air Force and State Airlines through Air Attaché to I.M.U. Maintenance Unit.
- (e) Greece. Demands from Royal Hellenic Air Force within Force - once through Air Mission to 737 Maintenance Unit, who in turn demand on affiliated Maintenance Unit.
- (f) Italy. Demands from Italian Air Force through Air Mission to I.M.U. Maintenance Unit.



*Mr. G. C. Gaven*  
(R.E. Gaven) G.C.  
for Air Vice Marshal,  
Air Officer in Charge Administration,  
Royal Air Force, M.W.D.E.

COPY TO: C.I.O. C. ACCT. C. ING. O. PA & CA  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APU 394  
PROVISIONAL SECTION

Ref.: 13016/F

1 December 1945

SUBJECT: Transfers of supplies and materials from Italy to  
Venezia Giulia.

To

All concerned (distribution list at end of memorandum)

1. The Allied Commission has inquire of AFHQ, G-5  
Section for a statement of policy respecting the transfer into  
Venezia Giulia of imported supplies on which the Italian Govern-  
ment has not been liable. In a letter dated 12 September the Chief  
Administrative Officer, Civil Affairs Office of AFHQ, notified  
that no objection would be offered to the transfer of imported  
items to that part of Venezia Giulia in the area lying west of  
the Morgan Line. TM Cable 620 from CCS directs that civilian  
supplies for Venezia Giulia remain a military responsibility.

2. Imported supplies moved from Italy into Venezia  
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(a) Civilian supplies imported into Italy to prevent  
dissemination under combined military responsibility (Category  
I supplies);

(b) Civilian supplies imported into Italy by the  
Italian Government, and charged against the fund set up in the  
U. S. Treasury representing the importation of U. S. troops  
in Italy plus other Italian or allies (Category B supplies); and  
in Italy plus

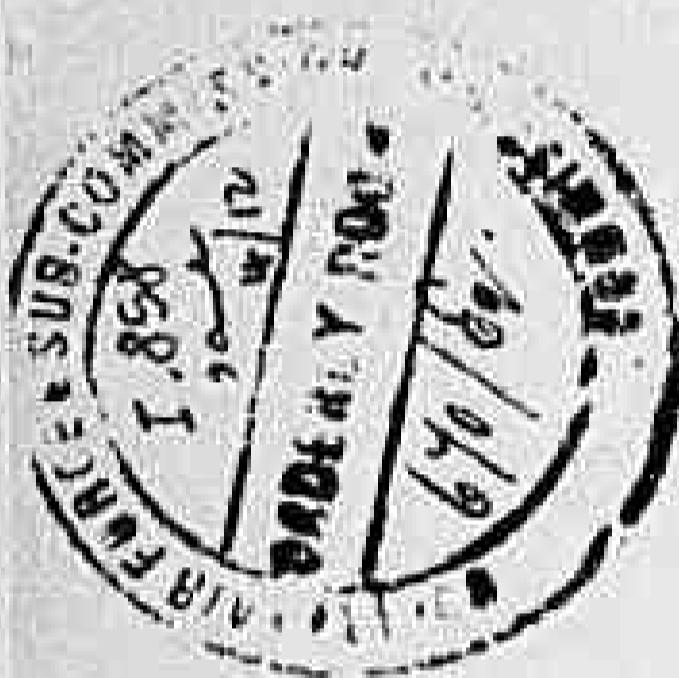
(c) Civilian supplies imported into Italy under the  
100 million dollar supply program of the Postwar Economic  
Administration (Category C supplies).

It will be appreciated that civilian supplies of  
Categories B and C may be unloaded in Venezia Giulia so that,  
in fact, title never passes to the Italian Government.

c. Separate accounting records are required to be  
maintained at A.C. Headquarters I. C. for each of the three supply programs,  
because of the different arrangements under which  
charges are made against the Italian Government for the value of  
the goods. It will be necessary that the receiving, warehousing,  
distributing and accounting records of the agents for the Italian  
Government: Istituto Nazionale per il Comercio Estero, Piscopale  
Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari, or Ufficio Controllo Carabinieri delle  
Trasmissioni Generali delle Ferrovie dello Stato, clearly show the  
peculiar programs under which supplies are imported by them.

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in Italy for other Italian articles (Category 2 Supplies); and

(c) Civilian supplies imported into Italy under the  
100 million dollar supply program of the Foreign Economic  
Administration (Category C Supplies).

It will be appreciated that civilian supplies of  
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in fact, civilian supplies may be handled by the Italian Government.

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for each programme, corresponding to the related records in the  
Italian Commission. This requirement is strict, not only for  
charging the value of supplies against the Italian Government, but  
also for making allowance for any supplies shipped from  
Italy to Venezia Giulia.

4. In the case of imported supplies taken on charge by  
the Italian Government on their importation, or transhipment, into Venezia  
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In the manner described in the preceding documents, in the manner  
hereinafter mentioned, protection against sunburn being given to the  
nation.

9. In connection with imports, since the opening of the Suez Canal, the British Government has endeavored to obtain a monopoly of the trade between Europe and India, and to prevent the French from sharing in it. The British Government has succeeded in this object by means of a series of measures, such as the "Montauk Line," which gives the British Government control of all shipping to and from India. This has been effected by the British Government's control of the Suez Canal, and by its control of the Indian Ocean. The British Government has also obtained a monopoly of the trade between Europe and Australia, and has prevented the French from sharing in it. The British Government has succeeded in this object by means of a series of measures, such as the "Montauk Line," which gives the British Government control of all shipping to and from Australia. This has been effected by the British Government's control of the Suez Canal, and by its control of the Indian Ocean.

In contrast, it was found that the interaction of the two factors was significant ( $F_{1,12} = 11.05$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ). The main effect of the factor of age was significant ( $F_{1,12} = 10.21$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ), while the main effect of the factor of sex was not ( $F_{1,12} = 0.01$ ,  $p > 0.05$ ).

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THE CHIEF POINTS OF  
THE HISTORY OF THE  
JEWISH PEOPLE.  
BY  
ISAAC HIRSCH.  
TRANSLATED FROM THE  
GERMAN BY  
JOHN WILSON,  
LATE MEMBER OF THE  
ROYAL ACADEMY.  
LONDON:  
PRINTED FOR T. C. DODS,  
1833.

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Supply Accountant, VIII Corps, triflicates to Transportation Sub-Commission, C; the duplicate will be retained in his files.

9. The supply accountant in Venzia Giulia will maintain separate accounting records, where applicable, for:

- (c) Combined Military Responsibility Supplies (Category A);
  - (b) Troop Pay Etc, Supplies (Category B); and
  - (c) F.T. Programming Supplies (Category C).

statements of stock movements, schedules of imports, schedules of transfers of supplies received, and schedules of sales of supplies will be rendered separately for each of the three authorities. Schedules of sales supporting the statement of stock movements under categories (i), (ii) and (iii) will show the respective quantities issued and the sales values according to geographical subdivisions, Gorizia, Trieste, and Pola. Sales in Uncleavage will be rendered separately.

HARLAN CLEVELAND,  
acting Vice President.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
ATO 394  
ECONOMIC SECTION  
Surplus and Special Materials Branch

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Tel. 478905

20 November 1945

Ref. AC/5109/S & S.M.

SUBJECT: Surplus Property U.S.A. - Catalog No.3

TO : -ELIERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner  
-MR. HATLAN CLEVELAND  
Acting Vice President Economic Section  
-Requisition Branch  
-Commerce Subcommission - Foreign Trade -  
-Industry and Utilities Subcommission  
-Transportation Subcommission  
-Enemy Captured Materials Branch  
-Displaced Persons Subcommission  
-Office of Representative of Chief Commissioner  
Commerce Division - Montecatini Bldg - Milan  
-Air Forces Subcommission  
-Navy Subcommission  
-MLTA Land Forces Subcommission  
-Mr. Camacciolo - Economic Section

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In accordance with para 2 of Economic Section  
memo Ref.ES/5108 of 15 November enclosed herewith 1 copy  
of Catalog n.3 "Surplus Property of the United States of  
America" dated 15 November 1945.

Catalogue handed to Italian  
for Mssing 22.11.45  
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1 Encl. as above

ALBERT E. DICKENS  
Chief of Branch

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THE UNITED NATIONS AND COMMISSIONER

SPECIAL SECTION

1955/5/26

LIAISON:

SUBJECT: PROBLEMS OF IRISH INDEPENDENCE

TO:

RE: THE SITUATION

The organizational pattern for the approach of U/NR seems to be based upon socio-economic factors. Governmental, but not exclusively, regional and ethnic factors. This development is dependent upon the socio-economic factors.

Irish independence has been one of the major issues of international politics, due to the responsibility of Britain for Ireland, the Commonwealth, and the Commonwealth countries.

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• *W*hat is the best way to get rid of a bad habit? I have a friend who has a terrible habit of biting his fingernails. He does it unconsciously, and it's driving me crazy! I've tried everything from nail polish to hypnosis, but nothing seems to work. Any suggestions?

• *S*ome people seem to be able to eat whatever they want and never gain weight. I'm not one of them. I've tried every diet out there, but I always end up gaining weight again. What's the secret?

• *T*here's a new kid at school who is really annoying me. He's always making fun of me and my friends. I know he's doing it on purpose, but I don't know what to do about it. Any ideas?

• *I* recently got a job at a fast food restaurant, and I'm not sure if I'm cut out for it. The work is physically demanding, and I'm worried about getting hurt. I also don't like the idea of working for minimum wage. Any advice?

• *M*y parents are getting divorced, and I'm really upset about it. I feel like I'm losing my family, and I don't know how to handle it. Any support or guidance would be appreciated.

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Another important factor in the development of the disease is the presence of a large number of *Leptospiral* organisms in the body. The disease is usually transmitted by the bite of an infected tick, which carries the bacteria in its salivary glands. The bacteria are also found in the blood and urine of infected persons. The disease is most common in areas where there are many ticks, such as the southern United States, Mexico, and South America.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
AFO 512ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM )  
NUMBER 21 )

8 April 1945

PROCUREMENT AND PAYMENT POLICY IN "ITALIAN TERRITORY"  
FOR SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 95, 1943 is rescinded.

*not record.*

1. The provisions of AFHQ Administrative Memorandum 31, 1944 are modified to the extent of permitting certain cash (lire) payments to be made by the military forces, United States and British, in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 8 below, pending the establishment of suitable arrangements along the general lines of AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 31, 1944. The provisions of this Memorandum are not retroactive and do not authorize payment of any unpaid invoices covering supplies furnished or services rendered prior to this date, which heretofore were not properly payable under the terms of Administrative Memorandum Number 31, 1944.

2. Separate instructions will be issued by AFHQ/MTOUSA to cover disposal of bills not payable under the terms of this directive or AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Numbers 31 or 95.

3. Nothing in this memorandum will be construed as affecting the controlled allocations of certain types of supplies, made by the AFLR Board, vide Section III, AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 46, 1944. Similarly, it will in no way affect the established policies in regard to captured enemy material or equipment.

METHODS OF PROCUREMENT

4. There are two methods of procurement for supplies and services:

a. Requisition.

b. "Payment in cash" (Purchase or Rental).

5. While this headquarters authorizes "Payments in Cash" as an alternate method of procurement, such action is not to be considered as an indication that the Italian Government is not responsible under the terms of the Armistice to furnish supplies and services to Allied Governments in Italian Territory at the expense of the Italian Government. Procurement by payment in cash is resorted to in general as a matter of expediency in order to insure a continuing supply of essentials necessary for the prosecution of the war effort.

DEFINITIONS OF METHODS OF PROCUREMENT

6. The two methods of procurement are defined as follows:

a. Requisition - The term "Requisition" shall mean the process whereby supplies, equipment, facilities or services needed by one of the

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AFHQ Administrative Memo #21 (Cont'd)

Allied Forces, or the use thereof, are acquired from their owners, regardless of their wishes in the matter or of the price or rental they require, against delivery to them of a requisition receipt note. It is left to the requisitioning authority to decide, in accordance with the terms of this directive whether to determine and pay a fair compensation, in cooperation with AMG/AC representatives wherever possible, or to turn over a copy of the requisition receipt note to the civil government, through such channels as may be directed by the respective forces (United States and British).

b. Payment in Cash - The term "Payment in Cash" shall mean a transaction between the owner of property or the purveyor of a service, or his duly authorized agent, and a purchasing officer of one of the Allied Forces whereby, at a price or rental in conformity with any price restriction measures, etc., in force agreed between proprietor and buyer, the ownership or use of such property is transferred to or the service is received by one of the Allied forces and proprietor is paid in cash.

**REGULATIONS GOVERNING PROCEDURE****7. Requisitions**

a. Procurement by requisitioning will be used to the maximum extent consistent with the policies set forth herein.

b. As requisitioning on the civilian population is apt to be a source of friction and misunderstanding, which can be substantially lessened in many cases by the avoidance of direct dealing between the requisitioning officer and the owner of the property to be requisitioned, arrangements will be made whenever possible whereby the service of requisition orders and the taking of property are effected by recognized local civil officials.

c. The requisitioning procedure will be used for the procurement of all items for which "Payment in Cash" is prohibited by paragraph 9 below.

d. The requisitioning procedure may be used in combat zones in those instances where it is impossible or inconvenient to arrange for purchase or rental. In such instances the requisitioning procedure will provide for prompt settlement of the requisition whenever payment in cash is appropriate as stated in paragraph 8 below.

e. The requisitioning procedure may be used in those cases where the owner cannot be located or ascertained with reasonable certainty or whenever it is considered that the price, rental or other terms asked are unreasonable.

f. Supplies and Services are not to be requisitioned unless strictly required for military purposes, the test being whether, if payment had to be made, the charge would be admissible against public funds.

g. Procurement authorities will normally exercise such authority within the areas of their respective area commands. Procurement by one authority in an area of another command will not be done except with the knowledge and consent of the area commander concerned.

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- 8. Payment in Cash (Purchase or Rental) - "Payment in Cash" is authorized in any of the following cases:
  - a. Small day to day procurements.
  - b. Where this is necessary for operational or security reasons or to insure a continuing supply or
  - c. Where hardship to an individual would result from delay in payment.
- 9. No payment in cash will be made for the following:
  - a. All public property to include supplies and facilities taken over from or owned by and services performed by state or local authorities or state owned enterprises.
  - b. All communications, transportation and utilities including all ports, harbors, POL installations and other services rendered by or the supplies and facilities of concerns engaged in rendering public services.
  - c. Private moveable property except as authorized in paragraph 8 above.
  - d. All fixed assets in real estate including machinery, plant, equipment, etc, installed therein.

**REAL ESTATE**

10. The methods for procurement and payment described above will not be employed in obtaining the use of real estate. The real estate sections and hirings officers of the respective Forces shall continue to acquire buildings, land, and all other types of real estate, including accommodation and furnishings thereof, through the Italian Government Comando Genio Militare.

11. Claims will be processed by the various claims sections and passed to the Italian Government for payment under the system now in operation.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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ALCOM, 24 Feb 1945

- a. Action taken in compliance with this directive inclosing copies of directives issued.
- b. Explanation of circumstances which make it impracticable to adopt prescribed control measures with a statement of what substitute measures are in force.

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3 March 1945.

TO: Director, Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

1. A copy of this letter will be forwarded to each sub-commission under your section.
2. Reports as required in par 4, basic communication, will be forwarded to this headquarters not later than 23 March 1945.

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SUBJECT: Supply Security Control.

TO : President, Allied Commission, Rome.

1. Loss of supplies through pilferage, organized thefts, barter and the illegal diversion of government property, will continue to be an acute command problem so long as the present economic situation in Italy continues. It is an important command responsibility to reduce these losses to a minimum and this will require the continuing attention of all commanders to prevent any relaxation of strict supply-security control measures.

2. The principal contributing factors in the loss of supplies through illegal acts (the phrase 'pilferage' is generally used) are as follows:

- a. Carelessness and looseness of control measures.
- b. Pilferage by civilian population who are destitute.
- c. Dishonest personnel, including laborers, checkers, drivers, guards, etc., whom it is difficult to screen effectively.
- d. A most inviting Black-Market where huge profits prevail.
- e. Pilferage and organized thefts by military personnel and civilians.
- f. Improper loading of trucks and railway cars.

3. There is attached hereto for transmission to each command unit and installation, for the personal attention of commanding officers, a guide for the preparation of Standard Operating Procedures for the safeguarding of U.S. Government Property. This guide will be studied, a review of present control measures conducted, and then such changes will be effected as may be dictated by the resulting comparisons wherein present safeguard measures are not as adequate as those contained in the guide, or where changes are considered impossible or impracticable due to operational demands.

4. It is desired that you call to the attention of your principal subordinate commands the importance of continuing the command attention to the end that high standards may be maintained on supply-security control. A report will be made on 31 March 1945 to the Theater Commander on supply-security control measures to include the following:

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SUPPLY SECURITY

A Guide For the Preparation of Standard  
Operating Procedures for Safe Guarding  
US Government Supplies

(Prepared under the direction of the Provost Marshal General)

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Prevention of Loss by Pilferage - Prevention of loss by pilferage of United States government property is the purpose of these supply security measures. Commanders in all echelons must accept this responsibility. Recommendations gleaned from experiences in active theaters are submitted herewith as guides and assistance to supply security.

Sensitive Supply - Post exchange items, rations, gasoline, liquor, drugs, mail, clothing, personal baggage are the most common items which invite pilferage. Greater guard strength must be assigned to protect these items whether they are stored at docks, depots, dumps, railheads or in transit. Other supplies require constant guard but less personnel and modified general security measures can afford adequate protection.

GENERAL SECURITY MEASURES

1. Fencing - Barbed wire fencing will be erected at installations where its use will prohibit access to sensitive supplies or other pilferable material and equipment. The erection of such barricades for other storage areas and installations will be governed by judgement and the extent of losses experienced. The fence should be of sufficient height, durability, and center spacing, and be independent of buildings, damaged walls or rubble heaps. Open space on each side of fence, no obscured approaches permit guarding from one side. Serpentine rolls should only be used as a temporary expedient -- it has been proven that these can be crushed and an entrance made.

2. Guard Towers - Guard towers should be constructed of sufficient height and platform area to permit a free field of fire and observation.

3. Guards - Spacing of guards on perimeter fencing should be so planned that guards are either within sight or calling distance of each other at all times.

4. Entrances and Exits - Entrances, exits and fence perimeter should be under twenty-four (24) hour guard observation. Entrances and exits to any installation must be kept to a minimum consistent with the operation, size and design of the area, and the road net serving installation. Establishment of "in" and "out" gates is advisable for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The limiting of foot traffic, both in and out, to a single "pedestrian only" opening, provides a maximum in security and pass control. Reduction in the number of exits and entrances, for economy in guard personnel and localization of movement, can be accomplished by the use of double entrances or exits.

5. Flood Lights - All fencing and approach areas should be flood lighted at night where appropriate, except those areas in which black-out is in effect. **ST 30**

6. Traffic Control - Traffic control should consider the following:

a. An uninterrupted in and out flow.

b. Special exits for out loaded vehicles during heavy traffic periods, and the routing of outgoing supplies to these gates for checking. The use by any other traffic should be prohibited.

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c. Designation of emergency gates for incoming and outgoing convoys of troop movements.

d. Army, Navy, Merchant Marine and civilian employees will use designated gates to insure effectiveness of pass system.

7. Pass System - A pass system to deny entrance to all unauthorized individuals should be adopted for all supply installations which prohibits entry, in general, to unauthorized persons. Passes should be issued and accounted for by the Security Officer.

a. A pass bureau should be located at the main "in gates" with trained personnel on twenty-four (24) hour service or on duty during all operational hours.

b. Lesser installations should control entrance to area by installation operational action through issuance of local passes or creation of a recognized identification system.

c. The issuance of photographic passes, due to temporary duration, reduction, and abandonment of installations, is not advocated, yet where practical the added security advantage warrants adoption.

d. Pass authority must be constantly on the person of the holder and be subjected to examination by proper authority at any time. Spot checks and roving inspections should be a continuous process. This procedure offers assurance that no unauthorized persons are in the area.

e. Revision of pass systems is necessary at periodic intervals, constant turnover of civilian employees, unreturned and lost passes, creates its own dangers. No system is wholly fool proof and its effectiveness is dependent on continued instruction, supervision, and checking.

(1) Permanent Passes - Issued for thirty (30), sixty (60) or ninety (90) day periods. Definite expiration dates and dates of renewal are most important. Records of issue, cancellation and expiration must be accurately kept.

(2) General Type Pass - Issued to authorized persons, reduces error and confusion and is good general identification. Distinguishing marks may be employed dependent on whether the installation is a temporary or lengthy operation. These markings may permit persons to enter further restricted areas and also show time of validity of pass.

(3) Photographs - Photographs will be attached to all drivers' licenses of all drivers other than American military personnel.

(4) Visitor's Passes - Must be immediately distinguishable from regular passes and must be surrendered by visitor on departure.

8. Guards and Laborers - A distraction of guards or military police, whose training has been in military police security work, by utilizing same as cargo checkers, tally clerks or inspectors is poor operation. Definite and complete orders must be given to guards. Instruction, const : briefing, and regular inspection by a commissioned officer is an absolute necessity. Italian military or

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civilian guards do not afford the security offered by American personnel. Employment of this type personnel as guards, drivers, etc., may frequently open channels for loss of supplies. Increased American supervision must be provided in such instances. Loading and unloading operations performed by civilian labor or prisoners of war demand constant American supervision and guard. Intentional breakage of packaged goods for later pilferage is a common practice. Damaged and broken packages should be immediately collected and turned in to installation coverage. All installations handling sensitive supplies must have civilians searched before leaving area.

\* 9. Checks and Tallies.

a. Shortages and overages are often the result of error in count. Estimating tonnage or number of packages is forbidden. Responsibility for loss of supplies will be charged to the agency failing to provide sufficient and competent personnel to guard and account for supplies under their control.

b. Checking Errors - Comparison of totals of supplies received with totals shipped is a part of the mechanics of both the transfer of supplies themselves and the responsibility for them. Prompt exchange of data as to type and quantity of all supplies shipped and received must be arranged between shipper and consignee, and immediate action taken to account for all differences. Delay in compiling or exchanging this information may prevent tracing, recovering, or accounting for supplies involved.

10. Port Areas and Associated Railway Marshalling Yards.

a. Security of supply begins on arrival of a ship in port. Discharging and getting supplies out of ports is only a part of the port responsibility. Further responsibilities are accurate checks, tallies, records and guarding of supplies while in the port. Estimation of tonnage denies possibility of correct initial inventory which in turn prohibits accurate future receipts or consumption records. This must be done before opportunity for "shrinkage" occurs. Warehoused or back piles of supplies are a guard and security function of the agency concerned.

b. Joint utilization of a port by agencies not under the control of the Port Commander demands an amicable arrangement for easy identification of said agency employees, also instructive briefing of guard personnel with reference to privilege of said employees.

- c. (1) All items arriving at ports in this theater in charge of Ship's Cargo Security Officers will be considered protected critical cargo.
- (2) Base section and similar commanders will designate a Cargo Security Officer at each port. This officer, or his authorized representative, will contact the Ship's Cargo Security Officer immediately upon arrival in port and arrange to receive security cargo and deliver it to the consignee. If the consignee of any part of the security cargo is located elsewhere, arrangements with the Transportation Officer shall be made to ship it to destination as soon as practicable, consistent with military requirements.

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(3) When a shipment of supplies or equipment from the United States is to be classified and shipped as Protected Critical Cargo, this will be indicated on all requisitions and cables to PEMBARK. When shipments originate in this theater, the shipper will notify the Transportation Officer at the port of loading as to all cargo which is to be shipped in charge of the Cargo Security Officer.

(4) Protected Critical Cargo will be held to a minimum and will be requested only for valuable supplies such as dental gold, medical spirits, narcotics, currency, stamps, watches, medals, decorations and awards, pistols, binoculars and items normally exposed to pilferage because of their usefulness and value to the individual, or where prompt delivery to Supply Services of small packages is necessary.

11. Railways and Marshalling Yards.

a. Operation of railways hauling United States government supplies is often the problem of several agencies. The guarding and security of same has, as war progress expediency, been assigned to allied components. Operation of trains is turned back to civilians at the earliest opportunity and this creates further perplexities. Complete liaison, cooperation, and understanding must be had between American Army agencies, Allied or co-belligerent guards, and civilian railway operating agencies.

b. Inspection of Cars - Preloading inspection of all cars and a report of same is a must. Car load checker may do this in addition to his checking duty and an appropriate entry of car inspection made on tally sheet. Cars should not be accepted or loaded which have holes in the floor, roof or walls unless same are repaired. Emergency use of a damaged car demands assignment of a guard.

c. Improper Loading - Loose and careless loading causes waste space, breakage, loss of supply and is an invitation to pilferage. Load inspection of cars is as fixed a responsibility as the initial tally of contents.

d. Open Cars - No pilferable items will be shipped in open or gondola cars except in extreme emergencies, and in such cases a special guard will be placed on such cars.

e. Grouping of Cars - Grouping of cars containing pilferable merchandise is highly desirable. Wherever possible trains will be made up in such a way as to group together those cars carrying the most highly pilferable items in order to facilitate guarding. Economy of guard personnel is effected and this economy is further aided by planned posting of said guard. Guards riding the caboose or guard escort cars are completely inefficient and this practice is prohibited.

f. Tally Sheets - Tally sheets of car content must be affixed in prominent place on inside wall of car upon completion of loading. The accuracy of this tally is highly important in determining completeness of car content on arrival at its destination.

g. Sealing of Cars - All railroad boxcars will without exception have the doors closed, sealed and fastened securely with no less than 5mm wire or with a bolt the threads of which have been buried after the nut is fastened. When wire is used for seal, a piece about fifteen (15) inches long should be passed through the eye of the car lock. The ends will be drawn together and tightly

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twisted three (3) or four (4) times with a tommy bar. To avoid possibility of the seals being unwound, the ends of the wire will be cut short with a cropper so as to finish together.

h. Cars will be inspected enroute, whenever practicable, to determine if cars have been opened or pilferage has occurred. Appropriate reports will be made when cars are found unsealed or where theft is suspected. Cars will be resealed and relabeled when necessary.

i. Civilians - The carrying of unauthorized civilians on supply trains is prohibited. Where authorized civilians are permitted to ride on supply trains they will not be permitted to ride on cars carrying supplies.

j. Responsibility - Responsibility of supply preceding movement is the absolute responsibility of the source or shipping agency concerned. Checking supplies and furnishing an accurate tally sheet of goods loaded is a part of this responsibility. Railway military police or other railway guards accept the responsibility after the cars are loaded, wired or bolted and sealed. There is a continuing responsibility until the receiving agency physically accepts the car.

12. Vehicle Movement of Supplies.

a. Substantial amounts of truck cargo are lost within the zone of communications through pilferage, theft enroute, hi-jacking, illegal diversion, breakage, careless vehicle handling. Trucks from port installations, dumps, and depots will be moved in small convoys of from three (3) to six (6) vehicles at close interval, one individual being responsible for the movement. Guards will be supplied for these vehicles by the dispatching installation whenever possible and only in exceptional cases will individual vehicles be dispatched. Specific routes will be designated for truck drivers to follow, trucks found off the designated route will be impounded and drivers given immediate trial by courts-martial. All truck loads leaving an installation will be checked by count and not by estimation. Drivers will be responsible for loads on trucks and will inspect and sign for their load before departure. This responsibility remains even though guards are employed.

b. Trucks loaded with sensitive supply, stopped due to mechanical failure or for any reason will have a guard stand by. Frequent change of guards on trucks will be a procedure which discourages guard and driver collusions.

c. Unloading at destination will be accompanied by a check of truck content against load dispatch slip and any discrepancies will be reported immediately.

d. All precautions will be taken against alteration and forging **5137** trip tickets, tallies and other records as well as collusion with hi-jacking gangs. Special and alert attention must be exercised on routes having steep grades, obstructions, one way defiles or heavy traffic to prevent loss of supply.

13. Showdown Inspections of Troops - Special emphasis will be placed upon frequent unannounced showdown inspections of all troops. When such inspections disclose illegal disposition of government property, strict disciplinary action will be taken. Statements of Charges cannot be relied upon as an effective

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deterrent, and will not be used as a substitute for disciplinary action. Publicity programs will be instituted which will effect a wide dissemination to the troops of the results of such disciplinary action.

14. Mobile Road Blocks - To prevent the movement of illegally acquired supplies into black market channels by civilians or soldiers, all major commands will establish mobile road blocks to prevent the passage of pilfered material, AWOLs, stolen vehicles, and vehicles without proper trip tickets. Control points will also inspect all military personnel for passes, and military vehicles for illegal articles. Wherever possible, commanders will secure the cooperation of Italian authorities to have Carabinieri or other Italian police personnel utilized to make similar inspections of civilian vehicles and personnel at these same control points. Military Police patrols will frequently inspect small communities for AWOLs and supply trucks which may be found off the prescribed route to destination.

15. Illegal Disposition of Government Property.

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a. Articles of War 84 and 94 prohibit the sale, wrongful disposition, misappropriation or diversion of United States government property to unauthorized persons. In this connection, particular attention is directed to the fact that abandonment, misappropriation or bartering in any way of Army rations, gasoline and oils, captured material, clothing and equipment and Army Exchange supplies of all types fall under the provisions of these articles and Army Regulations.

b. All military personnel who observe any act of abandonment, pilferage or illegal diversion of United States government property will, without delay, apprehend the offender, obtain the name, grade, organization and serial number of the offender. They will also obtain similar information concerning witnesses, if any, and submit a detailed report of the incident to the appropriate commander having courts-martial jurisdiction. If apprehension is not possible, all information available will be obtained, and a similar detailed report of the incident will be made. The information obtained from military offenders will be checked against their War Department Identification Cards and Tugs. When there is no doubt as to the veracity of information given, the individual will be turned over to the Military Police.

c. Negligence on the part of any United States military personnel in reporting crimes of this nature will be considered dereliction of duty and will be punished accordingly.

d. All commanders having courts-martial jurisdiction will issue such additional instructions as may be necessary to enforce compliance with the foregoing and will take strict disciplinary action in all cases.

16. Reports.

a. Incidents of major pilferage will be immediately reported to the Provost Marshal General, this headquarters, by cable. Reports will contain the following: date, time, name or number of installation and location, type of supplies indicating the amount and value; brief resume surrounding loss; action initiated and date thereof and the results obtained as of the time report was rendered. Weekly letter reports on progress will also be rendered. These reports are required when supply loss is \$100.00 or more in value.

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- b. Further required is a letter report as of the 20th of each month, to arrive not later than the 28th, showing all other pilferage not reported by cable and containing the same type information as required in cable reports.

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