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From:- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
c/o Allied Military Government,
NAPLES COMMUNE, A.F.O. 594.

To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, ROME.
(Att. W/Cdr. Knowles).

Date:- 12th May, 1945.

Ref :- AFSC/N/023/16/Eng.

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AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

File copy. I don't think there is any more material in this case as on the matter. It is by agreement that will be done right.

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<u>Quantity.</u>	<u>Items.</u>
2,200 lbs.	Rods, aluminium, (round and flat).
400 lbs.	Rods, duralumin (round and flat).
400 lbs.	Pieces, angular duralumin (rounds and flat).
1,750 lbs.	Rods, iron, diameter: 26 mm.
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70 feet.	Cable, covered, assorted.
170 feet.	Tubing rubber, for oxygen welding apparatus.
100	Files, assorted.
10	Bearings, ball, dimensions: 30 x 12 x 7.
10	Bearings, ball, dimensions: 22 x 7 x 7.
2,000 lbs.	Iron Rods (round and flat).

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From : Headquarters,
No. 214 Group, R.A.F. C.M.F.

To : Air Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Control Commission.

Date : 21st June, 1944.

Ref : 214G/3420/2/E5A

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