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ALFA ROMEO, HELICOPTER
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel. 473903

8 February 1946

SUBJECT : Construction of Aircraft.

TO : Italian Air Ministry.

1. Your request to allow the Alfa Romeo Workshops to construct a helicopter cannot be authorized at this time (Ref. 370095/ST.3/1/45/Call. dated 2 February 1946).

2. It appears that several companies or industries are wanting to construct various types of experimental aircraft at this time. It is my belief that some of these companies are doing so with the idea of building up a profitable aircraft industry. In my opinion they will more likely lose than gain, especially with the uncertainty of the future for aviation in Italy. I suggest, for obvious reasons, that you discourage the construction of various untried and untested aircraft.


WILLIAM L. LEE
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Deputy Director

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From: Stato Maggiore R.A. III Rep-Servizi
Sezione Tecnica - Rome

To: Air Forces Sub Commission, A. C., Rome

Date: 2nd February, 1946

Ref: 370095/ST.3/1/465 Coll

RE/ ALFA ROMEO HELICOPTER.

1. At Alfa Romeo workshops, Engineers DE CARIA & GATTI have completed projects of a helicopter which would have the following general characteristics:

Weight (Empty)	Kgs. 700
Total Weight	" 1000
Seats	Nos. 2
Undercarriage	Tricycle
Engine	Alfa 115
Power	H.P. 190
Support	2 Counter-rotating rotors.

2. Alfa Romeo firm would have the intention to commence construction of this helicopter only for experimental purposes.

3. In consideration that, it would be permitted for the above works to keep concrete elements for a possible future air force activity, employing a part of skilful men thus preserving their specialisation; it is kindly requested that the Air Forces Sub-Commission authorize this construction in exception to the restrictive provisions now in force.

4. We kindly await your decision in this respect.

CHIEF OF STAFF

(Sgd) Gen. AIMONE CAT.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Milan
To : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
Date : 21st January 1946
Ref. : AFSC/M 827/Eng

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Enclosed for your information is the translation of a letter on the above subject from Gen Biffi to the Stato Maggiore, Regia Aeronautica.

2. Two representatives of the Alfa Romeo firm called at this office on 17th January 1946, requesting authorisation for construction of this helicopter.

3. They were informed that there was very little possibility of authorisation being granted at the present moment, but that if drawings and a regular application were submitted these could be forwarded to the proper quarter.

4. No written application has yet been received and no work has been commenced on the helicopter, which exists only in the drawing-board stage.



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AFSC MILAN

From: Comando Generale Alta Italia
To: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica
Date: 17th January 1946
Ref.: 281-037/088/Coll/3

HELICOPTER ALFA ROMEO

The Alfa Romeo have projected the construction of a helicopter. Designers:- Ing. De Caria - Ing. Catti.
They wish to be authorised to start construction just for experimental purposes.

The firm thus tends to prepare the groundwork for a possible future aeronautical activity. At the same time a certain number of skilled workers would find employment and the means of keeping constant practice in their specialised trade. A few points on the projected a/c:-

WEIGHT: 700 kgs empty - 1000 kgs. total weight
TWO SEATER
TRICYCLE UNDERCARRIAGE
150 HP (Alfa Romeo 115)
TWO ENGINE

With reference to the present restrictions in force it is requested that the Stato Maggiore authorise this construction. Considering the purely experimental and under some aspects almost private nature of the construction it is thought that no serious difficulties would arise to prevent the request from being approved especially also as such an activity is of interest to the Air Ministry.

Gen. Biffi

and for information to: AFSC MILAN

