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JET PROPELLED TORPEDOES
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M. 1

Director

In view of the correspondence that has gone on for a matter of two years on the subject of Jet Propelled Torpedoes it is suggested a very strong line be taken with the Ministry concerned. May I suggest a letter signed by yourself on the following lines be sent.

JET PROPELLED TORPEDOES

Reference my letter AFSC/827/ENG dated 11th June, 1946 (with enclosures) and your replies SERV/370712/ST/4/2325 Coll, dated 26th June, 1946 and RS/2088/ARM/2501 Coll, dated 10th July, 1946 on the above mentioned subject. In view of the fact that correspondence requesting details of these weapons and requests for drawings has gone on for two years it is considered that every effort has not been made to supply the required information.

In the afore mentioned correspondence requests have been made for information and particulars. I am now compelled to demand that the information required by higher authority be supplied immediately.

19th July, 1946.

H. THOMPSON WG/CDR.
CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER.

2.

C.T.O. Ref 15^A, on the 4th or 5th Nov. please telephone Minister's Cabinet or Liaison Section & find out when an answer from C.N.A. (Sec 13^A para 5) may be expected & remind them that under his Armistice Terms his Allies have the right to 'demand' the information required & the C.N.A. should 'demand' them from his firm.

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Cob PORRU.

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DIRECTOR.M. 3.

Reference enclosures 17A & 17B. It would appear that we can get no further information from the I AM as their experimental torpedoes were destroyed & presume at Guidonia.

The question of endeavoring to get further information seems to be the responsibility of the Royal Navy.

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A. Thompson by line
C.T.O.

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From:- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.
To :- Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.
Date:- 14th November, 1946.
Ref :- AFSC/34.1/EEC.

SELF PROPELLED TORPEDOES.

Reference your P.O.L.I. 1149/5 (b)., dated 28th October, 1946 and previous correspondence please see attached copy of a letter received from the National Aeronautical Company without comment from the Italian Air Ministry.

2. It seems to us that we can get no further in obtaining information from the Italian Air Ministry as their experimental torpedoes were destroyed at Guidonia which was finally wrecked by the Germans.

3. I am at a loss as to what further action to take, I do think it is no use using the Italian Air Ministry as a intermediary.

I.E.B.
I.E. BRODIE,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

C.I.O. *16-51*
S.I.O. *8/11 19/11*

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FROM : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY. Minister's Cabinet, Rome.
TO : A.F.S.C., A.C., Rome.
Date : 5th November, 1946.
Ref. : 29360/3702 Coll.

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Self-propelled Torpedoes.

Reference para 5 of our letter No. 26690 dated 14th October 1946, we enclose herewith copy of the letter received from the National Aeronautical Company.

Chief of Cabinet
(Col. M. Porru)

Translated by Sgt. Cumbo.

C O P Y

TRANSLATED BY SER. CULRO.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICAL COMPANY.

Rome, Largo dei Lombardi 21.

TO : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY, Armament and Munitions.
General Directorate, Research Section, Rome.

23rd October, 1946.

Reference your letter No. RS 2443 dated 17th October 1946.

We would like to inform you that we were invited as far back as September 1944, by the Information Office of the British Navy to supply details of the light R. type torpedoes. After supplying the summarised details and assembly drawings, the British Admiralty favoured an experimental test on 20 torpedoes which were to be constructed by our firm and invited us to formulate an offer.

In April 1945 we presented the offer of the 20 experimental torpedoes requesting the Admiralty to contribute in supplying raw materials for a number of semi-completed torpedoes and supply also part of the machinery required for the construction as it was at the time impossible to obtain these in Italy.

~~Our~~ offer also included the conditions of supply in which it was also stabilised that on conclusion of the contract a copy of the construction drawings were to be handed over to the Admiralty.

The scheme was for a considerable time under examination by ^{the} Admiralty and after proposing certain amendments, partly accepted by us, the final scheme was drawn up in June 1945.

Due to the long period of time which elapsed despite ~~our~~ our hasteners, the Admiralty Office in Rome, informed us that the delay in the decision was caused by the fact that the sum required for the experimental material was in excess to the figure laid down and that the Admiralty had to obtain the necessary authority from the Superior Council of the British Navy before undertaking any engagements.

A reply was awaited from the Admiralty in order to start the preparation of the new construction drawings as the preceding drawings available on the airport where the experimental torpedoes were constructed on behalf of the Air Ministry, were destroyed during war operations.

On the 25th November, 1945, the British Navy "FOIL" Office ¹⁰⁰¹401 Rome wrote us a letter saying that they had been instructed by the Commander in Chief in the Mediterranean to inform us that the British Admiralty did not intend to effect the contract for the time being.

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Thus the long negotiations came to an end and the preparation of the new series of drawings did not take place, especially due to the fact that our technicians meanwhile, basing themselves on the results obtained during the experiments made with models and complete experimental torpedoes on behalf of the Air Ministry, had intended to effect certain improvements on the weapon.

The failure in concluding the contract does not appear to us to be caused by the excessive price requested, as this question was never brought up by the Admiralty who was only interested in meeting the cost in Italian Lira instead of sterling. This condition of payment was immediately accepted by us.

Apart from any question of procedure, even if so desired, the construction drawings could not be supplied as they do not exist, while the assembly drawings were left in the hands of the Office with whom negotiations were exchanged.

With best regards.

The Advisory Delegate
S. ~~SECRET~~ Illegible

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Divisione

B. N. 2

B.

Allegati

Rispondere al p. N. 2

del

OGGETTO: Siluri a propulsione.

A scioglimento della riserva contenuta nel paragrafo 5) del foglio n° 26690 datato 14 ottobre 1946, si trasmette l'unita copia di lettera pervenuta dalla Compagnia Nazionale Aeronautica.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO



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Il pugno fuffino per ogni lettera in stile agiografico e condanne nella riposta
il Lib. fuffino in fuffino a me se agiografico

B. N. 2

C O P I A

COMPAGNIA NAZIONALE AERONAUTICA

Roma - Largo dei Lombardi n. 21

On. MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA

Direzione Generale delle Armi
e delle Munizioni - Reparto Studi -
R O M A

VS/ RIFER.

NS/ PROT.

NS/ SIGLA

DATA

Roma 23 Ottobre 1946

OGGETTO:

Accusiamo ricevuta del foglio n.RS 2243 del 17

corr.

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L'esame dello schema da noi presentato all'Ammiragliato richiese lungo tempo e furono proposte modifiche in parte da noi accettate e nel Giugno fu redatto lo schema definitivo.

Dato il lungo tempo intercorso per avere una risposta ai nostri solleciti, l'Ufficio dell'Ammiragliato di Roma, comunicò che il ritardo nella decisione dipendeva dal fatto che essendo l'ammontare della fornitura sperimentale superiore alla cifra massima per la quale l'Ammiragliato poteva assumere impegni occorrevano l'autorizzazione del Consiglio Superiore della Marina Inglese.

Si attendeva tale risposta per iniziare la preparazione dei nuovi disegni costruttivi, poichè i precedenti esistevano presso l'aeroporto che servirono alla costruzione dei siluri sperimentali eseguiti per conto di codesto Ministero, andarono distrutti in seguito ai noti eventi bellici.

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Senonchè in data 25 novembre 1945 l'Ufficio FOIL di Roma della Marina Inglese ci scriveva di avere avuto incarico dal Comandante in Capo del Mediterraneo di informarci che l'Ammiragliato Britannico non intendeva per il momento fare il contratto.

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Si chiuse così la lunga trattativa e la preparazione della nuova serie dei disegni non ebbe più luogo, tanto più che nel frattempo i nostri tecnici, tenendo conto dei risultati delle esperienze fatte simulacri e sui siluri completi sperimentali per conto di codesto Ministero avevano intenzione di apportare delle modifiche tendenti al perfezionamento dell'arma.

La mancata conclusione della fornitura non ci sembra che possa attribuirsi al prezzo eccessivo da noi richiesto, poichè tale questione non è stata mai sollevata dall'Ammiraglio che mostrò soltanto il desiderio di corrispondere il prezzo in lire italiane anzichè in sterline, condizione che fu subito da noi accettata.

A prescindere pertanto da ogni questione di diritto, anche volendo, i disegni costruttivi non potrebbero essere consegnati in quanto non esistono, mentre i disegni d'insieme presentati sono rimasti nelle mani dell'Ufficio con cui si svolsero le trattative.

Con osservanza

IL CONSIGLIERE DELEGATO
F.to Illeggibile

P.C.C.

MEMO

16A.

5th November 1946.

The S.I.O spoke by phone to the Chief of the Cabinet. Col PORRO as instructed in Minute 2.

Col PORRO stated he understood the position, and would endeavour to get the required information sent to this office as early as possible.

He also stated that the required information had at some previous date been passed to the Allied Commission. (by the C.N.A. firm)

There is no trace of it having been received by either the Naval S.C. or A.F.S.C.

J. Thompson by car.
C.T.O.

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The Flag Officer,
Liaison, Italy,
ROME.

28th October, 1946.

No. F.O.L.I. 1149/5 (b).

THE AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

JET PROPELLED LIGHT WEIGHT TORPEDOES.

16A
Receipt of your letter No. AFSC/841/ENG,
dated 18th October, 1946, is acknowledged. As this
matter has been outstanding for two years, I would
be grateful if you continued to press the Air Ministry
for early production of the required drawings.

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S. J. Richardson

CAPTAIN, ROYAL NAVY
for REAR-ADMIRAL
(On leave).

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The Flag Officer,
Liaison, Italy,
ROME.

28th October, 1946.

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THE AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION,
ARMED COMMISSION.

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(Signed) S. N. BLACKBURN

CAPTAIN, ROYAL NAVY
For REAR-ADMIRAL
(On leave).

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From : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. ROME
 To : OFFICE OF THE FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY, ROME
 Date : 18th October 1946
 Ref. : AFSC/841/ENG.

JET PROPELLED LIGHT WEIGHT TORPEDOES

Reference your letter No M.Q.L.I. 1149/5 dated
 26th September 1946.

Herewith a copy of the latest letter received
 from the Italian Air Ministry on the above men-
 tioned subject.

for

H. Thompson to file

H. THOMPSON W. CIR.
 AIR VICE MARSHALL
 DIRECTOR
 AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION

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From : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY
Minister's Cabinet, Rome

To : A.F.S.C. A.C. Rome

Date : 14th October 1946

Ref. : 26690/3493 Coll.

Subject : SELF - PROPELLED TORPEDOES

Reference your letter 341/ENG. dated 9th October 1946 on the above mentioned subject.

2. I would like to point out that this Ministry took an interest in the matter only from the 11th June 1946, and that previous correspondence had been exchanged with the Naval Ministry.

3. After an accurate check no trace of past correspondence on the matter has been found in the Air Ministry's Archives. It has been ascertained however, from statement made by personnel who at one time dealt with the matter, that the studies on self-propelled torpedoes, on the 8th September 1943, were still in their initial phase and the results of the first experiments made gave our technicians grounds to doubt the practical use of the weapon.

4. During the events following the 8th September 1943, the drawings and models of the weapon were destroyed beyond any hope of trace.

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6. I would like to assure you however that according to the opinion of the Ministry's technicians, the invention has very few practical possibilities, in as much as, had there been any hope in it's practical use, the Ministry would have, at the time, directly informed the A.F.S.C.

THE MINISTER

(Doct. MARIO CINCOLANO)

Adm.

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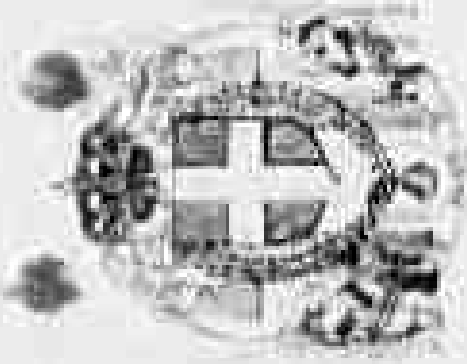
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Translated by Sgt. CUMBO

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Ministro dell'Interno

GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO

3498 Colle.

OGGETTO Siluri a propulsione

AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION
(tramite Ufficio Collegamenti)

R O M A

Mi riferisco alla lettera n°841 ENG, del 9 corrente, sull'oggetto sopra indicato.

2. Ritengo opportuno precisare che questo Ministero è stato interpellato alla questione solo dall'11 giugno c.a. e che la precedente corrispondenza era stata svolta col Ministero della Marina.

3. Sono state fatte accurate ricerche negli archivi di questo Ministero allo scopo di rintracciare i precedenti della questione, ma senza alcun pratico risultato. Si è solo accertato, attraverso dichiarazioni del personale che a suo tempo se ne interessò, che gli studi relativi all'arma, oggetto dell'interessamento di codesta Sottocommissione, alla data dell'8 settembre 943 erano ancora all'inizio ed i primi esperimenti fatti avevano lasciato i tecnici alquanto perplessi su di una pratica utilizzazione.

4. Durante gli avvenimenti susseguitisi all'8 settembre 943, i disegni ed i simulacri dell'arma andarono distrutti e non se ne è trovata traccia alcuna.

5. La Ditta C.N.A. è stata invitata a presentare a questo Ministero altra copia dei disegni in questione e non appena avrà ottemperato alla richiesta verrà provveduto ad inviarli a codesta A.F.S.C.

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Proposta di legge
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IL MINISTRO

Marino

(12A)

From:- Director, Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome.
 To :- The Air Minister, Italian Air Ministry.
 Date:- 9th October, 1946.
 Ref :- AFSC/241/ENG.

THE HONORABLE MEMBERS.

Reference by letter AFSC/827/ENG., dated 11th June, 1946 ^{5A} ^{8A}
 (with enclosures) and your replies AFSC/370712/31/1/2525 Coll., dated ^{10A}
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 every effort has not been made to supply the required information.

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 for information and particulars. I am now compelled to ask that the
 information required be supplied immediately. I must add that I am
 being hard pressed for this information.

P.T.O. 2. 18.5
 D.D. 7th Nov 1946



L.S. BRIGGS,
 AIR VICE MARSHAL,
 DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

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Office of the Flag Officer,
Liaison, Italy,
ROME.

26th September, 1946.

No. F.O.L.I. 1149/5.

CHIEF, AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

JET-PROPELLED LIGHT WEIGHT TORPEDOES.

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With reference to my letter No. F.O.L.I. 1149/5, dated 3rd June, 1946, and subsequent hasteners since the Italian Ministry for Air has not yet delivered the plans referred to it is requested that you will again represent the matter as strongly as possible to the Ministry with a view to their producing the required drawings.

2. If the plans cannot be delivered immediately I should be grateful for any information you can give me which might show that the Ministry is endeavouring to obtain them so that a report may be made to higher authority.



Blh amr:
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REAR ADMIRAL.

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FROM : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY REP. STUDI
TO : A.F.S.C. A.C. ROME
DATE : 10th JULY 1946
REF : RS/2088/ARM/2501 Coll

JET PROPELLED LIGHT WEIGHT TORPEDOES

With reference to your letter AFSC/827/ENG and enclosure dated 11th June 1946.

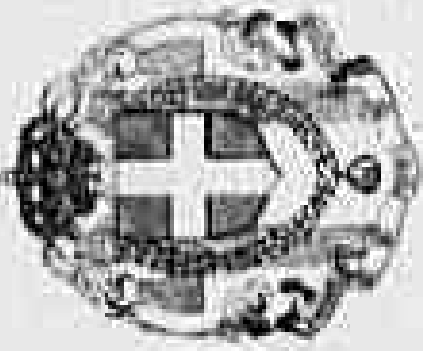
This General Directorate is endeavouring to meet what requested and information will be given as soon as possible.

GENERAL DIRECTOR
(GENERAL D.A. E. BIZZARRI)

Translated by Sgt. MULL



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Ministro dell'Armamento

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE ARMI
E DELLE MUNIZIONI
- Reparto Studi-
Strutture

Prot. N. 1288/ARMS/leggi 2501 Coll. Risposte al Fed. 24/2

OCCETTO Siluri leggeri con propulsione a getto -

A L' A.E.S.C. - A.S.C.

R O M A

(Tramite Ufficio Collegamento)
Gabinetto del Ministro

S E D E

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Si prega di restituire ogni foglio annesso al documento e di restituire il foglio originale al mittente.

- Con riferimento a quanto comunicato con foglio ATSC/827/ENG. in data 11 giugno 1946, e nei fogli allegati, questa Direzione Generale si sta interessando per quanto richiesto, e fa riserva di dare quanto prime comunicazioni in merito. -

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

(GENERALE B.A. - E. BIZZARRI)

E. Bizzarri

Gabinetto del Ministro

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E D E M U N I Z I O N I

- Rapporto Studi -

Dott. A. RS/2888/ATC/Magali 8501 Coll. Dispositivi del

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

(CENTRALE B.A. - E. BIZZARRI)



La copia dell'originale, che viene in tal modo conservata e custodita, è sottoposta a controllo e a revisione da parte dell'Ufficio di controllo.

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, A. C., Rome
To : Office of the Flag Officer, Liaison, ITALY. Rome
Date : 5th July, 1946
Ref : AFSC/841/ENG.

JET PROPELLED LIGHT WEIGHT TORPEDOES.

Further to your letters F.O.L.I. 1149/5/ dated 3rd and 19th June, 1946.

Herewith copy of latest reply from the Italian Air Ministry.

Any further communications will be forwarded to your office when received.

H. Thompson WG/CDR.

for, H. THOMPSON WG/CDR.
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION.

Encl: 1

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*Note. Make to be addressed on this subject 10.7.46
he will try to get some action to produce plans etc
J. H. Thompson*

From: Stato Maggiore, R. Aeronautica, III REPARTO-SERVIZI, ROME
To : Air Forces Sub Commission, A. C., Rome
Date: 26th June, 1946
Ref : SERV/370712/ST.4/4/2325 Coll.

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JET PROPELLER LIGHT TORPEDOES.

Instructions have been given to the Armament Organisation
in order to conform with the request as per your letter
AFSC/827/Eng dated 11th June, 1946.

Tr. Sgt. ELLUL A.

THE CHIEF OF STAFF
(Sgd) Gen. M. AIMONE-CAT.

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STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA
IN REPARTO - SERVIZI
Sezione Tecnica

Roma, li 26/6/46. - *SP*

Paletti
ALL' A.C. - A.F.S.C.
(tramite Ufficio di Collegamento)

ROMA

Prot. n° SERV/340-7121/ST. 4/4 2325 C.C.

OGGETTO: Siluri leggeri con propulsione a getto.-

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Abbiamo dato disposizioni alla Direzione Arma-
mento, affinché sia provveduto con urgenza all'evasione
della vostra richiesta dell'11 Giugno 1946 - Prot. n° AFSC/
827/Eng.-

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen. S.A. - M. Ajmone Cat)

M. Ajmone Cat

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From: Air Forces Sub Commission, A. C., Rome
To : Office of the Flag Officer, Liaison, ITALY. Rome
Date: 22nd June, 1946
Ref : AFSC/841/ENG.

JET PROPELLED LIGHT WEIGHT TORPEDOES.

Reference your letter F.O.L.I. 1149/5 dated 3rd and 19th June, 1946.

Herewith copy of a letter addressed to Italian Air Ministry on 11th June, 1946. 5A

No reply has been received to date.

The Italian Air Force Liaison Officer has been reminded of the urgency of this matter.

Encl: 1

for,

H. Thompson
H. THOMPSON WG/CDR.
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR, 1262
AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION.

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Office of the Flag Officer,
Liaison, Italy,
ROME.

19th June, 1946.

No.F.O.L.I. 1149/5.

CHIEF, AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

JET PROPELLED LIGHTWEIGHT TORPEDOES.

It is requested that I may be informed
whether any reply can now be made to my letter
No.F.O.L.I. 1149/5, dated 3rd June, 1946.



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R. L. Ham

REAR ADMIRAL.

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. ROME.
To : Italian Air Ministry -
Stato Maggiore.
Date : 11th June, 1946.
Ref. : AFSC/827/Eng.

JET PROPELLED LIGHT WEIGHT TORPEDOES

The enclosed correspondence from the Navy Sub-Commission to the Ministry of Marine have been forwarded to this Sub-Commission.

2. The "Compagnia Nazionale Aeronautica" is dependent to the Air Ministry, it is therefore requested that you deliver to us the full manufacturing drawings of the torpedoes referred to as soon as possible.

3. To be treated as urgent, this matter has been outstanding since 1944.

A. C. Salter 1258
A. C. SALTER, S/LDE.,
AIR VICE MARSHAL,
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

Office of the Flag Officer,
Liaison, Italy,
ROME.

3rd June, 1946.

No. F.O.L.I. 1149/5.

CHIEF, AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

JET PROPELLED LIGHTWEIGHT TORPEDOES.

Copies of my letter No.F.O.L.I.1149/5, dated 31st March, 1946, and subsequent correspondence with the Ministry of Marine are forwarded herewith.

2. It is requested that the Italian Ministry for Air may be pressed to deliver to me the full manufacturing drawings of the Torpedoes referred to as soon as possible for the information of Their Lordships observing that this matter has been outstanding since September 1944.

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W. H. H. H.

PEAR ADMIRAL.

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2. Translation of Ministry of Marine's letter No.B3904, dated 16th April, 1946.
3. Copy of Flag Officer Liaison, Italy's letter No.F.O.L.I.

3rd June, 1946.

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4. Translation of Ministry of Marine's letter No.B4026, dated 24th April, 1946.
5. Translation of Ministry of Marine's letter No.B4814, dated 18th May, 1946.

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Office of the Flag Officer,
Liaison, Italy,
ROME.

31st March, 1946.

No. F.O.L.I. 1149/5.

THE MINISTRY OF MARINE,
ROME.

CONTRACT FOR LIGHT WEIGHT JET-PROPELLED TORPEDO.

Considerable correspondence concerning the production of a light weight jet-propelled torpedo designed by the Compagnia Nazionale Aeronautica has taken place with the British Admiralty and with the firm concerned. The Admiralty have stated that in view of the excessively high price asked by the firm they are not willing to proceed further with the production of these weapons.

2. I have, however, been instructed by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, to ask that the full manufacturing drawings which the firm intended to use be made available for inspection by the Admiralty in accordance with the terms of the Armistice. My letter No.L.260/4, dated 30th September, 1944, and your reply No.830/F.O., dated 26th October, 1944, refer.

3. With reference to your statement in your letter quoted that "it is purely a private invention and one in which we have no authority to intervene" I have to point out that in the view of the Allied Authorities, Articles 10 and 15 of the "Additional Terms of Surrender" places an obligation upon your Government to compel the Compagnia Nazionale Aeronautica to hand over the plans required. I am to add that your Government possesses power to do this under a law of 1939 (T.U.1127 dated 29th June, 1939, Article 60).

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4. I should therefore be glad if you would take the necessary steps to obtain the plans referred to and forward them to me. Your early action in this matter would be appreciated.

(Sgd.) G.L. WARREN.
REAR ADMIRAL.

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From: MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (Cabinet)
To : P.C.I.P. -
Date: 16th April 1946
Ref.: B.3904

Subject: Jet propelled light torpedo.

Reference letter No. POLI 1149/5 dated 31st March 1946.

1. As previously informed in letter No. 330/50 dated 26th October 1944, this Ministry has never had any contact with the National Aeronautical Company, as we have never been interested in the small torpedo C.M.A. Type B which was to be fired from an aircraft.
2. An enquiry was immediately addressed to the Air Ministry to inform us if they were, and still are, in contact with the National Aeronautical Company, because if this is the case, they would be the competent Ministry to deal with the request contained in para. 1 of your letter.
3. I will forward you the information as soon as received from the Air Ministry, presuming that they have been approached on the matter, through the A.S.S.C.

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CHIEF OF MISSION



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Office of the Flag Officer,
Liaison, Italy,
ROME.

11th May, 1946.

No. F.O.L.I. 1149/5.

THE MINISTRY OF MARINE,
ROME.

JET PROPELLED LIGHT TORPEDO.

With reference to your letter No.B3904,
dated 16th April, 1946, it is requested that I
may be informed whether the plans in question
can now be forwarded to me.

(Sgd.) G.L. WARREN.
REAR ADMIRAL.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 18th May 1946
Ref.: 4814 - Encl. No.1

Jet propelled light torpedo

With reference to letter 1149/5 dated 11th May 1946, we inform you that attached to our letter B.4026 dated ~~11th May 1946~~ 24 de April, 1946 of which we enclose a copy, we have already sent F.O.L.I. the conditions by which the "Compagnia Nazionale Aeronautica" is dependent to the Ministry for Air, with whom we suggested you should make contact.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET



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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 24th April 1946
Ref.: B.4026

Subject: Jet propelled light torpedo

Further to my letter B.3904 of 16th April 1946.

1. The Ministry of Air has informed me that in 1943 its Directorate General for Armaments and Munitions gave the firm "Compagnia Nazionale Aeronautica" 6 models of small reaction-propelled torpedoes and 6 prototypes.

The models were experimented with at Vigna di Valle but the result was not very satisfactory. The prototypes, on 8th Sept. 1943, were still under construction and thus were not tested.

2. The Ministry for Air being the only one of the 3 Service Ministries which has had contact with the "Compagnia Nazionale Aeronautica" concerning the construction and use of this type of light, jet-propelled torpedo, I suggest that it would be opportune to communicate directly with them regarding what has been asked for in your letter F.O.L.I. 1149/5 of 31st March 1946.

Sgd. THE MINISTER

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