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UNIT & LOCAL DEFENSE, IAF  
SEPT. 1945 - JAN. 1947

on 16.

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20.6.48.

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S.E.O.

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20.6.48.

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S.D.

17.

SEGO  
Ref M 16

The A.O.C. is in favour.

Please obtain details required in Para 2 of 29A  
from Org I. and draft a letter for the A.O.C. in  
my signature.

W. J. M. G. H.  
21/6/48

M 15

S. E. G. O.

Ref Win '4.

1. I don't agree. Looking through this file I find that the question, whether or not the I.A.F. <sup>should</sup> have arms to the scale they desired, depended upon our reply to Enclosure 29A. dated 18 April.
- Have we replied?
2. Sam of the opinion that the IAF are under armed. To compare the I.A.F. <sup>percentage</sup> armament with the RAF armament concerning very little as in England we do not expect local trouble and have an efficient police force for home protection.
3. However the A.O.E. might not want to pursue this matter although General Lee wrote a fairly strong letter (25A) on 15 April.
4. You should also note in 43A that the Assistant Chief of Staff (CS) letter was sent

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4. You should also note in 43A that the  
Assistant Chief of Staff (C-5) letter was sent  
to our Sub Committee for information.  
It is unknown from his letter that he expected  
the I.A.F. to be ready in an emergency  
and then should give us a letter to ask  
for a personal issue of arms.

5. Comment upon my Para 1. before I ask the A.O.E.  
for a letter  
Lefmann 20/6/46

M. 12.

S.S.O. / Ref. C. 145A

The demand for a further 1000 guns would appear to be excessive and is forwarded for your comments.

18-6-46  
C. 145A

M. 13.

S.E.P.O.

Ref. M. 12.

The I.A.F. are inadequately armed when compared with the Italian Army. I recommend this purchase. Do we have 15 go through conversion for automation?

18-6-46  
C. 145A

M. 14.

S.S.O.

Ref. minute 13.

You can see at enclosure 18B the quantities of small arms held by the I.A.F. Their request for automatic rifles and pistols was cut down and then submitted to HQ and AFHQ. It was not sanctioned. After considerable trouble authority was obtained for the I.A.F. to purchase 108 sub-machine guns - a request which was originally forwarded by yourself from Milan.

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S.Eg.O.

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S.S.O.

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It seems to me taking things into consideration that the present request is unnecessary and is in any case almost certain to be turned down by AFHQ. to show it must be presented.

On this Force has no need to be armed to the same scale as an Army. At the present time sufficient arms are held to equip 50% of IAF personnel, On top of which until a final personnel ceiling is promulgated and a definite scale of arms decided upon it seems unnecessary for the IAF to have extra arms even if AFHQ could be persuaded to let them. Shall

MIN 9S.S.O.

Ref encl 16A. in view of the fact that we  
will be obtaining shortly from the I.A.M. a consolidated  
list of requirements (see encl 12A) I suggest we take  
no further action on Milan's request.

R. C. C. C.  
EQUIPMENT

7/2.

10S.E.O.

Ref 16A and your minute 9 above the matter of arms for 1<sup>st</sup> Z.A.T.  
has been hanging fire too long to delay things further by awaiting the  
report on the overall small arms situation in the I.A.F. Will you please  
take steps to find out how we can get the arms released that  
are mentioned in enclosure 16A.

7 Nov, 46.

W.N. Borden W/COR  
S.S.O.

A/C. Thanks 9/11/6

Reference 43A and your note, I have heard nothing of this, but will  
institute enquiries and inform you of the outcome.

M. C. C.  
S.O.

6/6/46

Min 6S.E.O.

1. Ref Min 5 which I assume refers to para 3 of enc 6<sup>th</sup>.
2. The P.A.M. requested a large allocation of small arms some 3 weeks<sup>ago</sup> representing the impossibility of providing arms for guards from their own reserves. The matter is mainly one of policy however i.e. to what degree should R.A. be armed. On P.O.C.'s instructions I am finding out how many small arms the F.A. possess and shall then attempt to obtain their minimum requirements.

*Col. J. J. J. J.*  
*W.C.*

S. E. J. J. J. J.

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S.E.O.7.

Further to your Min 6 above please see 9A & 10 A. Do we yet have any information about I.A.F. Stocks of S.A.A. for ground use? If the I.A.F. are in need of further stocks from Allied sources can you get them to submit their case in chapter and verify to enable us to bid against N.A.I.A. It is obviously essential that the I.A.F. are possessed of adequate means of self defence and defence of property in case of civil disturbances, and the question is therefore not altogether academic or without urgency.

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Carl M. Doherty  
W.C.

S. Lyman. D.

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S.E.O.

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to Dec 14/45.

W.A.B. under info.

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S.E.O.

Reference min 7.

I have already asked the Air Ministry to give us  
their complete stocks of ammo. small arms, rifles etc  
as soon as they reply. I'll let you know  
D. M. Doherty W.C.

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D.D.  
A.G.C.

Ref 1A

Min 1.

I would like your decision on the point before applying. The request seems necessary reasonable.

RDC

Min 2

Brassard. Sp. Org.

From what I have heard from civilian sources, it is dangerous to travel any place in Halap at night due to bandits. It is recommended to believe that they will attack JAF vehicles also. I recommend that the JAF be allowed to place adequate guards on all their M.T.

~~W.D. D.O.~~

Min 3.

D.D. <sup>Sp. Org.</sup>

Ref Min 2, I raised the subject at this morning's

weekly V.P.'s Conference. It was decided that it would

be a good thing to arm convoys provided arms are

not used to civilian Will you therefore

please inform Lt. I.A.D.

3/10.

Ref 2890  
RDC

ML

Appr. Approved 18/26/10

Please see enclosure 3 A. I propose to authorize approval 1st ZAT's request and get I.A.M. to take action

25 Oct 45

W.D.B. <sup>Sp.</sup>

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3/10.

W.F. 2894  
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ML

Doc. Approved 11/10/61

Please see enclosure 3 A. I propose to authorize approval  
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25 Oct, 45.

MS.

W.F.B. 560.

A 6A. In view of para 3 A of enclosure 3A it looks  
 like the difficult position of the I.A.F. as regards  
 1st out 20 A.F.S.C. Perhaps you would do some  
 W.F.B. 560.

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(5)

FROM: STATO MAGGIORE MILITARY AIR FORCE  
LOGISTIC SECTION

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

DATE: 13TH JANUARY 1947

REF: SERV/300106/75Coll.

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SMALL BORE ARMS DEPOT

Further to our letter SERV/305223/L.9/F dated 5th December 1946.

2. It is pointed out to you that the situation of small bore arms in possession of the Military Air Force has remained unchanged as to the 1st of January 1947.

THE HEAD OF THE LOGISTIC SECTION  
LT. COL. PILOT,  
G. DONADIO



ME/SC

STATO MAGGIORE

Sezione Logistica

13 GEN 1947

Roma, li.....

ALL'A.C. = A.F.S.C. =  
 (Tramite Uff. Collegamento)

= R O M A =  
 = S E D E =

Prot.n°SERV/300106/45 Coll.

OGGETTO: Deposito armi di piccolo calibro. ==

- I ) - Seguito foglio SERV/305223/L.9/F, in data  
 5 dicembre 1946. -
- 2 ) - Vi segnaliamo che la situazione delle armi  
 di piccolo calibro in possesso dell'Aeronautica Militare  
 è rimasta invariata alla data 1° gennaio 1947.==

IL CEF. SEZIONE LOGISTICA  
 (Ten. Col. Pil. G. Donadio)

*Donadio*

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FROM: STAT MAGGIORE MILITARY AIR FORCE  
LOGISTIC SECTION

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

DATE: DECEMBER 28th 1946

REF: SERV/305498/L.9/F./4117Cell.

REQUEST FOR SUPPLY OF LIGHT ARMS

Reference is made to your letter AFSC/946/DEF. dated 10th December 1946 of even reference.

2. We wish to point out to you that the approval of the Government, represented by the Head of this Administration who has the functions of the Air Minister in the same Government, has been obtained as regards the purchase of 300 sub-machine guns and 1000 pistols from the "Beretta Firm" as authorized by your Sub-Commission.

3. In view of the fact that all necessary arrangements have been duly completed, you are informed that the purchase in question will be initiated immediately.

THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF  
COL. A.A. F.N. PILOT,  
ALDO REMONDINO

Translated by Eva Resati

*Noted  
L.F. 9/1*

*7/1 AB 1/2 point.*  
*946/DEF.*

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Roma, 11..... 28 DIC 1948

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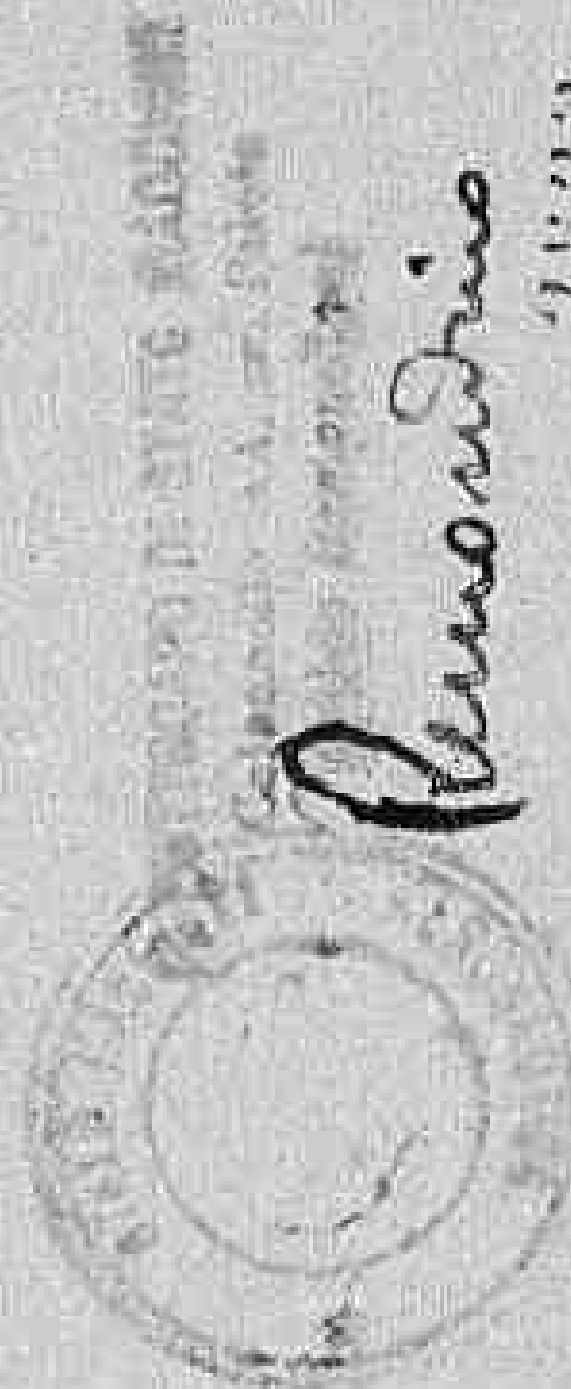
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OGGETTO: Richiesta di approvvigionamento di armi leggere. = =

I° Riscontro nota AFSC/946/DEF in data 10/12/946  
 pari oggetto.-

2° Vi segnaliamo che per l'acquisto, presso la Ditta "BERETTA" dei 300 fucili mitragliatori e 1000 pistole, autorizzato da codesta Sottocommissione, è intervenuta l'approvazione del Governo, nella persona del Capo di questa Amministrazione che in seno al Governo stesso ha funzioni di Ministro per l'Aeronautica.-

3° Poichè sono stati così completati i necessari preliminari richiesti da codesta Sottocommissione, vi comuniciamo che sarà proceduto subito all'acquisto di che trattasi. = =



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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.  
TO: M.A.A.C. SECRETARIAT  
DATE: DECEMBER 13TH 1946  
REF: AFDC/946/DEF.

SMALL ARMS STOCKS - ITALIAN AIR FORCE

Reference your letter MEDML/4201/3/AFALS dated 23rd May 1946 herewith return of small arms in possession of the Italian Air Force as at 30th November 1946.

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| RIFLES           | 17224 |
| SUB-MACHINE GUNS | 383   |
| REVOLVERS        | 1973  |

Decreases in the figures as from the last return are due in the case of rifles to a number being condemned and in the case of revolvers the items having been lost and not previously accounted for in the I.A.F. records.

  
R. CARTNER  
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT  
for AIR VICE MARSHAL  
DIRECTOR,  
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION

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(E)

From : "Stato Maggiore" Italian Air Force  
Logistic Section

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

Date : 5th December 1946

Ref. : 305223/19/F/3946 Coll.

Subject: STOCKS OF SMALL ARMS

Further our letter Serv./304935/19/F dated 17th November

The return of the stock of small arms for Dec. 1st is as follows:

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Rifles           | 17224 |
| Automatic Rifles | 383   |
| Revolvers        | 1973  |

The fact that 64 rifles held by 1st Z.A.T. were categorised unserviceable whilst 3 were repaired by 2nd Z.A.T., explains the discrepancy of 61 rifles as compared with the previous return.

The 103 revolvers, although, were actually missing at the time.

They had been issued to Officers and N.C.O.'s of Units attached to Ships and were lost in the course of war operations.



VICE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF  
(Aldo REMONDINO)

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Translated by L.A.C. COSTIGAN

PI/SC

Roma, 11.5.DIC.1946.

STATO MAGGIORE AERONAUTICA MILITARE  
Sezione Logistica

ALL' A.C. = A.F.S.C. =  
tramite Ufficio Collegamento)

ROMA  
SEDE

Prot.n°SERV/ 305223/L 9/F / 3946 Cde.

OGGETTO: Deposito Armi piccolo calibro. = =

1° Seguito foglio SERV/304935/L.9/F,  
in data 17 nov.c.a. -

2° Qui di seguito Vi segnaliamo, aggiornata al 1° dicembre 1946, la situazione delle armi di piccolo calibro in possesso dell'Aeronautica Militare

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| - fucili e moschetti   | n°17.224      |
| - fucili mitragliatori | " 383         |
| - pistole              | " 1.973 . = = |

3° La variazione in meno di n°61 fucili rispetto alla precedente situazione è dovuta alla inefficienza di 64 armi determinatasi presso la 1° Z.A.T. ed al recupero di 3 fucili effettuato presso la 2° Z.A.T.-

La variazione in meno di n°103 pistole è in dipendenza della regolarizzazione contabile di pari numero di armi portate in situazione come disponibili ma in effetti perdute a suo tempo in dipendenza di eventi bellici, in quanto le armi stesse erano in dotazione ad ufficiali e sottufficiali di Reparti Aerei dislocati su navi dispersi nel corso delle operazioni di guerra.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
Colonnello A. de Pilla  
1.10.1946

OGGETTO: Deposito Armi piccolo calibro. = =

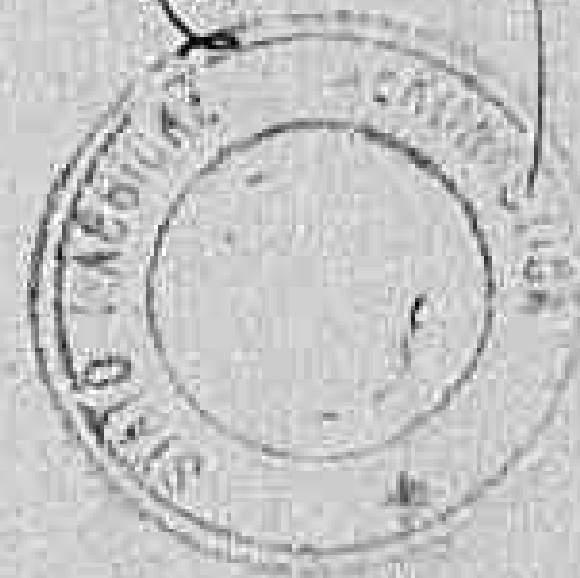
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EL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

Colonnello P. C. Pilota

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FROM: IR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C., ROME

TO: STATO MAGGIORE AERONAUTICA MILITARE  
III REPARTO SERVIZI  
SEZIONE LOGISTICA

DATE: DECEMBER 10TH 1946

REF: AFSC/946/DEF.

REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF SMALL ARMS

Reference is made to your letter SERV/302848/L.9/F/2424Coll. dated 4th July and you are notified that authority has now been obtained for the purchase of the undermentioned small arms by you from the "BERETTA firm".

|      |                  |
|------|------------------|
| 300  | SUB-MACHINE GUNS |
| 1000 | PISTOLS          |

2) A.F.H.Q. has stipulated however that the conditions of purchase will remain the same as those quoted in para 2 of our letter of even reference dated 28th May 1946 and which is repeated herewith for information.

"A.F.H.Q. state however that the purchase of these weapons is conditional on your Government approving of same from the financial angle."

3) It is requested therefore that you confirm to this Sub-Commission that the above conditions have been complied with before proceeding with the purchase.

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*[Signature]*

R. CARTNER  
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT  
for AIR VICE MARSHAL  
DIRECTOR,  
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION

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From :- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat,  
RAF Liaison Section to S.A.C. MED,  
A.F.H.Q., Caserta, C.M.F.

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

Date :- 6th December, 1946.

Ref :- MAAC/4201/3/AFALS.

67A

Reference is made to your AFSC/946/DEF dated  
8th November, 1946.

2. There is no objection to the purchase of the  
additional small arms mentioned in your letter by the Italian  
Air Force, providing the conditions as laid down in this  
Secretariat's letter MEDME/4201/3/AFALS dated 23rd May, 1946,  
are met.

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( *S.J.B. Hamilton* )  
S.J.B. HAMILTON  
Wing Commander  
Secretary to The  
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

70A

From :- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat  
To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME  
Date :- 26th November 1946  
Ref :- MEDME/4201/3/AFALS

ARMIS FOR ITALIAN AIR FORCE

Reference your AFSC/946/DEF dated 8th November 1946. this matter is being reconsidered and it is hoped that a reply can be forwarded in the course of a few days.

*S. J. B. Hamilton*  
( S. J. B. HAMILTON )  
Wing Commander  
Secretary to The  
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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946/DEF.

FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME  
TO: MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE  
DATE: NOVEMBER 23RD 1946  
REF: AFSC/946/DEF.

SMALL ARMS STOCKS - I.A.F.

Further to our letter of even reference dated 31st October 1946 herewith return of small arms held by the Italian Air Force as at 1st November 1946:

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| RIFLES           | NO. 17285 |
| SUB-MACHINE GUNS | " 383     |
| PISTOLS          | " 2076    |

Decreases in the figures as from the last return are due to an error in compilation of the last return at the Italian Air Ministry.

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

785017

FROM: PI/SC - STATO MAGGIORE MILIT. Y AIR FORCE  
LOGISTIC SECTION

TO: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C. ROME

DATE: NOVEMBER 17TH 1946

REF: SERV/304935/L.9/E/3800

SMALL BORE ARMS DEPOT

1) Reference your letter AFSC/946/DLP., dated May 29th. 1946 and further to our SERV/304479/L.9/F on same subject, dated October 21st. 1946.

2) Hereby is given, adjourned as to November 1st. 1946, the numerical strength of small bore arms in possession of the Military Air Force:

|              |     |        |
|--------------|-----|--------|
| MUSKETS      | NO. | 17,285 |
| MACHINE GUNS | "   | 383    |
| PISTOLS      | "   | 2,076  |

3) We wish to point out to you that in our precedent letter the number of recuperated and repaired muskets was wrongly given as being of 1152. The increased diversity is only of 808 muskets, therefore the whole strength of such type of arms available, is of 17,285.

The error was caused by a duplicate transmission forwarded to us by one of the suburb branch offices.

4) The variation of one machine gun less, as compared to the number previously given, was due to the erroneous inclusion of a semi-automatic arm (bore 9) in the strength of automatic arms (bore 9).



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IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
COL. A.A.r.n. PILOT,  
ALDO REMONDINO

Translated by Eva Rosati

SC

Roma, 11.11.1946

STATO MAGGIORE AERONAUTICA MILITARE  
Sezione Logistica

ALL'A.C. = A.F.S.C.

(tramite Ufficio Collegamento)

ROMA  
SEDE

Prot.n° SERV/304935/L.9/F/3800 Coll.

OGGETTO: Deposito armi piccolo calibro.=

1°) Riferimento vostro foglio AFSC/946/Dep., in data 29 maggio c.a., e seguito al foglio SERV/304479/L.9/F, pari oggetto, dello scrivente, in data 21 ottobre c.a.-

2°) Qui di seguito vi segnaliamo, aggiornata al 1° novembre 1946 la situazione delle armi di piccolo calibro in possesso dell'Aeronautica Militare:

|                      |    |         |
|----------------------|----|---------|
| MOSCHETTI            | N° | 17.285= |
| FUCILI MITRAGLIATORI | "  | 383=    |
| PISTOLE              | "  | 2.076=  |

3°) Vi precisiamo che nella precedente segnalazione il numero dei moschetti recuperati o rimessi in efficienza erroneamente è stato segnalato in 1152 unità. - In effetti la variazione in aumento è soltanto di 808 unità, il che porta a 17.285 l'entità complessiva delle armi di tale tipo disponibili.-

L'errore è da imputare ad una duplicazione di una segnalazione pervenuta da uno degli Enti periferici.-

4°) Per i mitragliatori invece la variazione di una unità in meno rispetto alla precedente segnalazione è stata determinata dall'erronea inclusione nella situazione armi automatiche cal.9 di un'arma "semi-automatica calibro 9".



UFFICIO CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
Colonnello AA. re. Piloni  
Aldo Remondino

*[Signature]*

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, UNITED COMMISSION, ROME  
TO: MAAC SECRETARIAT  
DATE: NOVEMBER 8TH 1946  
REF: AFSC/946/DMT.

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REQUEST FOR SMALL ARMS FOR THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE

Further to our letter of even reference dated 11th July and in particular to paragraph 7 thereof.

It would be appreciated if information could now be given as to whether or not authority can be granted for the Italian Air Ministry to purchase the undermentioned small arms:

300 SUB-MACHINE GUNS  
1000 PISTOLS

*L. Cartner*  
R. CARTNER  
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT  
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL  
DIRECTOR,  
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION

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66A

FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME  
TO: AIR MINISTRY  
DATE: NOVEMBER 8TH 1946  
REF: AFSC/946/DEF.

PURCHASE OF SMALL ARMS

Reference is made to your letter SERV/304614/1-4-3/3661  
COLL., dated 1st. November 1946.

The question of the purchase of the 300 machine guns  
and 1000 pistols by you from the Beretta Firm has again been  
taken up with higher authority and you will be notified of  
their decision in due course.

*L. Cartner*  
R. CARTNER  
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT  
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL  
DIRECTOR,  
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION

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FROM: PI/SC STATO MAGGIORE MILITARY AIR FORCE  
LOGIC SECTION

TO: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.  
through LIAISON OFFICE ROME

DATE: NOVEMBER 1ST 1946

REF: SERV/304614/1-4-E/3661COLL.

LIGHT ARMS FOR ITALIAN MILITARY AIR FORCE

- 1) Further to our letters SERV/309848/L.9/F and SERV/303580/L.9/F, dated July 4th. and August 20th. respectively, and reference your AFSC/946/DEF dated August 23rd. 1946.-
- 2) Will you kindly inform us of the decisions you have taken as regards our request for your authorization which may enable us to purchase No. 200-300 submachine guns and No. 1000 pistols from the "BERETTA" firm.-
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IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
COL. AA.FN. PILOT  
ALDO REMONDINO.

Translated by Eva ROSATI



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STATO MAGGIORE AERONAUTICA MILITARE  
Sezione Logistica

Roma 11.11.1946

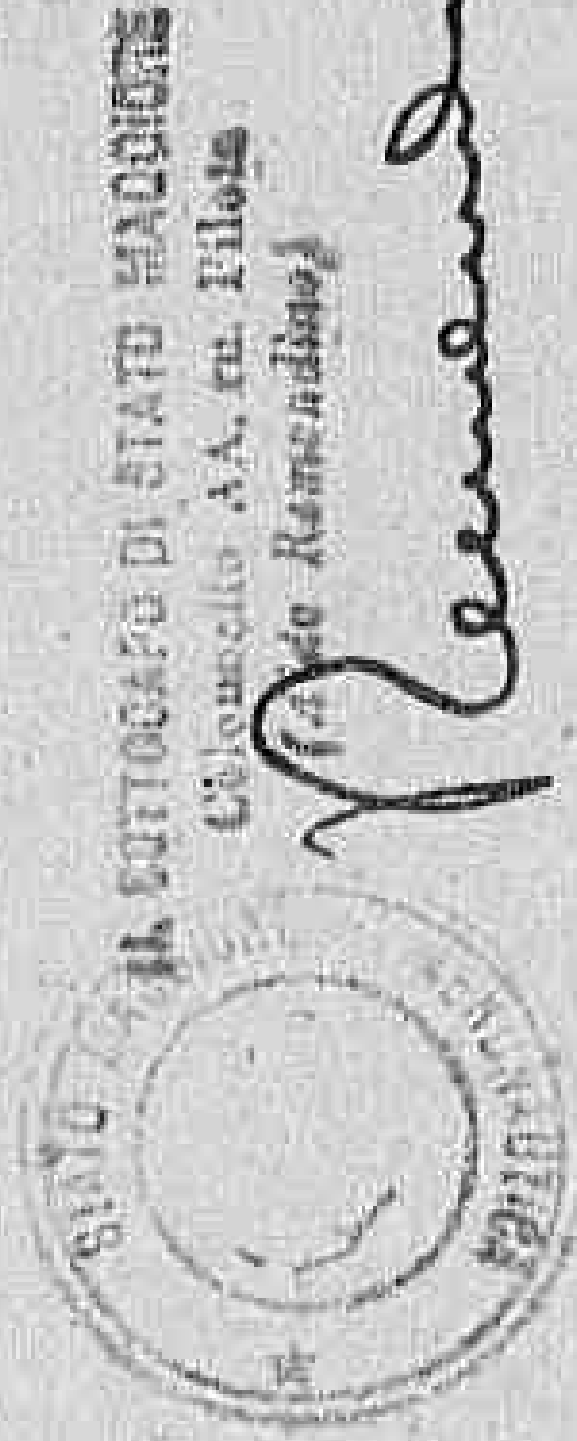
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Prot.n° SERV/324614/1-4-E/3661 Col.

OGGETTO: Armi leggere per l'Aeronautica Militare Italiana.=

1° - Seguito fogli SERV/309848/L.9/F e SERV/303580/L.9/F, dello scrivente, rispettivamente in data 4 luglio e 20 agosto c.a., e riferimento alla vostra nota AFSC/946/Def in data 23 agosto c.a. -

2° - Vogliate cortesemente tenerci informati delle decisioni prese in merito all'autorizzazione richiestavi di effettuare l'acquisto presso la "ditta BERETTA" di n.200 + 300 fucili mitragliatori e di n.1000 pistole.



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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME  
TO: MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE - SECRETARIAT  
DATE: OCTOBER 31ST 1946  
REF: AFSC/946/DEF.

ARMS FOR THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE

Reference your letter MEDML/4201/3/AFALS dated May 23rd. 1946, herewith the return of small arms in possession of the I.A.F. as at 30th. September 1946:

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| RIFLES           | 17629 |
| SUB-MACHINE GUNS | 384   |
| PISTOLS          | 2076  |

The increases since our letter of 18th July are due to weapons being made serviceable and to the purchase of 108 sub-machine guns from the Beretta firm as authorised by you.

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

From : "STATO MAGGIORE" I.A.F.  
Logistic Section

To : A.F.S.C. A.C. ROME

Date : 21st October 1946

Ref. : SERV/304479/L.9F/3564 Coll.

Subject: SMALL ARMS DEPOT.

1. Reference your AFSC/946/DEF. dated 29th May 1946 and our SERV/303962/L.9/F, dated 19th September 1946.

2. The following is the I.A.F. Small Arms return as at 30th September 1946:-

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Rifles          | No. 17.629 |
| Sub-machineguns | " 384      |
| Revolvers       | " 2.076    |

3. We point out that:-

A. On our previous return ref. SERV/303962/L.9/F dated the 19th September, you will note an increase of 1.152 rifles which is due to a number of rifles made serviceable and to the salvage of this type of arm from 1st Z.A.T., 2nd Z.A.T., I.A.F. Sicily, and the Naples Regional Garrison.

B. The variation for the Sub-machineguns is justified by the fact that the 39th Air Force Maintenance Coy. handed over 4 "Beretta" sub-machineguns, Cal. 9 to the Naples Regional Garrison and a further sub-machinegun declared as unserviceable by the 4th Z.A.T..

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
Pilot Col. A.A. r. n. ALDO REMONDINO

Translated by Sgt. A.G. WIRTH



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STATO MAGGIORE DELLA FORZA MILITARE  
Sezione Logistica

Roma, 11.01.01.1946....

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(Tramite Ufficio Collegamento) S E D E

Prot.n° SERV/304479 / L.9 F/3564 coll.

OGGETTO: Deposito armi piccolo calibro . =

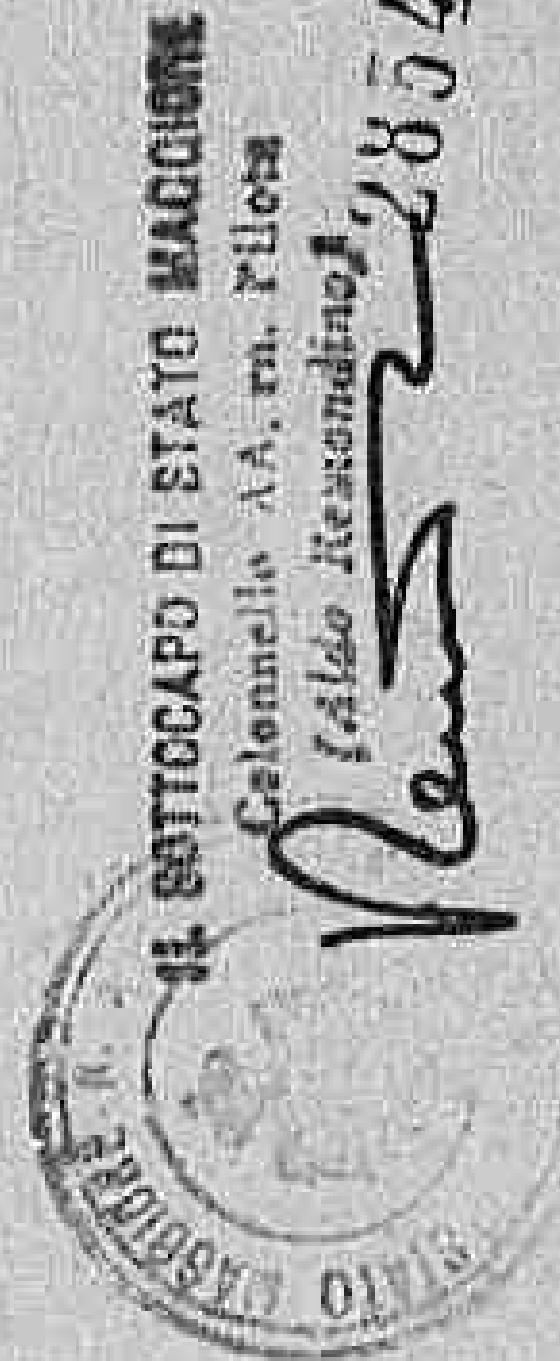
- 1) Riferimento al foglio AFSC/946/Dep, in data 29 maggio 1946 e seguito al foglio Serv/303962/L.9/T, dello scrivante, in data 19 settembre c.a.-
- 2) Qui di seguito vi segnaliamo, aggiornata al 30 settembre u.s., la situazione delle armi di piccolo calibro in possesso dell'Aeronautica Militare:

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Moschetti            | n° 17.629 |
| Fucili mitragliatori | 384       |
| Pistole              | 2.076.=   |

3) Vi rappresentiamo:

A- la variazione in più (1152 unità) considerata per i moschetti della presente situazione rispetto all'altra segnalata con il precedente foglio Serv/303962/L.9/T, in data 19 settembre c.a., è determinata dalla rimessa in efficienza e dal recupero di tale tipo di arma effettuati presso la I<sup>a</sup> Z.A.T., la II<sup>a</sup> Z.A.T., l'Aeronautica della Sicilia ed il Presidio Regionale di Napoli.-

B- per i mitragliatori la variazione è giustificata dal versamento al Presidio Regionale di Napoli di 4 moschetti automatici "Beretta" cal.9 da parte della disciolta 39<sup>a</sup> Compagnia Servizi Aviazione e dalla dichiarazione di inefficienza di un'arma stesso tipo da parte della IV<sup>a</sup> Z.A.T.=



FROM: MILITARY AIR FORCE. STATO MAGGIORE  
TO: A.F.S.C. A.C. ROME  
DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 1946.  
REF: 303962/L.9/F/3289/coll.

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SMALL BORE ARMS

- 1) In reference to your sheet NO. AFSC/946/DEF dated May 29th. 1946.
- 2) The situation of small bore arms at the beginning of the present month is as follows:
- |                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| MUSKETS         | NO. 16.477 |
| SUBMACHINE GUNS | 381        |
| PISTOLS         | 2.076      |
- 3) The added variations (33 muskets and 3 submachine guns) have been determined by the restored efficiency and by the regaining of the same arms from the Territorial Bodies.

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STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE MILITARE  
Sezione Logistica

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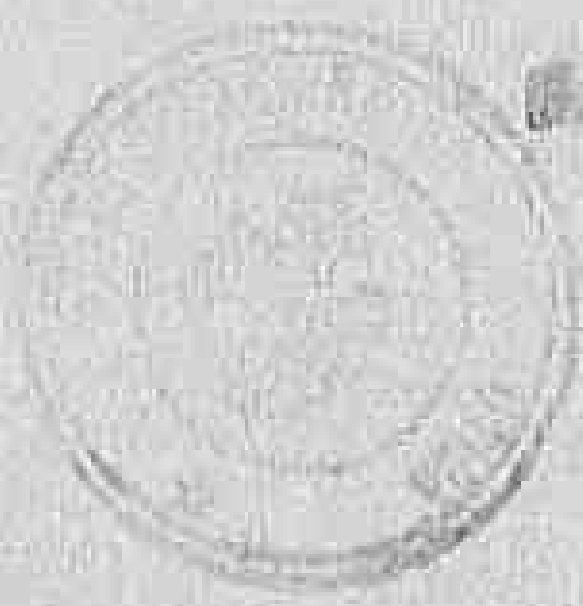
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Prot. N° SERV/383962/L.9/F/3289 Coll.

Oggetto: Armi piccolo calibro.-

- 1) - Riferimento al foglio n° AFSC/946/Def in data 29 maggio 1946.-
- 2) - La situazione armi piccolo calibro all'inizio del mese in corso é la seguente:

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| MOSCHETTI            | N° 16.477 |
| FUCILI mitragliatori | 381       |
| PISTOLE              | " 2.076   |

- 3) - Le variazioni in più (33 unità per i moschetti e 3 unità per i mitragliatori) sono state determinate dalla rimessa in efficienza e dal recupero delle armi stesse presso gli Enti Territoriali.=



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From: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica  
III Reparto-Servizi  
Sezione Logistica.

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

Date: 23rd August, 1946.

Ref: SERV/303612/1-9-47/2998 Boll.

SMALL ARMS.

1. With reference to letter AFSC/946/Def. dated 29th May, 1946.
2. No change is to be notified as to the situation of small arms in possession of the Italian Air Force exception made for an increase of 108 sub-machine-guns which have been recently purchased from the "BERETTA" Firm.
3. The situation as at the beginning of the Instant is therefore as follows:

|        |                  |
|--------|------------------|
| 16,444 | automatic rifles |
| 378    | sub-machine-guns |
| 2,067  | pistols          |

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF  
Colonel Aldo Remondino

(translated by Anna de Bernardis)



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STATO MAGGIORE AERONAUTICA

III REPARTO - AERAZI

Sezione Logistica

Prot. n° SERV 303642 / P. 9-17 / 2998 coll.

OGGETTO: Armi piccolo calibro. =

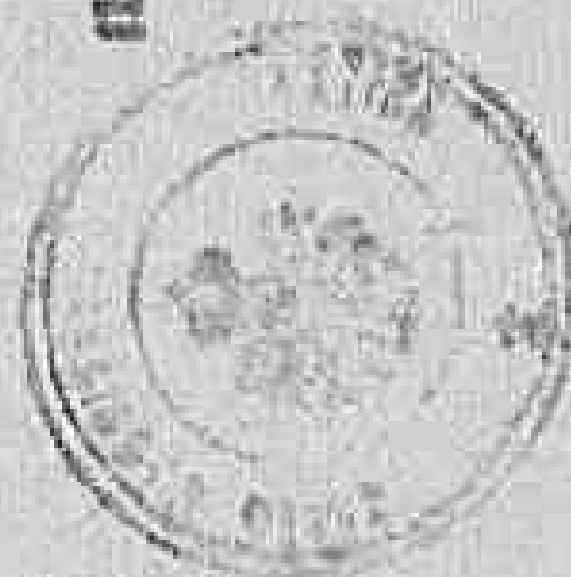
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1) - Riferimento al foglio n° AT30/946/~~716~~ DEF  
in data 29 Maggio 946,.-

2) - Ad eccezione di un aumento di n° 108  
fucili mitragliatori recentemente acquistati dalla  
"Ditta BERETTA", nessun'altra variazione è da segna-  
lare per la situazione delle armi di piccolo calibro  
in possesso dell'Aeronautica Militare. -

3) - La situazione all'inizio del mese in  
corso è pertanto la seguente:

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Moschetti n°  | 16.444   |
| Fucili M/ri " | 378      |
| Pistole "     | 2.067. = |



IL SEGRETARIO DELLO STATO MAGGIORE  
Colonello A. M. Filos  
(Allo Remondino)

*Remondino*

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

To: Stato Maggiore R.Aeronautica  
III Reparto-Servizi  
Sezione Logistica.

Date: 23rd August, 1946.

Ref: AFSC/946/Def.

SMALL ARMS FOR I.A.F.

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Receipt is acknowledged of your letter SERV/303580/L.9/F/2933 Coll dated 20th August 1946 and you are informed that the question of the purchase of further supplies of small arms by you from the BERETTA Firm is still under consideration.

  
R. CARTNER,  
Flight Lieutenant,  
for Air Vice Marshal,  
Director,  
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

From: Stato Maggiore R.Aeronautica  
III Reparto-Servizi  
Sezione Logistica.

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

Date: 20th August, 1946.

Ref: SERV/303580/L.9/F/2933 Coll.

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SMALL ARMS FOR THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

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1. Reference is made to this H.Q.'s letter 309848/L.9/F. dated 4th July, 1946.
2. Authority for the purchase from "BERETTA" Firm of 200-300 sub-machine-guns and 1000 pistols was asked from your A.F.S.C. with the above quoted letter.
3. Your acknowledgement will be greatly appreciated.

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF  
Colonel Aldo Remondino

(translated by Anna de Bernardis)



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STATO MAGGIORE AERONAUTICA  
III REPARTO-SERVIZI

*Sezione Legittima*  
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*A.P.*

Roma, li 20 AGO 1948

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(Tramite Ufficio Collegamento) S E D E

Prot. n° SERV *203/80* / L.9/F / *2433 coll.*

OGGETTO: Armi leggere per l'Aeronautica Italiana. =

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1°-Si fa riferimento al foglio n°309848/L.9/T,  
datato 4 Luglio c.a., di questo Stato Maggiore. -

2°-Col foglio a riferimento è stata richiesta  
autorizzazione a codesto A.F.S.C. onde procedere allo  
acquisto presso la "Ditta BERETTA" di n° 200-300 fucil  
li mitragliatori e n° 1000 pistole. -

3°-Si gradirebbe conoscere l'esito della ri  
chiesta stessa. =



AL SOTTUGAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
Colonnello A.A. *re. Filos*  
*Edoardo Remondino*

*Remondino*

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
Allied Commission, ROME.  
To: M.A.A.C. Secretariat.  
Date: 18th July, 1946.  
Ref: AFSC/946/DEF.

SMALL ARMS HOLDINGS - ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

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Further to our letter of even reference dated 11th July, 1946 and particularly para 3.

2. Since the forwarding of the above letter the Italian Air Ministry have now notified us of a change in the quantities of the total holdings of small arms and the figures given should now read:

|        |                   |
|--------|-------------------|
| 270    | sub-machine-guns. |
| 16,444 | automatic rifles. |
| 2,067  | pistols.          |

3. Error in figures previously submitted is regretted but this was due to incorrect information being forwarded to the Air Ministry from its Territorial Commands.

  
R. CARTNER,  
Flight Lieutenant,  
for Air Vice Marshal,  
Director,  
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

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From: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica  
III Reparto-Servizi  
Sezione Logistica.

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

Date: 13th July, 1946.

Ref: Serv/303015/5/L.9/F/2498 Coll.

40A HOLDING OF SMALL ARMS. 54A

1. With reference to your letters AFSC/946/Def. respectively dated 29th May and 8th July 1946.

2. In accordance with a similar return received from the Military Commissariat Directorate of this Ministry we are notifying you herewith, as requested, of the up to date situation of small arms held by the Italian Air Force:

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Automatic rifles..... | 16,444 |
| Sub-machine-guns..... | 270    |
| Pistols.....          | 2,067  |

3. We ensure you that at the beginning of every month figures as to eventual variations on the situation of the arms in question will be supplied to you.

4. Will you consider the difference that you will notice between the above arms situation and that which was submitted with the enclosure under cover of our previous letter ref. Serv/301030/L.9/F/882/Coll. dated 4th March, 1946, due to inexact computation in the previous notifications received from the various Territorial Commands under this H.Q.'s control.

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF  
Colonel ALDO REMONDINO

(translated by Anna de Bernardis)

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STAFFO MAGGIORE AERONAUTICA

III REPARTO - SERVIZI

Sezione Logistica

Roma, li 13 LUG. 1946

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(tramite Ufficio Collegamento - S E D E -)

Prot. n° Serv/ 203015 / L.9/F 2498 coll.

OGGETTO: Deposito armi di piccolo calibro.-

- 1°) Riferimento ai fogli AFSC/946/Def rispettivamente in data 29 Maggio ed 8 Luglio 1946.-
- 2°) - In relazione ad analoga situazione pervenuta dalla Direzione Generale di Commissariato Militare di questo Ministero vi segnaliamo, come da richiesta, qui di seguito la situazione aggiornata delle armi di piccolo calibro in possesso della Aeronautica Militare:

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Moschetti.....            | N° 16.444 |
| Fucili Mitragliatori..... | 270       |
| Pistole.....              | 2.067     |

3°)- Vi assicuriamo che ai primi di ogni mese vi verranno forniti i dati relativi alle variazioni intervenute circa la situazione delle armi di che trattasi.

4°)- Vogliate considerare imputabili ad inesattezze di computo nelle precedenti segnalazioni pervenute dai vari Comandi Territoriali dipendenti le differenze che rileverete fra la situazione armi innanzi indicata e quella proffertavi in allegato al precedente nostro foglio Serv/301030/L.9/F/882/Coll in data 4 Marzo c.a.-

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Aeronautica Militare:

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|---------------------------|-----------|
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zi indicata e quella proffertavi in allegato al pre-  
cedente nostro foglio Serv/301030/L.9/F/882/Coll in  
data 4 Marzo c.a.-



AL SOTTOC/PO DI STATO MAGGIORE

Comandante A.A. m. Pilote

(Mascio Remondino)

*Remondino*

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

To: M.A.A.C. Secretariat.

Date: 11th July, 1946.

Ref: AFSC/946/Def.

REQUEST FOR SMALL ARMS FOR THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

Reference is made to your MAAC/4201/3/FAIS, dated 18th April, 1946.

2. Attached are translated copies of the Italian Air Ministry's requirements for additional arms for the overall protection of Regia Aeronautica property.

3. The present holdings of small arms in the I.A.F. are:

251 sub-machine-guns  
14975 automatic rifles  
2241 pistols

4. The quantities shown in the summary of the attached enclosures are required in addition to the above-mentioned quantities and will not arm the I.A.F. 100%.

5. The Italian Air Ministry desire however to equip all these units up to their normal individual scale of armament. Their requirement for this would be:

2000 sub-machine-guns  
10,000 automatic rifles  
5000 pistols

6. These quantities would naturally include those shown in the summary.

7. In the meantime the Italian Air Ministry is pressing for authority to obtain from Beretta's a minimum of:

300 sub-machine-guns  
1000 pistols

8. These are necessary for the protection of stores and vehicles in transit and also for isolated units which are subjected to occasional raids by bandits.

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F.E. MAREK,  
Lt. Colonel,  
Deputy Director.

Enclosure No.2.

## 1st Z.A.T.

| I.A.F.<br>PROPERTY TO BE GUARDED | No. | No.OF GUARDS | ARMS REQUIRED FOR DEFENCE |                  |         |
|----------------------------------|-----|--------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------|
|                                  |     |              | SUB-MACHINE-GUNS          | AUTOMATIC RIFLES | PISTOLS |
| COMMANDS AND GARRISONS           | 15  | 60           | 15                        | 30               | 15      |
| AIRFIELDS                        | 3   | 24           | 3                         | 18               | 3       |
| STORES, DEPOTS, SALVAGE          |     |              |                           |                  |         |
| NUCLEI                           | 17  | 55           | 17                        | 21               | 17      |
| WORKSHOPS                        | 3   | 14           | 3                         | 8                | 3       |
| I.A.F. MIL. POLICE UNIT          | 1   | 4            | 1                         | 2                | 1       |
| DETACHMENTS                      | 10  | 50           | 10                        | 30               | 10      |
| SIGNALS AND MET. EQUIPMENT       | 24  | 48           | 24                        | 18               | 6       |
| STORES - FLYING SQUADRONS.       | 6   | 40           | 20                        | 20               | 10      |
| RESERVE                          | -   | -            | 20                        | 30               | 20      |
| Total                            | 79  | 295          | 113                       | 177              | 85      |

## II Z.A.T.

Enclosure No.3

| I.A.F. PROPERTY TO BE<br>GUARDED                                                                    | No. | No.OF GUARDS | ARMS REQUIRED FOR DEFENCE |                  |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------|
|                                                                                                     |     |              | SUB-MACHINE-GUNS          | AUTOMATIC RIFLES | PISTOLS |
| VARIOUS UNITS (OF WHICH 14<br>COMMANDS AND GARRISONS - 8<br>STORES AND DEPOTS - 7 DETACH-<br>MENTS) | 26  | 270          | 48                        | 164              | 48      |
| SQUADRONS                                                                                           | 3   | 15           | 6                         | 10               | 5       |
| RESERVE                                                                                             | -   | -            | 10                        | 30               | 10      |
| TOTAL                                                                                               | 29  | 285          | 64                        | 204              | 63      |

## Enclosure No.2.

## 1st Z.A.T.

| I.A.F.<br>PROPERTY TO BE GUARDED | No. | No.OF GUARDS | ARMS REQUIRED FOR DEFENCE |                  |         |
|----------------------------------|-----|--------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------|
|                                  |     |              | SUB-MACHINE-GUNS          | AUTOMATIC RIFLES | PISTOLS |
| LANDS AND GARRISONS              | 15  | 60           | 15                        | 30               | 30      |
| FIELDS                           | 3   | 24           | 3                         | 18               | 18      |
| ES, DEPOTS, SALVAGE              | 17  | 55           | 17                        | 21               | 17      |
| NUCIEI                           | 3   | 14           | 3                         | 8                | 3       |
| SHOPS                            | 1   | 4            | 1                         | 2                | 1       |
| F. MIL. POLICE UNIT              | 10  | 50           | 10                        | 30               | 10      |
| CHMENTS                          | 24  | 48           | 24                        | 18               | 6       |
| ALE AND MET. EQUIPMENT           | 6   | 40           | 20                        | 20               | 10      |
| ES - FLYING SQUADRONS.           | -   | -            | 20                        | 30               | 20      |
| VE                               |     |              |                           |                  |         |
| Total                            | 79  | 295          | 113                       | 177              | 85      |

## II Z.A.T.

## Enclosure No.3

| PROPERTY TO BE<br>GUARDED | No. | No.OF GUARDS | ARMS REQUIRED FOR DEFENCE |                  |         |
|---------------------------|-----|--------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------|
|                           |     |              | SUB-MACHINE-GUNS          | AUTOMATIC RIFLES | PISTOLS |
| US UNITS (OF WHICH 14     |     |              |                           |                  |         |
| LANDS AND GARRISONS - 8   | 26  | 270          | 48                        | 164              | 48      |
| ND DEPOTS - 7 DETACH-     | 3   | 15           | 6                         | 10               | 5       |
| IONS                      | -   | -            | 10                        | 30               | 10      |
| VE                        |     |              |                           |                  |         |
| TOTAL                     | 29  | 285          | 64                        | 204              | 63      |

## Enclosure No.4

## III Z.A.T.

| I.A.F. PROPERTY TO BE GUARDED                                                                                    | No. | No. OF GUARDS | ARMS REQUIRED FOR DEFENCE |                  |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------|
|                                                                                                                  |     |               | SUB-MACHINE-GUNS          | AUTOMATIC RIFLES | PISTOLS |
| VARIOUS UNITS (OF WHICH 27 COM-<br>MANDS AND GARRISONS, 11 STORES<br>AND DEPOTS, 5 WORKSHOPS AND<br>DETACHMENTS) | 43  | 387           | 43                        | 301              | 43      |
| SQUADRONS                                                                                                        | 10  | 250           | 50                        | 200              | 50      |
| RESERVE                                                                                                          | -   | -             | 30                        | 100              | 30      |
| TOTAL                                                                                                            | 53  | 637           | 123                       | 601              | 123     |

## Enclosure No.5

## IV Z.A.T.

| I.A.F. PROPERTY TO BE GUARDED  | No. | No. OF GUARDS | ARMS REQUIRED FOR DEFENCE |                  |         |
|--------------------------------|-----|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------|
|                                |     |               | SUB-MACHINE-GUNS          | AUTOMATIC RIFLES | PISTOLS |
| AIRFIELDS                      | 4   | 440           | 54                        | 332              | 54      |
| GARRISONS AND DETACHMENTS      | 8   | 380           | 46                        | 286              | 48      |
| BARRACKS AND UNITS             | 3   | 305           | 20                        | 245              | 30      |
| WORKSHOPS                      | 1   | 20            | 4                         | 12               | 4       |
| NUCLEI AT R.A.F. DISPOSAL      | 9   | 775           | 51                        | 654              | 70      |
| I.A.F. UNIT AT R.A.F. DISPOSAL | 9   | 1682          | 173                       | 1359             | 150     |
| DEPO                           | 7   | 190           | 46                        | 124              | 20      |
| EQUIPMENT AND M.T. UNIT        | 1   | 150           | 20                        | 115              | 15      |
| SQUADRONS                      | 17  | 400           | 100                       | 300              | 100     |
| RESERVE                        | -   | -             | 100                       | 500              | 100     |
| TOTAL                          | 59  | 4342          | 614                       | 3927             | 591     |

## III Z.A.T.

Enclosure No.4

| F. PROPERTY TO BE GUARDED                                                                           | No. | No. OF GUARDS | ARMS REQUIRED FOR DEFENCE |                  |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------|
|                                                                                                     |     |               | SUB-MACHINE-GUNS          | AUTOMATIC RIFLES | PISTOLS |
| IOUS UNITS (OF WHICH 27 COM-<br>DS AND GARRISONS, 11 STORES<br>DEPOTS, 5 WORKSHOPS AND<br>ACHMENTS) | 43  | 387           | 43                        | 301              | 43      |
| ADRONS                                                                                              | 10  | 250           | 50                        | 200              | 50      |
| ERVE                                                                                                | -   | -             | 30                        | 100              | 30      |
| TOTAL                                                                                               | 53  | 637           | 123                       | 601              | 123     |

Enclosure No.5

## IV Z.A.T.

| F. PROPERTY TO BE GUARDED | No. | No. OF GUARDS | ARMS REQUIRED FOR DEFENCE |                  |         |
|---------------------------|-----|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------|
|                           |     |               | SUB-MACHINE-GUNS          | AUTOMATIC RIFLES | PISTOLS |
| IELDS                     | 4   | 440           | 54                        | 332              | 54      |
| ISONS AND DETACHMENTS     | 8   | 380           | 46                        | 286              | 48      |
| ACKS AND UNITS            | 3   | 305           | 20                        | 245              | 30      |
| SHOPS                     | 1   | 20            | 4                         | 12               | 4       |
| AI AT R.A.F. DISPOSAL     | 9   | 775           | 51                        | 654              | 70      |
| UNIT AT R.A.F. DISPOSAL   | 9   | 1682          | 173                       | 1359             | 150     |
| MENT AND M.T. UNIT        | 7   | 190           | 46                        | 124              | 20      |
| ORNS                      | 1   | 150           | 20                        | 115              | 15      |
| VE                        | 17  | 400           | 100                       | 300              | 100     |
|                           | -   | -             | 100                       | 500              | 100     |
| TOTAL                     | 59  | 4342          | 614                       | 3927             | 591     |

I.A.F. SICILY.

| I.A.F. PROPERTY TO BE GUARDED | No. | No. OF GUARDS | ARMS REQUIRED FOR DEFENCE |                  |         |
|-------------------------------|-----|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------|
|                               |     |               | SUB-MACHINE-GUNS          | AUTOMATIC RIFLES | PISTOLS |
| AIRFIELDS AND COMMANDS        | 2   | 5             | 5                         | -                | -       |
| BARRACKS                      | 2   | 3             | 3                         | -                | -       |
| DEPOTS                        | 4   | 17            | 17                        | -                | -       |
| DETACHMENTS                   | 1   | 3             | 3                         | -                | -       |
| STAGNONE AIRFIELD             | 1   | 4             | 4                         | -                | -       |
| 301 COMP. G.A.I.              | 2   | 30            | 30                        | -                | -       |
| 302 COMP. G.A.I.              | 1   | 2             | 1                         | -                | 1       |
| SQUADRONS                     | -   | -             | 30                        | 100              | 29      |
| RESERVE                       | -   | -             | 30                        | 100              | 30      |
| TOTAL                         | 13  | 64            | 93                        |                  |         |

Enclosure No. 7

I.A.F. SARDINIA

| I.A.F. PROPERTY TO BE GUARDED | No. | No. OF GUARDS | ARMS REQUIRED FOR DEFENCE |                  |         |
|-------------------------------|-----|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------|
|                               |     |               | SUB-MACHINE-GUNS          | AUTOMATIC RIFLES | PISTOLS |
| COMMAND                       | 1   | 12            | 2                         | 8                | 2       |
| AIRFIELDS                     | 3   | 26            | 9                         | -                | 9       |
| AIRPORTS                      | 7   | 7             | -                         | 7                | -       |
| DEPOTS                        | 6   | 72            | 9                         | 56               | 9       |
| STORES                        | 3   | 8             | 3                         | 2                | 3       |
| BARRACKS                      | 1   | 12            | 2                         | 8                | 2       |
| FLYING SAFETY                 | 1   | 12            | 3                         | 6                | 3       |
| SIGNALS CENTRE - FANGARIO     | 1   | 8             | 3                         | 4                | 1       |
| II. MILITARY CENTRE           | 1   | 5             | -                         | 4                | 1       |
| EL. AIRFIELD                  | 1   | 26            | 8                         | 16               | 2       |
| 63 STAGING POST               | 1   | 8             | 3                         | 4                | 1       |
| SQUADRONS                     | 2   | 5             | 2                         | -                | 2       |
| RESERVE                       | -   | -             | 30                        | 50               | 30      |
| TOTAL                         | 27  | 201           | 74                        | 165              | 65      |

I.A.F. SICILY.

| I.A.F. PROPERTY TO BE GUARDED | No. | No. OF GUARDS | ARMS REQUIRED FOR DEFENCE |                  |         |
|-------------------------------|-----|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------|
|                               |     |               | SUB-MACHINE-GUNS          | AUTOMATIC RIFLES | PISTOLS |
| AIRFIELDS AND COMMANDS        | 2   | 5             | 5                         | -                | -       |
| ARRACKS                       | 2   | 3             | 3                         | -                | -       |
| REPORTS                       | 4   | 17            | 17                        | -                | -       |
| ATTACHMENTS                   | 1   | 3             | 3                         | -                | -       |
| PAGNONE AIRFIELD              | 1   | 4             | 4                         | -                | -       |
| 01 COMP. G.A.I.               | )   | 30            | 30                        | -                | -       |
| 02 COMP. G.A.I.               |     |               |                           |                  |         |
| QUADRONS                      | 1   | 2             | 1                         | -                | 1       |
| RESERVE                       | -   | -             | 30                        | 100              | 29      |
| TOTAL                         | 13  | 64            | 93                        | 100              | 30      |

Enclosure No.7

I.A.F. SARDINIA

| I.A.F. PROPERTY TO BE GUARDED | No. | No. OF GUARDS | ARMS REQUIRED FOR DEFENCE |                  |         |
|-------------------------------|-----|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------|
|                               |     |               | SUB-MACHINE-GUNS          | AUTOMATIC RIFLES | PISTOLS |
| COMMAND                       | 1   | 12            | 2                         | 8                | 2       |
| AIRFIELDS                     | 3   | 26            | 9                         | -                | 9       |
| REPORTS                       | 7   | 7             | -                         | 7                | -       |
| REPORTS                       | 6   | 72            | 9                         | 56               | 9       |
| PORES                         | 3   | 8             | 3                         | 2                | 3       |
| ARRACKS                       | 1   | 12            | 2                         | 8                | 2       |
| FLYING SAFETY                 | 1   | 12            | 3                         | 6                | 3       |
| IGNALS CENTRE - FANGARHO      | 1   | 8             | 3                         | 4                | 1       |
| INITIARY CENTRE               | 1   | 5             | 1                         | 4                | 1       |
| AIRFIELD                      | 1   | 26            | 8                         | 16               | 2       |
| STAGING POST                  | 1   | 8             | 3                         | 4                | 1       |
| QUADRONS                      | 2   | 5             | 2                         | -                | 2       |
| RESERVE                       | -   | -             | 30                        | 50               | 30      |
| TOTAL                         | 27  | 201           | 74                        | 165              | 65      |

Enclosure No.8

I.A.F. CAMPANIA.

| I.A.F. PROPERTY TO BE GUARDED | No. | No. OF GUARDS | ARMS REQUIRED FOR DEFENCE |                  |         |
|-------------------------------|-----|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------|
|                               |     |               | SUB-MACHINE-GUNS          | AUTOMATIC RIFLES | PISTOLS |
| COMMAND                       | 1   | 12            | 2                         | 8                | 2       |
| AIRFIELD                      | 1   | 12            | 2                         | 8                | 2       |
| B ARRACKS                     | 1   | 20            | 4                         | 12               | 4       |
| STORES                        | 4   | 30            | 8                         | 20               | 2       |
| DEPOTS                        | 3   | 12            | 6                         | 2                | 4       |
| SQUADRONS                     | 1   | 2             | 1                         | -                | 1       |
| RESERVE                       | -   | -             | 20                        | 100              | 20      |
| TOTAL                         | 11  | 88            | 43                        | 150              | 35      |

Enclosure No.9

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS TO COMPLETE DEFENCE OF I.A.F. PROPERTY.

| AREA OR COMMAND WHERE ARMAMENT IS REQUIRED | SUB-MACHINE-GUNS | AUTOMATIC RIFLES | PISTOLS |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|
| I Z.A.T.                                   | 113              | 177              | 85      |
| II Z.A.T.                                  | 64               | 204              | 63      |
| III Z.A.T.                                 | 123              | 601              | 123     |
| IV Z.A.T.                                  | 614              | 3,927            | 591     |
| I.A.F. SICILY                              | 93               | 100              | 30      |
| I.A.F. SARDINIA                            | 74               | 165              | 65      |
| I.A.F. CAMPANIA                            | 43               | 150              | 35      |
| TOTAL                                      | 1,124            | 5,324            | 992     |

## Enclosure No.8

I.A.F. CAMPANIA.

| PROPERTY TO BE GUARDED | No. | No. OF GUARDS | ARMS REQUIRED FOR DEFENCE |                  |         |  |
|------------------------|-----|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------|--|
|                        |     |               | SUB-MACHINE-GUNS          | AUTOMATIC RIFLES | PISTOLS |  |
| AND                    | 1   | 12            | 2                         | 8                | 2       |  |
| FIELD                  | 1   | 12            | 2                         | 8                | 2       |  |
| BACKS                  | 1   | 20            | 4                         | 12               | 4       |  |
| IS                     | 4   | 30            | 8                         | 20               | 2       |  |
| S                      | 3   | 12            | 6                         | 2                | 4       |  |
| IRONS                  | 1   | 2             | 1                         | -                | 1       |  |
| VE                     | -   | -             | 20                        | 100              | 20      |  |
| TOTAL                  | 11  | 88            | 43                        | 150              | 35      |  |

## Enclosure No.9

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS TO COMPLETE DEFENCE OF I.A.F. PROPERTY.

| OR COMMAND WHERE ARMAMENT IS REQUIRED | SUB-MACHINE-GUNS | AUTOMATIC RIFLES | PISTOLS |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|
| .T.                                   | 113              | 177              | 85      |
| A.T.                                  | 64               | 204              | 63      |
| A.T.                                  | 123              | 601              | 123     |
| T.                                    | 614              | 3,927            | 591     |
| SICILY                                | 93               | 100              | 30      |
| SARDINIA                              | 74               | 165              | 65      |
| CAMPANIA                              | 43               | 150              | 35      |
| TOTAL                                 | 1,124            | 5,324            | 992     |

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From: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica  
III Reparto-Servizi  
Sezione Logistica.

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

Date: 4th July, 1946.

Ref: SERV/302848/L.9/F/2424 Coll.

SMALL ARMS FOR THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

In answer to your letter ref. 946/Def., even subject of  
28th June, 1946.

1. As to what you have stated we think it necessary to make clear that our letter ref. SERV/301030/L.9/F/882/Coll. of 4th March concluded, as you know, a long correspondence which had been going on since October 1945 on the subject, and supplied you, in accordance with your request, a complete return of our requirements of small arms and relative ammunition, of our availability and finally of requests. (see enclosures Nos. 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9- attached to our above letter ref. 301030/L.9/F/882/Coll. of 4th March.)

2. As your Sub-Commission has informed us that our request for an allocation of 10,000 automatic rifles, 2000 sub-machine-guns, 5000 pistols had not been granted by A.F.H.Q., we should like to point out our need of being authorised to purchase from the Beretta Firm at least:

- a) 200 - 300 sub-machine-guns
- b) 1000 pistols and these requirements are justified by incidents of bandits to which many of our vehicles on route and isolated stations are subjected.

3. We have not the intention, this must be very clear to you, to insist on the allocation of 10,000 automatic rifles, 2000 sub-machine guns and 5000 pistols (these are quantities, it is useful to repeat it, which exactly show our actual requirements) but we ask for your assistance so as we can be authorised to get the above small quantities of armament.

4. Finally we think it useless to supply you with information that have already been forwarded in details upon your request submitted at that time (letter ref. AFSC/629/Eq. dated 31st December 1945 which had been acknowledged with our above letter ref. 301030/L.9/F/882 Coll. of 4th March).

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SMALL ARMS FOR THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

In answer to your letter ref. 946/Def., even subject of  
24th June, 1946.

1. As to what you have stated we think it necessary to make clear that our letter ref. Serv/301030/L.9/F/882/Coll. of 4th March concluded, as you know, a long correspondence which had been going on since October 1945 on the subject, and supplied you, in accordance with your request, a complete return of our requirements of small arms and relative ammunition, of our availability and finally of requests. (see enclosures Nos. 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9- attached to our above letter ref. 301030/L.9/F/882/Coll. of 4th March.)

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(translated by Anna de Bernardis)

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on this file  
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ASSISTANT CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF  
Col. Aldo Remondino



PI/CR

STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA

III REPARTO - SERVIZI

Servizio Logistica

Roma, 11/4/44

ALL: A.C. - A.F.S.C.  
(tramite Ufficio Collegamento)

R O M A

Prot.n°SERV/20.988/L.9/F/242421.

OGGETTO: Armi leggere per l'Aeronautica Italiana.-

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Riscontro vostra 946/Def., pari oggetto del 26  
Giugno c.a.-

- 1°) - In merito a quanto da voi rappresentato riteniamo necessario chiarire che la nostra lettera Serv/301030/L.9/F/882/Coll. del 4 Marzo c.a. concludeva, com'è a voi noto, un lungo carteggio intercorso sin dall'ottobre 1945 sull'argomento in oggetto indicato e vi forniva, in relazione ad espressa vostra richiesta un quadro esauriente del nostro fabbisogno di armi leggere e relativo munizionamento, delle nostre disponibilità ed infine delle richieste (vedansi allegati n° 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 al citato nostro foglio 301030/L.9/F/882/Coll. del 4 marzo c.a.-
- 2°) - Avendo codesta A.F.S.C. comunicato che la nostra richiesta di assegnazione di n°10.000 moschetti, n°2000 mitragliatori, n°5.000 pistole non aveva trovato accoglimento da parte dell'A.F.H.Q., vi prospettammo la necessità di autorizzarci almeno l'acquisto presso la Ditta Beretta di:
- a) - n°200+300 mitragliatori;  
b) - n°1.000 pistole e giustificammo questa necessità stessa in relazione al concretarsi di atti di banditismo cui molti nostri automezzi in viaggio e posti isolati avevano dovuto soggiacere.-
- 3°) - Non intendiamo, vi sia ben chiaro, insistere per l'assegnazione dei 10.000 moschetti, dei 2.000 mitragliatori e delle 5.000 pistole (quantità queste, è utile ripetere, che traducono il nostro effettivo fabbisogno) ma chiediamo la vostra assistenza perchè ci venga autorizzato l'esiguo armamento innanzi indicato.-

OGGETTO: Armi leggere per l'Aeronautica Italiana.-

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  - b) - n°1.000 pistole e giustificammo questa necessità stessa in relazione al concretarsi di atti di banditismo cui molti nostri automezzi in viaggio e posti isolati avevano dovuto soggiacere.-
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- 4°) - Riteniamo infine inutile duplicazione fornirvi elementi che vi sono già stati dettagliatamente forniti sulla base della richiesta che a suo tempo voi ci formulaste al riguardo (foglio AFSC/629/Eq. in data 31 Dicembre 1945 cui fu dato riscontro con il già citato foglio 301030/L.9/F/882/Coll. del 4 Marzo c.a.).-

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

Colonnello A.A. m. Piliato

*Piliato*

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
Allied Commission, ROME.  
To: Italian Air Ministry.  
Date: 8th July, 1946.  
Ref: AFSC/946/Def.

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SMALL ARMS STOCKS.

Reference AFSC/946/Def. May 29.

2. It would be appreciated if the return detailing your total stocks of small arms as requested in the above-mentioned letter may be forwarded with as little delay as possible.



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

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

To: Italian Air Ministry,  
Liaison Office.

Date: 24th June, 1946.

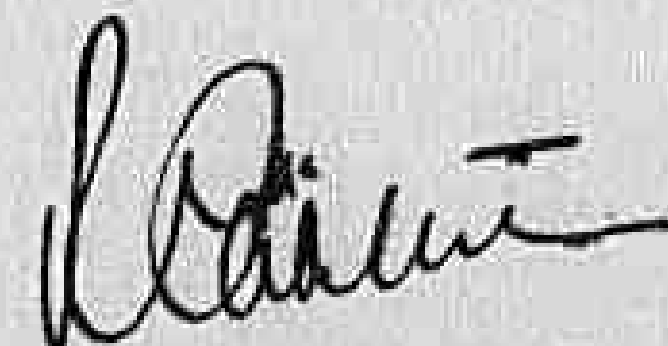
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IMPOUNDING OF REVOLVER - LT.COL. STENO PACINI.

Reference is made to your letter 1957/Coll. forwarding statement from Lt.Col. Steno Pacini re impounding of his revolver by the American police.

2. It is notified that the above officer's revolver has now been handed over by the American authorities to Major IACCARINO Italian Liaison Officer at the Naples Questura to await collection by Lt.Col. Steno Pacini.



R. CARTNER,  
Flight Lieutenant,  
for Air Vice Marshal,  
Director,  
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

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52A AIR

5th Ind to Ltr, fr Air Forces Sub-Commission, ALCOM, ROME, dtd 28 May 46,  
subj: Impounding of Beretta Revolver 110146.

AG C10.6/094 -0

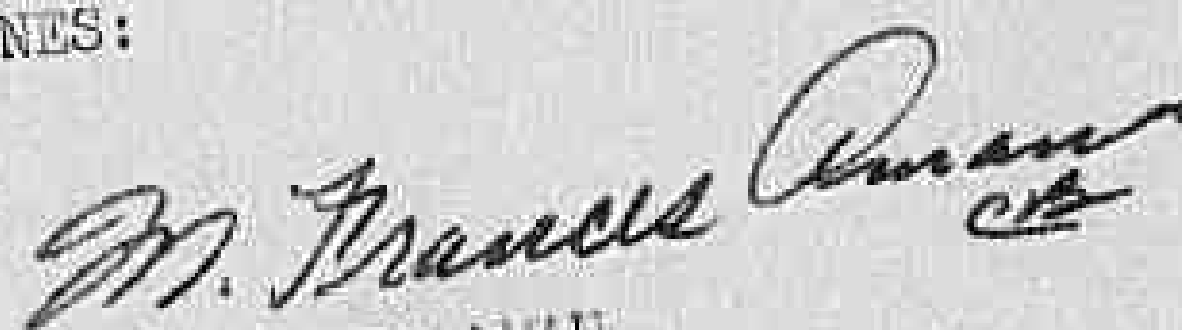
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HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 22 June 1946

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 794  
FOR: Air Forces Sub-Commission

Attention is invited to 3rd indorsement.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL JAYNES:



M. FRANCES AMAN  
Captain, AGD  
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl:  
n/c



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

To: Commanding General MTOUSA  
U.S. Army A.P.O. 512.

Date: 28th May, 1946.

Ref: AFSC/946/DEF.

IMPOUNDING OF BERETTA REVOLVER 110146

This Sub-Commission has been approached by the Italian Air Ministry on behalf of Lt. Colonel Steno Pacini of the Italian Air Force whose revolver was impounded by Military Police at Formia on 20th May last, and attached herewith is copy of statement made by the above-named officer giving details of same.

2. As there would appear to be sufficient evidence to support the case for the return of this officer's revolver may we please have your decision on same.

*L. Cartner*  
R. CARTNER,  
Flight Lieutenant,  
for Air Vice Marshal,  
Director,  
Air Forces Sub-Commission

Copy to: Italian Air Ministry.  
(letter 1957/Coll. dated 22/5/46 refers)

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On May 20, 1946, at 10.00 hrs. the M.P. Command of Formia Control Post sequestered pistol "Beretta" Cal 9 mm. owned by Lt/Col. Steno Pacini, who had licence to carry arms.- The pistol was in the dashboard recess of the car "Roma 88233".

Due to the unexpected departure of the car from Rome to Naples for transporting H.E. Senator Cipolla, the weapon was not removed. The car-driver presented the case as if the pistol were the property of the undersigned and the American police helped to make out the report.

It is strongly urged that an interest is taken in the recovery of the weapon.

Remark: Car-driver - Mario Antonelli, employed by Lt.Col. Steno Pacini  
No. of the Pistol: 110146 of the Rome Police Station.

Rome, May 22, 1946.

/s/ Lt.Col. Steno Pacini.

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1st Ind to Ltr. fr Air Forces Sub-Commission, ALCON, ROME, dtd 28 May 46,  
subj: Impounding of Beretta Revolver 310146.

AG O10.6/094 -0

1st Ind

HEADQUARTERS MTOUSA, APO 512, 31 May 1946

B: 20 June 1946

TO: Commanding Officer, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782  
ATTENTION: Theater Provost Marshal.

For investigation and report of action taken.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

*John R. Hayes*  
Major, ASD  
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl:  
n/c

AG O10.6 BPSPM (22 May 1946) 2nd Ind

JUN 4 1946

HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, APO 782, U.S. Army

TO: Commanding Officer, 6686 Railhead Group (Overhead), APO 782, U.S. Army  
(Attention: Provost Marshal)

Request investigation and report through this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*Gordon W. Gilliam*  
GORDON W. GILLIAM  
Captain A.C.D.  
Assistant Adjutant General

1 Incl: n/c

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AG 010.6 B 7M 3rd Ind.  
HEADQUARTERS 6686TH RAILHEAD GROUP (OVHD), B. MOLI RAILHEAD PBS, APO 782,  
U.S. Army, 14 June 1946

TO: The Commanding Officer, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782.

1. Investigation reveals that subject pistol has been turned over to Major IACCARINO, Italian Liaison Officer at the Naples Questura.
2. Same may be obtained by rightful owner from the Liaison Officer.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*O. M. Madsen*  
O. M. MADSEN  
Major., AGD  
Adjutant

AG 010.6 BPSPW (22 May 1946) 4th Ind 21 JUN 1946  
HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, APO 782, U.S. Army,

TO: Commanding General, WFOUSA, APO 512, US Army.  
(ATTENTION: AG)

Attention invited to 3rd Ind.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl: r/c

*J. D. Vensel*  
J. D. VENSEL  
Major, AGD  
Assistant Adjutant General

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

To: Stato Maggiore R.Aeronautica  
III Reparto Servizi  
Sezione Logistica.

Date: 22nd June, 1946.

Ref: AFSC/946/DEF.

SMALL ARMS - ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

Reference is made to your SERV/302609/L.9/F/2259 Coll.,  
June 18, and to your SERV/301030/L.9/F/882 Coll. March 4.

2. In enclosure 1 of your letter of March 4 you stated that your requirements were for 2000 sub-machine-guns, 10,000 automatic rifles, 5000 rifles. These numbers seem excessive especially when compared with the figures given in your letter of June 18.

3. In order to finally ascertain your requirements of small arms it is requested that the following information be communicated to this Sub-Commission so that higher authority may be given a comprehensive survey of your present holdings and your requirements.

4. What is your exact requirement of additional small arms?  
To what scale are they to be issued to personnel?  
Are small arms going to be made a personal issue to all Officers N.C.O.s and airmen?  
If not what percentage of Officers, N.C.O.s and airmen are to be armed and what percentage of your desired holding of small arms will be required to be kept as unit reserves?

5. Further it is requested that the distribution of your present holding of small arms may be shown.

6. For your additional requirement it will be necessary for you to detail to which individual Units, Squadrons, Sections, Departments etc. you propose to distribute the small arms.

2807

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

50A

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

To: Stato Maggiore Regia Aeronautica,  
III Reparto-Servizi,  
Sezione Logistica.

Date: 22nd June, 1946.

Ref: AFSC/946/DEF.

SUPPLY OF SMALL ARMS.

49A

Reference your SERV/102614/L.9/P.2256 Coll. June 18,  
final authority is hereby given for the purchase of 108 sub-machine  
guns.

Dh.

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

2805

49A  
(7)

From: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica  
III Reparto-Servizi  
Sezione Logistica.

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

Date: 18th June, 1946.

Ref: SERV/302614/D.9/F/2256 Coll.

SUPPLY OF SMALL CALIBRE ARMS  
TO THE 1ST Z.A.T.

39A

1. Reference is made to your letter AFSC/946/DEF. dated 28th May, 1946, even subject.

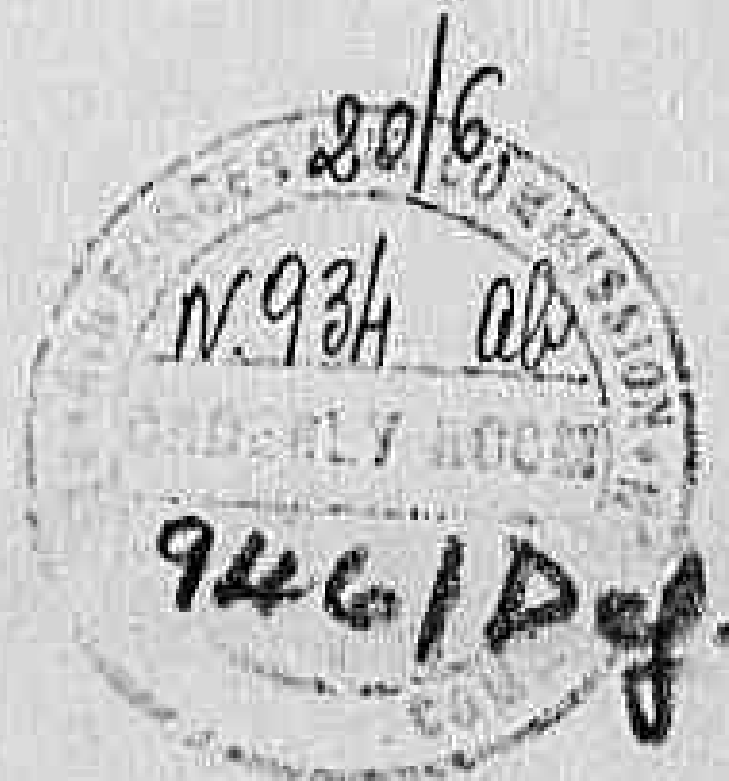
2. It is notified that as to purchase from the Beretta Firm of 108 sub-machine-guns authorised by your Sub-Commission the Government's approval has now been received and more precisely by this Administration's Chief who in the Government is acting as the Air Minister.

3. As the necessary preliminaries requested by your Sub-Commission have been completed in this way, will you please confirm your definite O.K. for the purchase in question.

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF  
Col. AULO REMONDINO

(translated by Anna de Bernardis)

2803



PI/AN

STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA  
III REPARTO - SERVIZI  
Sezione Logistica

Roma, 1118 GIU. 1946

ALL'AC. - A.F.S.C.

( tramite Ufficio di collegamento )

= ROMA =

Prot. N° SERV/ 302614 / 1.9/17 / 2256 Lat

OGGETTO: Fornitura armi piccolo calibro alla I° Z.A.T.-

- 1°) Riscontro nota A.F.S.C./946/Def. in data 28 maggio 1946, pari oggetto.
- 2°) Vi segnaliamo che per l'acquisto, presso la Ditta Berretta, dei 108 mitragliatori autorizzati da codesta Sottocommissione è intervenuta l'approvazione del Governo, nella persona del Capo di questa Amministrazione che in seno al Governo stesso ha funzione di Ministro per l'Aeronautica.
- 3°) Poiché sono stati così completati i necessari preliminari richiesti da codesta Sottocommissione, vogliate compiacervi di confermarci il vostro definitivo benestare per l'acquisto di che trattasi.=



UFFICIO CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

Colonnello VA. ed. Pilota

(Aldo Remondino)

2301

From: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica  
III Reparto-Servizi  
Sezione Logistica.

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

Date: 18th June, 1946.

Ref: SERV/302609/L.9/F/2259 Coll.

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(1).

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N931 ab

946/Def.

REQUEST FOR ARMS.

42A

1. In answer to your letter AFSC/946/DEF. dated 4th June 1946, even subject.

2. It is notified that the authority granted by you with your letter, even reference, dated 29th May, 1946, covers the requirements for the defence of the 1st Z.A.T.'s Units - these requirements were made out on a basis of a strictly necessary minimum.

3. In explanation and confirmation to what had been pointed out in our letter Serv/302363/L.9/E dated 1st June, even subject, the requirements of automatic portable arms necessary for ensuring a minimum of defence to isolated military places and military vehicles on route are hereunder notified in respect of the different Territorial Commands:

|               |    |   |                 |    |   |           |             |
|---------------|----|---|-----------------|----|---|-----------|-------------|
| II Z.A.T.     | 75 | - | III Z.A.T.      | 74 | - | IV Z.A.T. | 50          |
| I.A.F. Sicily | 30 | - | I.A.F. Sardinia | 30 | - | Total     | 260 sub-ma- |

chine-guns in addition to those already authorised by you for the 1st Z.A.T.

4. We rely on your consideration to grant us our right of defence against bandits and evil-minded people and we are sure that you will take up the matter to your Authorities concerned promptly on our behalf.

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF  
COL. AIDO REMONDINO

(translated by Anna de Bernardis)

PI/AN

STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA  
III RUP A. G. TO - SERVIZI  
Sezione Logistica

Roma, li 18 GIU. 1946

ALL'AC. - A. F. S. S.  
(tramite Ufficio collegamento)

= ROMA =

Prot. n° SERV/ 302609 / 1.9/7 / 2259 coll.

OGGETTO: Richiesta armi. -

- 1°) Risccontro vostra nota A.F.S.C./946/Def, in data 4 giugno 1946, pari oggetto.
- 2°) Abbiamo premura di segnalarvi che l'autorizzazione da voi concessa con la vostra lettera pari protocollo in data 29 maggio 1946 soddisfa le esigenze della difesa - riferita questa ad un minimo indispensabile - degli Enti Aeronautici della I<sup>a</sup> Z.A.T..
- 3°) A chiarimento e conferma di quanto rappresentato vi con nostra nota SERV 302363/L.9/E, in data 1 giugno c. a. pari oggetto, vi segnaliamo ora, come da vostra richiesta, qui di seguito il fabbisogno di armi automatiche portatili indispensabile per assicurare un minimo di difesa di posti isolati militari e di trasporti e veicoli militari in viaggio riferentisi ai vari Comandi Territoriali: II<sup>a</sup> Z.A.T. n° 75; III<sup>a</sup> Z.A.T. n° 75; IV<sup>a</sup> Z.A.T. n° 50; Aeronautica Sicilia n° 50; Aeronautica Sardegna n° 30; Totale N° 260 mitragliatori in aggiunta a quelli da voi già autorizzati per la I<sup>a</sup> Z.A.T..
- 4°) Confidiamo sulla comprensione che vorrete accordarci nel riconoscerci il diritto di difesa contro banditi e malintenzionati e siamo sicuri che svolgerete presso i vostri Organi competenti premurosa ed autorevole azione a nostro favore. =

IL SOTTOCAPO DELLO STATO MAGGIORE

Colonnello in Pilota

(Aldo Remondino)

*Remondino*

47A

From:- Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.  
To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome.  
Date:- 17th June, 1946.  
Ref :- MAAC/4201/3/ATAIS.

ARMS FOR THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE

Reference is made to this Secretariat's  
letter of even reference dated 23rd May, 1946: — 37A

2. It would be appreciated if an answer could  
now be given to Para. 3 of the above-quoted letter.

*Sp. In. balancing.  
Will forward information as soon  
as available. See 40A  
Dh*



*for* MAXWELL FISHER )  
Wing Commander  
Secretary to The  
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

46A

FROM :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
Allied Commission, Milan.

TO :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
H.Q. Allied Commission, Rome.  
(attention W/Cdr Walker).

DATE :- 11th June 1946.

REF :- AFSC/M/946/Def.

I.A.F. ARMS AND AMMUNITION DUMP-SANGUINETTO

34A

Reference is made to our letter on this  
subject dated 20th May 1946.

2. Enclosed herewith is a list showing all  
the unserviceable arms and ammunition still remaining at  
Sanguinetto which is forwarded for your information.



D.H.G. SMITH S/LDR  
Commanding  
A.F.S.C. MILAN.

2793

Enclosure (1) List of Arms at Sanguinetto.



Comando  
2a ZONA AREA TERRITORIALE

Ufficio Comando

Padova 28 Maggio 46

Prot. C/1495/1/A

Al S/Ldr D.H.G. SMITH  
Commanding  
A.F.S.C.  
Milan.

Oggetto :- I.A.F. ARMS AND AMMUNITIONS DUMP- SANGUINETTO

Reference is made to letter AFSC/M/946/Def of  
20 May 1946, of this office.

2. All serviceable arms and ammunitions of dangerous nature have been transferred from Sanguinetto Dump to Padua IAF "Principe Amedeo" Barracks on 16th May 1946. Following is the list of inefficient arms and ammunitions still remaining at Sanguinetto :-

|        |                                                      |      |
|--------|------------------------------------------------------|------|
| 8.000  | cartridges of various kinds                          |      |
| 179    | mina-bombs lacking of fuze (weight 15 Kgs).          |      |
| 20     | " " " " " (weight 100 Kgs)                           |      |
| 300    | German hand grenades " " detonator and handle.       |      |
| 3.990  | " 20mm/ cartridges                                   |      |
| 3.000  | " 35/44 and 37mm/ cartridges                         | 2791 |
| 10.000 | damaged 12,7mm/ cartridges                           |      |
| 1.600  | " 8 " "                                              |      |
| 130    | inefficient barrels for 20mm/ light movable cannon   |      |
| 3      | " Browning" machine guns                             |      |
| 15     | inefficient 7,7 and 7,92mm/ machine guns             |      |
| 26     | German antitank mines lacking of primer and fuze     |      |
| 6      | inefficient 81mm/ mortars                            |      |
| 215    | 75/13mm/ shells with case.                           |      |
| 160    | German 75/40mm/ shells lacking of case               |      |
| 170    | shells for 81 mm/ mortar lacking of blasting-charge. |      |
| 93     | 75/27mm shells lacking of case.                      |      |
| 24     | German "panzerfausts" lacking of blasting-charge.    |      |

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| 24     | German "panzerfausts" lacking of blasting-charge.    |      |
| 1.164  | 41 O.R.B.O.S.C. navy fuzes.                          |      |
| 210    | British 60/40mm shells lacking of case.              |      |

Also, a big quantity of ammunitions for artillery and machine-guns are still under the ruin of the bombed stores.

3. A I.A.F. Detachment is now guarding the Stores, composed of the following personnel :

- 2 specialists Warrant Officers
- 1 Pilot Warrant Officer
- 2 Specialist Sergeants

8 Specialists soldiers  
14 soldiers

They are provided with :-

3 " SAFAT" 12,7mm/ machineguns  
1 " " 7;7mm/ " "  
1 "BREDA" 8 mm/ " "  
30 rifles  
50 German hand-grenades.  
2800 metal elements for 12,7mm machineguns  
30 loaders for Breda 8mm/  
5.000 7;7mm/ piercing cartridges  
5.000 12,7mm/ cartridges.

4. You will be notified in due course of any other modification that may occur in the present conditions of Sanguinetto Store.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Col.Pil.S. LALATTA)

Copy to :- Ufficio Ordinamento - Comando 2 ZAT Padova  
(for knowledge)

2790

From: Stato Maggiore R.Aeronautica,  
III Reparto-Servizi,  
Sezione Logistica.

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

Date: 5th June, 1946.

Ref: Serv/302442/L.9/F/2112 Coll.

REQUEST FOR ARMS.

1. The necessities stated in our letter ref. Serv/301967/L.9/F dated 7th May, even subject, and in accordance with which we were requesting your authority to purchase a limited number of sub-machine guns from the Beretta Firm, induce us as well to submit a request for authority for the purchase of a thousand ~~of~~ pistols at least from the above Firm.

2. Will you consider, in confirmation of what has been repeatedly notified to you, that it appears absolutely necessary to supply with individual armament the military personnel on armed duty or on vehicles on route or at Stores and Depots located in isolated spots and therefore endangered by possible and already reported attacks by rogues or evil-minded people.

3. To not satisfy such a great necessity causes the inability of the personnel not only of defending the material of the State but also their own persons.

All this makes for -it is obvious- a sense of distrust by the military personnel in respect of Commands, which are accused of lack of interest. This, as is understood, is detrimental to the discipline and morale.



ASSISTANT CHIEF OF GENERAL  
STAFF  
COL. ALDO REMONDINO

2789

(translated by Anna de Bernardis)

PT/MO

Roma, 11 - 5 GIU 1946 457A

ALL'A.C.- A.F.S.C. = R O M A =  
 (Tramite Ufficio di Collegamento) = S E D E =

Prot.n° Serv/ 302442/ L.9/F

2112 call

OGGETTO: Richiesta armi.-

- 1°) - Le necessità prospettatevi con foglio Serv/301967/L9/F, in data 7 maggio c.a., pari oggetto, in dipendenza delle quali vi chiedevamo di autorizzarci l'acquisto di un limitato numero di mitragliatori presso la ditta Beretta, ci inducono a formularvi parimente richiesta di autorizzazione per l'acquisto di un migliaio almeno di pistole presso la stessa ditta innanzi nominata.
- 2°) - Vogliate considerare, a conferma di quanto già ripetutamente vi è stato segnalato, come risultò indispensabile dotare di armamento individuale il personale militare in servizio armato o sugli automezzi in viaggio o presso Magazzini e Depositi ubicati in località eccentriche e come tali isolate ed esposte a possibili e già lamentate aggressioni da parte di malviventi o di malintenzionati.
- 3°) - Non soddisfare una così avvertita necessità comporta la impossibilità da parte del dipendente personale di provvedere non alla difesa del materiale dello Stato ma anche solo a quella della propria persona.
- Il che determina - com'è ovvio - un senso di sfiducia da parte del personale militare stesso nei confronti dei Comandi, cui si eleva addebito di scarso interessamento. Ciò, com'è comprensibile, con grave pregiudizio della disciplina e dell'azione morale e di comando.-

IL SOTTOSCRITTO DI STAFFO  
 Colonnello M. P. P.  
 (Rita Rognolino)

2787

PER COPIA CONFORME  
 IL CAPO DEL SERVIZIO

no/ Sena

44A

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

To: Italian Air Ministry.

Date: 11th June, 1946.

Ref: AFSC/946/DEF.

SMALL ARMS STOCKS.

HOA

Please expedite reply to our letter of even reference dated 29th May, 1946. Information requested is urgently required for onward transmission to higher authority.

*R. Cartner*  
R. CARTNER,  
Flight Lieutenant,  
for Air Vice Marshal,  
Director,  
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

2738

**SECRET**

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

2 June 1946.

G-5: 940.21

SUBJECT: Security - Venice Area.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission  
(Att: Chief Commissioner)  
APO 794.

1. The Commander XIII Corps has expressed doubts as to the ability of the Italian civil authorities in Venice to maintain law and order in the city, particularly in connection with the protection of Allied personnel and installations. He reports that, from his observation, the training, administration and equipment of the police leave much to be desired.

2. While fully mindful of the many difficulties which beset the Italian Government in its efforts to build up a sufficient and efficient police body, the Supreme Allied Commander, because of the particular interest which the Allies have in Venice, is desirous that special attention be given to that city in the matter of security. He desires therefore that the Italian Prime Minister be informed by you of his concern, that he urges the Italian Government to investigate the situation, and that he relies upon it to take early action to remedy any defects brought to light in the Venice police agencies, to the end that security of Allied personnel and installations may be ensured.

3. Please report the outcome of your discussion with the Prime Minister.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:



(s) A.L. Hamblen  
A. L. HAMBIEN  
Brigadier General, GSC  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Copy to:

Comd XIII Corps.

EC DISTRIBUTION: 5 June

Action: ~~EC~~ ~~EC~~  
" Civ. Affairs sect.  
Info: CC  
" Navy S/C  
" Air S/C  
" L.F. S/C  
" POLAD A  
" POLAD B

**SECRET**

*No*  
*S/O*  
*Have you heard anything on above*  
*subject?*  
*Feb 2/6*  
*No action by us. M.H.*

42A

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

To: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica,  
III Reparto-Servizi,  
Sezione Logistica.

Date: 4th June, 1946.

Ref: AFSC/946/DEF.

REQUEST FOR ARMS.

41A

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter Serv/302363/L.9/P/2081  
Cell; dated 1st June and your remarks therein are noted. 39A

2. The authorisation given for the purchase of 108 sub-machine  
guns in our letter of even reference dated 29th May was for the arms  
requested by 1st I.A.T. through our Milan office. If a further 200 -  
300 guns are requested in addition to those already authorised please  
confirm the exact quantity and also state reason for this request.

*R. Cartier*  
R. CARTIER,  
Flight Lieutenant,  
for Air Vice Marshal,  
Director,  
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

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(7)

From: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica,  
III Reparto-Servizi,  
Sezione Logistica.

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

Date: 1st June, 1946.

Ref: Serv/302363/L.9/F/2081 Coll.

REQUEST FOR ARMS.

1. The A.F.H.Q.'s decision in respect of the request for arms submitted by this Directorate is being noted.
2. It is, however, thought that the decisions taken do not consider the request for authority of purchasing at least 200 - 300 sub-machine-guns from the Beretta Firm, which was submitted in our previous letter ref; Serv/301967/L.9/F dated 7th May even subject.   
 \ 32A.
3. Will you consider that our request is more than justified and within lawful requirements for ensuring defense to isolated military places and military vehicles on route against constantly recurring attacks of malefactors.
4. We will be grateful to you for any authoritative and prompt action you will take by the superior office concerned of the Allied Commission in order to let us know our rights of defense against bandits.

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF  
Col; Aldo Remondino.

(translated by Anna de Bernardis)

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3/6

946/Def

PI/MO  
STATO MAGGIORE R. AEROM. MILITARE  
III R. PARTITO - SERVIZI  
Sezione Logistica  
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Roma, li -1 GIU. 1946 *HIA*

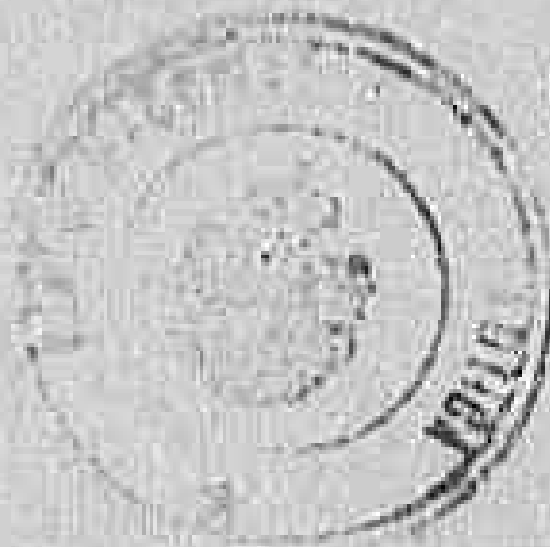
ALL'A.C. - A.F.S.C.  
(Tramite Ufficio di Collegamento)

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= S E D E =

Prot.n° Serv/ 302363 / L.9/F / 2081 Ccl.

OGGETTO: Richiesta armi.-  
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- 1°) - Si prende atto di quanto deciso dalla A.F.H.Q. in merito alla richiesta di armi formulata dallo scrivente.-
- 2°) - Si ritiene peraltro che le decisioni adottate non riguardano la richiesta di autorizzazione all'acquisto presso la Ditta Berretta di almeno 200 + 300 mitragliatori, formulate con la nostra precedente nota Serv/301967/L.9/F, in data 7 Maggio c.a. pari oggetto.-
- 3°) - Vogliate considerare che la nostra richiesta trae motivo da più che giustificate e legittime necessità di assicurare la difesa di posti isolati militari e di veicoli militari in viaggio contro la sempre più ricorrente e minacciosa audacia di malfattori.-
- 4°) - Vi saremo grati di ogni vostra autorevole premurosa azione presso i superiori organi del Comando Alleato al fine di farci riconoscere il diritto di difesa contro il banditismo.-  
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IL SOTTOCAPITO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
Colonnello A.A. in Pica  
(Aldo Remondino)

*Remondino*

HOA

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

To: Italian Air Ministry.

Date: 29th May, 1946.

Ref: APSO/946/DEF.

SMALL ARMS STOCKS.

18A

Reference is made to your letter Serv/301030/L9/S/882 Coll Dated 4th March giving total stocks of sub machine guns rifles and pistols held by the Regia Aeronautica and it is requested that you confirm that no change has taken place since that date in the stock position.

2. In future it is requested that you forward monthly to this Sub-Commission a statement setting on the total stocks of such arms held by you at the first of each month.

See 37A

*R. Cartier*  
R. CARTIER,  
Flight Lieutenant,  
for Air Vice Marshal,  
Director,  
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

2777

See 37A

39A

From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
Allied Commission, ROME.  
To: Italian Air Ministry.  
Date: 28th May, 1946.  
Ref: AFSC/946/DEF.

32A  
SUPPLY OF SMALL ARMS TO 1ST Z.A.E.

28A

Further to our letter of even reference dated 17th April and your Serv/301967/D9/P/L771/Cell. dated 7th May authority has now been obtained from A.F.H.Q. for you to purchase from the Boretta Firm the 108 sub-machine guns required by 1st Z.A.E.

2. A.F.H.Q. state however that the purchase of these weapons is conditional on your Government approving of same from the financial angle and it is requested therefore before proceeding with the transaction you inform this Sub-Commission that you have completed the necessary preliminaries with the appropriate Government department concerned.

See 37A

*R. Carner*  
R. CARNER,  
Flight Lieutenant,  
for Air Vice Marshal,  
Director,  
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

2775

FROM :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
Allied Commission, Milan.

TO :- O.C. No 3 B.I.U., Milan.

DATE :- 24th May 1946.

REF :- AFSC/M/946/Def.

*Le 3rd*

FIREARMS

11.  
N 659  
28/5

*946/Def.*

Reference is made to previous correspondence of even ref dated 3rd April 1946 and to our telephone conversation of this morning's date.

2. It is requested that immediate steps be taken to remove the 771 aircraft machine guns (now known to be serviceable) from the Isotta Fraschini factory, Comune Cavarla Ogghione, Varese and to have them moved to a secure and guarded store. This action has to complete approval of the Italian Air Force.
3. A receipt for the arms should be left with the Isotta Fraschini Firm.



*28* *2173*  
D.H.G. SMITH S/ADR  
Commanding  
A.F.S.C. MILAN.

Copy to :- (1) Major Fleetwood, Public Safety Liaison Office,  
Palazzo Montecitorio

N 659

28/5

FIREARMS

746/Def.

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D.H.G. SMITH S/LDR  
Commanding  
A.F.S.C. MILAN.

Copy to :- (1) Major Fleetwood, Public Safety Liaison Office,  
Palazzo Montecatini.  
(2) Comando I° Z.A.T., R.A., Milano. (tramite Uff. di Coll.)  
(3) W/Oar Walker, AFSC, HQ, A.C., Rome. (for information)

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From : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.  
To : Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome.  
Date : 23rd May, 1946.  
Ref : MEDITE/4201/3/AFALS.

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ARMS FOR THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

Please refer to your letter AFSC/946/Def., dated 13th May, 1946, and other correspondence on this matter.

2. Your proposal that the Italian Air Force should be allowed to purchase 108 sub machine guns or automatic rifles of Italian manufacture is agreed, as long as the Italian Government approves this transaction from the financial aspect, and also that you are satisfied that these arms cannot be obtained from G.E.M. Stocks already in the possession of the Italian Government. (vide AG 400.312 GOF - O dated 6th April, 1946.)

3. A.F.H.Q., has asked this Secretariat for the present weapon holdings of the Italian Air Force in round totals. It would therefore, be appreciated if this information could be obtained and also if this Secretariat could be periodically informed of any major increases or decreases in order to keep A.F.H.Q. advised. |||

*Maxwell Fisher.*

(MAXWELL FISHER)  
Wing Commander,  
Secretary to The,  
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE.

*See 39A  
See 40A**Return note at  
58A*

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

To: Commanding General MTOUSA  
U.S. Army A.P.O. 512.

Date: 28th May, 1946.

Ref: AFSC/946/DEF.

IMPOUNDING OF BERETTA REVOLVER 110146

This Sub-Commission has been approached by the Italian Air Ministry on behalf of Lt. Colonel Steno Pacini of the Italian Air Force whose revolver was impounded by Military Police at Fermo on 20th May last, and attached herewith is copy of statement made by the above-named officer giving details of same.

2. As there would appear to be sufficient evidence to support the case for the return of this officer's revolver may we please have your decision on same.

*R. Carter*

R. CARTER,  
Flight Lieutenant,  
for Air Vice Marshal,  
Director,  
Air Forces Sub-Commission

Copy to: Italian Air Ministry.  
(letter 1957/Coll. dated 22/5/46 refers)

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(3)

From : Air Ministry  
Minister's Cabinet  
AFSC Liaison Office

To : Airforces Subcommission  
Allied Commission, Rome.

Date : May 22, 1946.

Ref. : 1957 Coll

Subject: Statement by Lt.Col.Steno Pacini.

1. The statement by Lt.Col.Steno Pacini is hereby enclosed.
2. It is strongly urged that the Airforces Subcommission takes action so that Lt.Col.Pacini is returned his revolver.

Chief of the Office  
(Lt.Col.A.A.R.n.Walter Marini)  
/s/



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W. T. O. S. A.  
V. S. A. M. 1  
A. T. O. S. 12

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(1)

On May 20, 1946, at 10.00 hrs the M.P. Command of Formia Control Post sequestered pistol "Beretta" Cal 9 mm, owned by Lt. Col. Steno Pacini, who had licence to carry arms.- The pistol was in the dash-board recess of the car "Roma 88233".

Due to the unexpected departure of the car from Rome to Naples for transporting H.E. Senator Cipolla, the weapon was not removed. The car-driver presented the case as if the pistol were the property of the undersigned and the American police helped to make out the report.

It is strongly urged that an interest is taken in the recovery of the weapon.

Remark : Car-driver - Mario Antonelli, employed by Lt. Col. Steno Pacini.  
No of the Pistol: 110146 of the Rome Police Station.

Rome, May 22, 1946.

/s/ Lt. Col. Steno Pacini.

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*Ministero dell'Aeronautica*  
GABINETTO DEL MINISTRO  
Ufficio Collegamento AFSC

*Divisione*

*Prot. N. 1457 Coll. Allegato*

*Se.*

*Risposta al Foglio del*  
*Se.* *N. 2*

OGGETTO Esposto Ten. Col. Steno PACINI -

*All* L'AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C.

= R O M A =

*Il ptegr. Annullare per ogni foglio con solo riferimento indicare nella risposta  
il N. di protocollo e la data di ricezione o di invio.*

1. Si trasmette quanto in oggetto.

2. Si prega vivamente codesta Sotto Commissione di voler svolgere autorevole opera affinché il T. Col. Pacini ritorni in possesso della sua rivoltella.

*IL CAPO UFFICIO*  
*Se. T. C.*  
*P. Pacini*



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Il giorno 20 maggio 1946, alle ore 10,00, dal Comando M.P. del posto di blocco di Formia è stata sequestrata la pistola Beretta cal. 9 m.m. di proprietà del Ten. Col. Steno Pacini - regolarmente munito di porto d'armi - pistola che si trovava nel ripostiglio del cruscotto della macchina targata ROMA 88233.

La macchina era partita improvvisamente da Roma diretta a Napoli per trasportare S.E. il Senatore Cipolla e nella fretta non era stato provveduto a rimuovere l'arma. L'autista ha fatto presente come la pistola fosse di proprietà dello scrivente e la polizia americana ne ha preso atto nel redigere il verbale.

Si prega vivamente volersi interessare per il recupero dell'arma.

Nota : Autista - Mario Antonelli , alle dipendenze del T.Col.  
Steno Pacini

Porto d'armi n° 110146 della Prefettura di Roma.

Roma, 22 maggio 1946

*Ten. Steno Pacini*

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FROM :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
Allied Commission, Milan.

TO :- Comando Nucleo 2<sup>a</sup> Z.A.T., Regia Aeronautica, Padua.

DATE :- 20th May 1946.

REF :- AFSC/M/946/Def.

I.A.F. ARMS AND AMMUNITION DUMP - SANGUINETTO

Reference is made to the conversation General Raffaelli - P/O Reid on the above subject on 17th May 1946.

2. Confirmation is given of the decisions then reached :-
- (a) That all machine-guns, small arms, hand-grenades and similar light movable stores of a dangerous nature be transferred at once to Padua where they can be stored in a more secure building adequately guarded by armed I.A.F. personnel.
  - (b) That all stores remaining at Sanguinetto be made harmless as far as possible, and steps taken to prevent all access to the store by unauthorized personnel.

3. It would be appreciated if this office could be informed when action has been taken and details forwarded in due course of arms remaining at Sanguinetto.

*[Signature]* F/O  
D.H.D. SMITH S/LDR  
Commanding  
A.F.S.C. MILAN

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D.H.B. SMITH S/LDR  
Commanding  
A.F.S.C. MILAN

Copy to :- W/Cdr Walker, A.F.S.C., H.Q., A.C., Rome.  
(for information).

33A

From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
Allied Commission, Rome.  
To: M.A.A.C. Secretariat.  
Date: 13th May, 1946.  
Ref: AFSC/246/Def.

MEMORANDUM FOR AFSC.

The attached copy of a letter received from the Italian Air Ministry is forwarded for your information.

2. This matter has been discussed between W/O. Walker and S/L. Wainley. The number of guns stated in the letter is considerably more than the original request.

3. A.F.H.Q.'s AG 400.512 COT-0 April 6 does not state that the Italian Air Force cannot be allowed the 108 guns originally requested. It states they should be obtained through the Italian Army. The Italian Army however cannot supply the guns.

4. It is proposed therefore that authority be given for the I.A.F. to purchase 108 sub-machine guns or automatic rifles.

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

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(E)

From: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica  
III Reparto-Servizi  
Sezione Logistica.

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

Date: 7th May, 1946.

Ref: Serv/301967/L.9/F/1771 Coll.

REQUEST FOR ARMS.

1. Further to our letter ref. Serv/301030/L.9/F of the 4th March, 1946, even subject.
2. We are informing you that on the 23rd April the bus carrying out the transport service for the personnel working at Linate airfield (Milan) was attacked with hand-grenades by unknown persons. Neither casualties nor damage are reported. It is, however, to be pointed out that no resistance could be offered to the aggressors by the M/T personnel who were without automatic arms owing to the well known shortage, which was notified a long time ago. The Military Police themselves (Carabinieri) of Linate airfield are without automatic arms.
3. Other regrettable incidents have occurred elsewhere and to prevent repetition this HQ. ask your Sub-Commission to examine the opportunity of authorising purchase of at least 200-300 automatic rifles from the Beretta Firm, so that it would be possible to meet the most urgent and immediate requirements of the I.A.T.s, Aeronautical Commands and Unita' Aerea Command.
4. We are submitting the above while we are awaiting that the request for allocation of arms previously forwarded to your Sub-Commission can be granted.

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF  
Colonel Aldo Remondino

(translated by Anna de Bernardis)



PI/MO

A.D.  
R. AERONAUTICA

SERVIZI

Servizi Logistici

Roma, 11 7 MAG. 1946

ALL'A.C. - A.F.S.C.

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Prot. n° Serv/

301967

L.9/F

1771 Coll.

OGGETTO: Richiesta armi.-

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- 1°) - Seguito al nostro foglio Serv/301030/L9/F, del 4 marzo c.a., pari oggetto.-
- 2°) - Vi informiamo che il 23 aprile u.s. l'autobus in servizio di trasporto del personale effettivo all'Aeroporto di Linate (Milano) è stato fatto segno al lancio di bombe a mano ad opera di ignoti.
- Non si hanno a lamentare né vittime né danni. E' da rilevare peraltro che alcuna reazione è stata possibile opporre agli aggressori da parte del personale anti-aria non provvisto di armi automatiche a causa della nota indisponibilità già da tempo segnalata.
- La stessa polizia militare (Carabinieri) dell'Aeroporto di Linate è sprovvista di armi automatiche.-
- 3°) - In relazione a tali incresciosi incidenti, già verificatisi altrove, questo S.M. prega Codesta Sottocommissione di voler esaminare l'opportunità di autorizzare l'acquisto presso la Ditta Berretta di almeno 200 + 300 mitragliatori, così che resulti possibile fronteggiare le più impellenti ed immediate necessità delle Zone Aeree, dei Comandi di Aeronautica e del Comando dell'Unità Aerea.-
- 4°) - Quanto sopra in attesa della definizione della richiesta di assegnazione di armi a suo tempo inoltrata a Codesta A.C. - A.F.S.C.-

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IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

Colonnello AA. nn. Pilota

(Aldo Remondino)

Remondino

31 A

Subject : Sub-machine Guns for the Italian Air Force.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME  
Tel. 478103

24 A  
Q. 136 30 April 46

To AC (Air Forces Sub-Commission.)

Ref your AFSC/946/DEF of 11 April 46 and this H.Q.  
letter Q. 136 of 15 April 46.

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1. This matter has been taken up with the Italian Ministry of War who state that they regret that, owing to a shortage of sub-machine guns for the Carabinieri Reali, they are unable to make any issue to the Italian Air Ministry.
  2. This is in accordance with Allied directives which have requested the Italian Ministry of War to give the Carabinieri Reali Ist. Priority in equipment in order to have them at the maximum efficiency in the shortest time by reason of their internal security commitments.



*E. W. Bradley*

E. W. BRADLEY,  
Major Innisks  
for Major General  
M. E. I. A.

EWB/lm

AWB

30A.

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

To: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica  
III Reparto-Servizi  
Servizio Logistica.

Date: 27th April, 1946.

Ref: AFAC/637/Eq.

REQUEST FOR ARMS

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AFAC/629/E9.

Reference is made to your 45095/L.12/D/5773 Coll. October 24, and  
Serr/301030/L.9/E/382 Coll. March 4.

2. Your request for sub-machine guns, rifles and pistols has been referred to A.F.L.Q. which Headquarters will not give authority for the issue of any further arms to the Italian Air Force.
3. 205th Division has now been considerably reduced in numbers and all its personnel will very shortly be returned to the I.A.F.
4. Authority cannot be given to individually arm the I.A.F. (which your request implied).
5. If this matter is to be pursued further complete details of the individual Squadrons, Sections, Departments, etc. requiring arms will have to be submitted.
6. It is strongly advised however that you take no further action in this matter at the present time.

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DM.

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

29A

From : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

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

Date:- 18th April, 1946.

Ref :- MAAC/4201/3/AFALS.

25A

SMALL ARMS FOR ITALIAN AIR FORCE

Reference is made to your letter AFSC/946/DEF dated 15th April, 1946:

2. The question of the supply of small arms and ammunition to the Italian Air Force has been carefully investigated by this Secretariat, in conjunction with interested sections of Allied Force Headquarters, and you are informed that before the matter can be placed before the Supreme Allied Commander, and thence to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, further details will be required as to the individual Squadrons, Sections, Departments etc., requiring the arms.

3. Para. 5 of your above quoted letter is noted, but it is pointed out that whereas all infantry divisions of the British Army are fully armed, the figure of 100% does not apply to the R.A.F., which is usually only armed for ceremonial parades, guard duties etc.

4. Further to this subject, you are referred to Allied Forces Headquarters letter AG.400.312 GOT-O dated 6th April, 1946.

Maxwell Fisher.

( MAXWELL FISHER )  
Wing Commander  
Secretary to The

MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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Copies to : Air Plans.  
Allied Force Headquarters (G.3. Section)  
(for attention of Colonel FOSTER)

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Comd to Secy me  
WFF  
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up. 946/Def

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From: Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
Allied Commission, ROME.  
To: Italian Air Ministry.  
Date: 17th April, 1946.  
Ref: AFSC/946/122.

SUPPLY OF SMALL ARMS TO 1st S.A.I.

A request was submitted to this Sub-Commission by our Milan Office for the supply of 100 Sub-machine guns for use in 1st S.A.I. for the guarding of Stores Depots and numerous enquiries have been made as to the possibility of obtaining same.

2. It has now been ascertained that the correct supply channel for these items is through the Ministry of War and it is requested you now take up this matter with them.

3. M.M.I.A. have already notified the Ministry of War of the request in their letter Q. 136 dated 15th April 1946.

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*L. Carter*  
L. CARTER,  
Flight Lieutenant,  
for Air Vice Marshal,  
Director,  
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

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Subject : AMMO for the REGIA AERONAUTICA

LAND FORCES SUB COMM.A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.  
Tel. 478103

Q . 136

15 April 46

TO : Ministry of War.

Info : Air Forces Sub-Commission A.C.

1. The attached request (AFSC/946/DEF of 11 April 46) has been received by this H.Q.

2. It is felt by this H.Q. that this is a matter for discussion by the Ministry of War with the Air Ministry.

3. The Ministry of War should then inform this H.Q. whether or not it feels it can make these weapons available.

4. It should be ascertained whether there is a likelihood of further requests for weapons for similar duties in other parts of Italy. If this is the case, your discussion should cover the overall situation, always remembering that the Carabinieri and Army have first priority.

*For Bradley*  
E.W. BRADLEY,  
Major General  
for Major General  
M.M.I.A.

EWB/lm



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FROM : Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
Allied Commission, Rome.

TO : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee  
Secretariat.

DATE : 15 April 1946.

REF. : AFSC/946/DEF.

SMALL ARMS FOR ITALIAN AIR FORCE

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1. Receipt is acknowledged of your MAC/4201/3/AFMIS dated 23 March 1946, and it would appear that the question of the supply of small arms to the Italian Air Force has now become somewhat confused.

2. The original request forwarded under cover of our letter AFSC/629/21, dated 24 November 1945, was mainly for arms required by personnel of 205 Division doing guards on American depots and aerodromes. Since then, however, a complete list has been forwarded to you giving the total requirements of the whole of the Italian Air Force, our letter of even reference dated 14 March refers.

3. Taking into consideration the suggested amendments given in our letter of 14 March, the total number of arms required will be 10,000 and this added to the 17,467 already held by the Italians does not give 100 percent arming of the overall strength of 31,000.

4. Four remarks in paragraph 3 of your letter are noted. Although the Americans are giving up Italian personnel employed by them this does not materially affect the issue as these personnel are returned to the Italian Air Force and employed by them on very much the same duties.

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5. It is understood that Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.L.I.A.) are already carrying out the rearming of the Italian Army and that the reequipping is being done on British Army scales, although at present the percentage armed is about 90 percent which agrees more or less with our suggested figure for the Air Force.

6. Your comments on the above are awaited.

  
WILLIAM L. LEE, Brig. Gen., U.S.A.  
Deputy Director

24A

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

To: M.H.I.A.

Date: 11th April, 1946.

Ref: AFSC/946/DEF.

REQUEST FOR SUB MACHINE GUNS BY 1st Z.A.T.

The Italian Air Force have requested that they be supplied with quantity 100 sub machine guns for use in guarding stores dumps and depots in the Milan area and application for release of these guns from 807 German Vehicle Dump, Modena was made to C.E.M. Branch.

2. We are now informed by C.E.M. branch that application for the arms should be made to you as they are of Italian origin and you are in a position to authorise the release of same.

*R. Cartier*  
R. CARTIER,  
Flying Officer,  
for Air Vice Marshal,  
Director,  
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

*See 231A*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

CEM/71/1200

9 April 1946

SUBJECT: Request for Sub Machine Guns by  
1st Z.A.T.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission  
Air Forces Sub/Commission

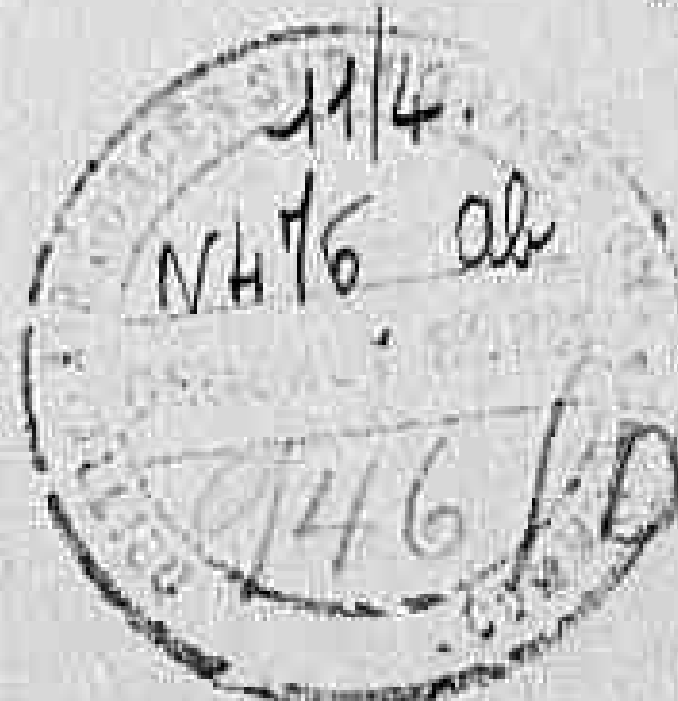
Further to your letter AFSC/946/Def dated 8 March 46,  
and our communication CEM/71/1199 dated 18 March 46 to G.H.Q.,  
copy to you.

1. Will you please make application for the 108 sub-  
machine guns required by Z.A.T. to Land Forces Sub Commission  
(M.M.I.A.) who are in a position to obtain release of these  
weapons as they are of Italian military origin, and who can  
make the necessary arrangements with the Italian Government.

*John D. L. L.*

J.A. CAMPBELL  
Lieut.-Colonel,  
Director  
CEM Branch

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22 A

From: - Mediterranean Allied Air Commit Secretariat.

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

Date: - 23rd March, 1946.

Ref :- MAAC/4201/3/AFALS.

SMALL ARMS FOR ITALIAN AIR FORCE

Reference is made to your letter AFSC/946/DEF dated 14th March, 1946, upon which the following comments are made:

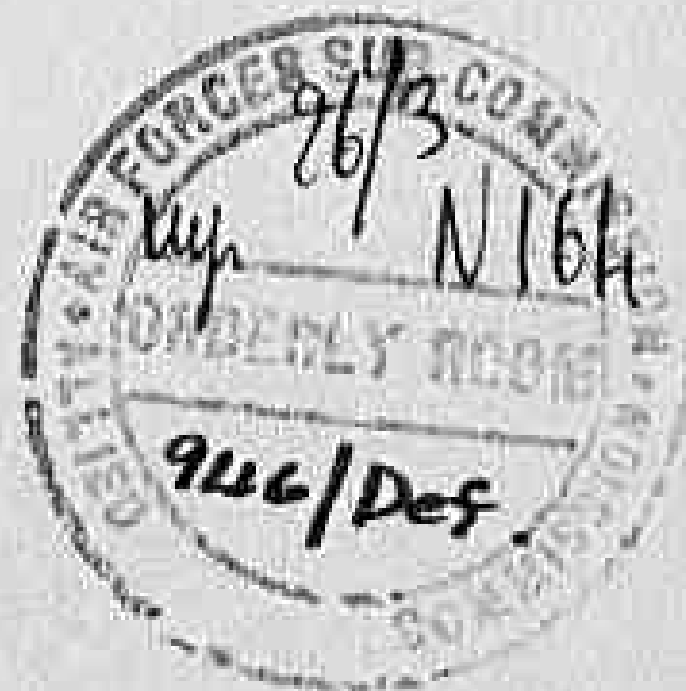
2. Attention is drawn to your letter AFSC/629/Eq dated 24th November, 1945, in which a request was made by the Italian Air Ministry through your Sub-Commission for the release of small arms solely for the arming of guards employed on depots and aerodromes.

3. The American authorities supplied information which in effect, should considerably cut the demand in your letter referred to in Para. 2 above. This Secretariat's letter of even reference dated 16th January, 1946, refers.

4. From the APPENDIX "A" enclosed with your letter, it would appear the Italian Air Ministry now want equipment releasing to carry out individual arming, which, of course, was not the reason for the original request. Any question of the individual re-arming of Italian Air Force personnel is a matter which would need a decision by the Supreme Allied Commander after reference to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

Your comments, therefore, are accordingly awaited.

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*Maxwell Fisher*  
( MAXWELL FISHER )  
Wing Commander  
Secretary to The  
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR COMMITTEE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

GEM/71/1199

16 March 1946

SUBJECT: Request for Sub Machine Guns.

TO : General Headquarters  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

Reference the attached correspondence.

1. If you are in agreement with this request will you please instruct 2 District to make the release.

*Borden Bates. Maj.*

J.A. CAMPBELL  
Lieut.-Colonel,  
Director  
GEM Branch

2734

17A

1 Copy to Air Forces Sub-Comm.

2 Encls. Copy letter AFSC/946/Def dated 8 March 1946  
Copy Appendix A.

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20 A

A. P. SUB COM, ALCOM, ROME.

143430 A/MARCH 1946.

A. P. SUB COM, ALCOM, MILAN.

Q. 428

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Unclassified

Your 18.213 March (.) Matter taken up with Captured Enemy Material Branch and  
Decision will be notified (.)

APSG/946/Def.

946/DEF

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ROUTINE

*[Signature]*

785017

19A

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

To: Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

Date: 14th March, 1946.

Ref: AFSC/246/DET.

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SMALL ARMS FOR ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

18B

1. Reference is made to your letter HANC/2201/3/ALS dated 16th January, 1946.
2. The matter of the supply of small arms to the Italian Air Force was taken up with the Air Ministry and attached herewith appendix "A" is a list which shows total arms in their possession and their requirements to bring them up to strength.
3. As far as the total requirements are concerned it is the opinion of this Sub-Commission that the figure for automatic rifles should be reduced to 5000 and that for pistols reduced to 3000. The figures for ammunition would be reduced accordingly i.e. loaders for automatic rifles 3000 and cartridges for pistols 6000.
4. Release of the arms requested or your comments on this matter would be appreciated.

W. I. Lee,  
Brigadier General,  
Deputy Director,  
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

See 18A

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(c)

From: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica  
III Reparto-Servizi  
Sezione Logistica.

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

Date: 4th March, 1946.

Ref: Serv/301030/L.9/F/882 Coll.

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REQUEST FOR ARMS.

37A

that file

1. Reference is made to letter AFSC/629/Eq. dated 31st December 1945.
2. We are forwarding to your A.F.S.C. enclosure No.1 with the figures in respect of our requirements for sub-machine guns, automatic rifles and pistols.
3. The above request, in accordance with letter referred to, is accompanied by 9 lists (enclosures No.2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9) regarding requirements for each area - I.A.F. Commands - Unità Aerea, upon whose supplies this request is based. *41A on that file*
4. While acknowledgement is given to what has been notified by letter AFSC/629/Eq. dated 2nd February 1946 concerning the near disbandment of the 205th Division, we are confirming the request previously submitted for 2000 sub-machineguns, 10,000 automatic rifles, 5000 pistols aiming by this at complete individual armament of all I.A.F. personnel, within the limits of the authorised ceiling (31,000 men).
5. While it is pointed out that the delay in the solution of the matter has been caused by the difficulties of collecting figures, sufficiently exact, from the detached Units, we rely upon the interest of your Sub-Commission for a prompt allocation of the material requested.

S.S.-O.  
for your comments  
file 9/3

THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF  
Gen. S.A. M. Aimone Cat

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(translated by Anna de Bernardis)



SMALL ARMS REQUIREMENTS.Enclosure No.1 **1BB**

Armament in the hands of the I.A.F. at present.

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| sub-machine-guns | 251   |
| automatic rifles | 14975 |
| pistols          | 2241  |

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Armament strictly necessary to ensure the complete defence of the I.A.F. property.

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| sub-machine-guns | 1124 |
| automatic rifles | 5324 |
| pistols          | 992  |

With the aim of equipping all Flying Units and Various Units with the necessary normal individual armament the following arms would be necessary:

|                  |      |
|------------------|------|
| sub-machine-guns | 800  |
| automatic rifles | 4000 |
| pistols          | 3500 |

therefore the total of the armament requested is the following:

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| sub-machine-guns | 2000  |
| automatic rifles | 10000 |
| pistols          | 5000  |

5000  
3000

completed by the following ammunition:

|                                                         |        |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| loaders for sub-machine guns<br>(of 40 cartridges each) | 10000  |
| loaders for automatic rifles (of 6 cartridges each)     | 60000  |
| cartridges for pistol                                   | 100000 |

S E O

Will you please

|              |
|--------------|
| 251          |
| 14975        |
| 2241         |
| 17           |
| <u>34467</u> |

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|--------------|-------|
| 2251         | 2,000 |
| 24975        |       |
| 7241         |       |
| <u>34467</u> |       |

(a) study enclosures 1 & in conjunction with enclosures 3 and take up with IAF the question of effecting the best possible distribution from existing stocks. Suggest that IAF should be given a fairly high priority in view of depots and poor security in that area. Enclosure 16A/17A also refer. 2732

(1) investigate possibilities of making requirements stated above available from Allied sources.

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ALONAUTICA  
III REPARTO - SERVIZI  
Sezione Logistica

Roma, 11 4 Marzo 1946.-

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

R O M A

Prot. n° Serv/ 301030 / L. 9/F

OGGETTO: Richiesta armi.-

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- 1°) Si fa riferimento al foglio AFSC/629/EQ datato 31 dicembre 1945.-
- 2°) Si trasmette a codesta A.F.S.C. in allegato (allegato n°1) i dati relativi al nostro fabbisogno di fucili mitragliatori, di moschetti e di pistole.
- 3°) Detta richiesta, in armonia al foglio cui si fa riferimento, è corredata da n°9 specchi (allegato n°2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 -) contemplanti le necessità delle singole Zone - Comandi di Aeronautica - Unità Aerea, sulla scorta dei quali la richiesta stessa è stata effettuata.

4°) Nel mentre si prende atto di quanto comunicato col foglio 626/Eq. datato 2 febbraio 1946 relativo al prossimo scioglimento della 205<sup>a</sup> Divisione, si conferma la richiesta precedentemente effettuata di numero 2000 fucili mitragliatori, 10.000 moschetti, 5000 pistole tendendo con ciò a completare l'armamento individuale di tutto il personale della R.A., nei limiti in cui ne è stata autorizzata la esistenza (31.000 unità).

5°) Mentre si fa presente che il ritardo nello svolgimento della pratica è stato causato dalla difficoltà di raccogliere dati, con sufficiente precisione, dagli Enti periferici, si confida nell'interessamento di codesta Sottocommissione per una sollecita assegnazione del materiale richiesto.-

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Allegato N.I

FABBISOGNO ARMAMENTO PORTATILE

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Armamento di cui dispone attualmente la R.A.

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| fucili mitragl. | 251   |
| moschetti       | 14975 |
| pistole         | 2241  |

Armamento strettamente necessario per assicurare il completamento della difesa delle proprietà della R.A.

|                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| fucili mitragl. | 1124                   |
| moschetti       | <del>5324</del> (5324) |
| pistole         | 992                    |

Allo scopo di poter dotare tutti i Reparti di volo ed Enti Vari del necessario normale armamento individuale, sarebbero inoltre necessari:

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| fucili mitragl. | 800  |
| moschetti       | 4000 |
| pistole         | 3500 |

per cui il totale dell'armamento che si richiede è il seguente:

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| fucili mitragl. | 2000  |
| moschetti       | 10000 |
| pistole         | 5000  |

completati dal seguente munizionamento:

|                                                                |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| caricatori per fucili mitragliatori<br>(da 40 cartucce caduno) | 10000  |
| caricatori per moschetto<br>(da 6 cartucce caduno)             | 60000  |
| cartucce per pistola                                           | 100000 |

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I° Z.A.T.

Allegato n° 2

| PROPRIETA' DELLA R.A.<br>RICHIEDENTI PROTEZIONE                        | Numero    | Numero<br>Guardie | ARMI RICHIESTE PER DIFESA |            |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------|
|                                                                        |           |                   | MITRA                     | Moschetti  | PISTOLE   |
| Comandi e presidi                                                      | 15        | 60                | 15                        | 30         | 15        |
| Aeroporti                                                              | 3         | 24                | 3                         | 18         | 3         |
| Magazzini, Depositi, Nuclei                                            |           |                   |                           |            |           |
| Recuperi                                                               | 17        | 55                | 17                        | 21         | 17        |
| Officine                                                               | 3         | 14                | 3                         | 8          | 3         |
| Repart. Palazzia Mil. Aer.                                             | 1         | 4                 | 1                         | 2          | 1         |
| Distaccamenti                                                          | 10        | 50                | 10                        | 30         | 10        |
| Magazzini R.T. e Meteo                                                 | 24        | 48                | 24                        | 18         | 6         |
| Rep. Volo (linea volo, Auto-<br>rep. scorta Automezzi, Magaz-<br>zini) | 6         | 40                | 20                        | 20         | 10        |
| Riserva                                                                | -         | -                 | 20                        | 30         | 20        |
| <b>Totale.</b>                                                         | <b>79</b> | <b>295</b>        | <b>113</b>                | <b>177</b> | <b>85</b> |

II° Z.A.T.

Allegato n° 3

| PROPRIETA' DELLA R.A.<br>RICHIEDENTI PROTEZIONE                                                 | Numero    | Numero<br>Guardie | ARMI RICHIESTE PER DIFESA |            |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------|
|                                                                                                 |           |                   | MITRA                     | MOSCHETTI  | PISTOLE   |
| Enti Vari (dei quali Coman-<br>di e Presidi 14-Magazzini<br>e Depositi 8-Distaccamen-<br>ti 7-) | 26        | 220               | 48                        | 164        | 48        |
| Rep. Volo (linea volo, Auto-<br>rep. scorta Automezzi, Ma-<br>gazzini)                          | 3         | 15                | 6                         | 10         | 5         |
| Riserva                                                                                         | -         | -                 | 10                        | 30         | 10        |
| <b>TOTALE</b>                                                                                   | <b>29</b> | <b>235</b>        | <b>64</b>                 | <b>204</b> | <b>63</b> |



III<sup>a</sup> Z.A.T.

Allegato n°4

| PROPRIETA' DELLA R.A.<br>RICHIEDENTI PROTEZIONE                                                 | Nome<br>Fo | Numero<br>Guardie | ANZI RICHIESTE PER DIFESA |           |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------|---------|
|                                                                                                 |            |                   | MITRA                     | Moschetti | PISTOLE |
| Enti Vari (dei quali 27 Comandi e Presidi, 11 Magazzini e Depositi, 5 Officine e Distaccamenti) | 43         | 387               | 43                        | 301       | 43      |
| Rep. Volo (linea volo, Auto-reparti, scorta Automezzi-Magazzini)                                | 10         | 250               | 50                        | 200       | 50      |
| Riserva                                                                                         | -          | -                 | 30                        | 100       | 30      |
| TOTALE                                                                                          | 53         | 637               | 123                       | 601       | 123     |

IV<sup>a</sup> Z.A.T.

Allegato n° 5

| PROPRIETA' DELLA R.A.<br>RICHIEDENTI PROTEZIONE           | Nome<br>Fo | Numero<br>Guardie | ANZI RICHIESTE PER DIFESA |           |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------|---------|
|                                                           |            |                   | MITRA                     | Moschetti | PISTOLE |
| AEROPORTI                                                 | 4          | 440               | 54                        | 332       | 54      |
| Presidi e Distaccamenti                                   | 8          | 330               | 46                        | 286       | 48      |
| Caserme e Reparti                                         | 3          | 305               | 20                        | 245       | 30      |
| Officine                                                  | 1          | 20                | 4                         | 12        | 4       |
| Comp. Nucl. a disp. R.A. FL                               | 9          | 775               | 51                        | 654       | 70      |
| Rep. R.A. Diap. RAF.                                      | 9          | 1682              | 173                       | 1359      | 150     |
| Depositi                                                  | 7          | 190               | 46                        | 124       | 20      |
| Reparto Servizi                                           | 1          | 150               | 20                        | 115       | 15      |
| Rep. Volo (linea volo, Auto-rep, scorta Automezzi, Magaz) | 17         | 409               | 100                       | 300       | 100     |
| Riserva                                                   | -          | -                 | 100                       | 500       | 100     |
| TOTALE                                                    | 59         | 4342              | 614                       | 3927      | 591     |



## AERONAUTICA SICILIA

Allegato n° 6

| PROPRIETA' DELLA R.A.<br>RICERCA E VI PROTEZIONE                | Unita<br>in | Numero<br>Guardie | USI DISPOSTI PER DIVISIONE |     |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----|----|
|                                                                 |             |                   | 1°                         | 2°  | 3° |
| Aeroporti - Comandi                                             | 2           | 5                 | 5                          | -   | -  |
| Caserme                                                         | 2           | 3                 | 3                          | -   | -  |
| Depositi                                                        | 4           | 17                | 17                         | -   | -  |
| Distaccamenti                                                   | 1           | 3                 | 3                          | -   | -  |
| Stagnone                                                        | 1           | 4                 | 4                          | -   | -  |
| 301 <sup>a</sup> Comp. G.A.I.                                   | 2           | 30                | 30                         | -   | -  |
| 302 <sup>a</sup> " G.A.I.                                       |             |                   |                            |     |    |
| Rep. Volo (linea volo, Antep.<br>rep., scorta Automazzi, Magaz) | 1           | 2                 | 1                          | -   | 1  |
| Riserva                                                         | -           | -                 | 30                         | 100 | 29 |
| TOTALE                                                          | 13          | 64                | 93                         | 100 | 30 |

## AERONAUTICA SARDEGNA

Allegato n° 7

| PROPRIETA' DELLA R.A.<br>RICERCA E VI PROTEZIONE                | Unita<br>in | Numero<br>Guardie | USI DISPOSTI PER DIVISIONE |     |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----|----|
|                                                                 |             |                   | 1°                         | 2°  | 3° |
| Comando                                                         | 1           | 12                | 2                          | 8   | 2  |
| Aeroporti                                                       | 3           | 26                | 9                          | -   | 9  |
| Campi di atterraggio                                            | 7           | 7                 | -                          | 7   | -  |
| Depositi                                                        | 6           | 72                | 9                          | 56  | 9  |
| Magazzini                                                       | 3           | 8                 | 3                          | 2   | 3  |
| Caserme                                                         | 1           | 12                | 2                          | 8   | 2  |
| C.A.V.                                                          | 1           | 12                | 3                          | 6   | 3  |
| Centro R.T. - Fangario -                                        | 1           | 8                 | 3                          | 4   | 1  |
| II° Centro Sanitario                                            | 1           | 5                 | -                          | 4   | 1  |
| Aeroporto Elmas                                                 | 1           | 26                | 8                          | 16  | 2  |
| 63° Staging Post                                                | 1           | 8                 | 3                          | 4   | 1  |
| Reperti Volo (linea volo, Antep.<br>terep. scorta Autom. Magaz) | 2           | 5                 | 2                          | -   | 2  |
| Riserva                                                         | -           | -                 | 30                         | 50  | 30 |
| TOTALE                                                          | 27          | 201               | 74                         | 165 | 65 |

AERONAUTICA CAMPANIA

Allegato n° 8

| PROPRIETA' DELLA R.A.<br>RICHIEDENTI PROTEZIONE               | Numero | Numero<br>Car- | ARMI RICHIESTE PER LA DIFESA |           |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------|------------------------------|-----------|---------|
|                                                               |        |                | MITRA                        | MOSCHETTI | PISTOLE |
| Comando                                                       | 1      | 12             | 2                            | 8         | 2       |
| Aeroporto                                                     | 1      | 12             | 2                            | 8         | 2       |
| Caserne                                                       | 1      | 20             | 4                            | 12        | 4       |
| Magazzini                                                     | 4      | 30             | 8                            | 20        | 2       |
| Depositi                                                      | 3      | 12             | 6                            | 2         | 4       |
| Rep.volo (linea volo, Auto-<br>rep., scorta Auton, Magazzini) | 1      | 2              | 1                            | -         | 1       |
| Riserva                                                       | -      | -              | 20                           | 100       | 20      |
| TOTALE                                                        | 11     | 88             | 43                           | 150       | 35      |

Allegato n° 9

RIEPILOGO GENERALE DELL'ARMAMENTO NECESSARIO AL COMPLETAMENTO DELLA  
DIFESA DELLE PROPRIETA' DELLA R.A.

| ZONA O AERONAUTICA CUI LA RICHIESTA<br>E' RIVOLTA | FUCILI<br>MITRAGLIA-<br>TORI | MOSCHETTI | PISTOLE |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| I^ Z.A.T.                                         | 113                          | 177       | 85      |
| II^ Z.A.T.                                        | 64                           | 204       | 63      |
| III^ Z.A.T.                                       | 129                          | 601       | 123     |
| IV^ Z.A.T.                                        | 614                          | 3.527     | 591     |
| Aeronautica Sicilia                               | 93                           | 100       | 30      |
| Aeronautica Sardegna                              | 74                           | 165       | 272     |
| Aeronautica Campania                              | 43                           | 150       | 35      |
| TOTALE.                                           | 1.124                        | 5.324     | 992     |



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

To: Captured Enemy Materials Branch,  
Allied Commission, ROME.

Date: 8th March, 1946.

Ref: AFSC/946/Def.

REQUEST FOR SUB MACHINE GUNS BY 1st Z.A.T.

1. The Italian Air Force have requested that they be supplied with quantity 108 sub machine guns for use in guarding stores and dumps in the 1st Z.A.T. area at Milan.

2. It is known that these items are available at Number 870 German Vehicle Park Modena but 2 District are not willing to release these items without prior authority of G.H.Q., and as this request is considered reasonable may your authorisation be given please for the issue.

3. A statement is attached Appendix 'A' showing the distribution of the weapons.

*L. Cartner*  
R. CARTNER  
Flying Officer,  
for Air Vice Marshal,  
Director,  
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

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LR OF MEAV NR 27217 (IMPORTANT) T LRKE  
 FROM A F SUB COMM (MILANO) 162526A  
 TO A F SUB COMM (ROME)

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FROM JABIAN TO DISDEE (.) HQ213 (.)  
 REF YOUR AFSC/946/DEF DATED 30TH OCTOBER 1945 (.)

HQ 1ST ZAT HAVE NOT RECEIVED TO DATE ANY ARMS OR AMMUNITIONS (.)

TK THERE ARE CONSIDERABLE QUANTITIES OF ITALIAN AUTOMATIC RIFLES  
 RIFLES AND PISTOLS AS WELL AS AMMUNITIONS AT NO 870 GERMAN VEHICLE  
 PARK MODENA (.)

HQ NO 2 DISTRICT WILL NOT ACCEPT YOUR AFSC LETTER AS AUTHORITY FOR  
 RELEASE (.)

COULD THIS HEADQUARTERS BE INFORMED OF THE RELEVANT A.F.H.Q.  
 OR G.H.Q. AUTHORITY (.)

BT 162526A

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 Air Force s/c

27 Oct 11  
 946/Def.

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From: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica  
III Reparto-Servizi  
Sezione Logistica.

To: Air Forces Sub-Commission,  
Allied Commission, ROME. (for information only)

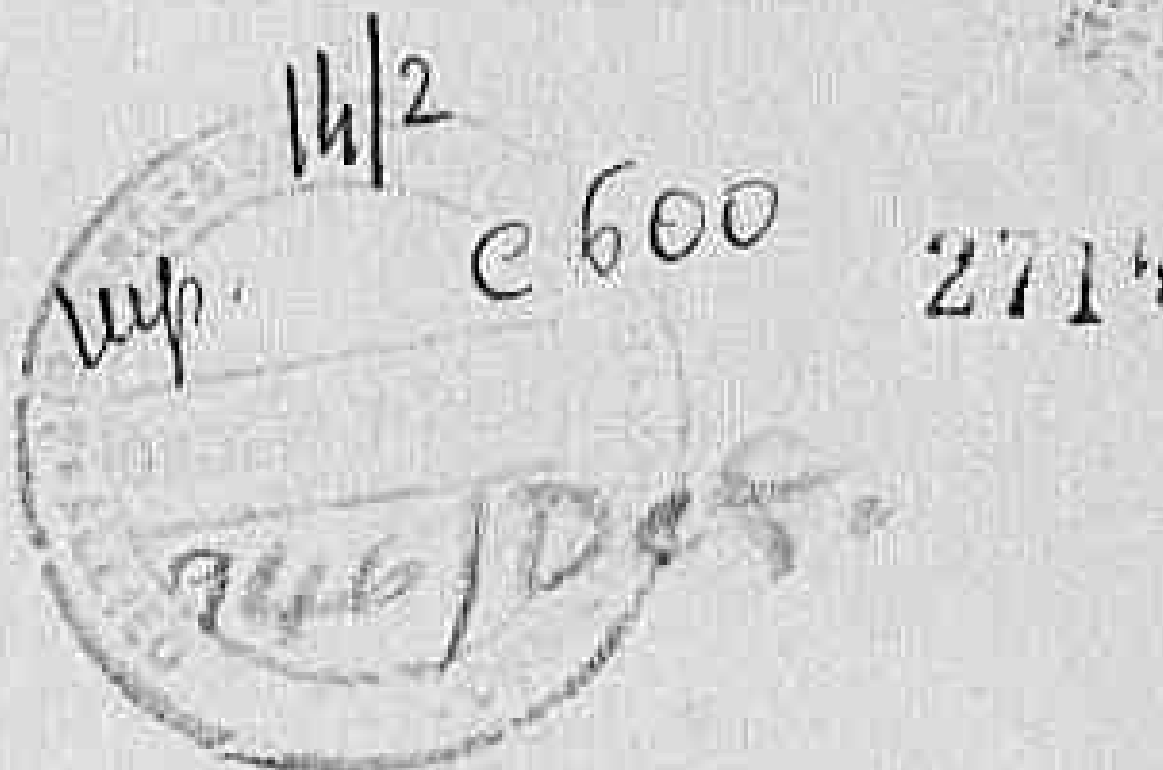
Date: 13th February, 1946.

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STATARECO SERV/300766/L.9/F/650 Coll. (.) ADDRESSEE FOURTH AERONUCLEO BARI (.)  
AERONUCLEO FIRST Z.A.T. MILAN (.) AERONUCLEO SECOND Z.A.T. PADUA (.) AND FOR  
INFORMATION A.C. AFSC ROME (.) FURTHER TO LETTER 300185/L.9/F 30/JAN. IT IS  
REQUESTED THAT IMMEDIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BE GIVEN TO LETTER 300185/L.9/F 14/JAN.  
AS URGENT NOTIFICATION OF DETAILS ON ARMS AND AMMUNITION IS REQUIRED BY A.F.S.C.  
(.) COLONEL REMONDINO

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IAN  
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of passing responsibility for changing onto AFSC



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STATO MAGGIORE R. AER. NAUTICA  
III REPARTO - SERVIZI  
Sezione Logistica

Roma 11/12 Febbraio 1946

AEROZONA 4<sup>a</sup>

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AERONUCLEO 1<sup>a</sup> Z.A.T.

M I L A N O

AERONUCLEO 2<sup>a</sup> Z.A.T.

P A D O V A

e, p.c. A.C.-A.F.S.C. -

R O M A

(tramite Ufficio Collegamento-Sede)

(Rife foglio AFSC/946/Def. Gennaio 31 et 490 Coll. Febbraio 4)

TELESCRITTO ODD:

STATAREO SERV/ 300766 / L.9/F/ 650 coll. PUNTO DESTINATARIO AEROZONA QUARTA BARI  
// AERONUCLEO PRIMA Z.A.T. MILANO // AERONUCLEO SECONDA Z.A.T. PADOVA  
// ET PER CONOSCENZA A.C.- AFSC - ROMA PUNTO SEGUITO SOLLECITO 3005000/  
L.9/F GENNAIO 30 SIA DATO IMMEDIATO RISCONTRO AT FOGLIO 300185/L.9/F GEN  
NAIO 14 SUSSISTENDO NECESSITA' SEGNALEZIONE DATI ARMI ET MUNIZIONAMENTO  
AT A.F.S.C. CHE NE SOLLECITA INVIO PUNTO COLONNELLO REMONDINO



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CAPO III REPARTO  
(Ten. Col. A. r. n. pil. G. Donadio)

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
Colonnello A. r. n. Pilota  
(Aldo Remondino)

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14 A

From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome.  
To : Italian Air Ministry.  
Date : 31st January, 1946.  
Ref : AFSC/946/Def.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION

May an answer now be given to our letter AFSC/946/Def.  
dated 31st December 1945.

Chaired by on office 5/2  
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W.M. BIGGER, W/Gdr,  
for Air Vice-Marshal,  
Director,  
Air Forces Sub Commission.

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13 A  
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From: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica  
III Reparto-Servizi  
Sezione Logistica.

To: (for information) A.F.S.C., A.C., ROME.

Date: 14th January, 1946.

Ref: Serv/300185/L.9/F/142 Coll.

37 A on 629/E P. 1

REQUEST FOR ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE STORES.

In accordance with a request for an allocation of arms and ammunition submitted by this H.Q. and in order to satisfy the above-mentioned requirements, the A.C. A.F.S.C. of Rome, by letter ref. AFSC/629/Eq. dated 31st December 1945, enclosed herewith, requests to be given details on I.A.F. property requiring protection, numbers of guards and personnel requiring personal arms.

In order to give latest information in accordance with the actual position, the Units in address, are to forward to the under-signed, as soon as possible and on high priority the details requested by the A.C. A.F.S.C. by the above-mentioned letter.

It is therefore to be noticed that the same information had already been requested by the under-signed by the last but one paragraph of the letter 43539/L.12/D, even subject, dated 4th October 1945.

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF  
Colonel Aldo Ramondino

(translated by Anna de Bernardis)

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Roma, 11/14 gennaio 1946

STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA  
III, REPARTO - S. VIZI  
Sezione Logistica

AL COMANDO DELLA IV<sup>a</sup> Z.A.T.  
AL NUCLEO COMANDO DO 1<sup>a</sup> Z.A.T.  
" " " 2<sup>a</sup> Z.A.T.  
" " " 3<sup>a</sup> Z.A.T.

" BARI  
" MILANO  
" PADOVA  
" ROMA  
" NAPOLI  
" PALERMO  
" CATANIA

AL NUCLEO COMANDO AERONAUTICA - CAMPANIA  
" " " " - SICILIA  
" " " " - SARDEGNA

E per conoscenza:

ALL'A.C. - A.F.S.G. - tramite Ufficio Collegamento-

Prot.n° Serv/ 500/85 1-9/142 B.R.

AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA  
Gabinetto del Ministro  
AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA  
Direzione Armamento  
AL MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA  
Direzione di Commissariato  
AL COMANDO UNITA' AEREA

" S E D E  
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" B O S A M I

OGGETTO: Richiesta Armi e munizioni per la difesa dei Magazzini.

In relazione ad una richiesta di assegnazione di armi e munizioni formulata da questo S.M. a soddisfacimento della esigenza in oggetto indicata, l'A.C.-A.F.S.G. di Roma, con il foglio 629/84, in data 31 Dicembre s.a., accluso in copia chiede di conoscere i dettagli riferiti alle proprietà aeronautiche che richiedono protezione nonché al numero delle guardie ed al personale che ha necessità di armi personali.

Al fine di offrire elementi aggiornati in relazione all'attuale situazione, gli enti in indirizzo, trasmettano allo scrivente, entro il più breve tempo possibile e con carattere di assoluta precedenza, le notizie richieste dall'A.C.-A.F.S.G. con la nota sopra citata.

E' per altro da osservare che le notizie stesse furono già richieste dallo scrivente con il penultimo capoverso del foglio 43339/1.12/9, pari oggetto, in data 4 Ottobre s.a.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
Colonnello AA. in. Pilota  
(Aldo Ramondino)



P. C. C.  
CAPO DI REPARTO  
Col. A. in. pil. - G. Donadio

*[Handwritten signature]*

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C O P Y

From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome  
To; : Stato Maggiore R.Aeronautica,  
III Reparto Servizi,  
Sezione Logistica.  
Date : 31st December 1945.  
Ref : AFSC/946/Def.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION

Reference is made to your letter 44832/L.12/D6678/Coll.  
dated 19th December 1945.

2. It is requested that you submit to this Sub Commission an estimate of your requirements of arms and ammunition to ensure adequate protection of I.A.F. personnel and property, and such Allied property as the I.A.F. is at present committed to guarding.

3. Your estimate should give details of property requiring protection, numbers of guards, personnel requiring personal arms etc. but need not go into precise locations. For instance in a particular Z.A.T. there may be so many Italian depots employed in protecting Allied property. Other commitments such as Headquarters and Autograppos should be mentioned as well as numbers of personnel that it is considered should hold personal weapons.

4. This estimate is required to substantiate a case for pressing for an answer to our letter AFSC/629/Eq. dated 24th November.

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W.M. DISBEE, W/Cdr,  
Air Vice-Marshal,  
Air Officer Commanding.

Copy of enclosure 12A on 629/Eq, Encl. 37A

11A

From: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica  
III Reparto-Servizi  
Sezione Logistica.

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

Date: 19th December, 1945.

Ref: 44832/L.12/D/6687 Coll.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

1. Reference is made to letter AFSC/629/Eq. dated 6th December, 1945.
2. We are giving hereunder the figures of the following items available at the R.A.:

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| rifles.....                 | 14,975    |
| pistols.....                | 2,211     |
| sub machine guns            | 254       |
| cartridges for rifles.....  | 1,270,817 |
| cartridges for pistols..... | 39,467    |

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF  
Colonel AA. rn. Pilot  
Aldo Remondino

(translated by Anna de Bernardis)

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Copy of enclosure 11A on 629/Eq, Encl. 3GA.

10A

Subject : Ammunition for Italian Airforce.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.  
M.S.I.A.  
R O M E  
Q/125

3 December 45

To : Ministry of War.

7 Dec 45

It is understood that the Italian Airforce has applied to No. 3 Territorial H.Q. for an allotment of 5,000 rounds of 7.65 calibre pistol ammunition.

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*A. M. Newton*

A. M. NEWTON, Major  
for Major General  
M.S.I.A.

Copy :

Air Forces Sub - Comm.  
No. 3 BLU

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.7.  
M.I.A.  
R O M E  
Q/125

3 December 45

To : Ministry of War.

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M.I.A.

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Air Forces Sub - Comm.  
No. 3 RIU

AMU/17



SUBJECT:- Ammunition Italian Air Force.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,  
M.M.I.A.  
R O M E  
C.125  
30 November 1945  
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TO : War Ministry  
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1. It is understood that a request for 5,000 rounds 7.65 calibre pistol ammunition made on behalf of Regia Aeronautica under Air Force Sub-Commission Milan reference AFSC/M/944/DEF of 15 Nov 45 has been passed to C.O.C. No. 3 Territorial R.I. Milan.
2. All concerned are notified, that subject to such instructions as you may consider fit to issue, such demands should be submitted through the Air Ministry who alone are able to determine the necessary urgency and availability.
3. At a time when the deficiencies in present holdings of the Italian Army (including OS.RR) are the subject of enquiry it is considered inappropriate to accede to the above request.
4. Your views are invited.

*R.A. Curties*

R.A. CURTIES, Lt.Col.,  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- 3 BH, MILAN - ref MII/9/4 of 21 Nov 45.  
Air Forces Sub-Commission

2702



From: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica,  
III Reparto - Servizi  
Sezione Logistica.

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

Date: 19th November, 1945.

Ref: 44350/L.12/D/6242 Coll.

1st Z.A.T.'s REQUEST FOR SUBMACHINE GUNS AND AMMUNITION.

1. With reference to paragraph 2) of your letter AFSC/946/DEF of the 30th October, 1945.

2. Owing to complete lack of arms we are unable to satisfy the request for 108 submachine guns submitted by the Nucleus Command 1st Z.A.T. for the defence of the Aeronautical Units of Milan.

3. We would like to draw your kind attention to what we have submitted by letter 43895/L.12/D dated 24th October, 1945 and we still beg to take all necessary action to implement our request for the allocation of a quantity of the arms (automatic rifles, pistols, submachine guns) handed over by partisan formations to the Allied Authorities, or of those salvaged direct by the latter in Northern Italy.

629/891

THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF  
COLONEL AA. FR. PILOT  
AIDC REMORDINO

(translated by Anna de Bernardis)

Already answered  
on 629/891  
with  
24/11

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Roma 11, 19 novembre 1945

STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA  
III REPARTO - SERVIZI  
Sezione Logistica

ALL' A.C. - A.P.S.C. = ROMA =

(tramite Ufficio di Collegamento - SEDE - )

Prot. n° 44350/L.12/D/6242 ell.OGGETTO : Richiesta I° Z.A.T. fucili mitragliatori e munizio  
ni.-

I°) - Riferimento paragrafo 2) vostro foglio APSC/946/DEF  
del 30 ottobre 1945.-

2°) - Per assoluta indisponibilità di armi non vi è possi-  
bilità di soddisfare la richiesta di n° 108 fucili mitra-  
gliatori formulate dal Nucleo Comando I° Z.A.T. per la di-  
fesa degli Enti Aeronautici di Milano.-

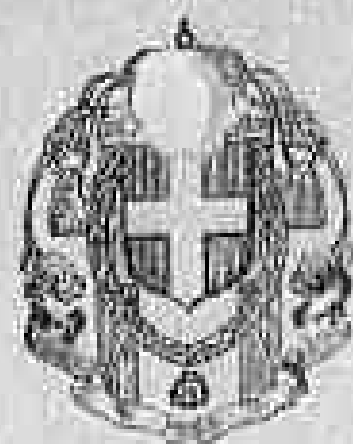
3°) - Richiamiamo la vostra cortese attenzione su quanto vi  
abbiamo rappresentato con foglio 43895/L.12/D in data 24 ot-  
tobre 1945 e vi preghiamo ancora di svolgere ogni vostra au-  
torevole azione in appoggio alla nostra richiesta di assegna-  
zione di un'aliquota delle armi (moschetti, pistole, mitra-  
gliatori) versate dalle formazioni partigiane alle Autorità  
Militari Alleate o da queste direttamente reperite nei terri-  
tori dell'Italia Settentrionale.-

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SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
Colonnello AA. m. Pilota  
(Aldo Remondino)

*Remondino*



*Ministero dell'Aeronautica*

UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO

Divisione *Leg.*  
 Prot. N. *6122/24* *Allegato*

Roma, 13 Novembre 1945 Anno

*Al'A.F.S.C. - A.C.*

*= ROMA =*

Risposta al Foglio del  
 Dir. *Leg.* N. *31*

OGGETTO : Richiesta da parte della 1<sup>a</sup> Z.A.T. di fucili  
 mitragliatori e munizioni.

Riferimento al foglio 946/DEF/ del 30 Ot-  
 tobre 1945, pari oggetto, si invia copia del foglio  
 11183/Arm. dell'11 Novembre 1945, ricevuto dalla Direzio-  
 ne Armamento.-



*CAPO UFFICIO*  
*[Signature]*

REQUEST FROM THE 1st Z.A.T. FOR EXTENSIVE SUBMACHINE GUNS  
AND AMMUNITION.

Reference to letter 946/DEF of the 30th October 1945, even  
 subject, we are forwarding herewith copy of the letter 11183/Arm. of the 11th  
 November 1945, received from the Directorate of Armament.

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Si prega di inviare per ogni foglio allegato una copia originale e una copia  
 di N. 6122/24 Allegato

6A

From: Stato Maggiore R. Aeronautica,  
III Reparto - Servizi  
Sezione Logistica.

To: Comando Nucleo 1 Z.A.T. and for information: to: A.F.S.C., A.C., ROME.

Date: 26th October, 1945.

Ref: 43930/1.12/D/5823 Coll.

ARMS FOR THE DEFENCE OF STORES-DEPOTS-ISOLATED M/T UNITS.

We take action of the provisions made by your Command, in accordance with the requirements notified by the under-signed by circular letter ref. 43359/1.12/D dated 4th Instant, and we are awaiting ~~for~~ the details requested by the ~~last but one~~ <sup>penultimate</sup> paragraph of the above-mentioned circular letter.

For what concerns the request for 485 pistols and 56 automatic rifles, we would like to point out that instructions have been issued to the Commissariat Directorate for the allocation of 100 pistols 7,65 cal. The shortage of arms of such type does not allow unfortunately the complete satisfaction of the request submitted by your Command. Automatic rifles are not at all available.

The difficult position of the I.A.F. has been, therefore, pointed out to the A.F.S.C.: the I.A.F. has no availability of armament and necessary ammunition for the great necessities of defence of its own Units, Stores and Depots.

A copy of the letter in reference is being forwarded to the Armament Directorate in address.

(translated by Anna de Bernardis)

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF  
COL. 2 <sup>510</sup> REMONDINO

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STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA  
III REPARTO - SERVIZI  
Sezione Logistica  
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Roma 11 <sup>26</sup> Ottobre 1945

AL COMANDO NUCLEO 1<sup>a</sup> Z.A.T.

= MILANO =

Risposta al foglio 0a/475/15 del 13/10/45

Prot. 13930/1.12/8/5823 dell. conoscenza:

ALL'A.C. - A.F.S.C.  
(Tramite Ufficio Collegamento) = SEDE =

COMANDO GENERALE AERONAUTICA ALTA ITALIA

- Rif. 3015/G34 del 13 c.m.

= MILANO =

MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA  
Gabinetto del Ministro

= ROMA =

MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA  
Direzione di Commissariato

= ROMA =

MINISTERO DELL'AERONAUTICA  
Direzione Armamento

= ROMA =

OGGETTO: Armi per la difesa dei Magazzini-Depositi-Autoriparti isolati.

Si prende atto dei provvedimenti adottati da codesto Comando, in relazione all'esigenza segnalata dallo scrivente con Circolare n° 43539/L.12. D, in data 4 c.m., e si resta in attesa delle precisazioni richieste con il penultimo capoverso della innanzi citata circolare.

Per quanto si attiene alla richiesta di 485 pistole e di 56 mitra-  
gliaietori, si precisa che sono stati impartiti ordini alla Direzione di Com-  
missariato per l'assegnazione di n° 100 pistole cal. 7,65. La deficiente  
disponibilità di armi di tale tipo non consente purtroppo l'accoglimento  
integrale della richiesta formulata da codesto Comando. Di mitragliatori  
non ve ne è disponibilità. -

E' stato peraltro rappresentato all'A.F.S.C. la critica situazione  
dell'Aeronautica, che, in relazione alle inderogabili necessità di difesa  
dei propri Enti, Magazzini e Depositi, non ha disponibilità dell'armamento  
e del munizionamento necessari. -

Alla Direzione Armamento in indirizzo si trasmette copie del foglio  
a riscontro. -



SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

Colonel ... (Aldo Remondino)

*[Signature]*

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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. ROME  
TO : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. MILAN  
DATE : 30TH OCT. 1945  
REF. : AFSC/946/DEF.

REQUEST FROM I Z.A.T. FOR AUTOMATIC RIFLES AND AMMUNITION

3A

In reply to your letter AFSC/M/946/Def dated 22nd October authority is given for the allotment of weapons as requested by 1st Z.A.T. together with adequate stocks of ammunition.

2. The responsible department of Italian Air Ministry is requested to make these arms and ammunition available if they need to be supplied from sources outside 1st Z.A.T.'s control (Copy of 1st Z.A.T.'s letter to A.F.S.C. Milan is attached for ready reference.)

WNB  
W.M. BISDEE W/O  
AIR VICE MARSHAL  
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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Copy to : I.A. MINISTRY

FROM :- STATO MAGGIORE (II SECTION)

DATE :- 24/10/1945

REF :- 43892/L.8/D/5774. Coll.

TO :- Comando Unita'Aerea  
(Ref. N.09460 dated 7/9/1945)

To the Command 4 ZAT

" " " 1 "  
" " " 2 "  
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Command R.A. SICILY  
" " " SARDEGNA  
" " " CAMPANIA

# INFORMATION TO :-

A.F.S.C., A.C., Rome  
(through Lisson Office -Base)  
R.A. Ministry - Minister Office  
" " " Armament Section  
" " " Communication Section  
" " " Commissariato Section  
" " " Work and Bricks Office  
" " " Construction Office  
" " " Service Section  
" " " Medical Section  
" " " Military Personnel Section

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In informing you of the following we point out "that"

- (1) The vehicles must have a military personnel escort, in uniform, if the carrying of arms is not necessary, the drivers must wear the uniform during the journey.
- (2) The arms must be handed out, when departing, and handed in when arriving to destination.
- (3) In the eventual use of arms and in consequence of which ammunition is consumed, always the reason and the circumstances to be authorised by the highest rank in the vehicle countersigned by the members of the escort.
- (4) That the circumstances as mentioned on the precedent paragraph,



To the Command 4 ZAT  
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- (4) That the circumstances as mentioned on the precedent paragraph, is reported immediately to the Comando di Zona (Nuclei di Zona R.A.) and communicated not less than 24 hrs, after the firing has taken place, causing the use of arms. All addressees must make clear the necessity of the destination and duty, of the armed escort, of the vehicle travelling, and that they are solely military personnel in uniform.

Translated by : sat. Albertini

Il Sottocapo Di Stato Maggiore,  
 Col. A.A. r.n. Pilota,  
 ( Aldo Remondino )

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STATO MAGGIORE R. AERONAUTICA  
III REPARTO - SERVIZI  
Sezione Logistica

ROMA 11, 24 / 10 / 1945

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AL COMANDO UNITA' ROMA  
(Ril.f.n° 00460/1 del 7/9/1945)

= BARI =

AL COMANDO 4° Z.A.T.

= BARI =

AL NUCLEO COMANDO 1° Z.A.T.

= MILANO =

AL NUCLEO COMANDO 2° Z.A.T.

= PADOVA =

AL NUCLEO COMANDO 3° Z.A.T.

= ROMA =

AL COMANDO AERONAUTICA SICILIA

= PALERMO =

AL COMANDO AERONAUTICA SARDEGNA

= CAGLIARI =

AL COMANDO AERONAUTICA CAMPANIA

= NAPOLI =

Prot.n° 13892 / L.8/D/

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2. Per conoscenza :

ALL' A.O. - A.F.D.C. - ROMA -

(tramite Ufficio Collegamento -SEOF-)

AL MINISTERO AERONAUTICA - Gabinetto del Ministro -

AL MINISTERO AERONAUTICA - Direzione Armamento

AL MINISTERO AERONAUTICA - Direzione Comunicazioni

AL MINISTERO AERONAUTICA - Direzione Commissariato

AL MINISTERO AERONAUTICA - Direzione Demanio

AL MINISTERO AERONAUTICA - Direzione Costruzioni

AL MINISTERO AERONAUTICA - Direzione Servizi

AL MINISTERO AERONAUTICA - Direzione Sanità

AL MINISTERO AERONAUTICA - Direzione Personale Milit.

= LORO SEDE =

OCCETTO : Scorta armata automezzi.-

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Al fine di assicurare agli automezzi in viaggio una difesa adeguata questo Stato Maggiore ha chiesto alla competenti Autorità Alleate il permesso di consentire una scorta armata agli automezzi stessi.

Le predette Autorità Alleate nel dare accoglimento alla richiesta di questo Stato Maggiore hanno precisato che " le guardie debbono essere personale militare e possono essere armate di fucili, bombe mano ed altre armi portatili adatte. I civili non possono avere funzioni di guardie e perciò in nessun caso potranno essere consegnate armi e vili " .-

Nel dare notizia di quanto precede si dispone :

- 1°)- che gli automezzi in viaggio siano forniti di una scorta armata costituita da personale militare in divisa, ove non si conside l'opportunità di fornire di armi, limitatamente al periodo di gio, lo stesso personale antista militare in divisa.-

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- 3°)- che le armi siano consegnate alla palanca e ritirate al rientro in sede dell'automezzo.-
- 3°)- che l'eventuale impiego al fuoco delle armi ed il conseguente consumo di munizioni sia sempre oggetto di circostanziata relazione da redigersi dal più elevato in grado presente sull'automezzo, controfirmata dai membri dell'equipaggio.-
- 4°)- che la relazione di cui al precedente paragrafo venga subito trasmessa al Comando di Zona (Nuclei di Zona Aeronautica) e comunque non oltre le 24 ore successive al verificarsi delle circostanze che hanno reso necessario l'impiego al fuoco delle armi.-

I Comandi in indirizzo nel diramare ai propri Enti gli ordini che precedono settano bene in evidenza la tassativa necessità di destinare al servizio di scorta armata degli automezzi in viaggio esclusivamente personale militare in divisa.

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IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
Colonnello AA. rn. Pilota  
(Aldo Remondino)

*Remondino*

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2. Units of the Italian Army are already fully armed, and this request from the R.A. for arms would appear to be a legitimate one, and in accordance with the present general policy of AC to strengthen the Italian Armed Forces.

3. In the R.A. Depots at Mingivacca near Bari and at 207 Depot Cagliari, Sardinia, there are large stocks of Italian arms and probably a sufficient quantity of the type required, or they can be obtained here from the 3rd Territorial Command, Milan.



L. E. JARMAN, S/C,  
Commanding  
AFSC MILAN

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(E)  
1st ZAT COMMAND

MEMORANDUM TO THE ATSC (THROUGH LIAISON OFFICE)

REQUEST FOR RIFLE - MACHINE GUNS

1. As this Command has to provide for the defense of IAF Units in Milan, it is requested that an allotment of 108 rifle - machine guns be made to us, to be distributed to the various Units in the following way:-

|                                                                              |     |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| Novelli Square Barracks                                                      | no. | 15        |
| Via Gustavo Modena Garage                                                    | "   | 10        |
| Via Stoppani Garage                                                          | "   | 2         |
| Ferruccio Barracks                                                           | "   | 4         |
| Fabio Filzi Barracks and MT Column                                           | "   | 10        |
| Misocco Depot                                                                | "   | 4         |
| Corsico "                                                                    | "   | 5         |
| Carabinieri (on loan to <del>every</del> <sup>each</sup> of the carabinieri) | "   | 64        |
|                                                                              |     | <hr/> 114 |
| in our possession                                                            | "   | 6         |
|                                                                              |     | <hr/> 108 |
| allotment required                                                           |     | 108       |

2. It is respectfully requested that the addressee grants its authority for the consignment of the above mentioned weapons.

COL. GIRAUDO 2587

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From : Nucleo Comando 1 ZAT  
 Al : AFSC (attraverso l'Ufficio di Collegamento)  
 Data : 13 Ottobre 1945  
 Ref. : 0990/Colli/15

# RICHIESTA FUCILI MITRAGLIATORI

Dovendo provvedere alla difesa degli Enti aeronautici di Milano necessita ottenere l'assegnazione di n.108 fucili mitragliatori che verranno ripartiti fra i vari Enti nel modo seguente:

|                                           |     |    |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| Caserma Piazza Novelli                    | no. | 15 |
| Autoreparto - Via Gustavo Modena          | "   | 10 |
| " Via Stoppani                            | "   | 2  |
| Caserma Ferruccio                         | "   | 4  |
| " Fabio Filzi                             | "   | 10 |
| Autogruppo Deposito Musocco               | "   | 4  |
| " Corsico                                 | "   | 5  |
| CC.RR. (indotazione a ciascun carabiniere |     | 64 |

esistenza attuale

114

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necessita' assegnazione

108

2. Si prega codesta AFSC di voler chiedere lo sblocco del materiale di armamento di cui sopra.

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I<sub>1</sub> COMANDANTE  
 Col. GIRAUDO

FROM : AIR FORCE SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.  
TO : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY.  
DATE : 4TH OCTOBER 1945.  
REF. : AFSC/946/DEF.

GUARDS FOR TRANSIT MOTOR VEHICLES

The Stato Maggiore has requested permission to place adequate guards on their transit motor vehicles to prevent armed bandits from interfering with their movements.

2. Permission from higher authority has been obtained for them to place adequate guards on all their transit motor vehicles.
3. Such guards must be military personnel and may be armed with rifles, hand grenades, or any other suitable small arms. Civilians cannot be used as guards and therefore no civilians can be issued arms under any circumstances.
4. Request that Stato Maggiore be informed of this permission without delay.

  
WILLIAM L. LEE  
Brigadier General, USA  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Ref N-3

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TO : A.F.S.C. C. ROME.  
DATE : 22. Sep 45.  
REF. : 43334/1. 8/D/5207 Coll.

ARMED ESCORT OF M.T. VEHICLES

This Stato Maggiore has been informed that assaults have been made against I.A.F. M.T. vehicles by groups of bandits armed with light machine guns and hand grenades.

2. The attacks are made at night and it is thought that with the days becoming shorter the vehicles cannot manage to effect the journey in daylight on the main I.A.F. traffic itineraries :

LARI - ROME and return,  
ROME - FLORENCE and return,  
FLORENCE - BOLOGNA - MILAN and return.

3. It is also possible that these attacks will increase in number, organisation and boldness especially due to the foreseen critical economical and food situation during the coming winter season.

4. We would like to point out that these groups of armed bandits do not already limit themselves to just robbery but do not hesitate to commit murder.

5. We are informing you of the above in order to authorize this Stato Maggiore to make arrangements so that all Units concerned are responsible to place an adequate guard defence on vehicles in transit, by **providing** them with an escort armed with rifles and hand grenades.

CHIEF OF STAFF,



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Roma, 11<sup>8</sup> Settembre 1945.=STATO MAGGIORE F AERONAUTICA  
III° REPARTO SERVIZI  
Sezione Logistica

All' A.C. - A.F.S.C.

(tramite Ufficio di Collegamento)

Prot.n.

43334

11.8/9/5207 coll.

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OGGETTO: Scorta armata automezzi.=

- 1.- Sono pervenute a questo Stato Maggiore segnalazioni di assalti effettuati ad automezzi della R.Aeronautica ad opera di gruppi di delinquenti armati di fucili mitragliatori e di bombe a mano.=
- 2.- Gli assalti vengono attuati di notte e si prevede che con l'accorciarsi delle giornate gli automezzi in viaggio non riusciranno a compiere il percorso con luce diurna sugli itinerari di ricorrente traffico aeronautico: BARI-ROMA e viceversa; ROMA-FIRENZE e viceversa; FIRENZE-BOLOGNA-MILANO e viceversa.=
- 3.- E' anche presumibile che la delinquenza cresca di numero, di organizzazione e decisione nell'agire, soprattutto in dipendenza della già prevedibile critica situazione economica ed alimentare del prossimo inverno.=
- 4.- E' da segnalare infine che già da ora le bande di delinquenti non si limitano al solo furto od al tentativo di esso, ma non esitano anche ad uccidere chi viaggia.=
- 5.- Sulla base di quanto precede si ritiene doveroso prospettare a codesta A.F.S.C. l'opportunità di autorizzare questo Stato Maggiore a disporre che gli Enti dipendenti assicurino una difesa adeguata degli automezzi in viaggio, fornendo questi di una scorta armata di fucili e di bombe a mano

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CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE*ecc. [signature]*

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**MINISTERO DELLE CORPORAZIONI**

**Direzione Generale delle Associazioni Professionali**

**SOTTOFASCICOLO**

Provincia di ( )

**TITOLO**

Fascicolo N. Posizione N.

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