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AIRFIELDS, ELMAS
NOV. 1946 - SEPT. 1947

W. Ch. Ence. ^{Topic 8.}
 chrl 11/9.

Enc. 17 has been awaiting further action from EWAS since May 15th. No report from them has ever come my way. I have not considered it necessary to press them for it. I suggest matter be considered dead.

10.9.47

Hollingsworth
 S.E.O. W. Ch.

M3.M3.

Air 111. Would you please refer to enclosures 5 and 8 (note on last page) on this file and then see Mr. Hankey at the British Embassy.

2. The Embassy have asked the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to take all steps possible to provide the usual aerodrome and refuelling facilities at Elmas as a matter of urgency.

This is already being done but the question now arises as to whether we should negotiate for this flow to continue through Elmas until it ceases in approximately December this year.

Secret. 28/5/47
4/6/47
(AS) 3 at London seems on the other hand to consider that the flow should be diverted to Ajaccio (Corsica) and El Aouina (Tunis) after R + 90 (19A on 80/Trg. refers)

3. I think that, Elmas is the more suitable airfield, and suggest that you consult the Director and then discuss the matter with Mr. Hankey.

Ch. H. H. H.
Air 1.

14th. March, 1947.

Mr. Hankey

4.

Ref Div 2 & 3, I think you should decide action as you are taking over Directorship of AFSS today.

Ch. H. H. H.
2/6/3

Apr 1.

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15/3.

No action appears to be required at this stage leg is except you might let Mr Hankey know of the decision which seems to be intended.

Ch. H. H. H.
15/3.

Not Ch. H. H. H.
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When spoken to: Mr Hankey re position at Elmas. He is preparing a memo for the information and

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14th. March, 1947.

Chick
Air 1.

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After Breakfast
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Chick
20/3
15/3.

No action appears to be required at this stage by us except you might let Mr Hankey know of the decision which seems to be intended.

Not Chick
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Chick
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O.S.D. 15/3.
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6.
Elams spoken to - Mr Hankey re position at Elams. He is preparing a memo for the information and comment of the Air Staff, this will then be forwarded to us for information and further action if deemed necessary. With reference to Enclosure No 5, I think the letter received from the I.A.M. (No 13) answers.

Post 26
Air 11. 20/3/47

27.3.47.
Air 12
Enclosure 12 dated 7th November 1946 seems to have arrived very late. Have you considered the contents to the I.A.M.?
Chick
27/3/47.

Air III.

Reference enclosed 4A & 5A.
 please contact by Col Hamilton and
 arrange with him to visit Elmas. You
 should also take with you an officer of

the 1A.M. If the search nature
 of the refers aircraft requires R.A.F.
 personnel to remain at Elmas you will
 have to consider the possibility of their
 remaining on a "civilian" basis after

R + 90.

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Reference signals (D.S. 10.). Log 3203

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L. Boulle etc.
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4/3/47
C. Boulle etc.
APR 11

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14/3.
14/3.

Ans I.
Discrete

Reference signals (D.S. 10.)
3203

It still representative in Rome and under
stand that. Still are ready to carry
out command but that as a result
of an Admin inspection from Malta, the
Local Commander states he is to report
all foreign off. This is covered by
M.D.M. instructions (10) - so have instructed
Col Donadio, at 1.00 PM to signal commands
to this effect.

L. Boulle
APR 11

LEOF V. LRAJ NR 25531

QVR 1

(A. JCJC 252224)

FROM AIR HQ MALTA 221200Z

TO AIR FORCES BRANCH ALLIED FORCE HQ ROME

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INFO AIR HQ MALTA

BT

ON 199 22/AUG. UNCLASS. REGTET UNABLE ARRANGE TRANSIT OF OFFICIAL
MAIL MALTA/ITALY BY CIVIL AIRCRAFT

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SENT NR 25531 MEF. AR

TO HQ. AT 2118 A.G. TKS C

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 FROM A H Q MALTA
 TO A F B A F H Q ROME
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Q205 MAY 21 U/C. YOUR Q260 . MEDME Q3728 1 ST MAY ADDRESSSED
 THIS HQ AHQ ITALY GHQ CMF ST2 BRITISH LIASON OFFICER C/O
 PLTDIV SBS APO 724 C/O AHQ ITALY . QUOTE. DISPOSAL OF
 OFF SPECIFICATION 100 OCTANE AT CAGLIARI ARRANGE TRANSACTION
 WITH ST2 AT PRICE OF FIVE POINT EIGHT PENCE PER IMPERIAL
 GALLON. KEEPING LIASON WITH AHQ MALTA S// AS NECESSARY .
 UNQUOTE .

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BT 210831A

SENT ACW 1833 B1K

RD BY S J J 1833

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AIR FORCES ISRAEL, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

16.16.0 B. May.

AIR HEADQUARTERS, MALTA.

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C. 260. REQUEST RE-ENTRY FOR C. 188 DATED MAY 19TH (.)

REQUEST COPY OF MESSAGE SIGNAL C. 3708 DATED MAY 1ST (.)

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AIR/22/2/AIR.

ROUTINE.

AIR II.

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P.W. IRVIN. 1ST. IE.

A.C. MURPHY. P/C.

68 LROF V MMXK NR MXK T.123/15 R/R QVR 2

FROM A H Q MALTA

TO (1) ELA//ELMAS (2) AIR FORCES BRANCH ALLIED FORCES

HQ APO 794 (3) HQ MEDME

BT

Q182 MAY 15 U/C. REF MEDME SIGNAL Q3708 MAY 1ST FORWARDED

TO YOUNY OUR S324/12/ETW5TH CIP HAVE ACCEPTED PRICE

QUOTED . REQUEST YOU REPORT TO AIR FORCES BRANCH ALLIED

FORCES HQ APO794 EXACT QUANTITY FOR DISPOSAL AND ARRANGE

TRANSFER TO CIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH AIR FORCES BRANCH ALLIED

FORCES HQ APO794 INSTRUCTIONS

BT 152850A

SENT ACW 1735 (AR) K

RD NR 123/15 AT 1735 DB AR

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W. Callingham
Please comment
after reading
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my 22/5

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A. 443
22/2/A.R.

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AIR FORCE BRANCH, AFHQ

14 APRIL 1630R

COMMANDING OFFICER, ELIAS AERODROME, ELIAS, SARDINIA

AIR HEADQUARTERS, MALTA

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AME 163

DIRECTOR CMA AIR FORCE BRANCH CMA ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS AND TWO
OTHER OFFICERS WILL VISIT YOUR STATION FRIDAY ONE EIGHT APRIL AND
LEAVE SAME DAY PD. ETA ZERO EIGHT ZERO ZERO ZEIRA PD.

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*Dir. D/L**22/2/AIR*

ROUTINE

AIR STAFF, AFB, AFHQ

From: Air Forces Branch, APO 794
Allied Force Headquarters.

To : Italian Air Ministry

Date: 1 April 1947

Ref : AFB/22/2/Air

Elmas Airfield

Receipt of your letter 101791/Op 17 B/470 Coll dated
15 March 1947 is acknowledged.

2. This headquarters is appreciative of the action taken
and will communicate the details to Air Headquarters RAF Malta
who will in turn notify the British Ministry of Civil Aviation.


L.E. JARMAN
S.S.O.
for Air Commodore
Director, AFB, AFHQ

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From: Air Forces Branch, APO 794
Allied Force Headquarters

To : Air Headquarters Malta
Copy to AMQ Italy

Date: 1 April 1947

Ref : AFB/22/2/Air

Elmas Airfield

The Italian Air Ministry have informed this Headquarters that they have given the following instructions to the Sardinian Air Command:-

- (1) To provide 20,000 liters of No. 80 octane aircraft petrol to be stored on Elmas airport and 4,000 litres of lubricants to be at the disposal of civilian and military aircraft of other countries and not for the R.A.F. in transit;
- (2) To provide transport for personnel (crew and passengers) to Cagliari by motor vehicles;
- (3) To give all possible assistance for the accommodation and feeding of passengers and crews in the hotels and restaurants in town;
- (4) To give technical assistance in the Elmas S.R.A.M. (Aircraft Repair Workshops) where it is limited to small repair work and where no spares have to be supplied or exchanged.


L.E. JARMAN, G/C
S.S.O.
for Air Commodore
Director, AFB, AMQ

Copy to RAF Elmas

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From : Italian Air Force - General Staff
1st Unit
Training and operations Section

To : A.P.H.A. I.M.A.S. A.F.S.S.

Ref. : 101991/CP 17 E/470 Cell.

Date : 15th March 1947

ASSISTANCE OF MILITARY AND CIVIL AIRPORTS AND CREWS
OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN ITALY AND ALGERIA

With reference to letter A/SC/24/2/AIR dated 24th January 1947.

Following requests from the Allied Commission this General Staff communicates that the following executive orders have been given to the Sardinia Air Command concerning assistance to crews, provisioning and minor repairs to military and civil aircraft, other than R.A.F. ones, in transit to Elmas airport.

- 1 - 30,000 litres of "AVIA" aircraft petrol to be stored on Elmas airport and 4,000 litres of lubricants to be at the disposal of civilian and military aircraft of other countries and not for the R.A.F. in transit. The surrender of petrol and lubricants will have to come about according to the regulations in force, for aircraft of foreign countries.
- 2 - The transport of personnel (crew and passengers) to Cagliari by motor vehicles.
- 3 - All possible assistance to be given for the accommodation and feeding of passengers and crews in the hotels and restaurants in town.
- 4 - All possible technical assistance to be carried out where limited to small repair work and no parts have to

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ASSISTANCE OF UNITED STATES AND OTHER AGENCIES
IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CASE OF THE
MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

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Part 2

With reference to letter A780/25/3/AIR dated 22th Jan-
uary 1947.

Following requests from the Allied Commission this Imperial Staff communicates that the following executive orders have been given to the Bermuda Air Command concerning assistance to crews, provisioning and minor repairs to military and civil aircraft, other than R.A.F. ones, in transit to any airport.

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- 1 - 20,000 litres of "MCO" aircraft petrol to be stored on Elmas airport and 1,000 litres of lubricants to be at the disposal of civilian and military aircraft of other countries and not for the E.A.F. in transit. The surrender of petrol and lubricants will have to come about according to the regulations in force, for aircraft of foreign countries.
- 2 - The transport of personnel (crew and passengers) to Cagliari by motor vehicles.
- 3 - All possible assistance to be given for the accommodation and feeding of passengers and crews in the Hotels and restaurants in town.
- 4 - All possible technical assistance to be carried out where limited to small repair work and no parts have to be exchanged, at the local S.R.A.L.

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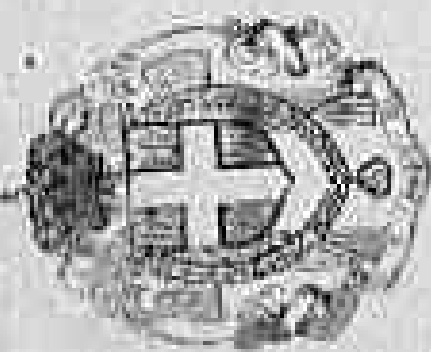
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NEW CHINESE GENERAL STORE

translated by I.A.B.



Go/S.



Roma, 15 MAR 1947

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Stato Maggiore *Stato Maggiore*
1° REPARTO
1° Sezione Operazioni e Addestramento

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Italian Military Affairs Section
Air Forces Sub Section
A.P.O. 794

Procedimento al f. n. 101799/4.117.E. 470 Coll. del
OGGETTO Assistenza velivoli ed equipaggi militari e civili di
nazioni estere di transito ad Elmas.

Sì fa riferimento al foglio AFSC 22/2/AIR del 28/1/1947 di
codesta A.F.H.

Questo Stato Maggiore in seguito a quanto richiesto dalla
Commissione Alleata circa l'assistenza al personale, il riforni-
mento e l'eventuali piccole riparazioni a velivoli militari e vi-
vili, che non siano della R.A.F. in transito sull'aeroporto di
Elmas, comunica che sono state date le seguenti disposizioni ese-
cutive al Comando Aeronautica della Sardegna:

I) Siano accantonati sull'Aeroporto di Elmas 20.000 litri di
benzina avio NO. e lubrificante in ragione del 5% quale scorta a
disposizione di velivoli militari o civili di nazioni estere e non
della R.A.F. in transito. La cessione dovrà avvenire secondo
norme in vigore, per gli apparecchi di nazioni estere. **3194**

II) Sia provveduto di volta in volta al trasporto a Cagliari del
personale (equipaggio e passeggeri) con automezzo.

III) Sia data l'assistenza possibile per l'alloggio ed il vitto
presso alberghi o ristoratori della città ai passeggeri ed agli
equipaggi.

IV) Sia data tutta l'assistenza tecnica possibile, limitatamen-
te ai lavori di piccola entità e che comunque non comportino l'im-
piego di pezzi di ricambio, presso la locale S.R.A.M. =

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

IL SOGGERO DI STATO MAGGIORE

Reference:-
S.1221/2/GK.

NSA.
Air Headquarters,

Malta.

7th November, 1943.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 71

R.A.F. STATION, ELMAS - REDUCTION OF COMMITMENT

AND STRENGTH

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4. The Italian Air Force is to be responsible for Signals, (except as detailed in para 15) Airfield Control, Maintenance of the Aerodrome and Camp, and all servicing and refuelling of other military and civil aircraft (including R.O.A.C.). The feeding and accommodation of civil and military crews, other than R.A.F. Refors or Transport Command, cannot be undertaken by the station. These crews will have to make their own arrangements for transportation to Cagliari, the nearest city, (5 miles distant) where reasonable facilities are available from civil sources.

Personnel

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7. The Theatre and Cinema are to be retained for use by R.A.F. personnel, but Italian Air Force personnel may visit it.

8. The present equipment store together with one further building (which is to be used to hold all D.I.D. food stocks) are to be retained. All other buildings on the Airfield are to be handed over, complete, to the Italian Air Force.

Equipment

9. All surplus equipment at R.A.F. Station, Elmas is to be disposed of in accordance with separate arrangements to be made by the S.E.S.C. Air Headquarters, Malta and the Ministry of Supply.

Rationing

10. The present stocks of meat are to be kept in the Civil Cold Storage building in Cagliari. All other D.I.D. stocks are to be stored in the building indicated in para. 8 above.

11. All cooking is to be done by, or under the supervision of, the B.C.R. cooks who are established. The cooking for Sergeants and Officers will be done in the Communal kitchen in the present Sergeants' mess (which is in York House).

Medical

12. All medical facilities are to be provided by a civilian practitioner under arrangements made by the S.H.O. Air Headquarters, Malta.

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Communication

14. The Senior Air Staff Officer is to arrange for an aircraft to visit Elmas at least once per week for the purpose of carrying mail and welfare goods.

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(Signed) J.R. MARSHALL S/LDR,
for Group Captain,
Staff Officer i/c Administration,
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S.1221/2/ORG.

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(11)
AIR FORCES SUB SECTION.
ITALIAN MILITARY AFFAIRS SECTION., ROME.

141600..A.. MARCH. 1947.

R.A.F. ELMAS.

AIR HEADQUARTERS MALTA.

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ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SIGNAL ITALIAN

COMMANDERS AT ELMAS AND CATANIA TO THIS EFFECT ED.

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ROUTINE

AIR. 111. (AIR STAFF.)

AIR HEADQUARTERS MALTA.

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FROM ELMAS 080915Z

TO AIR 3 (F/O BOULT) AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION ROME.

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VISIT REPORT.

REPORT ON VISIT TO ELMAS AIRFIELD BY F/O BOULT ON
FRIDAY 28TH 1947.

3rd March 47.

REPORT

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1. On Friday 28th February 1947 I paid a staff visit to Elmas to confer with S/Ldr Badcoe, O.C. Elmas and S/Ldr Smith, Organisation HQ Malta. The following points were discussed:-

- (a) The outstanding commitment of Elmas.
- (b) Type of aircraft concerned.
- (c) Number of aircraft.
- (d) Facilities required:- Dispersal, accommodation, messing, servicing, refueling, radio facilities, met. briefing.
- (e) Personnel required.
- (f) Accommodation & messing required by remaining personnel.
- (g) Authority responsible for supplying (e) and (f).
- (h) What facilities listed above could be supplied by the Italians.
- (i) Possibility of R.A.F. personnel remaining in a civilian capacity.

2. Outstanding commitment. This is expected to carry on until December 1947. S/Ldr Smith said that if no special arrangements are in the Peace Treaty that will cover the position at Elmas, it was probable that the unit would be moved to Ajaccio in Corsica at the end of R plus 90. Although this was still under consideration.

3. Type of aircraft. Single engine secret refence aircraft at the moment these aircraft are Tempests but it is not known if any other type will be concerned at a later date.

4. Number of aircraft. This is unknown but it is estimated that the flow will be approximately one convoy (ten aircraft) plus twin engine escort aircraft per month.

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11. General. The responsibility of unit but Elmas is to service, refuel and accomodate pilots and crews of single-engined reforce and escort aircraft, although as S/Ldr Smith pointed out escort aircraft have not been officially considered they are technically part of the convoy's. In addition to service and refuel any RAF aircraft they may force land in an emergency at Elmas, within their capabilities. And also at present they are committed to the refueling of the Italian Military Courier and A.S.R. aircraft, although the authority for this is unknown.

Authority has been received by the O.C. Elmas to hand over to the Shell Oil Company the remaining bulk petrol stocks held by the RAF amounting to approximately 500,000 gallons. At the moment the Shell representative in Elmas has not received the authority to take over the above petrol, but knows that the negotiations of this transfer were in progress. It was expected that Shell would have taken over the petrol stock by February the 14th and apparently all holders of Shell cards appear to have been informed of this. In view of the above agreement has been reached between the Shell representative and the O.C. S/Ldr Badcoe for the Shell Company to draw stocks from the RAF and to commence refueling all aircraft holding Shell cards with effect from the 3rd of March 47. The petrol so drawn to be part of the bulk stock due to be handed over. In order to fulfill the commitments Shell have taken over surplus petrol bowzers from the M.T. section at Elmas, this transfer of bowzers having been approved officially.

Authority has also been received by the C.I.P. Petrol Company to take over approximately 100,000 gallons of 100 octane from Shell sources, this is confirmed by the Shell representative.

Authority has been received from MEDME by O.C. Elmas to hand over to the C.I.P. Petrol Company all stocks of u/s 100 octane petrol for conversion to M.T. fuel.

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12. Position as at the 3rd of March.

- (a) RAF Unit committed to servicing and refueling of reforce aircraft and emergency RAF aircraft also to supply messing and accommodation for above.
- (b) Italian Air Force servicing and refueling Italian Military Courier and A.S.R. aircraft drawing petrol from RAF sources.
- (c) All civil aircraft holding Shell cards being refueled by Shell.
- (d) Position of all other aircraft including foreign military aircraft and civilian not holding Shell cards unknown.

Up to the present time the RAF unit have refueled all aircraft as in (c) above but have received orders from AHQ Malta to comply with (a) above only.

13. Queries. (a) Position of aircraft as in 12 (d)

- (b) Confirmation of C.I.P. Petrol stocks and issuing them with instructions to refuel the Italian Military Courier and A.S.R. aircraft.
- (c) Confirmation by Shell Company of authority to take over RAF bulk stock of petrol.
- (d) Authority for RAF unit to draw petrol stocks from Shell Company when Shell have officially taken over stocks.
- (e) Possibility of RAF personnel remaining in a civilian capacity.
- (f) Source from which they would draw pay if (e) agreed to due to close down of AHQI.
- (g) Position of the O.C. Elmas RAF Unit in relation to the Italian Officer Commanding now that the Peace Treaty has been signed.
- (h) Possibility of S/Ldr Bradcoe visiting Rome to discuss any points arising from the above about the middle of March.

(b) S.E.O. Something wrong here -
please check.
See also 1/14/43

Good idea - Air Action - to see E. Boulton

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Air III (A.S.R.)

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FROM AHQ ITALY 271004Z

TO AFSC AT ROME

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AIR FORCE 5TH SQUADRON
TRAFALGAR SQUARE LONDON, ENGLAND

211730 HZ 4 Feb 47

TO: AIR HQ

INFO: AIR HQ
AIR HQ

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ITALIAN MILITARY AFFAIRS SECTION, ROME.

251730 Hrs A Feb 27

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ITALIAN MILITARY AFFAIRS SECTION, ROME.

251733 HRS 4 Feb 47

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A.F.S.S. I.R.A.S. ROAD

No. 74

(139/11/47)

NOTE VERBALE.

The British Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, with reference to its Note Verbale No. 73 of today's date regarding the provision of facilities for British civil aircraft operating to and through Italy, has the honour under instruction from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to inform them that His Majesty's Government are particularly concerned as regards the position at Elmas aerodrome (Cagliari) in Sardinia. The Royal Air Force at Elmas are now no longer in a position to handle aircraft or passengers or to supply petrol. The British Ministry of Civil Aviation have taken steps to ensure that so far as possible all fliers, private and commercial, are informed of the position and are not routed via Elmas. The fact remains, however, that Elmas is a most convenient landing and re-fuelling point for aircraft en route to the Middle East and beyond. In the case of small aircraft with a limited petrol-carrying capacity (the range of which is in some cases less than 300 miles) the aerodrome at Elmas is indeed a vital link between the South of France and the North African coast.

2. The Embassy would therefore be grateful for any steps which the Italian Government can take to provide the usual aerodrome and re-fuelling facilities at Elmas as a matter of urgency.

Rome.

14th February 1947.

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FROM: AIR FORCE SUB-SECTION
 ITALIAN MILITARY AFFAIRS SECTION
 ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
 TO: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY
 DATE: FEBRUARY 6TH 1947
 REF: LMA/22/2/AR/AF

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 NEW FILE

STAS AIRFIELD - DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT

Further to this Headquarters letter AFSC/22/2/AR of 28th January 1947.

2. Information has now been received that all surplus R.A.F. equipment at the above airfield is being disposed of to ARAR and therefore any equipment required by you for use on the airfield will be available only through that organisation.

3. The address of the local ARAR representative at Cagliari is:

ING. BOLLANO GERLANO
 C/O DELEGAZIONE FERROVIA STATO
 CAGLIARI, SARDINIA

Telephone : CAGLIARI 2566

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 G. CANTIER
 FLIGHT LIEUTENANT
 FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL
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 AIR FORCE SUB-SECTION
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 FROM A.M.G. ITALY 281141Z
 TO A.F.S.G. A.C. ROME 26 Apr 1947
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TO AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION ROME
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DATED 9TH JANUARY 1947 K AND ANCI/11079/5/E3 DATED 9TH DECEMBER

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 FROM A.H.C. ITALY 010903Z
 TO HQ MALTA
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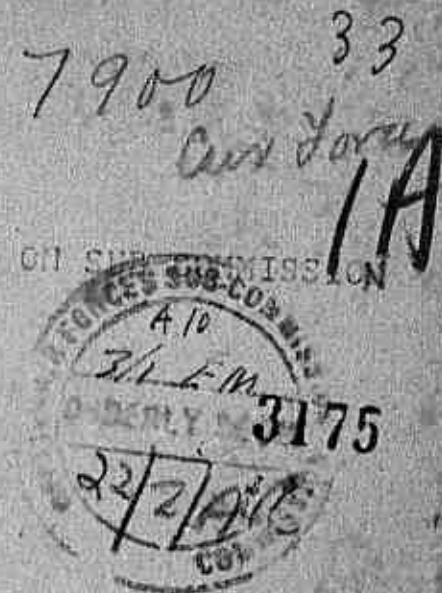
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 ROME AFSC /22/2/ AIR DATED JAN 29.

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