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 Yes
 1. The Italian Air
 Ministry are asking in a round about way
 whether the Allied Authorities will supply
 legations of their photographic summary of
 Italy to the Italian Authorities.
 2. I suggest the latter be referred
 to MACC Secretariat.

C. Brittain v.c.
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Ref Enclosure 7

Please action paragraph 4. Have you
 the map referred to in Para 3?

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Ref Enclosure 7

I have phoned the Air Ministry for
 another map and shall write to the Air

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Ref Enclosure 7

Please action paragraph 4. Have you who was referred to in Para 3?

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Ref Enclosure 7

I have placed the Air Ministry for another map and shall write to the AT when it arrives.

W. M. D. Hume
1st Lt. Col., A.C.
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- 1. It seems that End 7A was been actioned.
- 2. Would you please take action with HQ.1 or Enclosure 7x8 A.

Christie

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S.I.O.

From: Senior Intelligence Officer,
Air Forces Branch, Allied Force Headquarters, Rome.

To: Ministero della Difesa Aeronautica,
Stato Maggiore Aeronautica,
1^o Reparto Operazione,
3^o Sezione Fotocartografica.

Ref: AFB/52/1/AIR.

Date: 20th. August, 1947.

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AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS.

Reference your letter GP/105532/FC/18G/1157/COLL dated 8th. August, 1947.

2. Arrangements have already been made to obtain aerial photographs of the areas required and a further request has now been sent to hasten matters.
3. You will be informed as soon as further information is available.

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B.M. LEGAT. SQ/OFF.
for Air Commodore, Director,
Air Forces Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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om: Senior Intelligence Officer,
Air Forces Branch, Allied Force Headquarters, Rome.
: Senior Intelligence Officer,
Air Headquarters Italy, Udine.
of: AFB/52/I/AIR.
ate: 20th. August, 1947.

C. A.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS.

Reference is made to your letter AHQI/TS25/I/AIR dated 31st. March, 1947.

The areas of which aerial photographs of the Italian peninsular are required are as follows:-

- a) The entire perimeter of towns including the surrounding perimeter for a radius of at least 5 kilometres.
- b) The frontier zone to a depth of at least 50 kilometres.
- c) The coastal zone along the coast perimeter of the peninsular up to 15 kilometres inland.

The above-mentioned areas are shaded in blue on the enclosed maps.

The Italian Air Ministry wish to know whether the photographs are stereoscopic, vertical, or oblique, with overlap also the size, scale and height at which to be taken.

It is suggested that this information be supplied before the photographs are finally selected.

It would be appreciated if this matter could be treated as urgent.

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S.M. LEGAT. SQ/OFF.
Air Commodore, Director,
Air Forces Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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From.:- Italian Air Force, General Staff. D

To. :- Air Forces Branch, Rome.

Date.:- 8th., August, 1947.

Ref. :- OP/105532/FC/15G/1157/Coll.

AIR PHOTOGRAPHY

We request you to kindly answer letter OP/103404/FC/15G dated 20/5/47 regarding air photographs which the Allied Authorities would hand over to the Italian Air Force as stated in letter AFB/52/1/Air. dated 14/4/47. CA.

The Underchief of General Staff.

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Ministero della Difesa - Aeronautica

SEATO Maggiore AERONAUTICA
STATO MAGGIORE 1. REPARTO OPERAZIONI

3. Sezione Fotocartografica

Tel. Op/105532 / 15-G

AIR FORCE BRANCH - ALLIED
FORCE HEADQUARTERS - A.F.O. 794

- R O M A -

OGGETTO: fotografie aeree.-

Si prega codesta A.F.B. voler cortesemente riscontare il foglio Op/103404/fc 15-G del 20-5-1947, con il quale si pregava di fornire chiarimenti circa le fotografie aeree che le Autorità Alleate cederebbero all'Aeronautica Militare, come segnalato con foglio AFB/52/I/Air del 14-4-1947.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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From : Italian Air Force (General Staff)
To : Air Forces Branch (attention of W/Cmair Greece)
Date : 20th, May, 1947.
Ref : 183404/775/Coll.

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AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

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1). We thank you for your letter AVB/52/1/Air dated 14th, April, 1947.

With reference to the above-mentioned letter we hereby inform you that the following photographs would be of interest to us.

a) All photographs of the main Italian towns and all photographs of these towns and regions which suffered most during the war.

These photographs besides covering the entire perimeter of the towns, should include the surrounding area for a radius of at least 5 kilometers (approx 3 miles).

b) The photographs of the frontier zone to a depth of at least 50 kilometers (approx 31 miles).

c) The photographs of the coastal zone along the coast perimeter of the peninsula up to 15 Kilometers inland.

3) The above-mentioned areas have been shaded in blue on the attached map.

4) We hereby request you to inform us, if possible, whether, the photographs are photogrammetrical, stereoscopic, planimetrical, with a covering photograph for each photograph on each line, in addition to information regarding to composition of the photographs, their scale and the height from which they were taken.

It would be better to know this data before collecting the photographs which we request.

We thank you and hope for a speedy reply.

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We thank you and hope for a speedy reply.

The Underchief of General Staff.

Translated by Sgt Farrugia.

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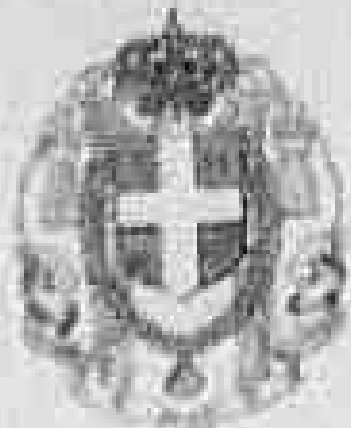
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Stato Maggiore Aeronautica

1° REPARTO

3^a Sezione Cartografica

Per. N. 103404 / fa. 15-G

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OGGETTO Fotografie aeree.-

Roma, 20 MAG 1947

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
AIR FORCES BRANCH-AFO 794-All'attenzione del Comandante
C.M.M. GRECE W/Cdr

Risposta al f. N. del

- 1- Si ringrazia codesta A.F.B. per la cortese segnalazione di cui al foglio AFB/92/1/Air del 14 aprile 1947.-
- 2- Per quanto richiesto con lo stesso foglio si precisa che a questo Stato Maggiore interesserebbero le fotografie:
 - a) delle principali città d'Italia e delle città e paesi maggiormente colpiti dalla guerra. Le fotografie oltre a coprire l'intero perimetro delle città stesse, dovrebbero comprendere anche una zona circoscritta per un raggio di almeno 5 chilometri (circa 3 miglia);
 - b) della zona dei confini per una profondità di 50 chilometri (circa 31 miglia);
 - c) della fascia costiera, lungo tutto il perimetro costiero della penisola per una profondità di 15 chilometri (9 miglia) a partire dal limite della costa.
- 3- Le zone di cui sopra sono state messe in evidenza nell'allegato grafico mediante copertina in tinta blu.-
- 4- Sarà utile se codesta A.F.B. vorrà cortesemente segnalare, ove ciò sia possibile, se trattasi di fotografie fotogrammetriche, stereoscopiche, planimetriche, con sovrapposizione per ogni striscia, oltre a precisare il formato delle fotografie stesse, la loro scala e la quota da cui furono prese. Sarà bene conoscere questi dati prima che sia dato corso alla selezione del materiale che si richiede.-
- 5- Si ringrazia per il cortese interessamento e sarà gradito un sollecito riscontro.-

-IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE-

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Copia della foto aerea della città di Roma, con indicazione delle zone interessate, è stata inviata al Comandante della Base Aerea di Roma, per essere presentata al Comandante della Base Aerea di Roma, per essere presentata al Comandante della Base Aerea di Roma.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Italian Military Affairs Section

Air Forces Sub Section

APO 794

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To: Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy.
Copy to: M.A.A.C. Section.
O-4, W.T.O.U.S.A. (Air Advisory)
Subject: Aerial Photographs.

Ref: AFH/52/1/AIR.

Dat: 14th April 1947.

Ext: 546.

Reference is made to your letter AHQI/TS.25/1/AIR dated the 31st of March 1947 and it is noted that you have no objection to negatives of the RAF survey in Italy to be made available to the Italian Air Ministry on loan.

2. The Italian Air Ministry has today been informed of this approval in principle and has been asked to notify the exact areas of coverage that it requires. This information will be notified to you as soon as they have been received at this Headquarters; in the meantime it is requested that you contact your authorities at the Air Ministry, London or Season and forewarn them of this request.

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C.W.M. GRACE W/Oar.,
for Air Commodore,
Director,
Air Force Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Italian Military Affairs Section

Air Forces Sub Section

APO 79A

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To: Italian Air Ministry
(For attention of General Briganti)

Ref: AFB/52/1/AIR.

Subject: Aerial Photographs.

Dat: 14th April 1947.

Ext: 546.

Reference is made to your letter 101608/f-1-1287/Coll dated 13th February 1947.

2. Approval has now been received from Allied authority for prints and negatives of the British aerial survey of Italy to be made available to you. These cannot be obtained in Italy or Cairo but will have to be sent out from the United Kingdom; it is requested therefore that you will notify this Headquarters as soon as possible as to which areas of the Italian peninsula you require.

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C.M.M. GRACE S/Cdr.,
for Air Commodore,
Director,
Air Force Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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From: Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy.
To: Med. Allied Air Comm. Section.
Air Forces Sub-Section (W/Cdr. Grece). ✓
C-4, M.T.O.U.S.A. (Air Advisory).
Date: 31st March, 1947.
Ref: AFHQ/TB.25/1/AIR.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS.

It is desired to refer to your letter IMAS/52/1/AIR/AF dated 8th March, 1947, which was forwarded to this Headquarters by Wing Commander S.J. Hamilton.

2. The aerial survey of Italy is not held here or at MED/ME but is kept at the Negative Library at Benson, in the U.K. To obtain the negatives would of course take time, but if necessary we could arrange for them to be sent out here.

D. G. Bailey
D. G. BAILEY,
Flight Lieutenant,
for Senior Intelligence Officer,
AIR HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F., ITALY.

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I.A.F. Stato Maggiore.
(attention of General Briganti).

DMS/52/1/AIR/AF.
Ext. 546.

Aerial Photographs.

Reference is made to your letter 101008/S-4-1287/Colt dated 13th February 1947 in which you request that the negatives of the aerial survey of Italy made by the Allies during the war be made available to your Ministry with the purpose of taking copies.

2. This Sub Section sees no objection to your request which has been put to the Supreme Allied Commander for consideration. You will be notified of any decision that may be reached at A.F.H.Q.

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for C.M.E. GEORGE, W/Cdr,
Air Vice-Marshal,
Director,
Air Forces Sub Section, DMS.

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Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.

THAS/52/1/AIR/AF.
Ext. 546.

Aerial Photographs.

8th March 1947.

The Italian Air Ministry has notified this Headquarters that it is receiving frequent requests from Municipalities and private Companies for aerial photographs of different locations in Italy.

2. Due to the severe limitations on service flying which are necessarily imposed by the shortage of petrol and of serviceable aircraft the Italian Air Force finds it impossible to meet these requests.

3. The Italian Air Ministry has now asked this Headquarters whether the aerial survey of Italy which was made by the Allies during the war could be made available to them so that prints may be obtained and kept for record purposes. These could then be used to keep maps up to date, and also to supply municipalities and private corporations who might be in need of photographs. They have asked if the negatives could be loaned for these purposes.

4. The request of the Italian Air Ministry is submitted to you for your consideration, and if the Supreme Allied Commander is prepared to agree, you are asked to notify this Sub Section as soon as possible.

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C.M.W. GREECE R/Cdr.,
for Air Vice Marshal,
Director,
Air Forces Sub Section.

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From : Military Air Force - General Staff.
Gra Photographic Section

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

for information:

Italian Air Ministry
Minister's Cabinet

Italian Air Ministry

General Directorate of Services and Airfields.

Ref. : 101008/1.1./287 Coll.

Date : 18th February 1947



AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

1) Aerial Photo's are being requested with progressively increasing demands to this General Staff on behalf of Private and Public Firms, which are necessary for projects, studies; etc. and in relation to important works of national reconstruction.

2) Being actually impossible for this General Staff to organize a civil aerial photo service and considering the importance of the aerial photo's requested, we find it necessary to provide for the above requests with military aircraft and try to carry out the photographic flights during normal

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Italian Air Ministry
General Directorate of Services and Airfields.

Ref. : IOICOG/T.B./207 Coll.

Date : 13th February 1947

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Seeing that it is not always possible to comply with the necessary civil aerial photo requests in time, it is necessary to refer the relief requests as much as possible without gravely endangering National Reconstructions activities and so as not to burden the limited fuel ration needed for military purposes.

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3) Aerial photos have been found very useful for keeping maps up to date. The firms interested have so far had very limited means at their disposal to do so.

4) As has been said in the above paragraphs, we request this A.F.S.S. to take into consideration the great National economy entailed, if part of the aerial photo's of National Territory, taken by the Allies during the war were given to the Italian Air Force for the use of the firms interested.

5) Should this A.F.S.S. eventually recognize the necessary requirements requested and authorize the sending of aerial photo's, the printing work of first and second copies etc; if the possession of the original negatives were not made, it could be carried out by the personnel and material of this General Staff.

6) Other agreements in relation to the eventual signal of the more important zones in the choice of the photo's etc. could be taken between the A.F.S.S. and this General Staff if, as we hope, the requests will be granted.

Translated by I.A.C. RMLI

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REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

Roma.

Stato Maggiore Aeronautica Militare
1° REPARTO

3° Fotocartografica

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OGGETTO Fotografia aerea.-

ALLIED FORCES SUB COMMISSION
Allied Commission

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e p.c. AL MINISTERO DELL'AERON. - Gabinetto del Ministro
" " " " - Direz. Gen. Serv. e Aerop.

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1. A questo S.M., con intensità che va progressivamente aumentando, vengono richieste da parte di Enti pubblici e privati fotografie aeree necessarie per progetti, studi, ecc., relativi ad opere anche importanti della ricostruzione Nazionale.-
2. Questo S.M., essendo attualmente impossibile organizzare nel Paese un servizio aerofotografico civile e in considerazione dell'importanza delle fotografie aeree richieste, si trova nella necessità di provvedere alle esigenze suddette con velivoli militari cercando di effettuare i voli fotografici durante normali esercitazioni. Dato però che spesso non è possibile abbinare tempestivamente le esigenze istruttive a quelle aerofotografiche civili è giocabile ritardare l'effettuazione dei rilievi per non incidere troppo notevolmente sulle modeste assegnazioni di carburanti necessari agli scopi militari con grave danno per le attività ricostruttive nazionali suddette.-
3. E' noto anche che le fotografie aeree sono molto utili per l'aggiornamento di carte topografiche, aggiornamento che nelle attuali condizioni risente gravemente dei limitati mezzi a disposizione degli Enti interessati.-
4. Si prega codeste A.F.S.C. per quanto detto ai numeri precedenti voler prendere in considerazione la grande utilità che ne ritrarrebbe l'economia nazionale qualora venisse ceduta all'Aeronautica Italiana - per successiva utilizzazione da parte degli Enti interessati - una parte delle fotografie aeree del territorio nazionale eseguite dagli Alleati durante la guerra.-
5. Eventualmente, nel caso che codeste A.F.S.C., riconoscesse la necessità prospettate ed autorizzasse la cessione delle fotografie aeree, il lavoro di stampa dei controtipi, delle copie ecc. - qualora non fosse concessa la cessione dei negativi originali - potrebbe essere eseguita a cura di questo S.M. con personale e materiale proprio.-
6. Altri accordi relativi all'avventuale segnalazione delle zone di maggior interesse, alla selezione delle fotografie, ecc., potrebbero essere presi tra codeste A.F.S.C. e questo S.M. se, come si spera, le richieste segnalate verranno accolte.-

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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