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SUPPLY OF AERO-ENGINES & SPARES, FOR
SPITFIRE AIRCRAFT
FEB. - APR. 1947

From : Allied Force Headquarters,
Air Forces Branch.
To : Ministry of Defense Air.
Date : 1st April, 1947.
Ref : AFB/6G/11/Eq.

MERLIN ENGINES

Reference your letter 370395/ST/2/12/337/Coll. dated 22nd February 1947. Air Headquarters R.A.F., Italy, state that there are Merlin "66" and "70" engines in the country but that disposal is not taking place until a decision has been reached regarding the re-equipping of the Italian Air Force. It is presumed that until that decision is known the engines cannot be regarded as surplus for disposal.

2. If the engines finally become surplus, it is probable that they will be disposed of either by reduction to scrap or by transfer to the Ministry of Supply. Air Headquarters have been asked to ensure if possible that the Ministry of Defence has a chance of making a bid and further information may be expected.


W.A.D. COLLINGWOOD, W/Cdr,
for Air Commodore,
Director,
Air Forces Branch.

From : Italian Air Ministry
Technical Section

To : A.T.H.Q. I.M.A.S. A.F.S.S. Rome

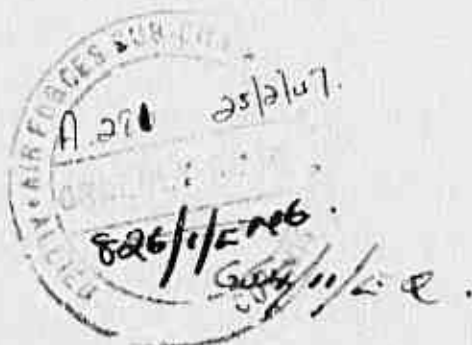
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We would like to acquire a group of 20 - 25 Merlin engines "60 out 70", from the ones in your depots here in Italy.

We kindly request you to examine this proposal and to inform us of your decision.



THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF

Translated by L.A.C. LOSI

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