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PURCHASE OF SURPLUS AF EQUIPMENT
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interested in the present of
engines, apart from any that may
come to them under the present
plan. This however, I feel true,
will involve the M. & S., as the
R.A.F. does no disposal of its own.
Furthermore, until the decision on the
plan is known, the quantities surplus
cannot be determined.

In the past surplus engines have
been smashed and disposed of as scrap.
But I think everyone should be in-
terested now in disposing this changing
this policy.

Correspondence with A.M. is
in file 664/4/EQ
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Hollingsworth
S.D.O.
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S.E.O. / What is happening about Lcl: 3A.?

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C.D. Day
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Director, Sir, Ene. 3A appears to be unrelated
to any plan. It is, I would
say, a revival of the methods of the
period when we maintained the
Italian in force almost in its
entirety.
You will notice that the word

"purchase comes into the letter, also.

2. I think the 'train' has come to tell the Grahams

(ii) that in future we are only concerned with equipment for the A.M. plan. Our resources both in staff and stores do not permit us to be universal providers - we are not here for that purpose. (Incidentally C.T.O. is of the opinion that this particular request is for Civil Aviation).

(iii) the R.A.F. in Italy does not sell its surplus stores. Surpluses are transferred to the Ministry & supply who after making any necessary selections for their own purposes, dispose of the balance to R.A.F. (an Graham's Government organisation). No variation is permitted. The S.A.M. must purchase from R.A.F.

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W. Collins and W. H. S. C. S.

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the moment to say that the only channel of
supply for items of this nature are V.A. ARAR.

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From : Air Forces Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters.

To : Ministry of Defense Air.

Date : 7th May, 1947.

Ref. : AFB/681/Eq.

ACQUISITION OF SURPLUS VEHICLES

Referring to your letter Serv/301000/L4/426/Coll. dated 8th March 1947, it is regretted that at this stage the Royal Air Force cannot depart from the normal channel of disposal through the Ministry of Supply and A.R.A.R. It is therefore suggested that you make application to A.R.A.R. for the acquisition of the vehicles under the arrangements already concluded with them.


for W.A.D. COLLINGWOOD, W/Cdr,
Air Commodore,
Director, AFB/AFHQ.

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From : Allied Force Headquarters,
Air Forces Branch.
To : Air Headquarters R.A.F., Italy.
Date : 31st March, 1947.
Ref : AFB/684/EQ.

MERLIN ENGINES

Reference your AFI/11733/3/37 dated 13th March 1947, it is likely that the Italian Air Ministry will be interested in Merlin engines whether or not the British plan for re-equipping the Italian Air Force is accepted.

2. It is therefore hoped that surplus engines will not be scrapped until the Italian Air Ministry have had a chance of bidding for them. Possibly this would have to be done through the Ministry of Supply and information on this point would be appreciated in due course.


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

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Following the conversations and the proposal for handing over the vehicles, whose necessity has become all the more vital to the I.A.F., we send a list of the materials we would like to obtain.

But before settling the question, this General Staff would like details regarding the types of the vehicles in question in order to estimate the probability of adopting them for suitable work and the possibility of a certain unification amongst the various types considered.

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	No.	
Assistance Vehicles for Planes	1	
Heavy Crane lorries (75 Ton. meter)	15	
Light crane lorries (35 Ton. meter)	15	
Petrol bowlers (2000 Gallons)	30	
Water Bowlers (2000 Gallons)	50	
Petrol Bowlers Trailors (heavy)	45	
Water "	95	
Tractors for Queen Mary Trailors	5	
Queen Mary Trailors	5	
Heater vans	1	
Identification beacon ^{SEARCHERS} tanks	1	
Hydrogen vans	1	
Tyre covers and Tubes	1000	400 x 15
" "	3000	500 x 15
" "	2000	550 x 15
" "	6000	750 x 20
" "	1000	1050 x 20
" "	1750	3200 x 60
" "	2	4200 x 9

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It must be remembered that the eventual supply must include an adequate number of spares.

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Heavy Crane lorries (75 Ton. meter)	" 15
Light crane lorries (35 Ton. meter)	" 15
Petrol bowlers (2000 Gallons)	" 30
Water Bowlers (2000 Gallons)	" 50
Petrol Bowlers Trailors (heavy)	" 45
Water "	" 95
Tractors for Queen Mary Trailors	" 5
Queen Mary Trailors	" 5
Heater vans	" 1
Identification beacon tanks	" 1
Hydrogen vans	" 1
Tyre covers and Tubes	" 1000
"	" 3000
"	" 2000
"	" 6000
"	" 1000
"	" 1750
"	" 200
"	" 350
"	" 1000

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We would be glad to know the prices of the above equipment.

Mr. G. L. ...
We thought ...
prepared ...
consulted ...

THE UNDER CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF

A. G. 27/1/7.

Translated by I.A.S.C. COSTIGAN

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STATO MAGGIORE AERONAUTICA MILITARE
Sezione LegisticaALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN MILITARY AFFAIRS SECTION
Air Forces Sub Section
A.P.O. 794

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Prot.n° SERV/301000/L 4/E (Tramite Ufficio Collegamento)
426 coll. = S E D E =

OGGETTO: Cessione automezzi. =

e per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA DIFESA = AERONAUTICA

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In relazione alle intelligence intercorse ed alla proposta di cessione degli automezzi di cui è più sentita la necessità per l'Aeronautica Italiana, si trasmette un elenco dei materiali dei quali si gradirebbe trattare l'acquisto/ -

Prima, peraltro, di definire la questione, sarebbe desiderabile che venissero portate a conoscenza di questo Stato Maggiore le caratteristiche dei veicoli, al fine di accertarne le probabilità di conveniente impiego e la possibilità di una certa unificazione fra i vari tipi considerati.-

Fermo rimane che l'eventuale fornitura dovrebbe prevedere la contemporanea cessione di adeguate scorte di ricambi, da concordare .-

- Autovetture assistenza voli	N°	1
- Autogrua pesanti (75 Tonn/metri)	"	15
- Autogrua leggere (35 tonn/metri)	"	15
- Autobotti benzina (2000 galloni)	"	30
- Autobotti acqua (2000 galloni)	"	50
- Botti rimorchio benzina (pesanti)	"	45
- Botti rimorchio acqua (pesanti)	"	95
- Trattori articolati per rimorchi Queen Mary	"	5
- Rimorchi Queen Mary	"	5
- Carri riscaldatori	"	1
- Carri segnalatori nominativo campo	"	1
- Carri idrogeno	"	1

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Coperture e camere d'aria	4,00 x 15		1000
" " " "	5,00 x 15		3000
" " " "	5,50 x 15		2000
" " " "	7,50 x 20		6000
" " " "	10,50 x 20		1000
" " " "	32,00 x 60		1750
" " " "	42,00 x 9		200
" " " "	36,00 x 8		350
" " " "	3,50 x 19		1000.=

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tati.=



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FROM :- Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy, C.M.F.

TO :- Allied Force Headquarters,  
Italian Military Affairs Section,  
Air Forces Sub Section,  
A.P.O. 794 C.M.F. ✓

DATE :- 33 th March, 1947.

REF :- ANCI/11733/3/E7.

MERLIN AERO-ENGINES.

Reference is made to your IMAS/681/EQ. dated 4th March, 1947.

2. It is understood that the question was discussed with G/CAPT.C.W.Gore on his recent visit, and figures of holdings given to you.

3. It is confirmed that no disposal of Merlin Aero-Engines will take place until Air Ministry's decision is obtained on the re-equipping of the interim Italian Air Force.

*Engines held*

|        |     |           |
|--------|-----|-----------|
| Merlin | 63  | 1         |
|        | 63A | 19        |
|        | 66  | 42        |
|        | 70  | 9         |
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For

*S. J. Marriott*  
(S. J. MARIOTT) S/LDR.  
Wing Commander,  
Senior Officer i/c Administration,  
AIR HEADQUARTERS, R.A.F., ITALY, C.M.F.

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AIR DESPATCHES, R.A.F., ITALY

IMAS/681/41.

PURCHASE OF SURPLUS AIR FORCE EQUIPMENT  
MERLIN ENGINES

MARCH 1947

The Italian Air Ministry has made enquiries as to the possibility of purchasing Merlin engines MKS.63,66 and 70 that may be surplus in Italy.

It would be appreciated if information could be given as to the availability of surplus engines together with quantities if possible.

Should existing policy demand that surplus be broken up, it is hoped that a means may be found of first exploring the possibility of disposal as above.

*[Signature]*  
S.A.D. GILLINGWOOD  
WING COMMANDER  
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL  
DIRECTOR,  
AIR FORCES SUB-SECTION  
I.M.A.S., A.F.HQ.

*Ref file 681/41  
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*See IMAS/664/11/EO/AF  
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