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RECOVERY OF IAF EQUIPMENT ON LOAN TO ALLIED UNITS
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Presumably S.E.O. will let J/ Air Division
know the arrangements made.

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It was agreed at a conference some
time ago not to notify the Air Ministry and
thus draw attention to the question of the
disposal of ex Republican Air Force material
i. This equipment is captured enemy material
and normally should be disposed of through

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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, AFO.794, C.M.F.
Date:- 11th April, 1947.
Ref:- AHQI/11701/18/E7.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE EQUIPMENT.

Reference is made to your letter IMAS/686/EQ/A.F. dated 7th March, 1947.

2. It is confirmed that every effort will be made to ensure that any Italian Air Force equipment which may still be held by Units disbanding will be returned to the Italian Air Force. Such equipment will be scheduled and the signature obtained of the Italian Air Force representative taking over the property.

3. The arisings are, however, likely to be small as only R.A.F. Station Treviso and probably Udine are in possession of any such equipment.

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REPLY OF ITALIAN AIR FORCE
 TO THE AIR IN DIS BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

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With the run-down of the R.A.F. in Italy the question arises of the return of Italian Air Force equipment in use by the R.A.F.

A considerable amount of equipment was drawn from Italian Air Force Depots during the war and subsequently, mostly of the nature of furniture, crockery and glassware, cutlery and ski equipment and it is believed that the Italians hold receipts for this equipment although it might be a long and difficult task to consolidate them.

It is not known if any action is in progress regarding this equipment but if not it is suggested that the fairest way to meet the problem would be for all equipment of Italian origin in R.A.F. units to be reported whenever a unit is rolled up and forthwith acknowledged and handed over to the Italian Air Force against signature, the total quantities finally handed over being regarded as a complete discharge, any differences being attributable to normal wear and tear. If you are in agreement with this proposal, this office will endeavour to get the Italian Air Force to confirm.

It seems most desirable that as much Italian equipment as possible should be recovered and it is accordingly requested that where proof of ownership is not clear, particularly in the case of furniture, the benefit may be given to the Italian Air Force.

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