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FORMATION OF ITALIAN LABOR COMPANIES, POLICY
OCT. 1943; JAN. - NOV. 1944

To: *Mr. [unclear]* *19/4*

O/S.P.S.O.

B.P.S.O.

Please see encl. 15A and attachments B & C.
I don't know whether there are of interest to you, but
I am passing them for information.

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W. B. [unclear]
O/S C

M.P. 1.

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I suggest you take extracts if you have not already
received a copy of this memorandum.

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W. B. [unclear]
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Org. 10.

M.S.

Reference your minute 1 it is considered that a copy of this
directive should be held by "P" 1 branch, and one has today been requested
from A.F.H.Q.

21.4.44

W. B. [unclear]
SQUADRON LEADER "P" 1.

M.H.

Orig. [unclear] arising from A.O.A. Conference the morning,

You will be interested in bunch of 15B. I suggest you take extracts if you have not already received a copy of this memorandum.

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ORG. 10.

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21.4.44.

W.E. Swinburn
SQUADRON LEADER "P" 1.

Arg. 1 ^{M.H.} arising from RPAi Conference the morning, draft held at End 53A is submitted for approval.

24-10-44.

Arg. 2 ^{M.H.}

MINS.

Arg. 3 ^{M.H.} arising from RPAi Conference the morning, draft held at End 53A is submitted for approval.

Will you please see incl. 53A & MIN. 1 above. P.T. Harker has seen the Manning Section A.F.H.Q. and thinks that this letter will produce results.

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Arg. 4 ^{M.H.} arising from RPAi Conference the morning, draft held at End 53A is submitted for approval.

From :- Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Coastal Air Force.

To :- Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, C.M.F.

Date :- 19 November, 1944.

Ref :- CAF/S.3001/130/Org.

SECRET.

PRISONER OF WAR COMPANIES.

A Prisoner of War Company is urgently required at No.323 Wing, Foggia. Tentative arrangements to transfer either Nos. 3 or 9 Companies from North Africa to Foggia have been made but it has been found impossible for the following reasons.

2. No.3 Company is employed at Algiers on the following duties:-

70 with No.210 Group (Unit).

60 at Reghaia.

20 with Malcolm Club.

50 with H.Q., M.A.A.F. (Rear) and No.284 Wing.

20 on Camp construction ~~with Reghaia~~.

50 Sundry duties in connection with their own internal organisation.

3. All the P.O.Ws. from Reghaia will be withdrawn shortly when the airfield has been fully taken over by the French. No.218 Group have already asked if these 60 can be earmarked for their use.

4. It will be seen therefore that out of approximately 272 personnel of this Company, only 70 are being used by No.210 Group, the remainder being mainly employed on behalf of M.A.A.F. (Rear) and No.218 Group. The 70 employed by No.210 Group are being used as guards, and these cannot be withdrawn unless replaced by other personnel.

5. No.9 Company at Bone is mainly employed in guarding the airfield. This requires only a total of 80 to 100 men. The full company however, cannot be withdrawn unless these men are replaced.

6. Neither of these two Companies are fully employed on duties in connection with this Command. If authority to split one of these Companies can be given, sufficient personnel from one Company are available to carry out all our commitments at Algiers and Bone. The other Company could then be withdrawn to carry out urgent work at Foggia.

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7. If the split of a Company cannot be agreed, it is requested that arrangements may be made for No.218 Group to supply P.O.Ws. to meet the requirements of No.210 Group in Algiers or R.A.F. Station, Bone. In this connection it is pointed out that it will be far more economical to release the Company at Bone as it will be seen that only half this Company is being employed.
8. With the present shortage of manpower, it is obviously wasteful to keep two Companies in North Africa, when one Company can meet our requirements, and it is requested that you will take the necessary action, in accordance with para.7 above, to enable us to release one Company, as soon as possible.

W. B. B. / Ch

Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding,
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED COASTAL AIR FORCE.

ALLIED LIAISON SECTION	
H.Q. M.A.A.F.	25/11
NOTE	FILE 14208

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REGISTRY

From: Allied Liaison Section, H.Q. M.A.P. G.M.F.

To: Allied Forces Headquarters. G.M.F.

Date: 17th November, 1944.

Ref: MAF/1205/113.

Replacement of Italian S.I.P. Personnel for North Africa.

1. In view of the withdrawal of approximately 1500 Yugoslav personnel from North Africa, the War Office, at the request of Air Marshal Beckett, agreed to release 1500 Italian Co-operators from East Africa for the purpose of replacement.

2. It will be apparent that the loss of the Yugoslav labour will have a far reaching effect on the maintenance of the Royal Air Force, were it not replaced, but the action of the War Office will greatly ease the situation and by it, it is hoped to reduce the adverse effect to a minimum. The majority of this personnel are tradesmen and are intended for work in the various maintenance units in the Algiers area.

3. The first party of 600 is due to arrive in Algiers during the first/second week, to be followed by the remaining 900 some two or three weeks later. Definite disembarkation date cannot be given as yet.

4. In view of the urgent nature of this substitution, it would be greatly appreciated if A.P.H.Q. will agree to give the highest priority in the forming of this personnel into S.I.P. type S.I.P. Coy., on reaching Algiers. It is also requested that they be kicked to the approved goals before being handed over to the S.A.P. authorities in Algiers.

5. The lapse of time between the departure of the Yugoslavs and the substitution by the Italians is causing concern to the Maintenance Organisation of the S.A.P. and in view of this A.P.H.Q. are asked to give the utmost assistance in the matter and issue the necessary instructions to all concerned in the formation of these Companies in order to avoid delay.

6. This Section will supply any further information required.

(R.M. FINNEY)
 Wing Commander,
 Air Vice-Marshal,
 Chief of Staff/AF Medex.

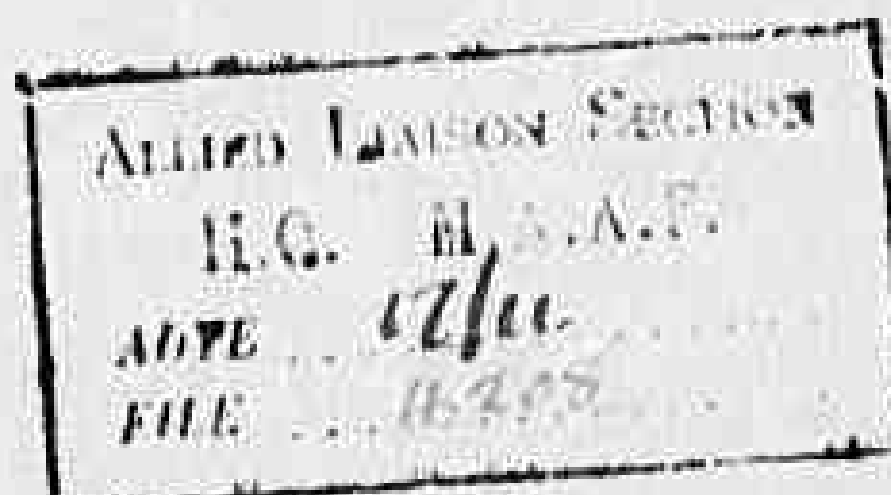
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Copy to: H.Q. M.A.P. Algiers.

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OUTGOING CYPHER MESSAGE

TO:	SECURITY:	SECRET
MAAF MOVEMENTS ALTHRO	PRIORITY:	66
REPEATED:	IMPORTANT	
	REF. NO :	CM 617
FROM:	DATE :	16th NOVEMBER, 1944
HQ., MAAF., MOVEMENTS, CMT.	T.O.O. :	

SECRET (.) YOUR CM 3 NOVEMBER 13 (.) AFTER PRIORITY SERIAL NUMBER
227 ON LIST 4 HAS BEEN ALLOTTED NUMBER 8 ITALIAN RAF COMPANY (.)



Typed by _____ Checked by _____
H.G.

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INTERNAL:

A.L.S. ✓

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D.W. Sherman
(D. W. SHERMAN)
SQUADRON LEADER
MOVEMENTS

Loose Minute.

To:- ORG. 2.

No. 20. Italian R.A.F. Company.
Establishments.

1. Consequent upon the transfer of the newly formed No. 21. Italian R.A.F. Company to H.Q. (Unit) MAAP, may it be confirmed that the Establishment of H.Q. (Unit) MA.A.F., has been increased as far as the British Element and the transport are concerned.

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(C. CONROY),
Flight Lieutenant,
for Wing Commander,
Allied Liaison Section.

Date:- 16th. November, 1944.

Ref:- MAAP/1634/ALS.

From:- Allied Liaison Section, H. M.A.A.F. C.M.F.

To:- Officer Commanding, No. 15, Italian R.A.F. Coy.
C/o H.Q. (Unit) M.A.C.A.F. R.A.F. C.M.F.

Date:- 12th. November, 1944.

Ref:- MAF/1634/ORG.

1. The enclosed correspondence has been received at this Section and is hereby passed to you.

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(A. CONROY),
Flight Lieutenant,
for Wing Commander,
Allied Liaison Section.

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H.Q. 218 Group A.N.A.F.
(R)H.Q. M.A.A.F. ALGERES.

H.Q. M.A.A.F. C.M.F.

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4th Nov 1944

Your BG/526/E dated 2 Nov refers (.)

Confirmed that B.O.M. personnel proceed with

No 8 Italian Company (.)

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Allied Liaison Section,

1634/ALS.

C. Conroy, F/Lt.

for Wing Commander, Allied Liaison Section

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INCOMING MESSAGE. M.A.A.F.

TO : H.Q. M.A.A.F. C.M.F.
 FROM : H.Q. M.A.A.F. ALGIERS.

TQ 440

OCTOBER 31

IMMEDIATE CONFIDENTIAL

For SLOCOMBE from LUDLOW.

1. Reference this Headquarters Signal TQ 433 October 26th.
2. You must see HQ MAAF CMP signal O.468 October 30 and MLO 218 Group signal O 22 October 30th.
3. My impression was that 214 Group required the whole company for work at 114 M.U. and I arranged transfer accordingly. MLO signal O.22 will have the effect of reducing the labour available to 114 M.U. by 130 bodies.
4. As the commitment for 95 tradesmen and 35 AGH cooperators arose after the arrangements to transfer NR8 company you will wish to determine if 214 Group can suffer the loss or must additional bodies be provided.
5. Should it be decided that additional bodies are required then A.P.H.C. authority must be given for No8 company to be over strength to the number required.
6. Consider should warn you that whatever decision taken MLO very doubtful whether the total number of tradesmen required can possible be produced without detriment to essential services North Africa. MLO agrees this signal.

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ALLIED LIAISON SECTION
H.Q. M.A.A.F.
DATE 31 Oct 40
FILE 2377

From:- Allied Liaison Section, H.Q. M.A.A.F. C.M.F.

To:- Headquarters, No.218 Group B.N.A.F.
(for attention P/Lt. Schneerson)

Date:- 5th. November, 1944.

Ref:- MAAP/1634/ORG.

1. The enclosed signal has been received at this Section and is hereby passed to you.

2. As the formation of No.20. Italian R.A.F. Coy. has been delayed in preference to No.21. Italian R.A.F. Coy. the information contained will apply to that Unit.

G. Conroy

for

(G. CONROY),
Flight Lieutenant,
Wing Commander,
Allied Liaison Section.

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H.Q. 218 Group B.N.A.F.
(R)H.Q. M.A.A.P. ALGERS.

H.Q. M.A.A.P. C.M.F.

J. 214.

4th Nov 1944

Your BW 526/E dated 2 Nov refers (.)
Confirmed that B.C.F. personnel proceed with
No 8 Italian Company (.)

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Allied Liaison Section.

1631/MS.

G. Conroy, P/Lt.

For King Commander, Allied Liaison Section

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H.Q. M.A.A.F. NIGERIA.

SECRET.

H.Q. M.A.A.F. C.M.F.

ROUTINE.

O. 1187

31st OCTOBER, 1944.

PERSONNEL FOR DAWSON FROM MORTHEGART (.) REFERENCE YOUR T. 146
 OCTOBER 30th (.) I HAVE ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TODAY FOR NO. 21 R.A.F.
 COMPANY TO COME OVER AS ALREADY ARRANGED (.) IF INFORMATION CAN ADD
 SOME OF THE TRADES WE WANT (.) WELL AND GOOD (.) IF NOT IN ORDER
 NOT TO DELAY ARRIVAL OF COMPANY WE WILL ACCEPT IT AS IT STANDS (.)
 THIS COMPANY HAS BEEN PUT ON TOP OF LIST FOR PRIORITY MOVE (.)
 PARA TWO (.) THANK YOU FOR OFFER OF EQUIPMENT OFFICER (.)

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ALLIED LIAISON SECTION
 H.Q. M.A.A.F.
 ADTE 1/11/44
 FILE 1634

A.O.A.

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Air Vice Marshal.

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ALLIED LIAISON SECTION
 H.Q. M.A.A.F.
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From:- H.Q. (nit) M.A.A.F., C.M.F.

To :- Headquarters, M.A.A.F., C.M.F.

Date:- 31st October 1944.

Ref :- MAAF/C / 2795/1/P.

No. 21 ITALIAN R.A.F. COMPANY.

With reference to your MAAF/1634/Org. dated 28th October, 1944, it is confirmed that arrangements for the accommodation, domestic and cooking facilities of the above Company are now completed.

1634/-
for Stewart

(D. L. BROCKLESBY)
Wing Commander, Commanding,
Headquarters (nit) M.A.A.F., C.M.F.

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OUTGOING MESSAGE.

To:- 213 Group for STEERSON: (R) for information:- R.A.A.F.
 Algiers: North Africa District, D.N.A.F: Reinforcements
 Section, North Africa, C.N.A.F: CHQ 2nd Echelon, C.N.F.

From:- H.Q., R.A.A.F., C.N.F.

Ref:- 0/490 Date:- 1/11/44 T.O.O. 17.35.

CONFIDENTIAL (.) Your 0.23 Oct. 44 and 0.477 Oct. 44
 not to all addressees (.) C.N.F. cannot form 21 (R) 21
 Company here within time stated by us (.) In North Africa
 has 200 bodies ready for No. 20 (R) 20 Company they are
 to be shifted to form No. 21 (R) 21 COMPANY and shipped on
 Ferry No. 42 with balance being posted in on arrival here (.)
 No. 20 (R) 20 Company for Balkan Air Force can therefore be
 formed afterwards (.) CHQ 2nd Echelon is confirming this
 arrangement by signal (.) No. 21 (R) 21 Company must be given
 priority as needed for urgent work services here (.) Transfer
 of No. 3 (R) 3 Company to 224 Group is to proceed in normal
 manner (.)

IMPORTANT.

S. J. Palmer
 (S. J. PALMER),
 Squadron Leader,
ORGANISATION I.B.

Internal Distribution.

A.O.L.
 C.N.S.O.
 S.S. (Unit).
 C/O Gilbert Smith
 J.P.H.Q., G.1 (Br) A.2.
 C.N.F. (2)
 M. F/163h/Org.
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LOOSE MINUTE.

To :-

Organisation 1.E.
(Copy to : P.2.)

ESTABLISHMENT LWE/MAAF/1B - H.Q., M.A.A.F.

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With reference to your Loose Minute MAAF/1634/ORG. undated, the following amendments to the above establishment are being promulgated :-

(i) ADVANCED H.Q.
Administrative Branch.

Organisation (G).

Deduct : 1 Flt/Lieut.

Note 4.
Organisation 1(B)

Deduct : 1 Flt/Lieut.

(ii) Add New Section :-
No. 21 ITALIAN R.A.F. COMPANY. (R.A.F. Element).
Administrative (G)
Aircrafthands, G.D.
Clerks, G.D.

Drivers, M.T.
Cycles, Motor.
Vans, 15 cwt.
Bicycles

1 Flt/Lieut.
1 Flt/Sergt.
1 Corporal.
(may be Clerk, P.A.)
1 A.C.
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Seen by

No. Scadding

(A.L.O. SCADDING.)
Flight Lieutenant,
for Wing Commander,
ORGANISATION 2.

MAAF/1681/1/ORG.

October 30th, 1944.

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URGENT MESSAGE

To: HQ 228 Group, HQ 224 Group, HQAF Saigon
 (1) For information HQ 224 G.C., HQ 228 Group HQAF
 From: Headquarters, HQ 224 G.C.

Ref. No.

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30 October, 1964

Secret (.) HQ 228 Group HQAF Saigon to be transferred from 228 Group to 224 Group for assignment at HQ 224 G.C. in accordance with agreement made between Air Commander Saigon and A.C.G. 228 Group (.) 224 Group please make immediate arrangements for reception of Company which will travel with H.Q. and personal kit (.) H.A.A.P. Saigon please issue instructions whether 2 Company to travel with baggage and baggage equipment or whether this to be sent by 224 Group here (.) 228 Group please ensure that Co-operations of HQ 228 Group are organized with 224 Group as per their instructions and not in possession of any clothing (.) 228 Group please complete arrangements for transfer and notify this Headquarters and HQ 224 Group of H.A.A. of Company (.)

URGENT

Palmer
 (Signature)
 Captain, USAF
 Headquarters 224

Distribution:

Headquarters, HQ 224 G.C.
 HQ 224 G.C.
 HQ 228 Group
 A.F.M. (2) 1-2
 Saigon (2)
 CMC
 HQ 224 G.C./2/2/2

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From:- Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces.
To:- Headquarters, Balkan Air Force.
Date:- 30th October, 1944.
Ref:- MAAF/1634/Org.

EMPLOYMENT - NO. 20 ITALIAN R.A.F. COMPANY.

Further to this Headquarters airgram 0.355 of 20th October, 1944, and letter of even reference dated 20th October, 1944, addressed to A.F.H.Q., enclosed is a copy of a letter from A.F.H.Q. which confirms the ruling given by this Headquarters in respect of the employment of No. 20 Italian R.A.F. Company.

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(S.A. PALMER) S/Ldr.,
for, Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer i/o Administration.

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SUBJECT:- Employment No.20 Italian R.A.F. Coy.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/3103/GI (Br).

28 Oct 44.

Headquarters,
MAAF (Org 5.) ✓

1. Reference your MAAF/1634/Org dated 20 Oct 44.
2. It is confirmed that it is agreed that in the circumstances explained in your letter under reference as above, No.20 Italian R.A.F. Coy. may be employed under the Balkan Air Force on Airfields on which Italian Air Force squadrons are based subject to the conditions mentioned in para.3 of that letter.

Arthur Hen

A.S. RABLOFF,
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.G.,
for Major General,
DAG, G.I.(Br).

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HDM/ER.

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From:- Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces.
To:- Headquarters, No. 215 Group.
(Personal for F/Lt. Shneerson).
Date:- 28th October, 1944.
Ref:- HAAF/1634/ORG.

NO. 21 ITALIAN R.A.F. COMPANY.

Further to this Headquarters' signal 0.1146 of 28th October, 1944, enclosed is a copy of each of the letters referred to therein.

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2. Please take immediate action.



(S.A. PALMER) S/Lt.,
for, Air Vice-Marshal,
Air Officer i/c Administration.

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LOOSE MINUTE.

To:- "P" 2.

F/LT. H. SHUBERTSON.

J8A

Reference conversation F/Lt. Cook - S/Ldr. Palmer,
attached is a copy of a minute to Org. 2, which explains the
position and the action I would like taken. Your co-operation
is appreciated.


(S.A. PALMER)
Squadron Leader,
Organisation 13.

28th October, 1944.
MAAN/1634/ORG.

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To:- Org. 2.

NO. 21 ITALIAN R.A.F. COMPANY

Further to my 1000 minute under even reference
 Dated 18th October, 1944, attached is a copy of the formation
 authority issued by A.P.H.Q.

2. Action is being taken by this branch to expedite
 the formation of this Company and its transfer to Italy, and
 it would be appreciated if establishment action could be taken
 now. In connection with this, it has been agreed here that
 the position of the R.A.F. Liaison Officer at 213 Group is
 no longer necessary, and we therefore offer you that post as
 an offset against the P/Lt. to Command No. 21 Company.

3. It would be appreciated if you would arrange the
 dis-establishment of the R.A.F. Liaison Officer at 213 Group
 to coincide with the establishment of the P/Lt. to Command
 21 Company, as it is intended to ask "P" Staff to post
 P/Lt. WILKINSON, the present incumbent of the R.A.F. Liaison
 Officer post at 213 Group, to command the new Company, and it
 is suggested that as nothing rank is involved the deletion of
 one post and the establishment of the other could be with
 effect from the same date, and posting action could be taken
 accordingly.


 (G.A. PALMER)
 Squadron Leader,
 Organisation III.

Copy to "P" 2. (For action at para. 3 please).

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LOOSE LINGER.

To:- R.A.F. Movements.

NO. 21 ITALIAN R.A.F. COMPANY.

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Further to conversation S/Capt. Henson-Abbott,
S/Ldr. Sherwin, S/Ldr. Palmer, attached is a copy of the
formation authority for No. 21 Company, together with a
copy of a signal sent to the M.A.A.F. Liaison Officer at
No. 218 Group.

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(S.A. PALMER)
Squadron Leader,
Organisation 13.

29th October, 1944.
RAF/152/GR

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AIRGRAM
HEADQUARTERS, BALAKH AIR FORCE
(ATTENTION W/CDR. HUNTLEY)

CONFIDENTIAL.

HEADQUARTERS, M. A. A. F.

ROUTINE.

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20/10/44.

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YOUR O/694 OCTOBER 17TH (.) GO AHEAD (.) CONSIDER THAT
UNDERTAKING GIVEN IN YOUR BAF/3130/ORG OF 12TH SEPTEMBER STILL
IN FORCE BUT INFLUENCED BY OPERATIONAL NECESSITY (.) PROVIDED NOT
ACCOMMODATED ON SAME CAMP AS I. A. F. NOR EMPLOYED DIRECTLY WITH
I. A. F. (.) 20 ITALIAN R. A. F. COMPANY CAN BE EMPLOYED AS REQUESTED (.)
REQUEST THAT WHEN CONDITIONS PERMIT YOU RETURN TO STRICT
INTERPRETATION OF UNDERTAKING (.)

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S. A. Palmer
(S. A. PALMER) S/Ldr.
ORGANISATION 1B

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From :- Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, R.A.F., C.M.F.
To :- M.A.A.F. Liaison Officer, Hq. No. 218 Group, R.A.F., B.N.A.F.
Date :- 27th September 1944.
Ref :- MAAF/1631/2/Org.

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No. 18 Italian R.A.F. Company
R.A.F. Element

Reference your airgram 0/18 of 15th September 1944.

2. All necessary establishment action is taken at this Headquarters on the formation or transfer of any Italian R.A.F. Company. The request contained in your airgram regarding the R.A.F. other rank element of No. 18 Company has already been dealt with.

3. The S.P.S.O.'s Branch at this Headquarters will post an officer to Command No. 18 Company as soon as one is available.


(S. PALMER) S/Ldr.
for, Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer i/c Administration.

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