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TRANSFER OF SIGNALS VEHICLES TO IAF
OCT. 1946 - JAN. 1947

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

TO :- No. 357 M.U., R.A.F., C.M.F.
No. 8 A.M.E.S., R.A.F., C.M.F.

Air Force Sub Commission,
C/O British Embassy,
Rome.

Date :- 6th January, 1947.

REF :- AFHQ/111718/1/2/27.

SIGNALS VEHICLES.

Reference is made to this Headquarters Signal No. 934 dated 16th December, 1946, to all addressees.

2. You are requested to arrange for the under-mentioned Vehicles to be transferred to the Italian Air Force Detachment at No. 8 A.M.E.S. The Vehicles are to be vouched on Form 603 and a signature obtained from the Italian Officer in charge of the Italian Air Force at No. 8 A.M.E.S. Term of transfer will be "On loan, subject to satisfactory financial settlement" and authority for transfer is Air Ministry Signal ASX 9787 dated 8th October, 1946 and AFHQ Italy, Signal S.304 dated 3rd December, 1946, refers.

<u>TYPE.</u>	<u>NAME.</u>	<u>CHASSIS NO.</u>
R.V. 412	Grossley.	54671.
R.V. 451	Brockhouse.	20502. (Trailer)
R.V. 451	Brockhouse.	6522. (Trailer)

3. Forms 603 are to be forwarded to the Air Forces Sub - Commission, Rome and Air Headquarters, Italy.

4. In consequent of above, Allotment Form 440 Serial No. AFHQ/3121 dated 12th December, 1946, is now to be considered cancelled.

5. No. 357 M.U. and No. 8 A.M.E.S. will report completion of respective transfers to this Headquarters.

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dated 16th December, 1946, to all addresses.

2. You are requested to arrange for the under-mentioned Vehicles to be transferred to the Italian Air Force Detachment at No. 2 A.M.F.B. The Vehicles are to be vouched on Form 603 and a signature obtained from the Italian Officer in charge of the Italian Air Force at No. 300.M.B.B. Term of transfer will be "On loan, subject to satisfactory Financial Settlement" and authority for transfer is Air Ministry Signal AMX 9787 dated 5th October, 1946 and AMQ Italy, Signal S.304 dated 3rd December, 1946, refers.

<u>WVS.</u>	<u>MAKE.</u>	<u>CHASSIS NO.</u>
R.V. 412	Crossley.	54671.
R.V. 451	Brockhouse.	20502. (Trailer)
R.V. 451	Brockhouse.	6525. (Trailer)

3. Forms 603 are to be forwarded to the Air Forces Sub-Commission, Rome and Air Headquarters, Italy.

4. In consequent of above, Allotment Form 440 serial No. AMQI/3121 dated 12th December, 1946, is now to be considered cancelled.

5. No. 357 M.B. and No. A.M.F.B. will report completion of respective transfers to this Headquarters.

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S. J. M. R. C. T. T.
S. J. M. R. C. T. T.
King Commander,
Senior Officer i/c Administration,
AIR HEADQUARTERS, P.A.F., ITALY.

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FROM AIR HEADQUARTERS RAF ITALY
TO 357 H.Q.
INFO 3 A.M.E.S. (R) AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION
ROME



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SUBJECT: ALLOTMENT FORM 448 SERIAL NO. 1 NO. ANQ1/3121 DECEMBER 12
SIGNALS VEHICLED(.) ABOVE ALLOTMENT TO BE CANCELLED(.) VEHICLES
ARE FOR TRANSFER TO TH ~~ITALIAN~~ // ITALIAN AIR FORCE ON FORM 521
TERMS OF ISSUE TO BE DECIDED LATER(.) VEHICLES TO BE TRANSFERRED
TO 3 A.M.E.S. AND RECEIPT OBTAINED FROM THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE OFFICER
IN CHARGE OF I.A.F. DETACHMENT ON BEHALF OF ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY
SEE THIS HEADQUARTERS LETTER ANQ1/11713/1/2/17 DECEMBER 17 IN POST
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Tel. No. Freedom 89.

From :- Rear Air Headquarters, R. F., Italy.

To :- Officer Commanding 56 P.T.C.
Copy to:- M.T. Officer for information.
Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat.
Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome
Air Headquarters, Italy.

Date :- 4th December, 1946.

Ref :- AMI/11718/1/2/E.7.

TRANSFER OF SIGNALS VEHICLES TO I.A.F.

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Further to this Headquarters letter of even reference dated 28th October 1946 concerning the transfer of Signals Vehicles to the Italian Air Force.

2. You are requested to arrange for the undermentioned vehicle to be transferred to the Pool of Vehicles for the I.A.F. located at Caserta. The vehicle is to be vouched on Form 603 and a signature obtained from the lieutenant in charge of the Italian Air Force Detachment at Caserta. Terms of transfer will be as detailed in para 1 of this Headquarters letter of the 28th October 1946. Authority A.M. Signal 22.9737 dated 5th October 1946 and Air Headquarters Italy signal S.304 dated 3rd. December 1946.

3. Forms 603 are to be forwarded to the Air Forces Sub-Commission Rome, and Air Headquarters Italy.

4. Air Headquarters Italy (P.4) is to arrange for covering allotment P.440 to be made available to Officer Commanding 56 P.T.C. and for the necessary amendment to P.440 No. AMI/2913 dated 4th November 1946.

Crossley Type R.V.441 Chassis No. 62122.

Esso.
Does this mean anything to you?
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This is an action which has been used for instructions.
Add 12/12.

S. J. HARRISON S/LDR.,
for Air Commodore,
Air Officer Commanding,
Rear Air Headquarters,
R. F., Italy.

Copy to:- AMI/11718/1/37/E.7.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C., ROME
TO: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY
DATE: DECEMBER 9TH 1946
REF: AFSC/684/EQ.

TRANSFER OF SIGNALS VEHICLES TO I.A.F.

Herewith R.A.F. F440 in respect of the transfer of the 124 (one hundred twenty-four) signals vehicles transferred to you on loan from the vehicle pool at Caserta.

The above-mentioned form is forwarded to you for information only and may be detained at the Air Ministry.

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R. CARTER
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT
for AIR VICE MARSHAL
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION

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Tel. Nos. FREEDOM 143 - 297.

From :- Rear Air Headquarters, R.A.F., Italy.
To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission, Rome.
Date :- 13th. November, 1946.
Ref. :- AHQI/11718/1/2/E7.

TRANSFER OF SIGNALS VEHICLES TO I.A.F.
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Herewith Forms 440 in respect of the
Signals Vehicles recently transferred to the Italian
Air Force, for onward despatch to the Italian Air
Ministry.

2. This Headquarters letter of even
reference dated 8th. November, 1946.



S.J. Harriett
S.J. HARRIETT Squadron Leader,
for Air Commodore,
Air Officer Commanding,
Rear Air Headquarters,
R.A.F., ITALY.

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From :- No. 56 P.T.C., R.A.F., C.M.F.
To :- Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, ROME.
Date :- 7th November, 1946.
Ref. :- 56PTC/109/EQ.

TRANSFER OF SIGNAL VEHICLES TO I.A.F.

The attached Form 603 and list enumerating particulars of vehicles transferred to the Italian Air Force under Air Ministry authority ASX/19797 dated 8th October, 1946, is forwarded for information and retention.

For

B. Hamlyn
Flight Lieutenant,
Commanding Officer,
No. 56 P.T.C.,
R.A.F. C.M.F.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME
TO: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY
DATE: NOVEMBER 14TH 1946
REF: AFSC/684/EQ.

TRANSFER OF SIGNALS VEHICLES

Further to this Sub-Commission letter of even number dated 29th. October 1946, Air Headquarters (Rear), Caserta, now state that the land on which the vehicles stand will be de-requisitioned on 30th. November and that it is most desirable that every effort is made to move the vehicles to a new location by 21st. November.

Will you please note the above and make necessary arrangements.


W.A.D. COLLINGWOOD
WING COMMANDER
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION

Tel. Nos. Freedom : 143-297. 8A

From : Air Headquarters (Rear) R.A.F. Italy, C.M.F.

To : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretary.
Air Forces Sub Commission Allied Commission Rome.
Officer Commanding, No. 56 P.T.C.

Date : 8th November, 1946.

Ref : AHQI/11718/1/2/E.7.

TRANSFER OF SIGNALS VEHICLES TO I.A.F.

Further to this Headquarters letter of even reference dated 28th October, 1946, it is desired to advise you that the transfer of the Signals Vehicles to the Italian Air Force was effected on the 6th November, 1946.

2. The vehicles concerned were signed for on behalf of the Italian Air Force by ten. Bugatti-Armando and the necessary accounting documents have been despatched to the authorities concerned by Officer Commanding No. 56 P.T.C.

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[Signature]
S. J. MARIOTT 3/LDN.,
Air Commodore,
Air Officer Commanding,
Rear Air Headquarters,
R.A.F. ITALY.

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Tel.Nos.Freedom 143 - 297.

From : Air Headquarters (Rear) R.A.F., Italy., C.M.F.
 To : Air Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome.
 Date : 30th October, 1946.
 Ref : RAHQI/11718/1/2/E.7.

TRANSFER OF RADAR VEHICLES TO THE
ITALIAN AIR FORCE

Reference is made to your letter AFSC/684/Eq. dated 25th October, 1946.

2. It is requested that the Italian Air Force may be informed that the R.A.F. at Caserta will be derequisitioning all the property and land by the 30th November, 1946, and it is most desirable that every effort is made by the Italian Air Force to transfer their vehicles not later than the 21st November, 1946.

3. It would be appreciated if your Sub-Commission would stress the necessity for the transfer of location.



for

S.J. HARRIOTT. S/IDR.
 Air Commodore,
 Air Officer Commanding,
 Rear Air Headquarters,
 R.A.F., ITALY.

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Tel. No. Freedom 143 - 297.

From : Air Headquarters (Rear) R.A.F., Italy, C.M.F.

To : Mediterranean Allied Air Committee Secretariat,
Air Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, Rome.
Air Headquarters Italy, R.A.F., C.M.F.
Officer Commanding 56 P.F.C.

Date : 28th October, 1946.

Ref : RAH/L/41718/1/2/E.7.

TRANSFER OF SIGNAL VEHICLES TO I.A.F

Instructions have now been received from Air Ministry that 124 Signals Vehicle, (as detailed on the attached lists) located at 56 P.F.C. may be transferred to the Italian Air Force on loan, subject to satisfactory financial arrangements being made at a later date.

2. Air Ministry Signal ASX 9787 dated 28th October, 1946 refers.

3. A meeting took place on 18th October at the Air Forces Sub-Commission between A.V.M., I.E. Brodie, C/O Captain C.W. Gore (S.E.O.) Air H.Q. I. and J.F. Payne (C.S.O.) A.H.Q.I., and representatives of the Italian Air Force. It was agreed that the vehicles would be accepted on the terms indicated and arrangements have been made for the transfer to be effected on Wednesday, 30th October, 1946.

4. The vehicles will be taken over "in situ" and facilities will be made available by the Officer Commanding 56 P.F.C. for the accommodation of the Italian Air Force personnel, who will be servicing and guarding the vehicles.

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124. Signals Vehicle, (as detailed on the attached lists) located at 56 P.T.C. may be transferred to the Italian Air Force on loan, subject to satisfactory financial arrangements being made at a later date.

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Air Ministry Signal AX 9787 dated 8th October, 1946 refers.

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The vehicles will be taken over "in situ" and facilities will be made available by the Officer Commanding 56 P.T.C. for the accommodation of the Italian Air Force personnel, who will be servicing and guarding the vehicles.

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[Signature]
S.J. MARSHALL, S/DR.
for Air Comptroller,
Air Officer Commanding,
Near Air Headquarters,
R.A.F., ITALY.



LOGSHEET OF M.T. VEHICLES HELD ON EX & M.T.D.D. VEHICLE PARK AIR H.Q. (UNIT).

SCHEDULE NO.1. SERIALS VEHICLES HELD FOR ALLOCATED IN ITALIAN AIR FORCE.

<u>ITEM.</u>	<u>MAKE AND TYPE.</u>	<u>CHASSIS NO.</u>	<u>CATEGORY.</u>
1	CROSSLEY W/T TYPE 100	54447	4
2	"	54309	3
3	AUSTIN W/T TYPE 100	53768	3
4	"	53650	3
5	"	53571	3
6	CROSSLEY W/T TYPE 100	54431	4
7	"	53858	3
8	AUSTIN W/T TYPE 100	53372	3
9	CROSSLEY W/T TYPE 100	54699	3
10	AUSTIN W/T TYPE 100	53549	3
11	"	53722	3
12	CROSSLEY W/T TYPE 100	54344	4
13	"	54147	4
14	BROOKHURNE W/T TYPE 150	16665 1665	3
15	"	14481	3
16	"	16870	3
17	"	14545	3
18	"	16459	3
19	RACAL W/T TYPE 150	9551	3
20	"	19046	3
21	"	10006	3
22	"	9046	3
23	"	9735	3
24	AUSTIN W/T TYPE 150	52515	3
25	CROSSLEY W/T TYPE 405	53375	3
26	"	63731	4
27	"	54259	4
28	"	54332	3
29	"	53281	3
30	"	53708	4
31	CROSSLEY W/T TYPE 405	55516	4
32	"	54209	3
33	"	54459	3
34	"	55226	3
35	"	55847	3
36	"	54516	4
37	"	55162	4
38	CROSSLEY W/T TYPE 411	54830	3
39	"	54856	3
40	"	54844	4
41	"	51325	4
42	CROSSLEY W/T TYPE 412	54670	3
43	"	54733	3
44	"	51310	3

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME 5A
TO: ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY
DATE: OCTOBER 29TH 1946
REF: AFSC/684/EQ.

TRANSFER OF RADAR VEHICLES

In connection with the transfer of the 124 surplus Radar vehicles from the Royal Air Force to the Italian Air Force, the following arrangements are confirmed.

(1) You will send a party of one officer and approximately ten men to Caserta to take over the vehicles and arrange for their removal.

(2) The officer should report to Air Headquarters (near) Royal Palace Caserta, (office of S/Ldr. HARRIOTT.

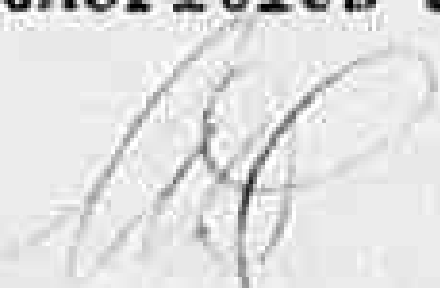
(3) The working party may be accommodated in the the present Italian camp on the site and arrangements have already been put in hand with the Camp Commandant Air Headquarters. S/Ldr. HARRIOTT will direct the reporting officer in this matter, if necessary.

(4) The vehicles may remain in the vehicle parking ground as long as the field is under Allied requisition. After that time, should the vehicles not have been removed, arrangements must be made by you with the proprietors of the field.

(5) The safeguarding of the vehicles becomes the entire responsibility of the Italian Air Force from the time of taking over. The barbed wire fence will be made good by the Royal Air Force.

(6) No assistance can be given by the R.A.F. in getting the vehicles moving or in supplying spare parts or petrol. The vehicles must be accepted as they stand.

It may be of assistance if the officer in charge of the party were to take a copy of this letter countersigned by you as an introduction to the R.A.F. authorities at Caserta.


W.A.D. COLLINGWOOD
WING COMMANDER
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.C., Rome.
To : A.M.P. (REAR) R.A.F. Italy
For attention: G/Capt Gore.
Date : 26th October 1946.
Ref. : AFSC/AIR/3514/STGS

SIGNALS PLANS - RADAR.

Reference is made to the visit to the A.F.S.C., A.C., Rome, by G/Capt Gore on 25th October 1946 and the conference with A.V.M. Brodie Director A.F.S.C., G/Capt Shepherd and S/Ldr Ray.

2. Herewith is a copy for information of a letter from the Chief Signals Officer A.F.S.C. submitted to the Director as a result of a visit to Caserta on 21st October 1946, to discuss the transfer of RADAR vehicles to the I.A.F. and to inspect the equipment. The Director has instructed that you be informed of the following notes made by him on the original.

- (a) Ref. para 2 the Director has noted that the barbed-wire is being repaired by order of G/Capt Gore.
- (b) Ref. para 6 the Director has noted that ARAR should be traced.
- (c) Ref. para 8 the Director has noted his agreement.

Copy to: R.S.O., A.F.S.C.,
A.C., Rome.

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for A.V. RAY S/Ldr
Air Vice Marshall,
Director,
Air Forces Sub-Commission.

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALCOM. ROME

AIR HEADQUARTERS (REAR)

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SUBJECT TRANSFER OF SIGNALS VEHICLES PD

ITALIAN AIR FORCE WILLING TO TAKE OVER IN SITU PD OFFICER AND
 PARTY WILL REPORT YOUR DISPOSALS SECTION MONDAY TWO EIGHT OCTOBER
 ONE NINE FOUR SIX PD

*Note: Phoned Sgt Marriott
 AHQ (rear) that parts
 would report a few
 days late owing to
 1. A.M. reasons.
 26/10/46.*

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EQUIPMENT SECTION

W.A.D. COLLINGWOOD W/CDR.

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 M.K. GOFF FLT/OFF.

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FROM: AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME
TO: AIR HEADQUARTERS (REAR)
DATE: OCTOBER 25TH 1946
REF: AFSC/425/EQ.

TRANSFER OF RADAR VEHICLES TO THE ITALIAN AIR FORCE

As notified by Signal Q.997, the Italian Air Force has decided to take over the 124 surplus radar vehicles now lying at Caserta and an M.T. officer and working party will report to AHQ (Rear), Equipment Disposals Branch, on 28th. October and prepare for their removal.

It has been made clear to the Italians that, as the equipment has not been used for many months, it may be badly deteriorated and is almost certainly deficient of minor components, but that no assistance can be given by the R.A.F. in this respect.

They are also aware that the condition of the vehicles from an M.T. point of view is very doubtful and that their removal constitutes a considerable problem in which again no assistance can be expected from the depleted R.A.F. establishments, either in personnel, spares or petrol.

The Italian Air Force has been informed that the vehicles may remain in the present parking ground at Caserta for an indefinite period but that they are fully responsible for their safeguarding from the time of taking over.

 
W.A.D. COLLINGWOOD
WING COMMANDER
FOR AIR VICE MARSHAL
DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION.

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From : Chief Signals Officer, A.F.S.O., A.S., Rome.
 To : Director Air Forces Sub Commission
 Thru: S.F.O.
 Deputy Director.
 Date : 23rd October 1946.
 Ref. : AFSC/AFR/2535/2108

VISIT TO CASERTA BY S.F.O., S.T.O. AND S.S.O.

Transfer of Radar Vehicles

On the 23rd October 1946 a visit was made to Caserta by W/odr Collingwood (S.F.O.), S/O Brown (S.T.O.) and myself in order to inspect RADAR vehicles which have been offered on loan to the Italian Air Ministry. We were accompanied by Capitano Pifferi (Signals Officer) and Tenente Capone (S.T.O. Officer) of the Italian Air Ministry.

2. Of the 124 vehicles involved 122 are parked in a barbed-wire enclosed compound and two power trailers are being used to supply electricity for local camp needs. There is an Italian guard, but the barbed-wire is considered to be useless as a preventative as, owing to there not being a key available for the gate as entered by stepping over the barbed-wire. !!

3. We examined representative vehicles of each type and it was immediately evident that the interiors of the vehicles were not only damp but in some instances really wet. Obviously the insulation of the RADAR and electrical equipment could not be expected to be anything but poor, and possibly so seriously impaired as to be rendered unfit for use, bearing in mind the extremely high voltages necessarily associated with RADAR equipment.

4. It was not possible to examine the interior of the RADAR and V.T.F. equipment thoroughly but as far as could be judged without any schedule it appeared that the main items of equipment were reasonably complete and not broken. It was obvious that pilfering of electrical equipment had taken place, as such items as lamps, switches and plugs were missing on a large scale and broken plugs and sockets with short length of cable attached were noticed on the ground round the vehicles.

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5. It is considered that it is impossible for any of the RADAR and V.T.F. equipment to be serviceable in its present state and that owing to the fact that the I.A.F. has no trained RADAR mechanics it will be three months at least, after their personnel have been trained, before the RADAR equipment can be made really serviceable, providing that major items of equipment are not unserviceable or can be replaced.

6. It is understood from the U.T.F.O. that none of the vehicles are serviceable from an I.A.F. point of view and that maybe a dozen could be made serviceable in a week or two and be used to tow the remainder up to the proposed parking site near Ciampino, at the Radio Mechanics' School. No batteries are available for any of the vehicles.

7. The vehicles and equipment have not been used for at least twelve months and in some cases for eighteen months.

8. All the above facts have been made known to T/Col De-Vincenzi, Director of Telecommunications, I.A.M., who states that the I.A.F. will accept the vehicles on loan. He is quite clear on the fact that should a subsequent price be asked for the vehicles which is considered to be excessive in view of their condition on taking over, the I.A.M. have every right to request the British Government to take them back.

9. I consider that I have left no doubt in De-Vincenzi's mind as to the difficulties the I.A.M. will have in finally fixing up a Defensive Network with this equipment.

10. Arrangements have been made for the I.A.M. to send one I.A.F. officer and nine or ten men to Caserta on Monday 28th October in order to commence work on the vehicles.

11. A signal has been sent to I.R.O. Italy requesting time and place for the reporting of the first two parties of I.A.F. personnel for RADAR instruction.

A. W. Ray
A. W. RAY, Esq.
Chief Signals Officer
Air Forces Sub Commission.

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