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14	Cbl AGWAR CCS, COM-107	30 May 45	AC	US short on cars; check local sources before presenting request cars for IG.
15	Cbl AFHQ F-85141	31 May 45	AC	Sale of cars to IG; CCS being request ed to authorize sale.

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1a	AC/TN/G-5, Antolini	17 Nov 44	G-5 AFHQ	Sale of WD vehicles to IG; policy need
2	Ltr ESFM/20.00 Stone	1 Dec 44	Infante	Company should discuss with Priorities and Movements Div, Econ Sec AC
3	Cbl AFHQ FX 17652	30 Jan 45	AGWAR for CCS	Recommend auth be granted to sell mil vehicles and maintenance parts to Ital Govt for controlled use in movement of essential civil supplies
4	Cbl AGWAR W 34123 CCS	8 Feb 45	AFHQ	Mil vehicles should be continued to be disposed of according to existing procedure. No sale approved.
5	Ltr 5822/CCS Lush	13 Feb 45	Econ Sec	Please investigate this matter & take up with AFHQ on principle
6	ES/15.07, McKinley	27 Feb 45	Ex Com	Resumé - present position on proposed sale of WD vehicles.
7	AC/R/54/Tn 5, Lush	28 Feb 45	G-5 AFHQ	Disposal of WD vehicles to IG.
8	255, Bonomi	24 Mar 45	Stone	IG wants buy 20 cars fr US for IG officials.
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10	Ltr, Stone	16 Apr 45	Bonomi	IG wants buy 20 cars fr US for IG officials.
11	Cbl AC EXC, 6324	28 Apr 45	AFHQ	Decision needed on proposal to sell WD vehicles to IG.
12	Cbl AFHQ, LAC-1155 (FX-74974)	13 May 45	CCS, BCS, AC	Authority requested for sale of 200 1½ ton trucks to IG.

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MAY 310840
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This is COM 107. (Refer MOC airgram 47.)

Cars for export.

UNITED STATES has very limited number of passenger cars on hand for export and these require strongest possible justification. Before presenting request again, look into possibility of securing from local sources private cars for use in official business.

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AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGEG
ALCOM ROME

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Telecommunication vehicles.

Ref your 8352 of 24 and our S-19 of 21. Subject 150 vehicles cannot be sold to Italian Government at present. CC/S being requested to authorize sale.

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SUBJECT: COM 107

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From
1	31 May 1945	Chief Commissioner	The attached signal refers to the purchase of 20 cars for the use of functionaries of Italian Government.	Requisition Branch

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AFHQ GEORGE FIVE FOR GRADY

8352

24 MAY 1945

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REFERENCE YOUR BUREAU NINETEEN OF TWENTY FIRST MAY PD
PARISH TO AFHQ GEORGE FIVE FOR GRADY FROM HQ. ALSOON CITE ACCORD PARISH
KINDLY CONFIRM THAT VEHICLES MAY BE SOLD TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BY
ALLIED COMMISSION AND RETURN OF VEHICLES LATER TO ALLIES NOT EXPECTED

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FX 74974
MAY 13/1954B

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MAY 14/0900B
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AFHQ, SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FRODO

AICOM ROME

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This is LAC 1155. Reference is made to LAC Airgram 108, CAL 1329 and
RX 34855.

Sale of trucks to Italian Government is subject. AGMAR RX 34855 of 11 May
1944 made available to CG MATOUSA 200 trucks 1½ tons 4 by 2 cargo for ALLIED
COMMISSION in ITALY. These trucks originally allocated to TURKEY on Lend Lease;
were repossessed, shipping from USAFDM, and are now on load to AC from US ARMY.
Six month scale of spare parts was provided with trucks.

Authority is requested to clear these vehicles and spares from army stocks
by transfer to Italian Government.

Related subject: TAM 228 and TAM Airgram 42 define policy on transfer of
property from military stocks by charging on AC books with reports to CGS and
subsequent billing of Italian Government in dollars. Assurance is requested
that this is correct procedure for transfer of trucks and spare parts

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AFHQ for G-5 SECTION

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28 APR 45

PRIORITY

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PARA ONE PD THE CONTINUED DELAY IN DETERMINING THE METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF MILITARY VEHICLES TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CMA WHICH WAS LAST MENTIONED IN YOUR LOVE ABLE CHARLIE AIRGRAM ONE ZERO EIGHT OF MARCH ONE ZERO CMA PARIN TO AVER FOR GEORGE CASE FIVE SECTION FROM ALCOY CITE ACCEXC PARIN IS CAUSING THE RETENTION OF FIVE TRANSPORTATION OFFICERS IN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TERRITORY WHO ARE NOW URGENTLY NEEDED IN THEIR PROPER ASSIGNMENTS IN THE NORTHERN REGIONS PD

PARA TWO PD I SHOULD BE GLAD CMA THEREFORE CMA IF AN IMMEDIATE DECISION COULD BE TAKEN PD YOU WILL DOUBTLESS REMEMBER THAT THE MATTER HAS NOW BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION FOR OVER A YEAR

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Executive Commissioner

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NICHOLAS PIONEIRO
CMA USA
ASST. ADJ.

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18 April 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In response to your letter #53 of 24 March 1945, MDC Airgram 47, copy attached, has been sent to Washington asking for the shipment of 20 automobiles complete with spare parts.

I am hopeful that shipment will be made without delays. We will notify you upon receipt of information from Washington relative to expected time of arrival.

Yours very truly,

T. Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Incl.

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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MOC Airgram 47 : 11 April 1945
From : ALCOM CITE AOECO
To : CCAC FOR GLAC
Subject : Requisition Number GLAC I-235, Passenger Cars

SPECIAL PROGRAM: The items listed below are requested by the Italian Government for procurement and shipment to Italy as early as possible.

The Italian Government authorizes payment out of the fund established pursuant to the letter addressed by the Italian Minister for the Treasury to the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury on 20 January 1945 for such of the items listed below as shall be assigned for procurement to the United States.

Ship to : Italian ports to be detailed later.

Consignee : Istituto Nazionale per il Commercio Estero (ICE)

Shipping Documents: It is requested that four copies of the Ocean Bill of Lading be sent by Air Mail to Economic Section AG immediately after ship sails.

Item	Sched. B Number	Schedule B Classification and Detailed Specification	Sched. B Unit	Quantity
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GROUP 7. - MACHINERY AND VEHICLES

AUTOMOBILES AND OTHER VEHICLES :

1.	790,700	Passenger Cars and Chassis (New). Not over 850 dollars (list price). Sedans, with 6 months spare parts to scale.	each	20
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JUSTIFICATION:

These cars have been requested by the Italian Government, in a letter addressed by the Prime Minister to the Chief Commissioner, AC, as necessary to Italian Government officials in the performance of their official duties.

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TO: Major Quayle.

A MCC airgram requisition has been prepared for these cars by the Requisition Division of Econ Sec but is being held awaiting the Italian Government's decision as to the price class of vehicles desired (850 dollars - 1200 dollars or 2000 dollars).

29 Mar 45.

g. Rively
Major

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SUBJECT: *Request from Bonomi for purchase of cars in U.S.*

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From
1.	29/3	Major Rively Executive Commissioner's Office	A requisition is already being prepared on this request. Mr. Cesario (ext. 470) will be calling you on this subject. <i>J.W. Allen</i> E/S.	
713	2. 30/3	Maj. Rively, Exec Comm Office	Noted by CC. I presume acknowledgment ^{will} be sent. <i>J.A.Q.</i> J.A.Q. <i>A</i> <i>Q.</i>	Office of the CC

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The President of the Council of Ministers

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Rome, 24 March 1945

Dear Admiral,

I would like the Allied Commission to send a request to Washington (B category) for the purchase of 20 cars, complete with spare pieces, to be used by the functionaries of the Italian Government.

The Italian Government was ready to pay these cars out of the fixed fund, as from the letter sent by the Italian Minister of Treasury to the Secretary of Treasury of the United States on January 20th 1945.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

S. I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
R. M. S.

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28 February 1948

SUBJECT: Disposal of Military Vehicles to the Italian Government

TO : AFHQ, G-5

1. Reference is made to AFHQ signal PX 17882, 30 January 1945, to AFHQ, Washington, and to their reply, reference W 34122, dated 8 February 1945. (3) (5)

2. It is pointed out that the first request for the transfer of vehicles to the Italian Government was made on 24 April last by our letter AFHQ/49. A further communication was sent on 17 November under reference AC/Tn/G-5. (1a)

3. It is desired to draw your attention to the fact that only now, in February 1948, have we obtained an answer on a matter vital to the economy of Italy. The nature of the answer itself involves a further delay and it is felt that the whole question would have been brought to a conclusion much more quickly had our original letters been dealt with more promptly.

For the Chief Commissioner:

W. B. LUNN

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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CWA/bia

Ref: ES/15.07

27 February 1945

SUBJECT: Disposal of Military Vehicles to Italian Government
TO : Executive Commissioner

1. Reference your 5622/CSS dated 13 February 1945. (1a)

2. This question has been the subject of communications to AFHQ since 24 April 1944. A copy of the letter sent to them on that date is attached (marked "A"). A further letter was dispatched on 17 November 1944, (marked "B"). The first indication of action by AFHQ was receipt of the information^{copy} their signal FE 17652 of 30 January to AGWAR and TROOPERS (copy marked "C").

3. The manner referred to by the CSS is presumably the ordinary requisitioning system. Under this system we should requisition the necessary number of trucks through AFHQ, G-5, in the same way as we do for other items necessary for the prevention of disease and unrest. In this particular case we could state in justification that trucks were necessary to haul commodities essential under the disease and unrest formula, that trucks are in fact now doing such work, that AGWAR telegram of 6 February instructs us to deal with the transfer of vehicles in this way, and that unless we do in fact make this transfer we cannot withdraw truck pool officers from King's Italy in accordance with the latest policy.

4. It seems that the CSS' main objection is to the word "sell" in paragraph 3-A of AFHQ telegram of 30 January. It is possible that the proposal could have been acceptable if AFHQ had used the phrase "turned over to the Italian Government against receiving report in the same manner as other imported items;" such vehicles could then be a charge against the Italian Government account in accordance with the establishing procedure laid down in TAN 320.

5. It is now proposed to submit a requisition for vehicles up to the number actually employed in truck pools in King's Italy as outlined in paragraph 2 above. At the same time we will submit an indent for a six months supply of spare parts for these vehicles.

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Subject: Disposal of Mil. Vehicles to I. Gov. 2/23/45

5. A letter to AFHQ on the question of delay in dealing with this question submitted for your approval and signature.

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E. S. McKINLEY
Brigadier General, USA
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

Incls: "A", "B" & "C"
referred to above.

APPROVED *cc Atkins letter*
G. W. ATKINS, Capt. R.A.
Ec. Sec.

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FEB 14 RECO

Ref: 5822/GUS.

13 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Disposal of Military Vehicles
to the Italian Government.

TO : A/DCOS, Economic Section.

1. I refer to AWMR telegram W.34123 of 8 February,
paraphrase attached.

2. It appears to me that this question has been the subject
of communication between this Commission and AMHQ since 24th Feb-
ruary 1944. It is a matter of vital interest, particularly in
view of the new CCS directive. It appears that CCS have rejected
the proposals to sell the vehicles to the Italian Government and
have directed that they should be disposed of in the same manner
as other civil affairs items after complicated reference and
notification to the CCS, approval for which will take months to
obtain.

3. What is the manner referred to by the CCS?

4. I should like this matter taken up on a matter of
principle and for the attention of AMHQ to be drawn to the delay
of nine months in obtaining an adverse decision on a matter vital
to the economy of Italy. Can I have a memorandum fully documented
on this subject.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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Paraphrase of AGWAR telegram to AFHQ, Ref: W 34123 dated
8th February 1945.

Recommendations contained in para 5 of FX 17652
of 30 January that military vehicles should be sold to the
Italian Government are not favourably considered and such
vehicles should be disposed of to the Italian Government in
the same manner as other civil affairs items are made
available to that Government. After submitting requirements
in established manner, prior approval of items, quantities
and types, must be obtained from OCAO. CAL airmag 26 and
TAM 165 also refer.

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FX 17652
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APND SIGNED ALEXANDER CITY: PRGDS, PRGEG.
AGTAR WASHINGTON AND TROOPERS LONDON, INFO: ACUM.

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1. Distribution of local and imported commodities for civil population in this theatre has been a continuing problem. Maximum use of indigenous vehicles is being made, but these 5 to 18 year old trucks are in very many instances lacking in tires, tubes and batteries, as well as major repair parts. Tires, tubes and batteries, approved by combined chief of staff for procurement through service channels, have been requisitioned, and some furnished from theatre stocks. Military vehicles, to the extent of 550 trucks, 3 1/2 ton 6 x 6 and 100 trailers cargo, 1 ton, from US ARMY, and 550-3 ton lorries from BRITISH ARMY have been loaned to AC for civil transport requirements. As territory is expanded and indigenous vehicles fail through use, an ever increasing demand is inevitable as indicated by LAD airgrams 95 and 96 to combined chief of staff.

2. Certain Allied Military vehicles, including those in para 1 have, in the light of operational efficiency, outlasted their military usefulness, either in this area, or for reshipment elsewhere.

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3. A. It is proposed to sell to the Italian Government, for controlled use in movement of essential supplies, those Allied Military vehicles enumerated in para 1, plus any other which it may be found necessary to furnish, and can be spared from theatre stocks or salvage.

B. The sale of vehicles to be when, in the opinion of the supreme Allied Commander, the Italian Governmental organisations have demonstrated their ability to efficiently operate and maintain them.

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C. It is further proposed to furnish repair parts from military sources, on a priority below the military requirements.

4. This proposal is agreed by US and BRITISH.

5. It is recommended that authority be granted to sell military vehicles and maintenance parts to the Italian Government in accordance with the above proposals.

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1 December 1944

Dear General:

Reference your letter of November 15 forwarding the memorandum of the Compagnia Italiana d'Oltremare in which they propose a financial and technical scheme for the purchase and operation of American vehicles.

I should like to suggest, in view of the details involved in such a plan and the questions which will have to be answered, that it would be best if the Compagnia Italiana d'Oltremare were to send a representative to discuss it with the Priorities and Movements Division of this Headquarters, Room 38, Sixth Floor, formerly the Ministry of Corporations.

I believe that this would be the most expeditious and satisfactory way of making it possible to analyze the plan.

Very truly yours

WILLIAM W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

70: General Adolfo Infante
The First Aide de Camp General
of H.B.H., the Lieutenant General
of the Kingdom

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ECONOMIC SECTION

AC/TN/G-5

17 November 1944

SUBJECT: Sale of W. D. Vehicles

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. Reference is made to Paragraph 4 (f) Report of AFHQ Combined Inspection Team Subject "Proposals for the Improvement of ACC Transportation" dated 30 October 1944.
2. In view of the progress of the war in Europe and Italy, it is desired to bring to your attention the need for authorization to sell to the Italian Government the Allied W. D. vehicles in use for the transport of food and other civil supply, ref. RES/49 of 24 April 1944.
3. Whereas, in the first instance it was pointed out that the sale of vehicles thru the Italian Government to Italian operating companies would, because of the responsibility of private ownership, result in more efficient operation, longer life of the vehicle, and a monetary return to the Allies for material that must be expended in any case, it is now advisable to invite your attention to additional factors that have a bearing on this matter. It will not be possible to remove the above mentioned vehicles at the cessation of hostilities without causing an economic collapse in Italy as other road transport is in such short supply. It will be an extended period before local manufacture of trucks may be resumed in sufficiently substantial quantities.
4. At the present time British and American Ordnance are charged with third and fourth echelon maintenance and supply of spare parts, with the movement of Army installations forward, it will become necessary to relieve the armies of these maintenance responsibilities. It should now be possible to derequisition garage and repair shops so that they can be returned to their owners and become available for maintenance of these subject vehicles.
5. With the sale of the vehicles there will also be required authority for sale of spare parts secured either from British and American stocks in this theater or by requisition from US and UK for the account of the Italian Government. If the plan of sale is approved, it should not be difficult to determine sale prices. This might be done by making use of the classifications, which already apply to W. D. vehicles in considering their condition with respect to

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battle worthiness, as a measure of the depreciation to be charged off as against the landed cost.

6. If the Allies wish to concern themselves with Italian internal transportation at the cessation of hostilities with Germany, it can be done thru the mechanism of the Ente Nazionale Autotransporti Cose which has recently been established by governmental decree as a national organization to control and regulate road transportation.

7. It is felt that there is a need for early determination of policy as it would certainly be incongruous to continue the operation of subject vehicles on the present basis after the cessation of hostilities.

For the Chief Commissioner:

/s/ AGA

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A. G. ANTOLINI,
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

CC: Industry S/C
Requisition Div.

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Translation

'A' File

The First Aide de Camp General
of H.M.H. the Lieutenant General of the Kingdom

11.15/13

Rome, 15 November 1941

Dear Elie Y,

Will you examine the enclosed memorandum of the Campaign
Italiana d'Algerie, which has studied a technical plan for buying
a few hundred American vehicles and wishes to know whether it is possi-
ble to begin direct negotiations with some American firm.

The question seems to be rather interesting from the point
of view of the reconstruction, and I shall be very grateful if you
can let me have an answer.

Sincerely yours,

s/d A. Infante

Gen. Adolfo Infante

Commodore Ellery A. Stone
Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission
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Note by Commodore Stone:

Col. Denamore:

Please prepare ack
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