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REAR HQ XIII CORPS DISTNO, INFO: BTA ALCOM**CONFIDENTIAL.**

Subject captured enemy material.

1. Captured or surrendered German booty of Italian origin released to Italian Government for civilian use is released without charge to Italian Government.
2. Future settlement may be required in respect of finished equipment and supplies which have been released to Italian Government for civil use and which were originally produced for and belonged to German armed forces exclusive of any facilities used to produce such equipment and supplies.
3. Receipts being compiled in accordance with para 11 of letter AG 386.3Q (AE)-O dated 2 October 45 will specify origin as per paras 1 and 2 above.
4. Full reports required at this HQ by 14 Mar (A) on material not covered by paras 1 and 2 above especially on materials in BOLZANO DUMP (B) details general types and quantities of principal items not released to Italian Government. State proposed method of disposal.
5. Other materials be handed over to Italian custody without approval this HQ.

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The Ministry of Transports

2866/AG.03

1 December 1945

ADMIRAL STONE
CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF THE ALLIED COMMISSION

This Ministry has been informed verbally that before long the War Material Disposal Sub-Commission will hand over to the Italian Government all the files regarding the regularization of car wrecks rebuilt by Italian private persons, with the authorization of the above mentioned Subcommission.

As this will mean settling relations with several hundred people concerned, according to the procedure and regulations fixed by the Commission, even if it is under the responsibility of this Ministry, it is a matter of great interest for the Italian Government that the files should go on being handled by the people who, up to now, handled them ably and disinterestedly.

I therefore beg you, my dear Admiral to allow the personnel attached to this Subcommission, Mrs. Pessina, Aldo Franco, Valetti Ciriaco, and Berardinelli Fernando, to be transferred to the dependence of this Ministry, which already informed the Ministry of Treasury about this request.

However, the settlement of the cases with the above mentioned personnel could only take place under the orders of Lieutenant Hubert Daniels Philips, who has been handling such cases ever since the Commission was formed, and knows better than anybody else what criterions are to be followed and whether it is advisable to choose one system rather than another, and can give to the Italian Government the benefit of his experience and valuable advice.

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Believe me,

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s. Ugo La Malfa

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

WDW/74/850

11 December 1945

SUBJECT: Personnel for Ministry of Transport.

TO : Minister UGO LAMALFA,
Italian Ministry of Transport,
ROME.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter No 2066/AG.01 dated 1 December 45 addressed to the Chief Commissioner. (B)

2. It is regretted that owing to the shortage of officers, and the fact that Lt. H.D. Phillips has other duties as well as those connected with our wrecks, he cannot be spared to your Ministry.

3. In order to assist you on the take-over of files etc. it has been found possible to release to you at once one of the three Italian assistants working with Lt. Phillips. Sjt. Aldo Franco FERRINA who has been longest with the 800 Sub-Commission and who has worked continually on the subject of our wrecks can be made available to report to you at any time provided two days notice is given to the C.E.M. Branch.

4. The entire subject of outstanding vehicle contracts was discussed with Engineer Valerio of the Ministry of Transport by the Director of the C.E.M. Branch and agreement was reached as to the best action to be taken, it was further agreed that this HQ. would give every assistance in cases which were not of a straightforward nature, our letter WDW/74/846 dated 5 December 1945 to Eng. Valerio, copy attached refers.

(Signed)

CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, ACfor Chief, Supply Group
HARLAN CLEVELAND,
Acting Vice-President,
Economic Section.

Encl.- letter WDW/74/846.

Copy to:
Chief Commissioner. ✓
Executive Commissioner.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIALS BRANCH

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WMD/74/846

5 December 1945

SUBJECT: Vehicles Contracts.

TO : A.R.A.R.
Att. Ing. VALERIO.

1. Reference conversation Lt. Col. CAMPBELL - Ing. VALERIO on the subject of vehicles the contracts of which still require completion.
2. We enclose herewith complete list of such vehicles and request you to proceed with the necessary action to complete the contracts with the present repairers.
3. It is agreed that we will assist in any case where you find it impossible to finalise a particular case.
4. Is it your wish for us to notify registered owners that the contracts will be completed by your agency? If so please advise us any further information which you would like us to notify the registered owners on your behalf.

/s/ Major Wilson

for J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director
C.E.M. BRANCH.

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2866/ AG.03

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a. Ugo La Malfa

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22 October 1945

Economic Section:

Attached letter is only copy received. Please make additional copies at once and return original to Chief Commissioner by 1200 hours on 23 October. (Include Executive Commissioner on distribution.)

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
SO to CC

- 1 Incl - Ltr CAO/214/6, 20 Oct 45, from
CAO, AFHQ to CC, AG, subject:
"Disposal of Captured Enemy Material in ITALY"

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APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

1 October 1945

Ref: 143/59/33

SUBJECT: Captured Enemy Materials, Genoa
TO : Regional Commissioner, Liguria

1. May we have a report in the matter raised in Land Forces Sub-Commission Ref: 9/5/40 of 26 September, copy attached.
2. If the facts are as alleged by the Italian army, please see that enemy property is placed under control as provided in AFHQ instructions, as requested in para 3 of the attached.

E. M. WHITE

✓
Brigadier
to Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission

Encl: Ltr from Land Forces S/C 9/5/40 dtd 27 Sept, 45.

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C O P YSubject: Captured Enemy Material in Genoa

Land Forces
Sub-Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/5/10
27 September 1945

To : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

1. It has been reported by the Italian Army that the Prefect of Genoa has organized a concern called the "Comitato Recupero" which is searching for, selecting and disposing of by sale all types of captured enemy material including British and US property. In addition, the Prefect is alleged to be collecting and selling ammunition, both German and Allied, to private firms, which action is in direct contravention of AFHQ instructions on disposal of ammunition which provide that no ammunition will be placed in the hands of private firms or individuals.

2. The Italian Army officials further allege that the Prefect has been informed by them of the proper method of handling this material but that he is openly hostile, and bases his actions on alleged approval of his actions by AMG officials in the area.

3. It is therefore requested that you instruct the Regional Commissioner, Liguria to authorize General Frattini, Commanding the 2nd Territorial Headquarters of the Italian Army to check the records of this "Comitato Recupero" working under the Prefect of Genoa, in order to clear up the situation and place Allied and captured enemy property under control as provided in AFHQ instructions.

/s/ CLAYTON P. KERR, Col
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub-Commission, AC (MMIA)

cc: AFHQ (3)
MMIA LO, Milan
MMIA LO, Genoa

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This is MAT 906.

May we have a reply to MAT 862 in view of pending transfers of
war booty to Italian Government.

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Notified Col Mengare that
he was in agreement
with MAT 862 - that
"no charge be made".
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SAC (45) 5th Meeting

6 September 1945

SACMED'S CONFERENCE, MINUTES.

Para. 4: JUGOSLAV WAR BOOTY IN VENEZIA GIULIA

Ref SAC (45) 4th Meeting Minute 4

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AFHQ SACMED's CONFERENCE, Minutes

SAC (45) 4th Meeting

24 August 1945

Para 4: JUGOSLAV WAR BOOTY IN VENEZIA GIULIA

Previous Ref: SAC (45) 3rd Meeting, Minute 6(9)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 386.3/223 GHB-O

19 August 1945

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Claims for War Booty in Allied
Occupied Venezia Giulia

TO : General Officer Commanding
XIII Corps

1. There is attached hereto the initial list (Appendix "A") of items claimed by the Yugoslavs as war booty under the provisions of Appendix "F" (Appendix "B") of the Morgan-Jovanic Agreement. You already have been provided with a copy of that Agreement.

2. It is desired that you open negotiations and effect release as indicated herein below with the proper Yugoslav agency through the Yugoslav Mission at Headquarters XIII Corps for the return of such items as are authorized herein below.

3. In connection with paragraph 2 of Appendix "F" of the Agreement it is desired that the "appropriate machinery" set up by you to deal with war booty shall include the Naval Officer in Charge, Trieste. Whether this machinery shall be one of the Committees set up by Appendix "I" of the Agreement or another organized solely in connection with war booty questions is a matter for your determination.

4. Early representations should be made to the Yugoslav authorities that any additional lists which they desire to submit must be submitted at an early and definite date to be determined by you. A period of two (2) weeks after you have established your working organization is considered reasonable. Any further claims received will be forwarded to this headquarters before being acted upon by your headquarters.

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Ltr. AFHQ, AG 386.3/223 GEG-O.
dated 19 August 1945 (cont'd)

5. The following class of items will not for the present be released: those required to maintain law and order; to prevent disease and unrest; those required to maintain public utilities; and those which, if removed, would have to be replaced in kind for these aforementioned uses. Enemy owned lire and lire accounts will not be released but blocked for ultimate disposition on a governmental basis. For the present no ships whether war or commercial or port-operating equipment will be released. The matter of releases of the lire and shipping mentioned above in this paragraph is being given further consideration and you may expect authority to release certain ships and port equipment in the near future.

6. Except for the lire and lire accounts and the shipping, the restrictions on release have little effect on the present claims as none of the items appearing on the present Yugoslav list seem to be within the categories to be withheld. It is the opinion of this headquarters that salt and tobacco do not come within the definition of war booty.

7. The Yugoslavs must of necessity show that the items claimed as war booty were the property of governments or governmental agencies at war with Yugoslavia. Items of Italian Government or governmental agency ownership may be released (if within the definition of war booty) to the Yugoslavs only provided there is evidence that effective control of such items had been assumed by the German or Fascist Republican authorities.

8. Full records will be kept at Headquarters XIII Corps of all items released to the Yugoslavs. All captured enemy material surplus after the demands of Marshal Tito have been considered will be disposed of in accordance with letter, this headquarters, file AG 386.3/163 LOG-O, subject: "Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy", dated 22 June 1945, with amendments to date. If the Yugoslavs withdraw their claims for any items of war booty which were originally the property of the Italian Fascist Republican authorities or the Italian Government or Italian governmental agencies, such items will be released to the Allied Commission for disposition in accordance with normal practice.

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Ltr, AFHQ, AG 386.3/223 GAG-0
dated 19 August 1945 (cont'd)

9. In case the Jugoslavs raise the issue as to the failure to release all items listed in their original demand, they should be informed that items withheld, if any, under the restrictions of law and order, disease and unrest, and maintenance of public utilities are withheld in accordance with International Law, that the International Law in connection with the release of lire and lire accounts and shipping is so unclear that advice is being urgently sought. There is attached hereto (Appendix "C") the definition of captured and surrendered enemy war material as issued by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, together with certain informal notes thereon.

10. For your information only, there is attached the recommendations (Appendix "D") of C-in-C Med on shipping matters. These recommendations have been agreed and forwarded to the CCS for action.

11. Also for your information only is the fact that the CCS has questioned the compatibility of our proposed restrictions on release of items and paragraph 1 of Appendix "F" of the Morgan-Jovanovic Agreement. A paraphrase of NAF 1026 (Appendix "E") to CCS and of FAN 599 (Appendix "F") from CCS are attached herewith.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

/s/ C. W. Christenberry
/t/ C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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- 1 - App "A" - List of items claimed as war booty by Jugoslavia
- 2 - App "B" - War Booty Agreement
- 3 - App "C" - Definition of War Booty
- 4 - App "D" - Extract of Naval Items from a list of items claimed by Jugoslavs
- 5 - App "E" - Paraphrase of NAF 1026 of 30 June
- 6 - App "F" - Paraphrase of FAN 599 of 25 July

See Legal file AC/4034/12/1

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Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff
APO 512

AG 386.3/223 GIG-0

18 August 1945

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Claims for War Booty in Allied Occupied
Venezia Giulia.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1. In accord with his decision of 9 August 1945 the Supreme Allied Commander has given full consideration to the matters raised in your letter, subject: "War Booty in Venezia Giulia," file AC/4034/12/L dated 8 August 1945. In his review of the problem he has fully considered your views and those of your advisors as expressed in conference at AFHQ on 15 August. His decision is that the attached directive shall be issued to XIII Corps. As this directive is not at variance with the recommendations previously made to the Combined Chiefs of Staff except in non-policy details, it is not proposed again to refer the question to them.

2. The Supreme Allied Commander wishes me to assure you that your views were given full consideration in connection with the original discussions on this matter at AFHQ. Though not wholly accepted, your views were not ignored, as stated in Paragraph 2 of your letter.

/s/ L. L. Lemnitzer
/t/L. L. LEMNITZER
Major General, G.S.C.
Deputy Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS
 Peninsular Base Section
 Office of the Quartermaster
 Salvage and Reclamation Division
 APO 794, Rome Area, U.S. ARMY

RCM/IV
 10 August 1945

SUBJECT: American Salvage Materials.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Hq. Allied Commission, APO 394, U.S. ARMY.

1. In compliance with section VII paragraph b-2, HCSA, Circular # 92, "Disposal of Scrap and Waste" dated 29 June 1945, herewith submitted a list of Salvage Materials which is expected to be available for transfer to the Italian Government through Hq. Allied Commission during the month of September 1945.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price</u>
<u>Salvage Canvas</u>			
Scrap canvas, heavy tentage	135,000	Kilo	0.51
Rope ends, manilla	4,000	Kilo	0.11
Rope nylon scrap	0,750	Kilo	7.50
Newspaper scrap S/S	5,000	Kilo	0.075
Leather rubber shoe scrap	2,000	Kilo	0.25
Baskets fruit	5,000	cs	0.34

2. When consignees are designated by the Italian Government through Headquarters, Allied Commission, it is requested they be directed to call at the Quartermasters, Rome Area, Peninsular Base Section, Salvage and Reclamation Division office, within a fifteen (15) days period, and the following information concerning them be submitted to this headquarters by indorsement here to:

Disposal of American Salvage Material.

- Salvage Material desired consigned to designated concerns. 3809
- Name, address and telephone number of designated concerns.
- Method of transportation to be used by consignee in transporting salvage material (rail, truck, water).
- All transactions are to made by cash sale in Allied military currency.

3. Prices for salvage material consigned to concerns designated by the Italian Government through Headquarters Allied Commission will be fixed by the Base Section Commander. The entire quantity of Salvage material consigned will be removed by the consignee within a reasonable length of time, which will be specified when the release order is given.

⑩ 4. Requests release for all salvage material which the Italian Government through Headquarters Allied Commission does not desire disposed of through them, be given by indorsement here to.

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5. Salvage material not accepted by the Italian Government through Headquarters, Allied Commission within fifteen (15) days from the date of advice of availability will be sold either by negotiation or on the open market to the highest responsible bidder. Copies of all WD forms 828 (account of sales of Public Property) prepared by this headquarters, stating thereon salvage materials sold, to whom sold, terms of sale and prices obtained, are mailed monthly to Chief accountant, Headquarters Allied Commission, APO 594.

[Signature]
 J. C. MILLER,
 Capt., Q.C.,
 Salvage Officer.

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE

SAC (45) 3rd Meeting
9 August 1945

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Para 6:

JUGOSLAV WAR BOOTY IN VENEZIA GIULIA

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Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

AC/4034/12/L.

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8 August 1945.

SUBJECT : War booty in Venezia Giulia.

TO : Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

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1. I wish to place on record my strong dissent from the policy contained in paragraph 4 of HAF 1026 and in paragraph 7 of the draft directive to Hq XIII Corps which includes Italy in the governments and governmental agencies at war with Yugoslavia and which envisages the release to Yugoslavia of property of Italy as war booty.

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2. I regret that I have had no earlier opportunity of expressing my views on this question, but I was not informed of the contents of HAF 1026 or HAF 599 or of the proposed directive to Hq XIII Corps until the 6th August 1945. I was shown Brigadier General Hamblen's memorandum of 22 June 1945, ref: A/GAO/209/10 and indicated my disagreement therewith. This disagreement was ignored, and in fact deleted from the document, and I was not notified of the later developments.

3. I agree that in view of the Morgan-Jovanovic agreement Yugoslavia is entitled to war booty captured by the Yugoslav forces from the German, and possibly the Fascist Republican, Governments during the course of the fighting in Venezia Giulia.

4. War booty can however be legally captured only from those countries with whom Yugoslavia was in a state of active hostilities at the time when the booty was physically taken into possession. By virtue of the Armistice Terms, the U.S., U.K. and Soviet Governments "acting on behalf of the United Nations" agreed to suspend hostilities against Italy. Italy has faithfully observed the conditions of the Armistice Terms. Yugoslavia is one of the United Nations. It seems to me therefore to be clear that Yugoslavia cannot claim to have been engaged in hostilities with Italy or to be entitled to capture war booty from Italy since the date of the Armistice. It appears to me to be a deliberate breach of the U.S. and U.K. Governments of their agreement with Italy if those governments support a claim by Yugoslavia that hostilities are still continuing between Yugoslavia and Italy.

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5. It does not appear to me to be any answer to this to say that the exclusion of Italian Government property would leave very little for the Yugoslavs. In the first place, it does not appear to be the case, since an examination of the preliminary list of goods claimed by the Yugoslavs reveals a very small proportion of Italian Government property.

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Secondly, even if it were true an agreement which can be given a legal or an illegal interpretation should not be given the illegal interpretation simply because it appears more expedient to do so.

6. I must further point out that the definition of "war material" for the purposes of this question is accepted by AFHQ as referring only to the property of Germany and "any States now allied to or associated with Germany." Italy declared war on Germany in October 1943 and her state of co-belligerency was officially recognized by the U.S., U.K. and Soviet Governments. I submit therefore that it is legally and morally impossible for these governments to recognize a claim that Italy was either allied to or associated with Germany at the date of the occupation by Yugoslavia of Venezia Giulia, when the alleged war booty was captured.

7. I appreciate that some of the property of the Italian Government in Venezia Giulia was stolen before the date of that occupation by the Fascist Republican Government and other property was either legally or illegally seized by the German Government. It is however a recognized principle of international law that property seized, legally or illegally, by an occupant and abandoned by him on withdrawal reverts to the possession of the original government. Nor is it relevant to say that Venezia Giulia was liberated by Yugoslav forces without the intervention of American or British troops, since the Yugoslav right to war booty against Italy does not depend upon the presence or absence of other troops, but upon the existence of a state of hostilities between the two governments.

8. For the above reasons I wish to request a reconsideration of the policy and the exclusion of all Italian Government property from the items of war booty to be handed over to Yugoslavia. I realize that the policy as now decided was recommended by AFHQ to CCS and was approved by CCS. I think however that the approval by CCS was given from a military point of view and as an acceptance of the views put forward by the military commander in the field. CCS might be disposed to reconsider the question if, in the light of the arguments set out above, you were to suggest a modification of this policy. I believe that unless the question is reconsidered the Italian Government can legitimately accuse the U.S. and U.K. Governments of a grave breach of faith.

9. I should finally add that I have confined myself in this letter to questions of principle. I have not considered the details of the material claimed by the Yugoslavs from the point of view either of whether they come within the definition of war material or of whether they should be withheld from release upon any of the grounds set out in NAF 1026 or in the proposed directive.

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ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: EXEC. Commr.
Econ. Sec. (for Col. Lunsmore)
American Ambassador
British Ambassador

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AFHQ SACMED'S CONFERENCE

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7 Aug 45

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Ref: 9006/76/80.

7 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Dumps on Brenner Route.

TO : Regional Commissioner,
VIENNA REGION.

1. I have discussed your letter DMIT/386.834 (CHV) of 2 August with Air Vice Marshal Brodie and Colonel Parsons of G-5, AFHQ. We have received, however, the attached telegram, copy of which should have been sent to you, which places the responsibility on 5 Army, and while realising some of the difficulties which face the Armies the Chief Commissioner is disposed to abide by the telegram.

2. At the same time I rather hope that General Hoshida of G-5, AFHQ will visit BOLZANO and try and clear up some of the difficulties that exist at the moment.

For the Chief Commissioner.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: WMD & IPW Sub-Com } - with copy of DMIT/386.834 (CHV)
Air Force Sub-Com } dated 2 August 45.

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HEADQUARTERS
VENETIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

2 August 1945.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Attn: Executive Commissioner)

SUBJECT: Dumps on Brenner Route.

FILE NO: RMII/386.834 (QEV)

1. Among the important matters to be cleared up within the next four weeks, the question of the "Brenner" dumps takes an important place.
2. As you are aware there are very large quantities of stores of every description lying along the Brenner Route. The greater majority were in Bolzano, but there are also dumps in Trento, Verona, and Vicenza. There are also some collections of valuable machinery in the neighbouring Lombard Province of Brescia.
3. The general programme of collecting the various dumps into large central depots has been carried out by Fifth Army. Considerable quantities of stores have been shipped South out of the Region for military use. Very large quantities still remain, and according to my best information both the inventorying and the guarding present considerable practical difficulties.
4. The official regulations are clearly set out in AFHQ AG 396.3/163 LOC.O of 22 June, and in your AG/5098/Commerce of 28 July.
5. The real difficulties are however those experienced on the ground. At present the official controlling bodies are G-5 and G-4 Fifth Army. Numerous other parties are interested. War material disposal sub-commission, CEM No.1 District, Air Forces Sub-Commission, the Italian Navy, URMIT, and the Commerce Sub-Commission. Officers have also been temporarily lent from AMG (Austria). Region is at present interested and kept well informed by the fact that the local representative of war materials Disposal Sub-Commission (Major Drew and later Captain Hall) has his office in this building.
6. It is clear that 5 Army control is bound to come to an end soon. The value of the stock is great, and much is deteriorating through lack of maintenance. Thieving is also undoubtedly taking place. Though, clearly, the legal position of all captured enemy material is that it is prize of war of the Allied Armies. It is also clear that the amount of such material which can be used in the Pacific campaign is only a small fraction of the whole. It is probable that the ultimate beneficiary of most of this material will be the Italian State.
7. In any case it is desirable to provide for the most rapid possible distribution of these goods to their eventual destination, in order to set industry on its feet and to provide consumer goods for markets.

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Instruction is requested on financial treatment of war booty. Large quantities of war booty have been taken from Germans in north ITALY. Much of this consists of war materials and civilian supplies of Italian origin purchased or requisitioned by Germans for transfer to GERMANY. Also stocks of German materials and materials from other countries. Must be appreciated that not always be possible to determine origin. Such of this booty not required by armed forces and not identified as being of Allied origin is being released to Italian Government against receipts which are collected and retained by AC. In view of original Italian ownership in many cases and other political considerations, and ITALY'S inability to pay in foreign exchange, recommended that no charge be made.

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ACTION 13 CORPS PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARIAT JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION TRUSTE
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Reference signal 12/151 dated 2 August. Instructions now issuing to 13
CORPS reference establishment. War booty committee and giving terms reference
for certain claims and containing partial information on shipping. War booty
committee will handle only items specifically ^{claimed} as war booty by jugoslavs.
Copy of present claims being forwarded to 13 CORPS. Instructions on handling
shipping claims will follow within few days. Shipping in that part of VERBIE
GIULIA not under Allied occupancy will not fall within jurisdiction of WBO

W/C NOTE:

No trace of quoted reference

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30 July 1945

SUBJECT: Yugoslav Claims for War Booty in Allied Occupied Venezia Giulia.

TO : Headquarters XIII Corps

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1. There is attached hereto the initial list (appendix 'A') of items claimed by the Yugoslavs as war booty under the provisions of Appendix 'F' (Appendix 'B') of the Morgan - Jovanovic Agreement. You already have been provided with a copy of that Agreement.

2. It is desired that you open negotiations and effect releases as indicated herein below with the proper Yugoslav agency through the Yugoslav Mission at Headquarters XIII Corps for the return of such items as are authorized herein below.

3. In connection with paragraph 2 of Appendix 'F' of the Agreement it is desired that the "appropriate machinery" set up by you to deal with war booty shall include the Naval Officer in Charge, Trieste. Whether this machinery shall be one of the committees set up by Appendix 'I' of the Agreement or another organized solely in connection with war booty questions is a matter for your determination.

4. Early representations should be made to the Yugoslav authorities that any additional lists which they desire to submit must be submitted at an early and definite date to be determined by you. A period of two weeks after you have established your working organization is considered reasonable.

5. The following class of items will not for the present be released: those required to maintain law and order; to prevent disease and unrest; those required to maintain public utilities; and those which, if removed, would have to be replaced in kind for those aforementioned uses. Enemy owned lire and lire accounts will not be released but blocked for ultimate disposition on a governmental basis. For the present no ships whether war or commercial or port-operating equipment will be released. The matter of releases of the lire and shipping mentioned above in this paragraph is being given further consideration and you may expect authority to release certain ships and port equipment in the near future.

6. Except for the lire and lire accounts and the shipping,

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
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Ref. AG/5093/Commerce

23 July 1945

SUBJECT: Procedure for the Distribution of Captured
Civilian Material in Northern Italy

TO : Distribution below

1. The object of this Order is to set up procedures for the distribution of captured civilian material found in Northern Italy, and it is intended to implement provisions of AMG's Directive of 22 June '45, AG386 3/163 LOC-0, on the subject: "Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy," and in particular paragraph 9k thereof (a copy of which is attached), insofar as AG or AMG is concerned therewith.

2. It is intended that captured civilian material made available to AG/AMG under the provisions of the Directive above referred to should be dealt with under the terms of the plan for the control of the manufacture and sale of industrial products in Northern Italy attached to the letter of this HQ of 9 July '45, ref. 1.80/15.

3. The agency to receive declarations of availability of captured civilian material to be made available to AG/AMG by AMG, Base Sections of Districts in the field, or by controlling services of AMG will be the Milan Office of the War Materials Disposal Subcommittee.

4. a. The ownership of materials which are determined to be of Italian origin within the meaning of sub-section (1) to paragraph 9k of the AMG Directive above referred to and to which title had not passed to the Germans shall be determined by War Materials Disposal Subcommittee with the assistance of a claims board set up by that Subcommittee consisting of Italian personnel selected with the agreement of the North Italy Industrial Council and the Italian Government. The War Materials Disposal Subcommittee will make the necessary releases of these materials to the owners under financial arrangements to be made where necessary with the advice of Finance Subcommittee. The Finance Subcommittee will designate for this purpose an officer in the Northern Area to give such advice as may be required time to time.

b. Material of Italian origin, title to which had not passed to the Germans and the ownership of which cannot be determined, will be disposed of in the same manner as all other materials handed over to AG/AMG under the terms of the Directive.

5. All materials made available to AG/AMG other than those referred to in 4a will be disposed of as provided below. The War Materials Disposal Subcommittee is constituted as the authority to issue releases of such materials to the Italian Government represented by the North Italy Industrial Council (NIIIC), which is hereby authorized to make suballocations necessary to enable firms and individuals to withdraw the materials in question from controlling services. These releases will contain all the information appearing on the declaration of availability called for in paragraph 7 below.

6. When materials are designated by the NIIIC for distribution in

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3/163 LOG-0, on the subject: "Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in Italy," and in particular paragraph 9; thereof (a copy of which is attached), insofar as AG or AIG is concerned therewith.

2. It is intended that captured civilian material made available to AG/AIG under the provisions of the Directive above referred to should be dealt with under the terms of the plan for the control of the manufacture and sale of industrial products in Northern Italy attached to the letter of this HQ of 9 July '45, ref. 1.00/ES.

3. The agency to receive declarations of availability of captured civilian material to be made available to AG/AIG by Armies, Base Sections of Districts in the field, or by controlling services of AWHQ will be the Milan Office of the War Materials Disposal Subcommittee.

4. a. The ownership of materials which are determined to be of Italian origin within the meaning of sub-section (1) to paragraph 9g of the AWHQ Directive above referred to and to which title had not passed to the Germans shall be determined by War Materials Disposal Subcommittee with the assistance of a claims board set up by that Subcommittee consisting of Italian personnel selected with the agreement of the North Italy Industrial Council and the Italian Government. The War Materials Disposal Subcommittee will make the necessary releases of these materials to the owners under financial arrangements to be made where necessary with the advice of Finance Subcommittee. The Finance Subcommittee will designate for this purpose an officer in the Northern Area to give such advice as may be required from time to time.

b. Material of Italian origin, title to which had not passed to the Germans and the ownership of which cannot be determined, will be disposed of in the same manner as all other materials handed over to AG/AIG under the terms of the Directive.

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6. When materials are designated by the NIIC for distribution in Italian Government territory, the Italian Government will issue the necessary instructions through the President of the NIIC for suballocation to such firms and individuals as may be situated outside territory under AIG control.

7. The Milan Office of the War Materials Disposal Subcommittee will advise the appropriate services under the Commanding Generals of 5th and the No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 Districts requesting that declarations of availability of captured civilian materials to AG/AIG be issued in such form as to show the exact location and description including quantities, types, condition, packing, state of repair, origin (Italian, German or other, or, if unknown, a correct), and the designation of the unit having physical

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Whenever possible, declarations of availability of war materials should be accompanied by existing documents, such as invoices, or evidence of sale or any record from the valuation of the goods might be ascertained. The Milan office War Materials Disposal Subcommittee will likewise circulate sample copies of the form of the release which it will issue in the name of AG/AMC with the appropriate Subcommittee endorsement so that the form may be readily recognizable by units expected to be called upon to honor suballocations made under such releases.

8. The War Materials Disposal Subcommittee will channel all releases covering industrial plant, machinery and equipment, semi-fabricated goods and raw material, in triplicate, to the Milan office of Industry Subcommittee, which will submit a copy of the same to the ILLIO for consideration thereby according to the terms of paragraphs 3a (4) (5) and b (1) of the Directive of this HQ of 9 July '45. A second copy bearing the endorsement of the Industry Subcommittee will be forwarded to the controlling service when the program of distribution submitted by the ILLIO has been approved thereby.

9. The War Materials Disposal Subcommittee will channel all releases covering consumer goods in triplicate to the Milan office of Commerce Subcommittee, which will transmit one copy of the same to the ILLIO for consideration under the terms of paragraph 3d of the Directive of this HQ of 9 July '45. A second copy bearing the endorsement of the Commerce Subcommittee will be forwarded to the controlling service when the program of distribution submitted by the ILLIO has been approved thereby.

10. The ILLIO, offices of Industry and Commerce Subcommittees, upon transmitting such releases to the ILLIO, will obtain from the latter, receiving reports in triplicate covering the goods, to be signed by the President of the ILLIO or by his delegate on behalf of the Italian Government. These Receiving Reports, in the form attached hereto, will contain all the information called for in paragraphs 7 above and will be transmitted to the War Materials Disposal Subcommittee. Two copies of the Receiving Report will be transmitted by the War Materials Disposal Subcommittee to the Chief Accountant, Finance Subcommittee, as evidence of the assumption of obligation of the Italian Government for the value of the materials and will be accompanied by such evidence of prior valuation as may have been obtained from the controlling service. The Chief Accountant will later transmit to the Italian Government one copy of the Receiving Report with request that the Italian Government certify the price at which such materials have been released for sale by the ILLIO, or the fair value thereof, in the event of other disposition. Any adjustments which may be required in such Receiving Reports due to non-delivery of materials released shall be submitted subsequently by the ILLIO to the War Materials Disposal Subcommittee, which will investigate, where necessary, the justification for such adjustment and transmit its findings to the Chief Accountant designated by Finance Subcommittee in the Northern Area for that purpose.

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Subcommission, which will submit a copy of the same to the NIIQ for consideration thereby according to the terms of paragraphs 3a (4) (5) and b (1) of the Directive of this HQ of 9 July '45. A second copy bearing the endorsement of the Industry Subcommission will be forwarded to the controlling service when the program of distribution submitted by the NIIQ has been approved thereby.

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Ulysses S. Grant

ALBERT W. STOLT,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief, Commission.

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DISTRIBUTION:

All Regional Commissioners
All Venetia Giulia
All 5th Army
All 8th Army
All IV Corps
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All Sections & Subcommissions, HQ AG
Ministero dell'Industria e del Commercio
" del Tesoro
" della Ricostruzione

EXTRACTALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

22 June 1945

AG 386.3/163 LOG-0

SUBJECT: Disposition of Captured Enemy Material in ITALY

TO : Commanding Generals, etc.

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9. POLICIESk. Captured Civilian Material

- (1) Captured material, which is not required for military purposes including maintenance of POW, which is apparently of a civil character and of Italian origin, will be turned over to Allied Commission or AMG as appropriate, who will investigate ownership and authorize its return to its owners under such financial arrangements as may be appropriate. Material of this character, the ownership of which cannot be determined, will be disposed of by sale or otherwise, as Allied Commission may determine. Proceeds of sales will be deposited in the Allied Finance Agency under Allied Commission direction and held pending further instruction from CCS.
- (2) Captured German civil material which is not required by the controlling service at this headquarters will be turned over to Allied Commission for disposal as above.
- (3) Captured civil material, which is of neither German or Italian origin will be reported to this headquarters and disposal instructions awaited.

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BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

(sgd) EDWARD R. SHUGART
Colonel, AGD
Asst. Adjutant GeneralEXTRACT

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ALLIED COMMISSION

RECEIVING REPORT

No

To Be Submitted by Agent of Italian Government for
Receipt of Captured Civilian Materials

Release Order No

Endorsed by _____ Submitted on to _____
(controlling unit)

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Date Received	Description of Goods	Origin	Unit	Quantity	Valuation or Price (if Available) State Basis
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I certify that the goods described above were duly received from the Allied Commission on the date quoted above

For the Italian Government

Signature

Title

Date _____

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Paraphrase of FAN 599 of 25 July

FROM: AGWAR from CCS

TO : AFHQ

1. All proposals set forth in your NAF 1026 are approved excepting para. 5, subject to a complete record being kept of all items released in order that they may be taken into account, if required, under the terms of the ultimate settlement for disposal of enemy war material now being discussed by the Great Powers.

2. Requested is amplification and clarification as to relationship of Para 5 of NAF 1026 and Para 1 of appendix F to Morgan-Jovanovic military agreement.

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cc: Col. BEHRENS, LEGAL S/C
FINANCE S/C

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Paraphrase of NAF 1026 of 30 June

TO: AGWAR WASHINGTON - AMSSO

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SIGNED: ALEXANDER

This cable is NAF 1026

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1. The Morga-Jovacic Military Agreement contains a clause in Appendix F to the effect that enemy war material captured by Yugoslav forces in area under allied military control may be considered as war booty of the Yugoslavs pursuant to normal provisions of international law, agrees to establish machinery to consider claims, and authorizes local officers by mutual agreement to dispose of as many cases as possible.

2. Examples extracted from an initial list presented by the Yugoslavs follow: 50 cars of cement owner Todt organization; 100 tons of tobacco owner Italian Monopoly; 11 cars of steel plate from old Italian warship; 300,000 lire German deposits; 4 tug boats being built German Navy; 3 sunken German Navy submarines; one sunken Italian Navy destroyer.

3. There has been no decision yet reached re proposed action in case of commercial or naval ships, stores or equipment.

4. It is proposed to release, with exceptions in para 5, property of governments or governmental agencies of nations at war with Yugoslavia, including Italy.

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5. Items essential to maintenance of law and order, to prevention of unrest and disease, to maintenance of public utilities would not be released. Not released also would be such items as would necessitate replacement in kind by Allies. Enemy owned lire would be blocked for ultimate disposition on a governmental basis.

6. All claims which are refused because enemy ownership had not been established or under provisions of para 5, would be settled on a governmental level.

7. It is strongly felt that early settlement of this question will assist greatly reestablishment of proper relations with Yugoslavs. Comment on or approval of the above proposals is requested by July 12 at latest. In the absence of comment action pursuant to above proposals will be initiated on 15 July.

cc: Col. BEHRENS, LEGAL S/C
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The President of the Council of Ministers

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Rome, 7 May 1945

Dear Admiral,

the liberation of the Northern regions which took place thanks to the effort of the valiant Allied troops, with the co-operation of the Italian Army and of the formation of the volunteers of Liberty, and the ensuing surrender of the German armies, have caused a large amount of enemy war material to remain in Italian territory.

As this is no longer required for war purposes, the Italian Government asks that this material which might be used for civilian purposes, be left at the disposal of the Italian Authorities; this not only because of Italy's contribution to her own liberation and because of the spoliation of the national patrimony by the Germans, but also because of the need of putting this material to immediate use in the work of reconstruction, so as not to frustrate the efforts of the patriots to save the Italian industrial plants by the forced inactivity of these industries.

To employ this material would bring about a diminution of unemployment, and prevent the political and social trouble to which it might lead.

Trusting that the Allied Authorities will take this request in kind consideration, I remain, my dear Admiral,

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Very truly yours,

s. I. Bonomi

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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G-5 15th ARMY GROUP

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2 May 1945

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PARA ONE PD REF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION FRIEND HYPERN JAMES
DASH CAMPBELL SPEAKING RE REPORTED TRANSMISSION FROM LIBERATED
MILAN RADIO THAT ALL MATERIALS LEFT BY THE GERMANS IN ITALIAN
TERRITORY WERE TO BE CONSIDERED AS ITALIAN PROPERTY PD

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Nicholas Piombino
CWO, U.S.A.
Asst., Adjutant

Ref 9006/34/303.

9 January 1945

SUBJECT: Disposal of Salvage, Scrap, and Other War Material

TO : Economic Section
Civil Affairs Section
War Material Disposal & Prisoner of War
Sub-Commission

1. Reference is to memorandum 5.10/12, of 19 December 1944, from the Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, Economic Section, and memorandum 5.10/267, of 23 December 1944, from the Director of the War Material Disposal and Prisoner of War Sub-Commission. Subject of both memoranda is the disposal of salvage, scrap and other war material reported to the Allied Commission for disposition.

2. Decision on this matter is as follows:

- a. War Material Disposal Sub-Commission will be the central organization within the Allied Commission to deal with all suppliers of salvage, scrap and war material reported to the Allied Commission by military services for disposition.
- b. The War Material Disposal Sub-Commission will collate all such availabilities and will report them to whatever agencies of the Economic Section are designated by that Section. (For the time being, reports on such availabilities will in every case be transmitted to the Commerce Sub-Commission; the Economic Section may make exceptions to this general practice from time to time.)
- c. The Commerce Sub-Commission (or other Sub-Commission in the case of the exceptions mentioned in Paragraph 2 b.) will handle claims on such availabilities from all units within the Allied Commission, and from the Italian Government. All claimants will bid for materials through the Commerce Sub-Commission, except where they are advised to do otherwise by the Economic Section.
- d. Decisions on the allocation of materials, in all cases where availabilities are not sufficient to cover demands by all claimants, will be made by the Priorities Board.
- e. All dealings with the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labor on the disposal of this type of material will be handled through the Commerce Sub-Commission.

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Material Disposal & Prisoner of War
Sub-Commission

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Prigadier
Chief of Staff

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