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SUPPLY OF CIVILIAN RESPIRATORS
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CONTAINS PAPERS
FROM NOV. 42
TO SEPT. 44
CATALOGUE.

Folio	Date	File No.	From	To	Subject
1A	12/11/43	9339	From Eisenhower	re 25,000 Italian Civilian Respirators	
2A	17/11/43		To MG S	Storage Naples can be arranged re 1A.	
3A	26/11/43	400-2	AF HQ, HQS	Civilian Respirators	
4A	3/12/43	11389/34/CA	CAB, HQ, HQF	Salvage Italian Respirators	
5A	13/12/43	5409	To Fargo	Italian Gov. want 25,000 respirators	
6A	22/12/43	—	From AF HQ	70,000 respirators available from India	
7A	1/1/44		To C S O	re 4A & 6A.	
8A	2/1/44	401/21	To HSL AF HQ	not interested in 10,000 respirators - 6A	
9A	13/1/44	05481	From Backstop Taranto	proposal instructions requested re 4A.	
10A	14/1/44		To C S O	re respirators - 6A	
11A	16/1/44	876	To Brindisi	not interested in 630 cases respirators - 10A.	
12A	22/1/44	01233	From ~	Italian Gov. arranged to handle respirators	
13A	26/1/44	02486	To AF HQ, Adv.	Identity of consignees, which Dept. - 4A	
14A	24/1/44	2407	To HQ AFHQ	Re 25,000 gas masks reaching Naples	
15A	27/1/44	959	To Brindisi	To arrange disposition with Region III	
16A	19/2/44	57/1/1	From HQ BHA, Tripoli	Civilian Respirators - 4 A & 6A	
17A	22/2/44	14504/3	To R.C. Region III	Civilian Respirators stored at Naples	
18A	24/2/44	009.2825	From Reg III	Address where respirators are stored - re 1A	
19A	26/2/44	14504/PS	To Director Anti-Air Services	Civilian Anti-Air Gas Respirators	

Translation RV. C

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
Anti-Fire Gen. Hq.21 September 1944. *ae*

N. 25551

Subject : Anti-gas masks *by* Fire-men.To : A.C.C. Hq. Public Safety Sub-Commission-Rome. *23A*

We are referring to your letter ACC/14504/PS, dated 8 September 1944.

The previous letter, dated 23 April has not been received.

It results from the files, that this Ministry has in trust at the Committee of the C.P.I. of Naples, for the ev. needs of the civilians n. 136.304 anti-gas masks.

On same date a/m Provincial Committee has been applied to, in order to establish if the 50.000 masks, which are pointed out in your letter make more or less part of those at the disposal of this Ministry.

Thus, we inform you, that the Central Committee of the Italian Red Cross - depository of anti-gas material and entrusted to supply all sanitary services of anti-air protection of civilians - has already been notified, in order to give informations on the present disponibility of the masks and the relative state of maintenance.

As soon as we shall have exact informations, we shall not miss to inform your Hq.

The Minister
Sgd. - -Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio

for action information

	INIT.	DATE
D. P. S.		
D. D. P. S.		
Ex. Officer		
POLICE		
Prisons		
Fire & C. D.	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>25/9</i>
Regn. & Licensing	<i>[Signature]</i>	
Adm. Officer		
REMARKS		

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
AFC 394

file

23A

Tel : 478709.

8 September 1944.

ACC. 14504/PS

SUBJECT : Civilian Gas Masks.
TO : Ministry of Interior
(Anti Fire & P.A. Section).

21A

See 24A

1. Reference is made to our ACC/M.504/PS dated 23 April 1944.
2. This letter informed you that some 50,000 Civilian Respirators were being held by the Naples Fire Brigade.
3. A request was made that they be examined and then issued to the public.
4. May this Headquarters be informed what action has been taken or is proposed regarding these respirators.

A.B. YOUNG Col.,
Acting Director
Public Safety
Sub-Commission

Copy to : H.Q. Southern Region
(R.F.S.C. through R.C.) / 22A
whose PS/10.1 dated 4 Sept. refers.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY
REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE.

T. Safety
22A
14504 AB.

PS/10.1

4 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Gas Masks for the Italian Civilians.

TO : HQ. ACC. Public Safety Sub-Commission.

21A

1. In reference to your letter ACC/I4504/PS dated 23 April 1944.

2. In this letter the Department of Civil Defense, Minister of Interior, Italian Government, was notified that a large quantity of civilian respirators were stored with the Naples Fire Brigade.

3. The Minister of Interior was also requested to arrange for the examination of these respirators to see if they are fit for use.

4. And after the examination to arrange for their ~~public distribution to the public.~~

Folio

for information

5. The above is forwarded for your information.

INIT. DATE

FOR THE REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER :

D. P. S.		
D. D. P. S.		
Ex. Officer		
Adj. LE		
FB/cm.		
Prisons		
Fire & C. D.	<i>See</i>	<i>8/9</i>
Regn. & Licensing		
Adm. Officer		

Frank Brannigan

FRANK BRANNIGAN
MAJOR. AUS.
FIRE & CIVIL DEFENSE.

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REMARKS

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

23 April 1944.

AGC/14504/PS

SUBJECT: Anti-Gas Respirators - Civilian pattern.

TO : Department of Civil Defence,
Minister of Interior.

1. It is reported to this HQ that some 50,000 civilian respirators of Italian pattern are stored in the quarters of the Naples Fire Service.
2. Will you please arrange to have these respirators examined to see if they are fit for use?
3. After examination you are requested to arrange for their distribution to the public.

PAUL G. FIFE,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

CHUM/t

Copy to Region III whose EE/gar dated 15 April refers.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

23 aprile 1944.

OGGETTO: Maschere Anti-Gas - Modello per civili.

AL : Ministero degli Interni, Sezione Difesa Civile.

1. Ci si informa che circa 50.000 maschere per civili si trovano depositate presso le caserme dei Vigili del Fuoco di Napoli.
2. Volete dare disposizioni per l'esame di queste maschere ed il relativo accertamento che siano in buona condizione?
3. Dopo l'esame, volete dare disposizioni per la loro distribuzione al pubblico.

PAUL G. KERR,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Per Conoscenza del Comandante del 54mo. Corpo dei Vigili del Fuoco.

CHM/t

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio 20th for action/information

C.P.S.

D.C.P.S.

Police

Prisons

Fire & C.D.

Regn. & Licensing

Adm. Officer

Remarks: :

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Letter to Bureau of Civil

BT 2/4/44
[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. Army
REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

15 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Civilian respirators.

TO : Rear HQ ACC, (Public Safety Sub Commission)

50,000 civilian respirators are at present stored in quarters of the Civil Fire Brigade, City of Naples.

It is suggested that arrangements be made with the Italian Government to have these respirators examined to determine their fitness for further use.

It is also suggested that arrangements for the disposal of them be made with the Italian Government.

C. T. Francis
C. T. FRANCIS,
Lieut. Colonel, G.L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

FB/gar

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. Army
REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE

15 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Civilian respirators.

TO : Rear HQ ACC, (Public Safety Sub Commission)

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Lieut. Colonel, G.I.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
400 304

26 February 1944

ACI/14501/72

SUBJECT: Civilian Anti-Gas Respirators

TO : Director, Anti-Aerosol Services, Ministry of Interior - R.O.

1. In December last it was ascertained that you would be able to use 25,000 serviceable Italian Civilian Respirators for the eventual use of civilian population.

2. These respirators are at present stored in CAMPIONE VIGIL
221 PIAZZA S. ILABRIS, VIA GIOVANNI BATTISTA, 100001.

3. Should it be desired to collect the respirators from the
a permit to be issued on application to the P.O.

Copy to Director of Technical & Supply
Section III.

Walter A. Hill
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

S/F 14504

File No 009.28 ES

24 Feb. 44.

SUBJECT : Civilian Respirators stored at Naples.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, A C C .

17A

1. Reference your letter ACC/14504/PS of 22nd February 44.
2. The respirators mentioned were collected under the direction of the Civil Defence section of the Regional Public Safety Division and are at present stored in the De Amicis Fire Station, Naples; address : Caserma Vigili del Fuoco E. De Amicis, via Giovanni Bausan, Napoli.

GAS/hw

[Signature]
C.R. MERRALL, RA
Lt. Colonel,
Director of Economics &
Supply, Region 3.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

22 Feb. 1944

ACC/14501/15

SUBJECT: Civilian Respirators Stored at Naples

TO : R.C. Region 15 (Att: Maj. Snodgrass)

Reference CAC/240 dated 24 January 1944 addressed by Economic and Supply Division, AEC, 15 Army Group to HQ, 15 Army Group, copy to you.

1. The 15 Army Group files on this subject have now been taken over by this Sub-Commission.
2. The Division originating this letter has now been dissolved and it is thought you may have assumed responsibility for the respirators mentioned in letter quoted above. If so it is requested that details of the location of the warehouse where the respirators are stored be furnished in order that arrangements for disposal of them can be made with the Italian Government.

[Signature]
Colonel, Inf.
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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FCJ/hgd

Public Safety 50
Subject: Civilian Respirators.

Ext. No. 37. 4144

Headquarters,
Brit. Mil. Adm.
TRIPOLITANIA.

5/X/1.

10th Feb. 44.

A.M.G.
15 Army Group. C.M.F.

I refer to your signal AMG 11762 and enclose
a copy of letter 11382/74/CA dated 3 Dec. 43 from C.A.B.
G.H.Q. which gives the information which you require.

R. G. D. N. A.

Captain
for Chief Secretary 39

HBLD/GP

Encl:

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C O P Y.

B Y A I R.

HB

No. 11389/74/CA.

Civil Affairs Branch,
G.H.Q., M.E.F.

3rd December, 1943.

D.C.C.O.,
HQ, British Military Administration,
TRIPOLITANIA.

SALVAGE - ITALIAN RESPIRATORS.

With reference to your EMA/T/5/X/1 dated
18 October, para 2;

I am directed to inform you that the 25,000
serviceable respirators referred to are not required
in Cairo, but it would be appreciated if they could
be sent direct by you to:

" A.M.G. (Duke),
H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.M.F."

for future storage against future distribution.

(Sgd.) S.A. DENMAN,
Jnr.Cmd.
for Chief Secretary.

Copies to:- Q(AE), GHQ, MEF.

AMG. HQ 15 Army Group. (Your AMGs 400-2
dated 2 Nov refers).

*this is an
3895 reference*

MESSAGE OUT

sent in response to
14A

15A

TO : PARIMA FOR REPORT (Boulevard).
RPTD PARIMA FOR REPORT. AIRMAIL FOR AMB REGION III. PARCO

FROM: HQ ACP FROM AMB

Orig No: PA 952 Date: 27 Jan 44

25000 civilian respirators presumably identical with those mentioned
your 2060 Jan 22 arrived HA LBN and occupying valuable warehouse space
(.) In view 2060 request you arrange disposition with AMB REGION 3

12A

This message may be sent
as written by any person

Degree of Priority

TCC

THI

TDR

3/6/44
R. J. M. A.
R. J. M. A.
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AMG/15 ARMY GROUP HEADQUARTERS
(Economics & Supply Division - Naples).

24th January, 1944

To:

HQ.,
AMG/15 Army Group.

Copy to Region III (attention Major Snodgrass),
returning Bill of Lading.

CIVILIAN GAS MASKS.

9A refers
A consignment of 25,000 civilian gas masks has reached Naples with the following markings:

"AMG (Duko)/HQ. 15 Army Group, C.M.F."

2. The respirators are packed in 630 cases weighing 96 tons and, according to bill of lading, were loaded at Tripoli on 22nd December 1943 on s/s EMPIRE ADUR.

3. It is not known here for which Division of this Headquarters the masks have been ordered. The cases at present are occupying precious warehouse space at the expense of other supplies, and it is requested that the Division for whom they are intended (Medical ? Public Safety ?) indicate their final destination without delay.

Wm
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C.R. Merrill.
C.R. MERRALL/Lt. Col.
Chief Supply Officer.

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26 JAN 1944

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CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGE

1516 Legn & Supt. Nofler
(AFHQ Auto Action Det)

FROM: TWENTY NINTH DIVISION
TO: AFHQ
INFO: AFHQ
SUBJ: AFHQ

HA refers

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- (1) GMB - HE 7.
- (2) Not by AFHQ
- (3) 3 3690

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

TO: *(Brindley)*
 FATIMA rptd DISTWC FOR ROBERT FLAMBO FOR CAC

FROM: AEG 15 ARMY GROUP

see 10A

Orig No: FA 876

Date: 16 Jan 44

Docks Supt TARRANT advises that 630 cases civilian respirators now being discharged there weight 20 tons (.) Suggest offering Italian Government with request they handle (.) This HQ not interested

This message may be sent
 AS WRITTEN by any means

Degree of Priority

TOO: 1000 A

P. Riley Smith Ltd

ROUTED

THI: 3590

TON:

E.H.S.

10A

4A.
R. see ~~13~~. Nothing seems to be known of the letter referred to as emanating from here.

11A
Suggest that, as they are Italian respirators, A.C.C. Brindisi, advise Italian Govt of their arrival & location with request that they take the respirators off our hands.

Dunlop

14/1/44

10A
Tatiana not moved out yet
Duchess from Toronto
not quite
Sister left with request they handle
skilly not interested.

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RR CIPHER MESSAGE

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IN

13 JAN 1948

13 JAN 48

TOO 1130 R/ 13

TOB

FROM: DOCKS SUPT TORONTO
 TO: ANG HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
 ORIG NO: 131130

1-1 DSD

630 CASES CIVILIAN RESPIRATORS NOT BEING DISCHARGED HERE
 (WEIGHT 20 TONS) PLEASE GIVE DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS EARLY.

SAC DISTRIBUTION
 ANGOT 4 ACTION

HA refers

SAC 1235 A/ 13
 PT 1330 A/ 13 JAN

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BY FAST MAIL.

Subject: - Civilian Respirators.AMC H.,
15 Army Group,
C.E.F.Ref. AMH/401/21 ✓
2 January 44.Economics / Supply Division,
Military Government Section,
A. F. H. .

6A

Your letter of 22 Dec 43. This Headquarters
is not interested in the 70,000 complete civilian respirators
available in India.

W. J. ...
Colonel,
Chief, Public Safety.

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C.O.

See pp 13 + 20.

On further consideration
I think they would be
required more in our
area than in Krag's
Italy, if at all. We do
not want to carry
such a large stock.

? decline with
the author?

Edw
1/1/44

Mr. Garry

Do you think we want
here? Longway, m.d?

1/1/44

AGREE -
WE ARE NOT
INTERESTED

1.1.44

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Subject: Civilian Internees

To: M. G. S.
A 7 H 6.

dated 19 Nov. 43.

Civilian prisoners of war.

To file 411.

2/12/45 MDL

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

FHL/jm

22 December 1943

BY FAST MAIL

SUBJECT: Civilian Respirators

all 8A for reply.

TO : Public Safety Division, AMG 15th Army Group

1. 70,000 complete civilian respirators are available from India.
2. Are you interested in all or any part.
3. If interested, advise disposal instructions.

4A
Sect 12 - (22000)

Fred K. H. Lewis
FRED'K. H. LEWIS

Major, AUS

Economics & Supply Division

Capt. Salt.

Can you throw any
light on this? If not
propose asking A.C. whether
Italian Govt would like them
(? on payment)

Dunlop
29/12.

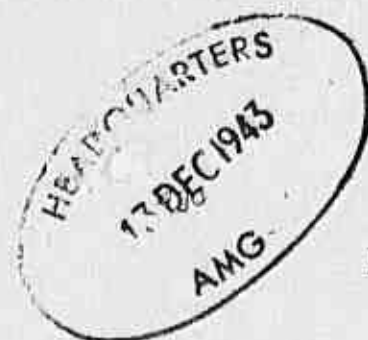
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Adm. Div. 511

INCOMING MESSAGE

NR: 1401

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ADDRESSED FOR ACTION TO :	FRIDOM,	IBS NUMBER :	5409
FOR INFORMATION TO :	FARGO FOR FATIMA	TIME SENT :	112115A
FROM :	MUMFORT SIGNED JOYCE	TIME REC'D :	121020A
IN REPLY REFER TO :	1401	PRECEDENCE :	ROUTINE

- EDITED LITERAL TEXT -

Appears to be from Committee
to I.S.A. in response to a
request as to whether Italian Govt
can use reputation of I.S.A.

01411

Reference 49339 of 24 November. Italian Government will be glad
to receive all or part of 25000 serviceable Italian Civilian Respirators
for eventual use of civilian population. Destination preferred: BARI.



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DISTRIBUTION :

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BY AIR

PS 7 DEC 1943

No. 11389/74/CA.

Civil Affairs Branch,
C.H.Q., M.E.F.

3rd December, 1943.

D.C.C.A.O.,
HQ, British Military Admin.,
TRIPOLITANIA.SALVAGE - ITALIAN RESPIRATORS.

With reference to your BMA/T/5/X/1 dated
13 October, para 2.

I am directed to inform you that the
25,000 serviceable respirators referred to are not
required in Cairo, but it would be appreciated if
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"A.M.G. (Duko),
H.Q. 15 Army Group,
C.M.F. "

for storage against future distribution.

BB.

Sadenman
(S.A. DEANMAN),
Jnr. Cmdr 887
for Chief Secretary.

Copies to:- Q(AG) CHQ, MEF.

AMG. HQ 15 Army Group. (Your AMGs 400-2
dated 2 Nov refers)

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION.ROUTING SLIP.

TO SEE :-

HH

C.P.S. *psyk**af* D.C.P.S. *Wm M. H. 3*PRISON SECTION. *W. J. R.*

CIVIL POLICE SECTION.

FIRE AND CIVIL DEFENCE
SECTION. *J. H. 1. H. C.*LICENSING AND REGISTRATION
SECTION.*Admin. Offr. H**CC**Note to be 3680
returned*



ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

Adm. Ltr. 3A
(for PS Sublin)
R/FH 4038
JED/PHI/jm

MCS 400-2 (26)

BY FAST AIR

26 November 1943

SUBJECT: Civilian Respirators

TO : General H. Hidesast

3A refers.

Send the 25,000 serviceable Italian civilian respirators mentioned in your cable (AM/30026 of 2 November to U.S.S., Judo, for storage against future distribution.

FRED H. LEVIE
Major, USN
Economics & Supply Division

Copies to:

CF (AK)
CRD (B)
HQ AMG, Palermo ✓

This is MGS action
in response to our AM

1A, 2A refer.

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SEARS FOR PARGO

NOVEMBER 17, 1945

SECRET

REPLYING

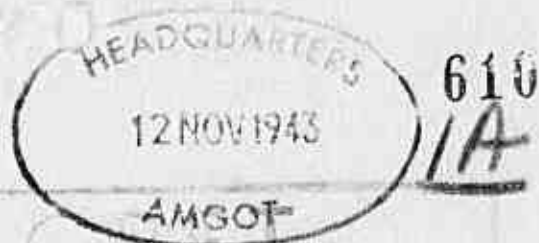
FREEDOM FOR MGS

see 4A

RECOMMEND SHIPMENT OF RESPIRATORS TO ITALY PARGO FROM SEARS FOR PARGO
 TO FREEDOM FOR MGS SITE PARGO
 NOVEMBER PARGO REFERENCE YOUR NINE THREE THREE NINE DATED ONE TWO
 NOVEMBER X STORAGE RAPID UNTIL DISTRIBUTION CAN BE ARRANGED

PA 18/11

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SECRETS
EQUALS BRITISH MOST SECRET AND SECRET

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SECRET ROUTINE

IBS 3371

FROM: WISENPOWER

120855A

TO : FARGO

According Midseab report 25,000 serviceable Italian civilian respirators held Tripoli and not required. Do you require these for Sicily or Italy? Delivery dependant upon availability shipping space.

(TO FATIMA AND FARGO REPEATED AMSME PASS TO MIDSEAB STORED
WISENPOWER CITE FRMS)

DISTRIBUTION:

AMG (ACTION)

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*To: ARP, Pathology
for final action
reply. Not a public health
responsibility. WES*

Action 3A

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