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This is IdC 1153. Reference is made to LAC Airgram 108,

CAL 1329 and AL 34895.

Sale of trucks to Italian Government is subject. ALIAN WX 34855 of 14 May 1944 made available to GI MAYORCA 200 trucks in tone 4 by 2 cargo for ALLIED COMMISSION in Italy. These trucks originally allocated to TURKEY on land lease; were repossessed, shipping from USAFIDE, and are now on loan to AC from US ARMY. Six month scale of spare parts was provided with trucks.

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

Related subject: LAM 228 and LAM Airgram 42 Airline policy to transfer of property from military stocks by charging on AC books with reports to JCS 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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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-5 Section

AFG 512

Ref. W-2

17 April 1913

SUBJECT : W.D. Vehicles for Italian Government

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, AFG 394
(Attn. : Economic Section)

Reference your AG-400/167-ES dated 14 April 49. This
HQ asked C.C.S. on 7 April to expedite a reply to IAG Almgren
108.

No reply has so far been received.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

J. A. BUTTERWORTH

Colonel, C.C.S.

Chief, Economics & Supply Division

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

ECONOMIC SECTION
Requisition Branch

HCC/cl

Ref. RB-400/167-ES

14 April 1945

SUBJECT : W.D. Vehicles for Italian Government

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section, Economic & Supply Division.

1. Reference above subject and telephone conversation 13 April 1945 (Maj. Grady - Lt. Col. Quartier) reference AC requisition for Allied Military vehicles now operating on loan to AC as essential supply carriers.

2. It is desired to transfer these vehicles to the Italian Government when Allied officers are withdrawn from the areas concerned, as withdrawal of the vehicles would result in collapse of the Supply Services.

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For the Chief Commissioner :-

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APO 512

SECRETLAC AIRGRAM 108 10 March 1945

From : NMCEG (Concurred FHGDS)

To : Combined Civil Affairs Committee,
3C-886 Pentagon Building,
Washington, D.C. (15 copies)

Subject : Sale of W.D. Vehicles to the Italian Government.

Requisition No: MGS -275-ORD Rating II.

Reference our EX 17652 of 30 Jan AGMAR and PROOPERS, and
AGMAR signal to AFHQ (not to PROOPERS) W-34133 of 9 Feb.

1. Civil transport deficiencies have restricted the distribution of imported and local commodities amongst the civil population. Indigenous vehicles are being fully utilized but as these are from 5 to 10 years old, and require tires, tubes and batteries, approved by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, have been requisitioned through Service channels and some have released from theatre stocks. However, as the campaign advances a greater number of vehicles are required, both because of the mechanical failures of Italian transport and because there is a greater civil supply commitment to be met.

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4. It is proposed to sell to the Italian Government, for the purpose of transporting essential civil supplies, the 1,100 military vehicles and 100 trailers enumerated in para 2 above and to sell repair parts from military sources on a priority below military requirements.
5. It is further proposed to sell such additional quantities as it may be found necessary to supply, and which are in unsuitable condition for operational use or shipment outside the theatre.
6. Control of these vehicles to be passed to the Italian Government at such time as the Supreme Allied Commander determines that Italian Governmental controlled transport organizations have demonstrated their ability to maintain and operate them efficiently.

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7. It is desired to point out that authority to sell the vehicles specified in para 2 above will not in fact result in an additional civil lift, as these vehicles have, for several months, been used for civil purposes and it is intended as a matter of military necessity to continue to utilize them for transport of essential civil supplies.

8. At present the W.D. vehicles on loan to the A.C. are the responsibility of individual A.C. officers. With the withdrawal of Allied officers from substantial portions of liberated Italy there are, in many areas, no military personnel who can be held responsible for W.D. transportation. This administrative problem presents difficulties in effecting the withdrawal of military personnel from such areas would be overcome by sale of the vehicles to the Italian government.

9. It is recommended that authority be granted to sell military vehicles and maintenance parts to the Italian Government in conformity with the foregoing proposal.

10. This recommendation is agreed by both U.S. and British authorities.

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SPECIAL

See justification.

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Major H.A.

Chief, Requisition Branch
Supply & Resources Division

A.O. ANTOLINI
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

Item

1	Trucks - 3 ton capacity	12	372
2	Trucks - 12 "	"	180
3	Trucks - 10 "	"	47
4	Trailers - 1 "	"	100

SPARE PARTS - Six months supply is required for the following listed vehicles.

(This is a breakdown, by type, of the items above):

Trucks - 2 1/2 ton	GM	50 (3 ton capacity)
" - 2 1/2 "	FORD	81 (3 " ")
" - 2 1/2 "	DODGE	107 (3 " ")
" - 3 "	AUSTIN	3 (" ")
" - 3 "	WOLFRORD	39
" - 2 1/2 "	CHEVROLET	28 (3 ton capacity)
Trailers - 1 "	(Standard U.S. 1 ton cargo trailer)	- 100

NOTES : a. Six months supply of spare parts has been previously requested for the 12 ton vehicles contained in this requisition.

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4 Trailers- 1 " " 100

SPARE PARTS - Six months supply is required for the following listed vehicles.

(This is a breakdown, by type, of the items above):

Trucks - 24 ton	CMC	60 (3 ton capacity)
" -24	FORDS	84 (3 ")
" -24	DODGES	161 (3 ")
" 3	AUSTIN	3 (
" 3	EDWARDS	39
" -24	CHEVROLET	28 (3 ton capacity)
Trailers - 1 "	(Standard U.S. 1 ton cargo trailer)	- 100

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DELIVERY: See justification, para 1.

JUSTIFICATION:

Items requested in this requisition are covering essential transportation requirements in Southern, Apuzia-Algerie and Toscana Regions.

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A. Nature of requirements - The vehicles are necessary for conveyance of essential supplies that come within the scope of the defense and unrest formula.

B. Basis of requisition.

1. The items in this requisition are Allied Military vehicles now operating on loan to AG as essential supply carriers. They are Civil Supply vehicles controlled by the Regional Commissioner through Regional Pools.
2. It is desired to transfer these vehicles to the Italian Government when the Allied officers are withdrawn from the areas concerned, as withdrawal of the vehicles would result in a collapse of the supply services.
3. AMWAK telegram of 8 February, 1945, Ref W 34 23, to AMHQ directs dealing with the transfer by requisition through the established channels. (Copy of telegram attached)
4. Upon approval of this requisition, the vehicles and spare parts will be transferred to the Italian Government in the same manner as other civil affairs items have been made available to them.
5. Until this transfer is accomplished it is impossible to withdraw truck pool officers from the regions being returned to the control of the Italian Government.
6. The efficient operation of these trucks is assured by the control exercised over them by Ente Nazionale Autotrasporti Cose. ENAC is the Italian Governmental organization, operating without profit, which controls all truck movements in the areas returned to the Italian Government. The directors of ENAC cooperate closely with and receive operational advice from the Allied Commission.

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7. Present locations of the vehicles constituting this requisition by quantity, type, capacity and nationality follows :-

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Nationality</u>
Southern Region	53	Chevrolet	1 1/2 ton	US
	56	GM	2 1/2 "	US
	14	Fiat	10 "	US

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<u>Location</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Nationality</u>
Southern Region	72	Fords	3 ton	UK
	121	Dodge	3 "	UK
	3	Assin	3 "	UK
	30	Deafords	3 "	UK
	21	Chevrolet	3 "	UK
Abruzzi-Marche	132	Chevrolet	1 1/2 "	US
	33	Piat	10 "	US
	21	Dodge	3 "	UK
Norman	9	Fords	3 "	UK
	19	Dodges	3 "	UK
	1	Bedford	3 "	UK
	7	Chevrolet	3 "	UK
Total Trucks	604			

TRAILERS

<u>Location</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Nationality</u>
Southern	69	1 ton	US
Abruzzi-Marche	31	1 "	US
Total Trailers	100		

Total Vehicles requisitioned - 794

RATING : II

Total Trucks

1	Bedford	3	"	UK
7	Chevrolet	3	"	UK
804				

TABLES

<u>Location</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Nationality</u>
Southern	62	1 Ton	US
Abruzzo-Lercho	<u>31</u>	1 "	US

Total Trailers 100

Total Vehicles requisitioned - 704

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

Recommendations contained in para 5 of IX 17652 of 30 January that military vehicles should be sold to the Italian Government are not favourably considered and such vehicles should be disposal of to the Italian Government in the same manner as other civil affairs items are made available to that Government. After submitting requirements in establishment manner, prior approval of items, quantities and types, must be obtained from CCAC. Cal airgram 26 and TMM 156 also refer.

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