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JAN. 1945 - NOV. 1946

ERITREA

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

ECON 3

Originator's Reference: 84103/OLT

Message Centre No: H/8382

Date/Time of Origin: 06230 DEC

Date Time Rec'd: DEC 071030

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MIDEAST

TO: TROOPERS INFO BEMA ERITREA HQ ALCON ROME

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CA2(B) NO 25 of 4 Lorries Eritrea. As Italian Govt apparently not attempting obtain shipping through London request you press for immediate implementation action proposed my 11156/766/CA(MMO) of 31 Oct. Imperative avoid further procrastination as situation drivers desperate.

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INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER 1148

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMBAT N
APO 79
ECONOMIC DIVISION
Transportation Sub - Division

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AC/362/21.5

19 November 46

Subject : Lorrys ex Britain.

To : Ministry of Transport
Italian Government
Rome.

1. Further to our letters AC/362/21.5 of 29th October and AC/362/21.5 of 7th November.
2. A definite reply as to the registration of these lorrys and drivers is awaited. Please see your WHM 103/22422 of 4th November.
3. It will be appreciated if a definite reply can now be given.

A. H. STONE
Lt. Colonel
Director.

To : Civil Affairs - HQ - AFM.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC DIVISION
Transportation Sub - Division

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AC/362/En.5

7 November 46

Subject : Lorries ex Eritrea.

To : Ministry of Transport,
Italian Government
Rome.

1. Reference your 10564/021 - A of 16th October.
2. Enclosed is Copy of letter sent by the GHQ - MEHP to the War Office on 31st October.
3. In view of the last paragraph I shall be glad to hear if the Italian Government is willing to take up the tonnage offering.
4. An early reply will oblige.

A.H. STREET
Lt. Colonel
Director.

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Copy to : Civil Affairs Branch
GHQ + MEHP
Ref. letter 1116/766/OA.

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No. 11156/741/CA

CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH,
CHIEF, MELB.

31st October, 1946.

Director of Civil Affairs,
The War Office,
Hotel Victoria,
Northumberland Avenue,
LONDON, W.C.2.

Return of lorries from Britree to Italy.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to this Branch's letter No. 11156/741/CA dated the 27th September, 1946 and to say that no notification has as yet been received that the Italian Representative in London has been successful in obtaining shipping for the balance of the 450 lorries, trailers and their personnel.

Meanwhile the Chief Administrator, Britree, reports that ships which could be utilised for the transport of the remaining 73 lorries, 18 trailers and 225 personnel frequently call at Messawa.

The freight which is payable in sterling is estimated at £1,240 per lorry, £100 per trailer and £240 per passenger, making a total of approximately £230,000.

I am to enquire whether, in view of the apparent inability of the Italian Authorities in London to provide the necessary shipping, the Italian Government would be prepared to furnish the funds required for the payment of freight as suggested by the Chief Administrator, Britree, who is particularly anxious both on political and economic grounds that this long delayed repatriation should be completed as speedily as possible.

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Sir,

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Return of Lorries from Eritrea to Italy.

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Meanwhile the Chief Administrator, Eritrea, reports that ships which could be utilised for the transport of the remaining 73 lorries, 13 trailers and 225 personnel frequently call at Massawa.

The freight which is payable in sterling is estimated at £2,840 per lorry, £2,100 per trailer and £2,400 per passenger, making a total of approximately £30,000.

I am to enquire whether, in view of the apparent inability of the Italian Authorities in London to provide the necessary shipping, the Italian Government would be prepared to furnish the funds required for the payment of freight as suggested by the Chief Administrator, Eritrea, who is particularly anxious both on political and economic grounds that this long delayed repatriation should be completed as speedily as possible.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. C. Anderson

(F. H. ANDERSON)

Lt. Col.

for CHIEF CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER

Copy to :- Chief Administrator,

Adm. Secy.

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MA. ALLIED COMMISSION,
(Transportation & Shipping Branch)
R O M E.

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THE ABOVE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE
ATTACHED DOCUMENTS TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
RE: [REDACTED]
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MINISTERO DEI TRASPORTI
GABINETTO

Roma, 4 novembre 1946

Atta. Lt. Col. STREET

N. M. VIII. 103/22422

Risposta al N. AC/362/Tn. 5 del 29 ottobre 1946

OGGETTO Esportazione autocarri dall'Eritrea.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Economic Division
Transportation Sub-Division

R O M A

In relazione alla comunicazione fatta con la lettera a riferimento circa l'esportazione dall'Eritrea in Italia di autoveicoli, inclusi autocarri pesanti, oltre quella già effettuata di 450 autoveicoli, si è disposto per l'esame urgente della questione da parte delle Amministrazioni competenti.

Si fa riserva di ulteriore comunicazione appena in grado.

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
ECONOMIC DIVISION
Transportation Sub-Division .

AHS/fm

AC/362/Tn.5

29 Oct 1946

Subject : Lorries ex Eritrea

To: Ministry of Transport.

1. Attached a signal received from Headquarters Mid East Land Forces.
2. Please enable us to reply.
3. This is urgent.

A. H. STREET,
Lt. Colonel,
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

ECONOMIC DIVISION

Date 28 Oct 46

Fr	To	Fr	To
☒ Director			Chief Commissioner
☒ Chief Staff Officer			Executive Commissioner
Admin. Staff Officer			G-1 (A)
Message Center			G-1 (F)
SUB DIVISIONS			
C.E.M.			
Commerce			
Food Agriculture & Air Supply			
Ind. & Utilities			
Transportation			
ATTENTION OF:			
<u>Col Street</u>			
☒ For appropriate action			Information
Please see me			Investigation report
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Attached is Action Signal
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: 72016/0 T
Date/Time of Origin: OCT. 25 1230B

Message Centre No: H/7483
Date Time Rec'd: OCT. 28 0900
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MIDEAST
TO: ALCOM

UNCLASSIFIED.

1. Chief Administration Eritrea proposes to allow export to Italy of motor vehicles including heavy lorries in addition to the 450 whose return has already been agreed by Italian Govt.
2. Export would be entirely at exporters risk and expense and existing quotas agreed with Italian Govt. Would not be affected.
3. Would Italian Govt allow the import of such vehicles being the private property of Italian nationals please approach Italian Govt. and signal their views urgently.

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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28 OCT 1946

HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION

ECONOMIC DIVISION

Date 28 Oct 46

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✓ Chief Staff Officer			Executive Commissioner
Admin. Staff Officer			G-1 (A)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMIC DIVISION

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' Food Agriculture & AMM Supply S/D	'	' ATTENTION OF:	'
' Ind. & Utilities S/D	'	'	'
' Transportation S/D	'	'	'
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28 OCT 1946

TRANSLATION

From : Ministry of Transport
Isp. Gen. of Civil Motorisation.

Ref. : 10564/021 - A

16 October 1946

Subject : Lorries Ex Eritrea.

1. Reference your AC/362/Tn.5 dated 23 Sept.46, and copy of letter 11156/730 from G-1 Civilian HQ.AC dated 16 Sept.46.

2. It is pointed out that the Italian Government are prepared to undertake the repatriation in question, as it appears from our letters 7672, 8994, 9915.

3. The Allied Commission not being in a position to ensure shipping (your AC/362/Tn.5 of 15 July 46), results of steps taken by our Embassy at London are awaited.

4. Following is our representatives of London statement dated 16/9/46, received by the Italian Ministry of Exterior:

" I beg to inform you that HQ, AC, Rome have not submitted the correspondence re Repatriation of Lorries ex Eritrea to the Foreign Office, but to the War Office probably. The appropriate section of F.O. have made enquiries at the War Office. We shall notify you of the results as soon as they are available."

(Sgd) THE MINISTER

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Roma, 3 OTT. 1946

Ministero dei Trasporti
ISPETTORATO GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE
E DEI TRASPORTI IN CONCESSIONE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION -
SION - A.P.O. 734 -
Transportation and
Shipping Branch
= ROMA =

Requisito al f. V. AC/302/Tn.5

23/9/1946

Rimpatrio automezzi dall'Eritrea.

OGGETTO

Divisione SERVIZIO IV
Prot. N. 10243/021-4 Allegati
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Si accusa ricevuta della nota sopraindicata nonché della copia della lettera n. 11156/730 in data 16 settembre 1946 della Sezione Civile della Commissione Alleata.

Si osserva al riguardo che la questione del rimpatrio dei restanti automezzi dall'Eritrea è stata trattata nelle lettere numero 7672, 8924 e 9915, che rimangono confermate e secondo le quali il Governo Italiano mantiene l'impegno di provvedere al rimpatrio stesso.

Trattasi ora, giusta le dette ultime lettere e gli impegni presi, in considerazione dell'impossibilità da parte di codesta Commissione di provvedere per l'assegnazione di una nave (lettera AC. 362/TN.5 in data 15 luglio 1946), di attendere l'esito dei passi svolti dall'Ambasciata di Londra all'uopo incaricata per il noleggio di una nave.

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Ministero degli Esteri quanto

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Intanto si comunica che la Rappresentanza Italiana in Londra in data 16/9/1946 ha fatto presente al Ministero degli Esteri quanto segue:

"Informo che la questione del trasporto in Italia di autoveicoli attualmente in Eritrea non risulta essere stata sottoposta da codesta Commissione Alleata al Foreign Office ma bensì, probabilmente, al Ministero della Guerra. L'Ufficio competente del Po-

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"reign Office, che si è rivolto al Ministero predetto, è ancora in ette
"sa di una risposta al riguardo che non mancherò di far conoscere alla
"S.V."

IL MINISTRO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Transportation and Shipping Branch

AMB/tn

Ac/362/Tn.5

2 Oct.46

Subject : Lorries ex Eritrea.

To : Civil Affairs Branch
CHQ M.B.L.F.

and

HQ. B.M.A.
Eritrea.

Further to our AC/362/Tn.5 of 7th September, herewith copy
of reply received from the Italian Ministry of Transport.

A.H. STUART
Lt. Colonel
Director.

1 - Encl. As above.



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16 SET. 1946

VIA CASTA 3 TEL. 45654

*Ministero dei Trasporti*ISPettorato GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE
E DEI TRASPORTI IN CONCESSIONE

SEGRETERIA GENERALE

*Scrittura SERV. IV°**Aut. N. 9761/021-1 Allegati*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED

COMMISSION A.P.O. 794

Transportation and Shipping

Branch = R O M A =

*Richiesta al Regio. V. AC/362/TN.5**del 7 settembre 1946*

OGGETTO Rimpatrio automezzi dalla Eritrea.

Con la nota sopraindicata codesta Commissione riprospetta l'urgenza del rimpatrio dei restanti autocarri esistenti in Eritrea, facendo presente che una Ditta privata ha avuta la possibilità d'imbarcare alcuni autocarri e che quindi non sarebbe difficile al Governo Italiano sistemare analogamente la situazione. Al riguardo, riconfermando quanto esposto nelle lettere n. 8994 e 9267 in data 13 settembre, si fa presente che si attendono comunicazioni circa l'esito dei passi svolti dall'Amministrazione Italiana a Londra per l'assegnazione di una nave da parte delle competenti Autorità di Londra.

IL MINISTRO

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Divisione SEHV. IVO

Richiesta al Regio. N. AC/362/EN.5

Aut. N. 9781/021-1-1 Allegato

del 7 settembre 1945

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IL MINISTRO

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TO: ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation and Shipping Branch.

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FROM: ISPEMORATO GENERALE M.C.T.C.

ROME
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SENAV 9781/021+ 1

SUBJECT: Return of Lorries from Eritrea to Italy.

With reference to note AC/362/TN.5, the Allied Commission points out the urgency of repatriating the remaining lorries from Eritrea, and calls our attention to the fact that a private Firm has had the possibility to ship some of the lorries, and therefore it would not be difficult for the Italian Government to do likewise.

In regard, confirming our letters n. 8994 and 9287 dated 13th Sept., this Ministry is waiting to receive information as to the steps taken by the Italian Embassy in London which has applied for a ship to the competent Authorities in London.

THE . MINISTER

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THE MINISTER

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Transportation and Shipping Branch

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AC/362/Tn.5

23 Sept. 46

Subject : Lorries ex Eritrea.

To : Ministry of Transport
Italian Government
Rome.

1. Your 9915/021A of 20th September is duly acknowledged.
2. We are surprised at the contents especially in view of paras 3 and 5 of your letter No 7672/021A without date.
3. A copy of letter 11156/730/CA of 16th September addressed to the War Office in London is enclosed for your information.
4. Your earliest advice that shipping space has been obtained is requested in view of para 1 of above letter.
5. You will understand that your refusal to accept tonnage offered, will preclude any further action to obtain shipping space by B.M.A. and that the full responsibility now rests with the Italian Government.

A. H. STREET
Lt. Colonel
Director.

Copy to : B.M.A. Eritrea.
G.H.Q. - M.E.L.F.
(with copy of letter 9915/021A of 20th September)

1 - Incl. Copy of Ltr 11156/730/CA of 16th Sept.

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Ministero dei Trasporti
ISPettorato Generale della Motorizzazione Civile
e dei Trasporti in Concessione

Roma, 20 SET. 1946
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ALL HEADQUARTERS ALLIED
COMMISSION A.P. 0794
TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING
BRANCH

Divisione Serv. IV
Aut. N. 9915 per il Trasporto

R O M A
Riposta al P. N. AC/362/TN. 5
del 17 settembre 1946
OGGETTO: Automezzi dall'Eritrea.

In risposta alla lettera sopraindicata si fa presente che si è in attesa di risposta dall'Ambasciata di Londra la quale è stata incaricata d'interessarsi per il noleggio di una nave da adibire per il trasporto dei restanti automezzi dall'Eritrea.

In conseguenza il Governo Italiano è spiacente di comunicare che non può aderire alla richiesta di codesta Commissione di confermare il pagamento del nolo in dollari New York equivalenti a circa 27.000 per il trasporto di cui trattasi da effettuare con una nave della "Isthmian Line" e ciò per evitare l'alea di pagare anche la nave che potrebbe essere stata già eventualmente ingaggiata dall'Ambasciata di Londra.

IL MINISTRO

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OGGETTO Rimpatrio autorevoli dell'Eritrea.
del 17 settembre 1945

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IL MINISTRO

Gerardi
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from: Ministero del Traspor.
Ispettorato M.O.T.C.

Roma

Srv. IV: n. 9915/020.

Roma 17 Sttembre 1946

To Allied Commission
Transportation and Shipping
Branch

R O M E

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Subject: REPATRIATION OF LORRIES FROM BRITAIN/

With reference to your AC/352/Tn 5 dated 17 Sept. 1946.

This Ministry is expecting an answer from the Italian Embassy of London, which has been interested to the above purpose. Therefore, the Italian Government is very sorry but, at the moment is unable to take any decision as to the moment in dollars New York equivalent about £ 27000 for the transport on S.S. of the ISTHMIAN Line of lorries from Britree to Italy, as the Italian Government would probably run the risk of having to pay also for the ship eventually engaged by the Italian Embassy of London.

THE MINISTER

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THE MINISTER

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NO. 11135/730/DA

Civil Affairs Branch,
C.M.A., 1946.

10th September, 1946.

Director of Civil Affairs,
The War Office,
Horse Guards,
Whitehall, London W.C.2.

Return of Lorries from Britain to Italy.

Sir,

I am directed to bring to your notice the following unsatisfactory situation which has been the subject of a long-protracted triangular correspondence between HMA, Britain, this Branch and the Allied Commission in Rome, and which has now reached a point when it is causing extreme hardship to the Italians involved and acute embarrassment to the administration in Britain.

The facts are as follows:-

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 - a) In January 1945, at the suggestion of the C.I.A. Middle East, negotiations were started for the shipment to Italy of a number of lorries, together with their drivers and their families. The suggestion was welcomed by the Italian Government who, in July 1945, sent two engineers from Italy to select the vehicles for shipment. 300 lorries with 82 drivers were selected, involving 533 drivers, 50 wives and 80 children.
 - (b) After further negotiations, the Italian Government were persuaded in November 1945 to accept 150 more lorries, involving an addition of 255 drivers, 31 wives and 20 children.
 - (c) Owing to difficulties in arranging shipping, it was not until the 6th April 1946 that the S.S. "Ada Gray" sailed from Nagasaki for Italy carrying 150 lorries, 27 trailers and 322 lorry personnel.
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(c) Owing to difficulties in arranging shipping, it was not until the 6th April 1946 that the S.S. "Sea Way" sailed from Massawa for Italy carrying 120 lorries, 27 trailers and 502 lorry personnel.

(d) On the 13 July 1946, a further 130 lorries, 5 buses and 19 trailers left for Italy on the S.S. "Mount David" under private arrangements between the lorry drivers and Messrs. Bellati Hanky & Co.

(e) As the result of certain withdrawals from the original list there remain still to be repatriated 160 lorries with their driver personnel and families whose moral and financial position is becoming progressively worse. Considerable embarrassment is being caused to BMA which in view of statements made in Britton that all 450 lorries would go to Italy is not unfortunately blamed locally for the failure to provide shipping. The onus however lies solely on the Italian Ministry of Transport who have repeatedly been reminded of this fact by the Allied Commission in Rome.

3. In view of the fact that, on the admission of the Allied Commission itself, there seems little prospect of reaching an early or satisfactory solution to this problem.

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through that approach to the Italian Government, I am to ask whether you would kindly consider referring the question through the appropriate channels to the Italian Representative in London as a matter of urgency and endeavour to obtain either a definite promise that shipping will be provided by the Italian Government at the earliest possible date or failing that a statement from the Italian Government that it no longer requires the return of these lorries and their personnel to Italy. Such a statement, although a poor substitute for shipping, would at least help to exonerate the British Military Administration from blame in the eyes of the local Italians.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J.H. Anderson

(P.M. ANDERSON)

Lieut. Colonel,

FOR ACTING CHIEF CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER.

Copy to:- Chief Administrator,
HQ., EMA.,
BRITRA.

HQ., Allied Commission,
(Transportation & Shipping Branch,
ROME.)

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Ministero dei Trasporti
ISPETTORATO GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE
E DEI TRASPORTI IN CONCESSIONE

Roma, 3 SET 1946 194

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED
COMMISSION - APC 734
Transportation and Shipping Branch

- R O M A -

Divisione SERVIZIO IV. P.

Prot. N. 9287

Allegati

Proposta al f. N. AC/362/Tn.5
del 19/8/1946

OGGETTO Rimpatrio automezzi dall'Eritrea

Con la lettera sopraindicata codesta Commissione ha comunicato un telegramma del Medio Oriente con il quale si prospetta urgente la questione del rimpatrio dei restanti automezzi dall'Eritrea.

All'uopo, faccio riferimento alla nota n. 8994 di pari data, si deve comunicare che il Ministero della Marina allo stato attuale non ha disponibilità di naviglio.

In considerazione di ciò il Ministero degli Affari Esteri, come già comunicato con la sopraindicata nota n. 8994, ha interessato l'Ambasciata Italiana a Londra per l'assegnazione di una nave da parte delle competenti Autorità di Londra.

Si attendono ore comunicazioni circa l'esito dei passi svolti dall'Ambasciata Italiana.

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OGGETTO Rimpatrio automezzi dall'Eritrea

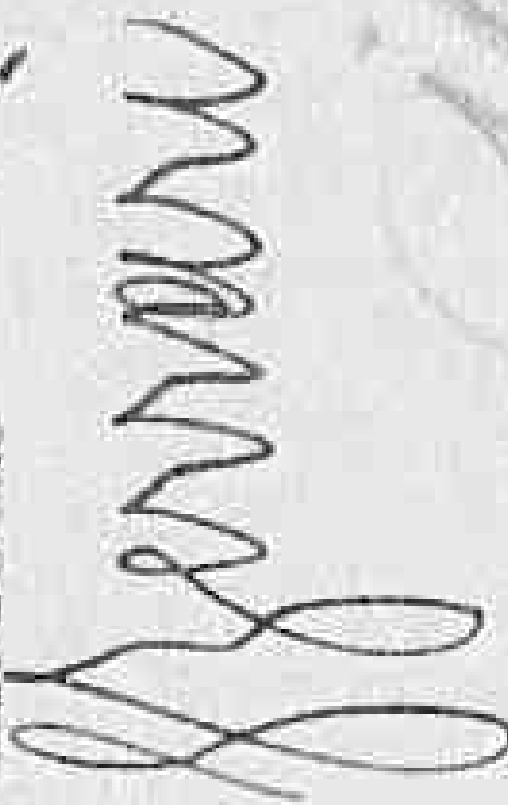
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Si attendono ora comunicazioni circa l'esito dei passi svolti dall'Ambasciata Italiana.

IL MINISTRO



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To: ALLIED COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING
BRANCH
ROME
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Subject: Repatriation of vehicles from Eritrea.

With reference to yours AC/362/Tn 5 of 19/8/1946, with enclosed telegram from Middle East, which urged the repatriation of the remaining vehicles from Eritrea.

With reference to note n. 8994 same date, we inform you that the Ministero della Marina, at present, has no ship available.

Consequently, the Ministero degli Affari Esteri has interested the Italian Embassy of London to apply to the London Authorities for an adequate ship.

We are now waiting for the result of such steps taken by the Italian Embassy.

THE MINISTER

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[Signature]
 A. H. COLE, JR., CAPTAIN

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Transportation and Shipping Branch

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AC/362/Tn. 5

17 Sept. 46

Subject : Lorries from Brétrea.

To : Ministry of Transport
Italian Government
Rome.

1. Herewith copy of signal 59890 from Hiconast.
2. Will you please confirm that you are prepared to pay freight charges in dollars New York equivalent about £ 27000.

A. H. STREET
Lt. Colonel
Director.

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1 - Incl. As above.



INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 59890
 Date/Time of Origin: SEPT 171000 B

Message Centre No: H/6638
 Date Time Rec'd: SEPT 171515
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MIDEAST
 TO : ALCOM ROME

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For transportation and shipping Branch your AC/362/TN5 of 19 August. Lorries from ERITREA to ITALY. ~~THESE~~ Isthmian line have offered ship to carry lorry and drivers to ITALY. Terms freight pay able in dollars NEW YORK equivalent about pounds 27000. Grateful you obtain Italian Governments agreement this opportunity which may not recur.

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Ministero dei Trasporti
ISPettorato GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE
E DEI TRASPORTI IN CONCESSIONE

Roma, 13/7/1946

ALL HEADQUARTERS ALLIED
COMMISSION - APO 784
Transportation and Shipping Branch
- R O M A -

Direzione SERVIZIO IV. Se.
Aut. N. 6946/C21/A. Allegati

Proposta al P. N. AC/361/Tn. 5
del 13/7/1946

OGGETTO Rimpetrio automezzi dell'Britrea

Si accusa ricevuta della lettera 23/7/1946 AC/362/Tn. 5 e
si ringrazia per le notizie gentilmente fornite.

P. IL MINISTRO

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Proposta al P. N. P.
AC/361/Tn.5
13/7/1946

Prot. N. 8946/021/A Allegato

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P. IL MINISTRO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 79.

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Transportation and Shipping Branch

AC/362/m.5

16 Sept. 46

Subject : Lorrys ex Britain.

to : Civil Affairs Branch
HQ HMF.

1. For your information; reference your 14156/72V/CA.
2. Herewith copy of translation of the letter 8921/CA1, from Ministry of Transport, Italian Government, subject Repatriation of Vehicles and Drivers from Britain.

A. H. GUTHRIE
Lt. Colonel
Director.

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Copy to : HQ B.M.A. Britain, with copy of translation.

1 - Incl. As above.

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Ministero dei Trasporti
ISPETTORATO GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED
COMMISSION - APO 794
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Divisione SERVIZIO IV. *Tr.*
Aut. N. 8994/021 Allegato

Proposta al P. N. 5
del 9/8/1946
AC/362/Tn.5

OGGETTO Rimpatrio autoveicoli dall'Eritrea

Si fa riferimento alla nota sopraindicata con la quale viene richiesto di precisare che la responsabilità del trasporto dei rimanenti autocarri dall'Eritrea viene assunta dal Governo Italiano.

In proposito è da rilevare che, con nota 4 luglio u.s. n. 7672/021/A, si ebbe a riconoscere l'obbligo del Governo Italiano di pagare in valuta le spese di trasporto per i rimanenti 330 autocarri, già collaudati nell'anno 1945 in Africa da funzionari tecnici di questo Ministero con l'ausilio delle locali Autorità Alleate.

Con nota successiva 15 luglio n. AC/362/Tn.5 codesta Commissione riscontrare detta ministeriale n. 7672/021.A.

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Si ridurrebbero così ad un centinaio gli automezzi da rimpatriare. Per questi ultimi, che non hanno versato alla data odierna le spese di viaggio in valuta, il Governo Italiano rinnova l'impegno preso con la nota 4 luglio 1946 n. 7672 a pagare in valuta le spese di trasporto.

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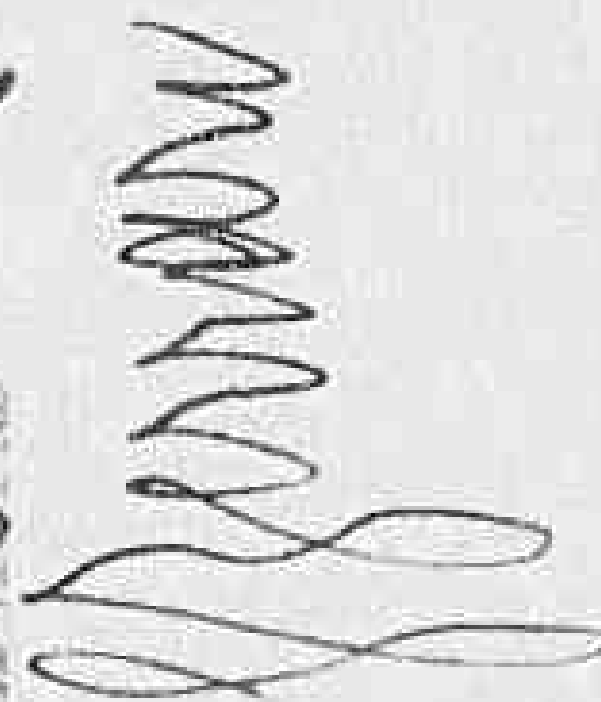
Per quanto riguarda la disponibilità della nave codesta Commissione con le lettere 15 luglio u.s. AC/366/Tn.5 e 19/8/1946 AC/362/Tn.5 ha comunicato di non essere in grado, come anche la B.M.A. dell'Eritrea, di poter disporre per la richiesta di una nave.

In proposito si fa presente che, stante l'indisponibilità di naviglio, da parte del Ministero delle Marine, a seguito dell'interessamento di questo Ministero, il Ministero degli Affari Esteri, con lettera n. 24556/520 del 24 luglio, ha fatto conoscere di avere interessata l'Ambasciata Italiana a Londra per l'assegnazione di una nave adatta da parte delle competenti Autorità di Londra.

In tali sensi si attendono ora ulteriori comunicazioni circa l'esito dei passi evolti dall'Ambasciata Italiana.

Si prega comunicare quanto sopra alla B.M.A. dell'Eritrea.

IL MINISTRO



Translation

to: HQ Allied Commission
 Trans. tion & Shipping Branch
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Subject: REPATRIATION OF VEHICLES AND DRIVERS FROM ERITREA.

With reference to yours n. AC/362/Tn 5 dated 9/8/1946, in which it is requested to specify that the transport of the remaining vehicles from Eritrea is responsibility of the Italian Government.

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In regard to the availability of a S.S., the Allied Commission, with notes 15 July, AC/366/tm5 and 19/8/1946 AC/362/Tn 5, and D.M.A. of Eritrea declared that have no ship available.

As the Italian Ministry of Marina has no ship for the purpose, this Ministry has interested the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which has interested the Italian Embassy of London for an adaptable ship by the competent authorities of London. Therefore, this Ministry is awaiting information from the Italian Embassy of London.

Please, inform of the above the D.M.A. of Eritrea.

THE MINISTER

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AND 79
Transportation and Shipping Branch

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AC/362/Tn.5

7 Sept 46

Subject: Lorrys in Britain.

To : Ministry of Transport
Italian Government
Rome.

1. Further to our letters AC/362/Tn.5 of 9th and 19th August.
2. A further request (copy attached) has been received from C.H.C.-M.S.L.F. pointing out the need for the transportation of the remaining lorrys and drivers.
3. I am sure you appreciate the urgency of supplying a suitable vessel and shall be glad to hear if you are now in a position to give a firm date for its arrival in Britain so that C.H.C.-M.S.L.F. can be advised.
4. You will note that the continued presence in Britain of these drivers is causing discontent to such an extent as to cause serious embarrassment to the Chief Administrator Britain.
5. It is noted that a private firm were able to make arrangements for shipping space for some lorrys, hence it should be possible for the Italian Government to arrange transport for the remainder, especially when the scarcity of roadworthy vehicles in Italy is considered.
6. It is not thought that you would wish the above conditions to continue in view of possible repercussions hence the insistence on the need of the repatriation of the drivers and lorrys. We shall therefore be glad of your assurance that transport has now been arranged.

A. H. HEDDER
Lt. Colonel
Director.

Copy to:

-Civil Affairs Branch
C.H.C.-M.S.L.F. in reply to Ref 156/731/CA of 27 August.
-C.A. HQ USA
Britain.

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No.11156/1/CA

CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH
CHQ MELF

27 Aug 46

Hq Allied Commission,
(Transportation & Shipping Branch),
R C M E

I am to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.AO/382/Tn.5 of the 9 Aug 46 on the subject of the transportation of lorries from Eritrea to Italy.

I am however, at the risk of appearing importunate, to stress the urgent desirability of shipping at the earliest possible date both the lorries and their crews as the situation of the latter is deteriorating daily and threatens to become a serious embarrassment to the Chief Administrator, Eritrea.

It is fully appreciated that the onus of providing shipping rests with the Italian Government but any further assistance which your Commission could give in bringing that Government to a speedy realization of its responsibilities would be gratefully welcomed. Your past efforts in this connection are acknowledged with thanks.

G.A.B. Gotalieb
(G.A.B. GOTALIEB)
FOR CHIEF SECRETARY

Copy to:- CA HQ BMA
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Transportation and Shipping Branch

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AC/362/Tn.5

19 August 1946

Subject : Lorries ex Eritrea.

To : Ministry of Transport
Italian Government
Rome.

1. Further to our letter AC/362/Tn.5 of 9th August.
2. A further cable has been received from General Headquarters Middle East Land Forces copy attached.
3. May we again draw your attention to the urgency of this matter.

A.H. STREET
Lt. Colonel
Director.

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Copy of Cable.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Transportation and Shipping Branch

AHS/fm

19 August 1946

AC/362/Tn.5

Subject : Lorries ex Eritrea.

To : Civil Affairs Branch
C.E.Q. M.E.L.P.

1. Reference your signal 40597/OMT of 16th August.
2. On receipt of your signal 37817/02 of August 8th, The Ministry of Transport Italian Government were advised of the urgency letter AC/362/Tn.5 of 9th August (copy attached) as was advised to you in our AC/362/Tn.5 of 9th August.
3. It is not anticipated that there will be any immediate response but a copy of your signal 40597/OMT has been forwarded to the Ministry.
4. As pointed out in our letter AC/362/Tn.5 the functions of this branch are purely advisory and we are not now in a position to insist that a ship should be made available for this purpose.

A.H. STREET
Lt. Colonel
Director.

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Copy of ltr AC/362/Tn.5 of 9th Aug. 46

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TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING BRANCH

INCOMING MESSAGE *TN*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 40597/OETMessage Centre No: H/5735Date/Time of Origin: AUG 160900 BDate Time Rec'd: AUG 170915Precedence: ROUTINEFROM: MIDEASTTO : TPTN PD SHIPPING ALCOM, INFO BEMA ERITREA

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Lorries ex ERITREA. Ref my letter/1156/710/CA of 29 July and signal 37817/OET of 7 AUGS refering to your 4365 dated 29 July. No shipping available locally. Lorry drivers are now desperate as it 18 months since they were selected to proceed to ITALY and men have been out of work for the entire period. Please impress on Italian Government that ONUS of providing shipping is theirs and that situation is now urgent.

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APO 794
Transportation and Shipping Branch

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9 August 1946

AG/362/Tn.5

Subject : Lorries from Eritrea.
To : Ministry of Transport.

1. We have been again requested by C.P.O. Middle East to point out that the sole responsibility for the transport of the remaining lorries from Eritrea is now the responsibility of the Italian Government.
2. It is stressed that this matter should be treated as urgent.

A.M. STREET
Lt. Colonel
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Transportation and Shipping Branch

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AC/362/Tn. 5

9 August 1946

Subject : Transportation of Lorries Eritrea - Italy.

To : Civil Affairs Branch
G.H.Q. - M.E.L.F.

1. Reference your 11156/710/CA of 29th July and signal 37817/02 of 7 August 1946.

2. Para 2 of your letter.
There is no misunderstanding on the part of this Commission re the shipment of the lorries in question.

3. This subcommission is not interested in the return of the vehicles and as pointed out in our letter AC/362/Tn. 5 of 15th July we are not now in a position to request shipping space.

4. The Italian Government was advised on 15th July to this effect.

5. Para 3 of your letter.
The question of transportation of personnel was raised by the Italian Government in their letter 7672/021/A penultimate paragraph.

6. We are in agreement that it is not justifiable to request London to supply shipping hence our action mentioned in 4.

7. Your signal.

a. If Italian Government are sufficiently interested they can supply shipping as suggested.

b. Italian Government have agreed to pay charges see letter 7672/021/A.

8. It is stressed that this Branch's activities are now purely advisory and not operative.

9. It has been again stressed to the Italian Government that their responsibility to obtain shipping space for these lorries.

A.H. STREET
Lt. Colonel
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Transportation and Shipping Branch

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 37317/02
Date/Time of Origin: AUG. 070930B

Message Centre No: H/5452
Date Time Rec'd: AUG. 081200B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MIDEAST
TO : TPN SHIPPING ALCON, INFO: BEMA ERITREA

UNCLASSIFIED:

Lorries ex Eritrea. Reference our letter 11156/710/CA of 29th July and your JOJC
V JCLF 5/VGX3/date 29th July. Fail understand why ship cannot be supplied by
Italian Government on same basis as AGA GREY. Early reply letter appreciated.
Quote understood Italian Government will pay transport.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH,
G.H.Q. M.E.F.

Subject: TRANSPORTATION
OF LORRIES FROM
ERITREA TO ITALY.

29th July 1946.

I am directed to refer to a copy of your letter AC/362/TN 1 dated 15th July addressed to H.Q. B.M.A. Eritrea. With this letter you sent a copy of a letter addressed to your Transportation and Shipping Branch, reference 7672/021/A (undated) signed by the Italian Ministry of Transport. Our signal 32027 dated 17th July refers to this subject.

There would appear to be considerable misunderstanding and a great deal of unnecessary delay in the shipment of the balance (now 193 only) of lorries still to be shipped to Italy.

There is no question of any ship which may be sent to Eritrea to lift this balance to Italy, being required to transport personnel other than those personally connected with the lorries. It is not felt justifiable to request the authorities in London to supply a ship for this purpose and it would appear, therefore, that you must stress to the Italian Ministry of Transport the need for them to supply shipping which will enable the lorries to be returned to Italy under the conditions set forth in the Italian Ministry's para. A of the letter referred to above. Action by you would be much appreciated.

H.Q. Allied Commission,
Rome.

(copy to H.Q. B.M.A. Eritrea.)

H.L.M. COTTER, Lieut,
for CHIEF SECRETARY.

HLMC/JT.

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1100 29 JULY 46

TPW AND SHIPPING BRANCH ALCOM

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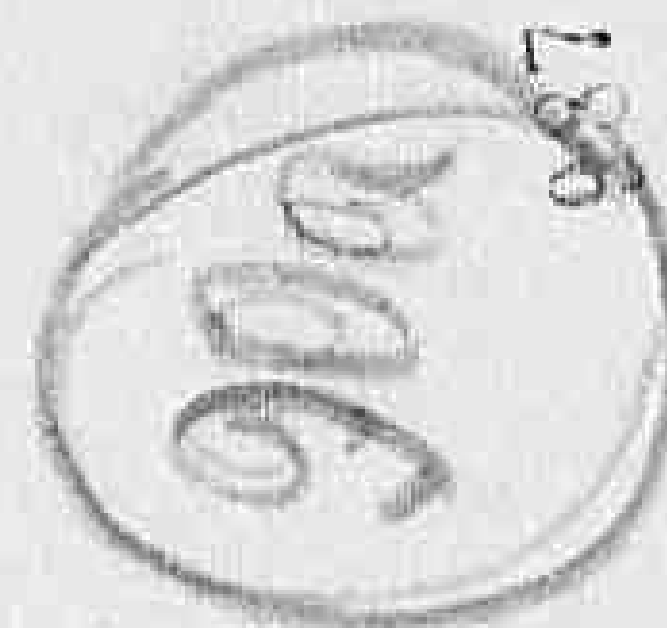
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Transportation and Shipping Branch

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AG/362/IR.5

23 July 1946

Subject : Lorries from Britain.

To : Ministry of Transport
Italian Government
Rome.

1. References your letter No 8396/021/A dated 18 July 1946.
2. Herewith copy of telegram received from B.N.M.A. Britain.

A.B. WHITE
Lt. Colonel
Director.

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Copy of cable¹/₂

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

TN.

Originator's Reference: CA 1831

Message Centre No: N/4836

Date/Time of Origin JUL. 1913000

Date Time Rec'd: JUL. 221500

FROM: BEAL BRITRA

Precedence: PRIORITY

TO : TRANSPYXX AND SHIPPING CO HQ ROME

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Subject is enttreen vehicles to Italy. Your signal 4245 7/C of 19. shipment made on commercial basis agents received payment in east african shillings and selling with shipping company in sterling through London. Amount involved approx pounds sterling 36700.

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DEI TRASPORTI

*Ministero delle Comunicazioni*ISPettorato GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE
E DEI TRASPORTI IN CONCESSIONEHEADQUARTERS ALLIED
COMMISSION A.P.O.394
TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING
BRANCH
= R O M A =*Serv. IV°**3396/021/A Alghero*

OGGETTO Rimpatrio automezzi Eritrea.

URGENTISSIMA

Risulta che in data 13 luglio la nave Mount Davis sarebbe salpata da Massaua con carico di 129 autocarri, 19 rimorchi e 5 autobus, con arrivo presumibile a Genova.

Per averne norma nei provvedimenti d'adottare si prega interessare telegraficamente la B.M.A. dell'Eritrea a fare conoscere via telegrafica se il pagamento in valuta delle spese di trasporto con la detta nave Mount Davis sia stato effettuato direttamente da parte degli interessati e, nel caso affermativo, la misura stessa del pagamento.

IL MINISTRO

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IL MINISTRO

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(Translation)

Ministry of Transporte

Ispettorato Generale per la Motorizzazione
civile e dei trasporti in concessione

N/ 8396/ 021 A

Rome 18 July 1946

Subject: Repatriation
motorcars from
Eritrea -

Hqs Allied Allied Commission

A.P.O. 394

Tn. and Shipping Branch

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It results that on the 13th July inst. the vessel

"Mount Davis" would have left Massaua with a cargo of
129 trucks, 19 trailers and 5 buses, which will presumably
arrive at Genoa.

In order to have a guidance for the arrangements to
be taken, please wire to the Eritrea E.M.A. to let
know, by signal, whether the payment, in foreign currency,
of the expenses for the transport effected by the same
vessel "Mount Davis" has been directly made by the concern-
ed persons and, in the affirmative, the amount of the
payment.

for The MINISTER

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.
APO 790
Transportation and Shipping Branch

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AQ/362/Tn. 1

15 July 1946

Subject : Transportation of Vehicles from Eritrea.

To : Headquarters
British Military Administration
Eritrea.

1. Reference signal H/2248 of April 21st from Mideast copy to you.
2. A copy of letter just received from the Ministry of Transport is attached for your information.
3. This subcommission is not now in a position to obtain the shipping requested.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

A.H. STREET
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Transportation and Shipping Branch

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AC/362/Tn.5

15 July 1946

Subject : Transportation of Vehicles from Eritrea.

To : Ministry of Transport
Ispettorato Generale Motorizzazioni Civile.

1. Reference your 7672/021/A undated.
2. It is regretted that this Office is not now in a position to arrange the shipping requested.
3. A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the B.M.A. Eritrea.

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A.H. STREET
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Director.

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From : Ministry of Transport
Inspector, Gen., of Civil Motorization

Ref. No : 7672/021/A

Subject : Transportation of Vehicles from Britain.

To : Mr. AG, Transportation & Shipping Branch
Rome.

In your letter 10/362/m.5 of 23rd April you enclosed copy of telegram No 5798 of 24th April from the R.M.A. Britain, in which they requested the Italian Government to undertake payment of the charges due for the transport of trucks and personnel from Britain the first shipment of which has already been carried out on the steamer "Ion Grey".

The question of this repatriation has been studied by this Ministry. The Minister of Foreign Affairs for Italian Africa, the Ministry of Marine and the Treasury at a meeting held at the Ministry of Transport.

The representatives of the foregoing authorities discussed at length, whether or no the repatriation of the vehicles was indispensable. The decision was reached, that the 530 trucks still in Britain and the drivers subject of the decision and at the time by the Ministry of Transport On. Carabona and which are referred to in the above telegram from the R.M.A. Britain should be returned to Italy.

Therefore this Ministry in agreement with the decision reached at the joint meeting and at the request of the Minister of Marine it will be indispensable that a suitable vessel be made available and to cover the cost of the transportation and the cost of the trucks.

Therefore this Ministry requests the Allied Commission, that in view of the complexity of the above subject and telegram of 24th April, will request from the Italian authorities in London the assignment of a vessel capable of carrying the above mentioned cargo from Britain to Italy and at the same time to advise freight rates and canal dues.

At the same time with a view to facilitating the acquiring the above vessel, the Allied Commission, if it considers it advisable, is requested to ask R.M.A. Britain to support the above request with the authorities in London.

It is also necessary to request the A.C. to advise the R.M.A. Britain of the following.

a. The Italian Government accepts responsibility for payment of the charges for transport of the trucks and drivers.

In your letter of 22/4/44, you enclosed copy of telegram No 5798 of 21st April from the B.M.A. Britain, in which they requested the Italian Government to undertake payment of the charges due for the transport of trucks and personnel from Britain the first shipment of which has already been carried out on the steamer "Les Oveys".

The question of this repatriation has been studied by this Ministry, The Minister of Foreign Affairs for Italian Africa, The Ministry of Marine and the Treasury at a meeting held at the Ministry of Commerce.

The repatriation of the foregoing vehicles mentioned at length, whether or no the repatriation of the vehicles was indispensable, the decision was reached, that the 330 trucks still in Britain and the drivers subject of the decision made at the time by the Minister of Transport Mr. Dawson and which are referred to in the above telegram from the B.M.A. Britain should be returned to Italy.

Therefore this Ministry in agreement with the decision reached at the joint meeting and at the request of the Minister of Marine it will be indispensable that a suitable vessel be made available and to meet the cost of the transportation of the said cargo.

The above this Ministry requests the Allied Commission, that in view of the importance of the above matter and the fact that the B.M.A. will request from the proper authorities in London the assignment of a vessel capable of carrying the above mentioned cargo from Britain to Italy and at the same time to advise freight rates and canal dues.

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It is also necessary to request the A.C. to advise the B.M.A. where of the following.

a. The Italian Government accepts responsibility for payment of the charges for transport of the trucks and drivers but these charges and any others in connection with the repatriation will be passed on to the owners or users of the trucks to be repatriated, for which the Government at the time of shipping will take all precautions and guarantees.

b. On the ship allocated for the transport above mentioned, it is also wished to ship, according to facilities available, once the trucks and owners and families are accommodated, up to 500 Italian nationals already authorized to be repatriated from Britain and who must pay for the journey to the B.M.A. in cash at the time of embarkation the Italian Government will assume no responsibility for cost of these passages.

A reply is awaited.

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THE MINISTER

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TRANSLATION

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From : Ministry of Transport
Inspect. Gen. of Civil Motorization

Ref.No : 7672/024/A

Subject : Transportation of Vehicles from Eritrea.

To : HQ. AC, Transportation & Shipping Branch
Rome.

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The question of this repatriation has been studied by this Ministry, The Minister of Foreign Affairs for Italian Africa, The Ministry of Marine and The Treasury at a meeting held at the Ministry of Transport.

The representatives of the foregoing Ministries discussed at length, whether or no the repatriation of the vehicles was indispensable. The decision was reached, that the 330 trucks still in Eritrea and the drivers subject of the decision made at the time by the Minister of Transport On. Cerabona and which are referred to in the above telegram from the B.M.A. Eritrea should be returned to Italy.

Therefore this Ministry in agreement with the decision reached at the joint meeting and at the request of the Minister of Marine it will be indispensable that a suitable vessel be made available and to know the cost of the transportation and the Suez Canal dues.

Therefore this Ministry requests the Allied Commission, that in view of the contents of the above mentioned telegram of 21st April, will request from the Proper authorities in London the assignment of a vessel capable of carrying the above mentioned cargo from Eritrea to Italy and at the same time to advise freight rates and canal dues.

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The Italian Government accepts responsibility for payment of the charter

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A reply is awaited.

THE MINISTER

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COMMISSION. AP.O. 394

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DEI TRASPORTI

Ministero dei Trasporti

ISPettorato GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE
E DEI TRASPORTI IN CONCESSIONE

SERV. IV°
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Proposta di Fido

OGGETTO Rimpatrio autoveicoli dall'Eritrea.

Con lettera 23 aprile u.s. ac./362/TN.5 codesta Commissione trasmetteva la copia del telegramma n.5798 in data 21 aprile proveniente dalla B.M.A. dell'Eritrea, con la quale si sollecitava il Governo Italiano a dare impegno per il pagamento delle somme occorrenti relativo al trasporto degli autoveicoli e connazionali dall'Eritrea il cui primo scaglione é stato testé rimpatriato con la nave Asa Grey.

La situazione del rimpatrio in parola é stata esaminata dai rappresentanti di questo Ministero, da quelli del Ministero degli Affari Esteri, dell'Africa Italiana, del Ministero della Marina e del Ministero del Tesoro in una riunione all'uopo tenutasi presso il Ministero dei Trasporti.

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Tra i rappresentanti delle dette Amministrazioni si discusse a lungo per precisare se il rimpatrio degli automezzi fosse da ritenere indispensabile e si giunse alla determinazione di ritenere appunto indispensabile il rimpatrio dei 330 automezzi ancora in Eritrea e dei relativi autotrasportatori, tenuto conto degli impegni presi a suo tempo dal Ministro dei Trasporti On.Cerabona e delle conseguenze politiche di cui é parola nel telegramma sopraindicato della B.M.A. dell'Eritrea.

Pertanto questo Ministero, in armonia a quanto stabilito

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nella riunione e di quanto ebbe a riportare il rappresentante del Ministero della Marina, si rende conto come sia indispensabile reperire la nave onde poter effettuare il trasporto e di conoscere al tempo stesso con precisione il prezzo del nolo e la somma che dovrà pagarsi per i diritti di transito nel Canale di Suez.

In tali sensi questo Ministero interessa codesta Commissione Alleata perché, in relazione a quanto esposto nel telegramma 21 aprile u.s., voglia sollecitare le competenti Autorità di Londra per l'assegnazione di una nave adatta da poter adibire al trasporto di cui trattasi dall'Eritrea in Italia e nello stesso tempo di premurare tali Autorità a fare conoscere il costo del nolo e dei diritti relativi al passaggio del Canale di Suez.

Allo scopo di facilitare il raggiungimento di quanto sopra esposto, codesta Commissione potrebbe, ove ritenuto opportuno, svolgere sollecitazioni presso la B.M.A. dell'Eritrea perché appoggi e sostenga la richiesta stessa della nave presso le competenti Autorità di Londra.

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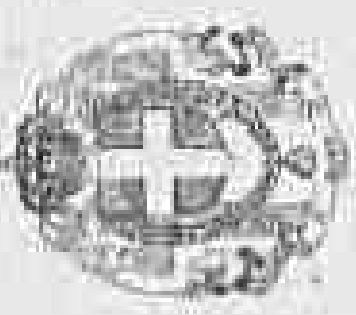
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b) sulla nave che potrà essere adibita ai trasporti di cui trattasi occorre siano anche imbarcati, nei limiti delle disponibilità, effettuato il carico degli automezzi e proprietari con relative famiglie, una aliquota dei 5.500 connazionali già autorizzati al rimpatrio dall'Eritrea, i quali dovranno pagare, per il tramite della B.M.A. in valuta, all'atto dell'imbarco, la spe

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DEI TRASPORTI

Ministero delle Comunicazioni

ISPETTORATO GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE
E DEI TRASPORTI IN CONCESSIONE

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sa del trasporto medesimo per la quale il Governo Italiano non
assume nessun impegno al riguardo.

Si resta in attesa di notizie in merito.

IL MINISTRO

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 17039/OET

Message Centre No: H/3409

Date/Time of Origin: MAY.281200B

Date Time Rec'd: MAY.291000

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MIDEAST

TO : ALCON TPTN ROME INFO BEMA ASMARA

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By 14878/OET of 21. Grateful earliest reply.

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PARA ONE PD YOUR SIGNAL ONCE LAST TAKE OF TWO ONE MAY IS SUBJECT PD
 PARA TWO PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ADVISE THAT SHIPPING FOR LOGGERS AND
 OPERATORS FROM KRITREA MAY BE AVAILABLE LATTER PART OF JUNE PD
 THEY ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN SHIPPING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PD

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NICHOLAS FIGORIO

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WALTER F. FIGORIO
 LT. COLONEL USA

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: OET

Message Centre No: H/3232

Date/Time of Origin: 211030B

Date Time Rec'd: MAY 231630

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MIDEAST

TO: ALCOM TPTN ROME INFO BEMA ASMARA

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Your 2641 of 23 Apr.(clear). Grateful information latest position regarding shipping for lorries and repatriates from Eritrea.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 09519/OEP CIPHER Message Centre No: H/2691
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 Precedence: ROUTINE
 FROM: MIDEAST
 TO: BEMA ASMARA
 INFO: ALCOM

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~~SECRET~~ *Unclassified Walter Buzza
Jr. Col. DMC*
 YOUR CA 1063 OF 1 MAY LATEST POSITION IS THAT WE ARE ASSURED BY ALCOM THAT ITALIAN GOVERN-
 MENT MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN SHIPPING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MEANWHILE EXPEDITE LISTS
 UNACCOMPANIED NAMES REQUESTED IN MY OET/06718 OF 2 APRIL. ALCOM ONLY YOUR 2641 UNCLASSIFIED
 OF 23 APRIL REFERS.

~~SECRET~~ *Unclassified
Walter Buzza
Jr. Col. DMC*

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This message will not be distributed outside
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 Headquarters or not submitted even in cipher
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 O.T.P. need not be paraphrased).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation and Shipping Branch

WPS/vr

AC/362/Tn.5

23 April 1946.

Subject : Vehicles - Eritrea.

To : Ministry of Transport
Italian Government
Rome.

1. The attached copy of telegram N°05798 OET, dated April 21, from Mideast is forwarded for your information.
2. This headquarters advised Mideast by our telegram N°2641 dated 23 April that " Italian Government is making every effort to obtain shipping as soon as possible", copy of which is also attached for your records.

WALTER P. SCOGGINS
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Director. 972

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COPY TO: DISPLAC. PERS. S/C
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, ITAL. GOVT.
ECONOMIC SECTION.

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TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING BRANCH

JACKSON R. HUMPHREY
CWO. USA.
ASST. ADJT

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WALTER F. JONES
LT. COL. USA. DIRECTOR



INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 05798 GET

Message Centre No: H/2248

Date/Time of Origin:

Date Time Rec'd: APRIL 21 0930

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: MIDEAST

TO : ALCOM

INFO: USA NAPLES TROOPERS BEMA ASHARA

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MIR 202 UNNUMBERED SIGNAL OF 16 JANUARY COPY TO YOU AND ALSO PREVIOUS SIGNALS MENTIONED PREPARED ITALIAN GOVT TO PAY FREIGHT IN DOLLARS. REFUDIATION OF THIS UNDERSTANDING OVER SECOND TRIP ASIA ASA GRAY GRAVE CONCERN WERE OWING TO SERIOUS POLITICAL FOR CONSEQUENCES THIS UNEXPECTED REFUSAL WILL CAUSE IN ERITRAEA IF VESSEL HAD BEEN BRITISH FREIGHT WOULD STILL BE PAYABLE BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BUT THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS. REQUEST STRONGEST REPRESENTATIONS BE MADE TO OBTAIN FURTHER TRIPS. SUGGEST ADVANTAGEOUS LOAD EX ITALY INCLUDE 55 ETHIOPIANS NOW IN BRITISH CARE AT REFUGEE CAMP AVERSA NEAR NAPLES AND ARMENIAN BOYS IN CARE OF BRITISH LEGATION VATICAN CITY. REPEATED APPLICATION FOR THEIR RETURN MADE BY ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT BUT FORMERLY IMPOSSIBLE OWING TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES. ALSO 200/300 OLD COLONIALS WHOSE RETURN ALREADY AUTHORISED.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation and Shipping Branch

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AC/362/Tn. 5

18 April 1946.

Subject : Ship "Asa Gray".

To : Ministry of Transport
Italian Government
Rome.

For your information, the following telegram has been received from War Shipping Administration-Naples :

"In view of your advice of April 15 that Italian Government not prepared make guarantee and payment in U.S. dollars for trip of Asa Gray to Eritrea to pick up 2nd lift of vehicles and personnel please advise Italian Government Asa Gray consequently will not return for this 2nd lift"

WALTER P. SCOGGINS
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Director. 969

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In view of your advice of April 15 that Italian Government not prepared make guarantee and payment in us dollars for trip of ASA Gray to Eritrea to pick up 2nd lift of vehicles and personnel please advise Italian Government ASA Gray consequently will not return for this 2nd lift.

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ACTION: ECHO SEC 2

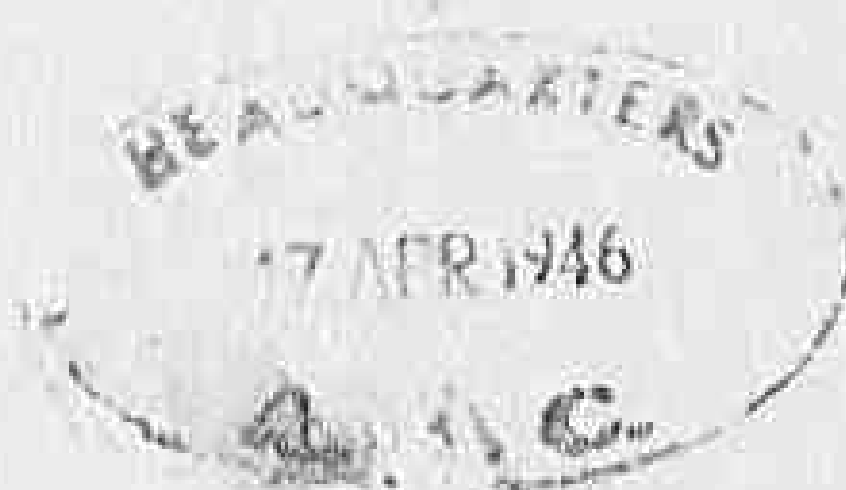
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation and Shipping Branch

WPS/vr

AC/362/Tn.5

18 April 1946.

Subject : Transport Payment for Italian Drivers and Trucks
from Eritrea.

To : Ministry of Transport
Ispettorato Generale M.O.T.C.
Italian Government
Rome.

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 12 April 1946,
Ref. Serv.IV.N.5348/021/A, above subject.
2. This headquarters does not have the information re-
quested in the above referred to letter and it is suggested that
you address an inquiry to the Ministry of Marine, Italian Govern-
ment, who can obtain the information from the War Shipping
Administration.

WALTER P. SCOGGINS
Lt.Colonel, GMC
Colonel.

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MINISTERO DEI TRASPORTI

Ispettorato Generale M.C.T.C.

Rome, 12 aprile 1946

Serv. IV°
N. 5348/021/A

To: HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation and Shipping Branch
Movements Division
R O M E

Subject: Transport payment for Italian drivers and Trucks
from Eritrea.

U R G E N T

With reference to your letter of the 31 December 1945, AC.362/Tn.5, it is desired to know, in order to answer to a similar request from the Ministry of Treasury, the amount in sterling needed for the payment of transports and rights of passage thru the Suez Canal, for the Italian drivers and Trucks on their way of repatriation from Eritrea.

Such amount needed, may be referred to, as to each of the Liberty Ships (as Asa Grey) that will be used for the transport of the above mentioned.

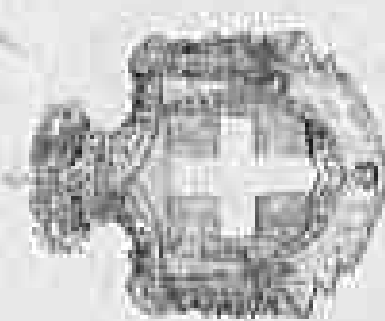
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Roma 12 aprile 1946



Ministero dei Trasporti

ISPettorato GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE
E DEI TRASPORTI IN CONCESSIONEHEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
P.O. 394-TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING
SUB-COMMISSION - Shipping Branch. Move-
ments Division = R O M A =S. E. SERV. IV°
Aut. N° 5348/0° 1/A. MoggiPropostual. Regio N°
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ed automezzi da Eritrea.URGENTE

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IL MINISTRO

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IL MINISTRO

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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTS,
Inspect. Gen. of Civil Motorization

SUBJECT : Transports to Eritrea.

Rome, 15 April 1946.

TO : ARMED COMMISSION, APO 394, Transportation & Shipping Branch, RCMS.

Ministry of Transports, Inspect. Gen. of Civil Motorization No. 5564.
With reference to our telephone conversation No. 5552, we beg to
inform you that we have not yet received any answer regarding the transports
to Eritrea from the State Treasury.

With a view to the fact that the term, foreseen by that Office for
communicating to you our own decision thereupon, expires to-day, we take
care of informing you that this Ministry do not consider themselves in a
position to order a second trip to Eritrea (S/S ABBA CHAY) for Italian
Government's account.

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For the Minister

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MINISTERO DEI TRASPORTI
Ispettorato Generale
della Motorizzazione Civile
e dei Trasporti in Concessione

Roma, 15 Aprile 1946

SERVIZIO IV

FONOGRAMMA

ALLIED COMMISSION = APO 394
Transportation and Shipping Branch

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MINISTERO TRASPORTI = ISPETTORATO GENERALE MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE
N. 5564 punto CON RIFERIMENTO A NOSTRO FONOGRAMMA N. 5552 SI FA
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MISSIONE ED IN CONSIDERAZIONE CHE ALLA DATA ODIERNA NON E' ANCORA
PERVENUTA LA DECISIONE IN MERITO DAL MINISTERO DEL TESORO, QUESTO
MINISTERO RITIENE DI NON DOVER AVANZARE LA RICHIESTA CHE IL VAPORE
ASA GREY EFFETTUI UN SECONDO VIAGGIO PER L'ERITREA IN CONTO DEL
GOVERNO ITALIANO.

PROMINISTRO

F.to DE CUPIS

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PARA ONE PD YOUR MESSAGE LIKE YOUR FIVE ONE SEVEN OF ONE ONE APRIL
IN SUBJECT PD

PARA TWO TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT NOT DEFAY NOT NOW PREPARED TO MAKE
WARRANTS AND PAYMENT IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS FOR TRIP OF ASA GRAY
TO ABITHRA TO PICK UP WOUND LIFT OF VEHICLE AND PERSONNEL AND RETURN PD

PRIORITY

TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING BRANCH

482

WALTER P. SCOBINS
LT. COLONEL GPO.

G.J. LONN
GPO. USA.
ASST. ADJ.



INCOMING MESSAGE

HEAD ARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: M 4517
Date/Time of Origin: APRIL 111630

Message Centre No: H/1937 +1/1937
Date Time Rec'd: APRIL 121530
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: SMITH WSA NAPLES

TO : ALCOM ROME

UNCLASSIFIED:

Reference Mideast signal C2532 urgent that you advise US arrangement for guarantee and payment in US dollars in order we determine if ASA Gray is available for second lift.

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ACTION - TPTN BR 2

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M 4517
APRIL 111630

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ROUTINE

SMITH WSA NAPLES

ALCOM ROME

UNCLASSIFIED:

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ACTION - TPTN BR 2

INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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INCOMING MESSAGE

N.8323/cif

ROMA NAPOLI 44964 115 1018 =

Originator's Reference:

Message Centre No:

Date/Time of Origin:

Date Time Rec'd:

Precedence:

FROM:

TO : D ALCOM ROME ==

M 4393 REFERENCE YOUR 2326 REFERRING ASA GRAY PD FOLLOWING
 SIGNAL SENT TO MIDEAST APRIL 8 PD QUOTE REFERENCE ASA GRAY
 PD MAKE IMMEDIATE BID TO US REQUESTIONN REQUESTING VESSEL
 MAKE SECOND LIFT VEHICLES AND PASSENGERS MASSAWA NAPLES PD
 STATE WHAT IS AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT CMA WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
 MAKING PAYMENT WHICH MUST BE MADE IN DOLLARS OR EGYPTIAN
 POUNDS CMA WHO GIVES GUARANTEE PD AS ROUND TRIP TAKES ABOUT
 TWENTY FIVE DAYS AND INVOLVES CANAL CHARGES BOTH WAYS NOTHINF
 BUT MAXWMUM LIET OF VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL COULD BE CONSIDERED
 PD WITH THIS BID NROM YOU WE CAN GIVE IMMEDIATE REPLY AS TO
 AVAILABILITY OF VESSEL FOR SECOND LIFT UNQUOTE SMITFMM SMITH
 WSA +

10 APR 1975 02:31
 IL CAPITANO ADDETTO
 (Canali 100)

[Signature]

TRANS-S/C
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TRUNO ORE2400/10/4/ PIANO RCV SOD MARTINO==

15 April 1946.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTS

Inspectorate of Civ. Transports.

No. 5552

SUBJECT : Cost of Transports to Eritrea.

To : ARABED COMMISSION, Transportation & Shipping Branch, R O M E .

With reference to telegram No. M 4393 regarding second trip .
to Eritrea (S/S ASA GRAY) we communicate to you that we have asked
the State Treasury for authorization for payment of the transportation
cost in Dollars or Egyptian £, with a view to the importance of the
freights regarding the voyage concerned

For the Minister

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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTS,
Inspect. Gen. of Civil Motorization

SUBJECT : Transports to Eritrea.

Rome, 13 April 1946.

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION, APO 39, Transportation & Shipping Branch, ROME.

Ministry of Transports, Inspect. Gen. of Civil Motorization, No. 5552.
With reference to signal M.4393 regarding a second trip to Eritrea
(S/S ASSA GRAY), we beg to inform you that this Ministry has asked the State
Treasury for authorization for payment of transportation cost in Dollars or
Egyptian £, with a view to the high freights of the trip proposed.

For the Minister,

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Roma 13.4.46

F O N O G R A M M AALLIED COMMISSION = APO 394
Transportation and Shipping Branch

= R O M A =

MINISTERO TRASPORTI ISPETTORATO MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE N. 5552 punto
CON RIFERIMENTO AL TELEGRAMMA M.4393 RELATIVO SECONDO VIAGGIO PER
ERITREA PIROSCAFO ASA GREY COMUNICASI CHE CONSIDERATA ENTITA' DEI
NOLI RELATIVI VIAGGI ANDATA E RITORNO QUESTO MINISTERO HABET INTE-
RESSATO MINISTERO TESORO PER AUTORIZZAZIONE PAGAMENTO DOLLARI O
STERLINE EGIZIANE RELATIVO COSTO TRASPORTI punto

PROMINISTRO

P.to DE CUPIS



362/11

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 00858/OET
Date/Time of Origin: APR 041630

Message Centre No: H/1639
Date Time Rec'd: APR 050945
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MIDEAST

TO : WSA NAPLES SHIPMINDER NAPLES ZONE 3 ALCOM ROME UNRRA ROME
BEMA ASMARA

ACTION

UNCLASSIFIED.

1. Understand from your M 410 of 2 to Shipminder Cairo (not T all) ASA Gray not available further flight. Request you reconsider in view of masters willing and most satisfactory arrangement made for 1st flight.
2. Eritrea administration reports no further timber available platforms therefore imperative it be returned on whatever ship is detailed for future flights grateful you arrange this.
3. For ALCOM and UNRRA only please press urgently for shipping at earliest dated.
4. For BEMA Asmara only your CA 855 refers.

AC DIST.

ACTION: TPTN BR 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 00847/OE
 Date/Time of Origin: APR 041230B

Message Centre No: H/1634
 Date Time Rec'd: APR 050915
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MIDEAST
 TO: WEST NAPLES, INFO: SHIPMINDER NAPLES ZONE 3 ALCOM ROME UNRRA ROME BEMA
 ASMARA

UNCLASSIFIED:

Further to my 10041/OET of 1.

1. Understand from your M110 of 2 to Shipminder Cairo (not to all ASA Gray not available further flight. Request you reconsider in view of masters willing ness and most satisfactory arrangements made for first flight.
2. Eritrea Administration reports no further timber available platforms therefore imperative it be returned on whatever ship is detailed for future flights grateful you arrange this.
3. For Alcom and UNRRA please press urgently for shipping at earliest date.
4. For Bema Asmara only your C4855 refers.

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INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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HEADQUARTERS
 7 APR 1946
 A. C.

INFO - ACTION

ALCOM TPTN

APR 051410

WBA SAMPLES FOR SMITH

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UNCLASSIFIED

PARA ONE PD SIGNAL ZERO ZERO EIGHT FIVE EIGHT SEANT UNOS BAST TARE
DATED FOUR APRIL FROM MIDHAST IS SUBJECT PD

PARA TWO PD REQUEST YOU RECONSIDER AND RETURN ABA GRAY TO MASSAWA FOR
ANOTHER LOAD OF VEHICLES IF AT ALL POSSIBLE PD PLEASE ADVISE PD

COPY TO MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
ROME

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PRIORITY

TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING BRANCH

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WALTER P. SCOGGINS
LT. COLONEL, 3MC

THURMAN OLIVER
CAPT. INF
ACTG ASST ADJT

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MIDEAST

ROUTINE

WSA NAPLES

INFO: SHIPMINDER NAPLES ZONE THREE ALCOM ROME UNRRA ROME

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Reference your M3400 of 1 Mar and EER our EOT/96395 of 16 (not to all understand Q Master of ASA Gray has stated that he is not due back in United States until August 4 and is authorised her if fully prepared under take 2 or more further lifts of lorries. Massawa to Naples. Grateful you obtain authorisation these lifts which will greatly ease difficult situation in Eritrea.

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INFO ACTION: ECON 3

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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ACTION: *Transportation*

INFO: *A/VP*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation and Shipping Branch

WPS/vr

AC/362/Pn.5

1 April 1946

Subject : Shipment of Vehicles from Eritrea.

To : Ministry of Transport
Italian Government
Rome

1. For your information the following telegram, dated 28 March 1946, has been received from the War Shipping Administration, Naples :

"Ship "Asa Gray" presently Makassar has been instructed to load maximum number vehicles that can safely be taken. Vessel will not be available for second load. "Sestriere" equipped seven ton booms all hatches or other Italian tonnage suggested for lifting vehicles and drivers after "Asa Gray".

2. If the Italian Government is desirous of getting the vehicles, drivers and families shipped from Eritrea at the earliest possible date, it is suggested that application be made to the Ministry of Marine for use of the "Sestriere" or other Italian ship equipped with booms.

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Copy to : Ministry of Marine
Italian Government
Rome.

WALTER P. JOGGINS
Lt. Colonel CMC.
Director.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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Originator's Reference:

Message Centre No:

Date/Time of Origin:

Date Time Rec'd:

FROM:

Precedence:

TO :

=DALCOM TPTN ROMA=-

=M 3941 REUR 2108 ASA GRAY PRESENTLY MASSAWA HAS BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO LOAD MAXIMUM NUMBER VEHICLES THAT CAN SAFELYBE
TAKEN PD VESSEL WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SECOND LOAD PD SESTRIERE
EQUIPPED SEVEN TON BOOMAS ALL HATCHES OR OTHER ITALIAN TONNAGE
SUGGESTED FOR LIFTING VEHICLES AND DRIVERS AFTER ASA GRAY
SMITH WSA

28 MAR 1964
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C. M. M. M.

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Tr. 19.30 - Claudio
Re. 28/3 - Vittorio

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WMA HAPERS FOR SMITH

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PARA ONE PD FOLLOWING EXTRACTS FROM MIDWEST SIGNAL NINE EIGHT TWO ONE
 TWO SLANT QUERN BRACKET LIKE BRACKET TWO DATED TWO ^{TWO} MARCH ARE
 REPEATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION QUOTE SHIPMENT OF VEHICLES SIX WHITEA PD
 UNDERSTAND FIRST VESSEL NOW LOADING MASSAWA CAN ONLY LIST SIX ZERO
 VEHICLES PD CONSIDERABLE UNEASY AND HARDSHIP BEING EXPERIENCED AMONGST
 DRIVERS AND FAMILIES ACCOUNT LONG WAIT FOR SHIPPING WHICH IN SOME
 CASES HAS EXCEEDED EIGHT MONTHS PD REQUEST WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION
 USES EVERY ENDEAVOR TO SHIP REMAINDER AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT UNQUOTE
 PD

PARA TWO PD IN THIS CONNECTION ATTENTION IS INVITED TO SIGNAL TWO ZERO
 SIX ZERO OF TWO THREE MARCH THIS HEADQUARTERS TO CHQ MIDWEST PD

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COPY TO : ECONOMIC SECTION

PRIORITY

TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING BRANCH

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WALTER F. SCORRING
 LT. COLONEL, CGS

C. J. DROMS
 CWO, USA
 ASST. ADJT

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 98212/Q(M)2

Message Centre No: H/1104

Date/Time of Origin: MARCH 22 1303

Date Time Rec'd: MARCH 23 1130

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MIDEAST

TO: CMF, INFO/ TROOPERS ALCOM ROME

UNCLASSIFIED/

Ref MWTR MED (46) RAH 18 January and connected signals. Shipment of vehicles Ex Eritrea.

1. Understand first vessel now loading Massawa can only lift 60 vehicles.
2. 55. Considerable unrest and D hardship being experienced amongst drivers and families account long wait for shipping which in some cases has exceeded 8 Months.
3. For Alcom Rome. Request WSA uses every endeavour to ship remainder at earliest possible moment.
4. For Troopers. Request para 3 presupposes continued impossibility of allocation British tonnage for this purpose,

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INFO ACTION - TPTN BR 2

INFO + CHIEF COMMISSIONER

ECON SEC 2

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23 MAR 1946

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ALCOM TPRH

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HIDEANT

WFOG SEA RAPIDS FOR SMITH BREA AEWARA UNERRA RORR(BY HAND)

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PARA ONE PD YOUR SIGNAL NINE NINE SIX TWO FIVE BLANT CEON BABY TARE
OF TWO FIVE MARCH IS SUBJECT PD
PARA TWO PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PROVIDE IN GUARANTEE INTENDS THAT
BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION SHOULD ACT AS ITS AGENT TO INSURE
LOADING DONE WITH REASONABLE CARE HOWEVER AFTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT NOW REQUESTS ONLY LOAD QUANTITY OF VEHICLES THAT
WASTED APPROVED WHICH IS UNDERTOOD TO BE SIXTY PD

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COPY TO : ECONOMIC SECTION
MIN. OF TRANSPORT ITAL. GOVERNMENT

PRIORITY

TRANS. & SHIPPING BRANCH

C.F. LEONE
CFO. USA
ASST. ASST

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WALTON. SCOTTING
LT. COLONEL. USA

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 98625/OET

Message Centre No: H/1200

Date/Time of Origin: MAR. 25 1930B

Date Time Rec'd: MAR. 26 0930B

Precedence: OP PRIORITY

FROM: MIDEAST

TO : ALCOM TPTN INFO: AFHQ WSA NAPLES FOR SMITH BEMA ~~EXXTREX~~ ASMARA

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Your 2060 of 23. Italian Government proviso that loading should be ~~quite~~ "approved by British military administration Eritrea" not understood. Consider ships master only person qualified esthet approve or disapprove does it is mean Italian Government will BMA ACT as ITS agent to ensue loading is done with reasonable care. BMA cannot however in any circumstances accept responsibility for any damage done to lorries of shop on voyage or during loading please clarify. Present position is that ^{WFA} has instructed agent in Massawa to load only what master. Approves.

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INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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INCOMING MESSAGE

* ROMA DA NAPOLI 28764 52 25 10,15 ++

Originator's Reference: _____

Date/Time of Origin: _____

Message Centre No: _____

Date Time Rec'd: _____

Precedence: _____

FROM:

TO : ++ D. ALCOM TPTN ROMA ++

++ M. 3822 YOUR 2060 TO GHQ MILDEAST FOR YOUR INFORMATION ASA GRAY
IS WSA SHIP PD AS WSA HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY STATEMENT FROM ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT INDEMNIFYNG SHIP FOR DAMAGES LOADING LORRIES MASSAWA NO
LOADING WILL BE APPROVED BY US EXCEPT IN HATCHES FITTED WITH JUMBO
BOOMS ++ SMITH WSA ++++

25 MAR 1965

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IL CAPITANO ARDETTO
(Cavaliere)

Handwritten: 5/25

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* TR 1 ORE 2000250346 PAOLANTONI

RC 1 VITTORI+

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ALCOM ROME AFHQ (CASERTA)

UNTRA ROME, INFO: WSA NAPIES FOR SMITH ALCOM ROME BMA ASMARA

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Your 1-212 undated. Subject is lorries from ERITREA.

Number proposed for first lift on ASA GRAY P was 130. Master will not lift more than 60 unless he receives letter of complete indemnification for any damage to ship if extra 70 are lifted. Neither BMA ERITREA nor this his CHQ can agree accept this financial responsibility. Consider that Italian Government who are meeting cost of shipment should give assurance of indemnity required. Grateful you do all possible to urge Italian Government accept. Loading will begin 24 March. Serious hardship will ensue to drivers of 70 lorries if shipment disallowed. For what NAPIES only what CAIRO signal no CN 219 and subsequent signals refer distn what (R SCHAIFFER) MWT.

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INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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NR R 231106

ORQ MIDEAST

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PARA ONE PD YOUR SIGNAL ORON RABY TARE SLANT NINE SEVEN ONE THREE
SEVEN OF ONE NINE MARCH TO ENNA CODE IN SUBJECT PD
PARA TWO PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DELIVERED TO ALCON CODE LETTER
GUARANTEEING PAYMENT OF ANY DAMAGE TO SHIP ASA GRAY BY LOADING ONE
HUNDRED THIRTY LORRIES FROM ENITRA PROVIDED LOADING IS APPROVED BY
BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION ENITRA PD

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COPY TO : ECONOMIC SECTION
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT ITALIAN GOVT.

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PRIORITY

TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING BRANCH

C.J. BRONE
C/O. VHA
ADST. ADST.

WALTER P. SCOTT
LT. COL.

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ALCOM ROME AFHQ (CASERTA)

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IMMEDIATE

UNHRA ROME, INFO: WSA NAPLES FOR SMITH ALCOM ROME BOMA AEMARA

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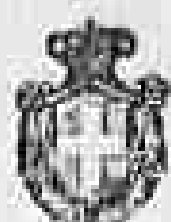
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MINISTERO DEI TRASPORTI
GABINETTO

Roma, 23 marzo 1946

N. M.III-1/1947

Risposta al N.

OGGETTO: Trasporto autocarri da Massaua all'Italia.

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Transport Subcommittee

R O M E

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Con riferimento alla richiesta verbale fatta da codesta Commissione Alleata circa noto trasporto autocarri da Massaua all'Italia e richiesta garanzia per eventuali danni al piroscalo Asagrey per costruzione piano carico nella stiva adatto per migliore utilizzazione piroscalo nel trasporto dei detti autocarri, confermo che questo Ministero concede la suddetta garanzia.

Naturalmente sarà cura della British Military Administration dell'Eritrea per mezzo delle sue Autorità Portuali di sorvegliare che la costruzione del piano di carico e lo stivaggio dei veicoli venga fatta a regola d'arte e con tutte le precauzioni del caso.

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION

Rome 23 March 1946

N° M.III-1/1947

Subject:- Transport of trucks from Massana to Italy

To :- Allied Commission - Transport Sub-Commission
ROME

Reference to verbal request made by Allied Commission regard movement of trucks from Massana to Italy, and requested guarantee for any eventual damage to the ship "Asagrey" for construction of loading plane in the ship hold to better the transport of said trucks, we confirm that this Ministry is willing to give a/m guarantee.

It is understood that the British Military Administration will see to it that the construction of said plane is built with care and that the loading of the trucks take place with all the precautions necessary.

The Chief of the
Cabinet

Simoni

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ALCOM

4 - 1745 MARCH 1946

L I D E A S T CIVIL AFFAIRS INFO G-5 AFHQ TRIPARSA

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U N C L A S S I F I E D

REFERENCE YOUR DEOL EASY TARE SLANT NINE TWO EIGHT FOUR SEVEN
DASH TWO EIGHT FEBRUARY PD

PARA ONE PD THIS SHIPMENT WILL NOT EFFECT EXPORT VEHICLES FROM
ERITREA ALREADY ARRANGED PD

PARA TWO PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED NO OBJECTIONS WILL
BE RAISED ON REPATRIATION OF PERSONNEL PD WHEN THIS HAS BEEN
CONFIRMED WE WILL ADVISE PD

PARA THREE PD AS REQUEST FOR SHIPMENT THESE VEHICLES WAS MADE
OFFICIALLY BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND THIS HEADQUARTERS ACTED
ONLY IN LIAISON CAPACITY WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO PROMISE ANYTHING
IN THE WAY OF SPARE PARTS PD HAVE CONTACTED MANUFACTURERS IN
ENDEAVOR TO HAVE PARTS MADE AVAILABLE PD PARTS SITUATION ITALY
FOR PRSN SATISFACTORY PD

R O U T I N E
TRANSPORTATION S/C ROADS DIV/
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CWO USA
ASSIST/ ADJUTANT
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C O P Y - TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

ISPETTORATO GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE

ROME 29 February 1946

TO :- A.C.H.Q.

SHIPPING AND TRANSPORTATION BRANCH

SUBJECT :- Payment of freight for movement of Trucks
from ERITREA to ITALY

Reply to letter NO, A.C./362/Tn5 dated 31/12/45 .

In reply to the a/m letter, it is noted and agreed that the payment of freight for the movement of trucks from ERITREA to ITALY will be paid for in Pounds Sterling by the Italian to the British Government.

THE MINISTER

Signed) LOMBARDI

c.c. to Movements Div/

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DITTA F.lli G. & F. TERESI

Autotrasporti

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Roma, li 27/12/1945.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION
ROAD DIVISION - R O M A -

O g g e t t o: Autorizzazione rimpatrio veicoli.

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-2°)-Porto d'imbarco Tripoli (Libia).

-3°)-Porto di sbarco: preferiamo Civitavecchia, porto più vicino a Roma dove dovrà avere sede la Soc. A.U.T.O.-diversamente
Napoli

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Documento attuale: Patente automobilistica n°1695 rilasciato a Tripoli il 12 luglio 1933 dalla R. Prefettura.

Il lascia-passare per lo stesso si attende definitiva conferma. Per l'imbarco degli automezzi si comunica che sono pronti da tempo e attendono il mezzo per essere imbarcati.

Circa il nolo si conferma che per il pagamento provvederà il Governo Italiano tramite l'Ispettorato Generale della Motorizzazione Civile come da accordi già presi in conformità a quanto comunicato dalla stessa per lettera n°9319 in data 19/10/1945.

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Circa il viaggio da effettuarsi da parte dell'incaricato si prega tener presente che oltre al dovere recarsi a Tripoli l'incaricato Felice Teresi, è assolutamente necessario all'atto dell'imbarco degli automezzi, il rimpatrio del dirigente della Soc. A.U.T.O. e pertanto vi facciamo presenti le generalità dei componenti:

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Con osservanza

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F.lli G. & F. Teresi

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

FDGB/lrv

24 November 1945

SUBJECT: Attached Papers

TO : Chief, Supply Group

Reference attached papers.

1. Actually, the attitude of this Sub-Commission has not varied as far as I can see. We have always regarded this question as a matter for the Italian Government. If they do not want these people, we certainly do not want to encourage their advent. If, on the other hand, the Italian Government is asking for their return (as they now are) it is I think up to us to help.

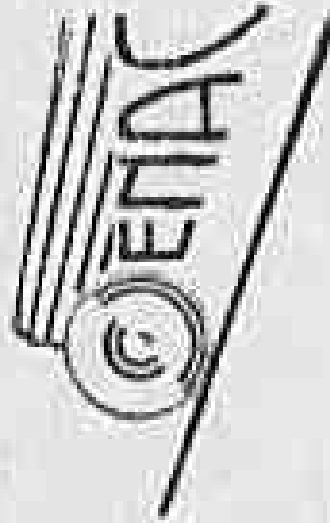
2. I did not know the Supply Group was interested in the question of repatriation of these people and their trucks. The office primarily concerned in AC is the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. We have no financial or other real interest and are only being brought in since the Italian Government wants shipping space and requires some channel to BEMA (British Eritrean Military Authority).


P.D.G. DUCHANAN, Colonel
Director

3 Incl.
Papers.

cc: Roads Division ✓

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Ente Nazionale Autotrasporti Cose

ISTITUTO DI DIRITTO PUBBLICO
DALL'17 Agosto 1944 N. 188

DIREZIONE GENERALE

Servizio Movimento Sc. II^a
Prov. N. 6M/10/943/24682 Alleg. 1
Riporta al N. del

Oggetto: Rientro autocarri dalla Libia. -

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sottocommissione Trasporti

- 1) - La Società AUTO di Tripoli ha inviato a questa Direzione una lettera, che si rimette in copia, con la quale viene richiesta l'autorizzazione a far rientrare in Italia dalla Libia n. 200 autocarri pesanti. -
- 2) - Si ritiene che detti automezzi troverebbero utile impiego in particolar modo nelle provincie dell'Italia Meridionale presso le quali questa Sede intenderebbe dislocarli, dato che tali provincie sono deficitarie di autocarri pesanti. -

(Mod. ENACM)

Re October 13, 1945



Ente. Nazionale Autotrasporti

ISTITUTO DIRETTORE PUBBLICO
DEL 17 AGOSTO 1945 N. 158

DIREZIONE GENERALE

Movimento

Aut. N. 5M/10/942/24687

Reg. Aut. N. 1

R O M E

TRANSLATION

To the ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub Commission

Oggetto: return of vehicles from Libya

1. - The Auto Society of Tripoli has requested this HQ. (copy of letter enclosed) to grant the authority for the return into Italy from Libya of 200 heavy trucks.
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THE GENERAL MANAGER
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Ref. 151/10/942/24687-111
Ingresso 151

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AUTOTRASPORTATORI TRIPOLINI GRANTIERI

A. U. T. O.

Tripoli, 19 Settembre 1945

Raccolta AEREA-ESPERSSO

SPETT. E.N.A.C.

R O M A

e P.O. AL MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

R O M A

La scrivente Società per azioni - si è recentemente costituita in Tripoli - col capitale di L. 1.650.000,00 al solo scopo di trasferire autocarri ed automezzi in Italia: da adibirsi ai trasporti in genere, ben conoscendo quanto bisogno di automezzi si risenta in ogni regione della penisola, in questo periodo post-bellico, in cui, i servizi ferroviari-merci, sono venuti in buona parte a mancare. La scrivente dispone attualmente di duecento autocarri di media e grossa portata (5-8 e 10 tons.) in maggior parte di marche Fiat 634 N. - 666 N. e O.M. Taurus serviti da un parco di circa cento rimorchi relativi per formare gli autotreni.

Tutti questi automezzi sono stati revisionati in ogni organo motore e messi in piena efficienza meccanica e di carrozzeria; e come tali si garantiscono non essendo stati, e non venendo, messi in circolazione dopo il loro approntamento, perchè possono essere trasferiti in Italia pienamente rispondenti ad ogni esigenza di un ottimo funzionamento.

Sappiamo nel rivolgerci alla vostra Azienda, di far caso, a quanto ci risulta alla più importante organizzazione italiana di autotrasporti, alla quale riteniamo abbia ad interessare questa nostra comunicazione; nel qual caso, siamo pronti a convenire con Voi un accordo basato sul lavoro delle macchine di cui come sopra disponiamo, che verrebbero trasportate in Italia.

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A seguito di una vostra auspicata risposta favorevole, alla presente e della quale abbiamo sottoposto alla conoscenza del competente locale Ufficio del Road Transport Controller della Amministrazione Militare Britannica, si renderebbero indispensabili gli accordi definitivi con Voi e l'espletamento delle pratiche devolute ai Ministeri Italiani richiamando in Italia il nostro Presidente Sig. TERESI GIOVANNI del fu Pietro e di Ferrari Giuseppe nato a Pantelleria il 20 Marzo 1905 e residente in Tripoli - Viale Umberto I. N. 6 munito dei pieni poteri della Società.

Restiamo pertanto in attesa di un vostro cortese sollecito riscontro alla presente, la quale, non dubitiamo, troverà tutta la vostra considerazione data la sua importanza.

Con distinta stima.

IL PRESIDENTE
f.to Teresi Giovanni

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ORGANIZED TRUCKERS OF TRIPOLI

By air

Tripoli, sept. 19, 1945

To : E.N.A.C.

a.f.i. to : Ministry of Communications

TRANSLATION

This Joint-Stock Company was recently formed in Tripoli with a capital of £. 1.650.000, - for the only purpose of transferring trucks and vehicles into Italy in view of the shortage of vehicles which is being experienced in every region of the Country in this Post-war period, in which nearly all railway transports of goods have failed.

The Company can at the present moment avail itself of 200 trucks of an average and large loading capacity (5-8 and 10 tons.), most of them Fiat vehicles 634 V, 666 N and C.M. Taurus and of a pool of 100 trailers?

All these vehicles have been most accurately overhauled and put in perfect efficiency, both with regard to the working parts to the chassis, and as such they are vouched for. After their reconditioning they have not been nor will in future be put into circulation, so that when they will be sent over to Italy they will be in a perfect state of efficiency.

We know that, applying to your Body, we apply to the more important transport organization of Italy who may be interested in our Society and we are willing to make an agreement on the basis of the work of the vehicles which are available to us, and which would be carried into Italy.

We have informed of our plans the local Office of the Road Transport Controller of the British Military Administration, but all definite agreements should be made directly with you and it would be necessary to call back to Italy our President, Mr. [Name], of the late Pietro and of Ferrari Giuseppe, born [Name].

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We keep confident that you will realize the importance of the proposal and we would appreciate if you will send us an early reply on the matter.

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THE PRESIDENT
signed Teresi G. nni

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION

GSF/lrs

Ref: AC/362/12/TN.5

2 Feb. 1946

SUBJECT: Baranes Bros & Co.
Loss of Trucks.

TO : U.N.R.R.A.
(Attn: Mr. Prince)

1. Reference conversation Prince-Franklin 30 Jan. 1946 relative to the a/n subject, it is confirmed that the price of tires, size 1050 x 20 as quoted by the Italian Government, is approx. Lire 39,000 each.

2. Since the above mentioned conversation, Mr. Baranes has informed this office that he has received only 16 tires and not 24 as previously stated.

For the Director:

GORDON S. FRANKLIN
Chief
Roads Division.

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ac/3600/1105. Division
[Signature]

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(1) TROOPERS FOR UMB

(2) UMB ZONE 3 COMMITTEE NAPLES

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REFERENCE AFHQ ✓ FOUR TWO FOUR ONE FIVE OF ONE DEC PD MIDEAST SIGNAL AS
 FOLLOWS QUOTE SUBJECT IS LORRIES FROM ERITREA TO ITALY PORT CONTROLLER
 MASSAWA CONFIRMS LORRIES CAN NOW BE LOADED NOT AT MASSAWA PORT AS ORIGINA
 LY PROPOSED BUT AT NAVAL BASE QUAY PD WHERE ADEQUATE LIFTING GEAR EXISTS
 LASHINGS ON SHIP HOWEVER ARE ^{DESIRABLE} ~~DESIRABLE~~ PD URGENTLY REQUEST SHIPPING MA
 AVAILABLE EARLIEST PD THESE LORRIES HAVE BEEN STANDING BY SINCE SEPTEMBER
 AND OFF THE ROAD FOR EIGHT MONTHS AND FURTHER DELAY IS HAVING UNFORTUNATE
 POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REPERCUSSIONS UNQUOTE PD

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COPY TO:

ROADS DIVISION
 MAIL BRANCH
 W/ MARINE

To: Shipping
How does this interest
us here??
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TRANSP. AND SHIPP. S/C

G. J. LORNE

Tel. 534

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

AC/671/A/30/Tn.3

31 December 1945

SUBJECT : 450 vehs Massawa to Naples.

TO : Direzione Generale della Marina Mercantile
Ministero della Marina - Roma
(attn. Gen. Matteini)

1. Please note that negotiations have been in progress for some time for the shipment of 450 vehicles from Massawa to Naples. Shipping has been requested through UMA Zone 3 Committee to London. Numerous signals have been exchanged on the subject, but AFHQ G-5 signal C42415 which gives the types and numbers of vehicles, is passed to you for information.

2. The vehicles will have accompanying drivers, but the women and children will be dealt with separately.

3. The freight charges for the shipment of these vehicles will obviously have to be paid in sterling or foreign currency and it is understood that this has already been agreed in principle by the Italian Ministries concerned. UMA advice that the freight costs will be upon a lump sum basis. This fact is brought to your notice as the charter party will doubtless be signed by your London broker. The negotiations for the movement of these vehicles has been carried on with the Ministry of Transports and the interested authorities in Eritrea.

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P.D.G. BUCHANAN
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to : Road Branch

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C.J. LONG
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 ANET. ADJUTANT

AC 362

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ALCON HOME W (2) UMA ZONE 3 COMMITTEE NAILES (3) AFHQ (4) BMA ERITREA

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1. Signal CA (unnumbered) T00111600/C from BMA Eritrea begins "ref MOV2/70267. Subject lorries to Italy. Verify if possible despatch lorries direct Italy without intermediate transshipment. Also whether possible proportion DVRS accompany lorries remainder proceeding other means but arriving Italy priority vehicles.

3. No lashings or handling gear available. Ships derricks should be capable of 5 ton lift. 2. Request you take necessary action.

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ACTION - TN SC 2
INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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ROUTINE

AFHQ FROM G-5

ALCOM HOME, INFO: MIDEAST CAIRO - UMA ZONE 3 COMMITTEE NAPLES

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Shipment of vehicles from ERITREA. You will have been
mideast signal oet-69289 of 6 December. Request you take action
new direct with UMA zone 3 committee in accordance this HQ let-
ter T-6 of 10 December, not to mideast.

2. Request you furnish information required mideast signal
OET/69210 of 7 December direct to mideast. See also their signal
mov 2/70267 of 10 December.

3. Request all future similar requests be referred mideast/
UMA zone 3 committee direct.

4. Screening of drivers and families accompanying vehicles
is also a matter for reference to mideast

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ACTION	TN SC 2
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ROUTINE

AFHQ FROM G-5

MIDEAST CAIRO INFO: UMA ZONE 3 COMMITTEE NAPLES ALCOM ROME
TROOPERS LONDON

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Nov 2/64551 of 20 to AFHQ only and troopers 84614, 16 of 14 November to AFHQ ALCOM refer. For benefit of alcom and UMA, followings is resume to date. Para 2. Alcom request this cable be taken as confirmation of their request to UMA zone 3 Committee for extra Mediterranean shipment of (A) 300 Eritrean vehs plus trailers, 583 accompanying civilian drivers, 58 wives and 60 children. (B) Further consignment of 150 vehs 295 drivers, 31 wives 28 children from Massawa to Naples. Alcom request Clf at least 1 driver travel with each veh and land with two days rations. Mideast agreed drivers not personally pay passage. Para 3. Breakdown of vehs in two (A). 212 fiat type 634, 40 with trailers 29, 26 with trailers. 15 Lancia, 6 with trailer. 14 Alfa Romeo 5 with trailers. 2 Magirus, 1 with trailer. 2 ^{G-5}lf, 1 with trailer 21 Mercedes, 3 with trailer. B Fiat type 33. Total 300 Lorrs 82 trailers. DW (A) 2236 tons cubic feet 47360. Vehs in 2 (B) are 70 Fiat 634. 19CM. 3 Lancia. 6 Alfa Romeo. 1 Magirus. 23 Mercedes. 8 Fiat 633. 10 buses. 10 tankers. Total DW (B) 109 tons, 240200 cubic. Para 4. Shore cranes Massawa unable left vehs but subject considerable delays, transshipment via Egypt might be arranged. Para 5. Wl ves and children travel separately with repatriates. Para 6. Further correspondence will be between alcom and

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uma. Para 7. Agreed Q MOV, UMA and Alcom.

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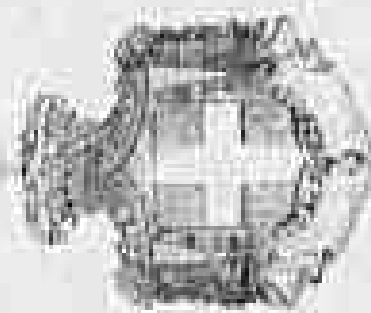
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INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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Ministero dei Trasporti

ISPETTORATO GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE
E DEI TRASPORTI IN CONCESSIONE

Roma

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all DOTT. ING. RENATO SANTAMARIA
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE
TRASPORTI - Via Veneto

ROMA

Servizio A.G.P.

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finanziarie in seguito all'esaurirsi dei fondi di cui furono muniti in conseguenza del prolungarsi della durata della loro missione.

SA detta somma, nella valuta italiana corrispondente, sarà immediatamente versata a richiesta da questa Amministrazione.

Rinnovo i saluti.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE





Ministero dei Trasporti

ISPETTORATO GENERALE DELL'AUTOTRASPORTO
E DEI TRASPORTI IN CONCESSIONE

22 Roma 1362 19.12

ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission

ROMA

Divisione

Prot. N. 5

Allegato

Proposta di Trasporto N. 2

del

Oggetto: Transfer of motortrucks from Eritrea to Italy.

1° Ing. GUZZANTI and Ing. BONGARZONI, as it is remembered were sent to Eritrea to test the trucks which were to reenter in Italy, have returned and have reported the following:

The Ingegneri have tested, and are ready for shipment,

450 Trucks, divided as follows:

430 trucks, of which 86 with trailers

10 " for transport of liquid fuel, of which 7 with trailers

10 busses for passenger transports, of which 2 with trailers

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A) that are vehicles suited for Italian traffic, and of limited consume.

B) that the personnel of these vehicles, to whom was promised the repatriation, at present, are in very

difficult economic situation.

C) that of the above repatriation, the B.M.A. of Eritrea is very much interested in.

5° It is, therefore, asked to the Allied Commission to please, inform the B.M.A. of Eritrea by wire, that the Italian Government has given its approval for the repatriation of all the 450 Trucks, which have been tested by Ing.s GUZZANTI and BONGARZONI.

Ing. Bongarzoni

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AFHQ FOR G-5 INFO MIDEAST BEMA ASMARA

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14 NOVEMBER 1945

PRIORITY

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PARA ONE PD REF YOUR CABLE FOX FOUR THREE THREE THREE ZERO FOURTEEN SEPTEMBER
CMA OUR FIVE SEVEN TWO SEVEN DATED TWENTY SEPTEMBER CMA ITALIAN GOVERNMENT NOW
DESIRES IMPORT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY VEHICLES EX ERITREA PD
PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE INFO MIDEAST BEMA ASMARA FROM NOW QUEEN ALCOA CITY

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HUNDRED NOW ENROUTE OR LOADING PD
PARA THREE PD DISPLACED PERSONS DEALING WITH PERSONNEL THROUGH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PD

COPY TO DISPLACED PERSONS S/C

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COM/
ROADS DIVISION

G. J. LEONE
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ASSIST/ ADJUT/ 891

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

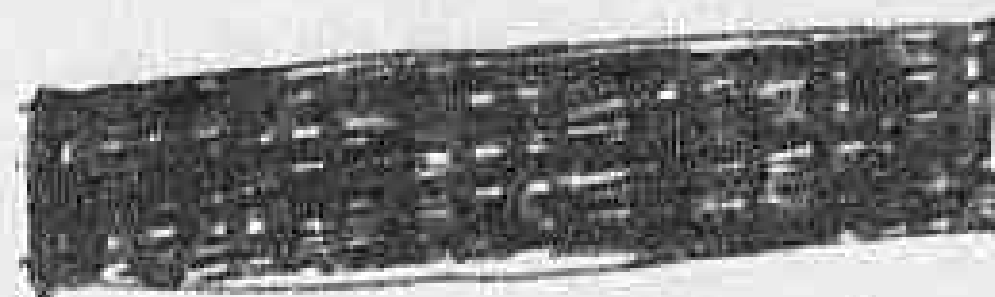
Originator's Reference: OM/99143
 Date/Time of Origin: AUG 181030

Message Centre No: F/4580
 Date Time Rec'd: AUG 201305
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MIDEAST

TO: FREEDOM INFO TROOPERS, ALGERIA, BELZ, ALGERIA

HEADQUARTERS
 20 AUG 1945



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Walter P. Suggins
H. C. O. J.

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In addition to the vehicles described in our signal (cipher) OM/96511 of 7 August 45 there are a further one hundred and fifty vehicles available if required. All have been inspected by RME and Italian engineers. Guarantee of mechanical condition and tyres as for vehicles referred to in our signal OM/96511 of 7 August 45. Particulars of these extra vehicles herewith. Seventy FIAT 634. Nineteen O.M. Three LANCIA. Six ALFA ROMEO. One MAGGIORE. Twenty three MERCEDES. Eight FIAT 633. Ten buses various types. Ten tankers various types. Dead weight of one hundred and fifty vehicles one thousand and twenty nine tons. Cubic capacity two hundred and forty thousand two hundred cubic feet. Personnel. Two hundred ninety five drivers. Thirty one wives. Twenty eight children. Drivers and families all security and health screened. Please inform us if these further one hundred and fifty vehicles required and acceptable on same terms including drivers and their families as original three hundred vehicles.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: **O 11625**

Message Centre No: **E/3793**

Date/Time of Origin: **AUGUST 13/1638B**

Date Time Rec'd: **AUGUST 13/2120B**

Precedence: **ROUTINE**

FROM **AFHQ**

TO **ALCOM ROME FOR FINANCE AND TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSIONS**

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Costs of transportation vehicles and personnel ex ERITREA. Ref MIDEAST signal OBT/37783 to AFHQ repeated ALCOM.

Assume Italian government does not intend to subsidize travel. However can any assurances be given by Italian government to allay fears of Italian truck owners that heavy cash charges will be assessed against them on arrival

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**ACTION : FINANCE SEC
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: OPT/37783
Date/Time of Origin: AUG 111215C

Message Centre No: F/3593
Date Time Rec'd: AUG 120930B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM GHQ MIDEAST
TO : AFHQ INFO BEMA MIDEAST, ALCON ROME

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Your signal FM 29605 of 29 July 45 apprehension still felt by certain lorry owners that upon arrival in ITALY charges will be raised against them by Italian authorities for cost of transport. Can assurance be obtained from Italian Transport Ministry ROME that the Ministry have no such intention. This would dispel unfortunate impression created by terms of reference to Italian Engineer Inspectors quoted in our signal DET/32374 of 23 July 45. Appreciate owners fears probably groundless but jeopardisation of scheme by result if assurance asked for above not forthcoming.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: OET/36511
Date/Time of Origin: AUG 071145

Message Centre No: F/3239
Date Time Rec'd: AUG 091930B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MIDEAST

TO: AFHQ TROOPERS ALCOM ROME

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1. Reference FMGEG your FX/29605 dated 29 July 45. Shipment schedule vehicles drivers and families received from ERITREA.
2. 212 Fiat type 634 40 with trailers. 29 O. M. 26 with trailers. 15 Lancia 6 with trailers. 14 Alfa Romeo 5 with trailers. 2 Magirus 1 with trailer. 2 I.F. 1 with trailer. 21 Mercedes 3 with trailer. 5 Fiat type TH33 no trailers. Total 300 lorries 82 trailers.
3. Carrying capacity of all vehicles and trailers 5 to 7 tons. D Dead weight of all lorries and trailers 2236 tons. Cubic capacity 473,500 cubic feet. All vehicles inspected by REME and Italian engineers. Mechanical condition guaranteed minimum 40,000 kilometres without major overhaul. Large percentage of tyres now remainder guaranteed minimum remaining life 8000 kilometres.
4. Personnel 583 drivers. 58 wives. 60 children. Wives and children will travel separately with 1500 repatriates as agreed with CASOLANI. ALCOM signal 1055 of 2 July refers.

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni

ISPETTORATO GENERALE DELLA MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE
E DEI TRASPORTI IN CONCESSIONE

Roma, 4 AGO 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED
COMMISSION A.P.O. TRANSPORTATION
SUB COMMISSION

Servizio A.C.F. L.

Del. N. 3652/505 Allegati

Rapporto N. A.C. 362/T.N.5

del 31 luglio 1945

OGGETTO Trasferimento di autocarri civili
dall'Eritrea in Italia.

In relazione alla lettera sopraindicata, si fa presente che nella riunione tenutasi presso questo Ministero alla presenza del Magg. Casolani di codesta Commissione Alleata, si stabilì, fra l'altro, che gli interessati avrebbero dovuto versare prima dell'imbarco la quota della spesa ad ognuno spettante per il trasporto degli autocarri in Italia e per il rimborso delle indennità di missione ai due Ingegneri, Guzzanti e Bonparzoni, inviati da questo Ministero in Eritrea per sorvegliare l'operazione.

Ciò per seguire le istruzioni impartite in merito dal Ministro del Tesoro ed a suo tempo comunicate al Magg. Casolani predetto.

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Ad ogni modo, pochè codesta Commissione ha fatto ora presente che la soluzione dianzi accennata per il finanziamento dell'impresa importerebbe una notevole riduzione sul numero dei veicoli che si renderà disponibile con conseguente danno per i trasporti ed in genere per l'economia italiana, è stato interessato d'urgenza il Ministro del Tesoro perchè consenta che gli interessati versino la loro quota anzichè all'atto della partenza, al loro arrivo in Italia.

Si fa riserva di ulteriori comunicazioni non appena pervenuta la risposta del Ministro del Tesoro.

Per quanto riguarda la maggiore assegnazione di fondi agli Ingegneri Guzzanti e Bongarzone, si risponde con lettera a parte.

IL MINISTRO

Vige da Malfer

MINISTERO DEI TRASPORTI
ISPETTORATO GENERALE DELLA
MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE
e dei Trasporti in Concessione

Rome,

To: HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
Road Division.

Ser. A.G.P.

N. 6652/505

Ref. to: A.C./362/Tn 5

Sub/ Transfer of civilian Motortrucks
from Eritrea to Italy.

Referring to correspondence N. A.C./362/Tn 5 of the 31 July 1945, we want to clarify that at the meeting held by this Ministry, in the presence of the representative of the Allied Commission, Major Casolani, it was stated that the interested parties were to pay in advance for their fare and the transport of the trucks in Italy, and for the per diem of the two Ingegneri- Guzzanti and Bongarzoni, sent by this Ministry in Eritrea as inspectors of the operation.

Thus, were the instructions received from the Ministry of Treasury, and information was given to Major Casolani.

However, as the Allied Commission points out, that such procedure would involve a decrease of the number of vehicles and, therefore, a detriment for the transports and Italian economy, the Ministry of Treasury has been urgently requested to agree that the interested parties pay their fare at the arrival in Italy.

Further informations will be furnished on receipt of same from the Ministry of Treasury.

In regard to a supplementary allotment of money to Ings. Guzzanti e Bongarzoni, we answer with other letter.

THE MINISTER

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

GSP/ep

Ref: AC/362/Pn5

31 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Charges in Connection with Transportation of 300 Lorries
From Eritrea to Italy.

TO : Ministry of Transport.

1. It was agreed between the Ministry of Transport and this HQ that all charges relative to the transportation of the above mentioned trucks, plus the personnel involved from Eritrea to Italy, would be charged in a lump sum by the British War Office to the Italian Government. The Italian Government would undertake to recover such charges from the owners of the vehicles in question, upon arrival in Italy.

2. This HQ has now been advised to the effect that the 2 engineers which are representing the Italian Government in Eritrea are insisting that the owners of the vehicles prepay transportation charges before embarkation.

3. If the engineers representing the Italian Government are allowed to enforce this policy it will seriously affect the number of vehicles which may be made available and will therefore have a detrimental effect on the transportation problems and the general national economy of Italy. It is therefore requested that the original agreement between the Italian Government and this HQ, as outlined in para. 1, above, be confirmed in writing. Immediately upon receipt of this confirmation, action will be taken to transmit these instructions to the Italian engineers in Eritrea.

4. We have further been informed by Mideast that the 2 engineers are in need of funds equivalent to 100 pounds each, necessary to meet expenses due to their protracted stay. Will you please advise whether the Italian Government will authorize reimbursement to the British Government from the sterling post-liberation blocked account of this sum, in order that we may instruct the necessary authority to provide the local currency in Eritrea.

For the Director:

[Signature]
G. C. CROSS Jr.
Chief, Roads Division.

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G-5 Section

APO 512

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26 July 1945

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FILE : G-5/123.7

SUBJECT: Charges in connection with transportation of 300 lorries from Eritrea to Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attention: Finance Sub-Commission).

1. The above matter has apparently been handled primarily by the Transportation Sub-Commission. Certain financial aspects are now being referred to Finance Sub-Commission because of confusion which has emerged.

2. The first question relates to the cost of transportation of the lorries with drivers and families. This Headquarters, in its PX77674 of 18 May to Mideast (repeated to you) proposed that these charges should be settled by MEF and reported to the War Office, with a request that War Office advise the Allied Commission how the charge will be handled against the Italian Government. The A.C. approved this basis in its TT35 of 16 May. Mideast accepted this arrangement, stating in its OCT/16900 of 29 May (not to you) that the charges would be considered as a normal repatriation charge which would be included in the general costs of repatriating Italians.

3. We have now been informed by Mideast, in its OCT/32374 of 23 July (not to you) that the Italian Engineer Inspectors sent to Eritrea by the Italian Transport Ministry, on authority of the Prime Minister and of the Transport Sub-Commission of A.C., have instructions that the repatriates "before embarkation will have to pay in cash to the appropriate authorities the cost of passage for themselves and their vehicles." If this is insisted upon, many drivers and vehicles will be unable to go, and Mideast points out this is in conflict with the understanding outlined in paragraph 2. Mideast further states that TROCKERS, in its 885860A2 of 25 April (not seen by us or you) ruled that cost of repatriation should be assessed against the Italian Government and would be recorded in a separate account for possible submission to the Italian Government at some date prior to submission of general costs of administration of the Italian colonies.

4. Will you please advise urgently, by signal, whether we may instruct Mideast that the original arrangement may stand -- i.e., that MEF will meet costs of transport of lorries, drivers and families, subject to later billing of the Italian Government.

5. The second matter relates to the Italian Engineers sent to Eritrea by the Italian Government to inspect the vehicles, under arrangements made

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by the Transportation Sub-Commission. We have now been informed by Mideast that these Engineers need funds equivalent to 100 pounds each to meet expenses due to protracted stay, the advance to be refundable by the Italian Government. Will you please advise whether the Italian Government will authorize reimbursement to the British Government from the sterling post-liberation blocked account of this sum, in order that we may instruct Mideast to provide the local currency in Eritrea. Transportation Sub-Commission will be able to say how many Engineers are involved -- it is understood there are either 2 or 3.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:



FRANK A. SOUTHARD, JR.,
Commander, U.S.N.R.,
Financial Adviser.

cc Transportation Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

WHP/ls

Ref: AC/362/9/TN.5

11 July 1945

SUBJECT: Vehicles imported from Tripolitania.

TO : Motor Transportation Officer, U.N.R.R.A. Rome.

1. On or about 14 May 1945 the Fort Frontenac docked, Naples, carrying 4 Italian trucks consigned to the Transportation Sub-Commission, AC.

2. These trucks are owned by a Tripolitania transport Societa' and were imported from Tripoli to operate under ENAC on civil supply.

3. Through some error said vehicles were collected by UNRRA and placed in the Naples motorpool.

4. After checking the various southern Italian ports the vehicles were located, and a proper release was given Moris Baranes, manager of the Societa'.

5. It has now been reported to this office that only three of the trucks have been made available to Baranes and that considerable stripping of tires and parts has been effected on these while in your pool.

6. May we be informed as to the situation in re the fourth truck and the circumstances reference removal of tires and miscellaneous parts.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Copy to:
General McKinley

[Signature]
GEORGE G. CROSS, Jr.
Chief
Roads Division

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Ente Nazionale Autotrasporti

ISTITUTO DI DIRITTO PUBBLICO
DEL 17 AGOSTO 1944 N. 188

DIREZIONE GENERALE

*Arrivati alla Commissione
Aut. 1° 27-42/44263
Rapporto di 1°*

*Roma 1. LUG 1945
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MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO

TO THE ALLIED COMMISSION
Commerce Sub Commission - ROME
and for information:

TO THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Resp. S/C. (att. Roads Division

Supply Branch - Capt. Peterson) - ROME

ALLIED COMMISSION - Industry S/C. ROME

Oggetto: parti di ricambio per
autoveicoli

SUBJECT: spare parts for trucks

1. - Da parte della Sotto Commissione dei trasporti si è ricevuto notizia che la S/C. delle Rassegne di parte (M.I.A.) dispone di parti di ricambio per autoveicoli e che le richieste relative complete di tutti i dati occorrenzi per individuare i particolari devono essere presentate a codesta S/C. Comunque.
2. - Poiché l'approvvigionamento dei ricambi è di grande interesse per poter tenere in funzione gli autoveicoli adibiti ai trasporti essenziali per la popolazione, si fa domanda di poter ottenere tale materiale dalla suddetta S/C.

1. - We have been informed by the Transportation S/C. that the Italian Forces S/C. (M.I.A.) is now ready to issue motor spare parts from its stocks and that the demands have to be forwarded to this Commission S/C.
2. - In consideration of the fact that the supply of spare parts presents the greatest interest in view to maintain in activity the trucks used for the essential needs of civilian population, we apply for obtaining such material from the M.I.A.

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To the UNITED STATES
MSP-S/C. (Att. Roads Division
Supply Branch - TAGM. Personnel) - ROME
ALLIED COMMISSION - Military S/C. ROME

ISTITUTO DI DIRITTO PUBBLICO
DEL 15 AGOSTO 1944 N. 15
DIREZIONE GENERALE

Arrivato al
17/12/44
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Oggetto: partiti di ricambio per
autoveicoli

1. - Da parte della Sotto Commissione
me dei trasporti si è ricevuto no
tizia che la S/C. dello stesso
me di terra (M.I.A.) dispone
di parti di ricambio per autovei-
coli e che la richiesta relative
complete di tutti i dati occorren-
ti per individuare i particolari
devono essere presentate a questa
S/C. Compreso.
2. - In considerazione del fatto che
the supply of spare parts presents
the greatest interest in view to
maintain in activity the trucks
used for the essential needs of
civilian population, it (S/C) apply
ing for obtaining such material
from the M.I.A.

3. - Herewith we are sending a list
of trucks of more than 20 qts. on
parity for which there is the
greatest urgent need of spare parts.
4. - This Commerce S/C. would oblige
by informing us what are the spare
parts available for such type of
trucks and giving us the modalities
for being put in condition to buy
this stuff.

THE GENERAL MANAGER

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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Appendix to the
letter n° dated

ALFA ROMEO	800	S. P. A.	9000
FIAT	633 M	S. P. A.	31000
LANCIA	RO	S. P. A.	30000
FIAT	632 BN	ALFA ROMEO	85 - 110
O. E.	5BID - 6BID	C. M.	Taurus
S. P. A.	38 R	LANCIA	Penta - Epta jota
O. E.	BUD 137	FIAT	666
I. F.	D 80	S. P. A.	24 - 25 - C 12
LANCIA	3 RO	ALFA ROMEO	350 - 500
S. P. A.	25 C 10	BIANCHI	Mediol - Miles
FIAT	621 M - BN - RN	CETRANO	47.50
FIAT	626 RE	FIAT	621 R - L. - P
FIAT	634	FIAT	18 BL - BIR

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APD 39A
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

RELEASE ORDER NO. AC. 26 June 45 1045.*File*DEMAND NO. AC. 362/Tm 5TO : Moris Baranes, Societa' Tripolina Autotrasporti.

REFERENCE: YOUR FORM MAT 10 DATED _____

1. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO YOU BY TRANSPORTATION S/C, HQ AC:

ITEM	MATERIAL	QUANTITY	FOR PERIOD
a.	<u>Piat 666 trucks</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Permanently</u>
b.	<u>Lancia 3R0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Permanently</u>
c.	_____	_____	_____
d.	_____	_____	_____

2. THE ABOVE ITEMS WILL BE COLLECTED BY YOUR FIELD STOPS LOCATED AT:

UNRRA Motor Pool, Naples.(By arrangement with Capt. Wancey, ALCON, Port Liaison officer)

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3. COLLECTION SHOULD BE MADE BY immediately 1045, FAILING WHICH THIS RELEASE ORDER CEASES TO BE VALID.

4. REMARKS:

Said vehicles are part of shipment made from Tripoli through arrangements by Tm S/C AC.

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COPY TO: _____

Warner Peterson, Capt.
GEORGE D. CROSS, JR., CH. of
Transportation S/C-HQ AC

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: AO/362/7/TM.5

June 1945.

SUBJECT: Truck Transfer, Tripolitania to Italy.

TO : Headquarters,
British Military Administration,
Tripolitania, M.E.F.

Reference your 45/B/30 of 18 April 1945.

1. The Transportation Sub-Commission of this Headquarters which arranged the transfer of the vehicles to which you refer has no knowledge of the proposed trade arrangements you mention.
2. In view of the fact that we have very many vehicles standing idle here for lack of spares it is not possible to inaugurate an export programme of spare parts until Italian production can satisfy local requirements.
3. As regards your paragraph 3, attached is copy of a memorandum from our Legal Sub-Commission indicating points that require clarification. May we have your comments.
4. Before any firm agreement can be reached the Italian Government must be consulted. This will be done immediately upon receipt of a contract proposal which clarifies the legal points indicated in the enclosure.
5. I must apologise for the delay in replying to your letter.

For the Chief Commissioner:

F. Talbot

Brigadier, 006
Executive Commissioner.Incl. 1.
Comment of Legal Advisor.

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HEADQUARTERS
2 JUN 1965

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Vehicles from ERITREA. Following is paraphrase of MIDEAST signal in reply to our FX 77474 of 18 May to MIDEAST, repeated ALCOM.

A. Your para 2. Agreed to consider transport charges drivers and families as normal repatriation charge which will be accepted by MIDEAST and included in general costs of repatriating Italians.

B. Your para 3. Accurate nominal rolls cannot be sent until Italian engineers have inspected and passed vehicles. Draft rolls in preparation and security and med vetting in hand AK.

C. Your para 5. ERITREA cannot offer more vehicles till known standard of mechanical fitness required by engineers. When known will make every effort to get more vehicles. ERITREA offer 100 taxis fit for public service with drivers. Will you accept on same general conditions if passed by engineers?
End paraphrase.

Clearance of engineers by this HQ held up pending receipt from ~~1965~~ of applications for MTA requested by our F 75001 of 13 May. Expedite. Request recommendation as to acceptance taxis in para C above.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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May 1945

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BRIGADIER,
Executive Commissioner

Incl. 1.
Comment of Legal Advisor.

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TRANSLATION

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Minister of Transports
Cabinet

Ref M.III 1 4922

Rome 18 May 1945

SUBJECT : Removal of Civil trucks from
Eritrea to Italy

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394
ROME

I forward to the Commission the letters ref 35581/17-2 and 114462 dated May the 17th 1945 of the Presidency of the Ministers' Council and of the Minister of Treasury concerning the same subject.

THE MINISTER
(sgd Cerabona)

Encl : N° 2

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MINISTERO DEI TRASPORTI
GABINETTO

Roma, 18 maggio 1945

N. M. III 1.4922

Risposta al N. _____

OGGETTO. Trasferimento di autocarri civili dall'Eritrea all'Italia.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sottocommissione Trasporti
Apo 394

R O M A

M'affretto a rimettere a codesta Commissione le note
17 maggio 1945 n.ri 35581/17-2 e 114462 rispettivamente del-
la Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri e del Ministero del
Tesoro in merito all'oggetto.

IL MINISTRO

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IMMEDIATE ACTION

MINISTRY OF TREASURY
General State Accounting Depart
I.G.O.P.

Rome 17 May 1945

Division XVII

Ref : 114462

Reply to letter : M.III -1 -4792, dated 15/5/45

TO : Minister of Transport

SUBJECT : Removal of civil trucks from Eritrea
to Italy.

Reference to the request owing to which it should be charged to the Italian Government all the expenses for the removal from Eritrea to Italy of 300 trucks and 55 tons of trailers, with their personnel, formed of 530 drivers, 49 women and 51 children, this Ministry points out:

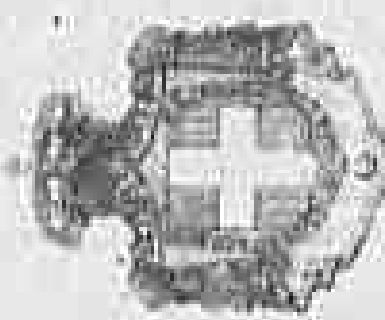
- 1) that approval may be granted if it will be repatriated with the trucks only their drivers owners, their families and their property will result from a definite date and will be before 1st January 1945.
- 2) that all expenses should be charged for the moment being to the Italian Government, but that the repatriating persons should assume the burden of reimbursing the sum.
- 3) that said trucks upon their arrival in Italy should be requisitioned by the Italian Authorities or should operate only for the Italian Government at the applied rates and should be used for services concerning reconstruction, food, haul of prisoners and repatriated persons.
- 4) that the mentioned drivers-owners of trucks should be already screened for their political behaviour:
- 5) that trucks should not change owner for at least three years after their arrival in Italy.

These conditions are suggested by evident economic and political reasons in order to avoid speculations and preferences.

THE MINISTER
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copy to :- Presidency of the minister's Council Cabinet
Minister of Italian Africa
interministerial committee for Reconstruction

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Ministero del Tesoro

RAGIONERIA GENERALE DELLO STATO

I.G.O.P.

Divisione XVII

Prot. N. 114462 Allegati

Urgentissima

Roma

17 maggio 1945

AL MINISTERO DEI TRASPORTI

- Gabinetto -

Al e, per conoscenza:

ALLA PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI

MINISTRI - Gabinetto -

AL MINISTERO DELL'AFRICA ITALIANA

AL COMITATO INTERMINISTRIALE PER LA
RICOSTRUZIONE

Proposta nota del 15/3/45 n. M-III.1.4792

OGGETTO: Trasferimento di autocarri civili dell'Eritrea
all'Italia.-

In merito al richiesto nulla osta per consentire all'accollo delle spese da parte del Governo italiano per il trasporto dall'Eritrea in Italia di 300 autocarri e 55 tonn. di rimorchi, con il relativo personale costituito da 530 conducenti, 49 mogli e 51 bambini, questo Ministero osserva:

- 1) il nulla osta potrà essere concesso qualora con gli autocarri siano fatti rimpatriare solamente i rispettivi proprietari-conducenti e le relative famiglie e che tale proprietà risulti di data certa e che sia anteriore al 1° gennaio 1945.
- 2) le spese tutte siano addebitate per il momento al Governo italiano ma i rimpatriandi prima dell'imbarco se ne accollino l'onere del rimborso;
- 3) che gli anzidetti autocarri al loro arrivo in Italia siano o requisiti dalle Autorità italiane o lavorino esclusivamente per conto del Governo italiano alle tariffe da questo praticate e con preferenza per i servizi della ricostruzione, alimentazione e trasporto

Oggetto: Trasferimento di autocarri civili dall'Eritrea all'Italia.-

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4) che gli anzidetti proprietari-conducenti degli autocarri risultino già discriminati ai fini della loro condotta politica;

5) che gli automezzi non siano trasferiti di proprietà per almeno un triennio dall'arrivo in Italia.

Le condizioni richieste sono dettate da evidenti ragioni di ordine economico e politico ed al fine di evitare ogni speculazione e comunque indebiti trattamenti preferenziali.

IL MINISTRO

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PRESIDENCE
of the Minister's Council
Cabinet

Rei : 35581/17-2

Rome 17 - 5 1945

TO Ministry of Transport
Cabinet
ROME

SUBJECT :- Removal of civil trucks from Eritrea to Italy.

Reference to the letter dated May 15th N° 1.4792 we inform that this Presidency, after having considered what has been communicated by the Transportation Sub-Commission with the letter AC/3/19/Tn.5. accepts the proposal to remove from Eritrea to Italy 300 trucks and 55 tons of trailers and their personnel and families.

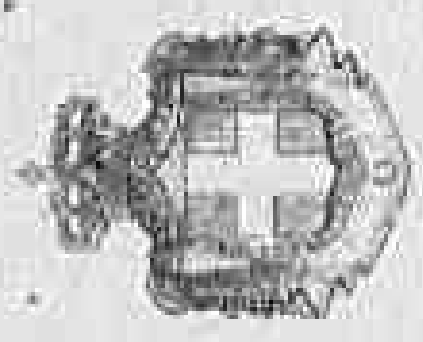
For what concerns the payment of the removal this Ministry will contact directly with the Minister of Treasury.

FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE MINISTERS' COUNCIL
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Roma, 17 - V 1945

Presidenza
del Consiglio dei Ministri
Gabinetto

AL MINISTERO DEI TRASPORTI
Gabinetto

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DEL TESORO
Gabinetto

N. 5588/17-2

P. S. A. A.

OGGETTO: Trasferimento di autocarri civili dall'Espresso
all'Italia.

In relazione alla lettera 15 corrente N. 1.4792, si partecipa che questa Presidenza, preso atto di quanto comunicato dalla Sottosegretaria Alleata per Trasporti con foglio A 5/3/19 T n 5, aderisce al buon grado alla proposta di trasferire dall'Inghilterra all'Italia 300 autocarri efficienti e 55 tonnellate di ricambi con il relativo personale di esercizio accompagnato dalle famiglie.

Per quanto attiene al finanziamento dell'operazione, detto Ministero dovrà prendere diretti accordi col Ministero del Tesoro.

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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Luigi Einaudi

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OGGETTO: Trasferimento di autocarri civili dall'Inghilterra all'Italia.

In relazione alla lettera 15 corrente n. 4752, si per-
tecipio che questa Presidenza, preso atto di quanto comunica-
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IL PRESIDENTE DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

Amintore Fanfani



LORRIES FOR EXPORT.

Number of Vehicles	VEHICLE	TYPE	OVERALL LENGTH (Meters)	OVERALL WIDTH (Meters)	HIGHEST POINT (Meters)	HEIGHT TO RADIATOR (Meters)	UNIT WEIGHT (G)
235	FLAT	634	8,60	2,50	2,60	1,90	6
14	O.M.	100	8,00	2,50	2,50	1,85	7
6		130	8,50	2,50	2,60	1,85	7
30	MERCEDES		7,50	2,50	2,15	1,55	5
2	O.M. TANKERS WITH TRAILERS		7,50 6	2,50 2,50	2,50	1,85	7 3
3	TANKERS	634	7,50	2,50	2,60	1,90	6
10	LANCIA	RO	7,20	2,35	2,50	1,80	5
30	TRAILERS	5 Ton	6	2,50			3

330 Total300 Vehicles
30 Trailers plus 2 Tanker Trailers.

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TRUCKS FOR EXPORT.

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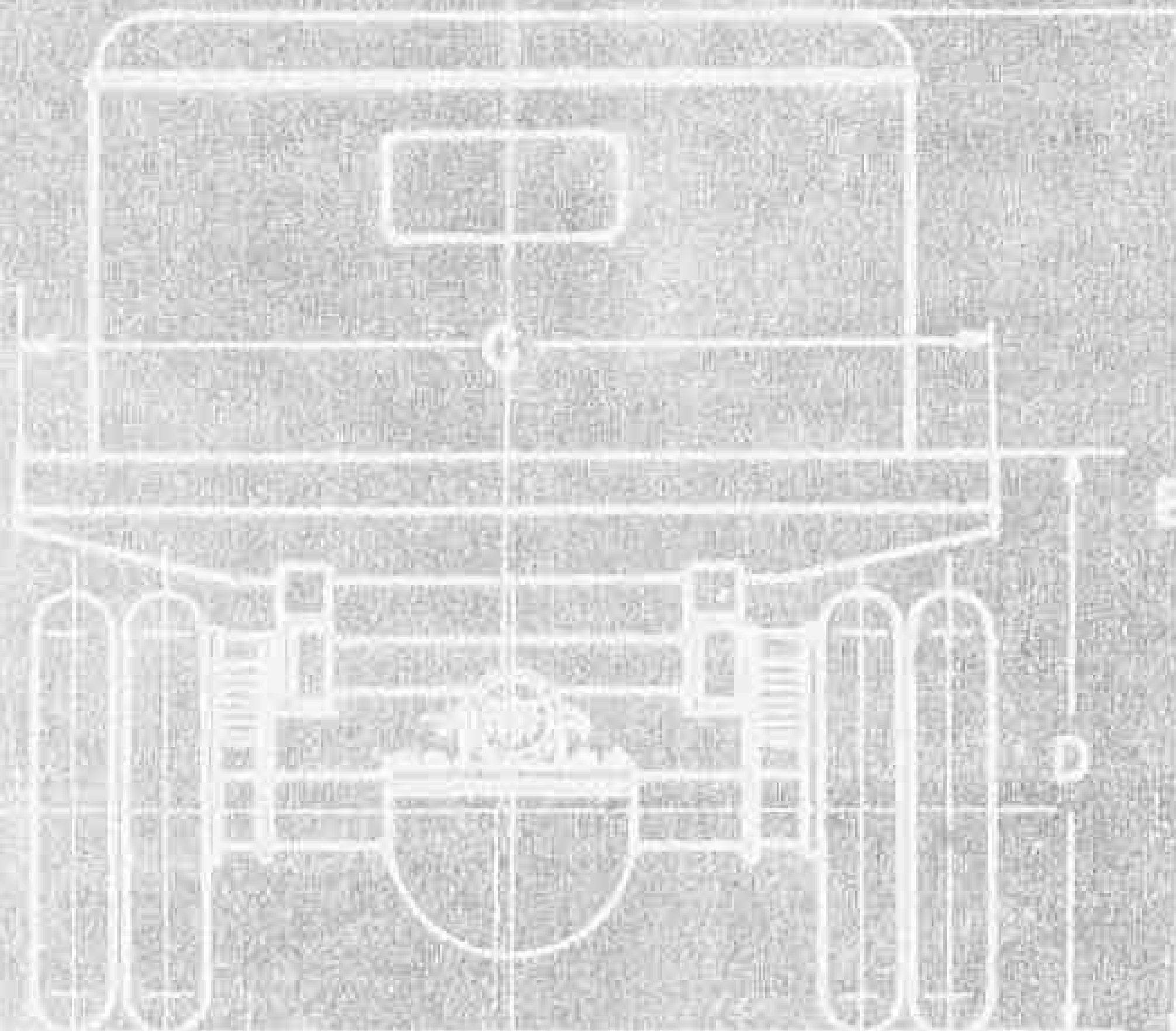
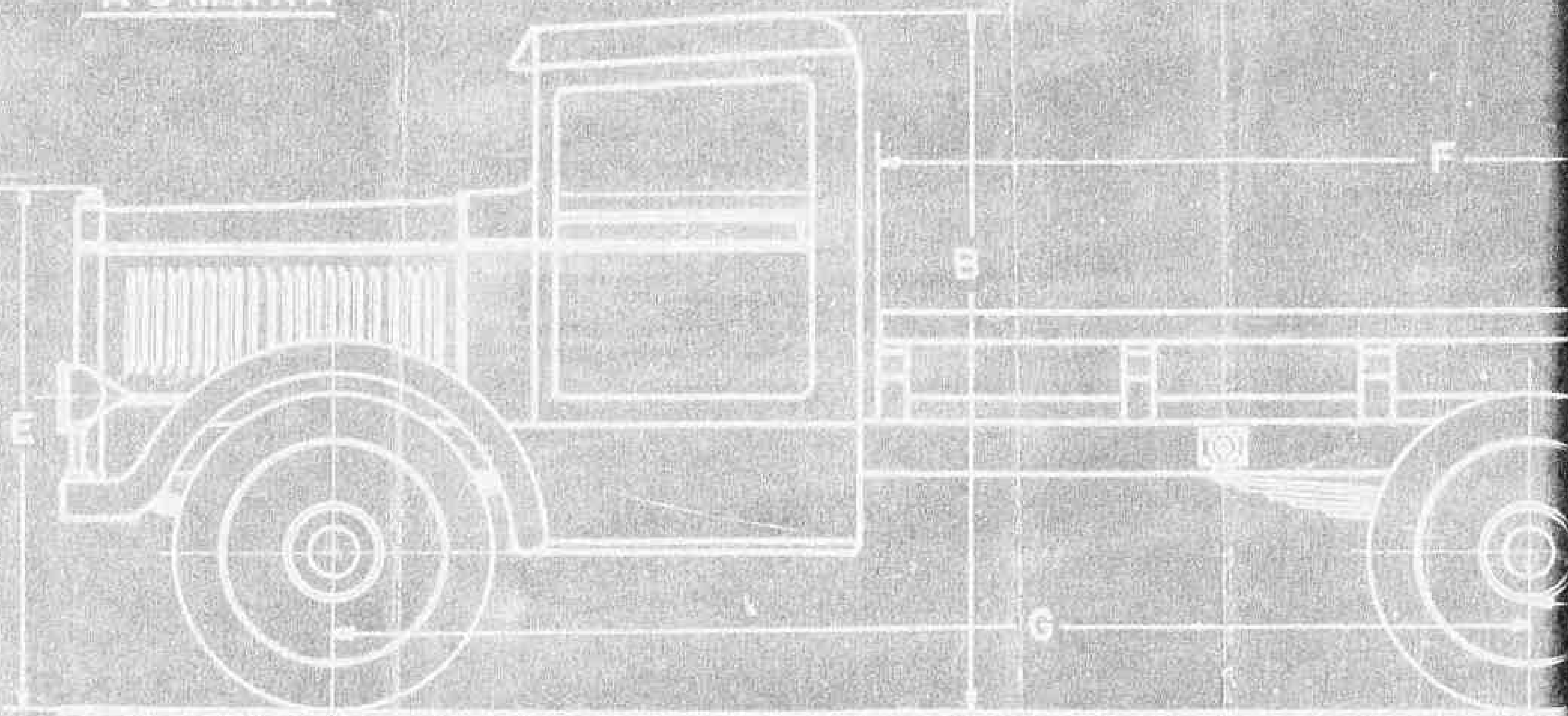
OVERALL LENGTH (Meters)	OVERALL WIDTH (Meters)	HIGHEST POINT (Meters)	HEIGHT TO RADIATOR (Meters)	UNLADEN WEIGHT (G.S.)	BODY (Meters)
8,60	2,50	2,60	1,90	65	4,70
8,00	2,50	2,50	1,85	70	4,80
8,50	2,50	2,60	1,85	75	4,80
7,50	2,50	2,15	1,55	50	4,60
7,50 6	2,50 2,50	2,50	1,85	70 37	4,40
7,50	2,50	2,60	1,90	67	4,40
7,20	2,35	2,50	1,80	55	5,10
6	2,50			30	

2 Tanker Trailers.

CIVILIAN M.T. GROUP

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TUTTE LE DIMENSIONI
SONO ESPRESSE IN
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TUTTI I VOLUMI
IN METRI CUBI

TABELLA DELL

MARCHES TARA

FIAT 524	65
MERCEDES	80
OM 100	70
OM 130	75
ALFA ROMEO 110/135	75
ALFA ROMEO 350/500	95
FIAT 621	30
LANCIA NO	55
FIAT 633	50

DIMENSIONI DI INGOMBRO DI AUTOCARRI

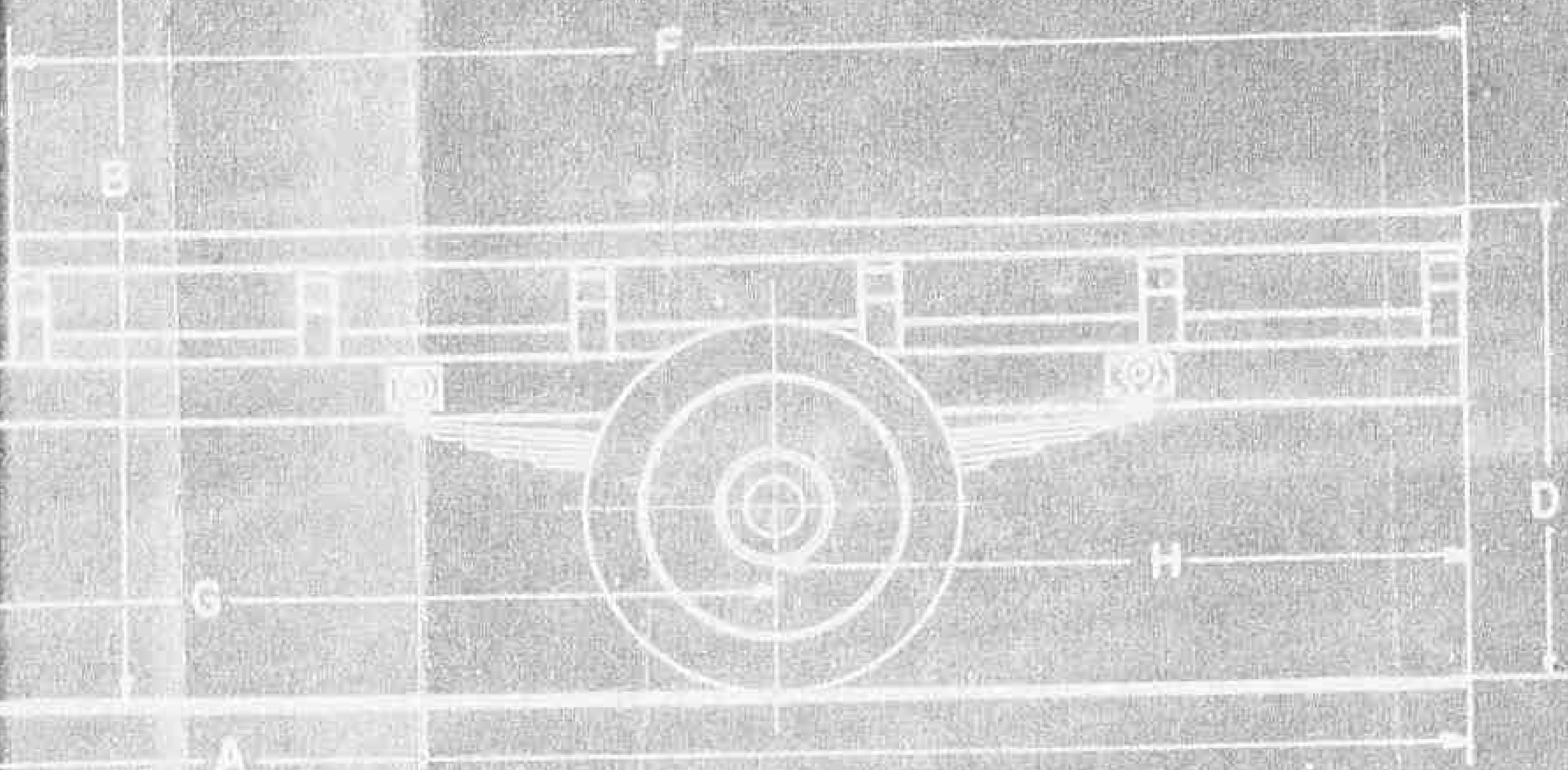


TABELLA DELLE DIMENSIONI DI AUTOCARRI

MARCHE	TARA	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I					
FIAT 654	60	800	250	220	140	180	470	460	230						
MERCEDES	60	750	215	220	120	155	420	450	180						
O.M. 100	70	800	250	250	140	185	480	510	230						
O.M. 150	75	850	250	250	140	185	480	510	230						
PIAGGIO	75	850	235	220	140	180	450	450	230						
ALFA ROMEO	45	720	225	215	125	180	420	440	180						
FIAT 800	50	750	230	210	120	155	310	365	150						
LANCIA	55	720	250	235	130	180	510	440	220						
FIAT 658	60	800	245	230	135	170	415	355	200						

TUTTE LE DIMENSIONI
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CENTIMETRI

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TUTTE LE VOLUMI
IN METRI CUBI

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 77474
 Date Time of Origin: MAY 181057

Message Centre No: E/1351
 Date Time Recd: MAY 190900
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED ALEXANDER OTTE FRGES
 TO: MILEAST INFO ALCOM ROME, BEMA ERITREA

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Transfer of vehicles and personnel to ITALY from ERITREA. Ref your letter 11156/337/73 of 16th April and MEF/OET/07628 of 26th April and MOVE 2/12132 of 13th May.

Para 1. Proposal discussed with Brig MCCARTHY and following agreed. Eritrean vehicles, trailers and accompanying personnel to be shipped to ITALY subject to following conditions and considerations:

(a). Not intended to requisition vehicles. They will be operated according to rate and order of ENAC.

(b). AFHQ to despatch 3 qualified Italian motor engineers to ERITREA to inspect vehicles before shipment to ensure each in good running order with scale of spares sufficient to operate 25000 miles without engine replacement or major overhaul with tyres having 5000 mile life and one spare tyre. Awaiting nomination of inquirers by Italian Government. Will advise particulars soonest.

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(c). Request each driver/owner to sign certificate with penalty clause that vehicle is in condition specified above. Italian motor engineers will give BMA ERITREA clearance that each vehicle acceptable.

(d). At least one driver per vehicle to travel on ship with vehicle.

Para 2. Ref your OET/1173 of 13th May. Consider transport charges for drivers and personnel should be settled by MEF and reported to War Office with request that War Office instruct ALCOM how charge is to be handled against Italian Government.

Para 3. Request nominal rolls by fastest means as per our FX 65060 of 24th April

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stating if possible in which locality owner wishes employment.

Para 4. Brigadier DECARHY is possission of ENAC traffic rates for information owners in ERITREA.

Para 5. Understand approximately 300 vehicles plus trailers presently available. Desire to receive such further numbers as are offered and conform to requirements of para 1 above.

Para 6. Request earliest convenient shipment to HEEL. Approx total tonnage involved 1975 long tons net.

Para 7. Agreed M and TN.

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Walter P. Scoggins
St. Cal. O. O.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 304
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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16 April 1945.

Ref: AC/312/4/TH.5

SUBJECT: Spare parts for Italian Civilian vehicles.

TO : Economic Section, HQ. Allied Commission.

1. For the past four months the Transportation Sub-Commission has been investigating reports of motor spare parts in Eritrea, Libya, et al, with the intention of importing these stock reserves to ameliorate the critical civilian parts situation in Italy.

2. In cooperation with the Industry and Commerce Sub-Commissions numerous Italian firms were contacted and asked to cooperate in estimating and locating said items.

3. It was proposed, the latter part of January, to send representatives from the Transportation and Commerce Sub-Commissions, together with two civilians representing the Italian firms involved, to make a comprehensive survey of the supplies and arrange for shipment. Upon recommendation from the Economic Section (ES 15.10 of 1 Feb. 1945) it was agreed to postpone this action until further reports from MIDEAST were received.

4. Recently Mr. Broetzkoos of the Industry Sub-Commission was authorized to visit the areas concerned and conduct the survey previously planned.

5. On 31 Mar. 1945 we received a copy of a telegram from Mr. Broetzkoos stating that he had 200 tons of motor spare parts packed and ready for shipment to Transportation Sub-Commission with 600 tons more to follow.

6. April 8, 1945, we received a copy of telegram, AFHQ to MIDEAST, requesting these 800 tons be consigned to Land Forces Sub-Commission, (MMA) Rome.

7. Further investigation with AFHQ and the Industry Sub-Commission reveals that apparent intentions are to channel all of this material to MMA.

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B. We do not believe that EMIA is in any position to ascertain and properly evaluate the overall civilian transport requirements or to serve as the distribution control agency. Such spares should be under the control of the Commerce Sub-Commission, who would distribute them in consultation with the Transportation S/C.

M. B. Thomas

M.B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director.

Copy to:

Commerce Sub-Commission
Industry Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

14 May 1945

SUBJECT : Vehicles Transferred from Tripolitania to Italy.

1.	Libya	4898	Make	O.M.
2.	"	T 4897	"	Fiat 666
3.	"	" 4896	"	" "
4.	"	" 4895	"	Alfa Romeo 800
5.	"	" 4894	"	Fiat 634 C H
6.	"	" 4893	"	" 635 H L
7.	"	" 4892	"	Lancia 3 Ro
8.	"	" 4891	"	Fiat 666
9.	"	" 4890	"	" " H
10.	"	" 4889	"	Lancia 3 Ro
11.	"	" 4888	"	" " "
12.	"	" 4887	"	Fiat 666
13.	"	" 4886	"	" 634 C H
14.	"	" 4885	"	" " "
15.	"	" 4883	"	Lancia 3 Ro
16.	"	" 4882	"	" " "
17.	"	" 4881	"	" " "
18.	"	" 4880	"	Fiat 508 L
19.	"	" 4879	"	Fiat 634 C H
20.	"	" 4878	"	Lancia 3 RO
21.	"	" 4877	"	Fiat 634 C H
22.	"	" 4876	"	Taurus O.M.
23.	"	" 4875	"	Lancia 3 RO
24.	"	" 4874	"	" " "
25.	"	" 4873	"	" " "
26.	"	" 4872	"	" RO
27.	"	" 4871	"	Fiat 634 C H
28.	"	" 4870	"	Lancia RO Tipo 89
29.	"	" 4869	"	Lancia 3 RO
30.	"	" 4868	"	" " "
31.	"	" 4867	"	Fiat 634 C H
32.	"	" 4866	"	" " "
33.	"	" 4865	"	" " "
34.	"	" 4864	"	O.M. Taurus
35.	"	" 4863	"	Bianchi 100-35M
36.	"	" 4862	"	Alfa Romeo 800
37.	"	" 4861	"	O.M.

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Morand
di Branciamore

38.	Libya	T 4960	Make	Fiat 634 N
39.	"	" 4969	"	" 656
40.	"	" 4956	"	" "
41.	"	" 4957	"	" 634 C R
42.	"	" 4955	"	" " N
43.	"	" 4953	"	Lancia 3 RO
44.	"	" 4954	"	O.M. 2-C
45.	"	" 4963	"	Fiat 656
46.	"	" 4952	"	" "
47.	"	" 4951	"	" "
48.	Roma	76777	Autocaro	
49.	Tripoli	Temp 10	Make	O.M. Taurus
50.	Libya	T 4902	"	Fiat 634 N.
51.	M I	16109	"	" "

Received from Road Transport Controller BMA Tripolitania, 51
Circulation Books and 46 lorries and one Fiat 1100 van. I
relieve BMA from all claims and liabilities in connection with
them.

The vehicles are as listed above 47 on quay at Taranto 4 09 in
transit to Naples.

S.A. S.T.A.

L'Amministrazione delegata Branciamore Giovanni
Montanaro

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J. S. Trumbull - Lt Col.
R. B. A. P. B.
1st Lieut - Commissioner
Roads Div. (R.P.)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION Phone: 489061

QSF/ep

Ref: AG/5/19/Tn5

12 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Transfer of Civilian Vehicles from Eritrea to Italy.

TO : Ministry of Transport - Piazza della Croce Rossa - Rome.

1. Reference conversation Mr. Gerabona - Lt. Col. Franklin 11 May 1945, arrangements have been made whereby 300 trucks and 55 ton trailers will be transferred from Eritrea to Italy, together with relative personnel which will amount to 850 drivers, 49 wives and 51 children.

2. In order to insure that the vehicles which will be shipped are acceptable in Italy by the Italian Government, it is requested that you nominate 2 motor engineers to proceed to Eritrea to carry out an inspection of the vehicles. In accordance with this plan may this headquarters be advised immediately regarding the numbers, giving the following information: names, identification and registration numbers.

3. The transportation charges covering shipment of these vehicles, together with personnel from Eritrea to Italy will be raised by the British Ministry of War Transport against the Italian Government.

4. Will you please confirm that recovery of such charges will be between the Italian Government and the personnel involved and that the Allied Commission will not in any way be held responsible for or be invited to act as mediator in recovery of such charges. 889

5. It is anticipated that these vehicles will arrive in Italy sometime in June. Upon arrival, the Italian Ministry of Transport should make arrangements for the issue of temporary travel authority and fuel for each vehicle in order that it may proceed to its final destination.

[Signature]
G. G. GROSS Jr.
Chief,
Roads Division.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Spare Parts for Italian
Civilian Vehicles

FILE NO. C.W.W.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission
Att: Col. Thomas

26 April 1945

Gen. McKinley has called Col. Butterworth regarding the allocation to MMIA of distribution of some 800 tons spare parts for motors. (Ref: AC/318/4/TN.5 - 16 April). Col. Butterworth agrees to have Gray look into the matter and inform us. Your cited letter is being held in Supply Division suspense.

C.W.W.
C.W.W.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

MJS/eh

505/6/Tn 3

25 April 1945

SUBJECT: Shipment of Redundant Army Trucks from Middle East to Italy for Civilian Needs.

TO : Road Division, Transportation Sub-Commission

1. Below is a copy of a signal from the Ministry of War Transport, Mediterranean, to London and Washington. This signal is passed to you for information and necessary action.

"TO : MWT LONDON (R) EAD WASHINGTON
FOR IMSM

FROM : MWTR MED.

"NASAB 711. A delegation of U. S. Army disposal board have discussed with us a project to ship redundant Army trucks now in Middle East to Italy for civilian needs. Ports of shipment would be SUEZ, HAIFA and BASRA. This contribution would be most welcome and would appear to be possible without making any additional demands for shipping by using deck space on vessels proceeding in this direction. If you agree could you assess the monthly numbers that could be carried as you are aware of the tonnage laid on passing these areas.

T.O.O. 171532 April"

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M. J. SIFF, Colonel
Chief, Movements Division

cc: Economic Section
Road Branch, Movements Div. Tn S/C

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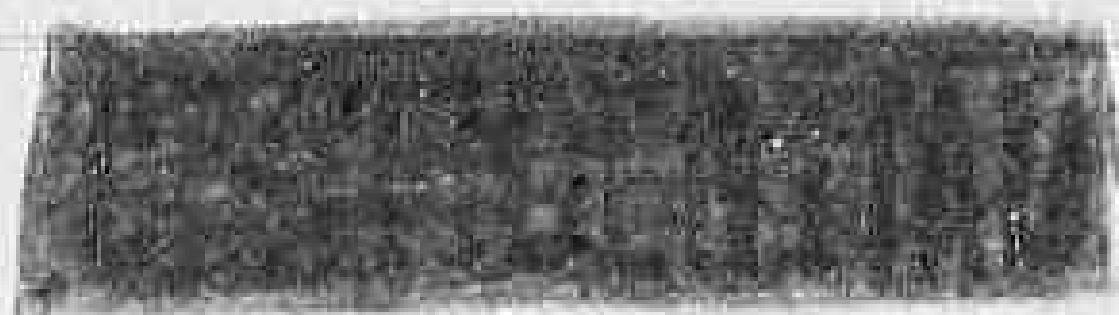
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Originator's Reference: DL 65060
Date/Time of Origin: APR 24 1818Z

Message Centre No: D/8640
Date Time Rec'd: APR 25 1950Z
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: INFO SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE INFO
TO: REQUEST FOR CIVILIAN INFO ALCON ROSE FOR TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL



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REFUGEE vehicles to ITALY is subject.

Your letter 11156/357/32 April 16 refers. Policy vehicles plus drivers and families under consideration. Suggest you prepare nominal rolls personnel with usual details of BME screening observations special screening reports when necessary. Forward preliminary lists fast air. No movement to commence until confirmed this HQ.

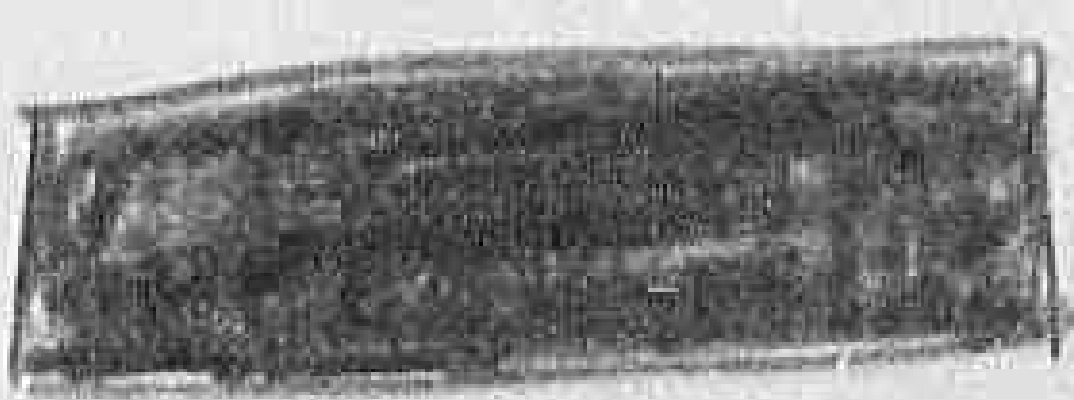
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APO 394

Tel. 378

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Ref: AC/318/TM

20 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Importing Trucks from Britica.

TO : Office of Chief of Staff.
(Att: Maj. Talbot)

1. Reference letter 65/20/1 file number 5818/ec, the Allied Commission is very much in need of additional trucks and the 300 owner-driver Italian vehicles referred to would help greatly to relieve the road transport shortage in Italy. This Division is of the opinion that drivers should accompany these trucks plus an additional 200 driver-mechanics for maintenance and repair purposes. The responsibility of allowing the families of these drivers to be moved with the drivers is a matter for displaced persons but in making a decision thought should be given to the food and housing conditions in Italy.

2. If it should be decided that these trucks be shipped, a company should first be formed in Britica comprising of all the truck owners, headed by a man who is financially responsible and capable of handling the affairs of the company as a unit. On arrival in Italy these trucks would operate as an individual operating company whose operations would be directed by WAC. This company should have enough capital to care for its financial burdens until such a time as revenue from their hauling commences. Inasmuch as they will operate around the Perugia-Macerata area it is desired they land in either Civitavecchia or Pionvina. This, however, would be a decision for the Movements Division of Transportation Sub-Commission.

3. Please advise this Division of any further action you wish taken in the securing of these trucks.

For the Director:

G. H. Gross Jr.

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G. H. GROSS Jr.
Chief,
Roads Division.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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Refs: AC/118/4/111.5

10 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Spare parts for Italian Civilian vehicles.

TO : Economic Section, HQ, Allied Commission.

1. For the past four months the Transportation Sub-Commission has been investigating reports of motor spare parts in (Libya, Egypt, et al, with the intention of importing these stock reserves to ameliorate the critical civilian parts situation in Italy.
2. In cooperation with the Industry and Commerce Sub-Commissions numerous Italian firms were contacted and asked to cooperate in estimating and locating said items.
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4. Recently Mr. Bratzkows of the Industry Sub-Commission was authorized to visit the areas concerned and conduct the survey previously planned.
5. On 31 Mar. 1945 we received a copy of a telegram from Mr. Bratzkows stating that he had 200 tons of motor spare parts packed and ready for shipment to Transportation Sub-Commission with 800 tons more to follow.
6. April 8, 1945, we received a copy of telegram, AFHQ to MIDFAST, requesting these 800 tons be consigned to Land Forces Sub-Commission, (MHA) Rome.
7. Further investigation with AFHQ and the Industry Sub-Commission reveals that apparent intentions are to channel all of this material to MHA.

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8. We do not believe that WHA is in any position to ascertain and properly evaluate the overall civilian transport requirements or to serve as the distribution control agency. Such spares should be under the control of the Commerce Sub-Commission, who would distribute them in consultation with the Transportation S/C.

P.B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director.

Copy to:

Commerce Sub-Commission
Industry Sub-Commission

INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 58907 Message Centre No: D/7545
Date/Time of Origin: APR 121506B Date Time Rec'd: APR 131115
Priority: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHCOT
TO: ERITREA BASE COMMAND, MISEAST INFO MMIA, AC

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Your GX 42570 dated 11th April

INFO - ACTION

Para 1. All spares for Italian vehicles will be consigned to Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA) as directed in our FX 57074 of 8th April. Division of spares between MMIA and TN Sub Commission will be made by AC on arrival material in ROME.

Para 2. Request you alter consignee of 200 tons already packed

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4. Confirm that material reported by HOWARD is additional to list given to representatives of this HQ during visit to you in January the releases to MEDIA have already been made.

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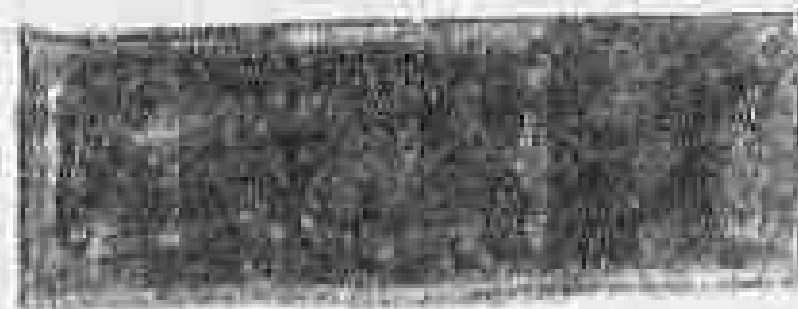
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 Date/Time of Origin: **APRIL 11/1340Z**

Message Centre No: **D/7467**
 Date/Time Rec'd: **APRIL 12/1715B**
 Precedence: **ROUTINE**

FROM: **BROTZKOOS, SIGNED COTTER**
 TO: **ACTION: AFHQ G-5 INFO: AFHQ G-4, ALCOM HQ ROME LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION**
 (MIA) **ECONOMIC SECTION**



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Reference your FX 57074. Balance about 600 tons are being prepared for packing. No spares from ERITREA are being consigned to (MIA) Land Forces Sub Commission. All spares for Italian vehicles are available for shipment from ERITREA total approximately 800 tons states BROOTZKOOS. Also, these spares are controlled by British Military authorities and stored at 525 Ordnance Mt Depot, 19 Area MEF. Approximately 200 tons are already packed consigned to Transportation Sub Commission Allied Commission Headquarters ROME in accordance with GHQ MEF instruction DOS/7747/4 (1) dated 17 February.

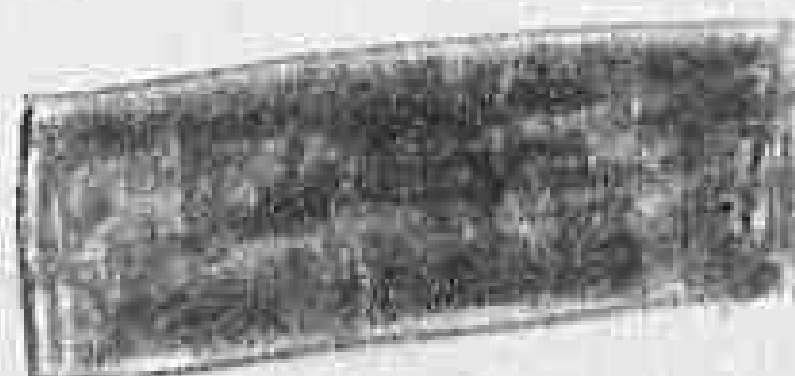
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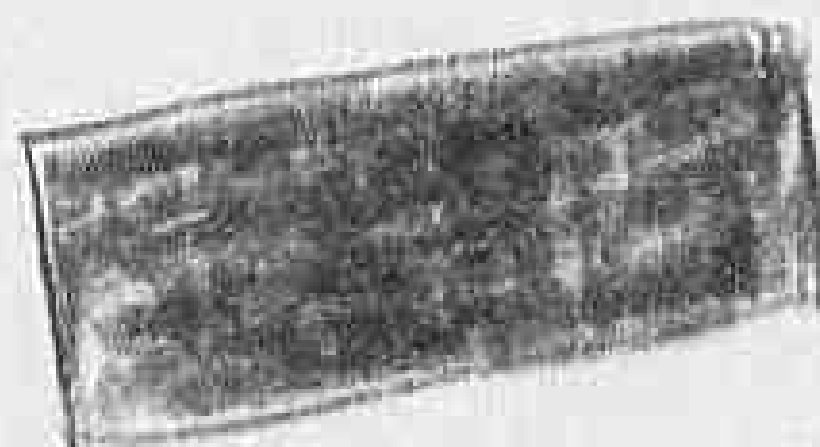
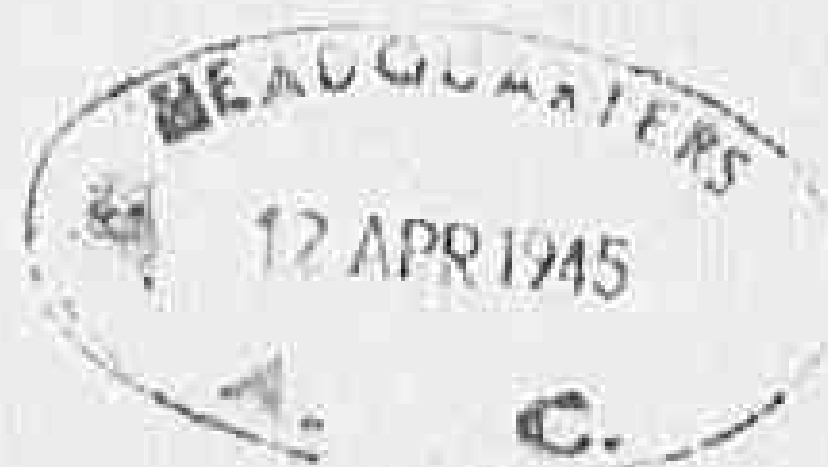
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref: AG/318/4/TN.5

12 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Spare parts for Italian Civilian vehicles.

TO : Ellery W. STONE,
Rear Admiral U.S.N.,
Chief Commissioner.

1. For the past four months the Transportation Sub-Commission has been investigating reports of motor spare parts in Eritrea, Libya, et al, with the intention of importing these stock reserves to ameliorate the critical civilian parts situation in Italy.
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8. We do not believe that DIA is in any position to ascertain and properly evaluate the overall civilian transport requirements or to serve as the distribution control agency for spares.

9. As the Sub-Commission is responsible for the carriage of essential civilian supplies, it is logical that we should be in a position to deal directly with the supplies vital to transportation operations.

10. We request that action be taken to place the spare parts, previously referred to, under the control of the Transportation Sub-Commission in accordance with the original assignment.

11. Failing this way the Land Forces Sub-Commission be informed of the critical requirements in re this material and urged to cooperate and coordinate with the Transportation Sub-Commission in their utilization.

H.B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TBJ/mls

16 February 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Vehicles and Drivers in Eritrea.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Information has been received that there are approximately 300 owner driven mixed Italian vehicles of over 3 tons carrying capacity in Eritrea which could be collected together within one month. Each vehicle would be equipped with one spare tire and it is estimated the vehicles would be good for 30,000 miles each. The reasons the vehicles cannot be used in Mideast include lack of spare parts for them.

2. Mideast have suggested that the vehicles might be of use in Italy and suggest that the drivers should accompany the vehicles in MT storeships from MASSAWA and that the families of the drivers should accompany the drivers. It is further suggested that rather than requisition the vehicles the owner drivers should be engaged for work in Italy in private capacity.

3. Mideast have asked for comments generally on the matter.

4. It is requested that you will forward your comments as soon as possible to this Section covering not only the question of bringing in owner driven civilian vehicles with their drivers but also the question of accommodating their families and the desirability of bringing in vehicles without accompanying spare parts. The question of shipping space would of course have to be dealt with separately in the light of your comments.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

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tel: 378

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref: AC/3118/3/TN5

12 March 1945

SUBJECT: Repatriation of 4 men from East Africa.

TO : Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission.

1. It has been brought to our attention the great number of large trucks in East Africa (Eritrea) for which there is no work. Italy is in great need of trucks and this need is becoming more critical every day.

2. Several offers have been made by individuals and trucking concerns in Eritrea to bring their trucks to Italy for the purpose of hauling under the direction of ENAC.

3. One of these offers is a request from Mr. SCORZONI Adolfo, who has three Diesel tankers with trailers, along with a complete repair workshop, including a 30 Kw electric generator. He states that these trucks are in perfect running order, with good tires and spare parts.

Mr. Scorzoni's family is at present living in Rome 32, Rome, and whose telephone number is 70061, that space has been arranged in Rome for the setting up of his repairshop.

Mr. Scorzoni was born at Montefalco (Perugia) the 8th of August 1913, and he has requested that he may bring with him two other men, who are at present working for him as mechanics. Their names are as follows:

GREGORI Luigi, fu Giuseppe, born in Foligno on the 18th of December 1911;

MARDIS Carmine, fu Enrico, born in Roccamarezzo (L'Aquila) born on the 8th of September 1892.

If however these two men cannot be repatriated along with Mr. Scorzoni, it is understood that he will come by himself and try to arrange for mechanics in Italy.

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Mr. Scorzoni's family is at present living in Rome and I have been informed by Mr. Feliciani Bitore, Via Marco Aurelio 32, Rome, and whose telephone number is 70061, that space has been arranged in Rome for the setting up of his repairshop.

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GRIGORI Luigi, fu Giuseppe, born in Poligno on the 18th of December 1911;

MARDES Carmine, fu Enrico, born in Roccedi Tezze (L'Aquila) born on the 6th of September 1897.

If however these two men cannot be repatriated along with Mr. Scorzoni, it is understood that he will come by himself and try to arrange for mechanics in Rome. Good mechanics in Rome and in any other part of Italy, however, are scarce.

4. I would like to repeat that the need for trucks of any capacity and particularly of large capacity is critical. Anything that can be done to secure more trucks will be definitely helping our war effort.

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5. If there is anything further you wish this office to do in connection with helping in this matter, you can be assured that everything possible will be done to comply with your instructions.

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G.G. GROSS JR.
Chief,
Roads Division.

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MEMORANDUM

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The ENGLISH MILITARY GOVERNOR of DECAMERE (Prov. of Asmara; Eritrea) on the 28th of December 1944, in a report on the unemployment of Italian citizens in Eritrea, especially of those engaged in the transportation business, said that he had gone to Rome (Italy) on the 14th of the same month, to discuss means for meeting such unemployment, among which there was repatriation.

The first private citizens to be repatriated should have been those requested with personal name from Rome, according to said Governor, so that Mr. SCORZONI ADOLFO, owner of an automobiles and trucks repair shop in Decamerè, apply to the Allied Commission in Rome, to mention his name to the Governor of Decamerè, in order to be repatriated.

Mr. Scorzoni Adolfo, was born at Montefelco (Perugia) on the 8th. of August 1913. He would gladly return to Rome and join his wife and children resuming his work in the transportation business with the three heavy trucks, the repair shop and all the accessory per the repairing of auto trains, including a 30 KW electric generator: everything in perfect order, with tires and other pieces pertaining to the auto industry, for which he has already secured in Rome the necessary buildings. He would put his services at the disposition of the EMAC for transport of public utility.

The EMAC has been informed of this plan, and wishes very much that this application of Mr. Scorzoni Adolfo be considered by the Allied Commission and his name signalized to the Governor of Decamerè, so he could return as soon as possible.

He would be accompanied by his employees, to take care of the auto

trains and other material, namely:

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- SCORZONI LUIGI fu Giuseppe, born in Foligno on the 13th December 1911;
- MARDIS CARLINE fu Enrico, born in Rocca di Teverzo (L'Aquila) on the 8th of September 1907, and already included in the list of idle men of Asmara.

Dott. FELICIANI Ettore
Via MARCO AURELIO, 32

tel: 70061.

ROMA

PRO MEMORIA.

Alla Spettabile Presidenza dell'E.M.A.C.

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- Il Giorno 28 Dicembre u.s. il Governatore Militare Inglese di DECAMERE' (Provincia di Asmara - Eritrea) in un breve discorso tenuto alla popolazione del paese e riferendosi soprattutto ai proprietari e al personale delle Ditte di Autotrasporti che da vari mesi hanno totalmente cessato la loro attività, disse di essersi recato a Roma il giorno 14 dello stesso mese e di aver riferito sulle precarie condizioni ambientali e sulla seria situazione economica venutasi a creare in seguito alla disoccupazione soprattutto nel ramo dei trasporti. Il Governatore assicurò esplicitamente che si sarebbe dato inizio al rimpatri dei lavoratori e dei proprietari di aziende specie per quelle ditte che in Italia avessero contribuito con la loro attività alla rinascita del Paese. Egli concluse che i primi a partire sarebbero stati coloro i cui nominativi fossero stati comunicati da Roma.

- Ciò promesso il Sig. SCORZONI Adolfo, proprietario in Decameré dell'Officina Riparazione Autotreni "Vincenzo Scorzoni" fa domanda per essere segnalato da Roma a Decameré per il rimpatrio e all'uopo fa presente quanto segue:

- Il Sig. SCORZONI Adolfo tornerebbe subito in Italia con N. 3 (tre) autotreni pesanti con rimorchio PIAT 634, con l'attrezzatura al completo per 14 Officina Riparazione Autotreni e con un Gruppo Elettrogeno da 30 KW.
- Efficienza dei tre autotreni PIAT 634: PERFETTA;
- Gomme, dotazioni, attrezzatura per l'Officina: dell'industria civile automobilistica Italiana;
- Il Sig. SCORZONI Adolfo, non appena giunto in Italia, porrebbe i tre au-

lazione del paese e riferendosi soprattutto ai proprietari e al personale delle Ditte di Autotrasporti che da vari mesi hanno totalmente cessato la loro attività, disse di essersi recato a Roma il giorno 14 dello stesso mese e di aver riferito sulle precarie condizioni ambientali e sulla seria situazione economica venutasi a creare in seguito alla disoccupazione soprattutto nel ramo dei trasporti. Il Governatore assicurerà esplicitamente che si sarebbe dato inizio al rimpatrio dei lavoratori e dei proprietari di aziende specie per quelle ditte che in Italia avessero contribuito con la loro attività alla rinascita del Paese. Egli concluse che i primi a partire sarebbero stati coloro i cui nominativi fossero stati comunicati da Roma.

- Ciò premesso il Sig. SCORZONI Adolfo, proprietario in Decameré dell'Officina Riparazione Autotreni "Vincenzo Scorzoni" fa domanda per essere segnalato da Roma a Decameré per il rimpatrio e all'uopo fa presente quanto segue:

- Il Sig. SCORZONI Adolfo tornerebbe subito in Italia con N. 3 (tre) autotreni pesanti con rimorchio PIAT 634, con l'attrezzatura al completo per 14 Officina Riparazione Autotreni e con un Gruppo Elettrogeno da 30 KW.

- Efficienza dei tre autotreni Fiat 634: PERFETTA;

- Gomme, dotazioni, attrezzatura per l'Officina: dell'industria civile autotomobilistica Italiana;

- Il Sig. SCORZONI Adolfo, non appena giunto in Italia, vorrebbe i tre autotreni e la sua Officina alle dipendenze regolamentari dell'ENAC per conto delle quale eserciterebbe i trasporti per l'interesse collettivo;

- Città di residenza in Italia per l'esercizio dell'industria: Roma, dove risiede la famiglia del Sig. SCORZONI (moglie e tre bambini) rimpatriata da Decameré nell'Agosto 1943. A Roma il Sig. SCORZONI avrebbe già pronto il locale dove impiantare la sua Officina con Rimessa adiacente, nonché il Gruppo Elettrogeno da 30 KW.

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- Il numero delle persone da rimpatriare per l'accompagnamento dei tre autotreni e dell'Officina la cui attrezzatura sarebbe montata su di essi, sono le seguenti:

a)- Sig. SCORZONI Adolfo, di Vincenzo, nato a Montefalco (Perugia) l'8 agosto

1913 - Domiciliato a Decameré (dove si recò con la

sua azienda trasferendosi da Roma) nell'anno 1936;

2)- Sig. GREGORI Luigi di Giuseppe, nato a Foligno (Perugia) il 18 Dicembre

1911;

3)- Sig. MARDIS Carmine di Enrico, nato a Roccamarezzo (L'Aquila) l'8 settem-

bre 1897, segnato nell'elenco dei disoccupati in

Asmara.

- Il Comando Alleato (Sottocommissione dei Trasporti della Commissione Alleata, Via Veneto, Roma) è stato informato del desiderio e della richiesta del Sig. SCORZONI per essere segnalato a Decameré ai fini del rimpatrio con la sua Ditta. L'Ufficiale superiore competente della Sottocommissione dei Trasporti (V. pro-memoranda a parte) si sta interessando della cosa per le evidenti ragioni di pubblica utilità che insiste nel rimpatrio della Ditta SCORZONI con i tre autotreni civili in perfetta efficienza.

- La Sottocommissione Alleata per i Trasporti ha voluto innanzi tutto assicurazione esplicita che i tre autotreni della Ditta SCORZONI, appena in Italia, passino alle dipendenze dirette dell'E.N.A.C. ai fini dell'attività.

- Tale assicurazione è stata data e viene ribadita alla Presidenza dell'ENAC

- Persona incaricata dal Sig. SCORZONI per il corso della pratica in Roma presso la Commissione Alleata e l'E.N.A.C.: Dottor Ettore VELLICANI; Via Marco Aurelio N. 32. Roma. Telefono: 70.061.

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Addis Ababa, February the 14 th. 1945.

Colonel Carness
Allied Commission
Rome

Dear Sir,

Maj. G.L.O. Grundy R.E. who visited you in January informed me that your Department would eventually consider and assist the transfer of Italian civil heavy transport vehicles from the former Italian Colonies to Italy, provided that a certain amount of them could be spared without endangering the local transport situation. I only know the conditions prevailing in Eritrea and Somalia, the former two Ital. East African Colonies so I shall concentrate my report on them.

- 1..SOMALIA: Owners of heavy diesel lorries are often waiting for weeks for transport opportunities, generally given by the BMAS. By a rough estimate some 100 seven tonners with some 40 trailers of an average of 4 tons loading capacity could be easily given free for transfer without harm to the existing transport conditions. Some 30 Ford V8 three tonners of the 1935 model would be also available.

TOTAL : ab. 850 tons

- 2..ERITREA : The situation in Eritrea is, from our stand point, much better as there is more surplus transport lying idle. Shortly, some 100 heavy diesel lorries have reached Ethiopia, permitted by the BMAS to remain here for transport. Most of them are now looking for employment here and would be lucky to make 1000 miles per month. I think that Eritrea would spare another 250 seven tonner lorries and 100 trailers so that a

TOTAL of ab. 1750 tons

could be transferred to Italy.

- 3..Both Colonies would thus give a
overland transport. (vehicles)

TOTAL of 2600 tons

870

- 4..The prevailing makes are :

O.M. eight tonners 10%
FIAT 634 75%
Lancia Ro Ro, 7 tonners...5%
Alfa Romeo 4 & 7 tonners...5%
Buessing Nag 6 ton.....5%

of which only Buessing Nag being a German make.

- 5..TYRES : As everywhere, there is in the colonies a certain shortage of new tyres. About 70% of all available lorries have got recently 80% fair tyres. The prevailing sizes are :

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For 7 & 8 tonners 42 x 9 , II,25 x 24
6 x 6 " 36 x 8, 9.00 x 20 , 10.00 x 20, 40 x 8

- 6..SPARE PARTS: A very substantial part of spare parts for the Italian makes could be produced in the last years locally. Eritrea produces pistons & rings etc. The crucial problem lies in the injection pumps , mostly " Bosch " . No parts could be made for injection pumps. I am informed that stocks of parts for the " Bosch " injection pump are in the M.E. , stored as part of the booty. I think that they are not much needed for the few Ital. Diesel lorries used by the Army in the M.E.
- 7..The Italian lorry owners and their drivers would be too glad to have an opportunity of transferring their lorries to Italy for a secured and continous employment under fair conditions. I spoke with many of them and could only have the same reply.

- 8..The system used in the Colonies and partly accepted by the Military Administration (BMAE & BMAS) is the " padroncini " system, working as follows :

Transport firms or Companies have agreements with single lorry owners bound to make the transport service through the firms. The transport firms are paying to the lorry owners the fixed rates (by Government or other bodies) less a commission which varies between 8 and 10%. On the other hand the Transport Firms are advancing to the lorry owners money for tyres, fuel etc. are securing a continuous employment, securing certain service facilities, providing for spare parts, dealing with Government or others on behalf and in the interest of the lorry owners. In the same time they take the responsibility for transport efficiency, they grant the safe arrival of goods intrusted to them. The transport firms are usually disposing of an own fleet kept as an emergency reserve.

9. I propose to unite all Italian lorry owners of the colonies willing and permitted to transfer to Italy ~~it~~ one transport firm as described under para 8.

- 10..It seems to me the best if details of my scheme could be discussed with you in Italy before preliminary steps with the Colonial Military Administrations of Somalia and Eritrea are made. Although a former resident of Rome and Milan for over 20 years, I must acquaint myself with present conditions of service possibilities, spare parts and other technical details in Italy. I am ready to come for a few weeks to Italy and discuss with you my scheme submitting more detailed informations. If you agree to it, kindly provide for my entry visa cabling it to the British Embassy in Addis Ababa. I am a polish citizen and I presume from experience that no objection from the security point of view to my coming to Italy could be made.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Economic Section

CWAP/hgd

Jan. 1945

AC/R/86/IN.5

SUBJECT : Obtaining Vehicles and Spare Parts
from Libya and Eritrea.

TO : A.F.H.Q., G-5 (Att: Col. Butterworth).

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2. The Directors stated that thousands of trucks and many tons of spare parts, tools, and equipment are located in the above mentioned areas. These vehicles, tools, and equipment are urgently required in Italy to meet the acute transport shortage here.

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-1- Not per 25/15.10
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I shall be highly obliged to you for an immediate reply and in the case my proposal would meet your interest and my coming considered usefull for a short cable as an advice.

I can be in 2 days in Cairo by a weeklt plane.

Yours faithfully

F. K. K. K.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Economic Section

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AC/R/86/TN.5

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-1- Not per dated 12/15/45. (3)

4. Authority is requested for the two Italian civilians and the two Allied officers to proceed to the destinations indicated at the earliest possible moment.

5. A further proposition in connection with obtaining vehicles from Italian Somaliland, Abyssinia and Britree is being submitted to you in a separate letter of even date Reference AC/R/87/TN.5

For the Chief Commissioner:

L.D.DENSMORE,
Colonel, F.A.
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff

Copy to: Col. Evans, Commerce Sub-Commission.

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ERITREA and LIBIA

Following a meeting of various directors of the Fiat, ~~Coy~~, Lancia ~~Coy~~, Westinghouse, ~~O.M.Cox~~s have agreed sending a representative to the above mentioned area for the purpose of collection and shipment of spare parts and vehicles to Italy.

It is recommended that authority be given to the under-mentioned officials:

Dott. Beltramo for the Westinghouse to proceed to Eritrea.
Dott. Enrico Cassoli Director Fiat Coy to proceed to Libia.

Authority is also requested for two Allied officers of this Commission be ordered to accompany the above mentioned officials.

These officials state that thousands of trucks and many tons of spare parts, tools and equipment ~~located~~ are located in the above mentioned area. These tools and equipment are urgently ~~needed~~ required in Italy, to meet the acute ~~shortage~~ transportation shortage ~~in Italy~~.
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It is proposed that the officials mentioned above make a survey and report to this commission through your headquarters for the authority to arrange the necessary shipment.

Each Italian official has been authorized to act as agent for all the companies numerated above. It is understood that the bulk of the parts are mostly in Libya and belong to the Italian Government. This matter will be arrange with the Ministry of War.

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TO AFHQ G-5 ATT COL BUTTERWOTH

SUBJECT IS OBTAINING VEHICLES AND SPARE PARTS FROM
LIBYA AND ERITREA PD

THE UNDERMENTIONED FIRMS HAVE AGREED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE
TO ERITREA AND LIBYA TO COLLECT AND SHIP VEHICLES AND SPARE
PARTS TO ITALY PD FIAT PD LANCIA PD WESTINGHOUSE PD AND
OBOE MIKE PD RECOMMEND AUTHORITY BE GIVEN TO UNDER MENTIONED
OFFICIALS PD DOTTS ^{Paul} BELTRAMO AND ^{Quirico} SASSOLI PD
AUTHORITY IS ALSO REQUESTED FOR UNDERMENTIONED ALLIED
OFFICES OF ALLIED COMMISSION TO ACCOMPANY THE ABOVE OFFICIALS
CPT PETERSON TRANSPORTATION SUB+COMMISSION

Jan 10 Conference
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Honourable Sirs,

I the hereafter undersigned Engineer Paul B e l t r a m o, beg to submit the following :

The Italian " Westinghouse- Company " (Brakes and Signals) - a joint-stock company L.t. , with head-office in Turin - has established in the year 1937 a branch-office of its own in Aerythrea.

This branch-office, with large plants and storehouses, employed about 200 Italian and 300 native worksmen.

At present, it disposes of :

- a) - best qualified clerks and workmen,
- b) - of a thermal-electric power plant,
- c) - of machines and tools of every kind (lathes, boring-machines, milling, - shaping and grinding machines, etc.)
- d) - of machines for timber-working;
- e) - benches for taking in trial the Westinghouse-brakes, the pumps, the Diesel apparatus for injections, the electrical apparatus, etc.
- f) - of foundries for bronzes and aluminium; electrical and autogenous welding; of an upholsterer- and varnisher section;
- g) - of a complete plant-machinery;
- h) - of storehouses and raw materials (raw materials in the strict sense of the word, materials for being immediately used, FIAT, LANCIA and O.M. spare pieces etc.)
- i) - 10 Motor-vehicles (lorries of great, average and small carrying capacity, motor-cars).

It is, of course, possible, in a short time, to dismount the machines and to carry them, with all the materials of the storehouses available, to Italy, in order to resume and enlarge the activity here.

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The joint-stock Company L.t. FIAT has in Aerythrea an important branch-office and disposes of many tons of spare pieces for lorries and motor-cars.

I am an intimate friend of Engineer F e r r e t t i, manager of this branch-office and of Mr. T a g l i e r o, KC. who is the only one grantee of this company for Aerythrea and titular of the repair plant (the latter is exceedingly well purveyed with all sort of machinery and tools, although not being so large and so important as that of the Westinghouse Company.)

The branch-office of the FIAT L.t. in Aerythrea is at Asmara; that of the Westinghouse at Decamaré; from Asmara to Decamaré there are 30 km. ; the distance from Massaua (the shipping harbour) is of 100 km.

I beg to remain your Honours

obedient servant :

Lt. Paolo Beltrami

La Compagnia Italiana WESTINGHOUSE (Westinghouse Italian Company) Freni e segnali (Brakes and Signals) - Società Anonima con sede in Torino, ha fondato nel 1937 una sua Filiale in Eritrea.

Tale Filiale dell'Eritrea, con vasti locali di Officina, ampi magazzini e adeguati uffici, dava lavoro a circa 200 operai nazionali e 300 operai indigeni.

Attualmente essa dispone di :

- a) - Impiegati e maestranze specializzate ;
- b) - Centrale termo-elettrica da 100 KW.
- c) - Macchine utensili di ogni genere (torni, trapani, fresatrici, piallatrici, rettifiche, ecc.)
- d) - Macchine per la lavorazione del legno;
- e) - Banchi prova per freni Westinghouse, per pompe, ed iniettori Diesel, per apparecchi elettrici ecc.)
- f) - Forni per fonderia di bronzo e di alluminio; saldatura elettrica ed autogena; reparto tapezzieri e verniciatori; 863
- g) - Attrezzatura completa di officina ;
- h) - Materiali a magazzino (materie prime, materiali di consumo, ricambi FIAT, LANCIA, e O.M., materiali vari ecc.)
- i) - N° 10 Automezzi (autocarri di grande, di media e di piccola portata, Autovetture).

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E' possibile naturalmente ed in breve tempo, smontare tutto e trasportare l'Officina, i magazzini e gli Uffici in Italia, per riprendere qui l'attività anche ampliandola.

La Società Anonima FIAT ha in Eritrea una importante Filiale e dispone di molte tonnellate di Parti di ricambio per Autocarri e Automobili.

Lo scrivente è buon amico dell'Ing. Ferretti, direttore della Filiale e del Comm. ^(Concessionario esclusivo per l'Eritrea) Tagliero e titolare della Officina di Riparazioni (Officina molto ben attrezzata, anche se più piccola e meno importante di quella della Westinghouse.)

La sede della FIAT in Eritrea è Asmara; quella della Westinghouse è Decameré; Asmara e Decameré distano tra loro 30 km. ; ambedue distano da Massaua (eventuale porto d'imbarco) un centinaio di km.

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Ing. PAOLO BELTRAMO

Paolo Beltramo

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