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REPORTS OF "B" VEHICLES)
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Ex Commissioner
HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. ARMY

R/2352

28 February 1945

SUBJECT: Attached letter from Mario NAFOLI

TO : Office of the Chief of Staff
Headquarters, Allied Commission

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Reference your 998/79/COS dated 10 February 1945.

1. Enclosed find copy of letters from Lt. Reidpath dated 13 September 1944, Major Watkins dated 16 September 1944 and Lt. Irving Friedman 15 February 1945.
2. It appears that the vehicle in question was in error turned over to Mario Napoli by a Lt. Verdirame an AMG Officer operating in that vicinity at that time.
3. Napoli made repairs amounting to 115,000 Lire and since then has made a net profit from the operation of this truck while in his possession to the amount of 272,183 lire.
4. The truck was turned over on the verbal order of the Zone Commissioner to the Fire Brigade Headquarters in Matera Province, and is now being used by them.
5. This vehicle is war booty, and property of Allied Governments and as we understand can only be disposed of on instructions of captured Enemy Material Section, AFHQ per letter dated 9 August 1944 R. C. & M. G. Section, Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.
6. In view of the above circumstances we see no reason why this car should be returned back to Napoli, and ask instructions as to the disposition of this vehicle.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Edmund O. Howell
EDMUND O. HOWELL
Colonel, Inf.

Actg. Executive Officer ²⁷⁴¹

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AF3 394
Transmission Sub-Commission

Ext: 566

Ref: AC/31/1/In.5

7 March 1945

SUBJECT: Enemy Vehicle Confiscated
by Civilians.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.

1. Reference is made to your letter 3/2352 dated 23 Feb 45 and attached correspondence on the above subject.
2. All captured German vehicles and the property of the Allied Military Authorities and may not be handed over to civilians.
3. In this case Mario Napoli has no title to the truck and he should be so advised. It would appear too that he has little cause for complaint since he made a net profit of 272,183 lire against a repair outlay of 115,000 lire while the vehicle was wrongfully in his possession.
4. If you consider that the continued use of the truck by the Matera Fire Brigade is justified, it may remain on loan. It must be clearly understood, however, that the vehicle is the property of the Allied Military Authorities.
5. For your information captured Italian Army vehicles, if captured before the Armistice, are the property of the Allied Governments and can only be disposed of with authority of A.F.H.C.
If taken after the Armistice such vehicles are the property of the Italian Army and disposal is controlled by A.F.H.C.

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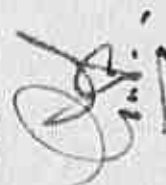
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Correspondence attached to your letter is returned herewith.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

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MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

Copy to: The Executive Commissioner
thru Economic Section

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