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1. At your request I investigated the source of the action taken by ASA to ear-mark 25 machines for special purposes. It developed that there was no special request to ASA to do this from either USCIB or AFSA. The last USCIB paper on the subject was, however, received by ASA and, remembering a promise made by them last May to supply machines, they took the action that they did without waiting to be asked. It happened that the machines were readily available because of a recent replacement of some of their holdings in Europe. They ordered the machines to be sent to ASA Europe and instructed ASA to repair them and hold onto them until further notice.

2. They informed me that the quantity which they have taken this action on amounts to 25, but also said that there might be a couple of more which could be added to the pot.

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