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SUBJECT-

DISPOSAL OF VENTURA AIRCRAFT, WASP R2800-31 ENGINES
AND RELEVANT SPARESINTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this Agendum is to seek a declaration that the total R.A.A.F. holding of Ventura aircraft, Wasp R2800-31 engines, together with Airframe, Engine Spares and Associated Equipment peculiar to this type of aircraft and engine are surplus to requirements and to obtain approval to offer this equipment to the Commonwealth Disposals Commission for disposal in accordance with the procedure approved under Air Board Agendum 6647/45.

REASON FOR DISPOSAL:

2. Ventura aircraft and Wasp R2800-31 engines are not a requirement under Air Board Agendum No. 7273 - "Aircraft Requirements for the Peace-time R.A.A.F.", and in consequence, the total R.A.A.F. holding of this type of aircraft and engine, together with all airframe, engine spares and associated equipment peculiar thereto are surplus to requirements.

OWNERSHIP AND VALUE:

3. Ventura aircraft and Wasp R2800-31 engines and relevant spares were obtained under Lend Lease procedure.

4. Authority has now been received vide Treasury Circular No. 1946/A6 dated 28th June, 1946, to declare surplus Lend Lease goods to Commonwealth Disposals Commission.

5. The estimated original value of the present R.A.A.F. holding is as follows :-

53 Ventura aircraft, @ £54,500 ea.	£2,888,500
67 Spare Wasp R2800-31 engines, @ £6,250 ea.	418,750
Airframe, Engine Spares and Associated Equipment	350,000
TOTAL:	£3,657,250

FINANCE:

6. Receipts on account of disposal of this equipment will be credited to Division 225K/1B - "Credits from Disposals Commission".

RECOMMENDATION:

7. It is recommended that the total R.A.A.F. holding of Ventura aircraft, Wasp R2800-31 engines, together with all relevant airframe and engine spares and associated equipment, be declared surplus to requirements, in accordance with the authority prescribed in Air Board Agendum No. 6647/45 and offered to the Commonwealth Disposals Commission for disposal.

25th July, 1946.

Smalley
Air Commodore,

AIR MEMBER FOR SUPPLY & EQUIPMENT.

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DISPOSITION OF VENTURA AIRCRAFT

UNIT	SERIAL NOS.
C.M.U. Evans Head	A.59, 74, 92, 93, 96
C.M.U. Tocomwal	A.59- 2, 6, 13, 16, 17, 57
3 A.D.	A.59 - 11
2 A.D.	A.59 - 1, 4, 12, 15, 18, 19, 20, 51, ⁵² 53, 60, 62 54, 55, 57, 68, 69, 71, 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 82, 85, 89, 91, 94, 97, 98, 100, 101, 103 104
2 A.D. F.F.	A.59 - 88
1 A.D.	A.59 - 8, 14, 50, 59, 63, 90
1 Com Unit	A.59 - 102
	Total 53