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HEADQUARTERS  
ISLAND BASE SECTION  
APO #550, U.S. ARMY

SIGNAL INSTRUCTIONS)

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SUBJECT: PHONETIC ALPHABET

1. The phonetic alphabet shown below is prescribed for use by all Allied Forces.

A - Able (Affirm*)	N - Nan (Negat*)
B - Baker	O - Oboe (Option*)
C - Charlie	P - Peter (Prep*)
D - Dog	Q - Queen
E - Easy	R - Roger
F - Fox	S - Sugar
G - George	T - Tare
H - How	U - Uncle
I - Item (Interrogatory*)	V - Victor
J - Jig	W - William
K - King	X - Xray
L - Love	Y - Yoke
M - Mike	Z - Zebra

\* Only used with U.S. Navy General Signal Book.

2. a. The phonetic alphabet shall be used in electrically transmitted messages to spell out letters or words subject to error or misunderstanding. For example, the term "ME-3" should be written "MIKE EASY DASH THREE".

b. Due to the frequent occurrence of the following groups, they shall not be phonetically spelled out in electrically transmitted messages:

AFHQ  
CG (Commanding General)  
CO (Commanding Officer)  
IBS  
IBSSC and all other IBS five-letter indicators  
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(Traffic studies have shown that the above procedure will reduce the length of many messages as much as 50%)

3. Pronunciation of Numerals: The following rules will be observed in the pronunciation of numerals when used in oral electrical communications:

0 - Zero	5 - Fi-yiv
1 - Wun	6 - Six
2 - Too	7 - Seven
3 - Thuh-ree	8 - Ate
4 - Fo-wer	9 - Niner

By order of Colonel SEARS:

/s/ F. T. Bonsteel  
/t/ F. T. BONSTEEL,  
Colonel, AGD,  
Adjutant General

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ALLIED FORTE HEADQUARTERS  
Military Government Section

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MGS: 091.6

26 April 1944

SUBJECT: Official Communications to and from United Nations  
Missions Attached to the Displaced Persons Sub-  
Commission.

TO : Hq, Allied Control Commission

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JHR

Reference is made to our MGS: 311.7 of 5 April, in particular to para 2 thereof.

1. It has been agreed by the authorities concerned that official communications to and from the Allied Missions attached to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission may be subjected to censorship, and that this procedure should be adopted. The British Resident Minister at AFHQ has drawn the attention of all representatives of the United Nations in Algiers, excepting the French and Russian, whose Governments are also represented with the Sub-Commission, to the regulations governing the despatch of communications addressed to representatives of the United Nations Governments with the Sub-Commission. The regulations referred to are contained in para 3 of this Headquarters letter AG 383.7-5 MGS-ACM of 29 October 1943. No approach has been made to the CPNL or to the Russian representative since both nations have representatives in Italy other than with the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, and thus have alternative means of communication available. Indeed, so far as this Section is aware, no communications to the representatives of these Governments with the Sub-Commission have ever passed through this Headquarters or through the Director of the Sub-Commission, and it is considered impolitic to raise the issue at this time.

2. In the future communications intended for the Allied Missions with the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission will be received in this Section in open envelopes which we shall enclose in an outer cover addressed to Civil Censorship Group, APO # 394, for censorship and onward transmission to the Director of the Sub-Commission. In order to expedite the delivery of these communications you may wish to make special arrangements with the Civil Censorship Group for their onward transmission from Salerno.

In the reverse direction it is requested that you will arrange for representatives of the United Nations Governments with the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission to deliver communications in open envelopes to the Director of the Sub-Commission, and for the latter to despatch these communications to the Military Government Section through the Civil Censorship Group, to whom separate instructions are being issued by INC

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3. It is notified for your information that the British Resident Minister in communicating with the representatives of the United Nations, to whom reference is made in para 1, explained that the only object of this requirement is to ensure that there should be no exception to the general rule that all communications transmitted through facilities provided by the Supreme Allied Commander should be routed through official military channels.

s/ Charles M. Spofford  
t/ CHARLES M. SPOFFORD  
Colonel, G. S. C.  
Chief of Section

Copy to:

The Office of the British Resident Minister  
The Office of the American Political Advisor  
INC (Communications Censorship Branch)

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## INDEX SHEET SYNOPSIS

DAILY BULLETIN No. 73 - 8 April 1944 -

From: A. C. C.

Par 7- The following is extracted from AR 105-25 Par 11, for the information, guidance and compliance of all concerned:

Messages are classified as follows to indicate the relative order in which they should be transmitted:

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INSTRUCTIONS - Under «Synopsis» make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on the consolidated index sheets and then destroyed.



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**INDEX SHEET**

**SYNOPSIS**

Letter Feb. 16, 1944 TS/4/12/22

From: A. C. C. (Rear) Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission

To: The Under Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts.

Italian Communications - Naples and Salerno

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APO 394

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In reply refer  
to: TS/4/12/27

24th February, 1944

Subject: Delivery of Messages.

To: Adjutant General, Hq. ACC, Naples.

1. Reference attached, delivery of messages handled by FRS to Sicily (Palermo) and Sardinia (Cagliari) on behalf of the Italian Government will be made direct to the Italian Government, Salerno.

2. No censorship is required on Italian Government messages within their own territory, and therefore there is no need to pass this traffic via the political section. It will be noted that this does not affect the routine established for Italian Government traffic for places outside its territory, which still requires to be passed via the political section. It will be noted that this does not affect the routine established for Italian Government traffic for places outside its territory, which still requires to be passed via the political section.

3. Delivery to the Italian Government will normally be made by the collection from ACC Hqs. Naples, of the messages by an Italian Government courier, who will take them to the Government telegraph office in Naples for transmission to Salerno. This telegraph circuit is not yet in operation, and, until it is functioning, messages will be sent to the A.G. office, ACC Rear Hqs. Salerno, for delivery to the Italian Government. The quickest method of transmission will normally be by teletype; failing this, the ACC courier service will be utilised.

4. A copy is attached of the relative part of an instruction issued by this office to the Italian Government.

*H. M.*

J. L. Henderson (Interim Reply)  
Colonel,

Director, Telecommunications and Posts sub-commission.

Copies to: A.G., ACC, Salerno.  
Captain Ayre, Signal Office, ACC, Naples.

Ital Govt Telegrams to Lisbon. CENTER  
Via teletypewriter to Main Hq. FCC FATIMA

311. Messages (Gen)

Extract from TS/4/12/22 dated 16th February, 1944.

2. Telegraphs.

When the Italian Government telegraph circuit between Salerno and Naples is working, the procedure for dealing with messages will be as follows:-

- (a) Between Salerno and Naples, all telegraph messages will be passed over the Italian telegraph circuit, under control of the Italian Government.
- (b) Messages intended for Sardinia or Sicily over submarine cables from Naples, will be delivered by the Italian Government by hand to the Adjutant, Room 21, Mazzanone Floor, Provincial Building, Naples.
- (c) Messages incoming from Sardinia or Sicily over submarine cables to Naples will be collected periodically by Italian courier from the officer stated above under (b). (Arrangements should be made for this courier service by the Italian Government.)

3. Until the Italian telegraph circuit between Salerno and Naples is working, additional arrangements will be made as follows:-

- (a) Messages from Salerno for Sardinia or Sicily via submarine cable from Naples will be handed by the Italian Government to the Adjutant, Room 5, Ground Floor, Palace of Justice Building, Salerno.
- (b) Messages to Salerno, from Sardinia or Sicily via submarine cables to Naples, will be passed over Allied military channels to Salerno, and arrangements should be made by the Italian Government to collect these messages periodically from the officer mentioned in (a).

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394  
(Rear Echelon)

In reply refer  
to: TS/17/1/23

12th February, 1944

Subject: Italian Government Communications with SICILY and SARDINIA.

To: Deputy Chief Commissioner.

1. It has been arranged for urgent Italian Government traffic to be dealt with on the submarine cables from NAPLES to PALERMO and PALERMO - CAGLIARI, which are operated by Allied personnel.
2. Messages will be handed in to the Adjutant General's Office at the PROVINCIA BUILDING, NAPLES, by an Italian Government courier.
3. Would you instruct the A.G. department to give such messages the formal authorisation of A.C.C. and to pass them to P.B.S. for transmission. No censorship is required on Italian Government traffic within their own territory.
4. It has been agreed with P.B.S. that they will handle this traffic and will deliver to the A.C.C. offices in PALERMO or CAGLIARI for their transmission to the correct Italian bureau.

/s/ J. L. Henderson

J. L. Henderson  
Colonel.  
Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission

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To: A.G. Office. ✓  
From: Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission, Rear HQ, ACC.  
Subject: Italian Government Message.  
Reference: TPS/31/1/40 : 24th March, 1944.

1. Will you please arrange to destroy all copies of the Italian message 2501 dated 22/1/25, and notify ACC recipients of copies that the message was not forwarded owing to a cipher compromise.

2. Political Section have agreed to this action.

*J. L. Henderson*

J. L. Henderson  
Colonel,  
Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

Copy to: Political Section, Rear HQ, ACC.

*AG file - copy needed - JH*

*D.C.C. copy JH*

*DSC copy - destroyed. JH*

*Political Sec. Copy - Taken care of by them*

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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Adjutant's Section  
APO 394

12 MAR 1944  
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12 March 1944

MEMORANDUM -

TO - Navy Sub Commission

Following message received by telephone in Adjutant's Office  
at 1545 hours. today. from Central Communication Office, Naples:

Confidential

From - D S T O Italy

To - Fotali repeated Fatima Rear

Fatima 2437 of 6 March not repeat not held. Request  
you will pass copy to me. Your 090956 refers.

To - 091646

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