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NUMBERED MEMORANDA:
NO. 11:

CORRESPONDENCE FOR V. I.C.

1. This Headquarters has received instructions from Headquarters A.M.C., that under arrangements made by A.F.H.Q., mail addressed to the Vatican, originating from Sicily, may now be accepted for despatch.
2. Mail falling within the following three categories may be so transmitted:
 - a.) Official church mail.
 - b.) Private communications.
 - c.) Prisoner of War mail.
- Such mail will be delivered by the representative of the Roman Catholic Church in each province to the S.C.M.O., of that province. The S.C.M.O., will despatch it to the A.C.M.O., (Attention Postal Division).
3. Mail of this type is not subject to local censorship.

31.1.44
Lt. Colonel
Re local Civil Affairs Officer

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

26 JANUARY 1944

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15 ARMY GROUP, AIR CP, PLAMBO, RPTD NUMBER 2 DISTRICT, PATINA, CC PBS, FASGOO

NONE

SIGNED CINC

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FHAGS



1. MESSAGE FROM COS (PAN 322) CONTAINS FOLLOWING LIST OF VATICAN PROPERTY IN ROME OUTSIDE VATICAN CITY AS DEFINED IN LATRAN TREATY, ARTICLES 13-16 AND ANNEXES 2 AND 3.

ARTICLE 14. PROPERTY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF JANICULUM HILL OVERLOOKING VATICAN CITY BETWEEN VIALE AURELIO AND PASSEGGIATA SUL GIANICULO AND INCLUDING THAT BELONGING TO THE SACRED COLLEGE OF PROPAGANDA FIVE. PALACE OF THE HOLY (ROMAN) 12 APOSTLES ATTACHED TO BASILICA OF THE HOLY APOSTLES (SANTI APOSTOLI). PALACE ATTACHED TO THE CHURCH OF SAN ANDREA DELLA VALLO. PALACE ATTACHED TO THE CHURCH OF SAN CARLO AT CATINARI.

ARTICLE 13. BASILICA OF SAINT JOHN LATERAN (SAN GIOVANNI LATERANO). BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR (SANTA MARIA MAGGIORE). BASILICA OF SAINT PAUL WITHOUT THE WALLS (SA PAOLO FUORI LE MURA) INCLUDING THE MONASTERY PALACE OF SAINT CALLIUS (SAN CALLISTO) TRASTEVERE.

ARTICLE 16. GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY IN VIA DEL SEMINARIO NEAR THE CHURCH OF SAINT IGNAZIO. GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY ALIA POLOTTA FACING ON PIAZZA DI FILIPPA. PART D BIS INSTITUTES IN PIAZZA DI FILIPPA. ARCHEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE, ORIENTAL INSTITUTE, LOMBARD

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~~COLLEGE AND THE RUSSIAN~~ C13V 1. OF PIAZZA SANTA MARIA MAGGIORE. THE 2/PALACES OF SAN
APOLLINARE BETWEEN THE PALAZZO SANT'APOLLINARE AND VIA DELLA SCROFA. THE HOUSE OF RETIRE
FOR THE CLERGY OF THE CHURCH OF SAINTS JOHN AND PAUL, INCLUDING THE HYMNICUM OF NERO,
ON THE CAELIAN HILL.

ARTICLE 15. PALACE OF THE DATARIA, NEAR THE QUIRINAL PALACE. PALACE OF THE CANCELLER
-IA BETWEEN THE CORSO VITTORIO EMANUELE AND THE CAMPO DEL FIORI. PALACE OF THE PROPAGANDA
5 ON THE PIAZZA DI SPAGNA. PALACE OF THE HOLY OFFICE (SANT'OFFICIO) ADJACENT TO THE
PIAZZO SAN PIETRO AT PORTA CAVALLIGGERI. CONGREGATION OF THE ORIENTAL CHURCH, FORMERLY
PALACE OF THE CONVENTI IN PIAZZA SOSSACAVALLI. PALACE OF VICARIATO IN VIA DELLA FIORI
OFF THE CORSO VITTORIO EMANUELE NEAR THE PIAZZA DEL GESU'.

2. GUIDANCE FROM COS FOR TREATMENT OF THIS PROPERTY IS GIVEN IN OUR 15980 OF 18
DECEMBER, PARA C.

3. OUTSIDE OF ROME VILLA BARBERINI IN TOWN OF CASTEL GANDOLFO, PROVINCE OF ROME,
SHOULD BE ACCORDED SAME TREATMENT.

4. A SPECIAL ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO SPARE THE FOLLOWING VATICAN PROPERTIES FROM
DAMAGE IN VIEW OF THEIR RELIGIOUS AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: THE BASILICA OF THE HOLY
HOUSE (SANTA CASA) AT LORETO, PROVINCE OF ANCONA. THEY SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF
MESSAGE 0-36285 OF 4 NOVEMBER AND 25722 OF 8 JANUARY AS THE FOLLOWING SERIALS: HOLY HOUSE
3; SAINT FRANCIS 9; 10 SAINT ANTHONY. THE BASILICA OF SAINT FRANCIS AT ASSISI, PROVINCE OF
PERUGIA. THE BASILICA OF SAINT ANTHONY AT RADYA, PROVINCE OF PARMA.

5. YOU SHOULD AVOID REQUISITIONING OR CONVERTING TO YOUR USE OTHER VATICAN PROPERTY
THROUGHOUT ITALY WHICH EXISTING OCCUPANTS CLAIM TO BE PROPERTY OF HOLY SEE. IF URGENT
OPERATIONAL NEEDS REQUIRE OCCUPATION REPORT SHOULD BE MADE EARLIEST TO THIS HEADQUARTERS.

6. IF LETTER OF 10 JULY TO POPE, PRESIDENT STATED CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS
WILL BE SPARED DEVASTATION OF WAR TO EXTENT WITHIN OUR POWER AND VATICAN CITY AND PAPAL
DOMAINS WILL HAVE NEUTRAL STATUS RESPECTED.

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ACTION - AEC HQ
Info - G-2; G-1; Secy; CG

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lock; Col. Sofford (2)
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Ref/AMG/327.

22 January 1944

SUBJECT: Communication through Vatican Channels

TO : R.C.A.Os, Regions I and II

1. Under arrangements made by AFHQ, certain types of mail can now be sent from persons living in those portions of Italy occupied by the Allies and in Sicily through channels.

2. Mail falling within the following three categories may be so transmitted:

- (a) Official church mail.
- (b) Private communications.
- (c) Prisoner of War Mail.

Such mail will be delivered by the representatives of the Roman Catholic Church in each province to the S.C.A.O. of that province. It will be transmitted to the office of the proper R.C.A.O. as and when received.

3. The R.C.A.O. of Region I will send all such mail directly to M.G.S., AFHQ, appropriately marked, as and when it is received by him from the provinces. The R.C.A.O., Region II, will send such mail to these Headquarters as and when it is received by him for retransmittal to M.G.S., AFHQ. Censorship, where applicable, will be the responsibility of AFHQ. Accordingly, no local censorship is required.

4. It is requested that this directive be transmitted to all S.C.A.Os as quickly as possible.

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Charles M. Spofford
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.O., AMG HQ.

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Signal Corps, United States Army

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GPO B-10235

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TO (ACTION) : CG PBS (FOR FARGO FOR SPOFFORD)

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SIGNED CG NATOUSSA

DATE TIME SIGNED: 220912A

DATE TIME REC'D : 221906A

REFERENCE NR. : 41299

CITE : NAPMG

HEADQUARTERS
23 JAN 1944
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DATED JAN 19 CITING FARGO 398) WILL ADVISE MONSIGNOR CARROL SOON-
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23 JAN 1944
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Col. Spofford

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*Archbishop
of Basel*

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ROUTINE

22 JANUARY 1944

10050 SPOFFORD

FREEDOM

MONSIGNOR CARROLL HAS MADE FURTHER INQUIRIES
REGARDING AUTHORIZATION OF TELEGRAPH FORM FOR VARIOUS SERVICE
REFERENCE FARGO THREE NINE EIGHT ON ONE NINE JANUARY PD PERBASE
FARMER FARGO FOR SPOFFORD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR CEF DILLON CEA PROVOST
MARSHAL PD CITE FARGO FOUR THREE EIGHT PD YOUR REPLY WILL BE MUCH
APPRECIATED

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L. J. AGO,
Lt. Col. AGO
Adjutant General

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19 JAN 44

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10050 SPOFFORD

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FREEDOM

MONSIGNOR CARROLL INQUIRES WHETHER TELEGRAPH FORM FOR VATICAN
SERVICE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED AS PRESENTED PD PENCE PAREN FARGO PAREN TO AFTER FOR GENERAL
DILLON CMA PROVOST MARSHALL FROM SPOFFORD PD CITE FARGO THREE NINE EIGHT PD IF SO HE
WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE ADVICE PD IF NOT PLEASE INDICATE MODIFICATIONS

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L. F. NICKEL
Lt. Col., AGO
Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Ref/AMG/113.

WIK/AMG/mvd
18 January 1944

SUBJECT: Exemption of Archbishop's mail from censorship

TO : M.G.A.O., Region II

1. Reference your EOM/153/24 of 29 December 1943, we have been in communication with Lt. Col. E. Hoover, Civil Censorship Officer, APO 550, on the points raised.

2. Major Colville of that office gives us to understand that purely ecclesiastical mail may be regarded as "official" mail and should, for censorship purposes be treated as such.

3. The rules which you have formulated for the treatment of "official" mail (Italian Government) may therefore be applied at your discretion.

MS
for CHARLES H. SPOTFORD
Colonel, G.S.O.
D.C.O.A.O., AMG, HQ.

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SIGS NO 4469

TO:- DISTWO RPTD 7I SUB AREA COL MORTIMER DPSC FLAMBO DISPLACED
PERSONS SUB COMMISSION.

FROM:-FATIMA FROM STONE

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SECRET. SIGNED JOYCE. IN REPLY TO YOUR A IO6 DATED II JAN.
I HAVE SUBMITTED QUESTION OF USING FORCE TO EVACUATE OCCUPANTS
ECCLESIASTICAL PROPERTY FOR DECISION TO FREEDOM. MY 1958 DATED
13 JAN RPTD TO YOU REFERS. UNDERSTAND IN ANY EVENT TEMPORARY
ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION HAS BEEN FOUND.

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Signal Corps, United States Army

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GPO 3-10505

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

7 JANUARY 1944

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TO (ACTION) : IBS FOR ROGERS FOR SEARS, FATIMA FOR JOYCE, FARGO
(INFORMATION) : FOR SPOFFORD, FABLE FOR DUNLOP
NONE

FROM : SIGNED CINC

DATE TIME SIGNED: 062119A

DATE TIME REC'D : 071545A

REFERENCE NR. : 24875

CITE : FHMG5

HEADQUARTERS

8 JAN 1944

AMG.

MONSIGNOR WALTER S CARROLL WILL VISIT YOUR HEADQUARTERS SHORTLY
TO CONCERT PLAN FOR ESTABLISHING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN VATICAN AND
BISHOPS IN YOUR AREAS. REQUEST YOU SHOULD FACILITATE HIS MISSION.
FINAL APPROVAL OF PLAN RESTS WITH THIS HEADQUARTERS.

Approved

Actual Hqrb/Spa
Info Sec
See
(g/p) Sec. Office (Hqrb)

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TO (ACTION) :

(INFORMATION) :

FROM :

DATE TIME SIGNED:

DATE TIME REC'D :

REFERENCE NR. :

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FOR SPOFFORD, FABLE FOR DUNLOP

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(24) Sec. Office (Adm.)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Your Ref.
RGA/156/6

6 January 1944

SUBJECT: Radio Messages to Northern Italy
TO : R.C.A.O. Region II

1. All replies, in response to short wave broadcast messages, from people in Region II to people in Northern Italy should be collected by the Archbishop of Matera and handed, unsealed, to you.
2. The collection should be forwarded to this office for transmission to A.F.H.Q. from whence they will be passed, after censoring, to destination through channels that have been arranged.


CHARLES H. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.
R.C.A.O., AMG, HQ.

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Subj. Radio Messages to Northern Italy

To: Chief, AMG, MILGOV
Provincia Elcg., Naples.

WHATCUMERS
1 JAN 1944
AMG.

Ref. ECA/156/6
AMG Hq, Region II -
29 Dec 43

1. The Archbishop of Matera informs us that the Vatican Radio sends out daily, at 1900 hrs over the short wave 50.26, messages to people in Region II from people in Northern Italy. This broadcast suggests that replies from people in Region II to the persons in Northern Italy be given to the Archbishop for onward transmission. Neither he nor we have any other information on this matter, nor do we know to what office such replies should be sent for transmission.

2. Will you kindly give us any information you may have on the subject?

G.W. Mc Caffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
R.C.A.C.

GHW/pjh

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Wmms Sec

Subj. Exemption of Archbishop's Mail from Censorship.

To: Chief, AMG, MILGO
Provincia Belg., Naples.



Ref. EGA/153/24
AMG HQ Region II
29 Dec 43

1. The Archbishop of Matera called upon me this morning and stated that before the occupation of Italy, mail addressed to him and his staff, or sent by him and his staff, was exempt from the Italian censorship, and treated as privileged communications.

2. Because of the matters of conscience which frequently are the subjects of such correspondence, he respectfully requests that a similar exemption be granted by our censorship authorities.

3. The Archbishop has been most courteous and cooperative, and I therefore concur in his recommendation. Will you kindly try to obtain a ruling upon this request as promptly as possible?

G. H. McCaffrey
G. H. McCaffrey
Lt. Col., Inf.
R.C.A.C.

GML/PJH

Per Col D. Hovine

Censor Censorship Office

AFPO 556 Le Stang

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*Under the provisions of the Charter
officers and crew are not subject to
the same level of censorship as the
general public*

