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Personal for General MacFarlane from Donnelly.

First. I have reported fully to you at Gibraltar position regarding frequency in A M SIG AX 880. Have subsequently learnt of your departure. Position serious and requires your personal action for satisfactory conclusion. Second. Various departments here profoundly interested in Italian broadcast of situation and I have had repeated conversations and am fully informed of line on which they are working. Is there any specific matter in this connexion to which I could attend while here. Third. Propose remaining until frequency position less obscure. Grateful for any information of Piggy's plans.

Answered
18/2/44
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31/23- Radio Frege

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HEADQUARTERS,
NO. 2 DISTRICT,
C.M.F.

27 Feb 44

HQ ACC, APO 394

Rec'd *Mac 03123-11*

By *TD*

My dear General.

1. Your FBEM/RJ of 19 Feb.

I have sent an official answer and I don't think I need elaborate it further here, except to say that it appears to me from para 4 of the official letter (CC 560 of 17 Feb) that the officer who dealt with this matter was neither aware of the full facts of this particular case, or appreciates the military necessity for the action taken, nor is he aware that such action is in accordance with the policy previously accepted in this and other theatres of war.

I think you will agree that he has "flown off the handle".

2. I have just had a quick run round some of the main refugee camps and saw Oldfield who has just come. His main concern was the continual change of staffs which, though I suppose this has been unavoidable, precludes possibility of continuity of administrative policy which is so necessary in these rather difficult "ad hoc" organisations. It is not my concern of course. I merely mention it as he asked me to put in a word.

3. Accommodation has been arranged here for McCaffrey and he can move in at his convenience. He is carrying out a detailed recon now.

4. I was delighted to put you up the other day. Warm in whenever you want to for meal or bed.

Yours *Sincerely.*

E. J. Naul.

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Lt-Gen F.N. Mason-MacFarlane, KCB, DSO, MC,
Chief Commissioner,
HQ Allied Control Commission,
A.P.O. 394

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19th. February. 1944.

I gather that there has been some difficulty in connection with appropriation of civil inter-urban switchboards by your C.S.O. without reference to others concerned.

2. I enclose herewith a memorandum on the subject drafted by a Senior American member of the Mission and not very tactfully worded. I ask you to overlook any lack of tact in the wording and hope very much that you will be good enough to have the question sorted out.

3. While fully realising the necessity for requisitioning communications for military purposes whenever necessary, I think we ought to think very definitely in terms of other users more especially the civil administration. I gather that machinery exists in the shape of communications boards to consider questions of this sort and it would appear that except in cases of real emergency such boards should be consulted before taking any action of a drastic nature.

4. I had meant to write to you before to thank you very much indeed for your very kind hospitality to my P.A. and myself during our recent visit. It was most awfully good of you to put us up and make us so comfortable.

5. I hope you will succeed in getting McCaffery moved from Matera into Bari. I am sure it will be a great help and convenience to both of you to be alongside one another.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Major-General E.P. Nares, C.B.E., M.C.,
G. O. C.,
No. 2. District,
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SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
94) 65-311.5-1 A/c 311.2 A/c 311.2	AFHQ GS CAPT. STONE "	12 AUG 18 " 21 "	BRIG. LUSH ADM. SEC. AFHQ GS	MISUSE OF SIGNAL PRIORITIES. BY CAPT. BUCKLEY IN CASE OF LAD STANSEATE LEAVING FOR U.K.
95) 12/CSB	ADV AFHQ, CSO	18 July	A/c	ANSWER TO 86 SUBMARINE CA- BLES FR. ITALY TO SICILY & SARDINIA.
96) F 83195	AFHQ	5 AUG.	ACC. FOR ALKERN.	TRADERS' QUERIES ON ITAL GOVT. CABLE TRAFFIC.
97) ACC 1846	CABLE- COMM. S/c	18 "	AFHQ	REFS TO 96.
98) CSB/12 A/c 311.2	AFHQ, CSO CAPT. STONE	19 " 22 "	A/c, ACC COMM. S/c.	SUBMARINE CABLES- RE 86 & 95. ITALY TO SICILY & SARDINIA.
99) —	BRIG. LUSH CAPT. STONE	25 " 26 "	A/c COMM. S/c.	EMPLOYMENT OF ITALIAN GOVT. CHANGES OF COMMUNICATIONS
100) CS/81/1/61 —	COL. HENDERSON CAPT. STONE	28 " 30 "	A/c BRIG. LUSH	" "
101)	STONE WOZENCRAFT	26 " 10 JULY	WOZENCRAFT STONE	CABLE CHARGES IN AFHQ
102) 1904/4 6(501)	H A I	5 SEP	AL	CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATIONS
103) A/c 311.5	STONE DA CUNHA	5 " 1 "	DA CUNHA STONE	USE OF CODES FOR BRAZIL
104) 455/44/KA A/c 311.2	FISKE STONE DIANCO	14 " 18 " 6 "	SECTIONS AFHQ COMM AL	COMMUNICATIONS FOR I.R.C.
105)	STONE	21 "	G-5 AFHQ	ITAL CODES WITH MOSCOW
106) A/c 311.5 A/c 311.5 601/50/10/4	STONE LACCIA STONE HIREY	23 " 22 " 19 " 14 "	G-2 AFHQ LUSH HENDERSON STONE	ANGLO-AMER MISSION WITH ITAL GOV COMMUNICATIONS

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SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
79	Capt. Collins	14 JUNE		Mr. Smiljanic called to discuss telegraphic facilities for Council of League of Nations, Advisory
80) 2926	ACC Rear	15 "	AFHQ	Ref 57434. Unable to get info re many. Info for British
2929	"	16 "	"	naval purposes in Sardinia.
81) 20395	Donnelly (Bibb)	6 "	MacFarlane	Circuit diagram of Rome
	Mr. Minifie, PWB	16 "	"	500 kw radio
	Mr. Farlane	17 "	Donnelly (Bibb)	Transmitter destroyed by Germans
82) 10/6/44	Alley & Nielsen Ltd.	10 "		Prepared by outlight. Ital-
	"	16 "	Com. S/C	cable equipment at MALAGA
TS/4/8/24	Comm. S/C	14 "	Alley & Nielsen Ltd.	
DCC 311.2	D. C. C.	20 "	AFHQ (C. S. O.)	Submarine cables N.T.O.
83) CC/5/369	C. C.	5 JUNE	AFHQ	Exchange of signals between
				Ital. Govt. & Russian in
84) #94	RESMIN, ALGIERS	9 JUNE	McConn. Naples	ITALCABLE APPARATUS - SPAIN
	1st Com. Naples	26 "	J/C Hopkins	See (74).
A/c 311.2	C.S.O. - Densmore	27 "	COMMUNICATIONS Sec	
85)	AFHQ Sig O.	24 "	DCC	Re (72). SUBMARINE CABLES, MTD.
A/c 311.2	SG	1 JULY	Comm. S/C	PROPOSED LEASE.
86) A/c 311.2	A/c	5 "	AFHQ, Sig O.	SUBMARINE CABLES FROM ITALY TO
			See # 196.	SICILY + SARDINIA.
87)	AFHQ, DCSO	27 JUNE	STONE	COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACC -
A/c 311.23	DENSMORE	6 JULY	AFHQ, Sig O.	PERSONNEL THEREFOR.
88) GS: 312.3-1	AFHQ, G-5	8 "	CC	CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION
A/c 312	A/c	14 "	MR. GRADY	ACC TO LONDON + WASHINGTON
A/c 312	A/c	14 "	AFHQ, G-5	NOT BEING CARRIED WITH.
(AG 312.3)	A/c	4 FEB.		
89) F 26503	AFHQ	2 APRIL	ACC	USE OF RADIO BY SOVIET REPRESE-
S-296	A/c	20 JULY	AFHQ	NTATION, ROME TO MOSCOW.
F 74346	AFHQ	23 "	A/c	
S-298	A/c	24 "	AFHQ	
F 76093	AFHQ	27 "	A/c	
A/c 311.23	A/c	29 "	BOGOMOLOV	
S-308	VASILIEV	4 AUG	A/c	
F 80204	A/c	5 "	AFHQ	
	AFHQ	7 "	A/c	
90)		19 JULY		MEETING AT ACC ON LEASE CABLES
10) CO/56/1/1	COMMUNICATIONS Sec	31 "		IN MALAGA, BY ITALCABLES.
	DENSMORE	31 "	A/c	TEL. TRAFFIC FROM SOVIET DELEGATION
92) ADM. memo 32	AFHQ	2 AUG.	Pub. Sec.	TO ADVISORY COUNCIL, ROME ITALY.
CS/6/9/	Col. HENDERSON	6 "		TRANSFER OF CONSULSHIP DUTIES
	CAPT STONE	6 "	A/c	FROM INC AFHQ TO G-2 AFHQ.
93) R/2135	RE REGION IV	1 "		
CS/31/1/13	Col. HENDERSON	8 "	A/c	TELEPHONE CALLS FROM ROME TITANIC
			MIN. OF COMMUN.	COMMISSIONER ON REFUGEES.

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SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
54) SC 311 s/506/sig	Drc W.A.B.B.B.	12 April 3 "	Col. Zillare Hq. AAI Cg. AAI	Re signature of It. A.F. communication system what proper receipts, etc.
55) DCC 311.23	Stone	6 "	Isidomik	Re frequency band for Russian radio
56) DCC 311.1	"	9 "	Mr. Minife	Re report giving misinformation on re- sumption of It. postal service
57) SD 625	AAI	8 " 12 " (?)	Hq ACC	Re Caserta address of AAI
58) F 30634	Fdm	11 "	Hq. ACC	Radio tram to be reassigned
59) DCC 311.2 c/6/2/22 FATR 2584 FDM 30593 DCC 311.2 c/6/3/1	Stone Henderson FDM Stone	13 " 7 " 11 " 18 "	AFHQ FDM FATR AFHQ	Re commercial radio mission for Italy
60) S3/63/CA	Col. Fiske	7 "	Army Int. Com.	Re CC not getting copies of your tele.
61) DCC 311.23 TS/30/1/6 S/F.S/1041	Stone	21 "	AFHQ	Re Bari Berni radio
62) DCC 676.3	"	22 "	MGS, AFHQ	EIAR Question
63) —	"	" "	Capt. Ingler	Re cable + radio tele from Italy
64) REAR 2677	"	26 "	Fdm.	Re withdrawal of ACC signal pencil
65) B-12517	Col. Nelson	4 May	ACC	"
66) —	Capt. Ingler Stone	2 May 10 "	DCC Ingler	See (63). SCM's for EM
67) REAR 2721	Stone	7 "	AFHQ	Re withdrawal of signal cables pencil
68) DCC 311.1	"	10 "	Gen. Infante	Conservation of King's mail
69) DCC 676.3	"	13 "	MGS, AFHQ	Agreement of It. Govt. with Comm. EIAR Mission
70) —	"	14 "	DRB, DCC	It. Govt. will not supply submarine cable
71) —	G. W. Edman	17 "	CC	Fake copy of EIAR agreement
72) CC/6/336	CC	25 "	DCC & Co	Comm. for It. Govt. Comm.
73) 103319/AV	Supreme Comd. (Infante)	31 "	D.C.C.	Messages from Italian soldiers in liberated Italy to relatives in occupied Italy.
74) DCC 311.2 27/150/1 31/150/9 75/4/8/8/ DCC 311.2	D.C.C. Br. Resident Min. " Min. of Commerce Comm. S/C D.C.C.	3 JUNE 16 MAR 12 MAY 29 MAY 21 MAY 3 JUNE	CSO, AFHQ Col. Sec., AFHQ D.C.C. Hq. Sec. for Liaison + Hotel Br. Resident Min.	Submarine cables, M.T.C. Proposed purchase of submarine apparatus in Spain Steam cable operative at MALAGA Submarine cable operative at MALAGA
75) SG 311	Secy Gen	7 JUNE	Brig. 454	Precedence of messages
76) —	D.C.C.	7 JUNE	Brig. 454 Brig. 454 Brig. 454	Ital. Post. Office will signal cables
77) FOMIT 463	FOMIT	6 JUNE	D.C.C.	Re message of Capt. ACCO MARTINATO
78) DCC 311.23	D.C.C.	13 JUNE	CSO, A.A.I.	Agreement for prompt mail service to Rome for A.C.C.

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SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
24) 676.3	COL. TULLY	31 JAN.	CAPT. STONE	CONCERNING RADIO CONTACT BETWEEN ITALY & US & UK.
25) DCC 311.7	CAPT. STONE	23 FEB.	REALG, V/MCY OR STATE	IT. OS. CENSORING MAIL CONSTANTLY CHANGE. DELAYING MAIL.
26) FATIMA 2393	CAPT. STONE FOR GEN. MACF.	25 FEB.	FREEDOM	ANS. TO GET ON W/PROBLEMS OF REFINING ADM. END OF EIRAR IN ITALY.
27) AG 3874-1 MGS-AGM	GEN. GAMMELL	15 FEB.	DOC INC, A.C.M.F. (ATT. CC, A.C.C.)	INDICATES LIMITATIONS FOR DIRECT CONTACT OF A.C.C. WITH ROYAL & ROMAN.
28) AG 312.3-1 MGS-AGM	COL. TARR	17 FEB.	DC, A.C.C.	SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AMPLIFICATION OF LIST GIVEN IN (27).
29) —, —, 63/AS	CAPT. STONE, MR. GRADY, CAPTAIN ROSS, & LT. STANSHAW	VARIOUS		ALL ANSWER (MA. DOE'S) LETTER REQUESTING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR (27) AS PER (24) LIST INDICATED IN (27) OR, AS IS.
30) CC/6/115	GEN. MACF.	29 FEB.	CINC, AFHQ	
31) CC/6/12 DCC 311.7	CAPT. STONE	29 FEB.	PROF. REALG	PLEASE ANSWER ENG'D. QUESTIONNAIRE ON PRE-WAR CENSORSHIP.
32) DCC 676.3	CAPT. STONE	29 FEB.	HQ, A.C.M.F.	FWDS. 2 LTRS. FM IT. CONT. ON PLAN TO SAVE RADIO FROM FM. DESTRUCTION. CENSORSHIP OF CIVILIAN COMMUNICATIONS.
33) TS/17/1 DCC/311.7	CAPT. STONE	29 FEB.	CIV. CENS. SECTION, AFHQ	
34) —	REALG	26 FEB.	CAPT. STONE.	ANS. (25) HAVE ASKED WAR MINISTRY TO SEND CENS. O. TO BRINDISI & LECCE.
35) FDM 54830	CINC	4 MAR.	GEN. MACF.	REFERS TO (26). WOULD ACTION TIL WE CABLE AGAIN.
36) DCC 676.3	CAPT. STONE	5 MAR.	DR. FANO	REFERS TO (32) GEN. MACF. CONSIDERING HOW
37) MGS 30.3-1	COL. MAXWELL	1 MAR.	GEN. MACF.	REQ. ANSWER TO (28) ALREADY HAS'D, SEE (30).
38) NATONUSA AG 300-1/415-0	LT. FRESE	2 MAR.	VARIOUS	CINC. IN AR 300-15 EFFECTING SECURITY CASE.
39) COM SUP. 80543/5 PS/6/4-DCC 311.7 DCC 311.1	MESSE CAPT. STONE CAPT. STONE	18 FEB. 5 MAR. 7 MAR.	A.C.C. MESSE MGS, INC, AFHQ	RE EXAM. & CENSORSHIP OF CORRES. BY IT. CIVILIANS AFTER C'SHIP OF SAME BY IT. OFFICERS.
40) 127/41/CA	COL. FISKE	11 MAR.	ALL SUB. CONS.	SUMMARY OF CIVIL POST OFFICE SVCS.
41) DCC 311.23	Capt. Stone	18 Mar.	REALG	New Press Officer radio news at Bari must not pick up Allied cipher traffic. Must not correspond with AFHQ on Army matters. Press Com. handles letters.
42) 53/45/CA	Col. Fiske	23 "	Tk & Posts, Intcom	Bogomolov's Radio
43) M 117, FDM 67588 CC/6/148, & M 123				
44) Natona 37/150/9	Br. Rie. Thun's Office	16 "	Pol. Sec., A.C.C.	"Top Secret" Control Procedure
45) 02362	HQ, HAI	24 "	ACC	Re Rome Malaga cables
46) —	Capt. Stone	24 "	Br. Rie. Thun's, Office	Re our accepting report for Civil Censorship
47) Staff, Thun #32	AFHQ	26 "		Repl. to (40). Rome Malaga cables
48) FAT. REAR 2549	Capt. Stone	28 "	Filipat	Correspondence on Balkan Affairs.
49) MGS 091.6-2	AFHQ, MGS	10 April	HQ, ACC	Re our taking on civil censorship
50) DCC 311.7 #342 CABRA	Stone REALG	3 21 March	Prof. REALG Stone	RE EIRAR question
51) —	Brig. Gen. Tully Stone	22 3 April	Stone Brig. Gen. Tully	Re Military Censorship
52) —				Re SCM Cables

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SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
1) FATIMA 1488	CAPT. STONE	16 DEC.	FREEDOM	RE ALLIES TAKING OVER RADIO BARI
2) FREEDOM 17329	GEN. EISENHOWER	21 DEC.	FATIMA	CONTROL OF RADIO BARI NOT TO BE RELINQUISHED.
3)	DONNELLY	18 JAN.	GEN. MAC F.	SITUATION RE FREQUENCY IN A.M. SIG. AX 850 IS SERIOUS & REQUIRES YR. PERS. ATTENTION
4) MN/219	CMR. HOLDSWORTH	22 JAN.	GEN. MAC F.	CZERNIN BRINGING BACK A SET AND OPERATOR TO WORK FROM ROME.
5) FARGO	GEN. MAC F.	27 JAN.	DONNELLY	REPLY TO (3) RE FREQ. B'CASTS.
6) DP/P/10	GEN. MAC F.	27 JAN.	CMR. HOLDSWORTH	GLAD THAT CZERNIN CAN ACCOMPANY CACCIA & REGER.
7) FREEDOM 44015	CINC	29 JAN.	GEN. MAC F.	✓ A.C.C. AUTHORIZED TO CONTACT WASHINGTON & LONDON DIRECT
8) AG 676.3 Also 463 from Bnd. re E.I.A.R. QUESTION dated 16 FEB.	CAPT. STONE	1 FEB.	GEN. MAC F.	FWDs. DRAFT LETTER ON E.I.A.R. QUESTION. LISTENER'S TAX.
9) AG 311	CAPT. DI GIACOMO	4 FEB.	CMR. GEN. A.C.C.	RE ADDRESSING C.E.C.
10) TS/17/1/23	COL. HENDERSON	12 FEB.	DEP CH. COMM.	PROCEDURE FOR IT. GOVT. CABLES TO SICILY & SARDINIA.
11) PS/16/3	COL. HENDERSON	13 FEB.	M.A.T.S., NAPLES	ARRANGEMENTS FOR SENDING IT. GOVT. MAIL BY M.A.T.S.
12) FATIMA 2319	GEN. MAC F.	15 FEB.	A.F.H.Q.	CANNOT AGREE TO CLOSING DOWN FATIMA-FREEDOM LINK.
13)	CAPT. STONE	16 FEB.	RC+MGS, NAPLES	FWDs COPY OF PS/16/2 BY COL. HENDERSON ON POSTAL & TELG. COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN REG. III
14) CC 560	GEN. MAC F.	17 FEB.	GOC, #II DIST.	RE NO. II DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS POLICY. (SEE (14))
15) FARGO 1051	GEN. MAC F.	18 FEB.	AGWAR	✓ FURTHER TO DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH WASHINGTON & LONDON.
16) FARGO 1075	CAPT. COLLINS	18 FEB.	AFHQ	SUCE. MSG. RCA. AP. KENNEDY. MASSECK'S 1700 SERIES
17) CC/P/75	GEN. MAC F.	19 FEB.	CAPT. STONE	RE E.I.A.R. QUESTION
18) FREEDOM 54519	CINC	22 FEB.	GEN. MAC F.	NO KNOWLEDGE OF (16), ∴ NO ACTION BEING TAKEN.
19) Q527X	COL. CLAPP	1 FEB.	ACC	POLICY RE TELEPHONES IN E. ITALY SEE (14) 2105
20) FREEDOM 50165	CINC	12 FEB.	CAPT. STONE	EXTERNAL POSTAL SUCE FOR ITALY
21) CC/6/73	GEN. MAC F.	19 FEB.	MAJ. FIELDEN	RE POLITICAL CENSORSHIP. THERE SHD BE NONE
22) FREEDOM 51150	CINC	13 FEB.	FARGO	SUSPEND ACTION TEMPORARILY ON (7).
23)	CAPT. STONE	23 FEB.	COL. TULLY	RE RADIO COMM. BETWEEN ITALY & U.S. & U.K. REPLIES TO (24)

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A/CC 311.5

23 September 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: G-2, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your Memorandum GBI/GEN/10/44 of the 14 September 44 regarding the departure of a joint Anglo-American mission whose object will be to go into the question of Italian Government communications with their missions abroad and communications between such missions.
2. As this mission will presumably report in the first instance to Allied Force Headquarters at Caserta before coming on to Rome, we attach a copy of the latest revision of Executive Memorandum No. 46 which sets out the present procedure regarding Italian Government message traffic. We would suggest that this memorandum would repay study by the mission before proceeding to this Headquarters.
3. As commentary on the proposed terms of reference for the mission we should be grateful for some elucidation on point 1 which lays down that the mission shall watch Italian diplomatic communications and their security. As regards point 2, it is our understanding that the provision of suitable means of communications for the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Italian missions abroad is a military responsibility which in the past has been carried out by the Communications Sub-Commission through the Chief Signal Officer at AFHQ. We understand from your memorandum of the reference that this procedure should continue. As regards point 3, we would inquire by what means the mission intend to keep the Foreign Office and State Department informed of the contents of Italian telegrams. As the mission is to be set up within the framework of the Allied Control Commission, we presume that this reporting will be done through normal ACC channels to AFHQ and that it will be for AFHQ to arrange that these communications are forwarded to London and Washington. As regards the suggestion that the mission should also have the function of keeping the Allied Control Commission itself informed of the contents of Italian telegrams we must point out that these telegrams should, as at present, go at once to the Political Section who have to deal with the Italian authorities about all the subjects raised therein. It could only lead to delay if the Political Section did not receive these telegrams at least simultaneously with the mission. As regards point 4, the Communications Sub-Commission has already sent to Allied Force Headquarters full information regarding Italian ciphers in use and as requested in your memorandum, we confirm that these will continue to be forwarded to AFHQ for approval prior to their being brought into use. As regards lines of communications we should repeat that our understanding is that these are under military control and that all information on this subject should only be given by the Chief Signal Officer at AFHQ.

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Letter A/CC 311.5 dated 23 Sept 44 (Cont'd).

4. Guidance on the above points would be appreciated before the arrival of the mission.

5. As billets and office accommodation will have to be provided for the mission we should be grateful if you can inform us as soon as possible of the exact number of the mission and the proposed date of arrival.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Copies to: G-5, Allied Force Headquarters
U.S. Political Adviser
British Resident Minister
Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ
U.S. Representative to the Advisory
Council of Italy
British High Commissioner
Political Section
Communications Sub-Commission

*Taken to AFHQ by Mr.
Schott, Pol. Sec, 23 Sep 44*

By hand of Capt. Slaughter

Letter prepared by Mr. Caccia, Political Section

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Hq ACC	Sec'y Gen.
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Via	AG 1210
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EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM NUMBER 46

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT MESSAGE TRAFFIC

1. INTERNAL

(a) Italian Government messages within Government territory, except Sardinia, are not subject to censorship; messages may be in clear or in cipher. They may be subject to inspection, if required, to check the official nature of the message.

(b) Italian Government messages to or from Sardinia are liable to censorship; ciphers will therefore only be used on this channel that have been approved by Allied authorities and of which copies are held. The censorship exercised will be laid down by the Communications Sub-Commission from time to time, in accordance with instructions from the military authorities concerned.

2. EXTERNAL

(a) Italian Government messages may be passed over the commercially operated submarine cables from Naples to Malta or from Brindisi to Malta for Italian Missions, etc. abroad. Messages are subject to the approval of the Political Section, A.C.C.; they may be in clear or in the codes and or ciphers approved by Allied Force Headquarters. The detailed procedure for dealing with this traffic is given in Attachment "A".

(b) Italian Government messages may be passed over the commercially operated radio circuits from Italy to the United States or the United Kingdom for any addresses dealt with by the operating companies. On these circuits, messages are subject to the approval of the Political Section and also to Field Press Censorship in case of Press messages; they may only be in clear and will be of an entirely non-secret nature such as press releases. The detailed procedure for dealing with this traffic is given in Attachment "B".

3. GENERAL

Italian Government messages may be passed over Allied operated circuits, telegraph, cable or radio, as arranged with the military authorities concerned from time to time. These arrangements will be made the subject of instructions issued as required.

W. B. LUSH.
Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

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ATTACHMENT "A"

PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TRAFFIC
OVER THE COMMERCIALY OPERATED CABLES, NAPLES - MALTA
AND BRINDISI - MALTA.

1. All messages will bear the message instruction "FIL" (to be transmitted by landline or cable only) at the beginning.
2. Outgoing messages may only be addressed to Italian Embassies, Missions, etc. abroad.
3. Outgoing messages for transmission in clear. Messages will be handed in by the Italian Government to the Political Section, Headquarters, A.C.C. Rome. After approval they will be forwarded by the Political Section to the HQ Adjutant's office with an endorsement on one copy "Approved for transmission over commercial cables IN CLEAR" signed by the HQ Adjutant's office and passed to the A.C.C. Signal center for transmission to the military signal office controlling the cable office.
4. Outgoing messages for transmission in cipher. Cipher and clear text copies will be handed by the Italian Government to the Political Section, HQ's A.C.C. After approval they will be forwarded by the Political Section to the HQ Adjutant's office, with an endorsement on one cipher copy "Approved for transmission over commercial cables IN CIPHER" signed by the endorsing officer. A ciphered copy will then be authenticated by the HQ Adjutant's office and passed to the A.C.C. Signal Center for transmission to the military signal office controlling the cable office. A second cipher copy together with a clear copy will be sent by the HQ Adjutant's office to the A.C.C. Signal center, for check; after check, both these copies will be returned to the Political Section with any necessary comment. It should be noted that cipher copies of approved messages may be passed for transmission without being delayed for the check by A.C.C. Signals for agreement of texts.
5. Incoming messages. Incoming messages, in clear or in cipher, will be delivered without delay to the Italian Government. A clear copy of each message will also be delivered to the Political Section.
6. All charges by the cable company will be met by the Italian Government.

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ATTACHMENT "B"

PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TRAFFIC OVER THE COMMERCIALY
OPERATED RADIO CIRCUITS FROM ITALY TO THE U.S. AND U.K.

1. Outgoing messages may be addressed to any address dealt with by the operating companies.
2. Messages will be in clear only, and will be of an entirely non-secret nature such as press releases.
3. Messages will be handed to the Political Section, HQ., A.C.C. After approval they will be sent to the HQ Adjutant's office with an endorsement on one copy "Approved for transmission over commercial radio IN CLEAR subject to Field Press Censorship approval" signed by the endorsing officer. The messages will then be authenticated by the HQ Adjutant's office and passed to the Field Press Censorship office, Rome. If approved they will be duly endorsed and forwarded by that office to the radio operating company for transmission.
4. Incoming Press messages will be sent by the Field Press Censorship office to the Hq. Adjutant's office A.C.C. which will pass them without delay to the Italian Government, sending a copy to the Political Section.
5. All charges by the radio company will be met by the Italian Government.

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22 September 1944

TO : Brigadier Lush
FROM : Political Section

1. I attach a draft reply for Captain Stone's signature to a proposal put forward by AFHQ for a joint anglo-American Mission to go into the question of Italian Government communications.

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H. A. CACCIA

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E.W.S.

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1st Indorsement

To: Political Section from Communications Sub-Commission. 22 Sept 44.

1. Recommend that Mission be made part of Political Section since most of terms of reference are now carried out by that Section.
2. Terms of reference include two which are considered the responsibility of Communications Sub-Commission, namely:-

- (2) Provision of means of communication.
- (4) Information regarding ciphers.

3. Political Section is to confirm that interested officials have been informed that Mission may come forward.

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J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

EWS/njp

A/CC 311.5

19 September 1944

Subject: Italian Government Cypher Communications

To : Communication Sub-Commission
(Att: Colonel Henderson)

1. Reference is made to the following correspondence:

- a. Letter from G-2, ACS, AFHQ, GBI/GEN/10/44, dated 14 Sept 44, Subject "Cypher Communication", copy attached.
- b. Letter from Resident Minister's Office, 3/150/6, dated 14 Sept 44, subject as above, copy attached.

2. I am not sure if you are conversant with this question, but if not, the Political Section can put you fully in the picture. Please speak with them and coordinate whatever action is necessary.

E. W. S.

2 Incls:
as in para 1 above.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
A.P.O. 512 U.S. ARMY

GBI/GEN/10/44

14 September 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Captain E.W. Stone, USNR,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
A.C.C., A.P.O. 512

SUBJECT : Cypher Communications.

With reference to attached memorandum 3/150/6 of 14 September from Office of the Resident Minister.

There is no objection to you arranging the departure of the mission. I should be grateful if you would confirm that copies of the Italian cyphers used will continue to be forwarded to this HQ for approval prior to their being brought into use. Any question of opening up new communications will of course be governed by the existing regulations and must be taken up with Chief Signal Officer at AFHQ through your Telecommunication Sub-Commission.

/s/ T. S. Airey
/t/ T. S. AIREY,
Major General, G.S.,
A. C. of S., G-2

Copies to: Mr Makin
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Chairman Med Sigint Committee.

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To: A. C. of S., G-2.

From: Resident Minister's Office.

The British and American authorities concerned have been considering how best to ensure that their requirements in the matter of the Italian Government cypher communications with Italian Missions abroad and communications between such Missions are satisfied. These requirements are:

- (a) that no leakage of information to the enemy takes place;
- (b) that we see all Italian messages of possible interest at the earliest possible date and with the minimum of extra work;
- (c) that the British and American authorities are kept informed regarding cyphers and lines of communication used.

For this purpose it is proposed that a small British and American Mission should be set up within the frame work of the Allied Control Commission with the following terms of reference:

- (1) to watch Italian diplomatic communications and their security;
- (2) to provide the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Italian missions abroad with suitable means of communication;
- (3) to keep the Foreign Office, State Department and Allied Control Commission informed of the contents of Italian telegrams;
- (4) to keep the British and American authorities informed regarding Italian cyphers and lines of communication.

The members of the British and American Mission have now been selected and are ready to leave the United Kingdom.

The Acting Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission has no objection to receiving such a Mission and fitting it in to the framework of the A.C.C. provided he is authorized to do so by A.F.H.Q. 2395

If no objection is seen, it is requested that the necessary authority may be given to Captain Stone before the departure of the members of the Mission from the United Kingdom.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref : 455/49/CA.

14 September 1944

SUBJECT : Communication channels and travelling facilities for I.R.C.

TO : Communication Sub-Commission
Air Force Sub-Commission
Public Health Sub-Commission
Refugees Branch.

1. There is forwarded to you a copy of a letter dated 6th September sent to the Acting Chief Commissioner by the Italian Red Cross.
2. The I.R.C. are requesting certain privileges which at present are granted to the British Red Cross and the American Red Cross. It would be appreciated if you will consider the letter insofar as it affects your Sub-Commission or Branch and let us have your views and comments thereon as soon as possible.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Incl : 1.

Copy to : Acting Chief Commissioner
(your A/CC 321 of 10 Sept 44 refers)

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Communication Channels and Travelling
Facilities for INC Officials

A/CC 321

Executive Commissioner, Hq ACC

10 September

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1. Reference is made to attached letter No. 11952/G, dated 6 Sep 44, from the President of the Italian Red Cross, subject as above.
2. Forwarded for appropriate action.

1 Incl:
as stated above

Stone

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GROCE ROSSA ITALIANA
Il presidente Generale

Rome, September 6, 1944

prot.11952/G

Captain E.W.Stone (U.S.N.R.)
Acting Chief Commissioner
A.C.C.

Copy for the information of:
Director of War Relief A.R.C.
(attention of Mrs.Pelegrin)

Subject: Communication channels and travelling
facilities for I.R.C. officials

The work of reorganizing the Italian Red Cross and of reviving some of its most essential activities meets, under present circumstances, with the greatest difficulties owing the lack of I.R.C. transportation - about 98% of which has been removed by nazi-fascists or destroyed in the war - and to slow postal communications.

Under the circumstances, I venture to submit that the A.C.C. meet the IRC. needs in this respect by considering the possibility of granting the following facilities:

- a) a standing authority for IRC. officials of high rank - namely the President, the Secretary General, and the National Secretary General of IRC. Volunteer Nurses - to travel by air.
- b) authority for certain IRC officials - to be named on each occasion to use W.D. vehicles in order to reach and return from certain IRC. region and travel within that same region for services purposes.
- c) authority for certain IRC vehicles - the numbers of which shall be notified on each occasion - to receive petrol from Allied service stations; the petrol to be signed for not by driver but by the IRC. official using car.
- d) authority for official IRC. H'quarters mail to use - subject to any rule that shall be framed by the competent authorities - ACC. communications lines to and from areas where postal communications have not yet been restored or are still too unreliable or slow for an association, like the IRC., struggling to revive most difficult conditions.

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I will be extremely grateful if the above requests will be given your favourable consideration.

(s)Dott.ZANOTTI BIANCO
President General I.R.C.

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A/CG 311.5

5 September 1944

Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 1 September and for the information contained therein.

I understand that your request concerning the use of codes for telegraphic communications with your Government has been answered verbally by the Political Section of this Commission.

Yours very truly,

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Mis Amellenoy Vasco da Cunha
Consul General of the United States of Brazil
Rome

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Acting Chief Commissioner

The question of the use of codes was submitted to the Office of U.S. Political Adviser, AFHQ, 64 telephone this morning. Answer was that the matter already is under consideration and A.C.C. will be notified when decision is made. Mr. da Cunha was notified of the above when he called at Noon. No answer to this letter, in consequence, is necessary.

Political Section

WW B.

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BRAZILIAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Rome, September 1st., 1944.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Attention
of the Po-
litical
Section ACC.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to confirm the request made yesterday, in conversation, regarding the use of codes for telegraphic communications between this Consulate General and the Ministry of Foreign Relations of the United States of Brazil, in Rio de Janeiro.

2. As Your Excellency is aware, my mission, though ostensibly consular, is also, confidentially, diplomatic. My appointment to Rome with the status of Consul General, and not with the status of Minister, was only made to comply with the wishes of the Supreme Allied Command.

3. The exchange of correspondence with my Government and the reception of instructions therefrom, as well as the mere presence of Brazilian troops in Italy, should amply justify an exception to the rule now applied as regards the use of codes by the Consulates of the United Nations. I may add that, during the height of the Tunisian campaign, in March 1943, AFHQ made no objection to my employing codes, in Algiers - notwithstanding the fact that I was then, with no specific rank, a diplomatic observer of one of the United Nations, with no forces in the battle.

4. I feel sure that, with your approval of this point of view, the Supreme Allied Commander in Chief will grant the above mentioned request, and I therefore would be very grateful to Your Excellency for taking the matter up with AFHQ.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

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Vasco da Cunha.

His Excellency Captain Stone, U.S.N.

Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

ROME.

C O P Y

SUBJECT: - Channels of Communications

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILPOT 99

1904/9/G(SD1)

5 Sept 44

List 'B' less serials 1, 3, 5, 7, 8
List 'D' less serials 1, 4.

1. The instructions in this Branch letter 1904/9/G(SD1) dated 25 Jul 44 are cancelled.
2. The functions of air formation Headquarters in this theatre are as follows:-
 - (a) DAF are responsible for air operations on the front of Fifth and Eighth Armies. All administrative matters for the units under their control, which are the concern of or affect Fifth or Eighth Armies, are dealt with direct between DAF (Rear) and the Army concerned.
 - (b) HQ MATAF controls DAF operationally but has no administrative link with DAF except on matters of major policy.
 - (c) HQ TAF (ITALY) is a branch of MATAF established to fulfill the function of MATAF so far as operations in ITALY are concerned.
3. The following channels of communication will accordingly be used:-
 - (a) Administrative matters formerly referred to HQ MATAF will in future be referred to HQ TAF (ITALY) Cdr (Signals TAF (ITALY)).
 - (b) Where the subject concerns DAF only, it will be referred direct to HQ DAF (Rear).
4. HQ TAF (ITALY) - telephone number TAF 27 through Advanced Filpot - will be pleased to advise any Branch as to the correct channels of communication on any administrative matter affecting British or US Air Forces.

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Brigadier,
G(SD & T).

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26 August 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Frank W. Wozencraft, G.S.C.
The Combined Chiefs of Staff
Washington 25, D. C.

SUBJECT: Cable Charges in AFHQ

1. Your letter of 10 July, subject as above, is acknowledged.
2. I am in accord with the recommendations set forth in the proposed reports of the Combined Communications Board, forwarded with your letter.

MILLY E. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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10 July 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner
Headquarters Allied Control Commission
Naples, Italy

Subject: Cable Charges in AFHQ.

Enclosures: (A) CE/MM 10/2 dated 19 May 44, copy no. 44.
(B) CE/MM 10/3 dated 28 Jun 44, copy No. 16.

1. The enclosures will be of interest to you.
2. We have recently had an opportunity to chat with Colonel Lennner, and I know that he plans to see you upon his return.
3. I shall be interested in any facts and views you may care to pass along.

FRANK W. WOZENCRAFT
Colonel, G.S.C.

FOR enclosures see "A" files

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

EMS/hjp

30 August 1944

To: Brigadier Lush, Executive Commissioner, Hq ACC

1. Re attached:

- a. Your memo of 25 Aug.
- b. My direction to Communications Sub-Commission, 26 Aug.
- c. Communications Sub-Commission reply CS/31/1/31 of 28 August.

2. All of above relative "Employment of Italian Government channels of communication".

3. In view of 1 g, I wonder if necessary instructions can be issued after coordination with Col. Henderson without reference to VP's consideration.

3 Incls:
as above

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Via <i>any</i> 1700
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489081 Ext. 400

28th August, 1944

In reply
refer to:

CS/I/1/61

Subject: Use of Italian Government Communications
to : Acting Chief Commissioner

Reference attached: (91)

1. Postal. The bulk of the traffic, that between provincial capitals and communes, is of course already passed through civil mail services. Cutting-out the Regional Commissioner's Office will accelerate the service between provincial capitals and the Government, as the civil mail service is, generally, as good as the A.C.C. courier service.

2. Telegraph

a. The situation of Italian Government in respect of telegraph communications from Rome to the provincial capitals of provinces under its administration is still not at all satisfactory.

b. This is chiefly due to a bottleneck at Naples, due to the inadequacy of telegraph terminal equipment at the Naples office. The matter is in hand and the situation should improve materially in about 10 days time.

c. It will also be considerably eased by the commencement of operation by Italian Government of direct submarine cables to Sicily and Sardinia. These are also expected to be in operation in about 10 days time.

d. In short, it can be safely assumed that the communications of the Italian Government by telegraph to all provincial capitals within their administration will be reasonably satisfactory in about a fortnight but not before.

3. Telephone

Telephone communications of the Italian Government with their Provinces will be inadequate to deal with routine information matters for some considerable time.

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28th August, 1944 Continued

4. From the communications aspect, I consider the suggestion is feasible and will give as good results as the alternative method of channelling through Regional Commissioners, except on urgent matters requiring telegraphed or telephoned replies.

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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Acting Chief Commissioner

Employment of Italian Government
channels of communication

Communications Sub-Commission, Hq ACC

26 August

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1. Reference attached copy of memo from the Executive Commissioner dated 25 Aug relative "employment by ACC Hq and all Sub-Commissions of Italian Government channels of communication".

2. Prior to bringing this matter up at the VP's meeting, it is requested that your sub-commission submit your comments upon the feasibility of the suggestion and a brief report as to the availability and adequacy of such channels of communication.

ELBERT W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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25th August 1944.

Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. The deliberations of the Regional Commissioners' meeting has brought to light the necessity and expediency in territory handed back to the Italian Government of the employment by HQ ACC and all the Sub-Commissions of Italian Government channels of communication to Prefects in the Provinces, rather than ACC channels through the Regional Commissioners.

2. With the attenuated staff in the Southern Regions not only will it be impossible for the Regional staff to distribute instructions and disseminate information but policy demands that this should be done through the Italian Government. For example, if information is required on technical matters such as agricultural prospects, industrial installations, crime statistics, etc., the Italian Government should be requested to have the information furnished by their Prefects and other officials rather than the Regional Commissioner through his Provincial Officers. I suggest that this equally applies to representatives of Sub-Commissions in the field. There would, of course, be no harm, and in fact benefit, in informing Regional Commissioners of the instructions sent forward and the information requested by the Italian Government.

3. If you agree (and you may wish to raise this at a Vice Presidents' meeting) I will draft instructions to Vice Presidents.

/s/ H.S.L.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Submarine Cables

A/CC 311.2

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Communications Sub-Commission

1. Reference is made to attached letter from CSO, AFHQ, dtd 19 August, subject as above.

2. Request that your Sub-Commission take appropriate action.

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as in para 1 above.

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Hq. A.C.C. Secy Gen.
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Via Wipe
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

Ref: CSM/12

19 August 1944

SUBJECT: Submarine Cables.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.
(For: Acting Chief Commissioner.)

1. Reference is made to your letter A/CC 311.2 of 5 July 1944, and our reply of 18 July 1944. (91)

2. Military operation of the CAGLIARI-PALERMO and NAPLES-PALERMO submarine cables will cease on 20 August 1944. G-2, AFHQ, have ruled that there is no objection to the return of these cables to the Italian authorities, provided the Allied Control Commission maintain close supervision of the traffic passed.

3. It is therefore requested that you set up the arrangements by which this supervision can be effected.

4. Operation of these cables must be undertaken using Italian equipment and personnel. In the case of the Naples terminal, it will be necessary for the Italian authorities to provide a new landline between the cable house at Posillipo and their cable office. The present landline between Posillipo and HQ., PBS, is still required for Allied Military use. At the Palermo terminal, it will be necessary for the Allied Military authorities to maintain close supervision of the cable house at Mondello, until measures have been taken by this Headquarters to safeguard the security of the NAPLES-MALTA cable which passes through the cable house.

/s/ illegible

Major General,
Chief Signal Officer.

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HQ., PBS (for SIGO).
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U.S. Navy, Palermo.
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REQUEST FROM TROOPERS ON ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CABLE TRAFFIC. (1) WHAT CODES ARE USED (2) ARE THEY DEPOSITED WITH ALLIES (3) ARE CERTIFIED CLEAR TEXTS SUBMITTED WITH ENCIPHERED MESSAGES (4) ARE THESE CLEAR TEXTS VERIFIED (5) DOES CENSORSHIP KEEP COPY (6) WHAT DISPOSITION OF COPIES ARE MADE. REPORT FULLY ON CHANGES IN PROCEDURE FROM EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM 46

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ADVANCE ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

CSB/AVB

Ref. 12/CSB

18 July 1944

Subject: Submarine Cables.

To: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
(For: Acting Chief Commissioner).

1. = Reference is made to your letter A/CC 311.2 of 5 July 1944.
2. = The restoration of the Fiumicino-Terranova cable circuit is already in hand. When this circuit is in operation it is intended to cease military operation of the Naples-Palermo, Anzio-Maddalena and Palermo-Cagliari cables. Subject to G-2 concurrence, these cables will be returned to the Italian Government to operate using their own equipment.
3. = It is not intended to repair the Anzio-Palermo cable, which is broken in several places.
4. = Your para. 4 is not entirely understood as the Italian Government have been authorized to file official messages through the ACC ever since the inception of the Naples-Palermo-Cagliari cable circuits. The total volume of traffic passed on this circuit has never exceeded twenty-five percent of the available capacity. It would appear, therefore, that the present cable links between Italy, Sicily and Sardinia have been adequate for all Allied and Italian official traffic.

L.B. NICHOLLS
Major General
Chief Signal Officer.

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21 August 1944

A/CC 311.2

SUBJECT: Misuse of Signal Priorities

TO : Allied Force Headquarters
(Att: G-5 Section)

1. With reference to your G-5 311.5-1 dated 12 August 1944, the misuse of signal priorities indicated is regretted. Captain Buckley, the officer concerned, was at the time acting as personal assistant to Air Commodore Lord Stanagate. He is not now at this headquarters and further investigation will have to be made. The necessary disciplinary action will be taken on the facts revealed to prevent a recurrence of this action.

2. Action has been taken to prevent future acceptance by the Signal Office of signals not properly authorized.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Admin Sec

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

SUBJECT : Misuse of Signal Priorities.

TO : G-5 Section, AHC.

Reference your G-5 311.5-1 dated 12 Aug 44.

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ELBERT W. STONE,
Capt USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Draft prepared in Admin Sec by R.R. Lyle

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Hq ACC - Sec'y Gen.

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Date-Time 18 Aug 1944 Misuse of Signal Priorities

Via Msg Administrative Section

Initials WKR

A/CC 311.2

18 August 4

1. Reference to attached:

a. Letter G-5, 311.5-1, AMK, 12 Aug 44, "Misuse of Signal Priorities".

b. Listed inclosures to above reference.

2. Request appropriate reply be prepared for my signature.

4 Incls-
as in para 1a & 1b above.

Stone.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 311.5v1

12 August 1944

SUBJECT: Misuse of Signal Priorities

TO : Brigadier Maurice S. Lush
Executive Commissioner
Hq., Allied Control Commission
APO 394

1. I inclose copies of
 - a. War Office letter 32/Siga/32(Siga((a))) dated July 1944,
 - b. Air Ministry letter Tels 4/S.310 dated 2 July 1944, and
 - c. Copy of MOST IMMEDIATE message WX 57883 dated 29 June 1944 from Captain Buckley, AOC Rear.

2. The above appears to show a serious case of misuse of Signals priorities. The text of the message is of a personal nature and the classification of MOST IMMEDIATE is intended solely for occasions of vital urgency to the war effort as a whole. The use of this classification is limited to General Officers Commanding-in-Chief, and in their absence, their immediate representatives. (AGI 2218 of 1941 refers.)

3. The Chief Administrative Officer, General Clark, has asked for inquiries to be made and an early report. Please let me have this as early as possible.

C. E. LEWIN-HARRIS
Colonel
Deputy Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

Incls:
(3) as above

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THE WAR OFFICE

LONDON, S.W.1

32/sigs/32(sigs.7.(a)).

Memorandum for:-

Chief Signal Officer,

A.F.H.Q.,

Algiers

The attached copy of Air Ministry letter Tel s.l/s.310 of 2nd July, 1944, with enclosure, is forwarded for such action as you may consider desirable.

The War Office supports the view expressed by the Air Ministry, particularly those relating to the abuse of the priority "Most Immediate".

(Signed) -----

Brigadier
for Major-General,
Director of Signals.

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AIR MINISTRY
LONDON, S.W.1

2nd July, 1944

Tels. 4/s 310

Sir,

I am directed to refer to A.F.H.Q. North Africa signal T.O.O. 2030B/29, copy attached under serial number WX.57883, and to forward this signal as an example of the misuse of signal priorities, incorrect method of address, and the wrong selection of cypher used.

2. From the text of this signal it would appear to constitute an abuse of the priority "most immediate".

3. The signal is addressed to Air Ministry Whitehall but is encyphered in a one-time pad in which Air Ministry Whitehall is not of the family, consequently, the cypher had to be identified and passed to Air Ministry Special Cypher Office for action.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd).
Air Commodore
Director of Telecommunications.

Director of Signals(Sigs.7),
War Office,
London.

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S E C R E T

CYPHER MESSAGE

To:- Air Ministry, Whitehall

From:- Captain Buckley ACC Rear

WX.57883.
(Recd. AMOS. June 29th 1944).

MOST IMMEDIATE. URGENT

Signed Stone 29th 1420B Number null. Please inform Lady Stansgate
Blunt House Oxted Surrey, Telephone No. Oxted 711 repeat 711. Lord
Stansgate left for England.

Time of receipt 2030/29

Copies to:

Duty Officer Whitehall (Action 2 copies)
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489081 Ext. 400

8th August, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/31/1/73

Subject : Government Telephone Calls.

To : The Ministry of Communications.

1. Application has been made for telephone calls to be permitted over the Italian Government circuits between the Rome office of the Pontifical Commissioner for the assistance of Refugees and its corresponding branch office in Naples.
2. There is no objection to such conversations being classified as Official Government calls.
3. Would you therefore be good enough to make arrangements for such calls to be completed. You may of course place such restrictions on the priority of the calls or the periods during which such calls may be made as you consider desirable in the interest of Government service.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner :

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to: The Cardinal Secretary of State to the Holy See.
Vatican City, Rome.
Regional Commissioner No.4 Region Rome (Ref. R/2135)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION IV
APO 394

R/2135

1 August 1944

SUBJECT : The granting of telephone communications with Naples to the Pontifical Commission for the Assistance of refugees, Rome.

TO : Capt. Stone, Acting Chief Commissioner, ACC.

1. The attached forwarded for your information and whatever action you deem necessary.

2. Report in reference to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel, AUS
Regional Commissioner

2 Incl. 1- Memorandum of the Pontifical Commission
2- Resume' of the Memorandum in translation.

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RESUME' of the attached letter.

The pontifical Commission for the assistance of Refugees, Rome, is asking the State Secretary's Office of His Holiness the Pope, to approach the Allied Military Government in order that the permission be granted to said Commission and its corresponding branch office, in care of the Archbishopry of Naples, to be in telephonic communication as often as necessary. This in view of the fact that said offices must be in constant daily contact for the carrying out of matters relating to the continuous arrivals, feeding and housing of the refugees in transit through Naples from Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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REFERENCE SLIP

Date 3 Aug 44

File: R/3135

SUBJECT:

The granting of telephone communications with
rep to the Port of Commission etc

FROM: Acting Chief Commissioner

TO

Administrative Section	War Materials Disposal Sub-Comm.
Economic Section	Public Relations Branch
Political Section	Secretary General
Regional Control and Military Government Section	Chief Staff Officer
Air Sub-Commission	
Army Sub-Commission	
☒ Communications Sub-Commission	
Navy Sub-Commission	
FOR:	
Acknowledgement	Information and Retention
Appropriate Action	Dispatch
Investigation and Report	File
☒ Remarks/Recommendation	
Information and Return	200

REMARKS:

Attached are
(1) R/3135, 1 Aug, for Region II - subject as above
(2) R/3135, 1 Aug, for Port of Commission for
Assistance of Refugees

Initials J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R.A.
PA to A/cc

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Acting Chief Commissioner

Censorship Duties

Col. Henderson, Communications Sub-
Commission, Hq ACC

6 August 4

Perhaps I misread this but I do not see any basic change in our local situation--merely a transfer to G-2 AFHQ of those functions formerly handled by INC Section.

If I have misunderstood the meaning of Administrative Memorandum No. 32, I am sure AAI will be the first to protest to para 2 d.

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Hq ACC Secy Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date-Time 7 Aug 1944
Via <i>msg.</i>
Initials <i>SPR</i>

ELLENY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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AFHQ Admin. Memo No. 32 of 2 Aug 44

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489081 EXT 400

In reply refer
to : CS/6/9/

6th August 1944

Subject : Censorship Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

1. In view of attached, shall I make amove to get A.F.H.Q. to take back all censorship duties?
2. By the terms of the instruction, A.F.H.Q. now becomes directly responsible for censorship with armies, local dissemination, and liaison with censorship, all of which we have hiterto regarded as our responsibilities.
3. If you agree, I will draft a letter for your consideration.

J.L.HENDERSON.
Colonel,
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

1 Enclosure.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)

2 August 1944

NUMBER 32)

COMMUNICATIONS CENSORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES IN MEDITERRANEAN THEATER

1. With effect from 25 July 1944, responsibility for coordination of communications censorship policy, procedure and practice in the Mediterranean Theater is transferred from INC Section to G-2 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, to be exercised by Communications Censorship Sub-Section.

2. Responsibilities of Communications Censorship Sub-Section, G-2 Section, AFHQ, are:

a. Coordination of communications censorship policy, procedure and practice throughout the Mediterranean Theater within the framework of the overall policy defined by the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater, and by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

b. Definition of the communications censorship duties and responsibilities of the component parts of the Mediterranean Theater and such other areas as may be placed under command of the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater.

c. Allotment of all communications censorship personnel throughout the theater to carry out these commitments in the most efficient and economical manner and operation of censorship of troop and POW communications.

d. Advanced censorship with armies.

e. Collation and dissemination to the military user agencies, to Imperial Censorship, and U.S. Office of Censorship, of intelligence gained from censorship throughout the theater, and dissemination within the theater of information obtained by military and civil censorship organizations outside the theater.

f. Liaison with the Service des Contrôles Techniques de l'Afrique Française (French postal, telegraph and telephone censorship), and any other censorships set up by indigenous governments in the theater.

g. Planning for future operations and training of the necessary personnel.

3. Press and radio censorship will continue to be the responsibility of INC Section, AFHQ.

4. A Censorship Advisory Committee is created, under chairmanship of the A.C. of S., G-2, or his representative, to consider aspects of information derived from censorship, the committee to consist of representatives of G-1 (Br), G-1 (US), G-2 (CI), G-2 (CC), G-5, CEWA and PWB.

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AFHQ Adm. Memo. No. 32 (cont'd)

5. To ensure uniformity of communications censorship planning, policy procedure and practice, throughout the North African Theater of Operations, the M.E.F. and the area controlled by USAFIME, general policy directives will emanate from G-2, AFHQ. Policy in regard to local questions will remain the sole responsibility of M.E.F. and USAFIME Commands.

6. Headquarters of Communications Censorship Sub-Section are at 70 Via Napoli, Caserta. (AG 311.7-6)

By command of General WILSON:

H. V. Roberts
H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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31 July 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Political Section

1. Reference attached CS/56/1/1, July 31, from Communications Sub-Commission, subject: "Telegraph Traffic from Soviet Delegation to Advisory Council for Italy."

2. Acting Chief Commissioner requests your recommendation as to para 4 (b).

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, S.C.
Chief Staff Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. 489081 : Extn. 333

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In reply refer
to: CS/56/1/1

31st July. 1944

Subject: Telegraph Traffic from Soviet Delegation to Advisory Council for Italy.

To: Acting Chief Commissioner, HQ, ACC.

1. Lieutenant-Commander GZISHCHINSKY (USSR Navy) called on us to-day with reference to handling telegrams originating from Advisory Council for Italy for transmission to Moscow.

2. The Lieut.-Commander stated that, since he had agreed with the Acting Chief Commissioner to limit traffic on the radio link operated by the Russians, he would like to know whether he could file routine messages with ACC.

- (a) Traffic is estimated not to exceed 500 groups per day.
- (b) Messages would be filed in clear (which includes Russian, however).
- (c) Soviet delegation would prepare messages on forms as required by us and with required number of copies.

3. ACC Signal Center can handle such an amount of traffic without detriment to other traffic on the understanding that

- (a) only messages with "Routine" precedence will be filed;
- (b) traffic will be routed to AFHQ for transmission to destination;
- (c) messages are authenticated by proper authority.

4. Request ruling on following:-

- (a) Should traffic as covered in paras 1 & 2 be handled by ACC.
- (b) Should Adjutant's Office authenticate on basis of stamp of Soviet Delegation, or should political Section ACC also approve messages.

/s/ H. H. Scudder
J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel.

Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

Enclosure to
memo LDD 31 July
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MEETING HELD 19th July 1944.

Present: Chairman

Colonel J.L. Henderson, Director, Communications Sub-Commission.
 Lt. Colonel M.J. Grossman, Legal Sub-Commission.
 Major H.H. Scudder, Communications Sub-Commission.
 H.E. F. Geraborn, Minister of Communications.
 H.E. M. Feno, Under Secretary of State for Posts & Telegraphs.
 Mr. C. Kins, Cables and Wireless.
 Mr. L. Tims, Cables and Wireless.
 Dr. G. Spinelli, Italcable.
 Ing. G. Sarnio, Italcable.

Colonel Henderson opened the meeting with the statement that the question to be discussed was the terms and conditions of the lease of certain cable terminal equipment now in Malaga by Italcable to Cables and Wireless. Colonel Henderson stated that the Italian Government was interested as under present conditions no such lease could be entered into by Italcable without the approval of the Italian Government.

Mr. Spinelli asked if it would be acceptable if equipment were delivered from Italy rather than Malaga, and it was agreed that such action would be acceptable if equipment were available. Discussion took place as to what equipment was required and Colonel Henderson brought out that from the correspondence, the only equipment involved was the artificial lines now at Malaga necessary for duplex working of both types of cables originally terminating at Malaga.

A suggestion by Dr. Spinelli that cable be brought in and out of Malaga instead of transferring terminal equipment to Gibraltar was rejected on the basis of military security. On the assumption that only the Malaga equipment was available, discussion took place on the terms of rental. It was agreed as follows:-

1. Term - 6 months after cessation of hostilities between the United Nations and Germany.
2. Responsibility for transport of equipment from Malaga and delivery to Cables and Wireless in Gibraltar to be Italcables. Diplomatic action required for such movement to be taken by the Allied Authorities.
3. An agreed detailed list of equipment involved will be established by Italcables and Cables and Wireless by 24th July 1944, at the latest. Cable and Wireless will arrange for a trip to Anzio with representative of Italcable to explore possibility of equipment available there. It was pointed out that no equipment could be removed from Italy which might be needed for future Allied requirements.
4. Cables and Wireless would be responsible for the return of equipment to Malaga in same condition as received subject to normal wear and tear, and would replace any irreparably damaged or destroyed equipment rather than make financial compensation.
5. Italcable and Cables and Wireless to agree on value of equipment.

6. The next meeting to be held at the same place at 1600 hours

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6. The next meeting to be held at the same place at 1600 hours 26th July 1944, at which Italcable will have ready a draft agreement.

c.c. Communications SC

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ACC
FROM: AFHQ SEC. SIGNED.
REFERENCE No: PSC200
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 11001100Z OFFICE OF ORIGIN:
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 1837
CLASSIFICATION: NC
PRECEDENCE: NC

FOR STAGE FROM HLG

YOUR SOLUTION ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY PER 6-308 OF 5 AUGUST.

APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE

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TO: ACC
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 100/10
FROM: AMBASSADOR
CLASSIFICATION: SECRET
REFERENCE No: 100/10
PRECEDENCE: SECRET
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 100/10 OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

FOR STAGE FROM FIELD

YOUR SOLUTION ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY PER 8-308 OF 5 AUGUST.

APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE

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ACTING CHIEF COMM.

FREQUENCIES USED BY SOVIET REPRESENTATION PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR SACRED FOR CSO
FROM HQ ACC FROM STONE PERSONAL PAREN REFERENCE MY SUGAR TWO NINE EIGHT OF
TWO FOUR JULY AND YOUR FOX XRAY SEVEN SIX ZERO NINE THREE OF TWO SEVEN JULY CMA
SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE AGREES TO DISCONTINUE USE OF SIX FOUR ZERO ZERO AND SEVEN
ZERO ZERO ZERO KILOCYCLES PD THEY WILL USE ONE ZERO FIVE ZERO ZERO CMA NINE TWO
ZERO ZERO AND FIVE SEVEN ZERO ZERO KILOCYCLES

AUTHENTICATED:

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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C O P Y

SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE
ALLIED ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

4th August, 1944.

Dear Captain,

I have the honour to confirm receiving your letter of 29 July 1944 on the subject of using frequencies and with the specific directions of AFHQ.

I ask you to inform AFHQ that the frequencies 6400 Kcs and 7000 Kcs will not be used by our station and the frequencies 10500, 9200 and 5700 Kcs will be used.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ A. F. Vasiliev,

A.F. VASILIEV,

Major-General, R.A.

Deputy Soviet Representative, A.C.I.

Ellery W. Stone,
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner ACC

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29 July 1944

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

On July 24th this office informed Allied Force Headquarters that the radio station of the Soviet Representation to the Advisory Council went into operation on 22 July using frequencies 10500, 9200, 6400 and 7000.

The Commission is in receipt of the following message from Allied Force Headquarters, relative to this matter:

"Arbitrary use of radio frequencies by Soviet Representation in this theater is not acceptable.

"Frequencies 6400 Kcs and 7000 Kcs have previously been authorized for other fixed Allied military circuits. Use of these frequencies on the Moscow circuit will seriously degrade military communications in this area.

"Frequencies 10500 Kcs and 9200 Kcs are clear and may be used on the Rome-Moscow circuit. These frequencies in addition to 5700 Kcs previously cleared for use on the Rome-Moscow circuit by the Soviet Representation should be adequate from the standpoint of propagation and number of frequencies needed for this link.

"Advise Representation accordingly and report action."

It is requested that use of frequencies 6400 Kcs and 7000 Kcs be discontinued and that frequencies 10500, 9200 and 5700 Kcs only be used as the frequencies on the Rome-Moscow circuit.

Will you please confirm in order that report can be made to Allied Force Headquarters.

Yours very truly,

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ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief Commissioner

Ambassador M. Alexander E. Bogomolov
Plenipotentiary Representative of the USSR
to the Advisory Council for Italy

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HQ ACC, AFO 394

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NONE

266 Sec'y Gen.

Rec'd 28 July 1975

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AFHQ

By RRR

JUL 272305B

ACC

INFO (BY TELEGRAPH PRINTER) TO HOME AREA COMMAND, SIGNAL OFFICER, FOR
GEN NICHOLS (FILMOT 354)

For Stone from FHSIG.

Arbitrary use of radio frequencies by Russians in this theater is not acceptable. Ref. your 3-298 of 24 July, frequencies 6400 Kcs and 7000 Kcs are already authorized for other fixed Allied military circuits and operation to Moscow on these frequencies will seriously degrade military communications in this area. 10500 Kcs and 9200 Kcs are clear and may be used. These in addition to 5700 Kcs previously cleared for Russian use to Moscow should be adequate from T// standpoint of propagation and number of frequencies needed for this link. Advise Russians accordingly and report action.

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AFHQ FOR SACMED FOR CSO

ACC FROM STONE PERSONAL

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24 July

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YOUR FOX SEVEN FOUR THREE FOUR SIX FHSIG TWO THREE JULY ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR
OFFICIAL REQUEST PD STATION WENT INTO OPERATION TWO TWO JULY USING FREQUENCIES
ONE ZERO FIVE ZERO ZERO CMA NINE TWO ZERO ZERO CMA SIX FOUR ZERO ZERO CMA SEVEN
ZERO ZERO ZERO PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR SACMED FOR CSO FROM ACC FROM STONE
PERSONAL PAREN FREQUENCIES AND TIMES OF OPERATION VARY AND MEDIUM POWER IS
USED PD THE FREQUENCIES ARE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE USED AT NAPLES EXCEPT FOR
ONE ZERO FIVE ZERO ZERO

AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.B.
Secretary General

c.c. Political Section (3)
Comm. S/C.
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Soviet Representation to the
Advisory Council

Data on the radio-station of the Representation.

1. The station is of medium power.
2. The frequencies used: 10500, 9200, 6400, 7000.
3. The time of operation and waves vary.

The operator

/s/ illegible

Rome
5 Via Gaeta
24-7-1944

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ACTION 200 PERSONAL FOR CAPT STONE

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JUL 230840

CITE: HMBIG

REF YOUR 5296 OF 20 JULY. WE FEEL SOVIETS SHOULD EXTEND SAME COURTESY
TO US AS WE TO THEM IN MATTER OF USE OF FREQUENCIES. WE DO NOT USE
FREQUENCIES IN RUSSIA WITHOUT SOVIET APPROVAL. CAN YOU OBTAIN FROM
SOVIETS AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR USE OF OLD NAVAL FREQUENCIES IN ROME
OR FOR ADDITIONAL FREQUENCIES IF NECESSARY

ACC DIST

ACTION: SEC GEN
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cc: Political Section - 3
Communications S/C -1

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SACMED FOR CSO FROM ACC FROM STONE PERSONAL PAREN AM INFORMED THAT THE SOVIET
RADIO TRANSMITTER FORMERLY INSTALLED AT NAPLES HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO ROME BUT IS
NOT YET FUNCTIONING PD THEY FURTHER INFORM ME THAT THEY WILL ADVISE THE FREQUENCIES
WHICH THEY WILL EMPLOY AFTER STATION IS PUT INTO OPERATION PD DO YOU APPROVE QUERY

AUTHENTICATED:

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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A/CC 312

14 July 1944

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14 JUL 1944

SUBJECT: Channels of Communication

TO : C-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

312.3-1

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 8 July 1944, subject as above. It has been referred to the Vice President of the Economic Section for his information and guidance and for necessary instructions for him to all concerned, in particular to Mr. Alberto Antolini.

2. Since there seems to be some misunderstanding on the part of the State Department and the Foreign Economic Administration as to the established channels of communication through AFHQ for all sections of the Allied Control Commission and its personnel, it is suggested that this question be clarified by your Headquarters with the appropriate authorities in Washington.

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KILBY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: The Acting Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Channels of Communication

FILE No. A/CC 312

TO: Mr. Henry F. Grady, Vice President,
Economic Section, Hq ACC

14 July 1944

1. The attached letter, subject: Channels of Communication, reference G-5: 312.3-1, dated 8 July 1944, is forwarded for your information and necessary instructions to all concerned.

2. Since paragraph 6 of the attached refers specifically to the Foreign Economic Administration instructions dated May 26, 1944 to Mr. A. G. Antolini, it is requested that he in particular be advised of the instructions from AFHQ which are attached.

3. In this connection I am sending you also a copy of my letter of this date to AFHQ, G-5 Section.

2 Incls:
As per paras 1 and 3
above

HENRY W. STONE 2346
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 312.3-1

8 July 1944

SUBJECT: Channels of Communication

A 1478
15 JUL 1944

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394
(Attention: Chief Commissioner)

1. Reference is made to the directive on "Direct Communication between ACC and American and British Governments," letter AG 387.4-1 MRS-AGM of 15 February 1944. It will be observed that while "direct communication on matters of routine between Headquarters, Allied Control Commission and the British and American Governments" was there authorized, it was also stressed that "insistence has been put upon the principle that all matters of real substance must be referred through this Headquarters to the Combined Chiefs of Staff and not to a particular department of either the American or the British Government."

2. It has come to notice that on a number of occasions of late the established channels of communication through this Headquarters have not been followed. Attention is drawn to the instances set out below.

3. The "Overall Civilian Supply Program for Liberated Italy - Preliminary - Allied Control Commission, Economic Section, March 3, 1944" was not known to this Headquarters until brought to its attention by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in CAL 327, a copy of which is inclosed. The CCS there point out that this document, of primary interest to the CCAC, was received in Washington through other than military channels and was only accidentally brought to their attention after much delay. The "Overall . . . Program" was seemingly first made available in Washington by its inclusion in the "Report of the Hon. Henry F. Grady to the Department of State, March 28, 1944." AFHQ had to request copies by cablegram (F 318/44 of 13 April).

4. The "Comments by the Allied Control Commission on the report of the FEA Survey Mission to Italy, dated February 5, 1944" were sent direct to Mr. Leo Crowley, Administrator, FEA, and others, by letter of April 1, 1944, from the Executive Officer, Economic Section, ACC. There was neither coordination with this Headquarters, nor transmittal through channels. A report which was here regarded as a number 23, examples of inaccuracy and misstatement reached Washington without AFHQ having any opportunity to offer corrections. While the "Comments on Section IV of the FEA Report on Economic Activities of ACC" were annexed to the "Report of the Finance Sub-Commission, Hq., ACC for March 1944," and thus came to the knowledge of AFHQ and of the CCS - Mr. Tirana had

already taken the comments of this and other Sub-Commissions directly to the NSA.

5. The March report of the Finance Sub-Commission, at p. 17, speaks of a number of studies on currency and exchange problems, and states that "these studies have been summarized in memorandum of 29 March which has been transmitted to the Combined Civil Affairs Committee of CCS. A copy of this memorandum is attached as Appen ix "C". The document thus referred to is a letter 13106 from Col. Foley to Col. Adams, Subject: Request by Badoglio Government that the dollar value of the lira be increased." It was at any rate not transmitted through G-5 section, and it is believed that it became known in Washington by reason of being transmitted directly to Mr. Grady. The document reached London only as an Annex to the Finance Sub-Commission Report for March.

6. In the letter of the Executive Director, Bureau of Areas, Foreign Economic Administration, to Mr. Alberto G. Antolini, dated May 26, 1944, there appears this direction:

Reports. You will be responsible for information and special reports requested from time to time by the Administration and by other agencies of the Government. This type of report will be cleared by the Vice-President of the Allied Control Commission, channeled through regular State Department media.

It is to be stated clearly that, until otherwise ordered, with civilian just as with Military personnel of the Allied Control Commission, direct communications with the departments of either Government, other than within the authority granted by letter AG 387.4-1 of 15 February, are not permitted.

7. With the increasing importance of agencies dealing with relief and supply, and with several recent instances of officers and civilians being sent into this theater to report on various aspects of civil affairs, it is important to ensure that normal channels of communication be observed. It is therefore requested that the reason and necessity of the established mode of communicating be impressed upon all concerned.

/s/ Charles M. Spofford
/t/ CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Asst. Chief of Staff G-5
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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AG/312.3

4 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Direct Communication with London and Washington.

TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner - Capt. Stone
Executive Commissioner, (V.P.) R.C. and M.C. Section - Brig. Lush
Vice President Economic Section - Mr. Grady
Vice President Administrative Section - The Viscount Stansgate
Political Section - Mr. Caccia
Chiefs all Subcommissions -
Secretary General - Major Doe
Adjutant General - Lt. Col. Clough
Executive Officers - Colonels Rathbone and Albright
Civil Affairs Branch -
Italian Refugees Branch -
Security -
Public Relations Officer.

1. Higher headquarters has authorized direct communication on matters of routine between Hq. A.C.C. and the British and American Governments at London and Washington. Matters of routine are interpreted to include technical matters of interest to various ministries, departments and agencies of the respective governments.

2. Any matters to be communicated directly must be authorized by a Vice President or an officer authorized by him for the purpose, and will be dispatched by the Secretary General. A copy of each such communication will be kept as a part of the records of Hq. A.C.C.

3. For general instructions and directives and all matters of policy the channel of communication remains through AFHQ to and from the combined Chiefs of Staff.

By command of Lieutenant-General MacFARLANE:

L. W. Stearns
L. W. STEARNS,
Capt., AGD,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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A/CC 311.23

6 July 1944

SUBJECT: Communications for ACC

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512
(For: Chief Signal Officer)

1. Reference attached copy of back slip from GEC, AFHQ, dated 27 June 44, above subject, to C/S thru HCS, 4-3.

2. The first point to appreciate is that the total maximum signal personnel requirement of A.F.C. is very small, far less than that required for the smallest military formation headquarters, and that the subject is presumably only being raised on this level as a matter of principle.

3. Referring to the recommendations made in para 5 of slip:

a. ACC must locate its headquarters at the seat of Government. This will certainly be also a major military signal centre which can provide the main teletype and telephone outlets until such time as they can be provided through civil resources entirely.

b. (1) There are no suitable U.S. or British civilians available, nor likely to be.

(2) There is no objection to the use of limited service personnel, and in fact MACs have been used for some time.

(3) A minimum of military staff will be insisted on for security reasons.

4. a. The staff considered essential for the proper functioning of ACC in the situation that will exist after the transfer of the Italian Government to Rome is listed as Appendix "A" attached (Incl #2).

b. This situation will make a minimum demand because of the elaborate and complete automatic system in Rome and because of the possibility to accommodate all of ACC and the Italian Government in the one area, and in the same city as a main military signal center. It is therefore suggested that this staff form a permanent irreducible cadre.

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c. Although it is hoped this situation will remain, it can not be definitely guaranteed. In the past it has been necessary to locate ACC Headquarters not at a main signal center (Brindisi period), when it was then necessary to provide direct ACC radio service with AFHQ. It has also been necessary to split ACC Headquarters and to station the greater part away from the Italian Government (Salerno-Naples period). It has also been necessary to establish Advance Headquarters (Rome occupation period). There can be no guarantee that similar situations will not recur.

d. In addition to the cadre proposed in sub-paragraph b, it is therefore suggested that additions be made by AFHQ (CSO) authority from whatever resources are at his disposal to meet unforeseeable circumstances arising from time to time.

5. This is exclusive of the Army Sub-Commission. This forms part of ACC, but has previously always been separated from it. Its communication requirements are quite separate and distinct from the remainder of ACC, and there is nothing to be gained from any centralization. It has its own communications personnel and resources, which will not be affected.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

L. D. DENDORE
Colonel, Sig C
Chief Staff Officer

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Cy M/s 27 Jun 44 to C/S
AFHQ, subj: Communications
for ACC
Incl 2 - List of signal personnel
essential to operation

cc: Communications S/C

(Draft prepared by JLM - Comms S/C)

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APPENDIX "A"

LIST OF ESSENTIAL SIGNAL PERSONNEL

Signal Officer (Sub. or Capt.).....	1	Signal center Supt (Sgt).....	1
Switchboard Supervisor (Sgt).....	1	Signal center clerks.....	3
S/bd operators (EM/OMs).....	4	Teletype operators (2 machines).....	5
S/bd operators (WACs).....	8	Cipher personnel (Am).....	1 Det.
		Cipher personnel (Br).....	1 Det.

(* If not available, local civilians could be employed, with some sacrifice of efficiency and security.)

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Equipment: Teletype machines.....2
Cipher Equipment.

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NOTES:

1. The Headquarters will have a 600-line automatic and a 3-position manual exchange. It will be necessary to have one soldier operator on duty at all times if civilians are employed. All maintenance of switchboards will be civilian; maintenance of teletypes can be arranged with a local signal unit.

2. It is desired to retain the key personnel at present employed, as they understand the AGC organization and the switchboard operators have a good knowledge of Italian. They include:

S/bd supervisor:	Perry, E. H. (A)	T/4	10600118	985 Sig Serv Co
S/bd operators:	Reeves, G. B. (A)	T/5	39225140	985 Sig Serv Co
	Bianowski, M. (A)	T/5	32599176	984 Sig Serv Co
	Flora, G. B. (A)	Pfc	13118209	985 Sig Serv Co
	Thrush, E. (B)	Pfc	4758432	No. 2 GHQ Sig Coy
Signal center Supt:	Crane, R. W. (A)	T/4	32307089	6683 Sig Message Center Co
Signal center clerks:	Falkland, J. (A)	T/5	31131072	6683 Sig Message Center Co
	Shalnut, S. (A)	Pfc	34055447	Hq & Hq Co, 850 Sig Serv Bn
(AM) Cryptographic Team No. 9:	Novak, E. J.	Lt.		649 Sig Intell Serv
(EM) GHQ Signals No. 11 Cipher Sections	Now, C. A.	CSM		No. 2 GHQ Sig Coy

Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

A/CC 311.23

Communications for ACC

Communications Section, Rear Hq ACC
(Attention: Col. Henderson)

28 June

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28 JUN 1944

1. Reference attached letter dated 27 June from AFHQ OCSigO signed by Brig. Gen. T. J. Tully, and inclosure, buck slip dated 27 Jun 44, to C/S AFHQ, all with respect to Communications for ACC.

2. It is desired that ACC's position be stated in a letter to AFHQ attention G-5 Section with proper reference to this correspondence.

3. Will you please prepare such letter from the Acting Chief Commissioner's signature.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
PA to A/CC

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

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APO 512, U. S. Army
27 June 1944

Capt. Ellery W. Stone, USMT,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Hq. Allied Control Commission,
APO 394, U. S. Army

My dear Stone:

1. Attached hereto is a copy of a buck slip covering the question of the solution of Signal personnel for the operation of Signal services for ACC.

2. Our purpose in presenting this paper is to get a command decision on the matter of furnishing this Signal personnel. We find ourselves often faced with having to provide such services but at the same time we do not get favorable consideration in setting up the personnel for these purposes. Insofar as Signals are concerned, we are neutral in the matter and simply want to try to get a proper solution. I am notifying your MGS Section here that I have sent you a copy of this buck slip, in order that you may furnish them promptly with your position in the matter.

3. We would appreciate, therefore, a frank statement through your section here of what they would like to recommend to the Chief of Staff.

Yours truly,

/s/ T. J. Tully
/t/ T. J. TULLY,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Deputy Chief Signal Officer.

1-Incl.
Cy B/S dtd 27 Jun 44
to C/S AFHQ, Subj:
Communications for ACC.

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Communications for ACC

1 DCSO C/S AFHQ 27 Jun
THRU: 44
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1. When ACC first was established in Bari, a signal detachment was furnished them by AFHQ from AFHQ resources in order that they might have direct communications with this headquarters. Since that time, ACC has moved into a split location, one echelon being in NAPLES and one being in SALERNO. The signal detachment was supplemented at that time and now consists of a total of approximately three (3) officers and thirty-six (36) men from both U.S. and British sources. In view of the continued pressure on reduction in the number of signal personnel being used in the theater, it is felt that consideration should be given to the establishment of a policy on the furnishing of communications to this particular agency.

2. Initially ACC required special communications to this headquarters since no other suitable means of communication was available at their location in BARI. In their present set-ups, the NAPLES echelon is immediately adjacent to PBS which has excellent facilities for communication to AFHQ. The Rear Echelon of ACC at Salerno is now served by teletypewriter, telegraph printer, and telephone systems connected through NAPLES.

3. It is believed that the situation in Italy is such as to warrant consideration of:

a. Adopting a general policy that ACC will locate its headquarters in the immediate vicinity of some of the larger AFHQ, SOS or L of C installations from which they can obtain most of their signal requirements. It is possible that they may still, under such an arrangement, require a U.S. and/or British Cipher Team.

b. Requiring ACC to obtain suitable qualified civilians to operate the message center, messenger service, teletypewriters and switchboards. AFHQ-NATOUSA would help train these people if necessary. (Cipher teams as needed from AFHQ-NATOUSA source).

4. If it is decided that this particular agency should have a complete signal communication detachment of its own from AFHQ-NATOUSA sources, then it is felt that a provisional U.S. Signal detachment, as well as a provisional British Signal detachment, should be authorized so that these teams may be set up on a definite, recognized basis, and not be withdrawn indefinitely from other signal units.

5. Recommend that:

a. ACC be required to locate its headquarters in immediate vicinity of one of the larger established military headquarters, drawing on such headquarters for necessary signal service.

b. ACC begin at once:

- (1) the acquisition and training of civilians whose loyalty is certain (US or British citizens) or,
- (2) The use of limited service personnel, or
- (3) A combination of above--if security demands make the use of military personnel in certain phases of signals imperative.

T. J. TULLY,
Brig. General, U. S. Army,
Deputy Chief Signal Officer

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A/CG 311.2

5 July 1944

6 JUL 1944

SUBJECT: Submarine Cables

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512
(For: Chief Signal Officer)

1. It is requested that consideration be given to the allocation to the Italian Government of one exclusive submarine cable from the mainland to each of the two islands of Sicily and Sardinia.

2. The present situation regarding these cables is believed to be as follows:

<u>Serial #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Situation</u>
1.	Italy (Fiumicino)	Sicily (Messina)	Broken; understand repair not being considered.
2.	" "	Sardinia (Terranova)	Telephone cable providing two telephone circuits and one telegraph; restoration in hand.
3.	" "	Sardinia (Golfo Aranci)	Telegraph cable; restoration in hand.
4.	Italy (Anzio)	Sicily (Palermo)	Broken; understand repair being undertaken.
5.	" "	Sardinia (Maddalena)	Working teletype.
6.	Italy (Naples)	Sicily (Palermo)	Working teletype.
7.	Sicily (Palermo)	Sardinia (Cagliari)	Working teletype.

3. When cables numbered 2 and 3 are in working order, it would appear possible to free either cables 4 and 5 for the Italian Government (see letter #720 X 1, dated 24 June, suggests that these should not be used for military purpose), or, alternatively, cables 6 and 7.

4. The Italian Government is very badly placed regarding telegraphic communications with the islands of Sicily and Sardinia. It has

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no communication with sardinia, not even radio, and its communications with Sicily by land lines is overloaded. When the six cables (Nos. 2 - 7) are working, it would seem that two might well be spared from military use.

ELBERT W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Communications Sub-Commission

(Draft prepared by JLH - Comms S/C)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Secretary General

SUBJECT: Attached letter, 24 June 44,
from GSO ANHC, Subject "Submarine
TO: Cables, M.T.O."
Communications Sub-Commission

FILE No. A/CC 311.2

1 July 1944

The Personal Aide to the Acting Chief Commissioner has directed
that the attached communication be transmitted to you.

Sgt Shenfield

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

DSD 1468

1 JUL 1944

24 June 1944

SUBJECT: Submarine Cables, M.T.O.

TO : Allied Control Commission.
(For: Deputy Chief Commissioner).

1. Reference is made to your letter DCC 311.2 dated 20 June 1944.
2. This matter has been referred to Cable and Wireless Divisional Manager for the Mediterranean area. He is in communication with his Head Office with a view to their reconsideration of the terms of the proposed lease.

/s/ H. Bloodworth, Col

for Major General,
Chief Signal Officer.

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Italcable apparatus in Spain

A/CC 311.2

Communications Section, Rear Hq ACC

27 June

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1. References (both attached):

27 JUN 1944

a. Letter, Office of the British High Commissioner in Italy, to J/C M.C. Hopkins, 26 June 1944.

b. Incoming telegram No. 94, from Resmin, Algiers, June 9, 1944.

2. I am sure that something was done on attached, nevertheless will you prepare reply for the Office of the British High Commissioner. Thanks.

L. D. DENSHORE
Colonel, Sig C
PA to A/CC

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OFFICE OF THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER
IN ITALY
Via Agostino de Pretis, NAPLES.

J/C M.C. Hopkins

On 13th June Mr. Halford sent a copy of the enclosed Algiers telegram to Admiral Stone. Algiers have now telegraphed asking if the Control Commission is yet in a position to give the information asked for in that telegram.

Would you pass the word therefore to the appropriate section of the Commission?

(Signature illegible)

26th June, 1944

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

From: Resmin, Algiers. Des: 19.50 10.6.44
To: High Commissioner, Naples. Rec: 09.00 11.6.44

CODE

Tel. No. 94 (9.6.44)

Please pass the following to Captain Stone, Deputy Chief Commissioner.

Begin:
Reference your memorandum DCC 311.2 June 3rd about Italcable apparatus in Spain.

We should be grateful for information as to place and date of proposed meeting between Cables and Wireless and Italcable. Negotiations between the two companies have hitherto been conducted in Madrid.

Ends;

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Exchange of Italian & Russian Representatives.
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DCC 311.2

20 June 1944

SUBJECT: Submarine Cables M.T.O.

DSB 364
20 JUN 1944

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512
(For: C.S.O.)

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1. Reference your letter from the office of the Chairman of the Combined Signal Board dated 10 June 1944 (no reference number).
2. Please see attached copies of correspondence with Cables & Wireless.
3. The Italian Government does not wish to change its views, as expressed in Incl #4 to my letter DCC 311.2 dated 3 June 1944.
Folio 74
4. It will therefore be seen that an impasse has been reached.
5. It is the view of this Commission that the Italian Government is correct and reasonable in its attitude in the matter, and if the transfer of equipment is required, Cables & Wireless Ltd. should be directed by the C.C.S. to proceed with arrangements on a lease basis.

ELERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Ltr, Communications S/C AGO
TS/h/8/24, 14 June 44
Incl 2 - Ltr, C & W, 16th June 44
with copy of telegram

cc: Communications Sub-Com

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

JLH/rs

In reply refer
to: TS/L/8/24.

14th June 1944.

SUBJECT: Italcables Equipment at Malaga.

TO : The Manager, Cables and Wireless Ltd., Naples.

1. As explained to you verbally, it is required to know whether your organization is prepared to proceed with arrangements to lease the Italcable apparatus at Malaga and transfer it to Gibraltar, on the basis of the Italian Government's proposals.

2. It is understood that you have now received the necessary directions from your head office and I should be grateful if you would notify this office whether you wish us to arrange a meeting with the Commissioner for Italcables, which would only be likely to lead to definite results if your instructions are in general agreement with the proposals of the Italian Government already known to you.

J. L. Henderson,
Colonel
Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

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CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED

NAPLES BRANCH

16th June, 1944

To: Colonel J. L. Henderson, Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Subject: Italcables Equipment at Malaga.

1. Receipt of your letter, TS/4/8/24, dated 14th June, 1944, is acknowledged.
2. Direction regarding the basis of negotiation have been received from our Head Office, and a copy of the signal is attached for your information.
3. As the basis of the Italian Government's proposals is that the Italcable apparatus should be leased; and as our Head Office state that they are not interested in a lease but are prepared to buy outright; it would seem unlikely at present that a meeting with the Commissioner for Italcables would lead to definite results.
4. I would be grateful therefore if you would be good enough to convey to the Italian Government our reasons for declining their offer to lease this apparatus and to ask if they would be prepared to re-consider the subject on the basis of outright purchase.

/s/ R. C. Hampton
Manager,
C.&W. Ltd., Naples.

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CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED

SERVICE TELEGRAM

10/ 6/44 1800

XBGV 337 DM KREDIT HAMPTON 56 FIL - JMX FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR I/M
FOR HAMPTON QUOTE OUR F/T VIEW HIGH LOSS BREAKAGE CAUSED PRESENT PRECARIOUS
SHIPPING FACILITIES AND POSSIBILITY APPARATUS BEING SPLIT UP AND DISTRIBUTED
ELSEWHERE WHEN OUR RETURN NOT INTERESTED LEASE BUT PREPARED BUY OUTRIGHT ON
BASIS COT GIBRALTAR X LEAVE AS NEGOTIATE THESE LINES UNQUOTE ENDS.

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Ref. CC/P/397.

17th. June, 1944.

Many thanks for your telegram No. 30395 of the 6th. inst. with reference to the circuit diagram of Rome 500kw transmitter.

I am afraid, however, that this diagram cannot now serve any useful purpose as the transmitter was completely demolished by the enemy two hours prior to the arrival of our advance patrols.

Thanks again for troubling to signal me on this matter.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Mr. Patrick J. Donnelly,
Ministry of Information,
G I E R A L T A R.

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Hq ACC Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date - Time 18 June 1944
Via AG DM/C
Initials JHS

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16th June, 1944

TO: Lt. General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane, C.C: A.C.C.
FROM: James M. Minifie, Liaison, PWB-ACC
SUBJECT: Rome 500 Kilowatt Transmitter

1. Reference Signal 90395 from Donnelly in regard to circuit diagram of Rome 500 kilowatt transmitter; this transmitter was completely demolished by the enemy two hours prior to the arrival of our advance patrols. Only two transformers are salvageable from the entire equipment.

James M. Minifie

JAMES M. MINIFIE,
Liaison, PWB-ACC:

PA

*Draft reply to
Donnelly pl.*

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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Chief Comd
TO: FATIMA NAPLES FOR GEN MACFARLANE PERSONAL

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER N81/6
FROM: CHIEF GIBRALTAR DONNELLY CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

REFERENCE No: 30395 PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUNE061700 OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

ACTION COPY

HQ ACC, APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 7 June 09 45
By *HD*

PERSONAL FROM DONNELLY TO PERSONAL FOR GEN MACFARLANE.

I HAVE A CIRCUIT DIAGRAM OF ROME 500 KILOWATT RADIO IF WANTED.
IT MAY FACILITATE REFERENCE TO LONDON IF STATION ONLY PARTIALLY
DESTROYED. REGARDS.

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AUTHENTICATED

FRANK J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, A.C.C.
Deputy Secretary General

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FRANK J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, A.G.D.
Deputy Secretary General

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NOTE OF INTERVIEW

14 June 1944

Mr. Smiljanic of the Yugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council in Naples called on 14 June to discuss the telegraphic facilities available to the Delegation. He said that although the Delegation had been established in Naples for over two months, facilities were still unsatisfactory.

With regard to telegrams in clear, the Delegation was permitted to communicate with Yugoslav Legation, Algiers only, and permission was requested for the same facilities to be granted for Yugoslav Embassy, London; Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cairo; and Yugoslav Embassy, Washington. Mr. Smiljanic said that so far as he knew there were no limitations on the traffic which the Greek Delegation wished to send, and he could not understand the reasons for what appeared to be unfavourable discrimination.

With regard to cipher telegrams, the Yugoslav Delegation were not allowed to send any at all, whereas the Greek Delegation were sending to Algiers and Cairo.

Mr. Smiljanic left with me the attached copy of a letter which he had received from the Signal Officer at PBS. He said that he was unable to understand paragraph 2b, because signals in cipher had already been received by the Yugoslav Delegation in Naples from Cairo. Mr. Smiljanic added that although the correspondence with PBS did not specifically include Washington, he would like facilities to that place also.

He added that he had mentioned the difficulty to Mr. Kirk, who said that he would raise the point with the Chief Commissioner and with Captain Stone.

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SUBJECT: A.C.C. Communications

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15 JUN 1944

TO : Chief Signal Officer, Allied Armies in Italy

1. Reference your letter 2791 X 9 dated 10 June 1944.
2. The Chief Commissioner, Lieutenant General F. W. Mason MacFarlane, would like to express his gratitude for the extremely prompt and effective response made by you to his request for direct wireless service to home.
3. While the work of restoration of civil communication services is occasionally held up beyond what appears essential to the military needs by other formations, I should like to take this opportunity of recording that we have always received the best help from all branches of Allied Armies in Italy, in respect of communications for the Allied Control Commission and the Italian civil services.

ELBERT W. STONE
Captain, USMR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

cc: Communications Sub-Com

(Draft prepared by JLH - Comms S/C)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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12 June 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Communications Sub-Commission.

The attached letter from POWIT is transmitted for
necessary action.

F. J. S.

Incl- Ltr fr Powit 465, dtd 6 June 44.

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Office of Flag Officer,
Western Italy, *NE*
Naples.

6th June, 1944

No. FOWIT 465
DEPUTY CHIEF COMMISSIONER
HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

DSB 1110
12 JUN 1944

CAPTAIN CARLO MARTINATO

With reference to your letter No. DCC 210.31 dated 26th May, I regret that the release of Captain Carlo Martinato cannot at present be agreed to.

2. It is observed that for some time past facilities have been given to ITALCABLES to consult Captain Martinato about the particular matter mentioned in para. 5 of your letter and I have been informed that all available information in this connection has now been given to the Company.

3. He states that the Italcable Co. should now be able to deal with the question and that there is no immediate need for his return to them.

4. He further states that the requirement for his services appears to arise on Minister of Communications staff, not the Cable Company's staff, and he himself does not wish to be transferred to the former.

/s/ J. A. V. MORSE
REAR ADMIRAL.

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7 June 1944

Brigadier General T. J. Tully, U. S. Army
Deputy Chief Signal Officer
AFHQ, APO 512

DSJ 336
7 JUN 1944

My dear General:

Thank you for your letter of 29th May; the lines of policy of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, outlined in paragraph 2 of your letter appear quite satisfactory so far as Allied Governments are concerned.

There is just one point that might receive consideration, and that is the question of Italian Government traffic over seized cables. We have received a bill (for about eight hundred dollars) from the Gibraltar office of Cables and Wireless for Italian Government Foreign Office traffic, which we have passed to the local office of Cables and Wireless for them to collect from the Italian Government.

Apart from the financial difficulties of transferring credits in present circumstances, it is perhaps questionable whether a commercial company is justified in charging for services part of which are being carried out over seized Italian cables, for which some compensation may be claimed by the Italians at a later date. It would seem preferable that these charges should be held in a suspense account to be settled together with other claims after the cessation of hostilities.

If you agree with this, perhaps you would raise this minor point and recommend that the term "and co-belligerent" be added to "Allied" in para 2 b of your letter.

Very sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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Deputy Chief Signal Officer
AFHQ, APO 512

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary General
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SO 311

7 June 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Brigadier Lush

SUBJECT: Precedence of Messages

1. Concerning the question of precedence of messages brought up recently in your morning conference, I have had a statistical check made for two periods to see how the distribution of precedences falls. I do not believe this is out of line very much, with the exception that the percentage of messages classed "urgent", I am informed, comes almost entirely from Civil Affairs Branch. I have not checked their individual messages on which these figures are based. I note however that the percentage in the later period is less than that in the earlier period.

2. Close watch is being kept on precedence classifications by the Adjutant, who makes a practice of bringing to the attention of the classifying officer any cable which he considers improperly classified. I have also told him, in cases of doubt to refer the message to me.

<u>Precedence</u>	<u>4 April to 11 April</u>	<u>1 June to 5 June</u>
Routine	63.3%	58.6%
Priority	31.7%	38.6%
Op-Priority	.6%	
Urgent	4.4%	2.8%

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.C.D.
Secretary General

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DCC 311.2

3 June 1944

SUBJECT: Submarine Cables, M.T.C.

DSX 521
3 JUN 1944

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512
(Attention: Chief Signal Officer)

1. Certain correspondence on the matter of transfer of Italcable apparatus from Spain to Gibraltar has been in progress through political channels.
2. It is understood that the submarine cable system in the M.T.C. is under the direction of AFHQ vide AFHQ Signal Instruction No. 104, dated 10 February 1944.
3. In order to avoid any action being taken that is not in full accord with the plans of the Combined Signal Board, copies of the correspondence are enclosed as Inclosures #1 - #6.
4. We should be grateful for information on the policy that is going to be adopted on the Italcable submarine cable circuits from Rome; in particular, whether these cables will be classed as military or commercially operated, and, if the latter, whether it is the intention to utilize the personnel of Italcable on the operating of the circuits.
5. In the meantime we are proceeding with the arrangements for a meeting between Cables & Wireless and Italcables in Naples, and the subsequent drafting of a cablegram from the Italian Government to the Italian Embassy in Madrid, on the assumption that the proposed lease of equipment is in accordance with the policy of the Combined Signal Board.

ALLERY V. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

6 Incls:

- Incl 1 - Ltr, British Resident Minister, 37/150/9
16 March 1944
- Incl 2 - Ltr, DCC ACU, 24 Mar 44 ← *already in 54 file*
- Incl 3 - Ltr, British Resident Minister, 37/150/9, 12 May 1944
- Incl 4 - Ltr, Italian Ministry of Comms. No. 3/8.5/1536, 29 May 1944
- Incl 5 - Ltr, Comms 3/C ACC, T3/4/8/8, 21 May 44
- Incl 6 - Ltr, DCC ACC, DCC 311.2, 3 June 44

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37/150/9

To: Political Section, Allied Control Commission.

From: British Resident Minister's Office.

Subject: Proposed purchase of Italcable apparatus in Spain by Messrs.
Cable and Wireless Ltd.

The Spanish Government have asked Messrs. Cable & Wireless Ltd. to supply them with 30 miles of deep sea cable. The Spanish Government have been informed that permission will be given to Cable & Wireless to export 15 miles of cable on the conditions proposed by the Company, namely that they should in return be given permission to export Greed and Duplex apparatus belonging to their Vigo and Bilbao stations which is now useless because of an interruption of cables.

2. The Spanish Government have been informed that the question of the remaining 15 miles of cable is under consideration. The position is that the Company would agree to supply these 15 miles in return for export permits covering the apparatus belonging to the Malaga station of Italcable which Messrs. Cable & Wireless are anxious to purchase from Italcable. Messrs. Cable & Wireless representative in Madrid has discussed this proposed purchase with the Italcable representative there, who says however that he requires instructions from the Italian Ambassador.

3. The Italian "artificial line boxes" are the only ones available for working the Rome-Malaga cables as soon as they are restored, and the matter is, therefore, of direct interest to all the United Nations. We should be grateful if you would take the matter up with the Italian Government and do anything you can to secure their agreement for the sale and the issue of the necessary instructions to the Italian Ambassador in Madrid.

/s/ A. Rumbold

16th March, 1944.

Copies to: M.G.S.
Mr. Reinhardt

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Office of the British Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters
5, rue Professeur Curtillet,
Algiers.

37/150/9

To: Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

From: Resident Minister's Office.

Subject: Proposed purchase of Italcable apparatus in Spain by
Messrs. Cables & Wireless Ltd.

Reference: Your note of March 24th.

We have made enquiries about the Rome-Malaga Cable and have now been informed that the intention is not to restore it in its original state but to divert it from Malaga to Gibraltar. The terminal equipment now at Malaga is apparently essential for the working of the cable when diverted. As it will be the only direct cable outlet from the Italian mainland to the Atlantic, we have been asked again to express the hope that you will be able to take the matter up with the Italian Government and do whatever may be possible to persuade them to issue the necessary instructions to the Italian Embassy in Madrid to enable the sale of the apparatus in question to Messrs. Cables and Wireless to take place.

A.N.

12th May, 1944

Copy to: M.G.S. (Civil Affairs.) with memo under reference.

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Ministry of Communications

No. S/8.5/1536

Salerno, 29 May, 1944

Subject: Italian Cable Apparatus at Malaga

Referring to conference of my Under-Secretary, His Excellency Mario Fano, with the Director of the Telecommunications Sub-Commission of the A.C.C., and to the letter of the A.C.C. dated 21st May, the Italian Government - while desiring to assist in every way the Allied war effort cannot with propriety insist that Italcable Company should sell the terminal equipment of its Malaga station to Cable and Wireless, Ltd. It is prepared, however, to instruct Italcable to lease the equipment in question to Cable and Wireless for the period of the war and six months thereafter.

The Commissioner for Italcable is situated in Naples and it is suggested that the nearest representative of Cable & Wireless be sent to Naples to negotiate the terms of the lease with the Commissioner.

After the terms of a lease have been agreed upon and approved by this Ministry, appropriate instructions can then be sent to the Royal Italian Ambassador at Madrid.

/s/ Francesco Cerabona
THE MINISTER

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In reply
refer to: TS/4/8/8/

21st May, 1944

Subject: Italian Apparatus at Malaga.

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

1. The Allied authorities intend to divert the Rome-Malaga cable from Malaga to Gibraltar.
2. The terminal apparatus belonging to Italcable now at Malaga will be necessary to the functioning of the cable, the operation of which is essential to the Allied war effort.
3. We have been asked by the British Resident Minister at Algiers to request the Italian Government to do whatever may be possible to enable the transfer of the apparatus to take place.
4. Would you be good enough to say what arrangements the Italian Government would be prepared to make to permit the transference of this apparatus to Gibraltar, and to forward to this Commission a proposed cablegram on the matter to the Italian Embassy at Madrid for our concurrence.

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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3 June 1944

SUBJECT: Italcable Apparatus in Spain

DSH 320
3 JUN 1944

TO : The British Resident Minister, Algiers

1. Reference your letter 37/150/9 dated 12 May 1944. The Italian Government has been approached on the subject, and their reply is attached. Arrangements for a meeting between Cables & Wireless and Italcables are being made.

2. The whole policy on the operation of submarine cables in the Mediterranean theater of operations is controlled by AFHQ, and is laid down in AFHQ Signal Instruction No. 104, dated 10 February 1944.

3. It is not clear from the correspondence whether the Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ, is aware of the prospective lease of equipment, or whether such lease is in full accord with the plans of the Combined Signal Board.

4. Copies of all the relative correspondence are therefore being sent to the CSO, AFHQ, and it is requested that further action on the matter should be referred to his office.

KILBY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Ltr, Ministry of Communications,
No. S/B.5/1536, 29 May 1944 → See Incl # 4

cc: Communications Sub-Commission

(Draft prepared by JLIH, Comms S/C)

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HQ AGC, AF 301
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 4 June 1944
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Supreme Command,
Section I,
Office of Miscellaneous Affairs.

P. M. 135, 31 May 1944

File No. 103319/AV

Incl. No. 1.

MEMORANDUM FOR: CAPTAIN E. W. STONE,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

Dear Commander Stone:

The Rome radio in a transmission given on 24th instant (a portion of which I include), informed that messages sent through the S. Sede (Vatican) from places in liberated Italy to regions of Italy controlled by the Germans, do not arrive at destination.

From information received by the Italian Military Authorities it seems indeed that messages sent from soldiers to their relations in occupied Italy and forwarded by the S.M.R.E. in accord with the Allied Authorities, and through the Vatican, have not been forwarded by the competent allied officers.

It has been ascertained on the other hand that similar messages, forwarded through the diocese of the Bishop of Lecce, have been delivered as usual.

The fact that these messages are not forwarded may easily cause great disappointment and discouragement to those soldiers whose families are still in occupied territories and for whom these messages represent the only means of obtaining news from their relations.

I would be most grateful, dear sir, if you would kindly do your best towards removing if possible any obstacles which may have arisen in this important service which was begun in accord with the Allied authorities, with the best of hopes.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Adolfo Infante
Division General.

Trans. No. 600-DSG-1-6-44, R. Romano/ajp.

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Supreme Command.

Radio Rome - Transmission on 24th May 1944.

Special Agency - The question of Correspondence between Persons Separated by the War.

There are many units dispersed on both sides of the Garigliano and a good many soldiers stranded inside the territory occupied by the enemy. Others find themselves beyond the border and are unable to return home. Thus everyone is worried about his family far away. In order to reassure all those who are suffering the consequences of this disruption, and these amount to several million Italians, we have informed the offices of what has been done hitherto and what can still be done in conjunction with correspondence services.

The greatest difficulty arises from the enemy's refusal to let us to any of the entreaties made by the Italian Red Cross. The offices have not yet been able to resume the postal service for prisoners of war, for which the Italian authorities are certainly not to be blamed. As regards civilians, there are no existing international agreements on the matter and thus no mail service has been established. There was a rumor that a service of this kind had been established through the Portuguese government. The Portuguese consular authorities, having been questioned on the matter, declared the rumor to be of private sources, and of a speculative character.

Not long ago the Italian Red Cross tried to reach an agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, of the Interior and of Popular Culture in regard to a mail service. This service is still in the experimental stage and 3,000 messages have so far been forwarded; we know nothing as yet of their outcome. We hope in this way to obtain some substantial result, for replies are beginning to reach those concerned, even considering that the enemy cannot give immediate results in such a service because the messages require months of work. The Ministry of Popular Culture has arranged for a service of radio-interception for civilians and soldiers from enemy broadcasting stations, but the enemy's transmissions are irregular. These messages are received and forwarded to the press or to the RAI bulletin, soon to be published, which will list 30,000 of them. To such purpose the Ministry of Popular Culture has ordered that the radio-transmission of messages be limited to all the provinces, and has instituted a special office in Milan, via Garibaldi No. 14, called "Message Office of the Ministry of Popular Culture".

This office will receive all applications for transmissions and file them according to the region, province and commune in alphabetical order. For the present 1,500 messages will be transmitted daily, and this number will soon be increased to 2,000. An alphabetical schedule will be compiled of the messages addressed to soldiers in occupied Italy, in Germany and prisoners of war in Italy on whom information is desired, and the respective answers, so that contact between soldiers and their families, separated by the war, will not become lost, and reunion may be effected through this office after the war. Moreover, the Ministry of Popular Culture will install on its local premises a special office for the public, with personnel at the disposal of all concerned. 230

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Trans/No. 600-100, 1-6-44, R. Romano/ajp.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
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Ref. CC/G/336.

25th. May, 1944.

MEMORANDUM;

TO: Deputy Chief Commissioner.
Executive Commissioner.

Badoglio asked me yesterday if I would ensure that in future communications for the Italian Ministry of Communications could all be addressed to the Ministry of Communications and not to individual sections of the Ministry.

Will you please issue the necessary instructions on the subject.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Copy to Ecom Sec for information
25 May

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PWB ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
PWB UNIT No. 8. APO 512

HQ ACC, APO 314
Rec'd 18 May 1944
By *FD*

17th May, 1944

Dear General MacFarlane,

I have pleasure in enclosing three copies of the Agreement drawn up between P.W.B., and the Royal Italian Ministry of Communications on the administration and technical control of E.I.A.R., and wish to express our appreciation of the services of Captain Ellery Stone in bringing this matter to such a satisfactory conclusion.

Sincerely yours,

George W. Edman
George W. Edman,
A.D.P.W.O. (Lib) Italy:

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Lieut.-General Sir Noel Mason MacFarlane,
Chief Commissioner,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION:

*I have given 1 copy of enclosed
to Capt. Stone, and 1 copy to General Sir*

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN P.W.B. AND THE ROYAL ITALIAN
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS ON THE ADMINISTRATION
AND TECHNICAL CONTROL OF E.I.C.R.

1. The Italian authorities in consultation with the allied authorities will immediately form a General Directorate of E.I.C.R. which will reorganise the administration and take sole charge of all administrative matters, including technical management but excluding program management, which will remain with P.W.B. until such time as AFHQ directs otherwise. With the approval of allied authorities, a General Commissioner for E.I.C.R. will be appointed and vested with the powers of President and Chairman of the Board. It is agreed that all employees will meet integrity requirements and allied security standards.

2. All sums collected in Liberated Italy as payment for Radio-audition taxes will be deposited with the Finance Ministry. This Ministry, after deducting the percentage lawfully due the State, will credit the balance to the Concessionary Corporation, E.I.C.R., which will use said balance to cover expenses outlined in the following paragraph.

3. E.I.C.R., through its General Directorate, will be responsible out of current receipts for all the following expenses:-

- (a) all expenses met by P.W.B. in the operation of Italian broadcasting stations from September 3rd, 1943, to date. These expenses will be refunded by E.I.C.R. to P.W.B.
- (b) Salaries of all E.I.C.R. technical and administrative personnel. It is understood that one of the requisites of Italian technical management of the E.I.C.R. stations will be conformance to P.W.B. engineering standards and that failure to maintain these standards, (so far as possible conforming to FCC standards), would result in control of these stations reverting in the last resort to P.W.B. Technical directives to effectuate the foregoing will be furnished by P.W.B. to E.I.C.R.
- (c) all salaries and all expenses incurred by P.W.B. for programming and transportation for radio purposes; P.W.B. making the contracts and disbursements and submitting at the end of each month a list of these payments for reimbursement.

(d) All expenses relative to the construction, maintenance and replacement of radio installations

of Allied authorities, a General Commissioner for ELAR will be appointed and vested with the powers of President and Chairman of the Board. It is agreed that all employees will meet integrity requirements and Allied security standards.

2. All sums collected in Liberated Italy as payment for Radio-audition taxes will be deposited with the Finance Ministry. This Ministry, after deducting the percentage lawfully due the State, will credit the balance to the Concessionary Corporation, ELAR, which will use said balance to cover expenses outlined in the following paragraph.

3. ELAR, through its General Directorate, will be responsible out of current receipts for all the following expenses:-

(a) All expenses met by PWB in the operation of Italian broadcasting stations from September 3rd, 1943, to date. These expenses will be refunded by ELAR to PWB.

(b) Salaries of all ELAR technical and administrative personnel. It is understood that one of the requisites of Italian technical management of the ELAR stations will be conformance to PWB engineering standards and that failure to maintain these standards, (so far as possible conforming to FCC standards), would result in control of these stations reverting in the last resort to PWB. Technical directives to effectuate the foregoing will be furnished by PWB to ELAR.

(c) All salaries and all expenses incurred by PWB for programming and transportation for radio purposes; PWB making the contracts and disbursements and submitting at the end of each month a list of these payments for reimbursement.

(d) All expenses relative to the construction, improvement and maintenance of radio installations owned by ELAR or managed by ELAR for the Italian Government and all expenses on future ELAR installations or their appliances directed or ordered by PWB, (power, lines, antennae, equipment, real estate, rental, etc): American or British equipment imported by PWB to be excluded.

(e) All expenses relative to the technical and administrative operation of ELAR stations, and of the administrative offices, (rents, furniture, stationery, light, heating, typewriters and business machines, automobiles, fuel, etc).

- (f) In general, all expenses entailed by P.W.B. broadcasting operations of any kind or all stations in liberated Italy, except army broadcast transmitters used as mobile units.
4. All personnel engaged in the administration and functioning of ELAR will be taken over administratively by ELAR, and their position settled according to the Italian laws on private employment, (seniority, insurance, social security, settlement upon dismissal, etc).
5. At a later time, (namely, after having reorganised the administration), the General Commissioner of ELAR will take over technical operation under the direction of P.W.B. of stations operated by P.W.B. for broadcast purposes except army broadcast transmitters used as mobile units.
6. Disposal of the funds remaining to ELAR's account after the above expenses have been met will be determined by the Finance Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Approved for P.W.B., Italian Interior:

Signed - GEORGE W. EDMAN

Approved for the Royal Italian Ministry of Communications:

Signed - MARIO FIANO

Approved for A.C.C.

Signed - EUGENE STONE

Captain, U.S.A.R.,
Deputy Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

ARLES, 11th May, 1944:

5. at a later time, (namely, after having reorganised the administration), the General Commissioner of Lian will take over technical operation under the direction of P.W.D. of stations operated by P.W.D. for broadcast purposes except army broadcast transmitters used as mobile units.

6. Disposal of the funds remaining to Lian's account after the above expenses have been met will be determined by the Finance Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Approved for P.W.D., Italian Theater:

signed - GEORGE W. EDMAN

Approved for the Royal Italian Ministry of Communications:

signed - ALFIO FARO

Approved for A.C.C.

signed - ELLERY STONE

Captain, U.S.N.R.,
Deputy Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

APR 15, 11th AM, 1944:

DISTRIBUTION

- 3 : S.B. Mario Fano, Undersecretary of Communications.
- 4 : A.C.C.
- 2 : P.W.D., Italian Theater.
- 1 : P.W.D., A.F.H.Q.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Deputy Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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14 May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Government communiques

TO : Public Relations Branch, Main Hq ACC

1. Reference is made to your letter PRB 6 of 12 May 44, relative to above subject.

2. Arrangements have been made with the Communications Sub-Commission whereby the Italian Government communiques may be transmitted by way of ACC Salerno-Naples teletype. Major Bergin of your office was present when the arrangements were made and is familiar with the procedure and requirements.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785015

14 May
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To note

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DGC 676.3

13 May 1944

SUBJECT: Agreement between PWB and Italian Ministry of Communications
TO : Military Government Section, AFHQ, APO 512

1. Supplementing my letter dated 22 April, file no. as above, there is forwarded herewith a copy of an agreement executed May 11th between PWB and the Italian Ministry of Communications, pursuant to which PWB agrees to restore to EIAR the control of its administrative and operational divisions, leaving the program division under control of PWB.

2. With reference to para 3, the following should be noted. Originally in the negotiations, PWB proposed that the expense of programs should be prorated between EIAR and PWB based on the relation between the hours devoted by EIAR stations to broadcasts for Italian listeners and the hours devoted to external broadcasts (Balkans, etc.). The Ministry of Communications, however, contended that EIAR should bear the full expense of all such programs as its contribution as a co-belligerent. Moreover, it proposed that EIAR should reimburse PWB for all program expenses retroactive to the date of the Armistice, on the grounds that EIAR in liberated Italy would have spent such sums in the furtherance of the Allied war effort had EIAR been allowed to retain control of its programs. The offer was accepted, as set forth in para 3.

1 Incl:
As in para 1. above

MILVY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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cc: Sec Gen for CC ✓
Communications Sub-Com
Political Section

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN P.W.B. AND THE ROYAL ITALIAN MINISTRY
OF COMMUNICATIONS ON THE ADMINISTRATION AND TECHNICAL
CONTROL OF E.I.A.R.

1. The Italian Authorities in consultation with the Allied Authorities will immediately form a General Directorate of E.I.A.R. which will re-organise the administration and take sole charge of all administrative matters, including technical management but excluding program management, which will remain with PWB until such time as AFHQ directs otherwise. With the approval of Allied authorities, a General Commissioner for E.I.A.R. will be appointed and vested with the powers of President and Chairman of the Board. It is agreed that all employees will meet integrity requirements and Allied security standards.

2. All sums collected in Liberated Italy as payment for Radio-Audition taxes will be deposited with the Finance Ministry. This Ministry, after deducting the percentage lawfully due the State, will credit the balance to the Concessionary Corporation, E.I.A.R., which will use said balance to cover expenses outlined in the following paragraph.

3. E.I.A.R., through its General Directorate, will be responsible out of current receipts for all the following expenses:-

(a) All expenses met by PWB in the operation of Italian broadcasting stations from September 3rd, 1943, to date. These expenses will be refunded by E.I.A.R. to PWB.

(b) Salaries of all E.I.A.R. technical and administrative personnel. It is understood that one of the requisites of Italian technical management of the E.I.A.R. stations will be conformance to PWB engineering standards and that failure to maintain these standards, (so far as possible conforming to FCC standards), would result in control of these stations reverting in the last resort to PWB. Technical directives to effectuate the foregoing will be furnished by PWB to E.I.A.R.

(c) All salaries and all expenses incurred by PWB for programming and transportation for radio purposes; PWB making the contracts and disbursements and submitting at the end of each month a list of these payments for reimbursement.

(d) All expenses relative to the construction, improvement and maintenance of radio installations owned by E.I.A.R. or managed by E.I.A.R. for the Italian Government and all expenses on future E.I.A.R. installations or their appliances directed or ordered by PWB, (power, lines, antennae, equipment, real estate, rental, etc): American or British equipment imported by PWB to be excluded.

(e) All expenses relative to the technical and administrative operation of E.I.A.R. stations, and of the administrative offices, (rents, furni-

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ture, stationery, light, heating, typewriters and business machines, automobiles, fuel, etc.).

(f) In general, all expenses entailed by PWB broadcasting operations of any kind of all stations in Liberated Italy, except army broadcast transmitters used as mobile units.

4. All personnel engaged in the administration and functioning of E.I.A.R. will be taken over administratively by E.I.A.R., and their position settled according to the Italian laws on private employment, (seniority, insurance, social security, settlement upon dismissal, etc.).

5. At a later time, (namely, after having reorganized the administration), the General Commissioner of E.I.A.R. will take over technical operation under the direction of PWB of stations operated by PWB for broadcast purposes except army broadcast transmitters used as mobile units.

6. Disposal of the funds remaining to E.I.A.R.'s account after the above expenses have been met will be determined by the Finance Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Approved for P.W.B., Italian Theater:

/s/ George W. Edman

Approved for the Royal Italian Ministry of Communications:

/s/ Mario Fano

Approved for A.C.C.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

NAPLES, 11th May, 1944

Captain, U.S.N.R.
Deputy Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

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10 May 1944

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Dear General Infante:

With reference to your conversation with Lt. Col. Quin-Smith in regards to the censorship of the personal mail of His Majesty the King of Italy, in principle, censorship is applied to the personal correspondence of all individuals regardless of their rank whether it be high or low. In applying this principle, as a matter of courtesy, the rules are that the personal correspondence of the heads of government and royalty is passed without examination.

Necessary action has been taken in order to prevent a recurrence of the incident which you reported.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Comando Supremo

cc: Army Sub-Commission

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AUTHENTICATED:

ELERY W. SPAGE
Captain, USMC
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10 May 1944

Captain Ludwig R. Engler, S.C.
Secretary, Combined Signal Board
Allied Force Headquarters
APO 512

Dear Captain Engler:

Thank you for your letter of May 3rd and particularly for all your help in getting SCB's approved for U.S. troops and attached American civilians.

With reference to pickup and delivery arrangements by the Italian P.T.T. on the one hand and Cables & Wireless on the other, I do not think it will be necessary to enter into any contractual arrangements between P.T.T. and the commercial companies. This is because terminal and transit charges are fixed by the Convention, as stated in my letter of 3 May, so that the only details left to be worked out are the physical ones of transfer points and operating routines.

I am of the opinion that it would be unwise to initiate discussions on these relatively simple matters at this time so long as the question of resumption of external electrical communications is still hanging fire. If we should approach the Italians now on pickup and delivery arrangements, they will either feel that we are about ready to initiate external service or if not, we will only stir them up to increased demands for it.

When AFHQ is nearer to a favorable decision on this matter, it will be a simple matter at that time to work out the details with the Ministry of Communications.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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cc: Communications Sub-Com.

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APC 512, U S ARMY
3 May 1944

Capt. Ellery W. Stone, USMR,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
APC 394, U. S. Army.

Dear Capt. Stone:

Sender's Composition Messages for U. S. troops and attached American civilians became available for the Italian mainland on 1 May. Sicily will be included within a few days by using the military cable from Palermo to Naples, as is already being done on EFM traffic. As soon as the cable facilities from Cagliari are improved we will endeavor to add Sardinia.

With reference to your letter of 22 April, as you know, the G-2 people have rejected further civilian external Italian traffic. The subject will however undoubtedly be raised again shortly.

I concur wholeheartedly with your statement that pickup and delivery service had best be left with the Italian P.T.T. Italcable was not in my mind. The point I sought to raise was that RCA and Cable and Wireless should enter into some contractual arrangement for this service as they are not able to render it themselves. And it ought to be done before commercial traffic is authorized, as the division of tolls, the physical handling and the bookkeeping must be worked out. If authorization were a present reality for example, there would be a hell of a mess to determine who would handle and collect for what.

General Tully should be back before long, and in the meantime I'll keep you posted on any developments.

LUDWIG R. ENGLER
Capt., Signal Corps,
Secretary,
Combined Signal Board, AFHQ.

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SHELTON NMI SHELNUIT 34055447, HQ AND HQ COMPANY 850 SIGNAL SERVICE BATTALION: ALSO ALL
PERSONNEL OF US CIPHER TEAM NUMBER 9 OF 849 SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. AFTER RELEASE
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26 APR 1944

NOTIFICATION RECEIVED FROM PBS OF PROBABLE EARLY WITHDRAWAL OF TELEPHONE OPERATORS
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URGENTLY REQUEST THAT THIS COMMUNICATION PERSONNEL NOT BE DETACHED OR THAT WE BE
ADVISED WHEN WE ARE TO GET REPLACEMENTS

AUTHENTICATED:

MILERY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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22 April 1944

Capt. Ludwig R. Engler, S.C.
Secretary
Combined Signal Board, AFHQ

Dear Captain Engler:

Thank you for your letter of 17 April; I am very glad to learn of the moves that are being made in the subject of cable and radio traffic of all classes from Italy. A word has been put in from here with AAI and no opposition need be expected from there on SCM's for American troops.

After SCM's are provided for, the next step seems to be civil personal cables and radiograms. There is likely to be difficulty over civil commercial traffic, as this is not yet permitted over the external mail service, which is strictly confined to private personal letters. The matter is therefore one of broad policy, and this will be raised by this headquarters; on the other hand, introduction of personal telegrams is merely an extension to an existing approved service and only depends on traffic capacity being available.

The delivery and pick-up of external traffic will, I think, best be left in the hands of the Italian Posts and Telegraphs. It is not considered that it is an appropriate time to attempt to resuscitate the Ital-Cables internal service; it would involve allocation to them of exclusive internal wire circuits already in extremely short supply, over which they would pass only the external traffic, and that only as a competing agency with the Government, since Ital-Cables have as yet no cable or radio outlets of their own.

The resumption of internal telegraphs over the Government system has been authorized up to the line of postal services. This at the moment includes: Naples Province (including Naples City) up to the line of the rear Army boundary (practically, the River Volturno) and Avellino province, and the whole of the ten provinces under Government control on the mainland, and all of Sicily. There is no service to Sardinia (or Corsica), but the permission to use the Cagliari-Palermo cable for civil traffic which you anticipate will be of assistance, though these traffic transfers between civil and military offices do not work very expeditiously. There is at the moment a bottleneck bet-

ween Naples and Salerno for civil telegraphs, but steps are being taken to clear this.

The question of the permission to resume external cable and radio traffic has already been raised with AFHQ in my letter DGC 311.2 dated 13 April, to which a reply is awaited.

MILERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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Rec'd 24 Apr 44

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LWS/hjpIn reply refer to:
DCC 676.3

22 April 1944

SUBJECT: M.I.A.R.

TO : Military Government Section, AFHQ, APO 512

1. Reference is made to your letter of 10 April under reference MSG 091.6-2, together with Inclosure, PWB "Revised Agenda for the Discussion of Certain Problems Pertaining to the Operation of Radio Broadcasts in Italy", dated 25 March 1944.

2. The inclosure is a revision of a draft memorandum dated 25 February 1944 on the same subject. The earlier draft was submitted to the undersigned and the revised draft includes certain of his recommendations such as, for example, the proposal to permit EIAH in liberated Italy to take over the responsibility for technical operation of the stations subject to certain safeguards. On the other hand, the revised draft inserts additional material hitherto not submitted to the Commission, as, for example, the greater part of the last paragraph.

3. This question has been the subject of discussion with PWB officials and the Under-Secretary of State for Communications and considerable progress has been made toward reaching a common accord on terms acceptable to PWB, the Ministry of Communications, and this Headquarters. Certain discussions in this respect have taken place this week. As a result of these and earlier discussions, the PWB officials have revised their own views as to certain points in the memorandum dated 25 March, such as, for example, the penultimate paragraph in the answer 4 g, since PWB now agrees that the question of treatment of funds should be resolved by the Finance Sub-Commission of A.C.C. and the Ministry of Finance. Moreover, since the 25 March memorandum was written, the Ministry of Communications has proposed that EIAH should assume the full expense of PWB programs as an additional Italian contribution to the Allied war effort.

4. The inclosed letter from PWB dated 20 April will indicate the fluid nature of the situation. Since it has therefore advanced

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beyond that set forthwith in the memorandum dated 25 March, it does not seem desirable to enter into discussion of a memorandum which will no doubt be further revised by PWB.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Ltr, PWB AFHQ, Naples
9/116, 20 April 44

cc: Mr. Rayner, Chief of PWB in Italy
Mr. Minifie, Liaison PWB-ACC

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
A.F.H.Q.

9/116: JCM/WAR:

Singer Building,
107, Corso Umberto I,
R. S. P. L. E. S.

20th April 1944

TO: Capt. Wilery W. Stone, Deputy Chief Commissioner, ACC

FROM: Mr. James M. Minifie

SUBJECT: E. I. A. R.

Enc:

I enclose two copies of "Proposals for Settlement of E.I.A.R.," this text being based on the Italian text with our modification as worked out with you today.

We feel that the Italians are meeting us in a spirit of co-operation which we very much appreciate. We feel that if the matter is approached in this spirit, there is no call for a probationary period, and we are glad to feel that this can be dropped.

Please accept our thanks for the trouble you are taking in helping us to iron out this situation; without your help we should have found it a much more difficult problem to settle.

/s/ James M. Minifie
/t/ JAMES M. MINIFIE,
Liaison, PWB-ACC:

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HQ ACC. APO 324

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Rec'd 24 Apr 44

By XXX

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In reply refer to:
DCC 311.23
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21 April 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Government Radio Circuits

TO : A.F.H.Q. (Attention: C.S.O.)

1. Reference your AG 311-20 Sig-ADM, dated 7 February 1944.
2. The Italian Government has presented a request, made to it in the first place by the Swiss Government and forwarded to A.C.C. by the Italian Government with its support, for Radio communication to be permitted between Bari and Berne.
3. Similar requests made previously for communications with Madrid and other places have been refused by your headquarters.
4. The application is forwarded, however, as it may now be considered that the present situation justifies a relaxation in the strict control now exercised, which is undoubtedly placing a handicap on the authority of the Italian Government in respect to its embassies and ministries abroad.
5. Details regarding frequencies, call signs and schedules will of course be supplied before any communication is established.

For the Chief Commissioner:

HENRY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Ltr, Ministry of Communications
File S/8.5/1091, 14 April 44

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cc: Telecom & Posts Sub-Com

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
General Director PP. TT.

Salerno 14th April, 1944

To: A.C.C. Salerno

File No. S/E.5/1091

Subject: Radio Communications between Berne and Bari

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the express wish of the Swiss Government has asked us to obtain from the A.C.C. the authorization to establish radio communication between Berne and Bari.

Before studying the technical possibilities of said communications, we wish to be informed if it is possible to obtain this authorization and if so, what procedure is necessary.

We thank you for what particulars you think fit to give us.

The Under-Secretary of State

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

HQ ACC, APO 394
Rec'd 7 Apr 1944
by *[Signature]*

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Ref/53/63/CA

NEF/mrd
7 April 1944

SUBJECT: Communications

TO : Director, Army Subcommittee, A.C.C.

1. It has come to the Chief Commissioners attention that telegrams between elements of the Army Subcommittee in which he has direct interest are not being furnished to him for his information and in consequence he has been embarrassed by taking parallel action without full knowledge of communications that have been passed.

2. It is the responsibility of an independent sub-commission to see that the Chief Commissioner is informed of communications which are received or sent by it and in which he should have immediate knowledge. The Registry at this Headquarters can not be expected to attend to this. It is, therefore, desired that you take action to see that copies are furnished to the Chief Commissioner of such incoming and outgoing communications as should come to his attention. A specific case in point is your Fatima 2884 of 2 April and 8 Army Main SD 2835 of 3 April 1944.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, SIGNAL SECTION, APO 512, U. S. ARMY, 29 April 1944.

TO: Deputy Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. Basic communication has been referred to G-2, INC and MGS at this headquarters for policy decision and the statements contained in our F30593 have been reaffirmed. It is not believed that opening of Italian external communications by cable and radio is desirable at this time and there is, therefore, no intention to sanction them.

2. Circuits referred to in basic letter were opened primarily for the purpose of handling official Allied press, SCM and similar types of traffic other than Italian commercial.

/s/ R. W. Minckler
/t/ R. W. MINCKLER
Colonel, Signal Corps
Actg Chief Signal Officer

2 Incls: n/c

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18 APR 1944

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In reply refer to:
DCC III.2
CS/6/3/1

18 April 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Civil External Communications

TO : A.F.S.S. (Attention: C.S.O.)

1. Further to this Headquarter's letter DCC III.2 dated 15 April 1944, when the matter of opening external communications with Italy is being considered, it is thought that the question of the location of the commercial cable terminal should be reviewed.

2. At present, the commercial cable terminal (Cables & Wireless operated Naples-Malta cable) is located in the F.S.S. Signal Office. The radio terminals of both Cables & Wireless to U.S., and R.C.A. to U.S., are located in adjacent rooms in a civilian building several blocks away from the F.S.S. office, and the cable and radio censors' office is being established on the same floor of this building.

3. The location of the commercial cable terminal within a military occupied building will lead to considerable operating difficulties when civil cable communication is permitted. There will be difficulties over establishment of civil censorship (for which civilians will probably be employed), over access by civilians to the office, over the flow of messengers in and out of the building, etc.; the normal diversion of traffic between the alternative outlets required for efficient utilization of traffic capacity and for security reasons will also be difficult to arrange.

4. The necessity to ensure, as far as is possible in a theatre of war, that the various competing carriers can obtain access to the commercial traffic also requires to be kept in mind. If the cable terminal remains in the F.S.S. building, it is thought that, owing to the difficulties outlined in para 3 above, little commercial traffic will be sent with this outlet. This will result in confining the traffic over U.S. carriers to the R.C.A.C. radio circuit. On the other hand, if the cable terminal is rendered accessible to civil use, cables will be routed at Gibraltar to the Agoras, and so reach the Western Union and Commercial Cable companies, and the route will be available for return traffic by these carriers.

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5. It is not thought that removal of the cable terminal from P.B.S. will have any adverse effect in the handling of the present traffic. Little use is made of the cable for military traffic, for which the military outlets appear to be adequate and to provide within themselves sufficient alternatives in case of temporary failures. Press messages, which constitute the bulk of the present cable traffic, originate in the Press Correspondents' office in the same building as the radio terminals, where also is located the Field Press Censorship.

6. It is therefore recommended that, when the resumption of external civil cable and radio communications receive favourable consideration, the cable terminal should be moved to the commercial carriers building.

ELBERT H. STONE
Captain, USMC
Deputy Chief Commissioner

cc: AAI for Adv AFHQ Sign (Col. Nelson)
AAI for GCU
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In reply refer to:
DCC 311.2
C/6/2/22

13 April 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Civil External Cable and Radio Communications

TO : A.F.H.Q. (Attention: Chief Signal Officer)

1. Reference this HQ cable No. 2584 of 7 April, and your reply F 30593 dated 11 April (copies attached for reference).

2. The question was raised because the transfer of the Cable and Radio Censorship Section from Palermo to Naples was ordered, and officers have arrived in Naples, which led us to assume that the early resumption of civil external telecommunication facilities was contemplated.

3. It was also known that permission had been given for the commercial cable and radio companies to begin operation on the cables from Naples and Brindisi, and to install and operate radio services from Naples to the United States and United Kingdom, and that these channels are in effective operation, and in a position to accept civil traffic in addition to Press.

4. As however cable F 30593 dated 11 April states that the resumption of civil external telecommunications is not in early prospect, the policy that is being followed is not clear to this Commission; in order to clarify the situation, a statement on the subject would be welcomed.

For the Chief Commissioner:

2 Incls:
As in para 1 above

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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cc: Telecom & Posts Subcom

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FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED CINC CITE FUSIG

REC'D: APR 121300B
Via ACC Courier

TO : FATIMA REAR Hour 2584 April 7

Present plans do not contemplate granting permission for sending external messages on commercial circuits in the immediate future. If this policy is changed specific restrictions will be formulated.

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CIRCUITS LIKELY TO BE PERMITTED PAREN TO FREEDOM FOR CSO AND INC FROM
FATIMA REAR FROM HENDERSON SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN AND WHAT RESTRICTIONS
WILL BE PLACED ON TYPE OF TRAFFIC

AUTHENTICATED:

E. J. CHIOCCA
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By *DFVE*
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Cite : **FHSIG**

CRITICAL NEEDS FOR TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIRE THAT RADIO TEAM ON DUTY WITH ACC BE WITHDRAWN 20 APRIL. RECOMMEND THAT ACC TRAFFIC AFTER 20 APRIL BE HANDLED THROUGH PBS. UNDERSTAND TELETYPE FACILITIES BETWEEN NAPLES AND SALERNO, HEADQUARTERS OF ACC, NOW AVAILABLE. CLASSIFIED TRAFFIC INTENDED FOR SALERNO OR ORIGINATING AT THAT POINT BE HANDLED BY A TELEPRINTER.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : **NONE**
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From : **FLMBO**

HEADQUARTERS
13 APR 1946
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Rec'd **13 Apr 1135**
By **DFE**
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To : **FATIMA , FWD 5TH ARMY, REAR 5TH ARMY, MAIN 8TH ARMY, REAR 8TH ARMY, MAIN 5 CORPS, REAR 5 CORPS, 1 DIST, 2 DIST, 3 DIST, PBS, IBS, 1 ARG, NORBS, FABLE, FATIMA, MMIA RPTD FILPOT MATAF, FAIRBANKS, FREEDOM, MIDEAST, CG NATOUSA, FOVIT, ADRIATIC BASE DEPOT, MAAF, AAFMTO, MOVEIT, MOVWIT.**

IN AMPLIFICATION OF SIGNAL SD 625 OF 08 APR. WEF 14 APR THERE WILL BE ONE SMC FOR WHOLE HQ AAI AT CASERTA. DET SMC WILL OPERATE AT REAR ADM ECH NAPLES TEMP. WHEREAS ADVISABLE THAT BRITISH PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE CONTINUE TO BE ADDRESSED HQ AAI ADM ECH THE HQ AT CASERTA WILL BE KNOWN AS HQ AAI AND ALL OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE SO ADDRESSED.

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SUMMARY OF FLAMBO'S CABLE NO. SD625/28817 OF 08 APR 14

14 Apr 44
AAI (Adm Ech) closes NAPLES and opens CASERTA. Telegraphic address changes from FLAMBO to FILPOT.

Postal address will remain AAI (Adm Ech).

Rear elements will be addressed as follows (those remaining in Naples):

Postal: AAI (Rear Adm Ech)

Telegraphic address: ADNAP

Phone: Switchboard "FOXHOLE"

Personnel of AFHQ at NAPLES incl LMT Pet Sec Coal Sec Local Resources
Tn (B) will use postal address Adv AFHQ CMF.

Private postal addresses:

CASERTA - APO 777
NAPLES - APO 400.

Orig. to Col. M'f't + m'r. returned

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MS/hjp

9 April 1944

In reply refer to:
DCC 311.1

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. James M. Minifie, FWD, Room 202, Singer Bldg., Naples

On page 29 of FWD Report No. 12 dated March 28, on Conditions in Liberated Italy, it is stated that postal services in liberated Italy were officially restored on March 20. This date is correct only as to Naples and Avellino provinces. The resumption of internal postal services, including Sicily and Sardinia, (except for the four southern provinces of Apulia where there was no cessation of internal postal services) began in January and was progressively extended. External or international mail services to all but enemy countries and occupied territory were officially opened on February 16, except for Naples and Avellino provinces. Moreover, the list of provinces in your story omitted Bari, Brindisi, and Catanzaro.

This error, while perhaps not important, serves to illustrate the desirability of checking with the appropriate sub-commission of A.C.C., in this case the Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission, releases which emanate in Naples and which are frequently limited to Region III affairs and not to liberated Italy as a whole. I observed a similar inaccuracy in a recent story on food rations.

I am sure you will understand that this letter is written in a spirit of helpfulness and not criticism.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USMA
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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6 APR 1944

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In reply refer to:
DCC 311.23

6 April 1944

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To: Major General W. B. Solodovnik, U.S.S.R.
Headquarters ACC, Naples

1. With reference to the radio circuit in operation for communication with Moscow. We have received a notification from Allied Force Headquarters that there is no objection to the use of the frequencies of 10,900 k/cs and 5,700 k/cs, but that it is requested that the frequency of 4,400 k/cs should not be used as it is liable to cause interference with Allied operations.

2. It is thought that this frequency of 4,400 k/cs will not in any case be of much value for communication with Moscow; if, however, a frequency near 4000 k/cs is required, an allotment in this band will be made if you desire. Should you require a crystal for operation on the allotted frequency, one can be furnished.

3. Would you also be good enough to inform me of the approximate location and power of the transmitter or transmitters that you are operating in Italy.

ELDERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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SG 311. 1st Ind. RED/afe
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, Office of the Secretary General,
APO 394, 12 April 1944.

TO: Commanding General, Allied Armies in Italy, Caserta.

Basic communication noted by Chief Commissioner.

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

1 Incl.
List of typical cases

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Secretary General

Attached copy of letter

311.

Colonel Zellars,
War Material Disposal Sub-Commission

12 Apr 4

Original of attached letter was forwarded to CG, Hq AAI, after
noting by Chief Commissioner.

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.O.D.
Secretary General

1 Encl.

Ltr S/506/Sigs, dtd 3 Apr, fr Air Sub-Com.

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10 April

Col. Monfort —

This is addressed
to AAI thru this Hq.

Has the General
any comment before
forwarding?

RED

forward an
letter - copy to
Col. Zuhari.

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AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 340

REF: S/506/Sigs

April 3rd 1944

To: Commanding General,
Allied Armies in Italy, Caserta.
(Through H.Q. Allied Control Commission, APO 394.)
Subject: Assembly of Italian Air Force Communications Equipment.

1. At the time of the Italian Armistice I.A.F. equipment was badly scattered throughout Southern Italy. Shortly thereafter, Allied Units, with or without authority seized or requisitioned considerable quantities of material, frequently giving no receipt and in many other cases an illegible one. (See attached information on typical cases).
2. Since there is practically no replacement of necessary communications equipment it is considered essential that as much of this equipment as possible be returned to the Italian Air Force.
3. In view of the above it is requested that all British and American Ground Units and Air Force Units under your Command be circularised with a view to obtaining information on any Italian Air Force communications materials which may be in your possession and that a report thereof be made to this office. Information furnished should include description of equipment, type, serial number, quantity, condition, present use, whether considered essential to the unit, source from which obtained - if known - and address of unit having present possession.
4. It is requested that this matter be expedited in view of the serious shortage in the Italian Air Force.

W.A.B. Bowen-Buscarlet,
Air Commodore,
Air Officer Commanding.

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Forwarded to AAI 12 APR 44
Copy to: Col. Zellers, War Material
Disposal Sub-Comm.
Dep. Secy Gen

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ITALIAN AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
SEIZED BY ALLIED OFFICERS

On September 19th 1943 a Receiving and Transmitting Truck and Trailer Unit, Type R.T. 310 (Lorry License No. 30513 and Trailer License No. 0420) was seized by an Officer of the 8th Army on the road between Gioia del Colle and Taranto. The signature on the receipt is illegible.

On September 25th 1943 a "Captain" Fewel of the R.A.F. took from the I.A.F. Stores No. 304 (Bitonto) a transmitting trailer A.T. 800, License No. 3770.

On September 30th 1943, on the Bari Taranto Road near Gioia del Colle, a British Officer requisitioned a D.F. Trailer, License No. 4282 and refused to give particulars.

On October 1st 1943, near the I.A.F. Stores No. 158, (Bari), a receiving trailer, License No. 9266, was requisitioned by Lieutenant Regan of a Canadian Squadron stationed at Leverano and no regular receipt was given.

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Noted

3 April 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier General T. J. Tully, U S Army

Captain Angler telephoned me while he was here and I find that he shares my view that RCA should be permitted to carry senders' composition messages as I have recommended. I have received, however, a most surprising letter from INC dated 19 March, file No. CCB/554-1. If as much time and ingenuity were spent in doing something positive for American troops instead of mustering specious arguments in defense of the present situation, we might accomplish something toward correcting a state of affairs, the result of which--regardless of intent--is discriminatory against American personnel.

The fact is that British troops may send SCM's from Italy even to the U.S., whereas American troops and Naval personnel are denied this privilege. To argue that the British troops really do not enjoy this privilege because their messages transit Cairo is as specious as to argue that Americans do not have air mail service to the U.S. merely because their letters may transit Dakar and Natal. I know of no reason why SCM's can not be censored and sent over the RCA circuit, or the Mackay circuit from Algiers if censorship could be better applied at the latter point. The RCA circuit is carrying such traffic east bound. But at least such privileges should be extended to our American forces and the traffic should be carried by American companies. Moreover, I submit that if something is not done to correct this situation, it is likely to become the subject of the liveliest inquiry in Washington.

INC states that there is no official request at hand. I am prepared to file one on behalf of the Army and Naval personnel of this Commission if this is necessary to meet that technical objection and I am sure that there are other commands equally anxious to see American troops have this privilege.

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ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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3 April 1944

Brigadier General T. J. Tully, U S Army
Deputy Chief Signal Officer
AFHQ, APO 512

My dear General:

Thank you for your letter of March 22 which, contrary to the usual, good ADLS service, did not reach me until March 30.

I was delighted to learn of your promotion and want to send you my warmest congratulations on this well deserved recognition.

I had planned to write you on the subject of SCM's but have learned from Captain Engler that you are to be in Naples shortly. I will discuss this question with you at that time.

Again let me say how glad I am that you have made your stars.

Very sincerely,

MILLY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

AFHQ 512, U. S. Army
22 March 1944

Capt. E. W. Stone, USNR,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
AFHQ 394, U. S. Army.

My dear Stone:

1. Thank you for your letter of March 9, 1944, and the replies to my queries which it contained.

2. The desirability of additional British and American commercial facilities to operate from Rome has been emphasized in recent communications to Washington. They have been informed that RCA have duplicate equipment located at Naples which could be made available at Rome. The ultimate decision as to the choice of the American carrier has, however, been left to the Combined Communications Board, Washington.

3. The Rome-Gibraltar cable will be Cable and Wireless operated and probably available to civil traffic insofar as censorship regulations permit.

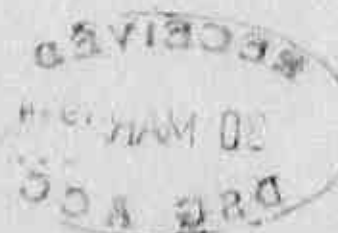
4. Capt. Engler, the American Secretary of the Combined Signal Board, AFHQ, will leave tomorrow morning for a brief visit in Italy. I have instructed him to drop in to see you.

Yours truly,

T. J. TULLY
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Deputy Chief Signal Officer.

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3 APR 1944

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In reply refer to:
DCC 000.7

3 April 1944

Dear Professor Reale:

This is to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for your splendid letter 342 CAB-RA of 29 March 1944 in reply to my letter 000.7 dated 24 March relative to military censorship.

It is evident from the facts set forth in your letter that information which prompted my letter was incomplete and not accurate. Copies of your reply have been sent to all interested Allied military authorities in order that any unwarranted impression will be corrected. I regret very much having caused you the inconvenience of having to obtain the facts in this matter.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Professor Vito Reale
The Under-Secretary of State for the Interior
Italian Government

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TRANSLATION

Ministry of the Interior

File No. 342 CAB- RA

Salerno, 29 March 1944

Refer to File No. 000.7 DCC of 24 March 1944

Subject: Military Censorship

Dear Captain Stone:

I have received your letter of the 24 inst.

The study on this matter reveals the following details:

1) The news that Italian troops were in the line and that a battalion of the Parachute Division "NEMBO" and of the 10th Regiment of Arditi were among them at the front, was broadcast by Radio-Bari one month ago. Therefore, the "Corriere" did not violate military censorship, since that item of news had already passed the military censor of Radio Bari.

2) Second Lieutenant Federico Frascani was authorized by the S.M.R.E. on 3 December 1943 as war correspondent, and attached to the 1st Motorized Group.

I inform you, however, that Second Lt. Frascani, by order of S.M.R.E., has been notified to stop this work and report to his unit of origin.

3) Precise agreements have already been made with Capt. Squair for a cautious military censorship in regard to the "Corriere". Another item of news published in the "Corriere" referring to the part played by the "Garibaldi" division in the campaign conducted by Marshal Tito in Jugoslavia, has already been cleared with said Allied officer. The same news had already been broadcast by the London Radio and re-broadcast by Radio-Bari, two months ago.

I am glad that with these explanations, the bad impression--as you have written--gotten by Allied Military Authorities due to alleged violations of censorship on the part of the "Corriere" is hereby erased.

I have issued orders to the effect that the Italian censor forbid publication of military news prior to agreement with Capt. Squair.

Yours,

Vito Reale 2264
Minister of the Interior

/s/ Vito Reale

Capt. Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner
HQ. ACC-APG 394

Trans. No. 134/ Sgt. Sorisi/AJP.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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Military Government Section

MGS 091.6-2

10 April 1944

SUBJECT: E.I.A.R.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

1. Reference is made to your letter February under reference AG/676.3 and to your cable 2393 of 25 February and this Section's reply in cable 59830 of 4 March.

2. It is understood from P.W.B. that Mr. Schnieder, Chief of the Radio Section of PWB, and Mr. T. Harman, Deputy Chief PWB, have discussed the whole matter in Italy, the latter with General Mason MacFarlane, and that as a result, a "revised agenda for the Discussion of certain Problems Pertaining to the Operation of Radio Broadcasts in Italy" with suggested PWB answers to the questions posed therein has been prepared of which copies have been presented to you by Mr. Rayner, the Chief PWB officer resident in Italy (a copy of this document is attached for purposes of reference).

3. It would be appreciated if you would state whether you are in accord with the suggestions made by PWB and if not in what respect your views differ essentially from those expressed therein.

For the Acting Chief of Section:

TJ
T. B. JACKMAN,
Major.

Incl: as above

*Orig. & encl. to Capt. Stone
for action.*

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APO 512

STAFF MEMORANDUM)

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All correspondence, cables, etc, addressed to MIDDLE EAST, which deal with Balkan Affairs, operational and political, will be addressed to "MIDEAST for Balkan Affairs Committee". Balkan Affairs Committee embraces YUGOSLAVIA, ALBANIA, GREECE (including CRETE and the GREEK ISLANDS in the AEGEAN), the DODECANESE ISLAND, BULGARIA, ROMANIA and HUNGARY but not TURKEY.

By command of General WILSON:

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/s/ H. V. Roberts,
/t/ H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, ADC,
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CORRESPONDENCE ON BALKAN AFFAIRS

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By command of General WILSON:

/s/ H. V. Roberts,
/t/ H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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24 March 1944

To: British Resident Minister's Office, Algiers
From: Deputy Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission
Subject: Proposed purchase of Italcable apparatus in Spain by Messrs. Cables and Wireless Ltd.

Reference your letter 37/150/9 of 16th March to Political Section, Allied Control Commission, paragraph 3 of the reference letter states "The Italian 'artificial line boxes' are the only ones available for working the Rome-Malaga cables as soon as they are restored..." It is our understanding that the Rome-Malaga cables are not to be restored but have been removed from Malaga and towed by Messrs. Cables & Wireless Ltd. to Gibraltar.

Will you kindly advise if our understanding is correct, since it is not desired to make representations to the Italian Government in this matter which might give the impression that the Rome-Malaga circuits are to be restored if in fact this is not the case.

ELMER E. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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To: Political Section, Allied Control Commission.

From: British Resident Minister's Office.

Subject: Proposed purchase of Italcable apparatus in Spain by Messrs.
Cable and Wireless Ltd.

The Spanish Government have asked Messrs. Cable & Wireless Ltd. to supply them with 30 miles of deep sea cable. The Spanish Government have been informed that permission will be given to Cable & Wireless to export 15 miles of cable on the conditions proposed by the Company, namely that they should in return be given permission to export Greed and Duplex apparatus belonging to their Vigo and Bilbao stations which is now useless because of an interruption of cables.

2. The Spanish Government have been informed that the question of the remaining 15 miles of cable is under consideration. The position is that the Company would agree to supply these 15 miles in return for export permits covering the apparatus belonging to the Malaga station of Italcable which Messrs. Cable & Wireless are anxious to purchase from Italcable. Messrs. Cable & Wireless representative in Madrid has discussed this proposed purchase with the Italcable representative there, who says however that he requires instructions from the Italian Ambassador.

3. The Italian "artificial line boxes" are the only ones available for working the Rome-Malaga cables as soon as they are restored, and the matter is, therefore, of direct interest to all the United Nations. We should be grateful if you would take the matter up with the Italian Government and do anything you can to secure their agreement for the sale and the issue of the necessary instructions to the Italian Ambassador in Madrid.

/s/ A. Ruabold

16th March, 1944.

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Copies to: M.G.S.
Mr. Reinhardt.

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 534

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER

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14 March 1944

HQ ACC, APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 22 Mar 1944
By *AF*

TOP SECRET CONTROL PROCEDURE

1. Reference is made to letter this headquarters, file AG 380.01/435, subject: "Changes in AR 380-5 Affecting Security Classifications", dated 2 March 1944.

2. The following Top Secret control procedure will be adopted by all U. S. commands in this theater:

a. From 0001z, 15 March 1944, only persons especially designated will handle TOP SECRET documents, information and material.

b. Chiefs of sections in this headquarters and the commanding officer of each subordinate command will designate those persons to handle TOP SECRET documents, information and material who are likely to deal with matters listed under paragraph 11 of letter referred to in paragraph 1, above.

c. A list of persons designated in accordance with b, supra, will be maintained by the chief of each section of this headquarters and by the commanding officer of each subordinate command in this theater.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

/s/ H. V. Roberts
H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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FATIMA (GEN MACFARLANE C COM2)

24th. March, 1944.

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16 MACFARLANE

ROUTINE

FREEDOM

YOUR NUMBER SIX SEVEN FIVE EIGHT EIGHT OF TWENTYFIRST MARCH CITE FROBI PD PAREN TO
AFHQ FOR G2 FROM FATIMA FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN FREQUENCIES AS FOLLOWS PD
MEGACYCLES ONE ZERO FIVE ZERO ZERO AND FIVE SEVEN ZERO ZERO AND FOUR FOUR ZERO ZERO
PD SCHEDULES WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AS FOLLOWS PD ONE THREE ZERO ZERO HOURS
TWO TWO ZERO ZERO HOURS AND TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO HOURS DAILY

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE.
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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SECRET

24 rd March 1944

TO: LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

MASON M A C F A R L A N E.

I have an honour to inform You that the frequencies and schedules on which the wireless set, brought over by Mr. BOGOMOLOV, is working are as follows:

TIME:		MEGACYCLES:
13.00	each day	10500
24.00	"-	5700
22.00	"-	4400

NOTE: 1. Time is been changed very frequently;
2. Only main waves are given;

Major - general

N. Solodovnik /Solodovnik/

*Communicated to
Freedom*

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FROM/rj

23rd. March 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Major-General N.S. Solodovnik, U.S.S.R.

I would be grateful if you would let me know for the information of Allied Force Headquarters the frequencies and schedules on which the wireless set brought over by M. Bogomolov is working.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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Secy General
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

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ROUTINE

FREEDOM

FATIMA

M/C NO 67/21

REF NO 67588

FILED 211707A

REC'D 2304

(TO FATIMA FOR MACFARLANE FROM G2 FREEDOM SIGNED WILSON CITE FHGBI)

SUPPLY INFORMATION RE FREQUENCIES AND SCHEDULES FOR OUR RECORDS, PLEASE REFERENCE
YOUR m117 OF 20 MARCH CURRENT



HO ACC, AND 304
Secy Gen.
Rec'd 22 Mar 1944
By *JPD*

*Solodovnik asked
to provide*

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FATIMA M17

FATIMA (GEN MACFARLANE C COMM)

20th. March, 1944.

TOP SECRET

16 MACFARLANE

PRIORITY

FREEDOM RPTD HEADQUARTERS A.A.I.

SOLODOVNIK TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT HE WAS NOW IN DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH MOSCOW WITH
A WIRELESS SET BROUGHT OVER TO NAPLES BY BOGOMOLOV PD PAREN TO AFHQ FOR CHIEF OF STAFF
CMA BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER CMA AND CIVIL AFFAIRS REPEATED HEADQUARTERS AAI FOR GENERAL
ALEXANDER FROM FATIMA FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL PAREN HE EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT
BOGOMOLOV HAD NOT ASKED MY SANCTION TO ITS INSTALLATION PD I SHARED HIS SURPRISE PD
SHOULD YOU REQUIRE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING FREQUENCIES AND SCHEDULES OF THIS SET PLEASE
LET ME KNOW

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NOEL MATON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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HQ. ACC. APO 394
Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 24 Mar 1944
By AFB

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/53/45/CA

REF/mrd
23 March 1944

SUBJECT: Channel of Communication

TO : Director, Telecommunications & Posts Subcommittee

1. It has come to the attention of the Chief Commissioner that Telecommunications & Posts Subcommittee have been corresponding direct with A.F.H., M.G.S. on policy matters. He has asked me to bring this to your attention and to remind you that the channel of communication from Subcommittees to higher or coordinate headquarters of this Commission, except on purely technical matters, is through the Executive Commissioner.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Copy to:

Sec. Gen.

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19 MAR 1944

BMS/hjp

In reply refer to:
DCC 311.23

18 March 1944

Subject: Press Interception

Dear Professor Reale:

It has come to our notice that high-speed morse radio reception recording equipment is being installed in Bari to serve Ufficio Stampa. This equipment is being installed by Italian Naval Signals Intelligence personnel especially assigned from Taranto Naval Base.

There is no objection to the Italian authorities establishing a service for recording wireless clear traffic for their information service.

You are requested however to ensure that Allied cipher traffic is not recorded, and it would therefore be appreciated if you would kindly issue the necessary instructions to the reception stations concerned.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

cc: Telecoa & Posts
Subcom

His Excellency Professor Vito Reale
The Under-Secretary of State for the Interior
Italian Government

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/127/41/QA

11 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Civil Post Office Services.

TO : All Sub-Commissions
Regional Commissioners
SCAO's, 5th & 8th Armies.

The following has been prepared by Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission for the information of all concerned:

SUMMARY
OF
CIVIL POST OFFICE SERVICES
available to the Public (excluding military personnel)
as at 1st March, 1944

(a) Internal

1. MAILS.

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Postage Rates (as in operation prior to occupation).

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Letters (for each 15 gms)	15 centesimi	30 centesimi
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Present Maximum Weight Limits for Posting.

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In Sicily :	210 gms

Postage Stamps to be used.

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	AMG only (special print)

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The following has been prepared by Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission for the information of all concerned.

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OF
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available to the Public (excluding military personnel)
as at 1st March, 1944

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* Region II and Salerno Province (Avellino, and part of Naples and Benevento Provinces to be added shortly).

(b) Foreign

(i) Civil. - Between all the territories in which the internal service operates and all Allied and neutral countries other than those occupied by the enemy.

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Postage Rates.

Postcards : 1.50 lire
Letters : Up to 20 gms : 2.50 lire
 : 20-40 gms (maximum weight) 4 lire

Postage Stamps. - As for internal mails.

DETAILED REGULATIONS, INCLUDING CENSORSHIP RESTRICTIONS, ARE ON EXHIBITION IN ALL POST OFFICES.

(ii) Prisoners of War.

Letters and postcards, free of postage, for Prisoners of War in both Allied and Enemy hands.

(iii) International Red Cross Messages.

Agencies are established in Naples, Palermo and Cagliari. A limited service now operating will shortly be made available in all the liberated area. Details will be published by the International Red Cross Committee.

2. FINANCIAL SERVICES.

In the postal delivery area: - Post Office Savings Bank, Postal Bonds, Postal Money Orders.

The Post Office Current Account banking service is in operation to a limited extent.

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
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for NORMAN E. FISKE, *Major*
 Colonel, Cavalry,
 Deputy Executive
 Commissioner.

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In reply refer to:
OGC 311.1

7 March 1944

SUBJECT: Civil Censorship Re-examiners

TO : Military Government Section, AFHQ
Chief INC Section, AFHQ

1. Reference attached letter from Marshal Messe, Chief of the Italian Supreme Command, and copy of the reply from this Headquarters.

2. Instructions from Censorship Branch, INC, approved and transmitted to this Headquarters through M.G.S. with covering letter MGS-000.73-2 of 8 November 43, indicated that it would "be necessary for a small number of personnel selected by Security to be employed directly by Allied Censor Control officer for re-censorship duties".

3. According to the same instructions such personnel must be paid from ACC funds at rates to be laid down by this Headquarters.

4. This Headquarters is in general agreement with the views expressed in Marshal Messe's letter. The work of Italian Army officers is being subjected to re-examination by Italian civilians who are approved by (British) F.S. or (American) C.I.C. It appears that at present the principal requirement for the employment of such civilians is that they have not been members of the Fascist party. This doubtless limits the field of selection to the point where competent and acceptable re-examiners are sometimes difficult to locate.

5. The following proposals are, therefore, submitted for your approval:

a. The number of personnel to be employed directly by Allied Censor Control officers to be limited to one such person for each Allied Censor Control officer.

b. This personnel to be acceptable both to Allied Security and to the Italian Servizio Militare d'Informazione (S.I.M.).

6. There would, of course, be no objection to selected Italian military personnel being used for re-examination purposes. Nor would

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there be any objection to civilian personnel from within the Censorship Commissions being used for censorship re-examination purposes. But, in both cases, such personnel would continue, naturally, to be paid only by the Italian authorities. In view of the Italian Government's changed status as a co-belligerent, this Commission feels that the requirement that re-examination personnel be paid from A.C.C. funds is no longer desirable, and recommends that this requirement be waived.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

- 2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Ltr, Supreme Command, Office of
Information, No. 30593/8, 18 Feb 44
Incl 2 - Ltr, Hq ACC, File No. PS/6/4
DCU 311.7, 5 March 44

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In reply refer to:
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DGC 311.7

5 March 1944
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Subject: Military Censorship

Dear Marshal Messe:

Reference your letter No. 30593/3 dated 18th February, 1944.

This Headquarters agrees in most respects with the views expressed in your letter, and will raise the matter with the Allied Censorship authorities with a view to reaching a satisfactory agreement.

Entire relinquishment of all re-censorship cannot however be expected, and the number of Allied officers qualified to perform this work is so limited that some employment of selected Italian civilians must be made. It is hoped however that, by keeping this number to a small figure and by agreeing that the selected personnel should be acceptable to S.I.M. as well as to our authorities, agreement can be achieved.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff
Comando Supremo.

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TRANSLATION

SUPREME COMMAND

OFFICE OF INFORMATION

NO. 30593/S of Prob

P. M. 151 18 February 1944

SUBJECT: Military Censorship

TO: Allied Control Commission

It has been brought to my attention that a number of Italian civilians have been called into various provincial censorship commissions and directed by Allied officers to re-examine correspondence already censored by the military censorship sections of the commissions concerned.

I had already been informed of this by several provincial commissioners. I had not thought it necessary to bring up the matter because often, as for example in Brindisi, it was a question of single civilians who might simply have been termed secretaries to Allied Officials.

Today, however, I have received news that at Bari, since the 2nd of February, a higher office of censorship, made up of eight Italian civilians chosen on the spot, has actually been functioning. These employees review and exercise control over correspondence already censored by the Military Censorship Section of the Provincial Commission.

On the basis of the agreement reached with the Allied authorities, an Allied officer was to have been assigned to each Provincial Censorship Commission, with the task of supervising the work of the commission itself. There is no objection to an Allied officer being present at each Censorship Branch to regulate the process of censorship. Today, however, a most serious objection has arisen, that of Italian civilians being called to re-examine correspondence already censored.

I feel compelled to refer this matter to the Allied Control Commission for the following two reasons:

1. For the reason of military prestige, the work of officers of the Royal Army, the Royal Navy and Royal Air Forces cannot be subjected to control by indiscriminately selected civilians.

2. For reasons of discretion, indiscriminately selected civilians should not be allowed to examine private correspondence. In view of the extreme delicacy of the work, the censors of the military censorship sections are most carefully chosen from among officers, and the necessity of possessing the particular qualifications of reserve and trustworthiness is always kept in mind. The indiscriminate hiring of civilians must in no wise be allowed to violate the security that must at all times be given to confidential correspondence.

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I fully accede to your wishes that Allied representatives be present during the process of censoring and, where they thing it necessary, that they control the work of the censors. I am willing to give careful attention to any information which the Allied Control Commission might care to communicate to me concerning any difficulty encountered in this work, and shall immediately seek to provide remedies. I ask in return that the Allied Control Commission be kind enough to insure that no Italian, except officers of the provincial censorship commissions, be permitted to examine private correspondence.

/s/ GIOVANNI MESSE,
Marshal of Italy,
Chief of the General Staff.

Trans/Sgt. Shenfield/ajp.

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 534

HQ ACC, APO 364

2 March 1944

AG 380.01/435 -0

SUBJECT: Changes in AR 380-5 Affecting Security Classifications.

TO : All Concerned.

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have approved an agreement made between the American and British Services on the definition, classification, and handling of matters to be safeguarded. Procedures, names, definitions, and handling hereinafter set forth are to be put in effect by all War Department Offices and United States Army Headquarters at 0001Z, 15 March 1944.

2. Instructions to the same effect are being issued for the same effective date to the United States Navy and to the British Armed Forces.

3. It is contemplated that a complete revision of Army Regulations 380-5, embodying all the details of the agreement, will be printed and distributed by the War Department on or about 1 April 1944.

4. From 15 March 1944 to date of receipt of AR 380-5 revision, the policy hereinafter outlined will be followed by all concerned. No change in the classification of existing documents is necessitated by this agreement.

COMBINED SECURITY CLASSIFICATIONS AGREEMENT

5. Need for Classification. - To safeguard official matter, it must be examined and graded into categories so that it may be recognized and accorded proper handling. To grade matter accurately and uniformly, the following general policy and definitions have been agreed upon by the Combined Chiefs of Staff to become effective 15 March 1944. The detailed instructions based thereon will be issued by the several services concerned not later than 1 April 1944.

6. Definitions. - For the purpose of agreement, the following definitions apply:

- a. Documents - Any form of recorded information.
- b. Material - Any article, substance, or apparatus.
- c. Handling - Care in transmission and custody.
- d. Distribution - Extent of actual or authorized issue of specific matter.
- e. Cryptographic System - Code and/or cipher and instructions thereto.

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f. Registered Matter (Document) - Any classified document or device registered usually by number and periodically accounted for.

g. Order of Battle - Important dispositions of our forces with the identities of the units and formations composing those forces in or adjacent to operational theaters.

h. Munitions of War - Any item used for war.

7. Categories. - Official matter requiring classification shall be examined and graded under one of the following categories:

- a. Top Secret (Signal abbreviation TOPSEC)
- b. Secret
- c. Confidential
- d. Restricted

8. The United States regards TOP SECRET as a subdivision of SECRET. On the other hand, the British regard TOP SECRET as a distinct category. Although this difference of view is recognized, it is immaterial to this agreement under which working uniformity is obtained by the adoption of agreed definitions, examples, and rules of treatment, for the handling of all classified matter.

9. Providing the following definitions and rules for handling are mutually accepted and rigorously implemented, the difficulties can be overcome.

10. Top Secret. - Certain secret documents, information, and material, the security aspect of which is paramount, and whose unauthorized disclosure would cause exceptionally grave damage to the nation shall be classified TOP SECRET.

11. The following are some examples of matter which will normally be graded TOP SECRET:

- a. Plans or particulars of future major or special operations.
- b. Particulars of important dispositions or impending moves of our forces or convoys in connection with a. above.
- c. Very important political documents dealing with such matters as negotiations for alliances and the like.
- d. Information of the methods used or success obtained by our Intelligence Services and Counter-Intelligence Services or which would imperil secret agents.

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e. Critical information of new and important munitions of war, including approved scientific and technical developments.

f. Important particulars of cryptography and cryptanalysis.

12. Secret. - Documents, information, or materiel, the unauthorized disclosure of which would endanger the national security, cause serious injury to the interests or prestige of the nation, or any governmental activity thereof, or would be of great advantage to a foreign nation shall be classified SECRET.

13. The following are some examples of matter which will normally be graded SECRET:

a. Particulars of operations in progress.

b. Plans or particulars of operations not included under TOP SECRET.

c. Instructions regarding the employment of important new munitions of war.

d. Order of battle information and locations and moves affecting the order of battle.

e. Knowledge of enemy material and procedure, the value of which depends upon the enemy not knowing that we possess it.

f. Vital military information on important defenses.

g. Certain reports of operations containing information of vital interest to the enemy.

h. Adverse reports on general morale affecting major operations.

i. Important improvements to existing munitions of war until accepted for service.

j. Photographs of vulnerable points or vital installations under our control.

k. Certain development projects.

l. Important cryptographic devices unless assigned to a lower category.

14. Confidential. - Documents, information, or materiel, the unauthorized disclosure of which, while not endangering the national security, would be prejudicial to the interests or prestige of the nation, any governmental activity, individual, or would cause administrative embarrassment, or difficulty, or be of advantage to a foreign nation shall be classified CONFIDENTIAL.

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15. The following are some examples of matter which normally will be graded CONFIDENTIAL:

- a. Matters, investigations, and documents of a personal and disciplinary nature, the knowledge of which it is desirable to safeguard for administrative reasons.
- b. Routine operational and battle reports which do not contain information of vital interest to the enemy.
- c. Routine Intelligence reports.
- d. General military radio frequency allocations.
- e. Military call signs, unless so collected together that they reveal the order of battle.
- f. Meteorological information of designated areas.
- g. Unit movements of non-operational significance in area within or adjacent to operational theaters.
- h. Certain technical documents and manuals used for training, maintenance and inspection of important new munitions of war.
- i. General tactical lessons learned as a result of operations.
- j. Aerial photographs of territories under our control in or adjacent to operational theaters.

16. Restricted. - Documents, information, or material (other than TOP SECRET, SECRET, or CONFIDENTIAL) which should not be published or communicated to anyone except for official purposes shall be classified RESTRICTED.

17. The following are some examples of matter which will normally be graded RESTRICTED:

- a. Information of moves of non-operational significance in areas remote from theaters of war.
- b. Training and technical documents for official use only or not intended for release to the public.
- c. Certain routine documents relating to supply and procurement.
- d. Aerial photographs of territories under our control remote from operational theaters.

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e. Photographs of enemy, enemy occupied or dominated areas except those which reveal secret sources.

f. Strength returns of units remote from operational theaters.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

18. Grading. a. The designation of persons responsible for grading and re-grading will be a function of the proper authorities.

b. Each document should be graded according to its own content and not necessarily according to its relationship to another document. This also applies to extracts from graded documents.

c. The grading of a file or group of physically connected documents shall be that of the highest graded document therein.

19. Regrading. - It is the obligation of all authorities to keep classified matter constantly under review and to downgrade it as soon as conditions permit.

20. Transmission of Certain Messages by Electrical Means. - Messages which have been transmitted or are to be transmitted in a high grade cryptographic system of one nation will not be relayed or transmitted by the other nation between point of origin and destination by electrical means in clear language or unapproved "scrambler" system, or low-grade cryptographic system.

21. Handling (Treatment). - No person is entitled solely by virtue of his rank or position to acknowledge possession of classified matter. Such matter is entrusted only to those individuals whose official duties require such knowledge or possession.

22. SECRET. - Secret matter will be handled in accordance with the following rules:

a. The highest grade cryptographic systems available will be used for the transmission of secret messages.

b. Secret documents will be transmitted only by officially designated courier in double sealed envelopes, the inner one being marked SECRET, and will be opened only by the addressee or his authorized representative. Where officially designated courier service is not available, secret documents may be transmitted by registered mail service or mail service superior to registered mail service, if the service is completely within national control.

c. Transmission and custody of these documents and material will normally be covered by a receipt system and registered documents and material periodically accounted for. It is mandatory that registered documents be covered by a receipt system.

d. Secret messages will not be transmitted by electrical means in the clear, except over approved circuits and providing the rule in paragraph 22a is not violated.

NOTES: (1) An approved circuit is a circuit approved by the Theater Commander

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or the British Services "Defense Teleprinter Network" in the
United Kingdom.

- (2) This item will not appear in United States regulations on
cryptographic security. It will be released immediately to
responsible commanders in special letters of instruction.

e. It is the responsibility of the commissioned officer or equivalent
civilian holding custody of secret documents to insure that all security precau-
tions are taken to guard such documents at all times.

23. TOP SECRET. - Top Secret matter will be handled in accordance with the
above rules with additional safeguards as follows:

a. Under no circumstances will such matter be transmitted by registered
mail.

b. Under no circumstances will messages so graded be transmitted by
electrical means in the clear.

c. It is mandatory that transmission and custody of such matter be
covered by a receipt system.

d. TOP SECRET documents will be handled only ^{by} persons specifically desig-
nated and may not be disclosed to any person solely by virtue of his rank or office.

24. CONFIDENTIAL. - Confidential matter will be handled in accordance with
the following rules:

a. CONFIDENTIAL documents, except registered, will be transmitted by
approved official means. Registered confidential documents will be handled in the
same manner as registered secret documents.

b. It is the responsibility of the commissioned officer or equivalent
official holding custody of CONFIDENTIAL documents to insure that proper appropriate
security precautions are taken at all times.

25. RESTRICTED. - Restricted matter will be handled in accordance with the
following rules:

a. Restricted documents will be transmitted by such approved channels
as will provide a reasonable degree of security.

b. Registered restricted documents will be transmitted to and from
foreign countries in the same manner as registered secret documents.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

R. H. Foose

R. H. FOOSE,
1st Lt, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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M.G.S. 312.3-1

1 March 1944

SUBJECT: Routine Communication with American and British Governments.

TO : Allied Control Commission. (Attention: Chief Commissioner).

1. Attention is invited to paragraph 2 of a letter from this Headquarters dated 17 February, 1944, subject matter same as above.

2. Your reply and recommendations on the subject of direct communications are requested.

A. T. Maxwell
A. T. MAXWELL
Colonel
Acting Chief



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6 MAR 1944

In reply refer to:
DCC 676.3

5 March 1944

Dear Dr. Fano:

This is in further reference to your letter 5/8.5/649 of 23 February with respect to saving R.I.A.R. radio installation in Rome from destruction. General Alexander's headquarters has informed me that the possibility of action on the line suggested is receiving consideration, and wishes to thank the officers concerned for their suggestions.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Dr. Mario Fano
Ministry of Communications
Italian Government

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CLASS: SECRET

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TO: FATIMA REAR FOR MACFARLANE

HQ AGC, APO 324

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Refer your 2393 of 25 February. Matter being considered here and further cable will follow soonest possible. No meeting should be held in meantime.

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This has reference to our outgoing - DSG 5th of 24 February

TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

Salerno, 26 February 1944

My dear Captain,

I received your gracious letter and have communicated with the Ministry of War with the purpose of having censorship officers assigned to the military sections of the provincial censorship commissions of Lecce and Brindisi in large enough numbers to take care of the work of these sections, and have advised the Ministry of your desire to discuss with a representative of the Italian Military Authorities the measures to be taken to improve the work of censorship.

I shall inform you as soon as possible of any news on this subject.

My most cordial respect,

/s/ VITO REALE
Minister of Interior

Captain Ellery Stone
Deputy Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission.

Trans/ Sgt. Shenfield/ajp.

*Refers to (25) in file 311.
DCC 311.7 date 23 Feb.*

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29 February 1944

In reply refer to:
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DCC 311.7

SUBJECT: Censorship of Civilian Communications

TO : Civil Censorship Section of Censorship Branch, AFHQ I & C Section,
APC 550, U. S. Army
(Attention: A. J. Perrone, Commander, USNR)

1. This is in reference to your letter of 29 January in which inquiry was made as to whether the restoration of civil communications by cable depends on:

- (a) Arbitrary date of restoration of services?
- (b) Availability of skilled cable censorship personnel?

2. There are a number of factors involved, each of which have a bearing upon the restoration of civil communications by cable. The availability of physical facilities, military requirements, release of facilities for civil use, the availability of censorship personnel, and compliance with security requirements such as the operation of facilities by Allied personnel.

3. It would therefore seem that the restoration of civil communications does not depend completely on either one or the other of the situations presented.

MILLY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

cc: Telecom & Posts
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In reply refer to:
DCC 676.3

29 February 1944

SUBJECT: Prevention of Destruction of Radio Station in Rome

TO : Headquarters, Allied Central Mediterranean Force

1. There is forwarded herewith for appropriate action translation of letter of the Under-Secretary for Communications together with an inclosed letter from Captain Ambrogetti.

2. It is understood that this Italian officer performed similar services in protecting the telephone repeater installation at Attina.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USMR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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Transl of ltr fr Ministry of
Communications, No. S/8.5/649
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In reply refer to:
DGC 676.3

29 February 1944

Subject: Prevention of Destruction of Radio Station in Rome

Dear Dr. Fano:

Thank you for your letter of 23 February inclosing a letter from Captain Ambrogetti, both of which I have passed to General Alexander's Headquarters for their consideration.

Yours very truly,

MILBY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Dr. Mario Fano
Ministry of Communications
Italian Government

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
GENERAL OFFICE

Salerno, 23 February 1944

No. S/8.5/649

TO: The Allied Control Commission
" Supreme Command (For Info)

SUBJECT: Tentative project to save
from destruction the installations of
the radio transmission station of
the E. I. A. R. of Rome

The Chief of the Radio Section of the Press Office (Ufficio Stampa) of the Italian Government, Capt Ambrogetti presents request as per attached sheet.

This request is very important and merits the immediate attention of the interested authority (ACC). Depending urgently on the project of Captain Ambrogetti, we are at your disposal for those ulterior reports and information, if they should be useful when necessary.

The Subsecretary of State

/s/

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR -- OFFICE OF THE PRESS

SUBJECT: Tentative project to save from destruction the installations of the radio transmission stations of the E. I. A. R. of Rome.

SERVICE MEMORANDUM

It is evident that upon the arrival of allied troops in Rome the German command will give orders to destroy the Radio transmission stations of the E. I. A. R. of Rome.

It is also evident that the enemy for propaganda reasons will make Radio Rome function until the last moment. The destruction of the installation will be carried out by demolition squads.

In these conditions we take into consideration the immense benefit that the Italian propaganda would derive if these installations would be saved.

We propose the employment of paratroop units, which would be dropped on the Capital a few hours before the arrival of the allied troops. These paratroops could at least attempt to save the installations of Santa Palomba and Prato Smeraldo that should be regarded of patrimonial value.

The writer, who is a member of the paratroop division "MOMBO" and who because of having belonged to the E. I. A. R. for ten years knows perfectly the installations, reserves that this memorandum is taken into consideration to furnish additional details on the project.

CHIEF OF THE RADIO SECTION
F. to (Pio Ambrogetti)

Bari 2 February 1944

Pvt. Bartolomei/Trans/ajp.

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DCC 311.7

29 February 1944

Subject: Pre-Armistice Italian Censorship

Dear Professor Reale:

It would be appreciated if answers could be obtained to all or some of the questions contained in the attached questionnaire.

Yours very truly,

MILLY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Professor Vito Reale
The Under-Secretary of State for the Interior
Italian Government

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29th. February, 1944.

MEMORANDUM;

TO: Commander-in-Chief,
Allied Force Headquarters.
(ATTENTION: Military Government Section)

SUBJECT: Routine Communication with American and British Governments.

With reference to your letter of 17 February, file AG 312.3-1 NGS-AGM, subject as above, it is believed that the list contained in paragraph 2 of the letter of 15 February to GOC-in-C, ACMF, enclosed with subject letter, provides a guide by which such communication may be pursued. By the use of this guide it should be possible for the Allied Control Commission to operate properly in matters where direct communication is advisable.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

LWS/hjp

27 February 1944

SUBJECT: Routine Communication with American and British Governments
TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission

1. Referring to paragraph 2 of the attachment to the subject letter, I believe that the following subjects should be added to the list of matters of routine on which direct communication between the Allied Control Commission and the two governments may be authorized:

Economic Problems (food supplies, currency exchange rates, etc.)

Basic Political Questions

Telecommunication Questions

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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SUBJECT : Routine Communications with American and British Governments.

TO : Secretary General, HQ. ACC. APO 394. ✓

1. Reference your memo 311 dated 23 Feb 44, as far as the Administrative Section is concerned I consider that if reasonably interpreted, the present list meets the need for the submission through AFHQ of any but routine matters.

2. The danger of attempting to define too narrowly proper subjects of direct communication is that delay may occur in securing prompt and necessary information on matters in no way affecting policy.

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STANSGATE,
Vice President, Administrative Section,
Allied Control Commission.

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23 February 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Captain Stone
Lord Stanagate
Mr. Grady ✓
Messrs. Gaccia and Reber

← (Have no comment)

The Chief Commissioner desires your comments on the attached letter, which should reach this office not later than 0900 hours 28 February.

Robert E. Doe
ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

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To: Major Doe, Secretary General.

The only comment Mr. Grady has to offer on this is to suggest that there might be added to the list of subject on which direct communication is authorized, something along the following lines:

"Exchanges of information and viewpoints on matters of current discussion, necessary to formulate ~~the~~ the basis for recommendations, but of course not in themselves constituting recommendations."

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Robert E. Doe
ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.C.D.
Secretary General

So far as the Political Section is
concerned we have no comments.

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AG 312.3-1 MGS-AGM

17 February 1944

SUBJECT: Routine Communication with American and British Governments.

TO : Deputy Chief, Allied Control Commission. ✓
(ATTENTION: Chief Commissioner.)

1. Attention is invited to paragraph 3 of the enclosed letter dealing with the subject of direct communication with the American and British Governments on "matters of routine". It is recognized that the list in paragraph 2 is by no means likely to be all inclusive, and that from your experience other matters coming within the principles stated in the letter may be suggested. Consequently it is not considered desirable to notify the governments of the modification of the authority granted until this headquarters has had the benefit of your recommendation.

2. Reply is requested within a week after receipt of this letter, so that the governments may be advised.

By command of General WILSON:

J. L. TARR,
Colonel, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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Incl. 1 - Ltr, this hq, dated
15 February 1944,
Subject: "Direct
Communication be-
tween ACC and Amer-
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Governments."

Recy. General

Ask all Vice Presidents to
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on attached by 28th inst.
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AG 387.4-1 MCS-AGM

15 February 1944

SUBJECT: Direct Communication between ACC and American
and British Governments.

TO : The G.O.C. in C., ACMF
(Attention: Chief Commissioner, ACC)

1. Attention is drawn to our Message 44015 of 28 January 1944 authorizing direct communication on matters of routine between Headquarters Allied Control Commission and the British and American Governments. This directive was issued in pursuance of the policy of decentralizing the problems of civil affairs arising in Italy - to which policy this Headquarters still adheres. (In this connection reference is made to AFHQ letter on "Exercise of Certain Functions of President, Allied Control Commission, to the G.O.C. in C, ACMF, 28 January 1944.) Since the despatch of Message 44015 cogent reasons have been advanced by certain Staff Sections at this Headquarters why the authority to communicate directly upon "matters of routine" should be more accurately defined. Supply and personnel, in particular, are matters which must be dealt with through AFHQ. Insistence has been put upon the principle that all matters of real substance must be referred through this Headquarters to the Combined Chiefs of Staff - which represents the sole authority under which AFHQ operates - and not to a particular department of either the American or the British Government. In order that this vital principle of Allied action may certainly be observed in practice, it has been decided that Message 44015 should now be supplemented by a more specific directive.

2. The matters of routine on which direct communication between the ACC and the two Governments is authorized are for the present limited to the following:

Inquiries as to the whereabouts and welfare of individual civilians
Listing of displaced persons
Condition of private property
Civil postal administration
Procurement of publications
Statistical and like technical information
 e.g., public health records
 criminal records
 industrial reports
 agricultural reports
Routine reports required by AFHQ to be periodically submitted
 as directed by AFHQ

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Letter, this hq, dtd 15 Feb. '44,
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Where such direct communication takes place it should be authorized by the appropriate Vice President or Director of the ACC.

3. Headquarters ACC is invited to examine promptly the subject of the present letter, and to communicate to this Headquarters its recommendations, whether as to defining the scope of "matters of routine" or otherwise.

By the command of General Wilson:

J. A. H. Gammell
J. A. H. Gammell
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff

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HAVE OBJECTION GMA PROPOSE TO HOLD MEETING HERE WITH ALL INTERESTED
PARTIES REPRESENTED

AUTHENTICATED:

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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In reply refer to:
DCC 311.7

Subject: Italian Army Censors (Officers)

Dear Professor Reale:

The Allied Censor Control Officers at Lecce and Brindisi have indicated that they are encountering difficulty and that Italian mail is being delayed due to the fact that the Italian Army Censors (Officers) are often changed. These frequent changes in personnel naturally impair the efficiency of the situations involved.

In the interest of providing the best possible mail service under the present difficult situation, it is suggested that this matter be discussed with the Italian Command in the hope that assignments can be made on a more or less permanent basis.

Your very truly,

MILLET W. STONE
Captain, USMR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Professor Vito Reale
The Under-Secretary of State for the Interior
Italian Government

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

AFPO 512, U.S. Army
31 January 1944

Ref: 676.3

Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR
HQ, Allied Control Commission
APO 394, U. S. Army.

My dear Stone:

Reference is made to your letter of 27 January 1944 concerning your proposal that communication agencies in U.S.A. and U.K., which operated direct radio circuits with Italy before the war, should assist in the reestablishment of such circuits by the shipment of spare transmitters to Italy for transfer to ITALO Radio.

This matter was considered by the Combined Signal Board, AFHQ, on 26 October 1943, and forwarded to the British Joint Communications Board, London, and the Combined Communications Board, Washington, on 29 October 1943, with a copy of the letter of transmittal to you.

To date we have received no information concerning action taken by either the British Joint Communications Board or the Combined Communications Board, although we were informed about two months ago that the matter was under consideration by the latter agency. I will be glad to advise you when we receive further information in the matter.

Under the present policy of the Joint Chiefs of Staff concerning the establishment of radio stations in occupied countries for communication with the U.S., the ROAG station has been constructed at Naples. This, together with the Cable and Wireless radio station which is to be established in that city for communication with the U.K., appears to meet the present requirements in Italy for commercial radio facilities. Of course further consideration will be given to the matter if and when the need for additional commercial circuits arises.

Sincerely yours,

T. J. TULLY
Colonel, Signal Corps
Deputy Chief Signal Officer.

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23 February 1944

Colonel T. J. Tully, S.C.
Deputy Chief Signal Officer
AFHQ

My dear Tully:

This is in reply to your letter of 31 January on the subject of radio communication between Italy, the United States, and the United Kingdom. I should be grateful if you would telegraph the appropriate Communication Boards to determine what action has been taken on the recommendation hitherto made for the reestablishment of direct radio circuits by ITAL Radio.

While I agree that the facilities presently contemplated for Naples are adequate for the present, your attention is invited to your telegram to AGHAR W3189/1098 dated 23 October 1943, in which it is stated that the Naples facilities of RCAC and C & W will be quite inadequate for the whole of Italy.

Very sincerely yours,

ELLEN W. STONE
Captain, USN
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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13 February 1944

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(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SIGNED CINC

DATE TIME SIGNED : 131955A

DATE TIME REC'D : 132320A

REFERENCE NR. : 51250

CITE : FJMS

REFERENCE CUR 44015 OF 28 JANUARY.

ANY ACTION BY YOUR HEADQUARTERS SHOULD BE SUSPENDED PENDING

RECEIPT OF FURTHER DIRECTIVE EXPECTED TO BE DISPATCHED WITHIN 2 DAYS.

16 February 1944

Summary of pencilled notations on original:

- 1) Action HQ ACC
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" - CG

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" Brig Gueterbock
" Political Section
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" Adjutant

(NOTE: This refers to direct communication between HQ ACC and Br & Am govts)
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- 3) Distribution by Major R E DOE:
Col Monfort - initialled as seen
Capt Collins " " "
Mr Grady " " "
Capt Slaughter " " "

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19th. February, 1944.

MEMORANDUM,

TO: Major Fielden,
Public Relations Officer,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

Reference your memorandum of 18th. February.

1. I have not the slightest intention of imposing political censorship. The existing policy is that there should be no political censorship and I have no intention of departing from this.
2. I am only concerned with cases where the matter involved seems likely to give rise either to disorders or to the dislocation of the administration of the existing form of government. In such cases the possible repercussions on the military effort of the Allies clearly render censorship necessary for military reasons.
3. In the case of the declaration by the six parties on which I had to take action the other night, I naturally thought that the censors would exercise their discretion and cut out only those portions of the declaration which might be described as potentially inflammatory. I never intended a stop on such portions of the declaration or of Massock's message as were harmless from the military point of view.
4. I would be glad if you would communicate the above to the correspondents concerned and especially to Massock and please also tell Massock from me that I much appreciate his cooperation in a question in which there appears to have been a misunderstanding regarding my orders.
5. You may naturally release all portions of messages dealing with this

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declaration other than those which are held to be undesirable from the military angle.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

18 Feb 44.

To/ Lieut-General Sir M.P. Mason MacFarlane.
From/ PRO, ACC.

Subject: Release by Associated Press of six-party
declaration

In case of future repercussions I submit the following
points for your consideration:-

(a) Facts

1. The inflammatory declaration made by the six parties was communicated to various correspondents, and Mascock of the Associated Press filed a story on it at 6.30 p.m. on February 17. His story was a very much watered down version of the original and I think it must be allowed as a perfectly legitimate action on the part of a correspondent.

2. The AFHQ censor passed the story for transmission because, as he informed me, the AFHQ Directive to censors was to allow free political expression - I asked him to trace this directive for me, but he could not do so: I do not think that it exists. It must, however, be said in his favour that a very large number of stories violently critical of the King and the Badoglio Government have been allowed to pass without comment, and a general impression has been formed that political polemics are not banned. Whether in this case the message was calculated to endanger military security - in which case he should have stopped it - is a moot point.

3. The AFHQ censor, when summoned by you, understood that the whole message was to be stopped - he therefore persuaded Mascock (who acted handsomely in this matter) to send a message himself to his office stopping his own previous message. The censor also sent the requisite directive to the War Department.

4. The chief of the Associated Press in Naples, on hearing of this action, cabled his office to the effect that the stop should be ignored and that the ACC was overrunning

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its powers in imposing "political censorship" (as it undoubtedly appeared from the suppression of the whole message).

5. You asked that this second message should also be suppressed and another directive was sent to the War Department.

6. This morning you said to me (and I think that this is what you probably also said to others who misunderstood you) that the only censorship you intended was military censorship, i.e. that all incitements to disorder and revolution should be suppressed, but that the other parts of the declaration, or comments on it, were not banned. Is this correct?

(b) Comments

1. Retroactive censorship won't work for mechanical reasons. Once a message has been transmitted it is almost impossible to suppress it. I expect you know that, with the RCA set-up, a message is on an editor's table in New York within five minutes of leaving here. Conversely, coded messages to the War Department take considerably longer. It is almost certain that Massock's message, received in New York at 1.30 p.m. would appear in the American evening press long before the War Department received the stop. But even if not, the message would be public property in the A.P. office in New York and the stop would arouse immediate comment and magnify the importance of the story.

2. I feel bound to say that (although it goes without saying that such an inflammatory declaration could not be published in Italy and indeed could in any case have been squashed in the usual way by PWB) I am not sure that the harm possibly done by Massock's story is greater than the harm done by suppressing it. Had I been in the censor's place, with his background, I doubt if I should have suppressed it. The press is powerful and even the Maitland-Wilsons and Alexanders can't stop a story for very long: and public opinion is apt to run high against any suppression. Moreover, is it not fair to suggest that Massock's story would in fact cause no more excitement in the Allied Press than is the frequent denunciation of the British Raj, freely and frequently published by Indian nationalists?

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3. As you know, questions in Parliament have been asked, and the London press has made a great to-do about censorship at the Anzio beachhead. It is a bad moment for any further example.

4. I appreciate your difficult position and want to do all I can to avoid any further trouble for you. May I take the definite view with all correspondents that the only ban was on "incitement to disorder" and that no other stop on the declaration does or will exist?

5. I am extremely sorry you could not find me last night. As I am the only PRO I cannot be on the end of a telephone always. From Tuesday next I will have another officer and a telephone in my flat and will be available at any time.

L. Fielden
Major,
PRO, ACC.

Since writing the above I have been asked by AFHQ censors if they can send the attached telegrams. I have held them up pending your consent.

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Paraphrase by PRISON

(It was necessary to service this message - reason for delay)

True sequence of paragraphs has undergone a random arrangement and reestablishing the normal sequence will give you the original message.

1. Combined Chief of Staff have advised that UK and USA have reached agreement relative resumption Italian external postal service. Service should be resumed 16 February simultaneously with all Allied and non-enemy countries. Until additional shipping facilities are available service will be limited to personal communications only.
2. Not necessary to advise Rome before resumption of service. Sufficient if (a) simple notification of opening of service is sent in first mail despatched to such countries for which direct outward mails are made up and (b) postal administration HQ, such countries, are informed that inward mails can be accepted by those routes specified, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by orders issued by CIRC.
3. Postmaster Generals of UK and USA will prepare respective press notices which will be released 16 February in London and Washington. Press notices suitable for Italian public will be prepared and issued by ACC on February 16. PFB at AFHQ request that such release be coordinated with PFB representative at Naples before issuance.
4. Combined Chiefs of Staff have recommended that such press release be restricted to simple statement that International Postal Service is being restored to Sardinia, Sicily, and 10 mainland provinces. Announcement should state that until further notice service is restricted to unregistered letters and post cards, not exceeding 40 grams in weight, of a purely personal nature; financial, commercial, or business

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correspondence being prohibited.

5. Allied Control Commission will ensure that Italian postal service disseminates necessary instructions as to type of correspondence permitted, date of resumption, countries with which service will be resumed, and that all inward mails must be routed in accordance with detailed instructions as distributed by Universal Postal Union Convention to the postal administrations or as may be procured by application to the UK or USA post office departments.
6. Since no information received from Combined Chiefs of Staff reference rates, suggest adoption rates of 1.5; 2.5; and 4 lire as recommended your second course action in FAFDA 2141 of January 25.
7. IBC request all censorship representatives be advised.

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Subject:- Communications line - Policy.

HQ 2 District,

C.I.F.

Ext. 11420

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1. The policy and explanation therefor with regard to telephone switchboards in the Western part of ITALY is given hereunder.

2. (a) As it can be expected that in the more Northern parts of ITALY all civil telephones equipment will be either badly damaged or totally destroyed by the Germans, it is essential that military switchboards and telephones are conserved as much as possible in the more southerly parts.

(b) Each L of C centre or port will require trunk communication with other centres and will also require local telephones communications within the centre or port and to outlying units and localities. It is considered that:

(i) to obtain the optimum results from a limited number of trunk circuits

(ii) to produce a rapidity of trunk switchboard operation so that a common user trunk service will satisfy the demands of all user services with the exception of plotting and similar lines.

A trunk board must carry only trunk circuits and number of junctions circuits from other switchboards sufficient to give full access to the trunk circuits.

In terms where the local automatic switchboards are undamaged, the best local communication can be given by utilising these switchboards. However, the Princeton's Automatic works on the system that both the calling and the called subscriber must clear down before the apparatus is released. Consequently, supervising conditions of the trunk switchboards must be provided to ensure

(i) that the trunk lines are not kept busy after the calling subscriber has hung up his receiver

(ii) that the calling or called subscriber's telephone is not held after he has finished his call, thus incapacitating him from making further calls.

(c) The only trunk switchboards available in the theatre which can give the supervisory condition on the termination of a call from an auto subscriber are the SET trunk switchboards, specifically designed for this purpose. Also being specifically designed as trunk switchboards, sufficient operators can be employed to ensure good trunk service. It is anticipated that by taking over these switchboards for military use the civil trunks will have to be accommodated on boards unable to give either the supervisory condition or the same rapidity of operation, but it is certain that the relative importance of military and civil trunk circuits in ITALY is at present such that the military as opposed to the civil must have

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In towns where the local automatic switchboards are underaged, the best local communication can be given by utilising these switchboards. However, the Ericsson's Automatic works on the system that both the calling and the called subscriber must clear down before the apparatus is released. Consequently, supervising conditions at the trunk switchboards must be provided to ensure

- (i) that the trunk lines are not kept busy after the calling subscriber has hung up his receiver
- (ii) that the calling or called subscriber's telephone is not held after he has finished his call, thus incapacitating him from making further calls.

(c) The only trunk switchboards available in the theatre which can give the supervisory condition on the termination of a call from an auto subscriber are the 1817 trunk switchboards, specifically designed for this purpose. Also being specifically designed as trunk switchboards, sufficient operators can be employed to ensure good trunk service. It is appreciated that by taking over these switchboards for military use the civil trunks will have to be accommodated on boards unable to give either the supervisory condition or the same rapidity of operation, but it is certain that the relative importance of military and civil trunk circuits in Italy is at present such that the military as opposed to the civil must have the better facilities.

2. Consequently to the above :

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- (a) In important I of C centres and ports, where there are auto exchanges, the 1817 or civil switchboards will be employed as the military trunk switchboards, the civil trunks being accommodated on some other manual exchange.
- (b) All local subscribers, Military and Civil, will be given service on the automatic exchanges, except where special circumstances make such a practice impossible (e.g. long lines, etc.).

(c) Trunk exchanges will only carry trunks and junctions to other exchanges and will not carry local subscribers as direct connections to them.

3. The a/m policy has or will be implemented as follows within 2 District :-

(a) PARI. The SET exchange has been taken over as the military LD exchange. Local magneto subscribers and a proportion of junctions to all other exchanges have been connected to PARI CENTRAL (200-line Command Switchboard). All local subscribers are to be connected, where possible or where special circumstances do not obtain, to the Automatic exchange.

(b) BRINDISI. The SET exchange will be taken over as the military LD exchange. All local subscribers will be connected, where possible or where a special circumstances do not obtain, to the automatic exchange. Local subscribers who cannot, for technical reasons, be connected to the automatic exchange may be connected to the LD switchboard. A separate magneto switchboard for local subscribers is not justified in the case.

(c) TARANTO. The SET exchange will be taken over as the military LD exchange. All local subscribers will be connected, where possible or when special circumstances do not obtain, to the auto exchange. Local subscribers who cannot, for technical reasons, be connected to the auto exchange should be connected to any other existing exchange (e.g. 242 Gp) rather than be connected to the LD exchange.

(d) BARIETTA. The SET exchange (one position only) will be taken over as the military LD exchange. All local subscribers will be connected, where possible or when special circumstances do not obtain, to the automatic exchange. Local subscribers who cannot, for technical reasons, be connected to the LD switchboard. A separate magneto switchboard is not justified in this case.

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/s/ W. CLAFF
Colonel.
Chief Signal Officer.

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/s/ W. CLAPP
Colonel,
Chief Signal Officer.

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19th. February, 1944.

I have read the two memoranda sent you by Badoglio on the subject of E.I.A.R.. I am afraid that there is no trace of the original draft letter which you sent me on the subject, although I am practically certain that I sent it on and signed it as it stood to A.F.H.Q.. In any case I have had no come-back up to date.

2. After reading through all the papers on the subject I feel that it would be a good thing to have a meeting either at Naples or Bari of any representatives the Italians wish to nominate, and on our side such representatives of A.C.C. as you consider should attend together with representatives of P.W.B..

3. I would propose ordering the assembly of a committee as above and would also suggest that you should be the chairman. We could then from this committee procure either the solution which you and I consider to be the right one or at least we will be able to expose the objections hitherto advanced by P.W.B. in such a way as would enable us to press our case to best advantage with A.F.H.Q..

4. The above procedure should at any rate crystallise things and bring matters to a head more effectively than writing on the subject to the remote controllers in Algiers.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

Captain Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
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Letter to General H. Wares
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In reply refer to:
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17 February 1944

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SUBJECT: No. 2 District Communications Policy

TO : GOC, No. 2 District, Bari

1. A protest is made against the summary appropriation of the civil interurban switchboards within No. 2 District by the CSO without prior reference to either this Commission or to the Italian Government.

2. In order to avoid exactly such action, Communications Boards have been set up on which both this Commission and the Italian Government are represented. The charter of the Communications Board (Italy), which meets under the chairmanship of the CSO AGIF, reads... "to co-ordinate demands for telecommunications originated by Allied Forces... on the Italian Civil... authorities...". This (Italy) board decides policy, not detail. The charter of the Communications Board (No. 2 District), which meets under the chairmanship of the CSO No. 2 District, reads... "To co-ordinate and arrange the communication requirements of all services, Allied and Italian, civil and military, in No. 2 District...".

3. Previous protests have been made over similar action in No. 2 District, and Minute 7 of the meeting of the 6 Dec 43 reads... "The situation with respect to the taking of facilities without notice was discussed and the CSO No. 2 District announced that as a result of the operation of the board, the centralized control, and the information now available and to be made available to his office, there would be no occasion for such action in future".

4. The technical necessity for the action taken is not raised at this time, although the technical considerations stated are not by any means agreed with and as far as is known such action is unexampled in any other theatre of war or even in other areas in this theatre.

5. It cannot be admitted however that it falls within the powers of a District to decide what communications are necessary for the Italian Government nor to take action on matters seriously affecting the efficiency of the Government without consultation with this Commission; if such unilateral decisions are accepted, the functions of this Commission are reduced to a watching brief and the purpose of the Communication Boards is nullified.

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6. A strong protest is therefore made against the action which has been taken, and it is requested that the entire policy set forth in the letter under reference be opened for discussion with this Commission and the Italian Government.

F. N. MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

cc: Telecom. & Posts Subcom.
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To: Regional Control & Military Government Section, Main Hq ACC, Naples.

Draft of directive referred to in paragraph 4 has been forwarded to your office.

May the attention of Region III be drawn to this matter.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
(Rear Echelon)

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In reply refer
to: PS/16/2

9th February, 1944.

Subject: Postal and Telecommunications Services in Region 3.

To: Deputy Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

1. Your attention is drawn to the arrangements that have been made in the Naples area on both Postal and Telecommunications services, which should not, in the opinion of this Sub-Commission, have been concluded without reference to higher authority, and which, by diverging from the systems in force in the rest of Italy, are causing considerable confusion.

2. Postal.

- (a) Stamps. - Italian stamps have been locally overprinted "Governo Militare Alleato" for use within Naples. This action has not been taken elsewhere and has resulted in the creation of philatelic curiosities and a stamp "Black Market" with discredit to the Allied administration, and will cause considerable confusion in the establishment of inter-provincial and foreign mail services.
- (b) Rates. - A rate of postage of 50 centesimi on postcards and open letters for local delivery within the Naples area has been authorised. This rate is entirely arbitrary and not in accordance with the rates elsewhere.

3. Telecommunications.

Rates. A new system of charging for telephone service has been authorised within the Naples area. Besides altering the system in force elsewhere, the net result has been a rise in rates of about 300 per cent, creating a very difficult situation for the resumption of centralised control.

4. Conclusion.

Apart from the question of the correctness of the above instructions it seems evident that local actions on such matters is in any case inadvisable and should not have been undertaken without reference.

A general directive on these matters is being issued, which will require amendment or cancellation of the local instructions, but I should be grateful if the attention of Region 3 could be drawn to the subsequent difficulties caused by their actions for their future guidance.

/s/ J. L. Henderson
J. L. Henderson
Colonel

Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

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In reply
refer to: PB/16/3

13 February 1944

Subject: Italian Official Mail.

To: The Mediterranean Air Transport Service,
Cappodocino Airport, Naples.

1. Arrangements exist for the carriage of Italian Government official mail on the M.A.T.S. service from Naples to Bari, Palermo, Algiers, etc.

2. It is required to arrange for the collection of this mail on arrival at the Cappodocino Airport for forwarding to the new seat of the Italian Government at Salerno.

3. Would you be good enough to permit the bearers of this letter to make the necessary local arrangements with your A.L.S. office. The names of the bearers are:-

Lieutenant A.N. Antonio GIGLI (Italian Navy)
Captain RIGLIO (Italian Army)

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

Copy to: Deputy Chief Commissioner, ACC.

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

12 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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SUBJECT: Addressing of Communications
for Central Economic Committee

TO : Commanding General,
ACC, Brindisi Detachment,
APO 394, U.S. Army

All functions of the Central Economic Committee
have been taken over by the ACC. All correspondence on
former CEC functions should be addressed to ACC.

For the Commanding General:

FRANK DI GIACOMO
Captain, Infantry
Actg Asst Adj Gen

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AG 676.3

1 February 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: General MacFarlane

The attached is a draft letter for your consideration on the question of review of the EIAR situation. However, not knowing the present status of PWB in Italy, I have left blank the headquarters to which the letter be sent--i.e., AFHQ or ACMF.

Although PWB has taken over the operation of the EIAR Stations in liberated Italy, it apparently has shown no interest in the question of the collection of the broadcast listeners' tax for the current calendar year--a subject which should be resolved at an early date. Moreover, I have never understood why PWB's directive for propaganda should give it control over more than the program department of EIAR--leaving to the Italians the Technical and Administrative departments.

For security reasons, references b and c are not forwarded with the draft letter but I am attaching them to this memorandum for your ready reference.

W. H. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief of Staff

*I agree and have signed this
to A. Stone.*

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AG 676.3

February 1944

SUBJECT: Ente Italiano Audizioni Radiofoniche - (E.I.A.R.)

To : Headquarters

1. References - all relative to above subject -

- a. Ltr (translation) 103/Gbr, with two exhibits, from the Italian Government dated 7 December 1943, to A.C.C. (Incl No. 1).
- b. Msg 13/16 - 1488 dated Dec 161820A from A.C.C. to A.F.H.Q.
- c. Msg 36/21 - 17329 dated Dec 211747A from A.F.H.Q. cite PHINC from MCCRYSTAL to A.C.C.
- d. Ltr (copy) AG 676.3 Hq. A.C.C. dated 30 Dec 43, to the Italian Government (Incl No. 2).
- e. Ltr (translation) 8/8.5/263, from the Italian Government dated 4 Jan 44, to A.C.C. (Incl No. 3).

2. The Italian Government requested, (reference 1 a), that E.I.A.R. be placed under its own management subject to Allied supervision, technical advice and aid. Based upon a detailed investigation (exhibit 2 of reference 1 a) made at the request of Italian Ministry of Communications, the Italian Government stated that E.I.A.R. is capable of directing its own affairs both technically and administratively. The Commission concurred in the Government's request and recommended to your headquarters (reference 1 b) that Bari radio personnel payroll be returned to E.I.A.R. as well as its administration and direction, with Allies retaining full control over policy and program. The matter was not favourably considered by your headquarters (reference 1 c) on the grounds that it was considered hazardous to propaganda channels and that propaganda requirements would not permit a change at the present time. The Italian Government was informed (reference 1 d) with respect to the above decision.

3. The Italian Government, through the Ministry for Communications, has suggested (reference 1 e) a reconsideration of the matter and requests that the Under-Secretary of State for Tele-Communications and Posts be invited for a discussion of the problem with the Allied authorities having jurisdiction.

4. Attention is directed to information and points made by the Italian Government as reflected in references 1 a and 1 e.

On 17 January the Commission received a further letter (H. 5/8.5/304) with respect to this matter from the Italian Government, in which

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the following statements were made:

"While waiting for this reexamination, this Ministry deems it proper to indicate the three departments of the E.I.A.R.:

1. Technical (projects, plants, broadcasting, maintenance)
2. Artistic (programs, news bulletins, and propaganda)
3. Administrative and Commercial (book-keeping, propaganda and development)

"While PNB has taken possession of the first two branches of the E.I.A.R., it has shown complete disinterest, for the present, in the third, which concerns, subscription statistics, payments in arrears (merosita), new subscriptions, payment rules, subscription takings, etc.

"While the broadcasting end of it may belong to one sphere of the company's activity, the administrative organization the control of payments, the verification of new subscriptions and the registration of changes, constitute the patrimony of the Company which it is absolutely necessary in the national interest to safeguard.

"While the technical and artistic personnel of the E.I.A.R. stations has been directly taken over by PNB, that of the subscription accounting has been abandoned and left to itself.

"No one has concerned himself with modifying the broadcasting legislation (which in the present abnormal situation requires laws and dispositions necessary for rendering feasible the taking in of installments and their crediting to the Italian Finance Ministry), nor with keeping the subscription forms up-to-date, nor, above all, with creating a central administrative nucleus which must provisionally replace the general office of the E.I.A.R. in Rome; no one on the occasion of the New Year issued a general directive for calling upon the subscribers to pay, the postal officers to collect, the offices of the Registry (Registro) to verify the payments.

"It is evident that, however the peripheral stations of E.I.A.R. may now be operated, a central office should be set up as quickly as possible to supervise all patrimonial, administrative, and accounting matters relative to the company itself.

"The Under-Secretariat for Communications, on which the E.I.A.R. depends for functional enactments, naturally had preoccupied itself with the formation of the central office, reserving for itself the duty of having an Italian Tribunal (Tribunale) appoint a general commissioner who would assume the powers of the administrative

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council and of the presidency of the company.

"The formation of this office, the modification of broadcasting legislation, the setting-up of a central administration (which among other things must furnish funds for paying the personnel and the expenses of those offices not managed by PWB) required the giving of factual information and contact with the various managers (regenti) of the stations. These, however, were refused by PWB."

5. It is suggested that this matter is of sufficient moment to justify careful re-examination and the adoption of arrangements whereby E.I.A.R. operations will meet Allied requirements and at the same time substantially comply with requests made by the Italian Government. It is urgently recommended that the requests of the Italian Government be re-examined in the light of information herewith submitted and that in the event favorable consideration cannot be had upon this showing, an officer authorized to make proper and necessary arrangement be sent here from your headquarters.

6. May this matter be considered as urgent.

NOEL MARSH MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

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Incl 1 - Reference para 1 a
Incl 2 - Reference para 1 d
Incl 3 - Reference para 1 g

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IL CAPO DEL GOVERNO

16 FEBRUARY 1944

GENERAL MASON MAC FARLANE

DEPUTY PRESIDENT

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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DEAR GENERAL MAC FARLANE:

I AM ENCLOSING TWO MEMORANDUMS ON THE NECESSITY OF SETTING UP A CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION OF THE E.I.A.R., AND OF REACHING AN AGREEMENT ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL BRANCHES OF RADIO BROADCASTING.

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF A MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED TO DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS, WHICH ARE OF INTEREST TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, AS THEY CONCERN THE FREE USE ON ITS PART OF RADIO BROADCASTS.

SINCERELY YOURS,

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This is all being handled by Capt. Stone. No further action required on my part.

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MEMORANDUM N. 1.

On the urgent necessity of allowing the Italian Government to establish a "Commissariato Generale E.I.A.R." in order to maintain in the national interest the important administrative organization of the Company.

It is well known that the E.I.A.R. does not consist only of Radio Bari, but of all the Radio broadcasting stations in Italian territory. It is a limited corporation with its own capital, its own stock holders and an independent administration; it owned radio transmitting stations; disturbance stations, store houses, materials and property.

In order to control the radio broadcasts, the Allies have taken over all the above property, both on the mainland of Italy (Bari, Naples, etc.) in Sicily (Palermo Catania) and in the Colonies (Tripoli).

The Italian Government has asked several times why the Allies who have never taken over the property of Italian Firms, though they exercise everywhere a strict control, as far as the E.I.A.R. is concerned they have actually occupied the stations and taken over directly a good part of the staffs, thus eliminating the central organization of the Company.

It seems to the Italian Government that though the radio is a means of war and propaganda should be one of the main concerns of the Allied Authorities, it should be possible to find a "modus vivendi" so as not to disorganize completely the administration of the Company, and to conciliate the double necessity, on the part of the Allies, of independence of direction, and on the part of the directors of the company, of financial and administrative control. We believe that with a certain amount of comprehension; goodwill and impartiality the question could be solved fairly and justly, as it has been done with all the other private companies, and particularly with the telephone Co. which are certainly of equally great importance as regards the war.

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Leaving aside for the moment the solution of this problem, which is handled in another memorandum, it is considered advisable to outline the organization of the E.I.A.R., which is divided in three large branches:

1. Technical (projects, plants, broadcasts, maintenance)
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While the PWB has taken over the first two branches of the E.I.A.R. it has totally disregarded up to now the third branch, and therefore everything that concerns subscribers statistics, regulations on the payments etc.

While the Radio broadcasts can represent only an incidental part of the Company's activities, the administrative organization, the control of the payments, the verification of the new subscribers and the setting down of variations of the various movements, represent instead the basis of the company which it is absolutely necessary to safeguard, both in the national and in the company's interest.

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It is obvious that however the individual E.I.A.R. stations may be managed for the present, a central bureau should be set up as soon as possible to get together all the financial and administrative items of the company itself.

The Undersecretariat of Communications from which the E.I.A.R. legally depends, has logically concerned itself with setting up this central bureau, and it intends as soon as possible, to have a General Commissioner nominated by an Italian Court who will concentrate the powers of the Board of Managers and the President of the Company.

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Quite outside of any consideration on the present attitude of PWB towards it, the Italian Government thinks that it is urgent, in the common interest, to reach a clear and complete agreement on the setting up of the Commissariato E.I.A.R. and on immediate reorganization of the company's administration.

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MEMORANDUM N.2

On the urgent necessity of reaching an agreement between the Allied Authorities (FWB) and the Commissariato Generale E.I.A.R. for the technical management of the Italian Radio Station.

In consideration of all the circumstances outlined in memorandum n.1, it seems necessary to reach an agreement between the E.I.A.R. and the FWB on the technical management of the Italian Radio Stations, particularly as it is not admissible that the Italian Government should not have the possibility of utilizing radio broadcasts for a propaganda and spreading of news which to day are recognized as normal means of Government action.

The means by which this agreement may be reached are the following:

1. With a simple agreement, which after an examination of the problem, an effective co-operation between the heads of the E.I.A.R. and the FWB should be worked out, and the terms of the co-operation should be clearly established.
2. With a political economical and financial agreement.

As the E.I.A.R. has to buy a certain number of new radio stations to take the place of those destroyed by the enemy, it would be possible to reach with the Allied Governments an agreement by which the E.I.A.R. would pass these orders to British or American Radio Factories and would engage itself to pay them with company stocks (values to be estimated).

In this way, the directing organization of the Italian - Allied Company could be set up immediately, organized in such a way, at least for the duration of the war, as to be able to satisfy on one side the necessities of Allied Control and on the other, so as not to have the E.I.A.R. lose the characteristic of a private and independent company which it should absolutely maintain for reasons of policy.

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3. With economic agreement for the nomination by the E.I.A.R. of Allied Technical Officials with precise tasks to be established.

With this agreement the E.I.A.R. (in the person of the Commissario Generale) could even engage itself to assign for a period to be fixed officials chosen by Allied Authorities for some of the most important positions, so as to give the Allies the most ample guarantee that their directive will

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be followed.

Even in this case the E.I.A.R. will not lose its legal characteristic of limited corporation and would consequently maintain all its own central and outlying independent organization.

These are the three main basis on which could be built a definite agreement, such as to allow the Italian Government to dispose freely of the E.I.A.R. and the Allied Government to have the control of the radio broadcasts.

The problem anyway is complex and delicate and should be urgently examined so as to be able to reach a definite solution.

We should be grateful to the Allied Control Commission if a meeting could be arranged as soon as possible to discuss the question, and with the participation of all the people that could contribute to reach a definite and complete solution.

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CIRCA URGENTE NECESSITA' DI RAGGIUNGERE UN ACCORDO TRA LE AUTORITA' ALLEATE (PWB) ED IL COMMISSARIATO GENERALE E.I.A.R. PER LA GESTIONE TECNICA DELLE STAZIONI RADIO ITALIANE.

Premesse tutte le circostanze di cui al pro memoria n.1 unito al presente, sorge viva ed urgente la necessità di raggiungere un accordo tra l'Ente Italiano Audizioni Radiofoniche (EIAR) e le Autorità Alleate (PWB) per la gestione tecnica delle stazioni radio Italiane soprattutto per il fatto che non è ammissibile che il Governo Italiano non abbia nessuna possibilità di utilizzare le onde radiofoniche per quella propaganda e diffusione di notizie che oggi non possono a meno di essere riconosciute come mezzi normali di governo.

I mezzi con i quali tali accordi possono essere ottenuti e raggiunti sono molteplici:

1) con un semplice "agreement" secondo il quale, dopo disamina del problema, concordare una vera e propria collaborazione tra gli organi dirigenti dell'EIAR e della PWB stabilendo chiaramente i termini di questa.

2), con un accordo economico-politico e finanziario.

Siccome l'EIAR deve acquistare un dato numero di nuove stazioni radiofoniche per sostituire quelle distrutte dal nemico sarebbe possibile raggiungere con i Governi alleati un accordo in base al quale l'EIAR pagherebbe tali ordinazioni a case costruttrici Inglesi od Americane impegnandosi in pagamento delle stesse a corrispondere (con valutazione a stabilirsi) azioni della Società.

Si potrebbero così costituire senz'altro i quadri dirigenti della Società Italiana-Alleata con quegli impegni di suddivisione di cariche (almeno per la durata della guerra) che potrebbero soddisfare d'un lato le esigenze di controllo alleate, e non far perdere all'ente

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Si potrebbero così costituire senz'altro i quadri dirigenti della Società Italo-Alleata con quegli impegni di suddivisione di cariche (almeno per la durata della guerra) che potrebbero soddisfare d'un lato le esigenze di controllo alleate, e non far ~~perdere~~^{perdere} all'ente radiofonico quella caratteristica di società privata ed indipendente che essa dovrebbe assolutamente mantenere per questioni di principio.

3) con un accordo economico relativo alla nomina da parte dell'EIAR di funzionari tecnici alleati con precisi compiti da stabilirsi.

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L'EIAR potrebbe addirittura con tale accordo impegnarsi (nella persona del Commissario Generale) di chiamare (per un periodo da stabilirsi) a talune più importanti cariche funzionari indicati dalle truppe alleate, tali da dare ai comandi stessi le più ampie garanzie di veder rispettate le loro direttive e le loro disposizioni.

Anche in tal caso l'EIAR non perderebbe la sua figura giuridica di Società Anonima e manterrebbe di conseguenza tutta la propria indipendente organizzazione centrale e periferica.

Queste le tre più grandi basi sulle quali potrebbero impostarsi un accordo definitivo, tale da consentire al Governo Italiano la libera disponibilità di tale mezzo ed ai Governi Alleati, il controllo sulle radiotrasmissioni.

Il problema ad ogni buon conto è complesso e delicato e merita un esame orale e dettagliato (se pur urgente) atto a consentire la più sollecita definizione.

Si sarà grati a Cotesta Commissione se tale riunione sarà convocata al più presto e con gli elementi atti a pervenire alla più definitiva e radicale soluzione.-



MEMORANDUM No 2

CONCERNING THE URGENT NECESSITY TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ALLIED AUTHORITIES AND THE GENERAL COMMISSION E.I.A.R. FOR THE TECHNICAL OPERATION OF ITALIAN RADIO STATIONS.-

In addition to what is mentioned in memorandum No 1, attached to the present one, the urgent necessity arises to come an agreement between the Italian Broadcasting ^{Agency} ~~the Italian Broadcasting~~ (E.I.A.R.) and the Allied authorities (FMB) for the technical operation of Italian radio stations, especially because it is not ^{might} ~~advisable~~ that the Italian Government may not use broadcasting transmissions for propaganda and spreading of news, that are, at the present time, normal means of Government.

The ways in which such agreements can be obtained are many:

1. with a simple "agreement", according to which, after examining the ^{problem} ~~question~~, we could establish a real co-operation between the Head offices of E.I.A.R. and FMB, clearly fixing the ^{terms} ~~conditions~~ of the latter.
2. by an economical-political and financial agreement.
E.I.A.R. must purchase some new radio stations to replace the ones destroyed by the enemy; perhaps it would be possible to come to an agreement with Allied Government, according to which E.I.A.R. could place such orders on British or American factories, paying for them by shares of ~~the~~ ^{Company} ~~Societa~~ (whose value would have to be established).
Directing staff of the Italian-Allied ~~Societa~~ ^{Agency} could be formed subdividing charges (at least as long as the war goes on) in the way to satisfy all Allied requirements of control and ^{to} ~~preserve~~ the broadcasting ^{Agency} ~~the~~ features of an independent and private ^{Agency} ~~Societa~~, which should absolutely be preserved for basic reasons.
3. by an economical arrangement concerning the appointment

OPERATION OF ITALIAN RADIO STATIONS.-

In addition to what is mentioned in memorandum No I, attached to the present one, the urgent necessity arises to come an agreement between the Italian Broadcasting ^{Agency} ~~Service~~ (S.I.A.R.) and the Allied Authorities (RAB) for the technical operation of Italian radio stations, especially because it is not ^{negotiable} ~~advisable~~ that the Italian Government may not use broadcasting transmitters for propaganda and spreading of news, that are, at the present time, normal means of Government.

The ways in which such agreements can be obtained are many:

1. with a simple "agreement", according to which, after examining the ^{problem} ~~question~~, we could establish a real co-operation between the Head offices of RAB and RAB, clearly fixing the ^{terms} ~~scope~~ of the latter.

2. by an economical-political and financial agreement.

RAB must purchase some new radio stations to replace the ones destroyed by the enemy; perhaps it would be possible to come to an agreement with Allied Government, according to which RAB could place such orders on British or American factories, paying for them by shares of ~~the~~ ^{Company} ~~Secretariat~~ (whose value would have to be established).

Directing staff of the Italian-Allied ^{Company} ~~Secretariat~~ could be formed subdividing ^{staff} ~~charges~~ (at least as long as the war goes on) in the way to satisfy all Allied requirements of control and ^{leave} ~~reserve~~ to the broadcasting ^{Agency} ~~staff~~ the features of an independent and private society, which should absolutely be preserved for basic reasons.

3. by an economical arrangement concerning the appointment by RAB of Allied technical staff, whose tasks should be established.

RAB (represented by its General Committee ^{218*}) could, by such arrangement, bind itself to appoint to some important offices, (for a time to be fixed), ^{Officials} ~~subordinates~~ selected by the Allied ^{Agency} ~~Secretariat~~ in order to give these Commands the absolute security that their leaders

principles and dispositions will be followed.

Also in this case EIAH would preserve its juridical features of joint stock company and all its independent organisation, ^{both} central and branch.

These are the three great bases on which we could come to an agreement that would allow to the Italian Government the free use of the Radio Stations and to Allied Governments the control of broadcasting transmissions. *to be carefully handled*

The problem is complicated and ~~extensive~~ ^{set} and needs a verbal and circumstantial examination in order to ~~later~~ ^{get}, as soon as possible, to a definitive arrangement, *final solution.*

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SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

29 JANUARY 1944

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MOST SECRET AND PRIVATE.

27th. January, 1944.

Many thanks for your letter of the 22nd.. I am very glad indeed that Czernin will be able to accompany Caccia and Reber. I quite understand that you cannot let me have another set and operator for my own Headquarters for direct contact with Rome. I am perfectly happy with the arrangement you suggest.

You can always get this place on the telephone by calling Naples 10050. My extension is Vapour 3. If you get no answer from me you can get the Duty Officer at any time of the day or night. The number of my residence where I will be found between about 7-p.m. and 8-a.m. is 14122.

I am naturally perfectly happy that you should recall the operator going in with Czernin as soon as you are satisfied that his communications through your "S" Force channels are adequate.

Hoping to see you again soon and many thanks again for your help over Czernin.

Commander G. Holdsworth,
S.O.E.,
MONOPOLI.
(through S.O.E. Liaison Officer).

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OUTGOING MESSAGE.

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27th. January, 1944.

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ROUTINE

TO: MINIFORM LONDON FROM FARGO.

PERSONAL FOR DONNELLY FROM MACFARLANE.

YOUR TELEGRAM DATED EIGHTEENTH JANUARY ONLY JUST RECEIVED (.) SORRY TO HEAR OF DIFFICULTIES (.) JUST POSSIBLE THAT I MAY BE MAKING BRIEF VISIT TO LONDON EARLY NEXT MONTH (.) WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR ON THE WAY (.) CONSIDER QUESTION OF FREQUENCIES AND MY LOCAL BROADCAST PROBLEMS BEST DEALT WITH IN PERSON WHEN I MEET YOU EITHER IN GIBRALTAR OR LONDON

Lieutenant-General,
Deputy President.

31.1.23- Radio Fregate.

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Monopoli 48

22 Jan. 44.

Dear *General*

Answered
Wm D. H.
Czernin has told us of your requirements and I am glad to know that we can be of some service to you and to the Commission. He is bringing back with him a set and an operator with a plan to work from Rome to our H.Q. in Monopoli. I am afraid that it just isn't possible to provide you with a second set and operator for your own H.Q. which would give you direct contact with Rome. The telephone system, however, between Naples and Monopoli is adequate, and I feel that we shall be able to pass on to you in reasonable time and in guarded language anything that comes through to us.

In this connection, would you please let us know on what extensions you can be called by day and by night?

Naples 10000 + and for Italy
You may not know that we have a strong team going into Rome with 'S' Force under Major M. Munthe. He has a set and an operator with him and a plan to work back to us here. I should be grateful if you would agree to our recalling the operator who is going in with Czernin as soon as possible after Munthe's party reaches Rome. Our acute shortage of trained personnel makes it imperative that I should warn you of this now. Munthe's set could, of course, continue to carry your traffic.

Thank you again for the interest you show in us and for the help you so frequently give.

Yours very sincerely

James P. H.

Lieut. General Mason
Macfarlane,
Allied Military Commission.

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Relinquishment of administrative control and personnel payment of radio Bari
at this time is considered hazardous to Allied propaganda channels, and is not
favourable considered. Your 1488 December 16 this refers. Existant requirements
plus increased future propaganda needs require stations remain unchanged.

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FREEDOM PERSONAL FOR EISENHOWER

ITALIAN MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS HAS WRITTEN OFFICIAL LETTER TO THE COMMISSION DATED DECEMBER SEVENTH QUESTIONING THE TAKING OVER BY THE ALLIES OF RADIO BARI WHICH IS OWNED BY RIAR RPT RIAR CMA A REGULARLY ORGANIZED STOCK COMPANY OPERATING INDEPENDENTLY UNDER STATE SUPERVISION BOTH AS TO PROGRAMS AND ITS TECHNICAL CMA FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PHASES PD TO FREEDOM FROM FATIMA FROM STONE SIGNED JOYCE PD THE GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO HAVE ALLIED SUPERVISION CONTINUE OVER RADIO BARI APOSTROPHE S PROGRAMS BUT POINTS OUT THAT THE TAKING OVER OF ALL EMPLOYEES ON ALLIED PAYROLLS AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTION OF THE BARI STATION OF THE COMPANY BY ALLIED AUTHORITIES IS INCONSISTENT WITH ALLIED TREATMENT OF OTHER COMPANIES PAREN IN UN- OCCUPIED TERRITORY PAREN PD TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS THAT PAREN ONE PAREN THE TECHNICAL OPERATIONS OF THE STATION WAS FAULTY AT THE TIME OF ITS SEIZURE BY FWB AND PAREN TWO PAREN ITS EMPLOYEES HAD BEEN UNPAID FOR THE PRECEDING TWO MONTHS CMA A COMMISSION HEADED BY A LIEUTENANT GENERAL CONDUCTED AN INQUIRY AND FOUND THAT PAREN ONE PAREN BY ORDER OF THE ITALIAN ANTI AIRCRAFT COMMAND PRIOR TO THE ARMISTICE THE FREQUENCY OF BARI RADIO HAD BEEN CHANGED AND SYNCHRONIZED WITH THAT OF BOLOGNA AND ROME AND ITS POWER AND MODULATION REDUCED TO MINIMIZE USE OF ITS RADIATION AS A BEAM FOR AIR RAIDS ON BARI AND PAREN TWO PAREN THE COMPANY APOSTROPHE S BOOKS SHOW THE EMPLOYEES TO HAVE BEEN PAID IN FULL FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER PD AS RESULT OF THE INQUIRY AND FINDINGS THE MINISTRY CONCLUDES THAT RIAR RPT RIAR IS ENTIRELY CAPABLE OF DIRECTING ITS OWN TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS AND THAT IT SHOULD RETURN UNDER ITS OWN MANAGEMENT PD TO BRING BARI RADIO IN LINE WITH GENERAL POLICY CMA WE CONCUR IN THE GOVERNMENT APOSTROPHE S REQUEST THAT BARI RADIO PERSONNEL PAYROLL BE

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ALLIES RETAINING FULL CONTROL OVER POLICY AND PROGRAMS PD

AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary of the Commission

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