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CIVIL CENSORSHIP - ITALY

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3) MCC/24/INT DEC 2007.	CPT. STONE	19 MAY 44	SIG. ARDISIO. (MIM. INT.)	CHANGES TO BE MADE TO CENS. REGS. ISSUED BY ITAL. MIN OF INTERIOR (26-24).
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4) DCC 311-1	CPT. STONE	2 JUNE 44	HQ. AAI.	TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF CIVIL CENS. TO ITALIAN GOVT. SUGGESTIONS FOR TERMINATION IN CERTAIN PARTS OF ITALY.
5) AAI/100/6/16c	C.G.S. AAI.	10 JUN. 44.	HQ. ACC.	ACK RECEIPT # 4. PROVINCIAL FOR TERMINATION OF CIVIL CENSORSHIP AGREED 4 PM.
6) DCC. 311	CPT. STONE.	9 JUNE 44.	AFHQ D HQ. AAI.	AGREEMENT REACHED ON TRANSFER OF OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF INTERNAL CENSORSHIP TO ITAL. SUPP COMMANDS (OPRES) ENCL 3.
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DGC 311.1

11 June 1944

Subject: Internal Civil Censorship

*OSY 3370*  
13 JUN 1944

Dear Sig. Cerabona:

It has been decided that internal civil censorship will cease in the territory under the administration of the Italian Government except in the following Provinces:

- a. Mainland: Bari, Brindisi, Taranto, Salerno
- b. Sicily : Palermo, Siracusa
- c. Sardinia: Cagliari, Sassari

This will apply to Postal, Telegraph and Telephone communications.

The Ministry of Communications is therefore requested to arrange forthwith that Postal and Telegraph communications are no longer passed to the offices of censorship in the areas defined in para 1.

The Italian Supreme Command is requested to arrange for the closing of the censorship offices in the areas concerned.

MILBY W. STONE  
Captain, USAR  
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Avv. Francesco Cerabona  
The Minister of Communications  
Italian Government

cc: H.E. The Minister of the Interior  
Communications Sub-Commission (2)

(Draft prepared by JLH - Communications S/C)

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OSD 342  
10 JUN 1944  
9 June 1944  
ERS/njp

DOC 311.1

SUBJECT: Civil Censorship, Italy

R : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512 (for I.N.C.)  
Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy (for G.S.I.)

Copy is enclosed of the agreement reached on the transfer of operational control of internal civil censorship on mails and telegraphs from Allied Civil Censorship to the Italian Supreme Command for the territory under the administration of the Italian Government.

ALLERY W. STONE  
Captain, USNR  
Deputy Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:  
As above

cc: Communications Sub-Com

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Subject: Civilian Censorship in Italian Government Territory

It is agreed as follows:

- 1) The Provincial Commissions of Censorship are suppressed beginning June 15, 1944. From that date a Military Office of War Censorship will be formed in every provincial capital.
- 2) The Inspectorate of the Office of Military Censorship is formed again on the basis of article 1 of the "Regulations for the Operations of the Provincial Offices of Postal Censorship", published by the War Ministry S.I.M. on October 1, 1935, and with subsequent changes.
- 3) The Military Offices of Censorship will render reports: To the Supreme Command - Office I - Inspectorate of the Offices of Military Censorship - as established by the Supreme Command in agreement with the Allied Authorities.  
Executive provisions will be issued in detail at a later date by the Supreme Command after agreement with the Allied Authorities.
- 4) The Military Offices of Censorship will be composed of:
  - Military personnel selected by the War Ministry.
  - Civilian personnel already employed by the Allies and attached at present to the Commissions, and recognized as being capable.
  - From one to three militarized employees appointed by each Provincial Office of Posts and Telegraphs, to assist in the office, but not for employment as censors.
- 5) The highest ranking officer, or the senior officer (normally a Colonel or a Lieutenant Colonel) will be the Chief of the Office.
- 6) The Military Offices will be under orders of:
  - a) The Supreme Command - Information Office - Inspectorate of the Offices of Military Censorship for all matters concerning censorship.
  - b) The Command of the Territorial Army Corps that has jurisdiction in the Provincial Capital where the Office is situated, for matters concerning discipline.
  - c) The local or the nearest Military District (which provides for the reimbursement of the expenses for the operation of the Office), for administrative matters.
- 7) The Staff of the military personnel of each Office will be established by the Supreme Command, with the understanding that the Office Chiefs will have the power to suggest to the Supreme Command, through the respective Command of the Army Corps, any changes in the staff that may be required by the needs of the service.

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8) The Provincial Offices of Posts and Telegraphs will furnish the premises and equipment necessary for the operation of the Military Offices of Censorship which as far as possible will be in or adjacent to Posts and Telegraphs buildings or nearby, so that censorship can be carried out in connection with the postal and telegraph service.

The office equipment at present in the possession of the Provincial Commissions of Censorship will be handed over to the Military Offices of Censorship which are being formed.

9) The civil personnel (including the revisori at present employed in the Allied Offices) now attached to the Provincial Censorship Commission will continue to do such personnel can be discharged only for the following reasons:

- Poor service
- Lack of discipline
- If the personnel is found to be over-strength.

10) The Prefects will order their permanent personnel to cease over time work now being performed by them in censorship offices.

Temporary provisions:

The civilian personnel (same as the above) will be absorbed by the War Ministry and will receive the same wages that they are receiving at present.

The Ministry of War may later on suggest to the Ministry of Finance, in accord with the ACC, a uniform wage-scale for the Civil Censors.

11) Simultaneously with the above the Allied authorities have ordered the following:

- while the policy control of all civil censorship will remain in the hands of the Allied Authorities, the operational control on domestic mail and on telegrams will be handed over to the Italian Government in the territory under its administration, and from this territory the Allied censors will be withdrawn.

The following exceptions will be made to the above:

a) The transfer offices of Bari, Taranto, Palermo and Cagliari, where the executive control of certain phases of censorship of letters addressed to foreign countries must remain in the hands of the Allied Censors.

b) The Allied Authorities reserve the right of making inspections of the censorship work.

The censorship of all communications with foreign countries and of telephone calls will remain with the Allies.

THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF  
/s/ G. Messe  
THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR  
/s/ E. Aldisio  
THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATION  
/s/ F. Cerabona  
ELDERY W. STONE, Captain, USNR  
Deputy Chief Commissioner  
Allied Control Commission

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE  
/s/ M. Fano

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**10 JUN 1944**  
AAI/1110/C/1 (c)

Subject: Civil Censorship  
HQ A.C.C.

Your DCC 311.1 of 2 June is acknowledged.

1. Your para 1 is noted.
2. It is agreed that military security no longer requires Civil Censorship in the whole of Italian Government territory to be continued, except as in 3 below.
3. The u/m provinces mentioned by you will cover adequately all security requirements, and it is further agreed that censorship only be continued in:
  - a. Mainland. BARI, BRINDISI, TARANTO, SALERNO.
  - b. Sicily. PALERMO, SIRACUSA.
  - c. Sardinia. SASSARI, CAGLIARI.
4. Civil Censorship in SALERNO should be removed on the transfer from that town of Italian Government becoming effective.

Lieutenant General,  
Chief of General Staff,  
Allied Armies in Italy.

C.M.F.  
8 June 44.

*(Passed to Communications S/C for any necessary action)* } 2450

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DCC 311.1

2 June 1944

SUBJECT: Civil Censorship

*DSB 318*  
*3 JUN 1944*

TO : Headquarters, Allied Armies In Italy, CIB

1. The transfer of the operational control of internal mail and telegraph civil censorship to the Supreme Command of the Italian Government in Italian Government territory has been agreed to take place in June, 1944.

2. It is a suitable moment to consider whether the continued existence of internal civil censorship as an instrument of military security is necessary in all parts of Italy, and, if not, to define the areas in which it may be terminated.

3. It is suggested that it might now be closed in Italian Government territory except in the following provinces:

- a. Mainland: Bari, Brindisi, Taranto, Salerno
- b. Sicily : Palermo, Siracusa
- c. Sardinia: Sassari, Cagliari

4. Would you be good enough to give your views on the matter.

ELLERY W. STONE  
Captain, USNR  
Deputy Chief Commissioner

cc: Communications Sub-Com

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(Draft prepared by J.L.H., Communications Sub-Com)

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DCC 311.1

28 May 1944

DSM 3/1  
28 May 1944

SUBJECT: Channel of Communications for Civil Censorship Matters

TO : Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy

1. Reference your letter 15 May 1944, file AAI/1125/G/I(c), on above subject.
2. In accordance with original agreement under which Civil Censorship was transferred to the Commission, all censorship policy matters will be cleared through A.A.I. This conforms to direction contained in paragraph 2 of your letter.
3. With respect to forwarding of all correspondence and reports on censorship through A.A.I., there are the following difficulties:
  - a. Personnel - All of the Censorship personnel are at present carried on establishments of A.F.H.Q. and direct correspondence is considered essential in order to save time, and as the questions involved are of no interest to your headquarters.
  - b. Censorship Operation Reports - These reports are concerned with the practical side of censorship operation and are intended primarily for the use of the Commission. Communications Censorship Branch has requested a copy which is now being sent directly from here. If it is considered desirable, a copy can also be forwarded to you.
  - c. Censorship Comment Sheets and Appreciations - Direct allocation to Communications Censorship Branch and other agencies is considered essential to cut down delay in the information reaching the ultimate user agencies.
4. Your concurrence that personal, routine and information matters affecting offices outside A.A.I. may be dealt direct where Hq A.A.I. are not interested is therefore requested. If there is any possibility that A.A.I. would be concerned, copies will of course be sent you; if any change of policy is involved or likely to be involved, the matter will certainly be cleared through you.

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ELLERY W. STONE  
Captain, USMC  
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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DSH 297  
20 MAR 1944

19 May 1944

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DCE 000.7

Subject: Military Censorship

Dear Sig. Aldisio:

Upon the request of the Press and Radio Censorship Branch, INC, AFHQ, through the officer-in-charge, Press and Radio Censorship, Italy, this Commission requests that the following clauses be added to Censorship regulations issued by the Italian Ministry of Interior by letter No. 74/St of 26 January 1944:

"PROGNOSTICATIONS.

1. No mention must be made of Allied or Italian preparations for future operations.
2. No speculation or prognostication whatsoever may be published on future operations, nor on the outcome of operations at present in course.
3. No discussion is permitted of the intentions of neither the Allies or the enemy.
4. These clauses (1, 2 and 3 above) do not affect the instructions laid down in the paragraph entitled "NOTIZIE DA FONTE ESTERNA."

Will Your Excellency kindly convey to the appropriate Departments of your Government the addition of these clauses for embodiment in the standing instructions for Italian Military Press Censors.

MILBY W. STONE  
Captain, USNR  
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency Signor Aldisio  
Minister of the Interior  
Italian Government

cc: Lt. Col. J. L. Hayden, Chief Press  
Censor, Naples  
P.R.O., Main Hq ACC  
Interior Sub-Commission

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HQ ACC, APO 994  
Sec'y Gen. 8649  
5 May 1944  
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**CONFIDENTIAL**  
**ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION**  
**INCOMING MESSAGE**

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From : **FREEDOM SCD CINC**  
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CONFIRMED THAT POLICY CONTROL OF CIVIL CENSORSHIP BY ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS WILL BE CHANNELLED THROUGH YOUR HEADQUARTERS

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