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ADMINUTIA SHEET

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To All Admin Sub Comms. Reference 14.

For information, please initial and pass quickly. MPA & A to return to
Adm Sec.

Adm Sec.
27 May 44.

John A. D. C. S. 28 May 44

[Signature]
S. R. WHITE,
Major,
for CSO Adm Sec.

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



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26 May 1944

New HQ
Not communication with
United States of America
27 May 1944

SUBJECT: Vatican and International Red Cross Communications, other than Ecclesiastical Correspondence.

TO : R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and IX.
S.C.A.O.'s 5th and 8th Armies.

1. The procedure at Appendix "A" is forwarded for your information.
2. Regional Commissioners will arrange to acquaint the civil and ecclesiastical authorities in their Regions of these arrangements and in particular the Vatican representatives in Palermo, Naples and Cagliari should be contacted.
3. Reference is made to 127/41/CA of 11 March 1944 and 25/23/CA of 18 March 1944.

127/41/CA

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copies to:

G-5 Section, AFHQ
Political Section (Mr. Reber)
Admin. Section
Communications Sub-Commission.
Monsignor Carroll.

Standard 25 word written communications between civilians in Military Government and Italian Government territory and civilians in enemy occupied territory - and between civilians in Military Government and Italian Government territory and Prisoners of War in enemy hands.

(A) VATICAN SERVICE

1. Outgoing (From Military Government and Italian Government Territory)

- i. Forms to be handed by Vatican Representatives to the Allied Censorship Control Officer at either Naples or Palermo or Cagliari.
- ii. After individual censorship of each form, Allied Censorship Control Officers at the three places indicated will hand the forms to Italian Post Office, who will bag them and label the bags;

Vatican Information Service Bureau,
Algiers.

- iii. Allied Censorship Control Officers will mark the bag labels with either "Verificato per Censura" or with the letters "A.C.S."
- iv. Italian Post Office at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari will then hand the bags over to the United States APO for despatch.
- v. No bills should be included in the bags, but the consecutive serial number of each despatch, and the total number of bags comprising each despatch, should be shown on the back of each label, for example:

Naples 17/3 ; Naples 17/3 ; Naples 17/3
(Despatch No. 17 ; 3 bags).

2. Incoming (From Enemy Occupied Territory, Via Algiers)

- i. Mail bags, containing forms already sorted into Provinces, will arrive at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari, addressed to the Allied Censorship Control Officers at those three places.
- ii. After censorship, the contents of the bags should be collected by the local Vatican Representative.

NOTE: It is emphasized that:

a. The collection and aggregation of outgoing forms and handing them over to the Censorship Officers at one of the three Control Centers mentioned.

b. The collection of incoming forms from Censorship Centers and the subsequent delivery to addressees

are entirely the responsibility of the Vatican Representatives in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.

(B) INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SERVICE

1. Outgoing (From Military Government and Italian Government Territory).

- i. Forms to be handed to International Red Cross delegates at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari to the local Allied Censorship Control Officers.

to be handed by Vatican Representatives to the Allied Censorship Control Officer at either Naples or Palermo or Cagliari.

- ii. After individual censorship of each form, Allied Censorship Control Officers at the three places indicated will hand the forms to Italian Post Office, who will bag them and label the bags:

Vatican Information Service Bureau,
Algiers.

- iii. Allied Censorship Control Officers will mark the bag labels with either "verificato per censura" or with the letters "A.C.S."
- iv. Italian Post Office at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari will then hand the bags over to the United States APO for despatch.
- v. No bills should be included in the bags, but the consecutive serial number of each despatch, and the total number of bags comprising each despatch, should be shown on the back of each label, for example:

Naples 17/3 ; Naples 17/3 ; Naples 17/3
(Despatch No. 17 ; 3 bags).

2. Incoming (From Enemy Occupied Territory, Via Algiers)

- i. Mail bags, containing forms already sorted into Provinces, will arrive at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari, addressed to the Allied Censorship Control Officers at those three places.

- ii. After censorship, the contents of the bags should be collected by the local Vatican Representative.

NOTE: It is emphasized that:

a. The collection and aggregation of outgoing forms and handing them over to the Censorship Officers at one of the three Control Centers mentioned.

b. The collection of incoming forms from Censorship Centers and the subsequent delivery to addressees

are entirely the responsibility of the Vatican Representatives in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.

(B) INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SERVICE

1. Outgoing (From Military Government and Italian Government Territory).

- i. Forms to be handed to International Red Cross delegates at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari to the local Allied Censorship Control Officers.

- ii. Forms then to be dealt with as in para 1(ii)(iii)(iv)(v) of (A) except that the bags to be labelled:

International Red Cross Committee,
Algiers.

2. Incoming (From Enemy Occupied Territory, via Algiers).

- i. Bags containing forms will arrive at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari addressed to the Allied Censorship Control Officers at these three places.

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ii. After censorship, the forms will be collected by the International Red Cross for sorting into provinces, and marking to show clearly the delivery address.

iii. International Red Cross will then hand the forms back to the Civil Post Offices at the three places mentioned for forwarding and delivery.

Fixed text radio messages to and from Italian Prisoners of War held by the Allies in North Africa and Italy and the Islands.

Such services as have been available are now temporarily suspended.

26 May 1944.