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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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26th April, 1945

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SUBJECT: Communications to N.W. Italy

TO: Distribution as below:

1. No. 1. Special Force will have wireless telegraph communications from Rome to Milan, Turin, and Genoa immediately following the control of these cities passing from enemy hands.
2. There will be limited spare traffic capacity on these circuits available for use by the Allied Commission during the period immediately following liberation until normal Allied Military services are available on establishment of Area Headquarters in these cities.
3. Messages for these cities during this period should be handed in in the usual way, and will be forwarded for transmission to the Hqs. No. 1 Special Force, Rome. They will be endorsed 'In Clear' or 'By Cipher' by the Adjutant's office in accordance with the classification given by the originator. In this connection it is pointed out that the ciphering capacity is only about one fifth of the total traffic capacity and messages should be sent 'In Clear' as much as possible, consistent with essential security.
4. No. 1 Special Force cannot undertake delivery to addressees. It will therefore be necessary for any officer going to these cities at this stage, who may expect a message from Rome, to establish contact with the Special Force office in the city in question and arrange for collection of any message that may be received for him.
Messages for transmission from Rome will be delivered by the Hqs. Adjutant's office to:

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Messages for transmission from Rome will be delivered by the HQRS. Adjutant's office to:

115, Via Barnaba Oriani (Tel: 378119)

Messages received for Rome will be collected from that address by the Adjutant's office on receipt of an address by telephone.

5. A limited number of messages can also be sent between the cities stated. Arrangements for acceptance and transmission should be made with the Special Force office in the city concerned.

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M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copies To: All Sub-Commissions
Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia Regions
No. 1 Special Force
S.O.A. 5th and 8th Armies
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Comms to 15 MAY 45, 500 MAY and 600 MAY likely to be overtaxed for some weeks. Instruct my staffs as follows:

1. Telephones. Only essential calls will be made. Conversations will be brief and concise.
2. Signals. Army 6p and 6p10c will be used on distribution only when essential. Classification and precedence will be kept to lowest possible. Ensure text reduced to briefest consistent with clarity. All informed.

All officers of C.A. Sec to see and

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Public Health	200	1/5
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Ref: 503/EC

26 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Signal Facilities.

TO : Commander,
No.1 Special Force.

1. When ROME was liberated No.1 Special Force operated signal facilities between ROME and Allied Commission HQ at a time when no other communications were possible. These facilities were of the utmost use in setting up Allied Military Government and in dealing with many situations which might otherwise have got out of hand.

2. The Allied Commission would be very grateful if similar facilities could be provided when Northern Italy is liberated so that close and continuous touch may be kept by HQ Allied Commission with the major Northern Italian towns.

ELLERY W. STONE

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Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Political Advisers (2)
Economic Section
Civil Affairs Section
Communications Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

28 JAN 1945

28th January, 1945

In reply
refer to: T. 31. 30. 08

Subject: Allied Commission Telegraph Communications

To: A. S. 7. 1, G-5

1. The Allied Commission is having increasingly to rely on the civil telegraph service for its domestic communications, as Allied military establishments in the South of Italy are progressively withdrawn.
2. A difficulty has arisen from the security regulations governing messages sent by Allied military offices, with which this Headquarters complies.
3. It is not permitted for any classified message to be sent by civil means; on the other hand, frequently no alternative means exist, while the texts of the messages properly warrant classification.
4. A particular instance is that of the Transportation Sub-Commission, which for its control of the loading of coastal and schooner shipping requires a daily report from some 30 ports in Southern Italy, Sicily and Sardinia. This report would have to contain names of ships and dates of sailing and by existing regulations must be classified Secret, although of course the movement of this class of vessel is probably of little security importance. In the majority of these ports there is no Allied facility.
5. Similar difficulties have arisen over communications between Regional and Provincial Commissioners.
6. The difficulty has been overcome on communications between this Hqs and Regional Hqs by the establishment of Italian Army cipher teams at these places, but it is not thought practicable to extend this arrangement to cover all places with which it may require communications.

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7. It is therefore requested that:
- a. Italian late telegraphs be authorized to handle Allied Commission message traffic up to and including Confidential classification.
 - b. Messages relating to Allied Commission routine domestic affairs (including the shipping information referred to in para. 4 above) need not be classified higher than Confidential unless desired by the originator.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. Lush
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Brigadier
Chief of Staff

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section
Communications Sub-Commission
Adjutant, A.C.

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