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ITALIAN CENSORSHIP
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Executive Communications Office.

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The attached letter from the Chief Commissioner to

the Prime Minister explains the position. The present censorship of external communications exists for the implementation of Executive & Government orders, as mentioned.

Incidentally, if censorship has been entirely abolished in U.K., it would be interesting to know how trading with "black list" firms is prevented, or not in fact?

Mr. Henderson
for the Ministry
British Communities
2nd Feb 1946.

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Polad (B)

Ref your m 8, second para.
Please see reply from Communications S/C at 13.

J.H. 4/2.

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I am afraid I do not know the answer to Communications S/C's question. But the fact remains that British censorship has been abolished.

J. Hopkinson
Polad (B)

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Communications S/C

Ref your 13. See Polad (B) comment at 16. J.H. 8/2.

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TO EXEC. COMM. OFFICE

BRITISH POLAD'S COMMENT NOTED. IF, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT

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Mr. Hopkinson
for the British
Director General
27 Feb 1946

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Polad (B)
Feb. 5.

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TO EXEC. COMM. OFFICE

BRITISH POLAD'S COMMENT NOTED. IF, IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT ADEQUATE FINANCIAL CONTROLS, THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO CONSIDER IT IS NOT, IN MY OPINION, NECESSARY ON AC TO PROTECT UNLESS AC IS PREPARED TO SUGGEST OTHER METHODS OF INSURING ADEQUATE CONTROLS
9/2/46
Col. S. S. Weston

TO Exec. Sec. Office 1

Drafts at Ha and 46 appear satisfactory.
Guth should certainly not send this diplomatic
mail this week and expect it will reach consular

W. B. Smith
Asst. Sec. (A)

Jan. 30

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Under normal peace time diplomatic practice
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However it appears with two drafts.

Incidentally, I should be interested as to
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H. K. K. K.
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Jan 30

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H. Vespertine
B.H.
Jan 30

Also
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Polad agree with drafts (see 7 & 8) suggest
forwarding this file to Communications
S/C to answer Polad to queries at 8.
Communications S/C 12.

Please let us have your comments on
on 8 from Polad (B).
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Office of Exec. Comm.

Communications S/C.

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Your comments are appreciated. Perhaps you would be good enough to draft a reply to the Greek Delegation.

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Ex. C's office.

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Executive Commissioner's Office

Since November 1945 civil censorship has been a purely Italian matter, the Allies taking no part or interest in such activity except in Crete, Sicily and Sardinia where civil censorship comes under AFHQ Corps and G-2, AFHQ.

Since the Greek Government is understood to have no diplomatic relations with Italy it is perhaps incumbent on A.C. to act as an intermediary. It is therefore suggested that letters along lines of the attached drafts 3A and 3B be sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Greek Delegation.

V. J. Sandler
Colonel, Sig Corps

Director Communications S/C
26 Jan 46

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Colonel, Sig Corps
Director Communications S/C
26 Jan 46

4. Draft letters at HQ 46 are submitted BII, in reply to letter from Greek Delegation at 1. We will they complain of a letter from their Embassy in Rome being opened by the Italian censorship.

5. Will you get agreement of Polads to these drafts please. ^{St. J. 2411} ^{HS 28/11}

6. Polad (A)
Polad (B).

Your views on draft letters at HQ 46 would be appreciated. Letter from Greek Delegation at 1 refers. ^{HS 28/11}

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Ref: 701/25/EC

8 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Censorship.

TO : Greek Delegation to Advisory Council
for Italy.

1. Reference your letter no. 316 dated Jan 23 regarding Censorship of official mail by Italian Censorship.
2. The Italian Ministry of War has requested that the envelope of the said letter be submitted to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs for examination.
3. If you wish the matter pursued please forward the envelope to this Headquarters.

G. McMaster

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Censorship. 23

1. Reference is made to Allied Commission's note 701/23/EC of 21 March 1946.

2. In order to afford an explanation as to the opening by censorship of the letter sent by the Greek Legation in Berne, the Ministry of War has requested that the envelope of same be submitted to them for examination.

3. It should be appreciated if the a/m envelope could be forwarded to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. A

Rome, March 28th, 1946



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 701/23/EC ✓

21 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Censorship

TO : The Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

21.
Further to this HQ's letters reference 701/9/EC dated 1 Feb 46 and 701/21/EC of 7 March 1946 may a reply please be expedited.

For the Chief Commissioner

B. SANDSON

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

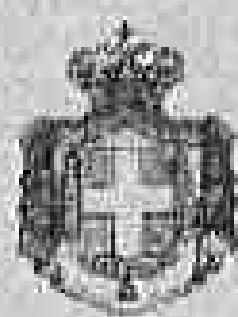
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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Censorship. 20

1. Reference is made to Allied Commission's note 701/20/EC of February 25, 1946.

2. This Ministry is awaiting a reply from the Ministry of War and the Ministry of Interior.

3. Their reply will be communicated to the Allied Commission as soon as it will reach this Ministry. A

Rome, March 11th, 1946


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Ref. : 701/21/EC
SUBJECT: Censorship
TO : The Ministry for Foreign Affairs

7 March 1946

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A reply would be appreciated to this HQ's 701/9/EC of
4 February 1946.

For the Chief Commissioner

B. SANDSON

✓ Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 701/20/93

20 February 1946

SUBJECT: Censorship.

TO : The Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

1. A reply would be appreciated to this HQ's 701/9/93 of 1 February 1946.

For the Chief Commissioner,

B. SANDERSON

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 701/10/50

February 1946

SUBJECT: Censorship.

TO : Greek Delegation to Advisory Council
for Italy.

1. Copy is enclosed of letter to Ministry of Foreign Affairs on this subject. The Allies no longer have any control over or interest in Italian censorship except in Venezia Giulia and Udine.

2. It must however be pointed out that since the letter in question was posted with the ordinary civil mail it became subject to censorship by the Italian authorities. It is not known whether your diplomatic representatives use a sealed diplomatic bag for official correspondence. If not it is suggested that mail be despatched in this way, when arrangements can probably be made for such mail to be exempt from censorship.

3. The envelope enclosed with your letter is returned herewith.

N. W. HIND-SMITH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 701/9/EC

February 1946

SUBJECT: Censorship.

TO : Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

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1. A complaint has been received from the Greek Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy that an item of official correspondence originating from the Greek Legation Berne and addressed to the Delegation in Rome has been opened by the Italian Censorship and the contents examined.

2. The item in question was despatched from Berne by air mail by the normal civilian post. The envelope bore on the back the wording "Legation Royale de Grèce en Suisse".

3. While it is appreciated that items of correspondence from abroad arriving in Italy are subject to censorship examination, it is considered that items of correspondence addressed to diplomatic bodies and bearing indication (as in this case) that they emanate from diplomatic bodies might be exempt from censorship.

4. Since the censorship of civilian correspondence is now a matter for the Italian Government your views on this question would be appreciated.

N. W. HINDSMITH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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DRAFT 38

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GREEK DELEGATION
TO THE
ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR ITALY

Ref. No. 316

Due 7-25.

The Greek Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy present their compliments to the Political Section of the Allied Commission and have the honour to inform them that the envelope, herewith attached, sent by the Greek Legation in Bern and addressed to this Delegation has been opened by the Italian censorship and the contents examined.

The Greek Delegation would be grateful if the Political Section would kindly inform them whether the Italian censorship is entitled to examine official mail, such as the above, addressed from one Legation to another.

This Delegation also submit the request that the said envelope be returned to them at the earliest convenience of the Political Section.

Encl. 1 Envelope

Rome, January 21, 1946



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The Political Section
Allied Commission,

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Rome, January 21, 1946

Encl. 1 Envelope



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The Political Section

Allied Commission,

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 right place -
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9 December 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

By my letter of 30 July 1945 I informed you that operational control of censorship of Italian civilian communications had been turned over to the Italian General Staff except in certain border provinces and in Venezia Giulia.

In accordance with instructions recently received from the Supreme Allied Commander, all Allied participation in censorship of Italian civilian communications except for a few portions of AMG territory and Venezia Giulia has now ceased and all previous directives issued in connection with Italian civilian censorship have been withdrawn.

As pointed out in my letter of 30 July 1945, censorship of communications is considered as a war measure and if, in order to implement economic and financial controls adequate to support Allied policies, the Italian Government finds it is necessary to continue some form of censorship of external communications, it is desired that such censorship be continued under the supervision of the Italian General Staff so as to insure, as far as possible, that it will be of a non-political nature.

The necessary instructions to implement the withdrawal of Allied participation in the above censorship have already been issued to the Italian censorship authorities.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs as he will no doubt be interested.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

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Professor Ferruccio Parri
 The President of the Council of Ministers
 Italian Government
 Rome

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