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CURRENCY CONVERSION, BRITISH SUBJECTS
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To CIA.

It is anticipated that we will be instructed to take action on Folio 1. To save time, may the Ex Com, please have your comments.

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1) Technically all civilians neither allies or not are subject to Italian rules and regulations whilst in Italy as they are not protected by any agreement and have no special status.

2) On the other hand it ought to be fairly easy to obtain a conviction in favour of wives of British subjects leaving the country in order to join their husbands.

3) I think that this should be done through diplomatic channels.

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UNCLASSIFIED (.) ONE (.) SUBJECT IS ITALIAN LIRE EXCHANGE (.) TWO (.) ARE
RATE OF EXCHANGE IS ALTERED TO FIFTEEN HUNDRED (1500) LIRE TO POUND STERLING
FROM 0001 RES WED 29 JAN 47 (.) THIS RATE APPLIES TO ALL PAY ISSUES - PRICES
IN CANTINES - OFFICIALS SHOPS ETC POSTAL CHARGES AND STERLING DEBIT VOUCHERS (.)
THREE (.) ALL DEPOSIT HOLDERS WILL ENSURE THAT EVERY TRANSACTION UP TO CLOSE
OF BUSINESS 28 JAN HAS BEEN ENTERED UP (.) ACCOUNT WILL THEN BE CLOSED AND
SUBMITTED TO COMMAND PAYMASTER WITH SUPPORTING VOUCHERS (.) NO ADJUSTMENT
OF BALANCE WILL BE MADE AS RESULT OF CHANGE IN RATE (.) THE DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS
WILL COVER PERIOD 29 JAN TO 28 FEB INCL (.) FOUR (.) CASH ISSUES OF LIRE
MADE ON OR AFTER 29 JAN TO OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS WILL BE CHARGED TO
INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS AT NEW RATE (.) THIS MEANS THAT INDIVIDUALS RECEIVE
BENEFIT OF NEW RATE FOR ALL LIRE DRAWN BY THEM FROM 29 JAN INCL (.)

ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE BY THE AUTHORITIES AND NO ACTION IS NECESSARY BY UNITS OR INDIVIDUALS (.) FIVE (.) AUTHORITY IS GIVEN COMPLETION TO BE PAID TO ALL ARMY PERSONNEL FOR INDIVIDUAL HOLDINGS OF LIME WITHIN THE LIMIT OF THEIR LAST CASH DRAWINGS BETWEEN 1 AND 28 JAN 1961 (.) SIX (.) PROCEED

(4) NUMBER BANK NOTE (.) (5) AMOUNT ADVISORIAL FOR CONTRIBUTION (.) (6) AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION PAID (.) (7) NAME SIGNATURE (.) ALL BANKS PRESENT WITHIN STATE WILL BE PARADED STRUTTING ABOUT ON 29 JAN OR SOONEST POSSIBLE AFTER AND ORDERED TO PRODUCE ALL INFO IN THEIR POSSESSION (.) DIRECT HOLDER WILL CHECK AMOUNTS PRODUCED AND RETURN AFB4 PAGE 2 OR AFB 7 3241 IN EACH CASE (.) ALL INFO RECORD IN COLLECT (6) OF NO EQUAL ROLE SOME AMOUNT OF INFO PROVIDED

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THESE (.) ALL INTEREST HOLDERS WILL ENSURE THAT EVERY TRANSACTION UP TO CLOSURE OF BUSINESS 28 JAN HAS BEEN ENTERED UP (.) ACCOUNT WILL THEN BE CLOSED AND SUBMITTED TO COMMAND REGISTER WITH SUPPORTING VOUCHERS (.) NO ADJUSTMENT OF BALANCE WILL BE MADE AS RESULT OF CHANGE IN RATE (.) PER INTEREST ACCOUNTS WILL COVER PERIOD 29 JAN TO 28 FEB INCL (.) FOUR (.) CASH ISSUES OF LIRE MADE ON OR AFTER 29 JAN TO OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS WILL BE CHARGED TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS AT NEW RATE (.) THIS MEANS THAT INDIVIDUALS RECEIVE EXCESS OF NEW RATE FOR ALL LIRE DRAWN BY THEM FROM 29 JAN INCL (.)

ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE BY THE AUTHORITIES AND NO ACTION IS NECESSARY BY UNITS OR INDIVIDUALS (.) FIVE (.) AUTHORITY IS GIVEN COMPLETION TO BE PAID TO ALL ARMY PERSONNEL FOR INDIVIDUAL HOLDINGS OF LIRE WITHIN THE LIMIT OF THEIR LAST CASH DRAWINGS BETWEEN 1 AND 28 JAN INCL (.) SIX (.) PROVIDED FOR COMPLETION AS FOLLOWS (.) ALL LIRE ROLLS WILL BE EXCHANGED WITH OFFICERS (.)

(A) NUMBER RANK NAME (.) (B) AMOUNT ADJUSTMENT FOR COMPLETION (.) (C) AMOUNT OF COMPLETION PAID (.) (D) NAME SIGNATURE (.) ALL RANKS PRESENT WITH UNIT WILL BE PARADED SEPARATELY ON 29 JAN OR SOONEST POSSIBLE AFTER AND ORDERED TO PRODUCE ALL LIRE IN THEIR POSSESSION (.) INTEREST HOLDER WILL CHECK AMOUNTS PRODUCED AND ENTERING AB 64 PART 2 OR AB 7 3241 IN EACH CASE (.) IT WILL BE RECORDED IN COLUMN (B) OF MAGNAN ROLL TOTAL AMOUNT OF LIRE PRODUCED IN EACH MAN LESS AMOUNT LESS (.) (A) ANY AMOUNT DRAWN IN LIRE ON OR AFTER 29 JAN (.) AND (B) FROM THE BALANCE ANY AMOUNT EXCEEDING THE LAST DRAWING RECORDED IN AB 64 PART 2 OR AB 7 3241 BETWEEN 1-28 JAN INCL (.) HE WILL THEN RETURN TO THE INDIVIDUAL ALL LIRE PRODUCED PLUS TWO LIRE FOR EVERY THREE LIRE RECORDED IN COLUMN (B) OF MAGNAN ROLL (.) HE WILL ENTER IN LIRE ON AB 64 PART 2 OR AB 7 3241 LAST COMPLETION QUOTE LIRE COMPLETION UNQUOTE (AB 64) UNQUOTE (.) ALL RANKS WILL BE COMPLETED SEPARATELY FOR SET BY CO UNIT

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CLEVERLY MARKED QUOTE LINE CO INFORMATION UNQUOTE AND ATTACHED TO FEB INTEREST
 ACCOUNT AS VOUCHERS (.) SEVEN (.) IN THE CASE OF PERSONNEL WITH FAMILIES
 RESIDING WITH THE UNDER CLAS 4 OR 5 FAMILIES SOME CO INFORMATION MAY
 BE PAID FOR FAMILY HOLDINGS OF LINE WITHIN THE LIMIT OF THE USUALS LAST
 CASH DRAWING BETWEEN 1-28 JAN INCL PLUS (A) FOR OFFICIALS LAST MONTH DRAWN
 ON LETTER OF CREDIT BETWEEN 1 and 28 JAN INCL (.) (B) FOR OTHER RATES LAST
 PAYMENT IN FEBRUARY 4-28 JAN INCL (.) COMPARISON WILL BE PAID AS IN SEVEN
 ABOVE AND AT SAME TIME ENTRY BEING MARKED QUOTE FAMILY OF (NUMBER MARK NAME)
 UNQUOTE (.) EIGHT (.) ADAM AND WIFE CASHIERS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DRILL
 WITH FIFTEEN HOLDERS ONLY AND NOT INDIVIDUALS (.) OFFICIALS AND FAMILIES WILL
 BE INCLUDED IN UNIT ROLLS AND WILL NOT BE PAID AT CASHIERS (.)
 HERE (.) MEDICAL HOLDINGS WILL BE REQUIRED AS FOLLOWS (.) (A) FOR PERSONNEL
 PROCEEDING TO UK FROM GUY ENCLAVES TO PAPER AT VILLAGE OR SIMILAR AT CALLS
 WILL BE EMPLOYED AT OLD 900 LINE ONLY IN CASES WHERE AS 64 PAGE 2 OR AFV 3241
 DOES NOT BE PAID FOR EMPLOYMENT QUOTE LINE COMPARISON PAID UNQUOTE (.)
 ALL CASH ISSUES MADE ON OR AFTER 29 JAN WILL HOWEVER BE MADE AT NEW 1500 LINE
 IN VIEW FIVE ABOVE (.) (B) FOR PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM UK TO GUY ENCLAVES
 FROM STAMPA TO PAPER AT CALLS WILL, CONTINUE AS AT PRESENT (.)
 PAPER WILL BE EMPLOYED INTO LINE AT VILLAGE AT THE NEW 1500 LINE WITH 0001
 HAS 29 JAN AND AS 64 PAGE 2 OR AFV 3241 EMPLOYED QUOTE LINE HOLDINGS
 DEFERRED AT 1500 LINE TO PAPER UNQUOTE (.) TEN (.) ALL THE ABOVE WILL
 WITH - HAS TWO ACCOUNTS WILL BE PAID AS AT OFFICE OF BUSINESS 26 JAN AND
 CASH BALANCES CHECKED PERSONALLY AND CERTIFIED BY CC OR LOCAL HEAD OF
 ORGANISATION (.) ACCOUNT HOLDERS WILL, FORWARD STATEMENT OF BALANCE WITH
 IN EACH ACCOUNT SIGNED BY CC OR LOCAL HEAD OF ORGANISATION AND SIGNED BY
 THEN CERTIFICATE WITH APPLICATION DIRECT TO OFFICE AND MASTER 8 BORO NUMBER
 FOURTH DMS (.) INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPARISON IN ANY WILL BE ISSUED LATER (.)

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ABOVE AND AT SAME TIME WHEN ISSUED MARKED QUOTE TRAIL OF (NUMBER MARK MARKED) UNQUOTE (.) EIGHT (.) AREA AND FIELD CASHIERS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DEAL WITH REQUEST HOLDERS ONLY AND NOT INDIVIDUALS (.) OFFICERS AND EXCHANGES WILL BE INCLUDED IN UNIT RULES AND WILL NOT BE PAID BY CASHIERS (.)

NINE (.) ABOVE REQUESTS WILL BE HANDLED AS FOLLOWS (.) (A) FOR PERSONNEL REQUESTING TO UK FROM ONE EXCHANGES TO BAFSV AT VILLAGH OR STERLING AT CALLS WILL BE EFFECTED AT OLD 900 RATE ONLY IN CASES WHERE AS 64 PAID 2 OR AT 3241 DOES NOT REPLY NOT BEA REQUESTING QUOTE LINE COMPENSATION PAID UNQUOTE (.) ALL CASH ISSUES MADE ON OR AFTER 29 JAN WILL HOWEVER BE PAID AT NEW 1500 RATE IN THE FIVE AREA (.) (B) FOR PERSONNEL REQUESTING TO UK TO GET EXCHANGES FROM STERLING TO BAFSV AT CALLS WILL CONTINUE AS AT PRESENT (.)

BAFSV WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO PAY AT VILLAGH AT THE NEW 1500 RATE WITH 0001 HRS 29 JAN AND 1764 PAID 2 OR AT 3241 REQUESTED QUOTE LINE REQUESTS DEFERRED AT 1500 RATE TO FORTH UNQUOTE (.) THEN (.) ALL THE 176433 WELFARE - CASH - HRS ETC ACCOUNTS WILL BE BALANCED AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS 28 JAN AND CASH WITHDRAWS CHECKED PERSONALLY AND CARRIED IN CC OR LOCAL HEAD OF ORGANISATION (.) ACCOUNT HOLDERS WILL RECEIVE COMMUNICATION OF BALANCE WITH IN EACH ACCOUNT SIGNED BY CC OR LOCAL HEAD OF ORGANISATION AND SUPPORTED BY BANK CERTIFICATE WITH APPLICABLE DEDUCT TO CREDIT BALANCE 8 DAYS WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS (.) INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPENSATION IN ART WILL BE ISSUED LATER (.) ELEVEN (.) ANY CASES OF HARDSHIP DUE TO COMPENSATION IF ANY COMPENSATION RULES IN SEVEN AND EIGHT ABOVE WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CASH THROUGH USUAL CHANNELS (.) TWELVE (.) ABOVE RULES DO NOT IMPLY NOT APPLY POLISH TIES FOR HIGH SEPARATE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED (.) COMPENSATION WILL NOT BE PAID TO EN OR SEP OR CIVILIANS ETC (.) THEREIN (.) LOW (.) ALL INDICATED (.)

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28 Jan 47

SUBJECT: Italian Lire Exchange

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Ref para 5 this HQ Signal AG 1959 of 28 Jan 47.

1. Compensation will only repeat only be made for the LAST cash drawing between 1 - 28 Jan 47 and NOT repeat NOT total sum drawn during period 1 - 28 Jan 47.

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1. Subject is Italian lire exchange.
2. Army rate of exchange is altered to 1500 lire to pound sterling from 0001 hours 29 January 49 this rate applies to all pay issues. Prices in canteens - officers shops etc postal charges and sterling debit vouchers.
3. Following orders will be communicated forthwith to all unit commanders and local heads of semi official organization working with troops special priority for cash offices. **4203**
4. All imprest holders will ensure that every transaction up to close of business 28 Jan has been entered up. Account will then be closed and submitted to Command pay master with supporting vouchers. No adjustment of balance will be made as result of change in rate. February imprest account will cover period 29 Jan to 28 Feb incl.
5. Cash issues of lire made on or after 29 Jan to officers and other ranks will be charged to individual accounts at new rate. This means that individuals receive benefit of new rate for all lire drawn by them from 29 Jan incl. Adjustments will be made by pay authorities and no action if necessary by units or individuals.
6. Authority is given for compensation to be paid to all army personnel for individual holdings of lire within the limit of their last cash drawing between 1 and 28 January incl.
7. Procedure for compensation as follows. Control rolls will be prepared with columns. (A) Number Rank Name. (B) Amount admissible for compensation (C) amount of compensation paid (D) Name signature.

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All ranks present with unit will be processed simultaneously on 29 Jan or soonest possible after and ordered to produce all lire in their possession. Imprest holder will check amounts produced and examine AB64 PART 2 O R AF # 3041 in each case. He will record in column (B) of nominal roll total amount of lire produced by each man less (A) any amount drawn in lire on or after 28 Jan. and (B) from the balance and amount exceeding the last drawing recorded in AB64 PART 2 O R AF # 3041 between 1-28 Jan incl. He will then return to the individual all lire produced plus 10 lire for every 3 lire recorded on column (B) of nominal roll. He will endorse in ink on AB64 PART 3 or AF # 3041 last counterfoil "lire compensation" and attached to Feb counterfoil "lire compensation paid (date)". Nominal rolls will be completed certified correct by CC Unit clearly marked "lire compensation" and attached to Feb imprest account as vouchers.

8. In the case of personnel with families residing with them under class (A) or (B) families schemes compensation may be paid for family holdings of lire within the limit of the usbons last cash drawing between 28 Jan incl plus (A) for officers last amount drawn on letter of credit between 1 and 28 Jan incl. (B) for other ranks last payment in respect of family allowance & T.C received between 1-28 Jan incl compensation will be paid as in 7 above and at some time entry being marked "family of (number rank name)".

9. Area and field cashiers have been instructed to deal with imprest holders only and not individuals. Officers and families will be included in unit rolls and will not be paid by cashiers.

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10. Mediac exchange will be arrange as follows.

(A) For personnel proceeding to UK from CMF exchanges to Bofso at Villoch or stelling of Calais will be effected at old 500 rate only in cases where AB54 PART 2 or AFV 2041 does not bear endorsement "lire compensation paid". All cash issues made on or after 29 Jan will however be made at new 1500 rate in view 5 above. (B) For personnel returning from UK to CMF exchanges from sterling into lire at Villoch at the new 1500 rate 1000 from sterling to Bofso at Calais will continue as at present Bofso will be exchange into lire at Villoch at the new 1500 rate 1000 hours 29 Jan and AB54 PART 2 or AFV 2041 endorsed "lire exchanges effected at 1500 lire to pound".

11. All PFI - mess - welfare - Comm - Bros ETC accounts will be balanced as at close of business 28 Jan and cash balances checked personally and certified by CO or local head of organization. Account holders will forward certificate of balance held in each account signed by CO of local head of organization and supported by Bank certificate where applicable direct to Command paymaster & BCPO within 14 instructions for compensation if any will be issued later.

12. Any cases of hardship due to compensation rules in 7 and 8 above will be submitted to CHQ through usual channels.

13. Above rules do not apply polish troops for whom separate instructions issued. Compensation will not be paid to PR of Sep or civilians. ETC.

14. ACK all INF.

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BTA State that Italian born wives Br service personnel arriving Vilich have all lire over 200 confiscated at Italian frontier. Request you inform Italian Govt urgently.

- (A) These women are British subjects
- (B) Lire are changed to Pao Vilich under nil arrangements
- (C) Cash in their possession is only money they have until they reach UK.

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spoke Maj. Oldfield AFHQ -
no action by us.J. M. M. 17/10
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