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DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS
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DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATION FACILITIES, ITALIAN GOV'T
SEPT. 1944 - OCT. 1945

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Please note for info files #49 signed by Adams re independent cypher use by H. Gort. - also Comm 54. letter (files 53) & H. Gort's reply (files 54).

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Capt H. Gort

What about 52? Any action!

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Capt H. Gort

Sykes. 14. Low sent 25/4/45
H. Gort's reply 2. 3rd period
to M.P.A. 28/1

Mr. Lickens.

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Capt Hurdley

What about Sr? Aug
action!

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Capt Hurdley

Signed. P. Lowland 2344
Witeman reply to 3rd person
to MFA.

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Mr. Lickens.

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Executive Commissioner.

The necessary clearances at the far end required to establish various grades of communications in clear, cipher, by bag, etc, are very difficult to arrange from this end.

So far as I can see, all that we can do is to forward a letter to G - 5 on the lines of one already sent about Belgium, copy attached. This will take a long time to get any action, particularly as regards Turkey (see file 6528/EC) which it seems doubtful if AFHQ will handle. Even when the representation arrives it will not get very sympathetic hearing, the recipient of the letter presumably not being in favour, or the difficulty would not exist.

There is no doubt that telegrams in clear, certainly if in French (the Italian language is often blocked by various censorship offices), will get through. The quickest and most effective action thus seems to be to tell the Minister of Foreign Affairs to cable his Ambassador, in clear French, and tell him to press the matter at his end. There is no difficulty at this end over receipt or despatch of clear or ciphered telegrams, and it seems to me that now they have accredited representatives it is easier for them to clear all such matters with the local Allied or neutral authorities than for us or AFHQ to attempt to do so.

If you agree, I will draft a letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs on these lines, alternatively we can follow the line of the letter attached. Will you please say.

J. L. Henderson
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J.L. HENDERSON,
Colonel,
Director,
Communications Sub-Commission.

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C.S.O to Ex. Comm.

Have verbal communication dated of 29 to
Col. Henderson who requires no written confirmation.
He says however that Mr. Hopkinson wishes
to contact to point with President on his return.

J.A.D.
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Al Ex Comm.

To see 29 & 30
21/3 noted & 21/3

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Comm. S/C

Re folios 36, 37 & 38., will you kindly signify
your approval for transmission to Italian
Ministry of For. Aff. of the notes. per 26 Apr.

Ex Comm.
Liaison Div.

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Append. 2.1.1 Cons 40

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Communications Subcommittee:

Reference folio X, this letter from the Italian Ministry of Foreign
Affairs is to be used to you for appropriate action.

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J.A.B.
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AP Ex Com.

To see 29 & 30

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per 26 Apr.

Ex Comm.
Liaison Div.

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21 Cons 40

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Communications Subcommittee:

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Reference folio 2, this letter from the Italian Ministry of Foreign
Affairs is passed to you for appropriate action.

28 Apr 45

W. Stearns
May

NOTE: The Italian Government were informed of the decision reached in Conclusion S(b) of the Paper at Folio 16 of this file by the Chief Commissioner when he presented the Aide Memoire on the subject of the New Deal for Italy to the Italian Government on 24 February 1945 (See File 4001/EG).

Re. 27.

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Ex. Com

To see folio 19 - CC's ltr to Minister of Foreign Affairs regarding restrictions on Italian diplomatic communications.

Re. 28 Feb.

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Exec Comm:

To see folio 21 -- Minister of Foreign Affairs' reply to Chief Commissioner's letter regarding restrictions on Italian diplomatic communications.

Copy of this letter has gone to Political Section and an additional one has been passed to Communications S/c (see folio 22).

Seen. 18/1/43
6/ March

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CG 6/75
MAR 12 1945

Maya Quayle.

*Have the Ital. gov been informed
ref 24? If so may we have a copy
of the letter please!*

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Ex. Com

To see folio 19 - CC's ltr to Minister of Foreign Affairs regarding restrictions on Italian diplomatic communications.

Feb 28 Feb.

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Exec Commr:

To see folio 21 -- Minister of Foreign Affairs' reply to Chief Commissioner's letter regarding restrictions on Italian diplomatic communications.

Copy of this letter has gone to Political Section and an additional one has been passed to Communications S/c (see folio 22).

Seen. 18/12/35
8/ March

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Maya Quayle.

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ref 24? If so may we have a copy
of the letter please!

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Note: 24 is minutely superseded by minute
page of 26.

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Ref: 725/EC(L)

27 October 1945

OC 29 1945

SUBJECT: Carriage of Italian Diplomatic Mail

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1. Reference is made to your 12 October memorandum no. 6/3928/1813, concerning carriage of diplomatic mail for Sofia and Bucharest.

2. The appropriate military authorities, to whom your request has been submitted, now recommend that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs request either the United States or British Embassy to include Italian diplomatic pouches in their dispatches, for carriage by U.S. Courier Plane leaving Capodichino for Sofia every Saturday.

apt Capt Newberg
Officer-in-Charge
Liaison Division

Copy to: Office of the Executive
Commissioner A.C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 311.1

24 October 1945

OCT 29 1945

SUBJECT: Carriage of Italian Diplomatic Mail.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Reference your 725/EC (L) dated 16 October.

1. A U. S. courier plane leaves CAPODICHIINO for SOFIA every Saturday, carrying supplies for the U. S. Mission, and U. S. and British diplomatic pouches.

2. It is recommended that the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs request either the U. S. or British Embassy to include Italian diplomatic pouches in their despatches.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

Chas. G. Benson

C. G. BENSON
Major, R.A.

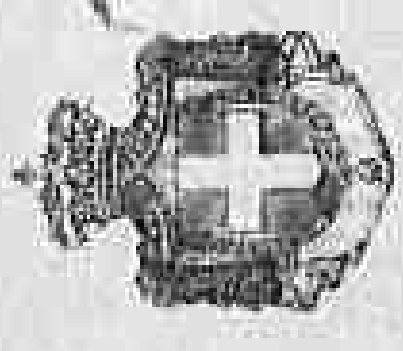
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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

OCT 16 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Diplomatic pouch for Sofia and Bucharest.

- 1.- The diplomatic mail addressed by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the Italian Legations of Sofia and Bucharest is at present being forwarded twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, to the Italian Embassy in Ankara, through the courtesy of the British Embassy in Rome.
The further despatch from Ankara to its destinations depends upon the finding of a reliable person traveling to Sofia and Bucharest to whom the mail can be entrusted.
The above system has naturally caused great delays which are highly detrimental to the service.
- 2.- The Italian Legation in Sofia has now informed that the American Mission there has at its disposal, besides a plane personally assigned to the Commanding General, also a plane leaving every Saturday on a regular weekly schedule on the route Naples-Sofia.
- 3.- The Ministry for Foreign Affairs should be grateful to the Allied Commission if they could recommend to the competent authorities that the Italian diplomatic pouch for Sofia be entrusted to said regular air-vice.
- 4.- The weight of the pouch, which would include also the mail for the Italian Legation in Bucharest, would not exceed 2 kilos.
- 5.- The kind interest of the Allied Commission in this matter, will be greatly appreciated.

Rome, October 12th, 1945.



ACTION 8 days

J.V. 26/10 225
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(see also copy to 14150N)

OCT 16 1945

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- 3.- The Ministry for Foreign Affairs should be grateful to the Allied Commission if they could recommend to the competent authorities that the Italian diplomatic pouch for Sofia be entrusted to said regular air-service.
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- 5.- The kind interest of the Allied Commission in this matter, will be greatly appreciated.

Rome, October 12th, 1945.

ACTION 3 days
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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

JUL 14 1945

Memorandum for the Allied Commission

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(Office of the Executive Commissioner)

Subject: Italian diplomatic pouch in Switzerland.

1. Reference is made to the Allied Commission's note N.6523/66/EC dated June 27th.
2. The matter in question has been already dealt with and settled by the letter of the Allied Commission (Liaison Division) N.705/EC(L) dated June 14th.

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attached

WJP



Rome, July 4th. 1945

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C O P Y

Ref: 705/EC(L)

19 June 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Diplomatic Mail

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1. Further reference is made to 14 June memorandum 705/EC(L) in which procedure was outlined for the carriage of Italian diplomatic mail by U.S. and British couriers.

2. We are now advised that this courier service will be amplified to include Italian diplomatic mail to and from the Italian representative in Belgium. Such diplomatic mail will be carried by British diplomatic courier.

Officer-in-Charge
Liaison Division

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Liaison DivisionSubject: Italian Diplomatic mail

With reference to my memorandum of 12 th June, I should be grateful if you would similarly inform the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the British Embassy at Rome is also prepared to transmit Italian diplomatic mail by British diplomatic bag to and from the Italian Representative in Belgium.

/s/ Halford
Asst. Political Adviser (B)

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Copy to Polad (A)
British Embassy

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C O P Y

Liaison Division

Italian Diplomatic Mail

The United States Department and the British Foreign Office have been considering for some time the question of the carriage of Italian diplomatic mail by United States and British couriers. It has now decided that the division of labour shall be as follows:-

by U.S. channel:- American continent, Switzerland, Portugal and Tangier.

by British channel:- The United Kingdom and Eire, Spain, France, Sweden and Turkey.

Neither the State Department nor the Foreign Office are prepared to authorize the carriage of diplomatic mail to Roumania or Bulgaria until the question of Italian relations with those ex-enemy countries is cleared up.

As regards Italian diplomatic mail for Moscow, the Foreign Office and the State Department would see no objection to carriage by the Soviet authorities. However, until arrangements to do this have been completed, the British Embassy at Rome is authorized to accept Italian diplomatic mail for onward transmission by British diplomatic bag to Moscow.

I should be grateful if you would officially inform the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the foregoing.

/s/ Halford
Asst. Political Adviser (BR)

Copy to Poland (A)
British Embassy

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Ref : 705/EO(L)

14 June 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Diplomatic Mail

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. The Political Advisers to Allied Commission inform that an agreement has now been reached between United States Department of State and the British Foreign Office on the question of carriage of Italian diplomatic mail by U.S. and British Couriers.
2. It has been decided that the division of labor shall be as follows:
 - by U.S. channel : American continent - Switzerland, Portugal and Tangier.
 - by British channel: The United Kingdom and Eire, Spain France, Sweden and Turkey.
3. Neither the State Department nor the Foreign Office are prepared to authorize the carriage of diplomatic mail to Rumania or Bulgaria until the question of Italian relations with those ex-enemy countries is cleared up.
4. As regards Italian diplomatic mail for Moscow, the Foreign Office and the State Department would see no objection to carriage by the Soviet authorities. However, until arrangements to do this have been completed, the British Embassy at Rome is authorized to accept Italian diplomatic mail for onward transmission by British diplomatic bag to Moscow.

Officer in Charge
Liaison Division

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Ref: 6523/67/EC

7 July 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Diplomatic Pouch to Switzerland

TO : Marchese Cittadini, Italian Liaison Officer, AG

1. Reference is made to our letter of 12 June, reference 6523/63/EC, written to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, regarding the above subject and in which their reply was requested as soon as possible.

2. On 27 June we followed this matter up with our letter reference 6523/66/EC; to date no reply has been received.

3. It would be appreciated if you would make an effort to have the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reply to this request as soon as possible.

A. B. ARNOLDY.

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Ext 451

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Ref: 6523/66/EC

27 June 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Diplomatic Pouch in Switzerland

TO : Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italian Government

1. Reference is made to our letter of 12 June, reference number 6523/63/EC, regarding above subject.

2. It would be appreciated if we could have a reply to this letter as soon as possible.

A. E. [Signature]

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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B/V.2/7
Noted [Signature]

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S.234.38.CS

18 June 1945.

JUN 20 1945

SUBJECT: Correspondence with Military Attaches Abroad.

TO : The Ministry of War.

Reference your 213094 dated 12th June 1945.
210.41.15

The Italian Government was authorised on 16th May to communicate with its representatives abroad by undeposited cipher and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was so notified.

The procedure given in our letter S.234.36.CS is therefore no longer necessary.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (EMIA)
(ref: G / 91 dated 15th June 1945).

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Copy for Ex. Commissioner's file

(Copy Receiver)

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PER.153.9.CS

13th June, 1945

JUN 16 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador,

As you know authority was granted by A.F.H.Q. on May 16th for the Italian Government to communicate with its representatives abroad by undeposited cipher.

This action rendered unnecessary the further attachment to this Commission of the Cipher Security Mission consisting of Mr. Catty from the Foreign Office and Capt. Duke of the U.S. Signal Corps. In agreement with the Foreign Office and A.F.H.Q. it was therefore arranged for their mission here to be terminated and both Mr. Catty and Capt. Duke have now returned to their home stations, having left Rome about ten days ago.

I regret that through oversight you were not previously informed of their departure.

Yours very sincerely,

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR.
Chief Commissioner.

The Honourable Alexander Kirk
United States Ambassador
American Embassy, Rome.

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Ref: 6523/63/EC.

12 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian Diplomatic Pouch in Switzerland.

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italian Government.

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1. Reference your memorandum 6/1396/630 of 18 May regarding the above subject.

2. Allied Force Headquarters have written as follows:

"1. It would appear that the British Legation in Berne is not in receipt of instructions to assume responsibility for accepting and forwarding sealed diplomatic bags to Rome. However various Italian pouches are handled by the American Embassy in Rome and it is assumed that a return of similar pouches from Berne is authorized through American channels.

2. Therefore will you please ask the Italian Government whether it be the established practice for the British Legation in Berne to forward these pouches and also to verify through the American Embassy in Rome that authorization exists for transfer through American Diplomatic channels."

3. It would therefore be appreciated if you would answer the questions raised by AFHQ in para 2 quoted above.

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A. B. ARNOLDY.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Communications s/c

25 June
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 387.4-1

7 June 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Diplomatic Pouch from Switzerland.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

4 Your reference is 6523/57/EC 28 May 45.

1. It would appear that the British Legation in Berne is not in receipt of instructions to assume responsibility for accepting and forwarding sealed diplomatic bags to Rome. However various Italian pouches are handled by the American Embassy in Rome and it is assumed that a return of similar pouches from Berne is authorised through American channels.

2. Therefore will you please ask the Italian Government whether it be the established practice for the British Legation in Berne to forward these pouches and also to verify through the American Embassy in Rome that authorisation exists for transfer through American Diplomatic channels. *X*

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

C. J. Macnamara
C. J. MACNAMARA,
Major, P.C.

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(CAGS ARNOLDY)

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IT.242.35.08

3/ May 1945.

MAY 31 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Government's Telegraphic Communications
with Paris and Brussels.

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

on Comm file.

1. Reference is made to your memorandum 6/1437/6HH.
2. It is felt that the representations made by your Ambassadors will result in clearing any difficulties in Brussels and Paris.
3. As a result of our previous correspondence with Allied Force Headquarters on this matter we have been informed that it is expected that code and cipher privileges for the Italian Embassies in France and Belgium will be forthcoming immediately.

E. Talbot *ETL*

for M.B.LUSH.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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6/15/13, 1944

Ex Comm.
Urgent

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

MAY 1 1945

Subject: Italian diplomatic pouch from Switzerland.

1. Reference is made to this Ministry's Memorandum S/1386/1380 of May 18th. 1945.
2. The Italian Legation in Bern cabled on the 22nd inst. that the Allied Missions there had not been instructed, up to that date, to accept and forward to some sealed diplomatic pouches containing official correspondence for the Italian Government.

3. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be grateful if the Allied Commission could kindly provide that instructions to the above effect be impayed to the Allied Missions in Bern by the competent Authorities with the least possible delay.

Edy



Rome, 30th. May, 1945

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

UNIT 1 1345

Subject: Italian diplomatic pouch from Switzerland.

1. Reference is made to this Ministry's Memorandum 6/15583/500 of May 18th. 1945.
2. The Italian Legation in Bern advised on the 22nd inst. that the Allied Missions there had not been instructed, up to that date, to accept and forward to Rome sealed diplomatic pouches containing official correspondence for the Italian Government.

3. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be grateful if the Allied Commission could kindly provide the instructions to the above effect be impressed to the Allied Missions in Bern by the competent Authorities with the least possible delay.

Edy



Rome, 30th. May, 1945

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Ref: 6523/59/20

29 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian Diplomatic Pouch from Switzerland.

TO : Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Italian Government.

1. Reference Ministry for Foreign Affairs memorandum 6/1396/630 of 18 May 1945 regarding Italian diplomatic pouch from Switzerland.

2. This matter has been referred to Allied Force Headquarters with a request that the Italian Legation in Switzerland be informed to accept and forward to Rome sealed diplomatic pouches containing official correspondence for the Italian Government.

Copy to: Communications Sub-Commission.

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Ref: 6523/57/00

28 May 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Diplomatic Pouch from Switzerland

TO : C-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters

1. Enclosed is a copy of memorandum no. 6/1396/630 of 13 May 45 from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in which they state they have been informed by the Italian Legation in Bern that the Allied Missions there have not been instructed as yet to accept and forward to Rome the sealed diplomatic pouches containing official correspondence for the Italian Government.

2. In view of the fact that secret bag facilities have been granted in accordance with your telegram no. FX 31764 of 22 February it would be appreciated if the Allied Legations in Switzerland could be informed in accordance with the suggestion contained in the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs memorandum.

3. Please inform this office of your action in this matter in order that the Italian Government may be informed.

For the Chief Commissioner:

E. Talbot,

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

1 Encl: As above

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APO 394

Rome, May 28th, 1945.
XS/SM n° 2.131

MAY 28 1945

To : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER A.C. H.Q.

Subject : Italian Code Telegraph Relations with Allied Nations

1. The French Ambassador, Monsieur COUVE de MURVILLE would like to know if:
 - a/ The Italian Government is allowed to send to its Representative in Paris telegrams in secret code that would not be deposed with A.C.?
 - b) With which other countries has the Italian Government been allowed to exchange telegrams using the above mentioned secret code?
 - c/ The Italian Government having been authorized, since a few days, to communicate in that way with its representatives in London and Washington, Monsieur COUVE de MURVILLE would be glad to hear that same facilities have been granted as regards its representative in Paris./.

CSO to Ex. Com.

The CC. rep^{te} in Paris is entitled to be treated on the same basis as his colleagues in London & Washington according to the communication made by Com. S/C to my MA.

X. de SEVIN, Major General,
French Representative.

I have so informed M. L'Avenel.

28/5/45
(LTC Col. T. R. B. G.)

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L'Avenel
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Translation

STATE DEPARTMENT

The Secretary General

n. 66/2

Rome, 22 May 1945

(53) MAY 24 1945

Dear Admiral,

In note 12/242.15 of the 17th, the Allied Commission stated that the control for military security up to now exercised on the ciphers used by the Italian Government with its dependent Representations abroad is abolished.

Recognizing this communication, I want to tell you how much I appreciate your kind interest and comprehension in this delicate matter, which has been solved today, and thank you for your support.

Yours very truly,

A. R. Prunas

E. C. DIST - 24 MAY 45

Admiral Ellery S. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

ACTION: COMMUNICATIONS S/C (2)
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ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

FASTEN Envelope by gumming this Label across Flap.
OPEN by cutting Label instead of tearing Envelope.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

IT. 242.15.CB

17th May, 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Government Communications.

TO : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italian Government.

1. The Military security control exercised through this Commission over ciphers used by the Italian Government for communications with its Embassies abroad is withdrawn.

2. Messages should be filed direct with Italcable or at any State Telegraph Office and arrangements made for direct delivery instead of through this Commission.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to : Italcable
Cipher Security Mission.

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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Immediata
6/1396/630

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

MAY 13 1945

Subject: Italian diplomatic pouch from Switzerland.

1. This Ministry is informed by the Italian Legation, Bern, that the Allied Mission there have not been instructed as yet to accept and forward to Rome the sealed diplomatic pouches containing official correspondence for the Italian Government.

2. With reference to the letter AP P/725, P/750, addressed by Admiral Evans to H.E. De Tressart under date 27th February 1945, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs trusts that the Allied Commission will kindly inform the Allied Legation in Switzerland of the facilities allowed to the Italian Government for their correspondence with the Italian diplomatic representatives abroad.

CMF



Rome, May 13th 1945

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May 13 1945

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Italian diplomatic pouches from Switzerland.

1. This Ministry is informed by the Italian Legation, Bern, that the Allied mission in Bern have not been instructed as yet to accept and forward to Rome the sealed diplomatic pouches containing official correspondence for the Italian Government.

2. With reference to the letter no T/725, P/750, addressed by Admiral Stone to H.Q. De Vanden under date 27th February 1945, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs must state that the Allied Commission will kindly inform the Allied Legations in Switzerland of the facilities allowed to the Italian Government for their correspondence with the Italian diplomatic representatives abroad.

Rome, May 12th 1945

13 May
(Car. Arnold)

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From: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGEG
To: ACTION: AICOM ROME

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Action should be taken by you accordingly. Reference MAT 688 of 16 May.

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From: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FRGEA
To: INFO ALCOM ROME

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MAY 17 REC'D

SECRET. Reference MAT 549. This is MAT 688.

Following cessation of hostilities the previous military objections to allowing the Italian Government to communicate by undeposited cipher with their representatives abroad can now be waived.

The Italian Government are being advised accordingly and it is requested in pursuance of TAM 363 that notification of above relaxation be given by you to all concerned.

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ACTION: Communications S/C
INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Hq Signals Officer
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IT. 242.8.CS

11 May, 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Government Cablegrams.

TO : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

6528/EC

1. Reference your letters No. 6/1144/529 dated 26th April and 6/913/393/ dated 28th April requesting this Commission to clear the difficulties in Paris, Brussels and Ankara with the authorities there over the transmission from your Embassies at these places of telegrams in cipher addressed to your Ministry in Rome.
2. There is no difficulty at this end over the transmission or receipt of ciphered telegrams to or from any Italian Embassy in an Allied or neutral country.
3. The difficulties at the far ends are considered to be most easily overcome by representations made to the authority concerned by your Ambassador in the place in question, rather than through Allied channels.
4. It is therefore recommended that you send telegrams to your Embassies, preferably in clear French text as it is found that the use of the Italian language is sometimes a source of difficulty with certain censorship offices abroad, instructing them to urge the Government to which they are accredited to give the necessary authority for telegrams in Italian text and in cipher to be passed, pointing out that such telegrams have been authorised by the Allied authorities in this theatre and in London and Washington.

For the Chief Commissioner.

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 6523/17/EC

1 May 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Government Cablegrams

TO : Communications Subcommittee

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1. Attached are copies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' two letters: 6/134/529 dated 26 April 45 and 6/91/393 dated 28 April 45 which were referred to you on our files 6523/EC and 6528/EC respectively on 28 April 45, minuted requesting you to take appropriate action.

2. The action taken by you was in the form of a Minute (No. 45) on the former file, a copy of which is also attached.

3. In response to the last paragraph of above minute, please draft letter to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Major E. Talbot

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as aboveChief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

copy of this
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission.

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IT. 242.104.03

26th April 1945.

SUBJECT: Italian Government Cablegrams.

TO: A.F.H.Q.
Att. G-5

1. The Italian Government is authorized to communicate with its duly accredited Embassies or Missions in Allied or neutral countries in clear, or in ciphers approved by Cipher Security Mission.
2. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs has reported that the Allied Military censor in Belgium has refused to pass ciphered telegrams of the Italian Embassy in Brussels, addressed to Rome.
3. It is requested that the matter be cleared with the Allied authorities in Belgium.

J.L. HENDERSON,
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to: Cipher Security Mission.

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Ref: 723.1/EC(L)

31 March 1945

Dear Minister de Gasperi:

APR 28 REC'D

Further to my letter No. P/723.1 of the 14th March, I have pleasure in informing you that no objection is seen by the appropriate Allied authorities to the carriage of sealed diplomatic bags by officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs who occasionally proceed abroad. It would be desirable as you suggest in your letter No. 3/355 of March 3rd that such officials should be furnished with a courier passport to protect their bags from investigation by the Allied military authorities at the place of departure and subsequent points on route to their destination. I should accordingly be grateful if you would be so good as to let me have a specimen of such a document in order that the Allied military authorities may be notified in advance of its existence and be able to familiarise themselves with its appearance.

As regards the question of the granting of undeposited cypher facilities, I much regret that for the time being we must accept the decision of the Allied military authorities that the Italian Government may communicate with their missions abroad only in cyphers of which copies have been deposited with this Commission. I would emphasise that this decision is based exclusively on grounds of military security and assure you that henceforth the only control which will be exercised on telegraphic communications between the Italian Government and Italian diplomatic missions abroad will be military in nature. In other words, there will be no political censorship of the contents of such telegrams. These cypher communications will of course continue to be scrutinised from the point of view of cryptographic security and this practise will continue to be necessary so long as military operations are being conducted in this theatre.

Very truly yours,

CC: A/Pres.
Chief Com.
Ex Com.
Pol. Adv's
American Emb.
British Emb.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

H.E. Alcide de Gasperi
Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs

Italian Government
Rome, Italy

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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Ex. Com. - May 1945

6/1144/529

APR 28 REC'D

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

-Office of the Executive Commissioner-

Subject: Italian Government's code communications with PARIS AND BRUSSELS.

1. Reference is made to the letter addressed to His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs by the Acting Executive Commissioner A.C., concerning the approval of Codes or Cypher for use between Italian Government and Italian Embassy in Paris (letter N.3523/35/EC of 20 April 1945).

2. In the note attached to the letter under reference there was stated that "the approval given by Cypher Security Mission to the use of cyphers or codes for Paris is conditional upon the appropriate authorities permitting the telegrams to be sent or received at Paris."

3. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be grateful if the Allied Commission could kindly use its good offices with a view to obtaining that such authorization be granted.

4. As the same restrictions appear to apply to the case of Italian Government's communications with Brussels, it would be appreciated if the approval of Codes and Cyphers granted for the use between Rome and Paris could be extended to the communications with Brussels.

5. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would much appreciate being informed as to whether, pending authorization for the use of code communications with Paris and Brussels, official messages in clear text can be sent to and received from the Italian Missions there.

Rome, 26th. April, 1945 *Colly*



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Rome, 26th. April, 1945



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28 April 45

My dear Minister:

The attached notes signifying approval of
Codes and Cyphers Nos. 2 and 3, dated 25 April 45, are passed
to you for appropriate action.

Yours very truly,

L. W. STEARNS
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

His Excellency Alcide de Gasperi
The Minister of Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
Rome

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APR 26 REC'D

TO . Maj. RANFURLY, Liaison Division

FROM. Cipher Security Mission. Room 39. 1st Floor Annexe.

Request transmission to the Italian Foreign Ministry of
notes substantially in the sense of no.2 and no.3 attached
hereto.

Francis Duke

FRANCIS DUKE
Captain, AUS

25th April 1945

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(Mrs. Stenard)

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Note signifying approval of Codes or Cyphers

No. 2

25 April 1945

Following Codes or Cyphers have been approved for use between Foreign Ministry, ROME and Italian Embassy RIO JANEIRO and Consulates in BRAZIL:

A. For the Embassy

1. Codice AR 38, as a brevity-code for non-confidential telegrams only.
2. Cifrario "EMTECO" with Appendix and Fascicolo di Liste CD, Serie C, and Tabella Vittoria 3.
3. Sistema DEL LIRIO Volume RJ 1 with Tabelle di Numeri Personali II to 24.

B. For Consulates at RIO JANEIRO, PORTO ALFREY, S. PAULO, CURITIBA, PARA, and SANTOS.

Codice AR 38 as a brevity-code for non-confidential telegrams only.

/sgd/ Francis Duke
Capt, AUS

FOR: Cypher Security Mission

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Note signifying approval of Codes or Cyphers.

No. 3

25 April 1945

Following Codes or Cyphers have been approved for use between Foreign
Ministry, ROME and Italian Embassy BUENOS AIRES:

1. Sistema DEL LIBRO Volume B.A.L. with Tabelle di Numeri Personali.
11 to 24.

/sgd/ Francis Duke
Capt. AUS
FOR: Cypher Security Mission

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20 April 45

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My dear Minister:

The attached note signifying approval of
Codes or Cypher, No. 1, is passed to you for appropriate ac-
tion.

Yours very truly,

Major L. W. STEARNS
NORMAN B. FISCHE
Colonel
Acting Executive Commissioner

His Excellency Alcide de Gasperi
The Minister of Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION

18 April 1945

MEMO)
TO) Office of the Executive Commissioner

APR 20 REC'D

1. The attached Note Signifying approval of Codes or Cypher, No. 1, originated by Mr. Catty of Cipher Control, is approved by this office for transmission over the signature of the Office of the Executive Commissioner.

[Signature]
Colonel
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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Note Signifying approval of Codes or Cypher. NO.1.16th April 1945

Following Code or Cyphers are approved for use between Foreign Ministry, ROME and Italian Embassy PARIS, subject to the conditions named below.

1. Cifrario AR 38, as a brevity code for non-confidential telegrams only.
2. Cifrario "IMPERO" with Appendix and Fascicolo di Liste C.D, Serie B and Tabella VITTORIA 3.
3. Sistema DEL LIBRO, volume P.G.1. with Tabelle di Numeri Personali No.1 H to 24 H.

In the case of the approval of this material for PARIS the Cypher Security Mission makes the following reservations:

A. The approval of a system based on the compromised code Impero for PARIS is given in substitution for and not in addition to the approval previously given in principle for the use of such a system for posts in Central and South America.

B. Since PARIS is on the most recent list in the possession of Cypher Security Mission of posts with which communications in code or cypher is NOT YET PERMITTED to the Italian Government, the approval given by Cypher Security Mission to the use of cyphers or codes for PARIS is conditional upon the appropriate authorities permitting the telegrams to be sent or received at PARIS, a matter which, it must be clearly understood, is not within the duties of the Mission. 2304

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Signed:- F.R. Callaghan

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IT. 242.80.GS

14 April, 1945

APR 14 RECD

SUBJECT : Italian Government Communications.

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Reference your Memorandum of 15th March, 1945.

1. The Italian language, as well as French or English is permitted in Italian Government messages in clear to all its duly accredited missions abroad. This includes the Italian mission in France.

2. With regard to Bulgaria and Rumania, the existing language restriction will remain until such time as the present informal representatives of your Government with these countries are replaced by formally accredited missions.

For the Chief Commissioner :

sgt. NEF

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Actg. Executive
Commissioner.

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45232/SI.

MAR 20 1945

19th March, 1945.

TO:- Chief Commissioner.
(Copy to Executive Commissioner)

SUBJECT:- Cypher Communications of the Italian Government.

Mr Macmillan's minute to you of March 9th should
be regarded as cancelled.

In view of recommendations which Mr Macmillan has
received from the British Foreign Office, he now considers that
we should adhere to the previous procedure as regards incoming
telegram from the Italian Ambassador in London to his Govern-
ment.

JOHN WYNDHAM.

Personal Assistant.

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12 March 1945

MAR 13 1945

Communications Subcommittee
(Attention: Colonel Henderson)

Would you please take action in accordance with Mr. Wyndham's
letter 152003/SI of 12 March, copy to you.

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J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

cc: Mr. Wyndham
Executive Comm'r
CC Files

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45233/SI.

12th March 1945.

MAR 13 1945

TO: Major Quayle.

FROM: Mr J. Wyndham.

It would be appreciated if you would take steps to secure cancellation of letter No. IT.242.54.03 of the 7th March from the Communications Sub-Commission, in which Colonel Henderson asks R.C.A. Rome, Cable and Wireless and Italcables Rome, to note that messages for the Italian Government in clear or in cypher should from now be delivered direct to the addressee and not to this Commission.

The original procedure should stand for the time being as the Acting President, who is away at present, would like to go further into the matter on his return.

Copy to:-

Chief Staff Officer to the Ex-Commissioner.
Colonel Henderson.
Mr H. Hopkinson.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFG 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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IT.252.58.08

7th March, 1945

MAR 14 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Government Communications

DDI R.C.A., Rome.
Cable and Wireless.
Italcables, Rome.

1. Please note that messages for the Italian Government in clear or in cipher should from now be delivered direct to the addressee and not to this Commission.

2. No copy is required by this Commission of such messages.

For the Chief Commissioner:



J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to: Signal Officer R.A.A.C.
Civil Censorship
Adjutant's Office, Alcom.
Signal Officer, Alcom.

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OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT MINISTER
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN,

A.F.H.Q.

9th March, 1945.

To: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
From: Acting President.
Copy: Executive Commissioner.
Subject: Cypher communications of Italian Government.

MAR 10 1945

I have now cleared the new arrangement by which the Italian Political Representative (Ambassador) in London may send telegrams through the normal commercial channels, without our insisting upon a copy of the cypher telegram being given to the Allied Commission. A.F.H.Q. have agreed to this. You should, therefore, inform the Italian Government accordingly. It should be made clear that at present this applies only to telegrams originating in London. (For instance, repetition of telegrams originating in some other capital must be deposited as before.)

So far as Washington is concerned, A.F.H.Q. are prepared to agree to the same concession. Before making the communication, however, with regard to Washington, I think you should consult Ambassador Kirk for clearance.

(Initd.) H.M.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AFG 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

LWS/el

Ref. 6523/22/20

6 March 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Diplomatic Communications

TO : Director, Communications Subcommittee

1. Your attention is invited to the attached translation of a letter from the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, M.M. Alcide De Gasperi, regarding Italian diplomatic communications.
2. Will you kindly discuss this matter with Political Section as to possible further action that can be taken in regard to use of free cypher facilities?

1 Incl.
as above


Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Translation.

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Rome, March 3rd 1945

My dear Admiral,

MAR 6 1945

I thank you for your kind letter of February 27th with which you acquaint me with the results of the detailed study made by the Allied Force Headquarters on the question of communications between the Italian Government and their diplomatic Missions abroad.

I notice with the greatest satisfaction that the Allied Authorities, pursuant to Mr. Mc Millan's Aide-Memoire of February 25th, have decided to allow the Italian Government secret bag facilities for use in correspondence with their representatives abroad.

As the difficulties of transport do not consent, for the time being, the establishment of a regular Italian courier - service it is understood that as a rule the Ministry for Foreign Affairs will directly forward the sealed pouches to the British and United States Embassies and that the Italian Missions abroad will do likewise.

However, similarly to the procedure followed on occasion of the departure of Ambassador TARONIANI for Washington, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, whenever they consider it necessary, will entrust sealed pouches to the officials provided with diplomatic passports, who are leaving to take up their appointments abroad or who are undertaking a whatsoever journey duly authorized by the competent Allied Authorities.

The aforesaid officials will be furnished with special papers of their quality as diplomatic couriers.

As regards cable communications in undeposited cypher I cannot refrain repeating to you, my dear Admiral, our deepest disappointment for the deferment of a favourable decision on the matter - I am sure you will agree with me that the direct diplomatic relations between Italy and other States will be partly unfruitful and devoid of practical contents until the Italian Government and their Representatives will be accorded free cypher facilities.

I must emphasize, on the other hand, that the new code systems prepared by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs offer, according to our competent Authorities, full security guarantees, nor does a presumption to the contrary appear to us to be altogether warranted.

I am therefore again compelled to resort to your courtesy by asking you to inform the Allied Force Headquarters of the above considerations and to renew the earnest request that undeposited cypher facilities be granted the Italian Government as soon as possible.

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With a subsequent Memorandum the Ministry for Foreign Affairs will answer the observation and suggestions contained in your letter concerning cable communications with Moscow.

In thanking you for the interest you will deem fit to take in the matter, and in which I place full confidence, I convey to you, my dear Admiral, the expression of my high consideration.

I thank you for your kind letter of January 27th with which you acquainted me with the results of the detailed study made by the Allied Force Headquarters on the question of communications between the Italian Government and their diplomatic representatives abroad.

I attach with this document a memorandum that the Allied Authority, pursuant to the instructions of the Committee of Government, has decided to allow the Italian Government and their representatives abroad to continue their communications with their representatives abroad.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
ROME

An the distribution of documents to be received by the Italian Government, the Allied Authority has decided to allow the Italian Government and their representatives abroad to continue their communications with their representatives abroad.

However, in order to be able to receive documents from the Italian Government, the Allied Authority has decided to allow the Italian Government and their representatives abroad to continue their communications with their representatives abroad.

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ACTION: POLITICAL DIV

INFO: CHIEF COMR

EXEC COMR

In order to be able to receive documents from the Italian Government, the Allied Authority has decided to allow the Italian Government and their representatives abroad to continue their communications with their representatives abroad.

I must emphasize, on the other hand, that the Allied Authority has decided to allow the Italian Government and their representatives abroad to continue their communications with their representatives abroad.

I am therefore again anxious to point to your interest in the matter, and in which I place full confidence, I convey to you, my dear Admiral, the expression of my high consideration.

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Ref: P/725, P/750

27 February 1945

FEB 28 1945

My dear Minister De Gasperi:

Allied Forces Headquarters has informed the Commission that a detailed study has been made of the question of a relaxation of the restrictions on Italian diplomatic communications which in the past precluded the Italian Government from communicating in cipher undeposited with the Allied Authorities and caused them to disclose the contents of their diplomatic bags to the Allied Authorities before dispatch.

As a result of this study it has been decided that, in principle, secret bag facilities now may be allowed the Italian Government for use in correspondence with their representatives abroad. A precedent has been established in that Ambassador Turchiani was allowed to carry with him a sealed diplomatic pouch when he left Italy for Washington.

However, for security reasons, it was decided that it still is not considered possible to grant the Italian Government undeposited cipher facilities and, in consequence, these facilities must continue to be denied them.

In this connection I may say that when the compromised code A.R. 25 was accepted as a brevity code for communication between Italian Foreign Ministry and Italian Embassy Moscow, it was specifically laid down and accepted by the Ministry that this code should be used for non-confidential messages only.

This restriction appears to have been disregarded in telegram since sent in this code by the Ambassador in Moscow. Particular reference is made to Moscow-Rome telegram No. 38.

To safeguard security it would be appreciated were the Ministry immediately to submit a suitable system for confidential communication with Moscow. Pending approval of such a system it would appear desirable for the Ministry to instruct Ambassador Quaroni by telegram to arrange for the transmission through Allied channels of any messages whose contents may be confidential.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

R. E. Aloisio De Gasperi
Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs

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ROUTINE

From: AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FIGRO

To: AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC INFO AMSSO FOR BCS, HQ COMZONE MAIN ETUSA, ALCOM HOME

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(Ref TAM 363, MAT 469 and TAM 424 this is MAT 549)

Review has been made of the possibility of relaxing the restrictions set out in MAT 469 and approved in TAM 424.

It has been decided that for the reasons previously given undeposited cipher facilities must continue for the present to be denied to the Italian Government but it has been agreed in principle that secret bag facilities can now be allowed the Italian Government for use in correspondence with their representatives abroad.

The Italian Government is being informed accordingly and it is requested in pursuance of TAM 363 that notification of the above relaxation be given by you to all concerned

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	EX COMMISSIONER
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

SAC (P) (45) 1st Meeting
20th February, 1945

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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL)

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8. CYPER AND BAG FACILITIES FOR THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
(Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 6 and Addendum)

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(b) Instructed the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, to inform the Italian Government of the policy laid down under (a) above.

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SAC (P) (45) 6 (Addendum).
19th February 1945.

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE
(POLITICAL).

CYFHER AND BAG FACILITIES FOR THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

Note by Secretary.

Reference paragraph 3 of Paper No. SAC (P) (45) 6.
Attached is copy of Mr. Macmillan's reply dated 16th February,
which was not received by G-5 in time for inclusion in the main
paper. Attention is drawn in particular to paragraph 2 of this
reply.

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(Sgd) J.H. LASCELLES, 2492
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SECRETARY.

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TO : Chief of Staff, AFHQ
FROM : Mr. Macmillan.

Your minute of the 14th February, CS/104.

I understand the position is as follows:-

(1) You will not permit outgoing cypher messages to be sent by the Italian Government to its representatives abroad.

(2) You are prepared to agree to bag facilities both inwards and outwards. I am most grateful for this concession, which I think will have a very good effect, and I am glad that you are able to accept the limited risk involved.

(3) There is one further point. At present the Italian Ambassador in London, who holds a cypher approved by us, takes his cyphered messages to the Foreign Office to be despatched. This naturally somewhat cramps his style on reporting interviews, etc. I am informed that AFHQ have no objection to his sending them direct to the Italian Foreign Office in Rome through the normal telegraphic channel. It has been the practice to give a copy of the cyphered telegrams to the Allied Commission so that it may check incoming messages. I take it that you see no reason for insisting upon this on security grounds, and I propose to abandon it on political grounds. Outgoing telegrams will, however, be shown to the Allied Commission as before.

(intd) H.M

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16th February 1945.

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CYPHER AND BAG FACILITIES FOR THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

Note by Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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(Intd) C.M.S

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FAR DASH REACHING RELAXATION OF PRESENT RESTRICTIONS PD CENSORSHIP OF
ITALIAN DIPLOMATIC CABLES AND MAIL CAN BE SATISFACTORILY CARRIED OUT
ONLY BY MY POLITICAL SECTION AND IF SUCH CENSORSHIP IS TO CONTINUE PROPOSED
ABOLITION OF POLITICAL SECTION WILL BE A CHANGE IN NAME ONLY PD ITEM
THEREFORE TRUST THAT POSITION WILL BE FAVOURABLY REVIEWED WITHOUT DELAY

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A.S. HALFORD
Ass't Political
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Ref: P/220-30

13 December 1944

SUBJECT: Communications for Diplomatic Representatives.

15 DEC 1944

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters.

1. In your memorandum G-5 091.112 of 28th November you attached a draft telegram in reply to telegram No. 363 regarding the establishment of direct relations between diplomatic missions of the United Nations and the Italian Government and the cypher and bag communications between the Italian Government and their missions abroad with a request for the concurrence or consent of the Allied Commission.

2. The Chief Commissioner feels that it is outside the competence of this Commission to comment on the considerations of military security which have led Allied Force Headquarters to recommend that the Italian Government should not be allowed to communicate in an undeposited cypher with their representatives abroad. From the political point of view, however, it must be pointed out that such a decision would be a serious blow to the Italian Government particularly as far as communications with their representatives in London, Washington and Moscow are concerned inasmuch as it would of necessity derogate from the independence of their representatives in the countries concerned and would to some extent nullify the benefits of the restoration of diplomatic and direct relations. In this respect the decision would not seem to be in line with the principles of the Roosevelt-Churchill Declaration. In order that the political aspect of the matter should be fully represented to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, the Chief Commissioner suggests that the above point should be brought out more emphatically in paragraph one of the draft telegram. He also suggests that the last sentence which is factually inaccurate should be amended to read "For information it may be stated that the Italians deposited the cypher in which they propose to communicate with their recently appointed representative in London without prejudice to their request to the Allied Commission for permission to use an undeposited cypher."

3. To make the picture complete a sentence should also be added at the end of paragraph four as follows: "Neutral representatives at the Vatican are, however, in possession of full cypher and bag facilities through the Vatican radio and the Vatican bag respectively."

4. It is noted that Allied Force Headquarters have not commented on those paragraphs of telegram 281 363 laying down the procedure for the establishment of diplomatic and direct relations between the Italian Government and United Nations and neutral diplomatic missions in Rome.

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5. It is presumed, however, that the Chief Commissioner will now be required to address a note to the diplomatic missions concerned informing them that the Supreme Allied Commander, as President of the Commission, has formally concurred in the new procedure but requests that the Allied Commission should be kept informed of the extent and development of the relations of those missions with the Italian Government. A similar communication should also no doubt be addressed to the Italian Government itself. It is requested that the Allied Commission may be informed whether it is desired that the Chief Commissioner should now take such action.

/s/ ELLERY W STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 091.122

7 28 November 1944

SUBJECT: Communications for Diplomatic Representatives.
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 374.

1. Attached is a copy of TAI 363 which refers to paragraph 3 of MAP 796 (of which you hold a copy). For your information the reference to TAI 396 on page 2 of TAI 363 is an error and should read TAI 398 the relevant paragraph of which is as follows:-

"Our policy towards Neutral Representatives is, therefore, that while there would be no objection to Neutral Representatives having unofficial dealings direct with the Italian Government, it should be understood that their official relations with the Italian Government must be conducted through the Allied Control Commission."

2. Also attached is a draft reply to TAI 363 which has been prepared here after co-ordination with the Political Advisor G-2 and Signals.
3. It is requested you will signal here your comments or concurrence to the draft reply in order that a signal may be sent back to G-2 as soon as possible.

(Sd) Charles W. Spafford

Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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REPLY CARD

To: AG for US for COAC
 Info: Central district UK Base Section (LONDON) for
 RCS - Mr. Gonsone Main (MURBA)

This is NOT _____

Following views are expressed on points raised in TAI 363.

1. Although appreciating political desirability of normalizing communication facilities to be afforded Italian Government it is considered that on grounds of military security it is not yet advisable to allow Italian Government to communicate with their representatives abroad in cipher undeposited with and approved by Allied authorities. Experience has proved that normal Italian ciphers are not secure and that the tendency is for Italians to subject their ciphers to traffic volumes in excess of their safe limit. Desired therefore to continue system whereby Italians use only ciphers approved by and deposited with Allied authorities who thereby can maintain security surveillance over use of such ciphers. For information it may be stated that Italians recently deposited without question the ciphers in which they propose to communicate with their recently appointed representative in London.
2. With regard to bag facilities for Italians consider that for security reasons these should only be allowed subject to requirement that their contents be disclosed to Allied authorities before dispatch.
3. United Nations representatives in Italy are already allowed cipher and bag facilities.
4. So far as neutrals represented in Italy are concerned present position is that they are not allowed cipher or bag facilities with the exception of the Swiss who are allowed facilities for a diplomatic bag.
5. Concurrence is requested on procedure as in paragraphs 1 and 2

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TO: AFHQ to Wilson info US Base Section for RUCD Commons

REF HQ this message: EX 66358, 21 November 1944

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TAM 363

Direct relations between American Republics and Italian government.

Refer MAP 796, MAP 815, MAP 483.

Direct relations are being established between American Republics and Italian government; presumably governments of other United Nations will wish to do likewise.

The United States and United Kingdom governments, when reestablishing direct relations, stated that their representatives in Rome would only deal directly with Italian government on political matters of specific interest to their respective governments, and Sir Noel Charles and Mr. Sick have been instructed to maintain the closest collaboration with Allied Commission. When therefore direct relations are also established between other United Nations and Italian government, Allied Commission should similarly be kept informed of extent and development of such relations.

On question of secret cypher communications, we see no objection to such facilities being granted to any United Nations government which may enter relations with Italian government, on condition that you have no objection on grounds of military security.

We also see no objection to similar cypher facilities being given to Italian government for communication with its representatives abroad on condition that Allied Commission are kept generally informed of nature of such communications, and that you have no objection on grounds of military security.

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As regards neutrals, the present requirements that their official relations shall be conducted through Allied Commission (see TAN 396) may be waived providing Allied Commission is kept informed as in case of governments of other United Nations. Location of cypher and bag facilities would be left to your discretion.

Request your views before taking steps to implement above proposals.

HAF 796 is ref No FX 34291 MC OUT 923 4/12/44 G-5
 HAF 826 is ref No FX 53734 MC OUT 4561 17/11/44 G-5
 TAN 405 is ref No 16046 22/11/44 G-5
 TAN 396 believed to be in error. ATTENTION INVITED TO TAN 345
 Ref No FX 55842 MC IN 1458 2/12/44 G-5

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED WILSON

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ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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A/CC 201 of 5 November)

Specific guidance still awaited from CCS as to whether Italian
representatives are to be allowed secret communication with their
government. Instructions will be forwarded on receipt of CCS
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From: HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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MY TELEGRAM BUENOS AIRES THREE FIVE SIX OF TWO SEVEN OCTOBER REFERS TO
PARISH TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE ACTION CMA DUE TO BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER
AND UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER FROM HQ ALLIED COMMISSION FROM STONE
PERSONAL PARISH
IN VIEW OF THE ARRIVAL IN UNITED STATES OF THE ITALIAN ECONOMIC MISSION
CMA THE LARGE NUMBER OF UNITED NATIONS WHO HAVE RESUMED DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH ITALY AND THE ANTICIPATED EARLY EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC
REPRESENTATIVES CMA I SHOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE
DECISION TAKEN REGARDING CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES IN UNITED NATIONS

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HELENY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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 SEPTEMBER REFERS PD PARA TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FOR ACTION CMA INFO TO BRITISH
 NERWIN AND UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER FROM ALLIED COMMISSION FROM STONE
 PERSONAL PARA GENERAL SUBELPAROV CALLED TODAY TO SUPPORT REQUEST OF ITALIAN
 GOVERNMENT THAT IT MAY BE PERMITTED TO HAVE CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION WITH ITS
 REPRESENTATIVE IN MOSCOW WITHOUT DEPOSITING CLEAR TEXT AND KEY TO CODE PD PARA
 TWO PD SINCE DECISION CONTAINED IN YOUR MEMORANDUM UNDER REFERENCE 246 WILL HAVE
 DIRECTED EMPLOY IN MY SUBAR THREE FOUR SEVEN OF TWO EIGHT SEPTEMBER WHETHER
 ITALIAN GOVERNMENT MAY COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN LONDON AND
 WASHINGTON BY MEANS OF CODES AND CIPHERS NOT DEPOSITED WITH ALLIED COMMISSION PD
 I SHALL BE GLAD OF EARLY REPLY AND TO KNOW WHETHER ANY DECISION TAKEN REGARDING
 LONDON AND WASHINGTON WILL AFFECT MOSCOW OR OTHER ITALIAN MISSIONS TO UNITED
 NATIONS WHO HAVE RESUMED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

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Sir Noel Charles
 Hon. Alexander Kirk
 Chief of Staff
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 J. A. QUARE
 Major, R. A.
 Staff Officer to A/CC

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TO : AFHQ

FROM : ACC

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ACTING CHIEF COMM.

1. In view of many inquiries from Allied as well as Italian sources, I shall be grateful for information whether Anglo-American declaration regarding Italy is now to be considered in force, or whether it is intended to instruct this Commission to communicate it officially to Italian Government.

2. Particular points on which questions are asked are:

- (a) whether the structure and functions of the Allied Commission will continue as under Allied Control Commission until specifically modified in any special instance;
- (b) what will be the position of Italian representatives in WASHINGTON and LONDON and will they, for instance, be allowed direct confidential communication with Italian Government by means of codes and ciphers not deposited with Allied Commission.

3. I presume that no change of title of Commission is to be made until specific instructions are received.

Copy to: Sir Noel Charles
Hon. Alexander Kirk.

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