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ITALIAN COMMUNICATION SERVICES
SEPT. 1944 - DEC. 1945

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REC'D
1/14/42

Chief Commissioner,

Attached is submitted for your signature/information/approval.

V.P. S markings 1/18/46 Page 2 refer.

Noted by CC [Signature]

175 (8) [Signature]

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E.S.O. Letter at 97 submitted for signature:
plus 97 & 98 refer. ESB 27/10 3837

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C.D. Please see 102. F.W. E. v. say this is an old scheme;
it is possible, but not very probable. There are a
number of schemes a lot (submarine cables, tapes
to call it) whichever will cost the least

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E.S.O. Letter at 97 submitted for signature:

for 97 & 98 refer.

ESB 27/10 303?

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n.b. Please see 102. P.W. E. V. say this is an old scheme; it is possible, but not very probable. There are a number of schemes a job (submarine cables, tapes carrying to cable etc) - whichever will cost the least will be carried out. This proposal is "quite a project".

Ms. 13/11.

CSB

P.W. & V. see no thing wrong in the scheme & say it is practical. But in view of para 4 I suggest we write to Mr. Gorb advising there are alternative lines.

new CSB

Col. ^{25.} You should be from 20 onwards in file - No action is required. ML
COT
23/11.

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See R 30
Extract from Econ. Sec. Sitings of 30 Nov.
"The S.S. Abazia nominated by A.F.H.P. for passenger service between Sardinia and Italian mainland (Cagliari to Naples) commencing about 26 Dec 44) This information referred to SA Atkins Econ Sec for investigation. SA may answer P 27. C. C. To be informed after Atkins reports & Comm S/C advised ML 1/12

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Capt Eden
Please see 33
See Folio 38.
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Eden See for meeting on
answer R 27. e. e. to be informed after
airline reports & Comm S/C advised
euy. 1/12

BT

Capit Eden

Please See 33

c/r

Eden

See Folio 38.

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C SO: to see folios 51 and 52. Jeps 15/12 pa. Ce law 3 days ago

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bx been 22/12

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C SO: to see folios 56, 69 and 70 for info on Sardinia - Italy ferry service. Jeps 15/12
see Jeps

COS

8.
Cor Henderson's draft at 6 is good.
If in approval I will have typed and you can
submit to AFcc for signature.

Issue - as amended.
E. H. Henderson
10/15/54

9.
Major Quarle
Staff Officer to AFcc

1. At 4 AFcc liked Cor Henderson's
to draft a report to P.M.'s letter
at 3.
for signature
to be submitted
2. Cor Henderson's draft is
opposite (slightly amended) to
the one at 3.

Maya Quayle

Staff Memo to Alice

1. At 4 Alice asked CA Henderson
to draft a reply to P.M.'s letter
at 3. for signature
2. CA Henderson: draft 4. Submitted ¹
opposite (Slightly amended) 3035 and
his covering letter 4: at 7.

Edwards 11/10

Seen by Alice & letter sent via P.D.
11/10

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Alice 17 for information. See 7/11

See noted 8 21

Alice 20 for information
See 9/11
The noted 7

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Ev. Comm.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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Ref: ES/13.07

17 December 1945

DEC 19 1945

SUBJECT: Anzio-Barcelona Submarine Cable.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission

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The attached letter from Sir Richard Nosworthy, reference 861/25/45 CD., dated 14 December 1945, on the above subject is referred to you for appropriate reply.

Harlan Cleveland

HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

Encl.-1
as above

cc Sir Richard Nosworthy
Executive Commissioner ✓

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861/25/45 CD.

British Embassy,

Rome.

14th December, 1945.

DEC 14 1945

To: Mr. Harlan Cleveland, Economic Section, Allied Commission
 From: Sir Richard Noworthy, Minister (Commercial)
 Subject: Anzio-Barcelona Submarine Cable.

According to a telegram received at the Embassy from Caserta last week, the Allied Commission had reported to AFHQ that repairs to the Anzio-Barcelona submarine cable had been completed, and the Commission requested that ITACABLE be authorized to resume operation of this cable on certain conditions. A further telegram has today been received from London stating that Reuter had reported, on the strength of a Rome broadcast, that the Anzio-Barcelona Submarine cable had actually been "reopened".

Can you inform me what the position is?

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 594
Office of the Executive Commissioner

*See 7-122
Vol. II*

Ref: 8756/203/20

15 November 1945

SUBJECT: Electric Cables: Straits of Messina
TO : Economic Section ~~104~~

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1. Attached please find copy of letter from Air Forces Sub-Commission, AMC/44/312 of 9 November 1945.
2. Would you please give us your views on the proposal in para 4 - namely that submarine cable be made available for purchase by the Italian Government.

B. SAMPSON
Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

Copy to
Air Forces S/C

*5/10
Note Ref 22/11*

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FROM : AIR FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. ROME
TO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER (through Executive Commissioner) ✓
DATE : 9TH NOVEMBER 1945
REF. : AFSC/48/AIR

NOV 10 1945

ELECTRIC CABLES - STRAITS OF MESSINA.

Information has been received from the Italian Air Ministry that the Italian Government are faced with the problem of establishing electric power lines between Sicily and the mainland before the coming winter sets in.

2. As the Government has been unable to obtain sub-marine cable for the project they are proposing to erect six overhead cables across the straits of Messina. The height of the two pylons carrying these cables will be 800 ft and the height of the cables above the sea about 200 ft. A sketch of the lay out of the project is attached.

3. This project is considerably more costly and less efficient than if sub-marine cables were used. Moreover the cables will constitute a menace to aviation in this important and ill-weathered airway. Nevertheless the Prime Minister has turned down the Italian Air Ministry's protest on the grounds that getting the circuit to Sicily is more important.

4. In view of the threat to the safety of both Allied and Italian aircraft constituted by this project it is requested that investigation may be made into the possibility of making sub-marine cables available for purchase by the Italian Government.

W. N. Bisdée W/CDR

W.M. BISDEE W/CDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

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Copy to : ~~INDUSTRY SUB COMMISSION~~
~~NAVY SUB COMMISSION~~
~~M.A.A.C. (3 copies)~~

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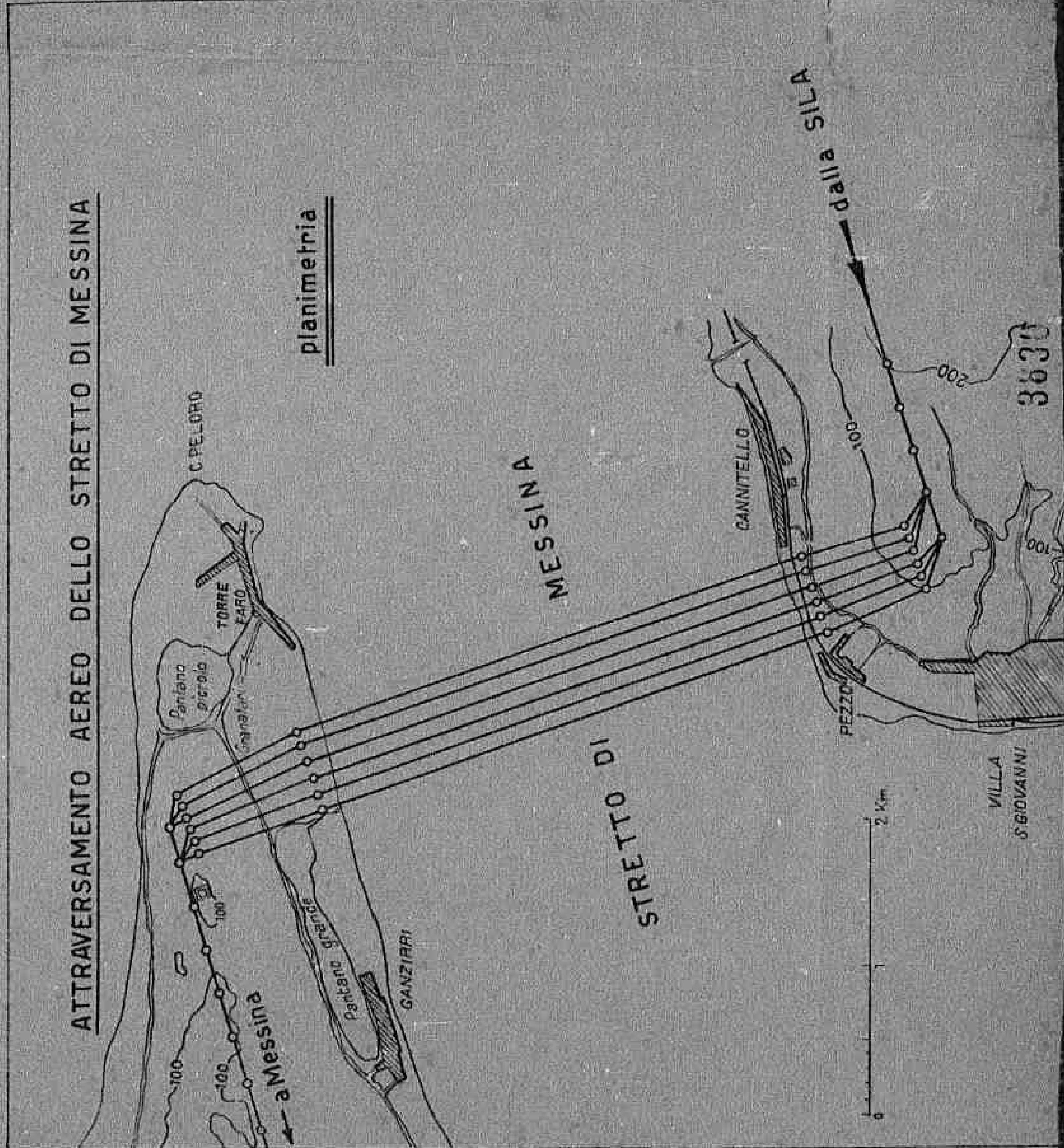
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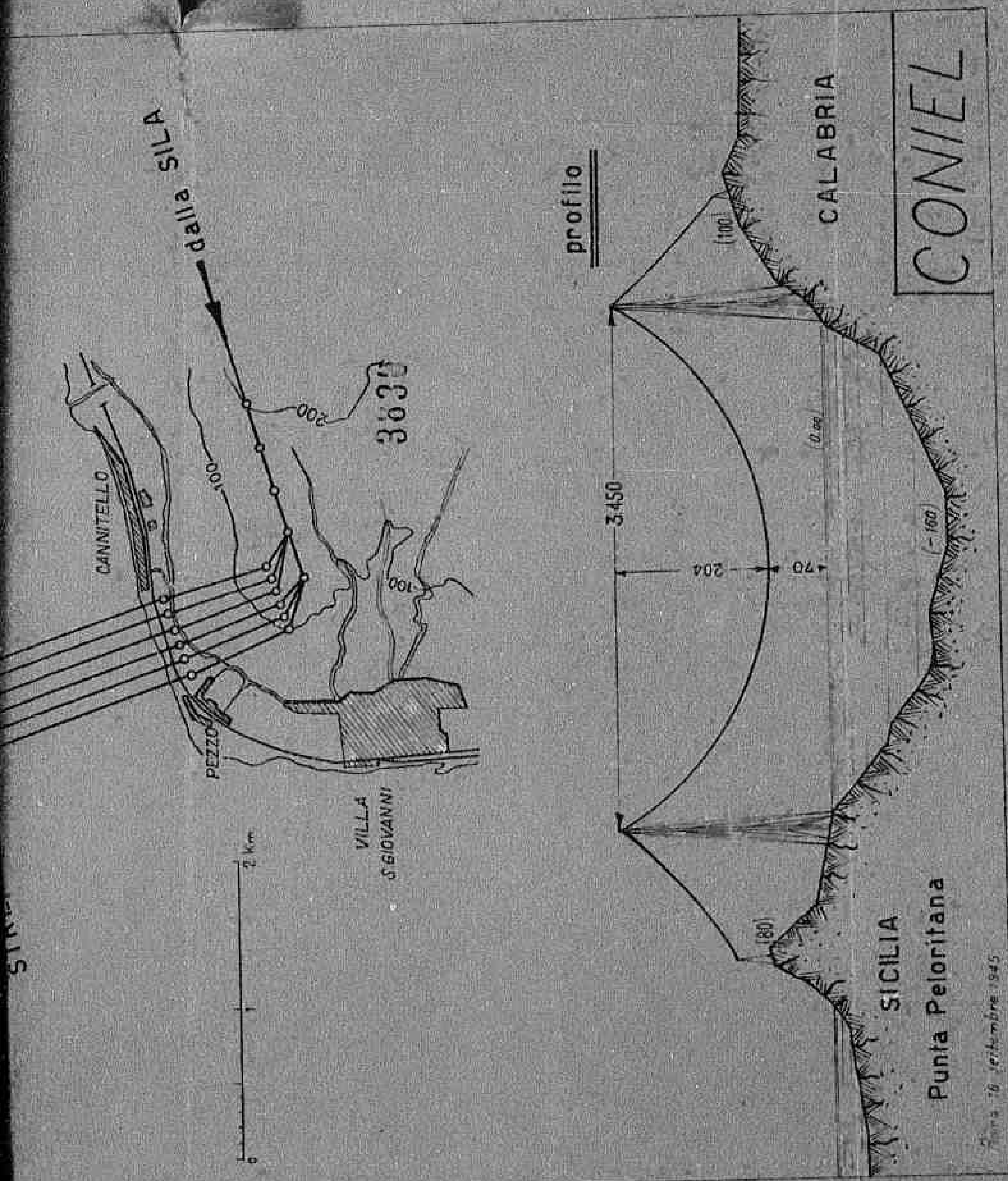
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ATTRAVERSAMENTO AEREO DELLO STRETTO DI MESSINA

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16 settembre 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 8756/99/30

27 October 45

SUBJECT: Civil Censorship

TO : Communications Subcommittee

1. Reference your monthly report of August 1945 in which you requested the abolition of internal censorship.
2. Attached is a copy of the reply given by HQ 2 District in response to a query from this office asking for their arguments for the continuance of the censorship.

F. H. McCLEARY

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS 2 DISTRICT
GENERAL STAFF INTELLIGENCE
C.M.F.

GSI/2358

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23 October 1945

SUBJECT: Civil Censorship

OCT 26 1945

TO : HQ, Allied Commission

1. Reference your 8756 of 5 October 1945 :
2. HQ 2 District are ultimately responsible for the maintenance of public order in a very large area covering the greater part of Northern Italy. It is therefore indispensable that this HQ be as fully informed as possible of the real situation here, making use of all available sources of information.
3. One of these sources is the Civil Censorship. Whilst it is agreed that the abolition of censorship may be desirable, it would on the other hand mean that a most useful source of information would no longer be available. This is particularly true of telephonic censorship where individuals are even less discreet than in letters.
4. The closing down of certain agencies has already limited the sources of information available to this HQ and it is felt that in the circumstances the continuance of censorship is essential.

C.A. Heydeman
Major General
Commanding

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See 99

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Ref: 8756/30

5 October 1945

SUBJECT: Civil Censorship
TO : Headquarters No. 2 District

1. Communications Subcommittee of Allied Commission in their monthly report for August have once again requested the abolition of internal censorship. They do not consider it justified any longer and have recommended its discontinuance repeatedly to G-2, AFHQ. They state, however, that the closing down of the censorship has been strongly opposed by your Headquarters and XIII Corps.

2. It would be appreciated if this Headquarters could be informed of the arguments of your Headquarters for the continuance of the censorship.

For the Chief Commissioner:

F. H. McCleary
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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See memo 98

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28 September 1945

SEP 29 1945

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

In reply to your letter, I write to inform you that it is not intended to dry dock the "Lazzaro Mocenigo" immediately, and this vessel will continue on its present service Civitavecchia - Olbia for a short time until docking facilities are available. This vessel suffered only minor damage in the mine explosion.

The situation at Civitavecchia is now normal and, after diverting ships and destroyers, all refugees in the camp had been embarked by the afternoon of 15 September. One of the ships sailed without a full complement.

Should the number of refugees increase in the near future, additional ships will be diverted to Civitavecchia to deal with any large influx of refugees, and every effort will be made to ensure that returning Sardinians are not delayed at Civitavecchia.

The "Città di Alessandria" is at present in use bringing back Italian military personnel from France, and it is doubtful if the Allied Shipping Authorities would agree to this vessel being taken off her present service.

Yours very truly

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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

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Prof. Ferruccio Parri
President Italian Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

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Rome, 11 September 1945

SEP 12 1945

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission

Rome

Dear Admiral,

the motorboat 'Koenigs', employed to transport passengers from Civitavecchia to Olbia, was damaged on September 8th by the explosion of a mine. To repair it will take about a month.

The situation of transports for Sardinia appears to be very serious, for an average of about 500 repatriated soldiers arrive everyday to Civitavecchia, and want to proceed to the island. Action must be taken to prevent an ever increasing number of people from gathering in a half destroyed town.

As a first step, the Navy Department destined the torpedo boat 'Mosambano' and the 'Ibis' for passenger transport, but such means only solve a small part of the problem. To dispose of another motor ship of sufficient capacity, it would be necessary to withdraw it temporarily from other lines which are already functioning with Sardinia and Sicily. I beg you, my dear Admiral, to ask for the motor-ship 'Gitta' di Alessandria to be handed back.

The transport service between the peninsula and Sardinia is most important, at the present time, not only from the economic point of view, but also from the social and political point of view, for hundreds of thousands of repatriated soldiers and refugees try to go back to their normal place of residence and work, and we must make every possible effort for the flowing of this mass to be regulated with the greatest care and discipline. I trust in your friendly comprehension for the requirements of our life, and hope you will see this request is kindly considered by the competent authorities.

Yours very truly,

s. Peruccio Parri

EC DIST - 11 SEP 45

ACTION : ECON SEC (2)
(TN SC)

INFO : CHIEF COMMR
EXEC COMMR
NAVY SC

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Letter on the way from
E. Sec Encl

See F96

trans. e/c

(Capt Arnoldy) *[Signature]*

BU 18
9/11/45
[Signature]

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10 September 1945

CC 6754

Subject: Return of Communications to Civilian Use in Italy SEP 11 1945

To: Director, Communications Subcommittee

The Chief Commissioner requests a report regarding the following extract of para 2 from the Minutes of Supreme Allied Commander's Conference of 6 September 1945.

"2. RETURN OF COMMUNICATIONS TO CIVILIAN USE IN ITALY

(Previous reference SAC (45) 4th Meeting, Minute 2)

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN stated that he had been informed by the Chief Signal Officer that a reply had been sent to the Communications Sub Commission of the Allied Commission, stating that their request for the release of certain circuits for civilian use throughout ITALY could be met, with the exception of a line between ROME and NAPLES. It had been suggested to the Communications Sub Commission that the Italian Government might be asked to obtain the release from the PTT of one of their seven circuits between those cities so that, by employing improved equipment, additional circuits could thus be made available for civilian traffic.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above report."

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGC
SO to CC

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cc: Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 8756/93/EO.

5 September 1945.

SUBJECT: Return of Communications to Civil Use in ITALY.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission.

1. The attached extracts from the Minutes of SACRED's Conferences at which the above subject was discussed, are forwarded for your information:

Minute No.2 of SACRED's 3rd Meeting of 9.Aug.45. (71)

Minute No.2 of SACRED's 4th Meeting of 23.Aug.45. (72)

2. You will be kept informed of any further developments in this matter.

E. TALBOT'

Lt.Col.,
Chief Staff Officer,
to the Executive Commissioner.

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AA [Signature] 19

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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF SACMED'S
CONFERENCE (4th Meeting) held at AFHQ
on 23rd August 1945.

MINUTE No. 2.

2. RETURN OF COMMUNICATIONS TO CIVILIAN USE IN ITALY.

(Previous reference SAC (45) 3rd Meeting, Minute 2). (a)

MAJOR GENERAL LEONITZER reported that the Chief Signal Officer was pursuing this matter with the Allied Commission. It appeared that it might be possible to use certain land lines jointly for both civilian and military traffic. A measure of approval for such a procedure had been received from the United States War Department and similar approval was being sought from the British War Office. It had not yet been possible, however, to settle details of the financial arrangements which joint use would involve. Meanwhile, the Combined Chiefs of Staff had authorised a relaxation of the previous security regulations, so as to allow ship owners in ITALY and GREECE to forward messages regarding shipping movements through normal commercial channels.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above report.

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EXTRACT from the Minutes of SACMED's Conference
(3rd Meeting) held at AFHQ on 9th August 1945.

MINUTE No.2.

2. RETURN OF COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER FACILITIES TO CIVILIAN USE
IN ITALY.

MAJOR GENERAL LEMNITZER reported that, in accordance with the direction given him at SAC (45) 2nd Meeting, Minute 3, enquiries had been made into the possibility of reducing or removing present censorship restrictions on civil communications. However, as these restrictions had been prescribed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, it was necessary to obtain their approval to any alterations. A signal had therefore been despatched (MAT 871 dated 7 Aug 45) to the Combined Chiefs of Staff requesting authority for ship-owners and agents in ITALY and GREECE to forward messages through normal commercial telegraphic channels. With regard to the release for civilian use of certain communication lines now reserved for military traffic, he states that this question was most complex but that investigations were progressing. Only 65 per cent of the pre-war communications facilities of ITALY were now in operating condition and only 15 per cent of these were available for civilian use. Military requirements had not decreased since the cessation of hostilities, due to the widespread deployment of our forces throughout the country. The release of further circuits could therefore only be effected if poorer facilities for military communications were accepted. He considered that the Italian Government after examining the matter should put in a demand for the additional circuits required for the shipping commitment. The Chief Signal Officer was already taking the matter up on these lines with the Allied Commission and he would report, through the Chief of Staff in due course.

REAR ADMIRAL STONE said that as a result of the termination of hostilities the secrecy of the military traffic was not as important as previously. It might therefore be possible for the military to share certain circuits with civilian users.

MAJOR GENERAL LEMNITZER added that the Commanding General MTOUSA had directed all US units to examine urgently the feasibility of releasing to the Italians accommodation and material now requisitioned for military use.

MAJOR GENERAL DUFF reported that a similar directive to British forces had been drafted and would be issued in the near future.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Reiterated his policy that accommodation, land lines and similar facilities in ITALY should be released to civil purposes as soon as military requirements permitted.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

501/59/Tn 3

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AUG 3 1945

SUBJECT: Communications with Sardinia and Sicily

TO : Chief Commissioner Allied Commission

1. This question has been discussed with Transportation Sub-Commission, who have prepared the attached summaries of the means of communication available, for passengers and merchandise, to and from Sardinia and Sicily (Appendices A and B, respectively). These cover communication by sea and by air between the mainland and the islands concerned, and also give a general indication of the facilities for land travel by road and rail on each island and to and from the mainland ports.

2. Transportation Sub-Commission state that all demands for movement to and from Sardinia are being met, and they have no knowledge of any backlog, either passenger or freight. Freight traffic from Sicily to the mainland by rail (train ferry) is restricted, principally because insufficient wagons are available on the mainland to meet all demands. It has been decided that shipping must provide the main lift for Sicilian exports and all demands are being met. In general, the existing services to and from the two islands provide reasonable facilities. Certain modifications to the shipping program for Sardinia, however, have been suggested by the Sardinian authorities, and these are now under consideration.

3. Misleading statements have appeared in the press regarding transport in Sardinia. In this connection, at Appendix C is a copy of a recent letter (AG/656/89/Tn 3, of 13 June 1945) addressed by Transportation Sub-Commission to Public Relations Branch with a view to correcting these statements. To meet the alleged urgent livestock program from Sardinia, additional shipping (a converted coaster and two schooners) was provided. This shipping was not used because of a dispute over price, and this resulted in a serious waste of transportation.

4. Also attached, as Appendix D, is a copy of the minutes of the meeting on the Sardinian transport situation held by the Director, Transportation Sub-Commission on 22 June 1945, at which reference was made to the points mentioned above.

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E. B. McKinley
E. B. McKINLEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Acting Vice President

4 Incls:
Appendices A, B, C and D

cc: Air Forces S/C; Navy S/C
(Copy Attached)

By Tuesday 7/8
see 1789-90
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Communications to and from

Link	Between	And	Facilities for Personnel	
Sea	CAGLIARI	NAPLES	<u>Sailings</u> - Two per month in each direction <u>Passenger capacity</u> - 600 per month in each direction (see note A)	Sea
	OLBIA	CIVITAVECCHIA	<u>Sailings</u> - Eight per month in each direction <u>Passenger capacity</u> - About 800 deck passengers per month.	Sea
Rail	Rest of SARDINIA	CAGLIARI OLBIA	Daily service between main towns. Service every other day between smaller towns. Two trains each day OLBIA-CAGLIARI.	Daily
	NAPLES CIVITAVECCHIA	Rest of ITALY	Fair	
Road	Rest of SARDINIA	CAGLIARI OLBIA	A few local bus services exist	Trunk
	NAPLES CIVITAVECCHIA	Rest of ITALY	No long distance road travel.	Daily
			Bus services run to ROME 3818	Daily
Air	SARDINIA	ITALY	Adequate facilities for Government officials, Allied personnel and sponsored passengers. No service available for general public.	

NOTE A - Two-thirds of the
to Land Forces Service
leave, the remainder
civilian passengers

Appendix "A"

Facilities for Freight	Remarks
<p><u>Sailings</u> - Two per month in each direction</p> <p><u>Capacity</u> - 4500 tons per month in each direction</p>	<p><u>Vessels</u> - SS Abbazia (300 passengers and 1500 tons cargo) SS Campidoglio (300 passengers and 3000 tons cargo)</p> <p>These sail alternately to SARDINIA and SICILY, taking four weeks to complete the cycle.)</p>
<p><u>Sailings</u> - Eight per month in each direction</p> <p><u>Capacity</u> - About 5000-6500 cattle and sheep per month in each direction.</p>	<p><u>Vessel</u> - SS Langone (about 100 deck passengers and 500-600 cattle and sheep)</p>
<p>Daily freight services operate. No restrictions on movement of goods.</p>	<p>Service considered entirely reasonable compared with that operating in ITALY and SICILY.</p>
<p>Fair</p>	
<p>There are 300-400 serviceable road vehicles under ENAC control, giving a lift of 1000 tons.</p>	
<p>Dock clearance to warehouse by road, onward movement by rail</p> <p>Dock clearance normally by rail; road transport to ROME only in emergency.</p>	
<p>Specials, etc.</p> <p>Nil.</p>	

Two-thirds of this passenger accommodation is allotted to the United States Army and Forces Sub Commission for Italian Military Personnel, the remaining third being available for other Allied personnel.

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Communications to add f

Link	Between	And	Facilities for Personnel	
Sea	PALEFMO	NAPLES	<u>Sailings</u> - Two per month in each direction <u>Passenger capacity</u> - 600 per month in each direction	Sea
	MESSINA	SAN GIOVANNI	<u>Sailings</u> - Six daily each way. <u>Capacity</u> - 6000 passengers per day.	Sea
Rail	Rest of SICILY	PALEFMO MESSINA	Passenger service poor (2-3 trains per week between key towns). Present coal allocation will not permit more.	Rail
	NAPLES SAN SAN GIOVANNI	Rest of ITALY	Fair	
Road	Rest of SICILY	PALEFMO MESSINA	A few local bus services exist.	There ENAC
	NAPLES SAN GIOVANNI	Rest of ITALY	No long distance passenger road travel.	Dock mov
Air	SICILY	ITALY	Adequate facilities for Government officials, Allied personnel and sponsored passengers. No service available for general public.	

Appendix "B"

to add from SLV

Facilities for Freight	Remarks
<u>Sailings</u> Two per month in each direction <u>Capacity</u> 500 tons per month in each direction.	<u>Vessels</u> - SS Abbezia and Campidoglio (for particulars see sailing to and from SARDINIA - Appendix "A")
<u>Sailings</u> Six daily each way. <u>Capacity</u> 48 rail wagons per day (say 400 tons each way.)	<u>Vessels</u> - Train ferry (1000 passengers and 8 rail wagons per trip). Temporary ferry in use while permanent ferry (SS Scylla - 300 passengers and 30 rail cars) under repair.
Freight services limited by coal allocation.	Shortage of coal is the limiting factor. No prospect of increasing present monthly allocation of 400 tons.
Fair	
There are some 800 serviceable vehicles under ENAC control, giving a lift of 3000 tons.	
Dock clearance to warehouse by road, onward movement by rail.	
Nil.	

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Appendix

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Transportation Sub-commission

MJS/bjs

13th July 1945

To l. Ext 318

AC/656/89/Tn.3

SUBJECT. Transport in Sardinia

TO. Public Relations Branch

1. Reference is made to articles in the "Globo", the "Italia Libera" and the "Secolo XX", which appeared in the Daily Digest of Rome Press on July 8th 1945.

2. The assertions made in the above articles as to the state of transport in the island of Sardinia are quite untrue, and bear no relation at all to fact. The present transport position is as follows -

(a) Road. In April 1945 there were 280 serviceable vehicles under EMAC control, and only 25 unserviceable. Since then a further 93 vehicles have been handed back to the civilians by the Italian Army.

(b) Shipping. The "Abbazia" and the "Campidoglio" make one trip each a fortnight, from Cagliari to Naples. The "Langano" makes two trips a week from Olbia to Civitavecchia.

(c) Rail. There is no restriction at all on passenger travel, and there are daily freight services. There are two trains a day from Olbia to Cagliari (passenger) and daily freight services operate out of Cagliari to main points of the island, there being no restriction on the movement of goods.

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3. Will you please bring these facts to the notice of the papers mentioned above, and ask them to publish statements on the true position of transport in Sardinia.

For the Director

(sgd) M.J. SIFF, Colonel.

Sardinia

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22 JUNE 1945

Colonel Sieff said, "Apparently, some of the gentlemen present do not appear to be aware of what has happened. Subsequent to the signal on the 9th of June, a meeting was held at this Headquarters at which General Pinna, Under-Secretary for Agriculture, and Snr. Storoni were present. At the meeting which took place, it was explained to the High Commissioner for Sardinia and other Italian authorities that the Allies, in order to help meet the crisis, had taken a cargo ship as requested and were having it refitted as a livestock carrier. It was explained to them that this ship was withdrawn from general trade for a period of 16 to 20 days and would not be available until the last period in June. General Pinna assured us the Italian authorities would make use of the ship. On the 19th of June, General Pinna telephoned personally to the Shipping Branch of Movements Division and informed them that he did not require the ship because Rome was not prepared to accept the animals. The ship is ready to sail on the 24th of June. We took the matter up with the Minister of Agriculture and the High Commissioner of Food who informed us this was incorrect, and that they would confirm on that same day that the ship was required."

"We were subsequently informed in writing by the High Commissioner of Food that the ship was not required and requested it be returned to the wine trade. Before the ship can be used for general trade again, it is necessary to take out the fittings they have now installed for transporting the animals. By the time the ship is back in trade, she will have been one month without carrying any cargo whatsoever. At the same time an article appears in Stars & Stripes stating that the Allies are unable to provide shipping to move this livestock."

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The representative of the Ministry of Food stated he
realized that the Allied officers had done their utmost to settle this
matter. The three large schooners would be used by the Ministry of
Agriculture and Food, but first they had to submit a request to the
Ministry of Public Health to export the animals from Sardinia because
of the hoof and mouth disease prevailing in Sardinia. The Sardinia
Association appointed an individual to collect the animals and get
them to the ports for shipment to Rome, but apparently he was exper-
iencing difficulty in doing so.

The Ministry of Food representative further advised a
cable was sent on June 9th offering a price of 70 lire per kilo for
cattle, in reply to a cable from the High Commissioner of Sardinia,
in which it was stated a price of 120 lire per kilo was required.

Mr. Taylor asked: "Then the price offered by Rome
was lower than the price required by Sardinia?"

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Appendix D

MINUTES OF MEETING ON SARDINIAN SITUATION

22 JUNE 1945

A meeting was held in the office of Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, 22 June 1945 at 4:00 P.M. to discuss transport provided for Sardinia. The Italian Government was represented by members of the Ministries of Food, Agriculture, and Transport, and Allied Commission by members of Food Sub-Commission, Agriculture Sub-Commission, Transportation Sub-Commission and Public Relations Branch.

Mr. Taylor opened the meeting with the following statements: "This meeting was called at the request of Brigadier General McKinley, Acting Vice President, Economic Section. This meeting is made necessary by the deep concern felt by the Mediterranean Shipping Board and Allied Force Headquarters in connection with the situation in Sardinia and transport provided for Sardinia. An article appeared in Stars & Stripes stating that there was a great surplus of animals in Sardinia to be transported to the mainland and the animals would die unless the Allies provided transport. The article appeared in Stars & Stripes yesterday morning. This article definitely quoted the High Commissioner of Sardinia as authority for the statement that the Allies were failing to provide transport to save this animal population, despite the fact the day before we had been advised that the livestock from Sardinia would not be available even though we had gone to the extent of refitting a vessel for this purpose."

"We feel it is time that the Italian authorities take action in this connection and see to it that the High Commissioner of Sardinia either retracts his statement in Stars & Stripes, or makes available these animals when ships are available to transport them. With the world shortage of shipping and the great needs of transport for Italy, it is nothing short of criminal to waste the transportation capacity that is available to us to serve the Italian people. I would like to ask the representatives of Agriculture and Food of the Italian Government whether we can or cannot expect this vessel to be put to use in carrying livestock from Sardinia to the mainland?"

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The Italian representative of agriculture stated that he did not believe the High Commissioner had made the statement which appeared in Stars & Stripes, and to Mr. Taylor's inquiry, "In other words, the High Commissioner did not say he had animals to export to the Italian mainland as a matter of urgency?", he stated a cable had been received that animals were available for export to the mainland. He further stated he had never spoken personally to the High Commissioner of Sardinia, and that the High Commissioner of Food who had been appointed on the day previous, had not spoken personally to the High Commissioner, but neither representative believed the statement appearing in the article was correct and they wanted the matter cleared up.

Mr. Taylor then asked, "Which statement is true - are cattle and sheep available to be transported to the mainland, or are they not?"

To this, the agricultural representative stated he did not know definitely outside of the cable stating cattle and sheep were available for transport to the mainland, and upon his arrival in Sardinia on the 23rd, he would investigate the matter.

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The Ministry of Food representative replied that the price offered by Rome to Sardinia was a very good price, as originally they were offering a price of 50 lire which was comparable to price offered to Umbria. However, due to the serious situation in Sardinia, the price offered was increased to 70 lire. He further stated the price offered by Rome was agreed verbally by the High Commissioner of Sardinia and the Farmers Federation of Sardinia, that is, no reply had been received and they assumed the price had been accepted. It was finally pointed out, however, that a representative of the Province of Sassari has agreed verbally to the price. When Mr. Taylor asked the name of the man who agreed, he was told the man's name was Nino Costa who also represents the Shepherd's Company of Sassari, and he is a man who keeps his word.

The Ministry of Agriculture representative stated it was not thought necessary to receive a written statement of acceptance of price, and that neither the Ministry of Agriculture nor the Ministry of Food should be held responsible.

Mr. Merritt, of Agriculture Sub-Commission registered the suggestion that the High Commissioner possibly did not recognize the problem of organization in moving the livestock which might have been one of a more serious nature than the actual movement.

Colonel Sieff, however, stated that the ships scheduled for Sardinia were not in excess of those programmed (assuming no epidemics) at the request of the Ministry of Agriculture, and claimed the major problem in this particular case seemed to be the lack of foresight in not advising AC until 31 of May.

The following telegram was submitted for the record:
From H.E. Bergami, High Commissioner of Food, Rome,
to H.E. Pinna, High Commissioner for Sardinia, Cagliari:

"I call your attention to the serious problems deriving from the eventual nonfulfillment of the program of livestock transportation from Sardinia as established upon your request and the execution of which you have fully guaranteed to the AC."

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Mr. Taylor asked: "If General Pinna has no right to establish price and refuses to ship at the price set by the High Commissioner for Food, why does not the Italian Government issue appropriate orders to Sardinia and have the livestock moved?"

The Ministry of Food representative stated that General Pinna did have the power to establish price. He further stated the disagreement over price could not be solved between the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Food, but by the Ministry of Treasury, as it involves an increase in price.

Mr. Taylor told the representatives that Transportation Sub-Commission has had trouble of this kind before, particularly with pyrites when great quantities of shipping were wasted due to differences in price. "In the future," he said, "no special moves will be laid on

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for the High Commissioner of Food unless there is certification by him that the price is agreed." To which the Ministry of Food representative replied that prices had to be agreed on by all members of the Ministerial committees.

Mr. Taylor stated: "With the world wide shipping shortage and the war with Japan, we cannot waste shipping while prices are haggled over. It must be the responsibility of the Italian Government to see that the supplies will move when special accommodations are provided."

"It is the responsibility of the Italian Government to see that supplies are available when special transport is provided at their request for the movement of certain commodities. The Italian Government must assume full responsibility for having agreed prices before presenting a special program for transportation. Unless we receive proper assurance from the Italian Government that the supplies will be available to move when special programs are prepared, Transportation Sub-Commission will not provide the transport."

Colonel Sieff summed up the meeting with the following remarks: "In this particular case, the following action is necessary:

- 1) An Italian Government retraction of the article attributed to General Pinna.
- 2) Allied Commission requires that they be informed within twenty-four hours whether the ship will be loaded or not.
- 3) On another subject, it would be of interest to these gentlemen that during the month of May, the Agriculture and Food consignors failed to load nearly 40,000 tons of rail wagons when they were placed."

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REF: C 107.90.ES.

30 July, 1945

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Since November 1943, the censorship of Italian civilian communications has been operated under direct control of the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean.

Operational control of censorship of Italian civilian communications has now been turned over to the Italian General Staff, except in the border provinces of CUNEO, TORINO, AOSTA, and COMO and VENEZIA TRIDENTINA and VENEZIA GIULIA.

In as much as censorship of Italian civilian communications is a war measure, it is desired that it be operated under the supervision of the Italian General Staff which has trained censorship officers available who have been working with Allied Civil Censorship Group for many months.

It is desired that censorship of civilian communications be conducted in such a manner that it will assist the Supreme Allied Commander to perform his essential tasks, support to the utmost the Allied war effort against Japan and remaining elements of the former Axis power, assist in the enforcement of effective allied economic controls, and otherwise provide a satisfactory Italian link in the United Nations' censorship network. It will be terminated upon instructions from this headquarters.

In order to implement the foregoing policy the Italian Government will be expected to impose and maintain:

a. A censorship of external postal services, whether terminal to Italy or in transit through Italy.

b. A censorship of only such internal civilian communications as in the opinion of the Supreme Allied Commander require censorship in the interest of security of the Allied Forces.

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c. A censorship of external telegraph, cable, landline, and radio.

d. A censorship of international telephone trunk services whether by wire or radio.

e. A censorship of papers and documents of travellers entering and leaving Italy.

The Supreme Allied Commander has designated an Allied Censorship Liaison Unit which will assist the Italian General Staff in carrying out the censorship duties assigned to it.

The Chief Allied Censorship Liaison Officer will from time to time communicate to the Italian censorship organization, and that organization will accept and act upon, general policy directives concerning the censorship of Italian civilian communications. All information derived from Italian censorship which will assist in the Allied effort will be furnished to the Chief Allied Censorship Liaison Officer.

The above transfer of operational control of Civil Censorship of communications and the other provisions contained in this letter do not apply to censorship of press, radio broadcast or cinema which will continue as at present until modified by the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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

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

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30 July, 1945
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SUBJECT: Censorship of Italian Civil Communications

TO: A.F.M.C.
A.P.O. 512

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1. The provisions of letter AG 311.7/067 GB1-0 dated 16th July, 1945 have been transmitted to the Italian Government.

2. Operational control of censorship of Italian civilian communications except for border provinces listed in para. 2 of letter cited, has been turned over to the Italian Government for operation under the supervision of the Italian General Staff.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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Rear Admiral, USNR.
Chief Commissioner

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APO 394

Transportation Sub-Commission

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14 June 1945

Exercise Campania Flower

SUBJECT : Cagliari/Naples/Palermo Ferry Service. 16 JUN 1945

TO : See distribution.

1. Further to A.C. Shipping Instruction No. 13 dated 10 June 1945, herewith sailing programme for S.S. ABBAZIA and S.S. CAMPIDOGGIO for July, August and September 1945.

NAPLES/PALERMO

2/7	("Abbazia")
17/7	("Campidoglio")
1/8	("Abbazia")
16/8	("Campidoglio")
31/8	("Abbazia")
15/9	("Campidoglio")
30/9	("Abbazia")

NAPLES/CAGLIARI

2/7	("Campidoglio")
17/7	("Abbazia")
1/8	("Campidoglio")
16/8	("Abbazia")
31/8	("Campidoglio")
15/9	("Abbazia")
30/9	("Campidoglio")

CAGLIARI

Arrive	3/7
Depart	10/7
Arrive	18/7
Depart	25/7
Arrive	2/8
Depart	9/8
Arrive	17/8
Depart	24/8
Arrive	1/9
Depart	8/9
Arrive	16/9
Depart	23/9
Arrive	1/10

NAPLES

Depart	2/7
Arrive	11/7
Depart	17/7
Arrive	26/7
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Depart	23/9	Arrive	24/9	"	Abbazia
Arrive	1/10	Depart	30/9	"	Campidoglio

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Depart	7/9	Arrive	8/9	"	Abbazia
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Depart	22/9	Arrive	23/9	"	Campidoglio
Arrive	1/10	Depart	30/9	"	Abbazia

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Depart	2/7	S.S.	Abbazia
Arrive	10/7	"	Abbazia
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APO 394

Transportation Sub-Commission

14 Giugno 1945

AC/501/55/Tn.3

OGGETTO : Servizio di linea Cagliari/Napoli/Palermo.

A : Vedi distribuzione.

1. Facendo seguito all' "A.C. Shipping Instruction No.13" in data 10 Giugno 1945, vi inviamo il programma di navigazione dei pirascafì ABBAZIA e CAMPIDOGGIO per i mesi di luglio, agosto e settembre 1945.

NAPOLI PER PALERMO

2/7 Abbazia
17/7 Campidoglio
11/8 Abbazia
16/8 Campidoglio
31/8 Abbazia
15/9 Campidoglio
30/9 Abbazia

NAPOLI PER CAGLIARI

2/7 Campidoglio
17/7 Abbazia
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CAGLIARI

Arrivo 3/7
Partenza 10/7
Arrivo 18/7
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Partenza 8/9
Arrivo 16/9
Partenza 23/9
Arrivo 1/10

NAPOLI

Partenza 2/7 Pfo. Campidoglio
Arrivo 11/7 " Campidoglio
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NAPOLI

PALERMO

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NAPOLI

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Arrivo	23/9	"	Campidoglio
Partenza	30/9	"	Abbazia

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30/9 Abbazia

CAGLIARI

Arrivo	3/7
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Partenza	8/9
Arrivo	16/9
Partenza	23/9
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PALESTRO

Arrivo	3/7
Partenza	9/7
Arrivo	18/7
Partenza	24/7
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2 June 1945

SUBJECT: Civil Censorship.

JUN 4 1945

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff,
G-5, Allied Force Headquarters,
APO 512, U.S. Army.

1. It is considered of immediate importance that all restrictions placed by the Allied authorities on the Italian people for the purpose of the prosecution of the war should be relaxed at the earliest possible date wherever no longer required. Included in these restrictions is the function of Civil Censorship, established for military security.
2. Internal civil censorship on communications service within Italy does not appear to have any further justification, at least below the line of the River Piave. It is therefore requested that Civil Censorship should be immediately abolished on all internal civil communications in this area, including civil communications to members of the armed forces, Allied or Italian. It is recommended also, though this is a military matter, that all censorship of the mail of the Italian armed forces should be ceased at once.
3. On external civil communications it is recommended that considerable relaxation should be made forthwith. Permission should no longer be required for the opening of postal or telegraph services with any Allied, neutral or co-belligerent country.
4. External civil censorship is now carried out in this theatre. It is appreciated that in order to enforce the economic blockade on transfer of funds and to prevent commercial relations with black-listed firms, it is necessary to maintain a censorship control for the time being. This however is properly a function of the Italian Government, and it is urged that action to effect this transfer of responsibility should be taken as early as possible.

7s/ Ellery W. Stone

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

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APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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C.107.76.03

1st May 1945.

SUBJECT: Civil Communications.

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TO : A.F.H.Q. (attn: G - 5).

1. It has been the established practice in this theatre to obtain the permission of the Allied military security branches prior to the resumption of any form of internal civil communications by mail, telegraph or telephone, and to follow directions by that authority as to the extent and nature of censorship on each permitted channel of communications.
2. The situation as regards internal military security now appears to be quite different, while on the other hand the importance of accelerating the restoration of internal communications from both practical and economic aspects is very much greater than in the past.
3. The only restrictions that it seems necessary to apply on internal communications (other than mentioned in para 4 below) are those desirable for political reasons or for reasons of controlled economy e.g. the "sanitary cordon". These matters are best judged by this Commission in collaboration with the Italian Government.
4. Exceptions to the above may occur in areas of special military importance.
5. It is therefore proposed that internal civil communications be permitted to be restored throughout Italy as and when practicable, without reference to your headquarters, subject only to communications into certain areas that you may wish to define. The establishment of communications would then only be cleared internally in this Commission to ensure any necessary political or economic control, and the censorship would be regulated with these objects in mind and not with a view to military security.

For the Chief Commissioner:

1/3 J.L. HENDERSON,
Colonel,
Director.

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1st February, 1945

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Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

With your letter of January 27th, 1945 No. 84/XIV/9a you sent me a copy of a letter addressed by the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications to the Communications Sub-Commission A.C. In his letter the Minister drew attention to a report that Allied Military personnel had, in constructing military lines, failed to conserve existing material and had in fact destroyed lines recently repaired by the Circolo Costruzioni.

The Communications Sub-Commission had already requested a full investigation by the Military authorities but the inquiry is not yet completed. Result of the investigation will be communicated to the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications as soon as available. You may rest assured that every effort will be made to insure that construction of military communication facilities is carried out with the least possible disturbance to civilian plant.

Yours sincerely,

7s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USNR,
Chief Commissioner

To: H.E. I. Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers.
Rome.

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The President of the Council of Ministers
n. 84/XIV/9a

Rome, 27 January 1945

Dear Admiral,

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The Minister of Posts and Telecommunications
sent the enclosed letter to the Allied Commission, in re-
lation with a very serious incident which took place in the
Perugia area, about telegraph and telephone liaisons.

I want to draw your personal attention on this fact
which seems very serious to me.

I remain,

Truly yours,

S. I. Bonnai

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
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Translation

Ministry of Communications

Posts and Telecommunications.

N. S/ 8.5/30226

Rome, 17 January 1940

To the Allied Commission
Posts and Telecommunications Sub-Commission

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We have received a report from the Director of the Circolo Costruzioni Telegrafiche e Telefoniche of Foligno, of which we transmit the following passage:

The Interior communications of the Foligno office have been re-established and we have started to repair the Terni office where the general switchboard and the switchboards for the sets are being repaired.

The Foligno Bevagna line which has three wires has been completely repaired.

The repairs to the line which follows the Foligno Perugia railway were begun. This line, which has a double set of posts, has 22 to 25 wires, three of which are of bronze, and had been seriously injured by the bombardments on several places. These injuries could have been repaired in about 8 or 10 weeks of work.

But on the 6th of this month, allied soldiers began to dismantle all the wires of this line, except the two telephone bights which are at the beginning of the set of poles. This dismantling took place without previous notice to this 'Circolo', and in spite of the Foligno 'SIGNAL OFFICE' having previously authorized the repair works to be started.

The dismantling is being done in such a way that the wires cannot be used again for they are being cut at every pole, and according to a declaration of the C.S.O. the work is already finished.

I tried to obtain from the C.S.O. that only the number of wires strictly necessary to make room for the wires the C.S.O. wanted to establish, should be demolished; in this way the other wires would have remained on the line for civilian uses of this Circolo; I also asked that the demolition should be made by Agents of this Circolo to recuperate the material, but my request wasn't granted.

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It seems that the material has been lost.

Communications are therefore impossible between Perugia-Ponte S. Giovanni-Bastia-Assisi-S. Maria degli Angeli-Spello and Foligno.

A squad of Italian soldiers commanded by an English officer is now demolishing all the wires of the line between Arezzo and Arezzari.

Other demolitions of the same kind have been made inside Perugia and on the Cerrate di Spoleto-Spoleto line.

I do not need to stress the importance of these facts, especially in what concerns this Ministry.

As the SIGNAL OFFICE of Foligno had authorized the repair works, we really couldn't expect that the lines which had just been repaired should be demolished.

We feel very badly about the fact that the demolition was made in such a way as makes it impossible for us to use the material again. Considering the present shortage, the fact that the wires have been cut at every pole, that the insulators have been broken, that our agents were not allowed to do the demolition themselves, caused us a serious loss.

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Besides, we cannot understand why our request to demolish only the number of wires strictly necessary to make room for those which the C.S.O. had to put up, wasn't granted; the other wires would have remained on the line for civilian uses. Anyhow, we don't want to discuss a question which isn't in our sphere of competence. It is possible that for superior reasons connected with the state of war, that which was done answers an absolute necessity before which there is nothing to be said.

We do not believe that this was done without strong motives and without keeping in mind our needs and the opportunity not to make worse the situation in which we find ourselves because of the war.

Nevertheless, we hope that the Allied Authorities will keep in mind our needs, and considering what happened, supply us the means to repair what we lost and reestablish the public services which are indispensable for the rehabilitation of national life.

Hoping that your answer will be such as to enable us to resume the hard work we started with trust and tranquillity, we remain,

Truly yours,

The Minister

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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Tele : 478701

19 January 1945

Our ref.: AC/37/70/Tn 3

JAN 22 1945

Subject : Sardinia/Mainland Ferry

To : See Distribution

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Herewith future sailing programme for the Sardinia/
Mainland ferry, at present being run by the S.S. "Abbazia".

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Arr. 5 Feb
 Dep. 10 Feb
 Arr. 20 Feb
 Dep. 25 Feb
 Arr. 7 March
 Dep. 12 March
 Arr. 22 March
 Dep. 27 March
 Arr. 6 April
 Dep. 11 April
 Arr. 21 April
 Dep. 26 April

TORRE ANNUNZIATA

Dep. 3 Feb
 Arr. 12 Feb
 Dep. 18 Feb
 Arr. 27 Feb
 Dep. 5 March
 Arr. 14 March
 Dep. 20 March
 Arr. 29 March
 Dep. 4 April
 Arr. 13 April
 Dep. 19 April
 Arr. 28 April

Subject to alteration without notice.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Merritt H. Taylor
 MERRITT H. TAYLOR
 DIRECTOR

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2 January 1945

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A.C. SHIPPING MEMORANDUM No. 3

Clarendon St. N.

Amendment No. 1, dated 1 Jan. 1945

1. Para 1: after "from Cagliari" add: - "under control of the Comitato Italiano Gestione Navi".
2. Delete para 3.
3. Substitute new para 3 as follows: -
 "The actual operation of the service will be managed by the "TIRRENIA" Navigation Company and their agents, under the control of CO-GE-NA. The "TIKEMIA" Navigation Company will attend to all matters of documentation, issuance of passenger tickets and bills of lading, also collection of all freights, passage monies, etc., and account therefore to CO-GE-NA."

Merritt H. Taylor

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DIRECTOR

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MERRITT H. TAYLOR
DIRECTOR

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- Chief of Staff
- Economic Section
- Agriculture Sub-Comm.
- Forestry Division
- Fisheries Division
- Crop Production
- Citrus Fruit
- Education Sub-Comm.
- Finance Sub-Comm.
- Food Sub-Comm.
- Rome Supply Officer
- Supply Officer
- Transportation Officer
- Industry Sub-Comm.

- Bulding Materials Division
- Chemicals
- Textiles
- Mining
- Hemp
- Coal

- Commerce Sub-Comm.
- Labour Sub-Comm.
- Public Health Sub-Comm.
- Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm.
- Communications Sub-Comm.
- Displaced persons and Repatriation Sub-Comm.
- Legal Sub-Comm.
- Monuments fine arts & Archives Sub-Comm.
- U.N.R.R.A.
- Salt (Monopolio dello Stato)
- Tobacco (Monopolio dello Stato)
- Matches (Monopolio dello Stato)
- Liaison Shipping Sub-Comm. A.C.
- Transportation Sub-Comm.
- Rail Division
- Roads Division
- Shipping Sub-Comm.

A.C.Regional Headquarters:

Prefettura:

- Arezzo
- Pirenze
- Grosseto
- Livorno
- Lucca
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- Pisa
- Pistoia
- Sienna
- Ancona
- Ascoli
- Macerata
- Pesaro
- Perugia
- Terni
- Prosinone
- Littoria
- Rieti
- Roma
- Viterbo
- L'Aquila
- Campobasso
- Chieti
- Pescara
- Teramo
- Avellino
- Benevento
- Napoli
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 Emilia "
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 Confederazioni delle Camere di Commercio:-
 Toscana Region
 Abruzzi-Marche "
 Lazio-Umbria "
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 Sicilia "
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 Napoli
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 Reggio Calabria
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Department of State 41/05640/13

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Rome, 16 December 1944

26 JUL 1944
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Dear Admiral,

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I received your letter of December 9th, with which you sent me a copy of the letter sent to H. Ex. the President of the Council, about the destination of the steamer 'Abbazia', for a regular liaison service between Naples and Sardinia.

Thanking you for your kind communication, I remain, my dear Admiral,

Truly yours,
s/ R. Prunas

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

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Roma, 16 dicembre 1944

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Caro Ammiraglio,

Ho ricevuto la Sua lettera del 9 dicembre, con la quale mi trasmette copia della lettera inviata a S.E. il Presidente del Consiglio, concernente la destinazione del piroscafo " Abbazia " per un servizio regolare di collegamento tra Napoli e la Sardegna.

La ringrazio vivamente, caro Ammiraglio, per la cortese comunicazione, e Le porgo i miei più cordiali saluti.

Ammiraglio ELLERY W. STONE
Capo della Commissione
Alleata per l'Italia

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21 December 1944

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My dear Sir Noel:

So far as I am aware, the Italian Government has the same rights as any other to decline to accept the terms under which any form of commercial activity can be resumed in their country. No agreement has yet been reached on the resumption of commercial radio or cablegrams and the service has never started; the U.S. authorities have declined to open service up to the 20 December on their own terms, although no reply has been received from the British authorities on this point.

The Communications Subcommittee has been acting throughout in complete accord with my instructions; I have been present at most of the discussions and have approved all the correspondence from this Commission. At the final meeting which Mr. Livengood and Mr. Mosworthy attended I was not present, but I am informed that the attitude of the Communications Subcommittee was that they were merely present to pass the views of the Allied Governments to the Italian Government representative and obtain his reply. This reply is not made by Dr. Fano personally but is the considered reply of the Italian Ministries concerned, including the Finance and Foreign Office.

There has never been any suggestion that the functions of Italcable should be completely discontinued, although they are temporarily prevented by military circumstances from the operation of their cables and radio stations. It was intended that all international traffic should pass through the offices of Italcable in both directions with the object of simplifying the return to pre-war routine under which Italcable operated the external cable and radio terminals and also the major internal domestic circuits. It may be noted that permission has been given for the Italcable Company to resume operation of the Moscow radio circuit.

This Commission considers it its duty to ensure that Italian Government claims are fully and fairly represented. In no case have the arguments for an Italian share in the transmission tolls been initiated by this Commission, but we should not feel justified in failing to place their claims before the Allied Governments, nor in bringing pressure on the Italian Government to accept a settlement of a commercial matter in which they do not feel that they are being justly treated. The views of the British Government are fully understood. The views of the Italian Government are that in protection of Italian rights and interests they must claim a share of the transmission tolls, even if it only amounts to a token payment of ten percent. This is partly to claim continued ownership

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T.115.GS, to British Ambassador, 21 Dec 44 (cont'd):

of the cables, equipment, radio stations, buildings, etc; and partly to maintain their rights to grant concessions to commercial exploitation in their own country. These rights are not met by the Allied proposal. Only recently has an offer to pay rental been made by the British company (in the first instance it was specifically refused) and this does not necessarily mean any payment to Italcable as the installations can be made in any building. Nor are the rights of the Italian Government recognised in respect of the grant of commercial concessions in their own country; Italcable holds the Italian Government concession on all commercial external traffic from Italy and the Italian Government consider this concession within their powers to grant. Their claim for a share in the transmission tolls is largely for this right to be acknowledged, while recognising that military circumstances now require the actual operating to be done by Allied companies. Their statements of their case has also the support of A.F.H.Q. as shown in the copy of cable enclosed.

The implications in your letter that the Communications Subcommittee is following a policy at variance with that laid down by me, or that it is doing anything other than present the Allied and Italian cases to the respective Governments, are not at all accurate and can only be the result of some misunderstanding which I trust that this letter will serve to clarify.

Subsequent to this correspondence, the Italian Government has presented a further statement, a copy of the translation of which is enclosed.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Sir Noel Charles, St., K.C.M.G.
British Ambassador
84 Via Ventì Settembre
Rome

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cc: Communications Subcom.
Chief of Staff
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Incls: Copy of cable
Copy of translation of letter

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A.F.H.Q.
OUTGOING MESSAGE

ROUTINE

TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC

FOR INFO : CENTRAL DISTRICT UK BASE SECTION (LONDON) FOR
BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF AND HQ COMZONE MAIN
(EUCUSA)

REF NO : FX 55730

SIGNED : WILSON CITE: FHRG
MAT 415

Reference MAT 596 of 10 November.

Resumption Italian civil radio and cable traffic with U. S.
and UK is subject.

1. Disagreement concerning allocation revenues is delaying resumption traffic.
2. Situation summarized below:

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(B) Italian Government proposal for division of revenues;

1. Terminal charges credited as usual to British, American and Italian Governments or agencies. No disagreement on this.
2. Pending agreement on division of transmission tolls, incoming traffic tolls to be kept by British or American Government or agencies, outgoing traffic tolls to be kept by Italian Government or deposited in local bank nominated by British or American Companies, in blocked account. As recommended by this Headquarters, local currency...

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3. Cable and wireless do not agree to temporary withholding from it of any portion of transit tolls and not willing to offer any rental for facilities. Company concedes settlement can be considered provisional and open to final adjudication.

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4. R. C. A. does not agree to provisional withholding from it any portion of transit tolls nor concedes possible Italian right to share of toll revenue as long as R.C.A. is in Italy on Allied Military authority. Company admits possibility of claim if R.C.A. were to establish permanent office. Company prepared to pay rental for physical facilities used for this service.

5. Representative Italian Government presenting proposals paras 3 and 4 to his Government but doubtful of acceptance.

6. Basis Italian Government stand is that, on behalf Italian cables and radio, Government must insist on right to share in commercial traffic transmission tolls for use of buildings, equipment cables and other facilities, and to compensate for infringement of concessionary rights for which Italian Government is paid by Italian Companies.

7. It is view both Allied Commission and this Headquarters that attempts at this time to enforce settlement of commercial questions on behalf British and American Communications Companies would be considered by Italian Government as not in accord with our current political Italian policy as understood by that Government.

8. Italian Government proposal is considered reasonable and deposit of radio and cable transit tolls in blocked account pending final agreement on division is considered fair provisional solution.

9. It is recommended that the British and American Companies be asked to accept the Italian Government proposal.

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Rome, L.S. 19th, 1944.

Ministry of Communications

- To 1. Allied Commission
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission
- 2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs

ROME

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Subject: International telegraph traffic.

Further to our letter No.S/8.4/4337, dated 6-12-1944 and with reference to the communication dated 17-12-1944 of the State Dept. in Washington D.C. we wish to inform you that the Italian Govt. has again examined the problem referred to and that with the desire of restoring international telegraph traffic with the United Nations, presents the following proposals:

1. As already put forth in our previous letter, we agree on the terminal charges concerning the international telegraph communications referred to, but we stress the fact that, in our opinion, the rates to be applied should be equal both for incoming and outgoing communications; recognizing for incoming communications the division in two zones, admitted for the outgoing ones. In order to avoid differences in incoming and outgoing rates, in case an agreement were not reached, it would be advisable to limit for the time being the transmission and the acceptance of cables to the city of Rome, for which the problem does not exist.

2. As far as the participation of the Italian State in the transmission tolls is concerned, the Italian Govt. has examined the problem with a view to finding a provisional solution of the matter:

Given that for operational necessities the Allied Military Authorities have arranged that the R.C.A. and the C. & W. Companies send to Italy their own personnel and equipment to ensure the international communications of the operating armies with their Govt. and Countries;

Given that, according to the terms of the armistice these Companies have been authorized to make use of, for said military purposes, radio equipment, sub-marine cables and apparatus, property of the State as well as of private concessionary Companies;

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Given that the Italian Govt., in view of the political and social importance of the restoration of private telegraph communications between the Italian population and the United Nations, is desirous of facilitating in every way restoration of such communications;

Given that the Italian State desires within the limits of its capabilities to contribute to the war effort of the United Nations;

Given that the above-mentioned extraordinary circumstances and the importance of the service to be restored, are such as to justify an exceptional arrangement, even though not strictly in accordance with legislative requirements and international agreements;

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The Italian Govt. grants to the R.C.A. and to the C. & W. the rights to extend the use of radio stations, submarine cables and all equipment existing in Italy for use in connection with international telegraph traffic, to the transmission of paid telegrams as long as hostilities continue on the Italian territory.

The above-mentioned concession, however, is made with the definite understanding that as soon as the whole of Italian territory is liberated this concession will automatically cease and as of that date the rights of the Italian Govt. in connection with telecommunications, the international agreements in force and the rights anyhow previously recognized, will be considered to have been unprejudiced.

3. As far as the messages in abeyance with the Italeable and the Govt. offices, and the consequent political situation, we have to stress upon the urgent necessity of taking an immediate and definite decision of the matter (not later than the 25 inst.)

We trust that you will entirely accept the above proposals, which in our opinion proves the complete comprehension of the Italian Govt. of the importance of the situation.

The Minister;

Signed, Cevolotto.

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We trust that you will entirely accept the above proposals, which in our opinion proves the complete comprehension of the Italian Govt. of the importance of the situation.

The Minister,

Signed, CevoLotto.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner

20 DEC 1944

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Transmission Tolls

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19 Dec 4

Colonel Henderson, Communications Subcommission

1. Attached is a letter received from the British Ambassador on the subject of transmission tolls.
2. The Chief Commissioner will be at Caserta all of today but wishes you to prepare a reply for his signature against his return early tomorrow morning.

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

cc: CofS ✓

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British Embassy,

ROME.

433/22/44

18 December, 1944.

My Dear Admiral:

You will have been following the controversy between R.C.A. and Cable & Wireless on one side and Italcable on the other on the subject of the division of revenues accruing on the telegraphic traffic with the United States and the United Kingdom. A memorandum on the subject was sent by the Allied Commission to A.F. H.Q. on the 20th of November, and you wrote me on the 2nd December. Putting it very briefly the position is that, while there is no dispute as to the allocation of the Italian terminal rates nor of the delivery charges, the Italian Government have claimed a proportion of the transmission tolls and, moreover, have been holding up the transmission of commercial telegrams to the United States and the United Kingdom pending a settlement of the issue.

On receipt of your letter of the 2nd December, I telegraphed to the Foreign Office. Correspondence has been passing between London and Washington and, on the 5th December, I received my instructions. The American and British Companies were prepared to accept a solution on lines which had been proposed by the State Department, namely, that the terminal charges and a rental for the physical facilities be paid to the Italian Government but that the Italians be excluded from any share in the transmission tolls. This solution was acceptable also to His Majesty's Government and I was to bring it at once, in conjunction with my American Colleague, to the attention of the Allied Commission and the appropriate Italian authorities with a view to obtain concurrence and an early commencement of transmission of the telegrams.

The American Ambassador had received similar instructions and, on the 7th December, a meeting was held at the Commission, attended by Colonel Henderson and Colonel Scudder as representing the Commission, Dr. Fano, the Under-Secretary of Posts & Telegraphs as representing the Italian Government, and Mr. Livengood and Mr. Bosworthy as representing the two Embassies. The meeting produced little or no useful result. Dr. Fano reduced his claim on the transmission tolls from 30% to 10%. Beyond this

Rear-Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
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he would not move. Moreover, he insisted that, in the absence of agreement, the Italian Government would be compelled by a certain date to give public notice through the Press and the Radio of the suspension of the commercial telegraphic facilities to the United States and the United Kingdom, and the most that could be obtained from him was the postponement of this date from the 15th to the 20th December. Throughout the meeting Colonel Henderson and Colonel Souder supported these claims of the Italian Government.

A report of the discussion was telegraphed to London together with a translation of the memorandum that Dr. Fano had brought to the meeting. I have now received an urgent reply from London:-

"His Majesty's Government do not understand why the Italian Government is able to obstruct the re-opening of commercial services on terms considered reasonable by the British and United States Governments and acceptable to the British and American Companies who are operating at the instance of the military authorities. The Italian Cable Company is prevented, by the decision of the Allied authorities, from operating at present and it can therefore have no claim to any part of the transmission tolls either direct or through the Italian Government."

I am required to report urgently the reasons why your representatives on the Communications Sub-Commission support the Italian view. I feel sure that your instructions to that Sub-Commission will have been to follow the instructions of His Majesty's and the United States Governments.

I am required further to report why and to what extent the office of Italcable is functioning. Reference to the office of Italcable was made in the third paragraph of Dr. Fano's memorandum. It is the understanding of His Majesty's Government that the Italian State Administration would accept and deliver telegrams. In any event, it is their definite view that neither the Administration nor Italcable would be entitled to share the transmission tolls for these services, as their recompense would be from terminal charges regarding which there is no dispute.

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Yours very sincerely 3790

NOEL CHARLES

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

15 December '44.

18 DEC 1944

A.C. SHIPPING MEMORANDUM No. 3.

1. A regular Ferry Service from Cagliari (Sardinia) to Naples is to be initiated, starting on 28 December 1944 from Cagliari. *UNDER CONTROL OF THE CORPUS TO ITALIANO SESTIONE NAVI - on Feb 69*
2. The SS/ABBAZIA has been selected for this service, and will do two round trips per month. Her capacity will be 250 personnel and 1000 tons cargo.

3. The following is the January programme:-

CAGLIARI

Depart.	28 Dec.
Arrive.	8 Jan.
Depart	13 Jan.
Arrive	22 Jan.
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NAPLES

Arrive	30 Dec.
Depart	6 Jan.
Arrive	15 Jan.
Depart	20 Jan.
Arrive	29 Jan.

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Arrive - 8 Jan.
Depart 13 Jan.
Arrive 22 Jan.
Depart 27 Jan.

Depart 6 Jan.
Arrive 15 Jan.
Depart 20 Jan.
Arrive 29 Jan.

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Priority Number One. - Reserved for Allied Service Personnel and Officials.

Priority Number Two. - Italian Service Personnel.

Priority Number Three. - All other Italian personnel

6. Priority Number One will be assigned by the Regional Commissioner, Sardinia, and the Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, to one or other of whom application should be made.

Priorities Nos. two and three will be assigned by the Alto Commissario in Cagliari, for Sardinia and by the Prefecture in Naples, for the Mainland. Applications for permits under Priorities numbers two and three should be made to any Prefettura, who will forward them to the Authorities in Cagliari and Naples respectively.

The Italian Government will arrange for the division into Sub-Priorities of all personnel coming under Priority Number Three.

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9 A. No person under priority No. 3 shall be sold a ticket unless in possession of a "Movement of Civilians" pass issued by AMG or the Quastori. This applies also to Italian Service personnel on leave.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

15 December 1944

MEMORANDUM MARITTIMO No. 3

della

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

1. A partire dal 28 Dicembre 1944 sarà iniziato da Cagliari un regolare servizio di traghetto Cagliari (Sardegna) - Napoli.
2. Il piroscafo "ABBZIA" è stato prescelto per questo servizio, e farà due viaggi di andata e ritorno al mese. Esso potrà portare 250 persone e 1000 tonnellate di carico.
3. Il programma di gennaio è il seguente:

CAGLIARI

Partenza	28 Dicembre
Arrivo	8 Gennaio
Partenza	13 Gennaio
Arrivo	22 Gennaio
Partenza	27 Gennaio

NAPOLI

Arrivo	30 Dicembre
Partenza	6 Gennaio
Arrivo	15 Gennaio
Partenza	20 Gennaio
Arrivo	29 Gennaio

4. La sistemazione dei passeggeri non sarà comoda dato che sarà necessario mettere delle gente in un corridoio, essendo i posti cabina solamente trenta. Queste persone dovranno provvedere alla loro biancheria da letto e a portare a bordo anche il cibo. Non ci sono cuccette nei corridoi e i passeggeri dovranno viaggiare senza comodità. Le donne e i bambini non dovranno essere sistemati nei corridoi.

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L'ordine di precedenza dalle variane...

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5. L'ordine di precedenza delle persone, i prezzi dei biglietti e le tariffe per i carichi sono i seguenti:

Precedenza numero uno : riservato per il personale e per i funzionari del servizio Alleato.

Precedenza numero due : riservato per il personale del servizio Italiano.

Precedenza numero tre : riservato per tutte le altre persone Italiane.

6. La precedenza numero uno sarà assegnata dal Commissario Regionale per la Sardegna e dal Commissario Regionale della Regione Sud. Le richieste dovranno essere fatte o all'uno o all'altro dei due Commissari Regionali. Le precedenze numero due e tre saranno assegnate in Cagliari dall'Alto Commissario per la Sardegna, e per il Continente dalla Prefettura di Napoli. Le richieste per le precedenze numero due e tre potranno essere fatte a qualsiasi prefettura, che le inoltrerà rispettivamente alle autorità di Cagliari e di Napoli. Il Governo Italiano provvederà a dividere in sotto precedenze tutte le persone ricadenti sotto la precedenza numero tre.

7. I Commissari Regionali della Sardegna e della Regione Sud si riserveranno dieci biglietti cabina della precedenza numero uno, per il personale e i funzionari del servizio Alleato, fino a due giorni prima della data di partenza; se essi non verranno ritirati saranno resi disponibili ai passeggeri della categoria numero due o tre a seconda di come suggerirà la situazione.

8. Per ogni viaggio non saranno venduti più di 250 biglietti, dato che questo è il numero totale di passeggeri che può essere sistemato.

9. Per assicurarsi che il numero di biglietti venduti non superi il numero di passeggeri che può essere trasportato, l'Alto Commissario in Cagliari e la Prefettura di Napoli istituiranno un unico posto per la vendita dei biglietti rispettivamente nei porti di Cagliari e Napoli. I biglietti saranno venduti solo il giorno della partenza e unicamente ai passeggeri muniti di regolare permesso di precedenza.

10. I Commissari Regionali della Regione Sud e della Sardegna sono incaricati di mettersi in contatto rispettivamente colla Prefettura di Napoli e coll'Alto Commissario per la Sardegna, per assicurare il regolare svolgimento del servizio, e di tenersi in stretto collegamento coi rispettivi Comandanti di Porto, affinché questi predispongano le regolari operazioni di imbarco e di sbarco.

11. I prezzi dei biglietti saranno di:

L. 2000	per i passeggeri di cabina
L. 1000	per i passeggeri di ponte

12. Le tariffe per i carichi saranno di:

L. 3614	per tonnellata per un carico di 1a classe
L. 2730	per tonnellata per un carico di 2a classe
L. 2025	per tonnellata per un carico di 3a classe
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Queste cifre possono essere soggette ai cambiamenti in qualsiasi momento e senza preavviso.

13. Le modalità per le richieste per carichi saranno quelle emanate nel Memorandum di Spedizione No. 2 della Commissione Alleata.

Per ordine, del Rear Admiral Stone

Merritt H. Taylor
MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

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13 December 1944

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER
THROUGH CHIEF OF STAFF: -

1. Some days ago you directed me to look into the matter of establishing regular service from Sardinia to Naples. AFHQ has informed us that a regular service from Sardinia to Naples is to be initiated starting approximately 25 December 1944. The SS Abbazia has been selected for this ferry service and will do two round trips per month. Her capacity will be about 250 personnel and 1,000 tons cargo.

2. I have asked the Transportation Sub-Commission to follow through on this and I will notify you when the service has been established.

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L. D. Densmore

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, FA, CSO
Economic Section

cc: Transportation S/C

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

13 December 1944

14 DEC 1944

J.P.P.
15/12

Tel: 478704
Our Ref: AC/3/75/Tn/S

SUBJECT: Ferry Service CAGLIARI/NAPLES.
TO : (See distribution)

A regular service from Cagliari to Naples is to be initiated, starting on 28 December from Cagliari. The SS/ABBZIA has been selected for this ferry service and will do two round trips per month. Her capacity will be about 250 personnel and 1000 tons cargo.

The following is the January programme:-

CAGLIARI

Departure, 28 Dec.
Arrival, 8 Jan.
Departure, 23 Jan.
Arrival, 22 Jan.
Departure, 27 Jan.

NAPLES

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A new shipping memorandum No.3 is in course of preparation giving full details as to personnel priorities, embarkation arrangements and rates of charges.

The bidding procedure for cargo will remain the same as that set out in A.C. Shipping Memorandum No.2.

Merritt H. Taylor
 MERRITT H. TAYLOR
 Director

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In reply refer to : P.36.41/45.

13 December 1944

14 DEC 1944

Subject : Postal Service to Sardinia.

To : Shipping Sub-Commission

John H. ...

1. With reference to the proposal to commence a ferry service between Naples and Sardinia by means of S.S. *ABBADIA* on or about 25th December next, it has been ascertained that the average weekly amount of civil mail (excluding that sent by air) is as follows:-

From Mainland to Sardinia	15,000 Kilos.
From Sardinia to Mainland	500 "

2. Points requiring consideration are
In transit.

(a) Accommodation available for custody of mail
(b) Whether the mails will be conveyed under Captain's responsibility or whether Post Office escort will be necessary.

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For Director, Communications Sub-Comm.

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From Sardine to Mainland
15,000 Kilos.
600 "

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For Director, Communications Sub-Comm.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Notes
SARAWAK	X	X	X		X				
CELEBES	X	X	X		X				
INDONESIA	X	X	X		X				
SUMATRA	X	X	X		X				
SIKKA	X	X	X		X				
NANSA	X	X	X		X				
STRAJUNTA	X	X	X		X				
GALANGAN	X	X	X		X				
AGRIKULTUR	X	X	X		X				
GURUKU	X	X	X		X				
MELA	X	X	X		X				
BALARA	X	X	X		X				
PALUSO	X	X	X		X				
SERAPIK	X	X	X		X				
VALLEJO	X	X	X		X				
RUBIO (CAL)	X	X	X		X				
CATANGANG	X	X	X		X				
COGONG	X	X	X		X				
LEGOS	X	X	X		X				
BRUNAI	X	X	X		X				
ZAMBA	X	X	X		X				
BARI	X	X	X		X				
BATARA	X	X	X		X				
PETERA	X	X	X		X				
SALANG	X	X	X		X				
PANAMA	X	X	X		X				
OTAJING	X	X	X		X				
BANGKAL	X	X	X		X				
BAKUL	X	X	X		X				
BANGKALANG	X	X	X		X				
BRUNAI	X	X	X		X				
LATIGALIA	X	X	X		X				
CHIKI	X	X	X		X				
PERAGA	X	X	X		X				
AGUILA	X	X	X		X				
MOA	X	X	X		X				
TALANG	X	X	X		X				
BAKUL	X	X	X		X				
VINANG	X	X	X		X				
BRUNAI	X	X	X		X				
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HEADQUARTERS
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APC 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel. 469041 : Extn. 400

9th December, 1944.

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In reply
refer to: C.103.44/08

Subject: Italian Civil Communication Services.

To: Regional Commissioners,
Umbria-Lazio Region
Marche-Abruzzi Region
(attention: Telecommunications Officers).

Authority has been received for the resumption of civil telegraph service (post-transmission censorship) to the provinces of Perugia and Arezzo and for the resumption of civil inter-urban provincial telephone facilities within these provinces.

J. L. Henshaw

J. L. HENSHAW
Colonel,
Director.

Copies to: Under Secretary of State for F.F.
Chief of Staff.
Civil Censorship.

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Warhe-Abysal Region
(attention: Telecommunications Officers).

Authority has been received for the resumption of civil telegraph service (post-transmission espionage) to the provinces of PANGOLA and ANCOHA and for the resumption of civil inter-urban provincial telephone facilities within these provinces.

J. L. Henderson

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copies to: Under Secretary of State for IP.M.
Chief of Staff.
Civil Command.

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Ref: 8756/47/COS

9 December 1944

Dear Dr. Prunas:

I have been able to inform the Prime Minister today that arrangements have been completed for operation of a ship between the Mainland and Sardinia, beginning 25 December. The ship will make two round trips a month, and this will insure continuance of the mail service, a matter which had given both the Prime Minister and yourself concern.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency don Renato Prunas
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
Rome

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Ref: 8756/46/COS

9 December 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In view of the concern expressed by you some time ago as to the possible dislocation of the mail service, following the anticipated removal of Naval vessels running between the Mainland and Sardinia, I believe you will welcome the arrangements which have just been completed. Beginning on or about 25 December the S.S. ABBAZIA will operate between Naples and the Island doing two round trips a month. The capacity of this vessel is about 250 personnel and 1000 tons of cargo.

I am also advising H.E. Dr. Prunas of this arrangement.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivance Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

C.C. Communications S.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tele : 478704

Our ref.: AC/3/57/Tn/S

5 December 1944
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SUBJECT : Communication with the Mainland from Sardinia

TO : Regional Commissioner
Sardinia Region

Reference your letters HC/2/4 dated 13 October and
21 November.

AFHQ inform us that a regular service from Sardinia to
Naples is to be initiated starting approx 25 Dec.

The SS 'ABRAZIA' has been selected for this ferry
service and will do two round trips per month. Her capacity will
be about 250 personnel and 1,000 tons cargo.

The personnel accommodation will not be comfortable as it
will be necessary to put some people in a tween deck, there being
cabin accommodation for 30 only. These personnel will have to provide
their own bedding and food must also be put on board. There are no
bunks in the tween decks and passenger must travel 'hard'. However,
the voyage is short and it will be no more uncomfortable than the
cruisers are at present. Women and children should not be carried
in tween deck accommodation.

The cruisers, at present operating on the ferry, will
probably be removed after priority list 7 is complete, i.e. the
end of December. If, however, a back-log occurs or a special

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Rates and fares, freight to be carried and freight charges will be advised by CC.GE.NA.

It may be necessary to use a part of the available accommodation, on occasions, for movement of Italian military personnel.

By Command of Commodore Stone

A.G. ANTOLINI
Acting Head
Economic Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
A P O 394

6th December, 1944

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In reply refer to: C.116.90.68

Subject: External Telegraph Communications from Italy

To: Sir Noel Charles
Mr. Alexander Kirk

1. The Italian Government has presented a claim made by the Italcables to a share in the tolls for paid telegraph messages passed over Italcable cables.
2. This claim has been forwarded to A.F.H.Q. for consideration.
3. As the matter may subsequently be of interest to your offices, a copy of the correspondence is enclosed for your information.

see Folios 41-43

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Incls: Three letters

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489081 Ext: 400

29th November, 1944

In reply
refer to: 6/17/68/CS

Subject : International Telegraph Traffic.

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

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1. The enclosed copy of a letter from the Under-Secretary of State for Posts and Telegraphs is forwarded for consideration.
2. It would seem that a directive is required from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, based on consideration and recommendations of the Combined Communications Board.

By command of the Chief Commissioner:

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Incl: Letter from the U.S. of S. for PP.TT.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SEGRETERIA

November 20th, 1944

TO: ALLIED COMMISSION

Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission

Prot. No. S/13/3925

Subject : Rights on International Telegraph Traffic. (H)

1. I am sending you under the same cover a letter from the Italcable applying for the payment of the cable and radio tolls for the transmission of all paid private messages both military and civilians transmitted or received on the circuits since the occupation of Italy by the Allied Forces.
2. The undersigned fully acknowledges the justice of the Italcable's applications which he had not personally presented on the part of the Ministry owing to the fact that he has always felt and still feels that the operations of the Italcable's means of communication must be considered among the items which undoubtedly will be one of the assets of the settlement which will be made on the re-establishment of the normal conditions existing before the outbreak of the war.
3. For the same reason the Italian Administration had not until now considered it necessary to point out their right to the payment of the terminal taxes on the incoming and the outgoing traffic. In calling your attention to the claims of the Italcable Company I consider it advisable to make know that the Italian Administration is thoroughly convinced that all paid messages exchanged by Allied Authorities in Italy entail a right to the corresponding credit on the terminal taxes to the Italian Administration themselves.

An acknowledgement will oblige.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE

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ITALCABLE

November 18th, 1944

Direzione Generale

Commissario

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To: Allied Commission
Communications Sub-
Commission

ROME

Subject : SUBMARINE CABLES

With reference to letter CS/17/1/101 dated November 3rd from the Communications Sub-Commission, this Company wishes to make the following statements:

a) Italcable confirms its full and intact proprietorship of all Italcable submarine telegraph cables, and reserves all rights and privileges for their operation;

b) Italcable reserves itself the right to claim against any other temporary user or operating Company the tolls for paid telegraphic messages however transmitted over the above cables or parts thereof.

It is requested that the above statements, which are made with the consent of the Ministry of Communications, be noted by the Allied Commission and that an acknowledgement be favoured.

ITALCABLE

Martignato

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Ref : 3756/40/003

Tel:

8 December 44.

SUBJECT : Transportation & Mail Service - to Sardinia.

TO : S.O. to Chief Commissioner.

1. Reference our memo to you of yesterday it has now been confirmed that the "ABIAZIA" has been allocated to operate a regular ferry service between Naples and Sardinia hoping to commence this new service on 25 Dec. This information from M W T R. Med., AFIR.

Jef
4 Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Copy to : Communication Sub-Commission, for C.P.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Shipping Sub-Commission

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Tel: 487

6th December, 1944.

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Ref. 446/SSC

TO : Chief Staff Officer, Office of the Chief of Staff.
SUBJECT: Transportation and Mail Service to Sardinia.

Referring to your Memorandum of 27th November, ref. 8756/27/COS on the above subject, the following is copy of letter sent to Chief Staff Officer to the Chief of Staff, A.F.H.Q.:

1st December, 1944.

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To: Chief Staff Officer to the Chief of Staff A.F.H.Q.
From: Ministry of War Transport Representative, Mediterranean, A.F.H.Q.
Subject: Transportation & Mail Service to Sardinia.
Reference: 8756/27/COS

WHY THIS REFERENCE?
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Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of the 27th November on the above subject and we would inform you that the ABBAZIA has been allocated to operate a regular ferry service between Sardinia and Naples: it is hoped that the new service will commence on 25th December.

for M.W.T.R. MED.

Major Quayle informed encl 8/12

G.A. Bell
G.A. BELL

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Tel : 451

7 Dec. 1944

Ref. 8756/33/008.

SUBJECT : Transportation & Mail Service - to Sardinia.
TO : G.O. to Chief Commissioner.

1. The following information has been forwarded by the Liaison Shipping Sub-Commission : 33

" In reply to your Memorandum of 27th November, ref. 8756/27/008 on the above subject, I have been informed today by MSTR Mad. that it is proposed to allocate the s.s. "ABBADIA" for the purpose of providing a ferry service Sardinia-Naples, to commence from 25th December next. 30

This vessel can carry 200 passengers and about 1800 tons of cargo."

2. Shipping Sub-Commission have been instructed to follow for confirmation.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Copy to : *X* Command, Sub-Commission for G.P.O.

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6/17/CS

2 December 1944

3 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: External Telegraph Communications from Italy

TO : Mr. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles

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1. With reference to the AFH telegram, copy attached, with the substance of which it is understood you have been acquainted through your diplomatic channels, it is recommended that action be initiated by your offices to hasten the decision on the subject:

2. The present position is awkward and must result in a most difficult situation if left for much longer.

Telegraph service to the U.S. and U.K. was declared open by public notice on 15th November and has not been closed; at the moment about a thousand telegrams are awaiting transmission and it is now becoming generally known that the messages are not being forwarded. Either the services must be opened very soon or a public notice must be issued stating that service has not been opened and arrangements made for cancellation of the messages and return of the money accepted for their transmission.

3. In view of the above, it is suggested that a communication be sent from your offices to the State Department, Washington, and the Foreign Office, London, respectively, substantially in the following form:

"PROPOSED THAT PUBLIC NOTICE BE ISSUED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CANCELLING TELEGRAPH SERVICE TO U.S. AND U.K. UNLESS QUESTION OF DIVISION OF FUNDS SETTLED BY EARLY DECEMBER."

HARRY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Encl.

cc: Cof S
Communications S/C
'A' File

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COPY

TO : HQ ALCOM
FROM: AFHQ Signed SACRED
No. F-58406 dated 26 Nov 44

CONFIDENTIAL

Reur 7067 of 25 Nov.

Information received today from CCS that MAT 415 has been referred to FOREIGN OFFICE and STATE DEPARTMENT and that reply will be made directly by FOREIGN OFFICE and STATE DEPARTMENT. Substance of your signal has been passed to CCS to stress urgency and inform them of Italian Government suggestion.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Liaison Shipping Sub-Commission

Tel: 487

3rd December, 1944.
DEC 1944

Ref. 446/SSC

TO : Chief Staff Officer, Office of the Chief of Staff.
SUBJECT: Transportation and Mail Service to Sardinia.

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This vessel can carry 200 passengers and about 1800 tons of cargo. "

for R.A.E.
G.A. BELL

Liaison Shipping Sub-Commission

Capt Godwin to see

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D.O.4/28/77

28th November, 1944

To: Signor Carlo Sacco,
Via Nina Oscilia 14,
Rome.

29 NOV Recd

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In reply to your letter of 19th November, requesting an increase in telephone calls, it should be explained that the Allied Commission does not deal with the question of increases in calls for civilian users.

Your letter has accordingly been passed to the Ministry of Communications who will decide the matter.

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

From: Allied Commission HQ.
Communications Sub-Commission
APO 394, U.S. Army

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Copy to: Chief of Staff - Ref your 8753/49/008 of 21st Nov. ✓

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel:489081 Ext:555

28th November, 1944

In reply refer to: 4/28/76/08

29 NOV Recd

Subject : Request for Increase in Telephone Calls.

To : Under-Secretary of State for PP. TT.

The attached request has been received by this HQ.
As the circuit is not of military importance, the matter is left
entirely to you for decision.

J. L. Henderson
J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director.

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Copy to: Chief of Staff. Ref.your 8753/49/COS of 21st November. ✓

PA *W. R.*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AND IMA
Office of the Chief of Staff

Vol. 47808

27 November 1944

Ref. 8756/27/008

SUBJECT: Transportation and Mail Service to Bastia,

TO : Economic Section for Shipping Sub Commission,
Communication Sub Commission for Chief Postal Officer.

1. At the present time civilian mail is being transported to and from Bastia largely by Italian naval vessels. It is considered likely that naval vessels will be taken off this run in the near future and so far as is known no action has been taken to secure other means of transport as replacement.

2. To prevent a disruption of the mail service the Chief of Staff directs that exploratory steps be taken to determine what transportation can be secured.

3. It is suggested that the Communication Sub Commission furnish the Shipping Sub Commission through the Economic Section with a statement as to transportation required to maintain a reasonable mail service - this in collaboration with the responsible Italian authorities. With this as a basis the Shipping Sub Commission will be in a position to make application for allocation of the necessary shipping.

4. An early reply is requested.

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[Signature]

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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Copy to: Major Gault
Regional Commissioner, Bastia.

BU 30 Nov
Noted
[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel : 451

24 Nov 1944

Ref. 8756/26 /COS.

SUBJECT : Italian Cruiser Montefioli.
TO : SO to Chief Commissioner.

1. Lt. Harvey, Naval Sub Commission, advises that there are several cruisers used alternatively on the run between SARDINIA and the mainland. He anticipates that in order to carry out the military requirements a cruiser will be maintained on this run for at least another four weeks. It is, of course, possible that these naval vessels could be ordered elsewhere at a moment's notice and it would be only a common sense precaution for the Italian Government to set up a permanent mail run and get away from dependency on naval vessels at the earliest possible moment.

2. If you wish, I will send Col. Head, GPO a request that he bring to the responsible Italian authorities the need for action along the lines indicated.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TBJ/sob

G-5: 311.23-1

18 November 1944
25 NOV 1944

SUBJECT: Radio Telephone Service from Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

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1. Reference is made to your A/CC 311.23 of 6 November.

2. This matter is receiving very careful consideration here but it is hoped to reply to your letter fully at an early date.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

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T. D. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS
21 NOV 1944
A. C.

cc: Chief of Staff
Communications Subcommission
A Files

see Memo 25

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N. Col. Shipp. C.O.S. office

you wish to keep copy of this? if not please destroy

20th November 1945

23 NOV 1945

Under the arrangements laid down by Allied Force Headquarters in accordance with paragraph 25b of the Long Armistice Terms, all Italian communications to their representatives abroad are supposed to be made through the Allied Commission. In practice this has worked out as follows:

- 1) Italian telegrams to their representatives in neutral countries are either sent in a cypher of which a key is deposited with us, or are sent in British and American cyphers. In both cases an en clair copy is sent to the Political Section.
- 2) In the case of Russia, the Italians, until recently, sent their messages in Soviet cyphers, no copy being sent to the Allied Commission.

Recently the Ministry of Foreign Affairs started sending their telegrams to the Political Section with the request that they should be despatched through Allied channels. The Foreign Office refused to send them for fear of upsetting the Russians and told the Embassy to inform the Italian Government that such telegrams should be sent through commercial or through Russian channels. After consultation with the Chief Commissioner, the Embassy suggested that these instructions should be reconsidered on the grounds that a) we should be openly flouting the arrangements referred to in paragraph 1) above, and b) that the whole question of providing the Italian representative in Moscow with his own cypher was under consideration by Allied Force Headquarters (N.B. the Soviet representative on the Allied Commission had previously supported the proposal that the Italian representative in Moscow should be given his own cypher).

see Minute 25

2. The question of the provision of independent cyphers for the Italian representatives in London and Washington has been raised by the Italians and has been referred by

The Rt. Hon. H. Macmillan, M.P., M.C.,
Resident Minister at AFHQ.

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2. (continued)

Allied Force Headquarters to the Combined Chiefs. Meanwhile, the Italian representative in London has taken with him a cypher of which a key is deposited with us.

3. If the Italian representatives in London, Washington and Moscow are to be given their own cyphers there seems to be no reason why this should not be accorded in the cases of their representatives in other countries. The original insistence of their communicating copies of all telegrams to the Political Section were presumably a) control and b) military security.

The time seems to have come when control in this respect could be dropped. There remains military security. In this connection it should be noted that members of the Advisory Council have their own cyphers and the Brazilian Chargé d'Affaires has now been accorded a similar privilege. Other United Nations representatives and neutrals accredited to the Quirinale are still denied cypher facilities but the representatives of the same powers accredited to the Vatican are allowed cyphers. There therefore seems to be no logical reason why the same facilities should not be granted to the Italian Government and the United Nations representatives and to neutrals accredited to the Quirinale except that the more missions there are which enjoy cyphers facilities the more risk there is of any leak.

4. Italians have bag facilities with their missions abroad but their contents have to be submitted to the Political Section and are sent in Allied bags. Recently however, by Allied Force Headquarters and the Foreign Office agreed to a member of Count Carandini's Party taking a bag with him.

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Col.
Please see ~~HA~~ HA cc. will write to Lee Tuis. ZH
22/11

cc. 974
23/11/64

Chief Commissioner.

For information - merely a preliminary move
on the part of the Gen. Conf. of Labour (why they
should want a separate ministry is not clear.)

TW 22/11

CofS Noted TW cc A. J. ...
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In reply
refer to: 11/6/1/CS

22 NOV Recd

Subject : Creation of Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs

To : Chief of Staff
for Information of Chief Commissioner.

1. H.E. The Under-Secretary of State for PP.TT. has forwarded to this Sub-Commission a copy of a resolution sent to the Director General of Posts and Telegraphs by the PP.TT. section of the General Confederation of Labor recommending that a Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs be re-created. Such a Ministry existed in 1924.

2. In accordance with the Under-Secretary's request we are informing you of this resolution but have written him that we presume copy was sent A.C. for information only and that the Under-Secretary is forwarding the resolution to the interested Italian Government Officials.

J. L. Henderson

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

Tel: 489081
Ext: 333

21st November, 1944

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Ext: 300

Ref: 5753/49/008

21 November 1944

SUBJECT: Request for Increase in Telephone Calls.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission.

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1. I forward to you the original and copy of translation of a letter dated 19 November 1944 from Sacco, Carlo, addressed to the Chief Commissioner, requesting an increase in the number of his telephone calls.

2. Would you please reply to this direct, with a copy to me.

[Signature]

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Encls

Copy to: SO to CG

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[Signature]

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26 Nov
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Translation.

Rome, 19 November 1944.

To the Allied Commission
To be seen by Commodore Stone

The writer, SACCO Carlo, who is preparing a degree in medicine, requests the Allied Commission to grant him a greater number of daily phone calls, considering that he is Diocesan President of the Gioventu Italiana di Azione Cattolica, and must therefore frequently contact the ecclesiastical authorities and his collaborators.

The telephone of his house is a Duplex, n. 871891, under the name of SACCO Adriano, his father.

Truly yours,

/s/ Carlo Sacco

Carlo Sacco

see 23

Rome, Via Nino Oxilia, 14.

trans. E.C.

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To: A.F.H.Q.
From: A.C.H.Q.

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ROUTINE

COM SUB-COMMISSION

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6 Nov 44

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PARA ONE PD RESUMPTION CIVIL EXTERNAL TELEGRAPHS IS SUBJECT PD FINAL DECISION REVENUE ALLOCATION WILL BE LEFT FOR DECISION LATER PD IN MEANTIME REQUIRE DECISION OF PROVISIONAL DISPOSITION TO BE MADE OF LOCAL REVENUES PD ROGER CHARLIE ABLE AND CHARLIE AND WILLIAM REQUEST TRANSMISSION TOLLS ON OUTGOING TRAFFIC ALL TO BE PAID OVER TO THEM OMA TERMINAL TOLLS ONLY TO BE RETAINED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PD ARGUMENT IS THAT BULK OF EXPENSES ARE INCURRED BY THESE AGENCIES AND AGENCIES ARE UNWILLING TO CONCEDE ANY ITALIAN RIGHT TO SHARE PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND ITALCABLE REQUEST ALL COLLECTIONS IN ITALY ON OUTGOING TRAFFIC TO BE HELD BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND BY ROGER CHARLIE ABLE OR CHARLIE AND WILLIAM IN THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES ON TRAFFIC TO ITALY PENDING FINAL ALLOCATION OF REVENUES PD ARGUMENT IS THAT ITALCABLES HAVE RIGHT TO PROPORTION OF TRANSMISSION TOLLS TO COMPENSATE FOR USE OF ITS FACILITIES INCLUDING CABLES AND ITS TEMPORARY RELINQUISHMENT OF MONOPOLY CONCESSIONARY RIGHTS PD WE RECOMMEND ITALIAN RIGHTS BE FULLY RECOGNISED PD PAREN

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To: Chief of Staff

For File 3757

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PAREN AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM AC HQ FROM HENDERSON SIGNED
STONE PAREN

PARA TWO PD RESUMPTION ALSO REQUIRES FINAL DECISION ON RATES
TO BE CHARGED PD ALL EXCEPT ROGER CHARLIE ABLE PREPARED TO ACCEPT
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REQUEST EARLIEST DECISION TO ENABLE PUBLIC NOTICE BE ISSUED IN
TIME PD PARA THREE PD REQUEST ABOVE BE REFERRED TO CHARLIE
CHARLIE SUGAR

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6 November 1944

12 NOV Recd

Subject: Radio Telephone Service from Italy

To: Allied Force Headquarters, AFHQ 512

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1. In letter 65/2/9/4 the recommendation was made by this Commission that radio telephone communications between Italy and the United States should be resumed.

2. In view of the fact that this service would not be for ordinary civilian use but could be a means of accelerating military and rehabilitation projects, and pursuant to the Hyde Park declaration of the President and Prime Minister since reinforced by the resumption of diplomatic relations between Italy and the United States, I wish to express my strong support of this project and my urgent recommendation that this service be authorized as desired by the U.S. State Department.

ELMER W. SMITH
Commodore, USN
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: U.S. Political Advisor, AFHQ
British Resident Minister, AFHQ
~~U.S. Representative, AFHQ~~
~~British High Commissioner~~ Ambassador
R.A.A.C. SIGNAL OFFICER

Communications S/C *[Signature]*
Chief of Staff
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489081 EXT 400.

In reply refer
to: CS/2/9/4.

see 8.
20th October 1944.

2 NOV Recd

Subject: Radio Telephone Service from Italy.

To: A.F.H.Q.

1. It appears probable that radio circuits from Italy to the U.S. and U.K. may become available for international telephone service in the near future.
2. It is the opinion of this Commission that it would be beneficial to have such circuits established as promptly as possible; it is appreciated that for the present, at least, the use of such circuits should be confined to Allied authorities and accredited Allied Press representatives.
3. It is understood that the Department of State in Washington and the Board of War Communications are in favour of the restoration of the pre-war circuit between Rome and New York, subject to the approval of the Allied authorities in the Italian theatre. Mr. William Thompson, Assistant Vice President of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company has visited this country in this connection, and has made the necessary technical and financial arrangements for the opening of service. It is proposed to utilise the existing Italcable equipment in Rome, previously used for the pre-war service, if released from its present P.W.B. commitment.
4. It is believed that Cable and Wireless are also making the necessary preparations to be ready to open service with the U.K. in the near future. This was not a pre-war service and would probably only be a provisional arrangement pending restoration of the international overland telephone cable circuits. 3754
5. Action on the following lines is therefore requested:-
 - (a) Release of the Italcable equipment. This matter is being represented to you by Lieut. Colonel Reeves, Rome Allied Area Command Signals.

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(b) Allocation of the necessary frequencies. This matter is being represented to you by Lieut. Colonel Green, Radio Officer, A.F.H.Q.

(c) Authorisation for the early opening of services, together with the regulations defining permitted users and the mode and extent of censorship.

For the Chief Commissioner.

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

Copies to: R.A.A.C. Signal Officer.
Hon - Alexander Kirk. (Rome).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIONER
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

EWS/afe

A/CC 311.2

2 November 1944

3 NOV Recd

TO: Communications Sub-Commission

1. The following is quoted from a dispatch received by the U. S. Ambassador:

"Information is received from the State Department that the entire matter of disposition of cables of ex-enemy countries is a subject of active consideration by the United States Government and that therefore no disposition of such cables can be agreed to by the Department unless its previous consent has been procured."

2. While I am unaware of any plans or discussions regarding the disposition of the Italian cables, I think, for the record, that it would be wise to send a communication to the Commissario to the effect that no negotiations, either of a commercial or internationally political nature, should be entered into by him with respect to the Italian cables without reference to this Commission.

EWS

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Chief of Staff ✓
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14 OCT 44

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ROUTINE
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RESTRICTED REF CBO LETTER DATED ONE MARCH SUBJECT QUOTE PROVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS IN NORTHERN ITALY UNQUOTE AND AGREED SIGNAL STORES REQUISITION FORWARDED ONE JUNE PAREN TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE AND CBO FROM ACC HQ FROM STONE PAREN WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT PROBABILITY OF SUPPLY BY TIME REQUIRED PD LENGTHY OCCUPATION OF NORTHERN ITALY BY ENEMY AND INFORMATION RECENTLY TO HAND LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT LARGE PROPORTION OF TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT BOTH URBAN AND INTERURBAN WILL BE DESTROYED OR REMOVED PD SUPPLY OF THESE STORES CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRALISED CIVIL GOVERNMENT WHICH MAY OTHERWISE BE IMPRACTICABLE PD REQUEST ADVICE ON SUPPLY PROBABILITY TO ENABLE PLANNING TO BE MADE

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N.B. This signal was 3251 and approved prior to dispatch 15/10/44 P/A

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ACC SARDINIA REGION

ACC 335

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14 OCT Recd

CONFIDENTIAL. To AFHQ radio instructions FK35902 Allied
Garrison SARDINIA was ordered closed GLENIA end of GLENIA-FIUMICINO
cable yesterday 12 October. Cable and telegraphic systems at
SARDINIAN end in position to function at once. Could arrange-
ments please be made for receiving and sending our telegraphic
and telephone messages at FIUMICINO. May very urgent instructions
also be given for Italian telegraph and cable companies to take
over and deal with all ACC cable traffic immediately. Reference
your letter 56/124/ACC dated 23 September. Italian cipher per-
sonnel MAERCIANO PRISO SERGENTI JACCHERI GUGOLINI and CARUSO
now arrived.

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HEADQUARTERS
14 OCT 1944
A.C.C.

ACC DISTRICT:
Action: Communications (2)
Info: A/CC
Communications
PLI/Fleet (3)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMM. COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. Section
APO 394

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11 *9/15/44*

23 Sept. 1944.

Ref: 56/121/CA.

SUBJECT: ACC Cipher Traffic.

TO : R.O.'s Regions I, Southern, & VI.

1. Due to the progressive demilitarization of the Southern Regions of Italy, it has become necessary for arrangements to be made for the handling of ACC cipher traffic by other means than by military signal facilities.

2. Arrangements have been made for the handling of this traffic over civilian teleprinter circuits between Regional Headquarters and HQ ACC. Allied Armies in Italy have approved the use of Italian cipher personnel and Italian ciphers to serve the Regional Headquarters and HQ ACC.

3. As a result, an Italian cipher team composed of three (3) non-commissioned officers has been delegated to serve each of your Regional Headquarters. It is planned that as other Regions are demilitarized, similar teams will be sent out until there is a complete network of Italian communications between Regions and Headquarters.

4. Only the approved ciphers in use by these teams will be utilized. These teams will be under the direct control of the Regional Commissioner, and local security precautions will be his responsibility.

5. Italian military authorities in Rome have informed this HQ that housing and messing facilities for these cipher teams will be provided by the Italian military establishments in each of your Regions.

6. Will R.O. Southern Region please note that the arrangements referred to in para. 2 above are not yet complete in respect of his Region and that for the time being and until further notice traffic between Southern Region and HQ ACC will continue to be handled over military circuits and through signal Centres as at present.

A.D.

Major E. Telbot

Su
HERMAN S. PEARL,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy for Communications Sub-Comm.

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Ref: 8756/8/003.

11 October 44.

My Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

With reference to your letter No. 14226/13416/13/1 dated 25th September, the subject has received careful study and an outline of the action that is being taken in the matter is as follows:

The present policy of the Allied Government is that stores may only be supplied for essential military requirements, included in which are the requirements necessary for the establishment of centralised governmental control. The stores required on this basis have been requested for nearly six months; it is hoped that this demand will receive favourable consideration and that the supplies will be forwarded in due course. This demand is naturally considerably smaller than the one which you have forwarded with your letter; so far however no promise of supply of even this essential minimum has been received.

No statement of Allied policy has yet been given in respect of supplying material for a general rehabilitation; a complete review of the requirements for Italy in all fields is being made, and the list submitted by your Ministry of Communications will be used as a basis for furnishing the list of supplies necessary for the rehabilitation of the communication services.

You may be assured that the importance and urgency of the restoration of the communications services in Italy are fully appreciated by this Commission as being among the vital measures necessary for the rehabilitation of the country, and that all possible steps will be taken to obtain whatever can be procured within the framework of the policy of the Allied authorities.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) E.W. STONE

ELLIOTT W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner,
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H.E. Ivanoe Bonomi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
ROME.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489081 Ext. 400

9th October, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/31/1/20

30 OCT Recd

Subject : Italian Communication Services.

To : The Acting Chief Commissioner.

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1. Reference attached, a draft reply is submitted for your consideration.
 2. The stores list has been retained and after discussion with the Ministry of Communications, an agreed revised list will be sent to the Economic Section for inclusion in their overall demand for general rehabilitation in all fields.

J. L. Henderson

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

Incls: Draft reply
Original attachments, less stores list.

See 83747

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and that all possible steps will be taken to obtain whatever can be procured within the framework of the policy of the Allied authorities.

Issue *DM* 10/11

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Acting Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Repairs and Maintenance of Italian post-telegraph-telephone networks
FILE No. A/CC 500
29 September 1944

TO: Communications Sub-Commission
(Attention: Col Henderson)

1. Letter on above subject from the Prime Minister is attached. Will you please look into these proposals and take appropriate action, and in due course draft a reply to the Prime Minister for my signature.
2. I have acknowledged Sig. Bonomi's letter.


ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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1 Incl:
Ltr 14,226/13416/13/11,
25 Sept fr HM Bonomi

TRANSLATION

HQ ACC, AFO 394
406 Sec'y/Gen. 44
Rec'd. 2/1 - 44
By *[Signature]*

THE PRESIDENT OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

n. 14226/13416/13/1

Rome, 25 September 1944

Dear Captain,

The Ministry of Communications has informed me that it is necessary to start without delay the repairs and the works of maintenance for the post-telegraph-telephone net of the country, to avoid further damages and make possible the complete resuming of works.

The adequate offices must be granted adequate technical material and vehicles to do this work. The requirements are shown by the following lists which I enclose.

There is certainly no need for me, dear Captain, to draw your kind attention on this subject. The fundamental importance of an initiative bent on preserving and restoring what is doubtless one of the most important instruments of the life and administration of the country, is obvious. This Commission has already shown how deeply it is interested in this question.

I am certain that you will have the kindness of examining this request, and I thank you for all the dispositions you will take for seconding it.

Yours very truly,

/s/ I. Bonomi

Captain Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission

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MEMORANDUM ON MEANS OF TRANSPORT

Three lists have been made for the cars (1, 2, 3):

- a) the first list deals with the requirements of the Construction Enterprises and refers therefore to the trucks necessary for the rehabilitation of the telegraph and telephone (in the air) net of the State; trucks in various number and of different types have been allowed to every enterprise according to the state of rehabilitation of the line that the enterprise has to deal with.

As only light and heavy trucks are deemed necessary for the maintenance, we mean to send North the mediumized trucks as the repairs of the South and Central Italy lines are being completed.

- b) The second list deals with the requirements of the PP.TT. Provincial Directions, and refers therefore to the trucks for mail transportation in town or for urgent services.

It is thought that one of the trucks (light type or medium type) might be used for urgent repairs of the telegraph and telephone lines.

- c) The third list deals with the requirements of the Grantee Telephone Societies (S.E.T., T.E.T.I., TIMO, TELVE, STIPEL) and of the State Agency for the maintenance of the cables.

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*Il Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

Roma, 25 settembre 1944

Caro Capitano,

il ministero delle Comunicazioni mi ha fatto presen-
te la necessità di dare urgente corso a lavori di manutenzione e
restauro della rete postelegrafonica del paese, onde evitarne una
ulteriore deteriorazione e renderne possibile la completa riattiva-
zione.

per il compimento di tali lavori occorre che gli
Uffici competenti ricevano un'adeguata dotazione di materiale techni-
co e di automezzi. - Il relativo fabbisogno risulta dagli elenchi
che Le trasmetto acclusi.

Non ho certo bisogno, caro Capitano, di richiamare
la Sua cortese attenzione in proposito. Non può invero sfuggirLe la
fondamentale importanza di una iniziativa intesa alla conservazione
e al restauro di quello che è indubbiamente uno dei più essenziali
strumenti della vita, anche amministrativa, del Paese. Codesta Com-
missione del resto ha già mostrato quanto vivamente si interessi al-
la questione.

Non dubito quindi che Ella vorrà esaminare la ricnie-
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Per il compimento di tali lavori occorre che gli uffici competenti ricevano un'adeguata dotazione di materiale tecnico e di automezzi. - Il relativo fabbisogno risulta dagli elenchi che Le trasmetto acclusi.

Non ho certo bisogno, caro Capitano, di richiamare la Sua cortese attenzione in proposito. Non può invero sfuggirLe la fondamentale importanza di una iniziativa intesa alla conservazione e al restauro di quello che è indubbiamente uno dei più essenziali strumenti della vita, anche amministrativa, del Paese. Codesta Commissione del resto ha già mostrato quanto vivamente si interessi alla questione.

Non dubito quindi che Ella vorrà esaminare la richiesta con la consueta cortesia e fin d'ora La ringrazio delle disposizioni che vorrà impartire per assecondarla.

Molto cordialmente



Capitano ELLERY W. STONE
rif. Presidente della Commissione
Alleata di Controllo

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