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ITALIAN COMMUNICATION SERVICES
DEC. 1945 - OCT. 1946

No 177

Copies of last letters referring to codes and
ciphers are attached.

spst

L.R. HUMBERT,
Lt. Col. Sig. C.
Director Comms. D.

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*Copies extracted and sent D/O to Col. Tammun
G.2. AFHQ.*

*McLambey. [initials]
E.C.*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Division

LRH/ec

TO: Ex. Commissioner 175

25 October '46

There is not a definite record of the codes and ciphers obtained from the Italians, and submitted to AFHQ. In the old files appear copies of letters from this Office to AFHQ stating merely that certain codes are being forwarded.

L. R. Humbert
L. R. HUMBERT,
Lt. Col. Sig. C. *Walt H.S. 26/10*
Director.

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Communications Div.

As inquiries have been made (on the Butist side) by D/A.C.O.S. AFHQ as to whether we hold these codes & ciphers I feel I should inform him that they were sent to AFHQ. I do not know how many letters or files it would be necessary to refer to. but possibly if we referred to the last letter on the subject it would put them on the trail. Please speak to him some time.

26/x.

M. C. Bayader
Ex-Com 3885

Ex Comm.

Ref 4 168. Did you ask for
this info. please? No previous correspondence
can be traced. H.S. 22/10

171

C. 5.0.

Yes. Col Timmins D/AECOS 93.01.01
we would to say later on Oct. 19th asking
for certain info. Have phoned him and
taken all action necessary.

McCartney
Ex. Comm.

23/10.

H.S. 24/10

173

CSO Ex Comm.

Further to folio 168 and min 171, please
see folio 172 for info. OAB 24/10

H.S. 24/10

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23/10.

MS. 24/10

173.

C-50 Ex Comm.

7 rather to folio 168 and min 171, please
re folio 172 for info. *add 24/10*

MS. 24/10
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174.

TO: Communications Division.

25th October, 1946

Folio 172 noted. The letter referred to para 1 was issued prior to the termination of hostilities with Japan and in any case it refers to neutral nations and would not affect Italy.

a definite send 17
With reference to para 3 of 172, have we ~~been~~ *been* the correspondence under which these documents were sent to AFHQ.

McCart
M. CARR, Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

NS 2517
ESD
TO: Ex. Comm. Office.

1 6 3

Ref folio 160 + min 162

1. It is believed that further discussions about the use of long distance telephone facilities is unnecessary at this time.

2. A plan for operations by the Italians of all commercial circuits, to commence sometime in August, will make it necessary to limit long distance facilities in order to bring lines used by Allied Forces into operator positions manned by English speaking operators. This will slow down service and reduce the number of lines available.

3. It is recommended that the matter be closed until specific cases of excessive or unreasonable use of the telephone facilities have been obtained.

NS 2517

L.R. Humbert
L.R. HUMBERT,
Lt. Col. Sig.C.
Director.

Alot
25/7

650. Please see folio ¹⁶⁹168 for info. There does not appear to be any previous correspondence on the subject. Perhaps the Ex Comm spoke - non so.
Lg. mem. 22/10

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152.

TO: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

RECOMMEND ~~THE~~ REPLY ALONG LINES OF DRAFT
AT FOLIO ^{155:} ~~149~~.

DELAY IN ACTION WAS DUE TO MY ABSENCE FROM ROOM
AND ADVISABILITY OF DISCUSSING QUESTION FURTHER WITH CHIEF SIGNAL
OFFICER

EYT 333

MAY 31, 1946

91.11 Schulte

Col. Sig. C.

To Comm. to Comm.

156. 154.

Ref min 150. please see min 152.

Draft reply to 148 at folio 155 for approval per

H.S. 46 Quesada 46

Issue as amended. DV 3/6

161.
bld. Folio 160 is reply from AFHQ to our 157
L. mem. 19/7

162.
Director Comm. S/C's.

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Have you any comments on # 160?
It seems useless to press AFHQ any
further on this matter.

J. W. H. Smith
Lt. Col.

19/7.

Comms S/C,

136.

Ref 134. Have you any comments please?

MS. 10/14

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EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

¹³⁸ SUGGEST THAT LETTER ALONG LINES OF ATTACHED

DRAFT, BE SENT TO ARMS

10. 12. Sender

June. MS. 19/44.

CD. Sig. C. - 16/4/46

EV. 333

141.

A/C.C.

Letter at 140. prepared by Comms S/C, submitted for signature. MS. 20/4

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CSO MS. 6/5

Ref 140 - please see reply at 143 Aug 6/5.

MS. 21/5.

Ex Comm.

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Ref 140 - please see reply at 143 Aug 6/5.

11/10/14

Letter no 140, prepared by Comms SK,
submitted for signature. H.S. 20/14

17/10/14

C50 H.S. 6/15

147

Ref 140 - please see reply at p 143 Aut 6/15

17/10/15

Cx Comm.

49

Ref 144. Please see letter at 148 and
encl. for info. Aut 23/15 H.S. 22/15 3082 15

Capt H.

150

C50 This letter should have been referred to

CA Sender for comment before submission to Com

To Comms etc.

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17/10/15

Please see folio 148 and encl.
min 150 ref. Aut 23/15

Ex'm.

127

Draft herewith submitted for app'd.

ES 1575

128

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Chief Commissioner

App'd

Draft letter ~~at~~ submitted for consideration as I feel you should see before dispatch.

Matter is being raised at request of Communications SFC who are alarmed at the report that 3 District is to continue in being and remain at N9PHS.

I understood that Bay Lusk was going to raise this matter at the meeting at 17th St Saturday but there is no record as to whether this occurred.

19 Jan 46.

Mr. San Bay
for Ex. Comm.

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Communications spec who are alarmed at the
 report that 3 Dick is to continue in being
 and remain at N900000.
 I understood that Buy. Lush was going to raise
 this matter at the meeting at 07:44 last
 Saturday but there is no record as to whether
 this occurred.

19 Mar 46.

Mr. Sam Buy
 for Lush (anon.)

MAR 19 REC'D
 1645

E.C.

20/3

129
OR

Lush

132

C-x. Com

P. 131 submitted for signature.

1502
 21/3.

135

c.39.

Folio 134 for etc info of acc. please
 verify

~~ck~~ Send ~~space of 113~~ to ~~MMIA~~ for action
Signal Off for info.

26/1

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Signal Officer, H.Q. A.C.

Re see 116 - there things go adagio.

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C.S.O. to Executive Commissioner

116 noted -

26/1

MR Brown
HQ Signal Officer 1/2

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Note Ref 119. State Major Prince, who agrees that
probably it would be better to leave the
operator attd. However Lt. Brown is 3880
over his brother's classification

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C.S.O. to Executive Commissioner

116 noted -

WR Brown
HQ Signal Officer 1/2

Note 120 MHA
Ref 119. spoke Tagon Rince, who agrees that
probably it would be better to leave the
operator attd. However Lt. Brown is 3680
writing to CLO for further clarification
125. 18/2

New to Comm.

Due to info. ~~see memo~~ to see.
125. 6/3 14 5/3

3681

126.

Chief Commissioner.

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Approved
Attached is submitted for your signature
information

115/6/3
F.C. 1/3
✓ GND

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Division

OCT 23 1946

LRH/ec

MEMO

22 October 1946

TO: Executive Commissioner

1. Under date of 30 June 1945 G5 Allied Force Headquarters wrote the Headquarters, Allied Commission:

"This Section confirms that cipher and bag facilities may be granted to neutral nations without reference to this Headquarters".

2. Since that date, there is no further record of any further action in the Communications Division to regulate the use of codes and ciphers.

3. From the records, it appears that the Communications Division obtained codes and ciphers from the Italians and submitted them to AFHQ, prior 30 June 1945.

see M 173, 174, 175-176
L. R. Humbert
L. R. HUMBERT,
Lt. Col. Sig. C.
Director.

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(CAPT M)

PA 26
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Division

OCT 21 1946

ME 23/x
21 October '46

MEMO

TO: The Executive Commissioner.

1. Codes and ciphers of the Italian Government are not held by the Allied Commission. At the time that a cryptographic section was assigned to the Allied Commission, an Italian subsection, under an Italian Army Officer handed Italian codes and ciphers. These codes and ciphers were withdrawn along with British and American codes and cyphers when cryptographic work of the Allied Commission was taken over by the Signal Office of the Rome Area Allied Command.

2. I have not found a directive, or indication of a directive, requiring the Communications Sub-Commission to obtain copies of Italian Codes and Ciphers.

L.R. Humbert
L.R. HUMBERT,
Lt. Col. Sig. C.
Director.

See M 169, 170, 171, 173

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO

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Communications Sub-Commission

LRH/ec

T.63.196.CS

13 August '46

AUG 14 1946

MEMO to: Executive Commissioner.

1. Attached is a letter from the Foreign Minister about repair of the Barcelona - Malaga and Malaga - Horta cable.

a. There is no record in this office that approval has been given for this work (as stated in paragraph 5 of the letter from the Foreign Ministry), and the Italian Representative and the American Embassy have been so advised.

2. The Combined Signal Board AFHQ has been requested to authorize the repairs.

L.R. Humbert
L.R. HUMBERT,
Lt. Col. Sig.C.
Director.

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after
(encl. K)

P.A. 15/2/46
[Signature]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: ITALCABLE - repairs to submarine cables.

1. The "Società Anonima Italcable" have filed a petition with this Ministry asking for authorization to effect repairs, in order to resume its commercial services, on the following cable-lines :

- a) Barcelona - Malaga.
- b) Horta - Malaga.

2. For such repairs the cable-laying ship RAMPINO of the Italian Navy will be employed beginning from August 10th.

3. The Italcable would be much obliged to the competent authorities for all available informations concerning the position and conditions of cables to be repaired.

4. The Italcable wish to point out that their request does not concern directly or indirectly the cable Rome-Gibraltar which will remain at complete disposal of the Allied Authorities.

5. It is further added that the request has been examined and approved by the Telecommunication Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission.

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4. The Italcable wish to point out that their request does not concern directly or indirectly the cable Remé-Gibraltar which will remain at complete disposal of the Allied Authorities.

X5. It is further added that the request has been examined and approved by the Telecommunication Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission.

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6. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg the Allied Commission to take into favourable consideration the request of the Italcable which is going to resume an important intercontinental service.

7. It would be highly appreciated if the authorization could be granted as promptly as possible owing to the fact that this is the most convenient season to effect repairs and because the Italian Government, once the authorization has been granted, must reach an agreement with the Spanish Government for repairs to be done to those sections of cables laying in Spanish waters. *

Rome, July 31st, 1948.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

LRR/vl

T. 63. 190. CB

30 July 1946.

AUG 1 1946

SUBJECT: Naples-Messina Submarine Cable.

TO : Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.

Refers Folio 164

1. Reference is made to your letters number 872558, dated 3 May 1946 and 21 June 1946, and number 873855 dated 17 June 1946.

2. You are authorized to recover the unused portions of the Roma-Naples-Messina cable. This permission is given, however, without prejudice to any decision of the Peace Conference about title to, or disposal of, this or any other Italian cable whether held by Allied Forces or the Italian Government.

L.R. Humbert

L.R. HUMBERT,
Lt. Col., Sig. O.
Director.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner. ✓

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P.A. 11/2/46

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(CAPT K)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 990.23

25 July 1946.

JUL 29 1946

SUBJECT: Rome - Messina Cable.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

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Reference your T.63.CS dated 2 July 1946.

There is no objection to the Italian Government's recovering the disused portion of the Rome - Messina Cable; but, they will be informed that this permission is without prejudice to any decision of the Peace Conference as to the title to or disposal of this or any other Italian cable whether the same be in Allied hands or not.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A.L. HAMBLIN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

EC DIST - 29 July

ACTION - Bureau s/c

INFO - E.C

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 990.24

16 July 1946

JUL 19 1946

SUBJECT: Release of Long Distance Telecommunication Facilities.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

Reference your letter 8756/156/EC dated 5 June 1946, and
further to our G-5: 990.24 dated 12 June. 157

1. The Long Line Liaison Office, a part of this Headquarters,
is established in Rome with UST, the civil organization which engineers
the civil long lines system. They are in close contact with each other,
and each assists the other with its respective needs.

2. This Headquarters is well aware of the points referred to in
Para 5 of your letter and the limitation of use of long distance telephone
facilities is constantly under consideration. It is not however proposed
at this time to take any action which would result in a deterioration in
the present scale of military telephone facilities.

3. This Headquarters has the improvement of civil services constantly
in mind. Further correspondence on this subject will serve no useful
purpose unless information and elements not previously known are presented.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:



A. L. HAMBLET
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

See 17-161 4162 & 163.

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(CAPT K)

26/7/46
P. H. J.

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Ex Comm

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T.63.CS

2 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Submarine Cables.

JUL 2 1946

TO : Combined Signal Board, AFHQ.

1. Reference your X.515/1 of 25 June in reply to our T.63.181.CS of 25 June.

2. It is not understood why on 28 June "further consideration" is required to deal with the original request made on behalf of the Italian Government by this Commission on 9 May. Nor is it understood what "political implications", as stated in your X.515/X of 22 May, are involved in this purely technical request.

3. I must ask that an immediate reply, to which the Italian Government is certainly entitled, be made and I most strongly recommend that approval be granted without further delay.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Copy to:

Comm. S/C

CC Files

Ex Commr ✓

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(CAPT K)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 990.24

12 June 1946

JUN 13 1946

SUBJECT: Release of Long Distance Telecommunication
Facilities.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

Reference your letter 8756/156/EC dated 5 June
1946.

Your recommendations are under consideration.
You will be advised as soon as the results are known.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. Hamblen
A. L. HAMBLIN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Copy to: Comms s/c.

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See 7-160

(CAPT K)

*PA 14
RP*

Ref: 8756/126/EE.

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136.
5. June 1946.

SUBJECT: Release of Long Distance Telecomm Facilities.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

Reference is made to your letter of 17 May 46, Ref: G-5:900.34.

1. As pointed out in your letter it is necessary that the Italians do everything possible to rehabilitate and utilize to the maximum the telecommunications facilities and the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications has been continually reminded of this by this Commission. The Communications Sub-Commission has given all possible advice and assistance to the civil authorities and from an overall standpoint it is believed that a reasonably good job has been done by the Italians. There are, of course, individual cases where more energetic action or more foresight on the part of the Ministry would have resulted in additional telecommunications facilities being available for civilian use but as far as main trunk lines are concerned the Italians have made a really commendable effort in view of the difficulties with which they were faced.

2. It is fully appreciated by all concerned that rehabilitation as carried out by the Allied Military could not result in a complete restoration of pre-war facilities and as brought out in our letter of 22 March 46, the Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ, has always shown a keen appreciation of civilian needs and has cooperated closely in releasing circuits as soon as military necessity permitted. There is no intention on the part of the Italians to pretend that military necessity is not a paramount consideration but there is a feeling, which is shared by this Commission, that the term military necessity is possibly being interpreted somewhat more broadly than is really necessitated by present conditions.

3. We believe that it is a fact that regulations concerning use of long distance telephone facilities by all members of the Armed Forces are more liberal than those existing in the USA or Great Britain and it is further believed that this use could be curtailed without in any way impairing military efficiency.

4. Taking into account the fact that Italy has to bear the computational costs of the Allied armies, the cost element of civil communication facilities used by the Allied Military could become an important factor. When it is considered that monthly bills rendered to the Italian Government by the Concessionary Telephone Company in Rome covering civilian facilities used by RAAC alone amount to about 4 million lire, it will be seen that this factor is not an insignificant one.

5. It is recommended that consideration be given to limitation of use of long distance telephone facilities and that present drive to reduce facilities used by Allied Military be continued.

For the Chief Commissioner:

See 7-158 M. S. LUSH

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Communications
Sub-Commission.

See 7-160

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub - Commission

1st June 1946

P.47.737/CS

SUBJECT: Mail Service to Somaliland
TO : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. With reference to your memorandum of 22nd May regarding the mail service from Italy to Somaliland.

2. This is a matter which can best be dealt with through your Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications which, through its Offices at the various ports, is able to obtain all the necessary information concerning sailings for Africa. That Ministry has been urged to keep a close watch on the frequency with which mails are actually being sent from Italy to Egypt and to make enquiries if a reasonable frequency of service is not being obtained.

3. So far as this Commission is concerned all possible steps have been taken to facilitate the acceptance of Italian civil mails on ships from Italy to Egypt and there has been no recent report from the Italian Post Office of any difficulty in that respect.

4. It is possible for the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications to ascertain from the Office of Exchange in Mogadiscio the actual transit times of its more recent despatches and to pursue the matter with the Egyptian Postal Administration if there appears to be any undue delay in the service from Egypt onwards.

5. Civil Air Mails from Italy are forwarded daily by air to Cairo and in the absence of some definite evidence to the contrary it can be assumed that letters sent by this service are reaching Somaliland very quickly.

/s/ H.H. SOUDDER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director

COPY TO: Executive Commissioner
Director General Ministry of PP.TT. (with copy of Foreign Office memo)

Copy to 8756/EC & 8765/EC

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8756
St/Se
Ministero degli Affari Esteri
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MAY 25 1946
DUPLICATE
MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Mail service with Somaliland.

1. Several complaints on the mail service between Italy and Somaliland have reached this Ministry on the part of people who have their next-of-kin in that colony and who are expressing their disappointment on the present irregularity and inadequacy of the service.

2. In order to mitigate the conditions of moral distress in which many displaced people are still living in Somaliland after years of separation from their relatives and friends, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs would highly appreciate any steps that the Allied Commission could see fit to take for the improvement and speeding up of the foregoing service.

Rome, May 22nd, 1946

(CAPT K)

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EC DST-25 May
ACTION - COMMS S/C
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 312

17 May 1946

MAY 20 1946

SUBJECT: Circuits Made Available to Civil Authorities

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394

Reference your 8756/140/EC dated 18 April 1946, and
further to our G-5: 990.24 dated 2 May 1946.

1. Attached is a list of circuits that have been made available to the civil authorities during the period 1 September 1945 to 30 April 1946, a summary of which is on page 3. It will be noticed that a constant check is kept on the necessity for the retention of a circuit by the Allied Military, and, if not required, it is returned to civil use immediately.

2. The Civil Communications in ITALY were rehabilitated by the Allies to an extent sufficient to cover the Allied needs, but not to the full extent of the system. It is to the advantage of the Italians to adopt all practicable means to supplement the efforts of the military authorities in order that the full capacity of the telecommunications system may be realized.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. I. Hamelen

A. I. HAMELEN
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Copy to:

CSO w/o Incl. (your IRS ref 311.3/2/1 of 10 May refers) 3867
G-3, AFHQ w/o Incl.

Incl:

As above

See 7M 149-150-161
this 157

EC DIST. 20 May
COMMS S/C

(CAPT R)

CIRCULARS (TABLES) ESTABLISHED FOR CIVIL DURING PERIOD

1 SEP 45 - 30 APR 46.

E.O. No.	Date	Circuit
1935	16 Sep	Udine - Trieste 2, 3, 4, 5.
1991	17 Sep	Ascona - Rimini 1, 2, 3.
		Bologna - Imola 1, 2.
		Imola - Ferrara 1, 2.
2063	5 Oct	Rome - Siena 1.
2070	4 Oct	Rome - Milan 4.
2072	4 Oct	Bologna - Ferrara
2090	11 Oct	Naples - Rome 2.
		Naples - Milan 4.
		Rome - Milan 5.
		Rome - Turin 1.
		Rome - Florence 5.
		Bologna - Mestre 7.
		Rome - Venice 1.
		Florence - Milan 3.
2143	22 Oct	Rome - Bologna 5, 6.
		Florence - Ancona 2.
		Rome - Ancona 1.
		Florence - Perugia
		Ancona - Foligno
		Bologna - Leghorn
2152	25 Oct	Venice - Milan 2.
2156	29 Oct	Bologna - Milan 5.
2173	3 Nov	Mestre - Udine 1, 2.
		Florence - Ancona
2182	6 Nov	Ancona - Perugia
		Bologna - Padua 5.
		Ferrara - Padua 2, 3, 4.
		Bologna - Verona 3.
		Bologna - Modena - Mantova - Verona (one 0/1 pair)
2194	9 Nov	Bologna - Trento 1.
		Bologna - Bolzano 1.
2211	15 Nov	Rome - Leghorn 1.
2214	16 Nov	Florence - Lucca 3.
		Lucca - Pisa 1, 2.
2214	26 Nov	Udine - Carviale 1, 2, 3.
2218	27 Nov	Florence - Padua

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2152	25 Oct	Rome - Spina 1. Florence - Perugia Arezzo - Foligno Bologna - Leghorn Venice - Milan 2. Bologna - Milan 5. Mestre - Udine 1, 2. Florence - Arezzo Arezzo - Perugia Bologna - Padua 6. Verona - Padua 2, 3, 4. Bologna - Verona 3. Bologna - Modena - Mantova - Verona (one U/I pair) Bologna - Trento 1. Bologna - Bolzano 1. Rome - Leghorn 1. Florence - Lucca 3. Lucca - Pisa 1, 2. Udine - Cervasio 1, 2, 3. Florence - Padua Florence - Lucca 4, 5. Florence - Leghorn 3, 4. Florence - Montecatini Florence - Pisa 3. Florence - Pistola 3 Florence - La Spina 1. Florence - Viareggio 1 Leghorn - Lucca 1, 2. Lucca - Pisa 3, 4. Lucca - Montecatini 2, 3. Pisa - Montecatini Pistola - Montecatini 1, 2. Florence - Genoa Florence - Bologna 4. Catania - Messina (2 sets) Bologna - Ferrara Ancona - Bologna 3, 4. Bologna - Trieste 1, 2. Mestre - Padua 10, 11. Padua - Udine 1. Florence - Bologna 5 Rome - Florence 5
2154	9 Nov	
2241	15 Nov	
2242	16 Nov	
2244	26 Nov	
2248	27 Nov	
2275	8 Dec	
2357	15 Jan	
2364	16 Jan	
2375	24 Jan	
2497	31 Jan	
2449	11 Feb	

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E.O. No.	Date	Circuit
2462	18 Feb	Rome - Rimini 1. Ancona - Milan 1. Ancona - Venice 1. Venice - Trieste 1. Bologna - Bologna 1 Florence - Porto 1, 2, 3. Porto - Padova 1, 2, 3. Bologna - Vienna Milan - Vienna Milan - Warsaw Trieste - Prague Trieste - Vienna Bologna - Vienna VHF System O/V Camp Florence - Bologna Bologna - Bologna 2. Bologna - Turin 3. Lyon - Vicenza 2. Florence - Lyons 3, 4. Paris - Vicenza 1. Napoli - Bologna 1. 40, 2-wire pairs Bologna - Rimini - Ferrara - Padua in Route Cable
2466	19 Feb	
2467	20 Feb	
2472	24 Feb	
2473	24 Feb	
2474	24 Feb	
2477	22 Feb	
2478	22 Feb	
2479	23 Feb	
2487	26 Feb	
2500	4 Mar	
2514	13 Mar	
2524	15 Mar	
2529	15 Mar	
2532	18 Mar	
2538	21 Mar	
2540	21 Mar	
2577	28 Mar	
2561	30 Mar	
2564	2 Apr	
2565	2 Apr	
2573	5 Apr	
2584	10 Apr	
2588	12 Apr	

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File No.	Date	Location
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ALLIED FORCE HEAD QUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 990.24

2 May 1946

SUBJECT: Release of Long Distance Telecommunications Facilities
TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

1. Receipt of your letter above subject file 8756/140/EC, dated 18 April 1946 is acknowledged.
2. No further telecommunication facilities are available for turnback to civil use at this time.

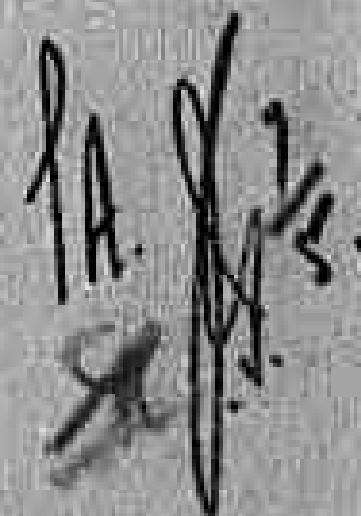
BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:


A. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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From : Air Forces Sub-Commission, A.O. ROME.
To : Italian Air Ministry.
Date : 25th April, 1946.
Ref. : AFSC/48/AIR.

APR 26 1946

ELECTRIC CABLES - STRAITS OF MESSINA

Further to our letter, same reference as above, dated 15th April, 1946.

If the Italian Government decides to erect the pylons and cables across the Straits of Messina, it is requested that this Sub-Commission be notified when construction begins so that proper obstruction warnings may be given to all aircraft flying in this area.

William L. Lee
WILLIAM L. LEE,
BRIG. GEN. U.S.A. 3862
DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
AIR FORCES S/C.

Copies to: MAAC Secretariat,
Executive Commissioner, HQ, ALCOM,
Economic Section, HQ, ALCOM,
Elect. Div. Ind. and Ut. Br. HQ, AC.

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Ref: 8756/140/SC.

20 April 1946.

SUBJECT: Release of Long Distance
Telecommunications Facilities.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

Reference is made to your letter G-5: 388.8-2 dated
8 April 1946.

1. It is true that the analysis contained in para 3 (d) of our letter 8756/131/SC dated 22 March 1946 included a few circuits provided by carrier equipment and this was necessary in order to present a fair picture since circuits provided by carrier equipment were not exclusively military but were in part used by civilians or were common user control circuits.
2. The bulk of such circuits are not provided by military carrier equipment but by Italian civilian equipment used by the military. The Italians have available equipment to substitute any Allied Military telephone carrier equipment now in use and it is therefore felt that the analysis presented by us is correct. The argument that carrier equipment was not used by the Italians before the war is not sound since the number of circuits available at that time was such that no need existed for any large application of carrier. If such need had existed the Italians were fully prepared to use carrier.
3. The large proportion of long distance circuits in use by the Allied Military is becoming a subject of press comment and it is felt that an even closer check than in the past on the necessity of retaining all military circuits now in use is required.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

FROM : AIR FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C. ROME

TO : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY

Copies to: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION, HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
ELECTRICAL DIV., INDUSTRIAL & UTILITIES BRANCH, HQ A.C.

APR 15 1946

DATE : 15TH APRIL 1946

REF : AFSC/46/ AIR

CONSTRUCTION OF SIX OVERHEAD CABLES
ACROSS STRAITS OF MESSINA

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Reference is made to our letter AFSC/46/AIR of 5th February 1946.

2. All the information at hand was examined by higher Headquarters and it was decided that this project is entirely an Italian matter and should be settled by the Italian Government.

W. L. Lee
WILLIAM L. LEE
BRIG. GEN. U.S.A.
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
A.F.S.C.

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SUBJECT: Release of Long Distance Telecommunications Facilities.

TO : AFHQ, Attention G-5.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 8 April 1946 file G-5: 388.8-2. (134)

2. It is true that the analysis contained in para 3 (d) of our letter included a few circuits provided by carrier equipment and this was necessary in order to present a fair picture since circuits provided by carrier equipment were not exclusively military but were in part used by civilians or were common user control circuits. (131)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 383.8-2

8 April 1946

SUBJECT: Release of Long Distance Tele-communications Facilities.

APR 9 1946

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Reference is made to your 8756/131/EC, subject as above, dated 22 March 1946.

1. It is the continuing policy of this Headquarters to hand back to civilian use all tele-communications not essential to military requirements.
2. A considerable number of circuits have been handed back and a frequent check is made to ensure that such lines as are retained are actually necessary.
3. There is a tele-communication bottle-neck in the BOLOGNA-FLORENCE-ROME-NAPLES route and, while it is impossible to estimate accurately the needs of the re-located headquarters, it is believed that it will not be possible to release any circuits between BOLOGNA and ROME. Should the proposed move of AFHQ take place an appreciable release of military circuits between ROME and NAPLES should result.
4. The analysis contained in para 3(d) of your letter is a little misleading in that the total number of circuits listed included those provided by military carrier equipment. This equipment did not exist before the war and at least part of it will probably be removed when no further military need for it exists.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:



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

cc G-3 AFHQ
GSO

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G-5 Section
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G-5: 383.8-2

26 March 1946

MAR 30 1946

SUBJECT: Release of Long Distance Tele-
communication Facilities.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394. 131

1. Your 8756/131/EC dated 22 March 1946 is acknowledged.
2. The points raised by your letter are being examined and a further communication will be addressed to you as soon as possible.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. Hamblen
A. L. HAMBLIN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Ref: 8756/131/EC.

22. March 1946.

SUBJECT: Release of Long Distance
Telecommunication Facilities

TO : G-5, AFHQ.

1. In connection with the reorganization and changes of location of formation HQs which are at present under consideration I wish to draw your attention to the telecommunication aspect of this matter.

2. It is considered essential to ensure that all telecommunication facilities now utilized by the Allied Forces be released for civil use as soon as military necessity permits.

3. a) With the cessation of hostilities, the reduction in number of troops in the theatre and the increasing activity of Italian industry and commerce, it would appear that the time has arrived when the civilian need for improved telecommunication facilities should have preference over military convenience. Military necessity should remain, of course, the paramount consideration but the proportion of available long distance telecommunication facilities utilized by the Allied Forces is so high that it is the cause of serious representation on the part of the Italian Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications which feels that continued use of such a large number of circuits cannot be any longer justified by military necessity. Since inadequate telecommunication facilities constitute a serious impediment to economic recovery it would appear that consideration of the effect on civil facilities should be given considerable importance in any future moves of Allied Military Installations.

b) The question of release of facilities for civil use has been one of the main interests of this Commission which, through the Communications Sub-Commission, has kept in close touch with the Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ. The latter has always shown a keen appreciation of civilian needs and has cooperated closely in releasing circuits as soon as military necessity permitted. It is felt, however, that under present conditions except for few isolated cases, military necessity still requires the retention by the Allied Forces of the long distance circuits now employed.

c) However, it was expected that, if the proposed move of AFHQ to a point North of the Apennines took place, a marked reduction would result in the number of circuits required for military use especially on the route BOLOGNA - FLORENCE - ROME - NAPLES. The paucity of circuits available for civil use on this route is one of the chief obstacles to the restoration of

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more normal civil telecommunication services and as this route is the only major link between North and South ITALY release of circuits is of paramount importance to restoration of Italian economy.

d) An analysis of circuit facilities between the cities mentioned in para 3 shows the following availability and utilization:

Route.	Total number of circuits.	In use by Allied Military.	% of Total.	In use by Civil.	% of Total.	Shared by Civil and Military.
NAPLES - ROME (including circuits from CASERTA to North ITALY)	83	60	72%	18	22%	5
ROME-FLORENCE	86	55	64%	26	30%	5
FLORENCE-BOLOGNA	70	41	59%	25	36%	4

e) Removal of AFHQ from the NAPLES area should result in a very big reduction in the circuits in military use and, if this expected reduction takes place in the next two months, the release of circuits would be in keeping with the capacity of the Italian Civilian long distance tollboard and repeater facilities to absorb them.

4. It is now understood, however, that the proposed move of AFHQ and transfer of administration of British Forces in ITALY to BTA contemplates that Headquarters 3 District will remain in NAPLES. As it is understood that 3 District will be the major British administrative unit remaining in ITALY, it follows that their circuit requirements will remain very heavy and it is feared the number of circuits which will be released by the Allied Forces on the BOLOGNA - FLORENCE - ROME - NAPLES route will fall far short of meeting the urgent needs of the Italian economy.

5. It is requested therefore that in determining the future location of formation Hqs due consideration be given to the telecommunication aspect and to the extremely adverse effect on Italian civil telecommunication and hence on Italian economic recovery which will continue if a major Headquarters is retained in the NAPLES area and not located North of the Apennines.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Copy to: Comms.S/C, AG.

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(Sgt) Mr. Carr
Executive Brigadier,
Commissioner.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 210/EO.

12 March 1946.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING - 12 MARCH.

Land Forces Sub-Commission (MLA) were not represented.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting.

(a) - 1(a). Economic Section. Ex C stated Eoon Seo would remain in their present location on First Floor. He directed that Eoon Seo consult both Ex C (A) and (B) on the question of Establishment.

(b) - 1(c). Elections - Policy. Brig. Carr said that no communication had been received from the Italian Government. Reports from ACIOs indicated that elections were on the whole proceeding smoothly. Ex C said ACIO REPES had confirmed this in a discussion.

(c) - 1(d). Food Situation. Eoon Seo said that owing to the changeover a detailed report was not available for this meeting, but would be sent to Ex C to-day. Ex C directed that a special report be prepared by Eoon Seo for Chief Commissioner by Friday morning. He mentioned a press report that UNEKA did not promise much more food for ITALY.

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(e) - 3. Summer Time. Ex C announced that subject to concurrence by AFHQ the Italian Government would introduce Summer Time at 0200 hrs, 17 March.

(f) - 6. Shoes and Clothing. Ex C directed Eoon Seo to pursue this matter in collaboration with Communications S/O.

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2. Italian Ration. Polad (R) the amount of the Italian ration expressed in terms of calories. Ex C estimated the basic ration at 750 calories but said it was difficult to give the actual amount owing to different ways in which the ration could be supplemented. He directed Eoon Sec to contact UNRRA technicians and obtain an answer.
3. Hotels in ROME. Polad (B) referred to an article in "The Times" of 18 February which Foreign Office had asked to be followed up. Ex C stated that the policy of AC was to derequisition and directed Ex C(A) to furnish Polad (B) with figures, especially comparison between July 1944 and the present time. The question of hotels being taken over by UNRRA would be raised by Ex C at tomorrow's meeting.
4. Coal. Eoon Sec said the situation showed a slight improvement. Imports had been up to schedule for the months of January and February, and were expected to be maintained during March. The question of extra coal required for food industries was under consideration.

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APO 394
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3rd March 1946

SUBJECT : Resumption of Italian
TO : Executive Commissioner

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The Chief Commissioner will doubtless be interested to learn that CINC MED has authorised resumption by the Italians of ship to shore radio telegraph service for merchant vessels and as a result, effective March 1, 1946, the Italian Government is resuming such service.

H. H. Scudder
H. H. SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig. C.
Director

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Ref: 8756/123/20

/ March 1946

SUBJECT: Electric Cables - Straits of Messina.

TO : Air Forces Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your AFSC/43/Air dated 9th November 1945 on the above subject.

2. We have now received a reply from the Economic Section on the results of an investigation made by the Industry and Utilities Sub-Commission as per your request.

3. A copy of AO/5571/IND dated 23 February 1946 is attached.

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref. AC/5577/IND

28 February 1946

FEB 28 1946

SUBJECT : Electric Power Lines between
Sicily and the Mainland.

TO : Executive Commissioner. 

FROM : Economic Section.

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1. Reference is to your letter 8756/103/EC dated 15 November 1945.

2. An investigation into the subject of overhead VS underwater cable for power connection between Sicily and the Mainland has been made and we submit the following information:

a. The question at issue is not one of availability of cable, as the cable used in this job would have to be made to rigid special specifications and designed for this job alone.

b. There are few firms in the world capable of making this cable. Among these firms Pirelli of Italy is one of the leaders and should be the one picked for the job, if it is to be carried out.

c. Because of stringent underwater current conditions and because of the very rugged condition of the sea bottom at the location over which this cable must pass, engineers of Pirelli, the utilities companies etc., after a few years study, have concluded that no cable would give satisfactory service at this point.

d. Based on the above study the plan of the overhead cable was devised.

3. In view of the above, the subject does not become a question of obtaining available cable in the United States.

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4. Any decision in this matter should be obtained through the Ministry through competent engineering advice weighing the relative importance of both advantages and disadvantages of this overhead cable against the underwater cable.

Harlan Cleveland
HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President
Economic Section.

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SIGNAL SECTION
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

15 February 1946

FEB 16 1946

SUBJECT: Attachment of Cipher Operator to CLO ALCOM Sicily.
THROUGH: CSO to Executive Commissioner.
TO: Land Forces S/C (MMIA). 114

1. Italian cipher operator attached from Comando Territoriale Sicilia to Chief Liaison Officer Sicily by authority of MMIA ltr A/292, 31 January 1946, is not needed at present. The Navy teletype station in Palermo will not be closed for approximately eight weeks, according to information from the Navy received by the Chief Liaison Officer.

2. Both Maj. Hector of MMIA in Palermo and the Chief liaison Officer in Palermo have indicated the desire to have the cipher operator returned to Comando Territoriale Sicilia. However, it is the opinion of this section that the transfer should remain in effect.

3. The CLO in Sicily can utilize Italian military teletype using cipher operator for classified traffic. Thus operator need not be idle.

4. The Navy station will cease operation soon, and it would seem more expeditious to allow transfer to stand than to recall the operator and retransfer him eight weeks hence.

Marley B. Brown, Jr.
MARLEY B. BROWN, JR.
1st Lt., CE
Hq Signal Officer

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SUBJECT : Transfer of Italian Military Cipher Operator to PALERMO.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.
Tel: 489084 Ext: 380.

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31 Jan. 46.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. A request has been received at this HQ for the attachment to the staff of the Chief Liaison Officer, Allied Commission, PALERMO, of an Italian Military Cipher Operator from the Comando Territoriale Sicilia.
2. This transfer is required because the US Navy, who previously transmitted signals from this Liaison officer, have closed their signal station in PALERMO, and signals are now sent by Italian Military Teletype, thus necessitating the use of cipher for signals bearing a security classification.

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J. A. C. PEARCE, Major,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : Executive Commissioner's Office, AG (Your 8756/115/EO dated 29 Jan. refers).

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Ref: 8756/115/20

29 January 1946

Memo to Land Forces S/O (MMIA).

Ref conversation of today's date Lt. Col. Gilmour-Capt. Braybrooke.

Herewith a copy of the letter discussed. May we be kept informed as to action taken please.

C. P. BRAYBROOKE

Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

Copy to: HQ Signal Officer.

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SIGNAL SECTION
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

28 January 1946

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SUBJECT: Transfer of Italian Military Cipher Operator.
THRU: Executive Commissioner's Office.
TO: Commsnding Officer (Italian), Italian Cipher,
Signal Section.

1. Request Italian Military cipher operator be attached from Comando Territoriale Sicilia to Chief Liaison Officer, Allied Commission, Palermo, Sicily.

2. This transfer is necessitated by lack of signal facilities in Palermo. Until recently, signals from LO ALCOM SICILY were sent by the U. S. Navy. This station no longer exists. Signals now are to be sent by Italian Military teletype. However, Confidential and Restricted signals must be transmitted in cipher by Italian Military teletype.

Marley R. Brown, Jr.
MARLEY R. BROWN, JR.
1st Lt., C.E.
Hq Signal Officer

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ARMED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

24 January 1946

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SUBJECT: Communications - Italian Armed Forces

JAN 26 1946

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394
General Officer Commanding, XIII Corps
General Officer Commanding, Number 2 District
General Officer Commanding, Number 3 District
Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, APO 782
Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command, APO 794

1. Effective 1 February 1946 the Allied Military Authorities in ITALY (less 13 Corps Area) will cease to be responsible for the provision of communications on behalf of the Italian Armed Forces.

2. At that date, all circuits forming part of the pre-war civilian network, now controlled by the Allies, but in use by the Italian Armed Forces, will be formally returned to Italian Government control. The appropriate Italian Military Authorities will be informed of these steps at once so that they may have the opportunity of re-requisitioning the facilities in good time.

3. The use by Italian Armed Forces of circuits on Allied Military routes, ie. routes constructed with military stores entirely and maintained by Allied Signal personnel, will be discontinued, or alternatively, the maintenance taken over by the Italian Military Authorities.

4. As a result of this change in policy effective 1 February 1946, no Italian Military units or formations will be permitted access to the Allied Military Telephone or Telegraph networks in ITALY. There will be one exception to this ruling, namely, that they may use the military network entirely within the 13 Corps boundary.

5. This memorandum in no way absolves British Signals from their responsibilities for the provision of communications for British Liaison Units (BLU's) working with Italian formations.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

EDMUND R. SHUGART
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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SUBJECT: Italian Telephone System

TO : AFHQ Att: G-5

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1. Reference is made to letter of 10 December 1945, G-5: 311.3 contents of which has been discussed with representatives of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications. The Ministry is fully aware of the importance of maintenance of telephone service in the event of strikes or civil disturbance and appreciates the necessity of taking all possible measures to insure that Allied Military communications are not interrupted.

2. The Minister has replied to the specific recommendations made in para 7 of the attachment to your letter as follows:

3. a. Inequitable rates of pay

The question of rates of pay for Government employees being at a different level than those in private companies is not a new one nor is it confined to employees employed in the telephone section of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications. The Minister of Posts and Telecommunications has given assurance that everything will be done to alleviate the situation but has pointed out that any action on salaries of Government employees can be taken only after long and careful consideration and only in agreement with other Ministries and on approval of the Council of Ministers.

b. Provision for accommodation and feeding

The Ministry is preparing a plan but has pointed out that under present conditions it is almost impossible

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to set up any stores of food for emergency due largely to complete lack of tinned foods in the Italian market. Any large scale provision of living accommodations in advance of the need for same is very difficult due to space shortage and occupation by Allied Military.

Both these points are being studied and it is thought they can be adequately covered in co-operation with Signal personnel who are at all Fault Control Points and will remain there in a liaison capacity.

c. Acknowledgement by Employees

A form of acknowledgement has been prepared and copy of proposed text (in Italian and English translation) of such is enclosed. It will be noted that reference is made to R.D. 1415 which is a law still in effect and which permits militarization of telecommunications.

The advisability of having this acknowledgement signed by all employees or only by those considered essential for insuring communications requires further consideration on the part of the Ministry but a decision is expected shortly.

d. Sanctions

The Minister is of the opinion that by invoking R.D. 1415 ample power for the application of any necessary sanctions is available to the Italian Government.

In the opinion of this Commission there can be no question of requesting enforcement of anti-strike legislation, as the repercussions of any such action in both Britain and the U.S.A. would be most unfortunate.

The re-imposition of Allied Military Government is also out of the question, in our opinion.

4. It is recommended that the Ministry be given some more time to prepare a detailed plan to be put in effect

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in case of strike or civil commotion and that in the meantime the Signal Section AFHQ prepare a list of any points or lines not now under MARSHES which should be included in such plan. Signal Section should also consider what assistance could be given the Italian Administration in the way of setting up army stocks of emergency food at or near Fuel Control points which would be held available for release to the Italian Administration in case of emergency.

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/s/ HILARY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Il Sottoscritto

(Cognome, nome e paternità)

Addetto all'Ufficio

in relazione agli obblighi assunti dal Governo Italiano verso gli Alleati, si obbliga di assicurare in qualsiasi circostanza ed evenienza le comunicazioni delle Autorità Alleate e del Governo Italiano, prestando, in caso di necessità, servizio senza alcuna limitazione, sia di giorno, che di notte.

Dichiara di essere a conoscenza dell'applicabilità, nei propri riguardi, del R.D. 8-7-1938 n. 1415 e di prendere atto che in caso di inosservanza dell'obbligo assunto potrà essere immediatamente licenziato ed incorrere nelle più gravi sanzioni che sono in vigore e che eventualmente fossero stabilite in seguito.

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SCHEME OF DECLARATION

The Underwritten

(Name, surname and father's name)

Attached to

Considering the obligations undertaken by the Italian Government towards the Allies, I bind myself to assure in all circumstances and conditions the communications of the Allied Authorities and the Italian Government, giving, whenever necessary, my services without any limitation, either by day or by night. I further declare to have knowledge of the applicability in regard to the above, of R.D. 8-7-1938 n.1815 and I am fully aware that in case of non observance of the obligations I have undertaken I may be dismissed and even subjected to more severe sanctions either already legally in existence or which may be provided for in future.

(Signed)

(Date)

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SUBJECT: Anzio - Barcelona Submarine Cable

TO : Sir Richard Neworthy, Minister (Commercial)
British Embassy, Rome

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1. Your letter of December 14, 1945 to Mr. Harlan Cleveland has been referred to this Sub-Commission for reply.

2. The Anzio - Barcelona cable has not been re-opened and neither Ital-Cable or this Sub-Commission has knowledge of any Rome broadcast to this effect.

Copy to Executive Commissioner ✓

R.H. SCUDDER,
Col. Sig. C.
Director.

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