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RADIO TRANSPORTATION & EQUIPMENT  
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20 November 1946

AIDE MEMOIRE

SUBJECT: Italian Amateur Radio.

Under an Italian Government decree of 1934 radio operation by Italian radio amateurs was prohibited. Amateur operation in violation of that decree appears to have been general.

A large number of Italian radio amateurs would like to obtain permission to commence operating. Two Italian amateur societies report membership as follows:

SOCIETY	MEMBERS
ASSOCIAZIONE RADIOTECHNICA ITALIANA	584
RADIO CLUB D'ITALIA	164

These societies are eager for their members to resume operation legally, and to assist the Italian Government in establishing regulatory practices that will be fair to all operators.

Allied Military Forces are permitting Allied soldiers to operate amateur stations. In some cases, these Allied amateurs are establishing radio contact with Italian amateurs.

The Combined Signal Board has authorized the use of amateur radio frequencies by Italian amateurs. This authority was granted to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.

The frequencies authorized and dates of authorization are:

FREQUENCY BAND	DATE OF AUTHORIZATION
28 to 30 Megacycles	15 March 1946
58.5 to 60 Megacycles	13 May 1946
14.1 to 17.3 Megacycles	28 August 1946
7.15 to 7.3 Megacycles	28 August 1946

On 28 October 1946 the Italian amateurs were granted permission to operate for 15 days. Extension of this permission has been requested by the Amateur Societies and by the Communications Division.

Weld by Dr. Bonbrasse  
to Dr. Cappa 20/11/46

Capt K. P.P.  
21 Nov 46



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A decree is being prepared within the Italian Government under which will be established a regulatory organization for issuing licenses to operators, and for control of operations. It is desirable that this decree be issued promptly in order that amateur operation may be effectively controlled. If extended operation is permitted without the policing power of a regulatory organization improper operation may result that will be difficult to stop.

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3 September 1946.

Dear Dr. Cappa:

Replying to your letter of 14 August requesting permission to engage in international broadcasting, the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater, has granted permission for the Italian Government to engage in international broadcasting, using facilities and frequencies already authorized.

The power of the transmitters, however, will not be increased beyond 10 Kw. without prior approval. If such increase is desired, applications for such increase should be forwarded via this office.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Paolo Cappa,  
Undersecretary of State to the Presidency  
of the Council of Ministers,  
Rome.

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16 August 1946.

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SUBJECT: International Broadcasts.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters.

1. There is forwarded herewith a letter with enclosure from the Italian Government requesting permission to engage in international broadcasting at the earliest possible date, using facilities and frequencies already authorized.

2. I can see no valid objection to refusing this request— to the contrary, I consider it to be only a natural and logical extension of the same freedom of speech and publication which the Allied Governments have consistently accorded, if not pledged, to Italy.

3. Your early approval is requested.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE TO  
THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

RESERVED & URGENT.

Rome, 14 August, 1946.

The Presidency of the Council of Ministers recognizes the necessity of supporting the work which our Delegation is carrying out in Paris, with a series of broadcasts which will point out to the world the difficult present conditions of our Country, and her economic and financial necessities, the sincere aspiration of the people to collaborate with all liberal and democratic Nations, and our univocal readiness to maintain a long and equitable peace.

We should like to effect these short broadcasts through the short-wave station of Busto Arsizio, in Italian, English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese, according to a time-table still to be established, but which for North and South America would be fixed between 2400 hours and 0200 hours, and for Europe between 1900 hours and 2100 hours.

If we should be given authorization to broadcast in Russian, we would be willing to carry out a program in this language too.

The broadcasts would include the principle daily events of our Country, with special reference to administrative, economic-financial, and social problems, and to reconstructive activities, and also a brief "Review of Opinions" on the more important problems of the day, taken from Italian and foreign newspapers of greater prestige, the whole in connection and in direct and indirect function with the abovementioned main purposes, namely to illustrate the needs and aspirations of the Italian people in the frame of the long-awaited and wished-for peace.

The news would be strictly objective, and absolutely impartial.

The broadcasts would be carried out with the same frequency, and with the same power used nowadays. But, since the power of one of the two transmitters of Busto Arsizio has been reduced from 40 Kw. to 10 Kw. by the Allied Command, it would be preferable if the above-named station was given back its original power. This is not, however, indispensable.

The Presidency of the Council of Ministers feels certain that you will take an interest in this matter, and that you will authorize, with solicitude, the start of the planned broadcasts.

Awaiting a reply, I thank you.

Yours truly,

(s) Paolo Cappa.  
UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE  
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, Chief Commissioner, A.C.

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TRANSLATION

BUSTO ARSIZIO

Two broadcasting stations: One whose power was Kw. 40, and has been reduced to Kw. 10, and another with 50 Kw. Power.

FREQUENCY OF SHORT WAVES.

m. 25.40	Kcs.	11.810
m. 31.15	"	9.630
m. 49.5	"	6.085

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Extract of Minutes of Chief of Staff's Meeting held on 12 January 1945.

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JAN 16 1945

Transport assigned for RAIL RING. Econ Sec reported that ZWB were transferring the operation of RAIL RING to the Italian Government who were now asking for trucks. Communications Sub-Commission had the matter in hand.

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9 January 1945

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Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of 8 January. I  
am passing it on to Colonel Densmore, Acting Vice  
President of the Economic Section, to handle.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner

Mr. George W. Edman  
A.D.P.W.O. Italy  
P.W.B. Unit No. 12  
APO 512

cc: Colonel Densmore  
Chief of Staff  
Major Fielden, PRB  
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8 January 1945

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.  
Chief Commissioner  
Headquarters Allied Commission  
Rome

Dear Ellery:

In view of the imminent turnover of radio to the Italian authorities, I am sending you a copy of a memorandum from Major Muhl, our chief transportation officer at AFHQ.

Point #1 is not stated broadly enough. It is more than Rome. It is all of Liberated Italy. I should appreciate it if you would forward the memorandum to the proper section of Allied Commission, with whom the R.A.I. officials should confer in order to plan a solution of their transportation problems.

If you will let me know who it is, I shall be glad to pass the information along to Dr. Rusca.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE W. ELMAN  
A. D. P.W.O.

cc: Mr. Russell Barnes  
Major Robert F. Muhl  
Mr. Ivor Thomas

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH  
APO 512

5 January 1945

TO : George W. Edman, A.D.P.W.O. Italy  
FROM : Robert F. Mehl, Major, Infantry, Chief Transportation Officer, PWB-AFHQ  
SUBJECT: Radio Rome Transportation

1. In view of the contemplated divorce of PWB from the operation and control of Radio-Rome, various conferences were held between Mr. Ivor Thomas, Chief of Radio, Mr. Dante Gnudi, Chief, Italian Documents Section, Dr. Rusca, II Commissario of R.A.I., and Mr. Fano, Under-Secretary of Communications, to determine:

- a. Transportation requirements
- b. Method by which Radio Rome could acquire necessary vehicles

2. The following points were agreed upon:

- a. Transportation requirements: 36 passenger vehicles & two buses
- b. Vehicles to be obtained through Italian government sources
- c. PWB must withdraw all transport and divert it to other operations which are deficient in transportation facilities
- d. PWB will continue to supply present transport requirements until such time as the complete withdrawal is effected.

3. The Under-Secretary of Communications informed us that vehicles were available in the amount requested. However, tires to equip the vehicles must be supplied from some source. PWB can assume no responsibility either for producing vehicles or tires, nor for making provisions for the supply of petroleum products.

4. Dr. Rusca requested that we investigate the possibility of obtaining the use of buses controlled by the Red Cross. These vehicles would be used between 2200 and 2400 hours to facilitate the movement of large groups of concert personnel.

5. We are obligated to assist Radio Rome to the extent of justifying to proper authorities their need for aid in transport. Therefore, I recommend that the facts on this matter be brought to the attention of those authorities for necessary action.

ROBERT F. MEHL,  
Major, Infantry,  
Chief Transportation Officer.



