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COMMUNICATIONS, SIGNALS
MAY 1945 - JAN. 1946

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179.

Ex Comm.

Letter at 173 in reply to 177 for signature.

CSO

100.

165

Please speak.

spoke 178 inner
20/10

DSV 6271x

185

Capt Graybrooke

With your approval to Folio 185 I will issue.

Short 1/12

7/12.

(186)

etc. That is alright but put in some preliminary announcement - following recd. from etc. See 187

Sally perfect by 190.

191 do wip. 17/12. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236. 237. 238. 239. 240. 241. 242. 243. 244. 245. 246. 247. 248. 249. 250. 251. 252. 253. 254. 255. 256. 257. 258. 259. 260. 261. 262. 263. 264. 265. 266. 267. 268. 269. 270. 271. 272. 273. 274. 275. 276. 277. 278. 279. 280. 281. 282. 283. 284. 285. 286. 287. 288. 289. 290. 291. 292. 293. 294. 295. 296. 297. 298. 299. 300. 301. 302. 303. 304. 305. 306. 307. 308. 309. 310. 311. 312. 313. 314. 315. 316. 317. 318. 319. 320. 321. 322. 323. 324. 325. 326. 327. 328. 329. 330. 331. 332. 333. 334. 335. 336. 337. 338. 339. 340. 341. 342. 343. 344. 345. 346. 347. 348. 349. 350. 351. 352. 353. 354. 355. 356. 357. 358. 359. 360. 361. 362. 363. 364. 365. 366. 367. 368. 369. 370. 371. 372. 373. 374. 375. 376. 377. 378. 379. 380. 381. 382. 383. 384. 385. 386. 387. 388. 389. 390. 391. 392. 393. 394. 395. 396. 397. 398. 399. 400. 401. 402. 403. 404. 405. 406. 407. 408. 409. 410. 411. 412. 413. 414. 415. 416. 417. 418. 419. 420. 421. 422. 423. 424. 425. 426. 427. 428. 429. 430. 431. 432. 433. 434. 435. 436. 437. 438. 439. 440. 441. 442. 443. 444. 445. 446. 447. 448. 449. 450. 451. 452. 453. 454. 455. 456. 457. 458. 459. 460. 461. 462. 463. 464. 465. 466. 467. 468. 469. 470. 471. 472. 473. 474. 475. 476. 477. 478. 479. 480. 481. 482. 483. 484. 485. 486. 487. 488. 489. 490. 491. 492. 493. 494. 495. 496. 497. 498. 499. 500. 501. 502. 503. 504. 505. 506. 507. 508. 509. 510. 511. 512. 513. 514. 515. 516. 517. 518. 519. 520. 521. 522. 523. 524. 525. 526. 527. 528. 529. 530. 531. 532. 533. 534. 535. 536. 537. 538. 539. 540. 541. 542. 543. 544. 545. 546. 547. 548. 549. 550. 551. 552. 553. 554. 555. 556. 557. 558. 559. 560. 561. 562. 563. 564. 565. 566. 567. 568. 569. 570. 571. 572. 573. 574. 575. 576. 577. 578. 579. 580. 581. 582. 583. 584. 585. 586. 587. 588. 589. 590. 591. 592. 593. 594. 595. 596. 597. 598. 599. 600. 601. 602. 603. 604. 605. 606. 607. 608. 609. 610. 611. 612. 613. 614. 615. 616. 617. 618. 619. 620. 621. 622. 623. 624. 625. 626. 627. 628. 629. 630. 631. 632. 633. 634. 635. 636. 637. 638. 639. 640. 641. 642. 643. 644. 645. 646. 647. 648. 649. 650. 651. 652. 653. 654. 655. 656. 657. 658. 659. 660. 661. 662. 663. 664. 665. 666. 667. 668. 669. 670. 671. 672. 673. 674. 675. 676. 677. 678. 679. 680. 681. 682. 683. 684. 685. 686. 687. 688. 689. 690. 691. 692. 693. 694. 695. 696. 697. 698. 699. 700. 701. 702. 703. 704. 705. 706. 707. 708. 709. 710. 711. 712. 713. 714. 715. 716. 717. 718. 719. 720. 721. 722. 723. 724. 725. 726. 727. 728. 729. 730. 731. 732. 733. 734. 735. 736. 737. 738. 739. 740. 741. 742. 743. 744. 745. 746. 747. 748. 749. 750. 751. 752. 753. 754. 755. 756. 757. 758. 759. 760. 761. 762. 763. 764. 765. 766. 767. 768. 769. 770. 771. 772. 773. 774. 775. 776. 777. 778. 779. 780. 781. 782. 783. 784. 785. 786. 787. 788. 789. 790. 791. 792. 793. 794. 795. 796. 797. 798. 799. 800. 801. 802. 803. 804. 805. 806. 807. 808. 809. 810. 811. 812. 813. 814. 815. 816. 817. 818. 819. 820. 821. 822. 823. 824. 825. 826. 827. 828. 829. 830. 831. 832. 833. 834. 835. 836. 837. 838. 839. 840. 841. 842. 843. 844. 845. 846. 847. 848. 849. 850. 851. 852. 853. 854. 855. 856. 857. 858. 859. 860. 861. 862. 863. 864. 865. 866. 867. 868. 869. 870. 871. 872. 873. 874. 875. 876. 877. 878. 879. 880. 881. 882. 883. 884. 885. 886. 887. 888. 889. 890. 891. 892. 893. 894. 895. 896. 897. 898. 899. 900. 901. 902. 903. 904. 905. 906. 907. 908. 909. 910. 911. 912. 913. 914. 915. 916. 917. 918. 919. 920. 921. 922. 923. 924. 925. 926. 927. 928. 929. 930. 931. 932. 933. 934. 935. 936. 937. 938. 939. 940. 941. 942. 943. 944. 945. 946. 947. 948. 949. 950. 951. 952. 953. 954. 955. 956. 957. 958. 959. 960. 961. 962. 963. 964. 965. 966. 967. 968. 969. 970. 971. 972. 973. 974. 975. 976. 977. 978. 979. 980. 981. 982. 983. 984. 985. 986. 987. 988. 989. 990. 991. 992. 993. 994. 995. 996. 997. 998. 999. 1000.

With your eff

7/12.

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about 1/12

etc. that a draft but put in some preliminary
announcement - following recd. from - etc. See 189

25/7/12

Sally's project for 1912.

1912 is probably this is Greek to me.
1912 is info. some darling microscope
Maybe it contains some darling microscope
do the initials, maybe not. 17/12. 4232

yes for 1912 201.
200 for info - 1912. Question is now ACAS,
not Acabib.

CHB 13/12/12

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OCT 12 RECD
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Chief Commissioner.

Attached is submitted for your ~~approval~~ signature information

P2 Min 3

W. L. M. A.

Noted - J. B.

Executive Commissioner.

1760.
1. Please see p. 176 in reply to Chief Commissioner's note on p. 176c. Before sending any signals Capt. Piggio will in future first consult me; also I have told him that the signals should read "From Alcom from Advisory Council for Italy" which will make it clearer to AFHQ that anything he is sending does not necessarily have our blessing.

2. As you know, we are, on another file, looking into the question of the strengths of these various delegations.

11 Oct. 45.

516/EC
Fur 2
C.S.O.

163

Communications Sub-Commission:

Attached herewith is proposed notice for the Daily Bulletin. Request approval and return to this Office for inclusion in the Daily Bulletin for three days.

Nicholas Piombino
CWO. U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

164

Curia ad quendam

waiver approved: 9/2. 1/2. Further, 20. ed. sig. c.
director can sig

5n 8/41

595

Spoke and Assist Adjutant.
arrived at Feb 161, with the remainder in
Kaiser's Battalion of Steelers. Tomorrow at 11:30

Wing Adjutant

waive approval. 99. 12. Smith, Sr. Col. Sig. C.
Director can S/C

14/8/45

165

Spoke with Assoc. Adjutant. Entry, as per
amended at of 161, will be inserted in
Daily Bulletin of Tuesday, tomorrow 4/3/45.

16 Aug 45.

168

Communications Sub Com.

your comments & recommendations are requested on folio 169.

24 Aug 45

M. P. S. by Sen. Cad.

169

Executive Communications

Actual Cases are necessary for an investigation. It is
thought that, if this has not been done already, the L.O. Arizona should take
up the matter with the Sig. Officer at Arizona. Failing any result, he should, on receipt
of one or two telegrams, send the details of Sig. Menap No. 1, date of time of origin and of
receipt in his office and rough subject matter. (Say also whether stamped secret or confidential)
Say also which also time between receipt of message at equal centre, Arizona and at
his office in this often waste time. 24/8/45.

159.Executive Communications:

1. Re. folio 158 — This might well be brought up at Ex. Communications meeting by Director, Communications S/C. The inconvenience to the Adjutant is obvious — what is more serious is the clogging of signal channels & consequent delay in message delivery.

2. Suggest — Communications S/C be asked for their views, with an eye to action as in 1, above —

W. Sec.
8 Aug 41

W. Sec.
Capt. H. G.
Post, V.P.

160Director Communications Sub Com.

1. Please see 158 + min 159.
2. The suggestion made in para 3 of 158 does not seem likely to bring about an improvement, if previous notices are being disregarded.
3. It might be more effective to get the Adjutant to note certain individual cases, which might be taken up, either in writing, or by you at the

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 4. Your comments & recommendations are requested please.
- 8 Aug 45 (SEE FOLIO 161)

162.

Adjutant
(Through Ex Com)

Ref your letter of 158. Please see mins 159 & 160, & folio 161. Please submit 161 (11) as draft entry for Daily Bulletin, after checking para 3.

M. Pashy S/Comd

13 Aug 45

Lieut Simms:

Request modification of action
considered necessary - folio 142.

24 Aug 45

146

Mr. Pickens:

See Folios 144 and Folio 145. Suggest the attached
draft at 145 be published within this Headquarters,
along with appendix "A" of folio 142.

24 July 1945

W.P. Simmons
100th Sig.C.

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C.S.O.

Reference folio 142, certification from
AFHQ of new security classification for
signal traffic outside an operational
zone defined at Page 2.
Lieut. Simms has conducted

Along with appendix A of folio 145

24 July 1945

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100th sig.C.

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C.S.O.

Reference folio 142, satisfaction from AFHQ of new security classification for signal traffic outside an operational zone defined at Page 2.

Lieut. Simms has condensed same into suitable form for publication within this HQ. - at folio 145.

Approval is requested of publication as an Office Memorandum supplementary to Office Memorandum No 1 of 1945 which is flagged at folio 4 and indexed file 65/EC.

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24 July 45.

Approved as recommended on

as Office Memo No 1 supplementary to No 1

145/7

123

LIEUT SIMMONS

Ref. folio 122.

I suggest "ACIMS". Any objection?

Above does not appear to conflict with any of existing abbreviated addresses.

Wick

7 June 45

124

Mr. Pickens:

Ref. folio 122 and 123.
Short title ACIMS will not interfere with signals in any way. This office concurs.

Lt. Simmons
1st Lt., Sig C.

8 June 1945

128

Lieut. Simmons,
HQ Signals Office.

To see 127 for information. A very good show!

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Mr. Pickens:

Ref. folios 122 and 123. This office concurs with signals in any way. *Supplementary*
8 June 1945 *122, Sig. C.*

128.

Lieut. Simons,
HQ Signals Office.

To see 127 for information. A very good show!

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Simons
C.S.O.
to Executive Commissioner.

16 June 45.

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Col. Ballot, Executive Commissioner
Office of the Executive Commissioner

On behalf of the enlisted personnel of the Signal Center who make for your kind commendation, and sincere thanks for your kind commendation.

for Brig. Dunlop's fine *Supplementary*
122 to Sig. C.

Sig. Officer

18 June 1945 *120* *127 & 128 & 129.*

See 127 & 128 & 129.

W. G. L.

S/Sgt KAWANAGH

117

Peruse see Minutes 116 with annex

para 1 of minute 115.

Ref para 2 of minute continue to transmit
 thru' this Hq. Suggest report specific cover to
 Capt Arnoldy, hisson This for notification. *Ref*

2 Jun 45

118

MR. PICKEN

Ref 117. Noted.

2 Jun 45

*Kawanagh/Sgt.*119

MR. PICKEN

Since writing above 16 outgoing cables
 were sent in by the French !! *Ref*

2 Jun 45

Kawanagh/Sgt.

MR. PICKEN
2 JUN 45

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MR. PICKEN

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2 JUN 45

Mr. Luchini

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French Rep. in G.C. notified & inform French Embassy
& file cables with comm. companies.

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NOTED. W.C. 5/June/45

ABO 5/6/45

Kavanagh/Spr.

109

To: Liaison Division (Capt. Arnoldy)

Will you please make the necessary arrangements to communicate information contained on folio 110 to the various Embassies concerned. Such action will facilitate the flow of work through the Cable Section.

24 May 1945

C.S.O.

111
 Reference to minute 109 - Liaison Div received a memo from Communications Sec requesting that all neutral government representatives be notified along lines of folio 110. Liaison Div on 10 May wrote to the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Monsignor F. Borgognini of the Apostolic Nuncio in Rome, asking him to notify all neutral Govt. Repres. A reply dated 15 May has been received confirming that this was done.

TO: CSO.

- 115
 1. Reference is made to Minute 107, para 1, where it is stated Allied Governments are permitted to deal with the Commercial Companies directly. Is Yugoslavia to be treated as an Allied country? In a recent case, two messages were received from BELGRADE in the A.C. Message Centre and were sent forward from the Message Centre to the Yugoslav Delegation to whom the messages were addressed. These messages were in cipher and therefore the A.C. Message Centre had no knowledge of the contents.

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Adm
25/5/45

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2. Further at para 2 of Minute 107 it is stated that Neutral Governments must deal with Civil Censorship Group, but in the Aide Memoire prepared by Lt. Simmons he states there is to be no change in procedure. These statements are contradictory and require clarification.

1 June 1945.

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H. Picken

[Signature]

*Spoke PO Ads. Yugoslavs are
members of United Nations.*

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To: Office of Executive Commissioner
(Attn: Major Stearns)

1. As expressed in min 105 by Colonel Henderson, Communications Sub-Commission, Allied Governments are permitted to deal with the Commercial Companies directly in the handling of their traffic.

2. Neutral Governments must deal with Civil Censorship Group in the handling of their traffic. Such traffic should not come through any other section of ALCOM.

3. Italian Foreign Ministry traffic will continue to pass through the Commission. It has already been established that outgoing traffic of this nature will not be handled through Message Center, Office of the Executive Commissioner, but will be handed directly by the Cipher Security Mission to Signal Center for transmission. Incoming traffic is received by Signal Center in duplicate and one copy is passed to Cipher Security Mission for checking while the other copy goes to Message Center, Office of the Executive Commissioner for direct dispatch without scrutiny or typing.

4. It is recommended by this office that the Liaison Officer, Allied Commission, contact the Various legations, embassies, etc., represented in Italy, and inform them of the policy as outlined in min 105. If this is done through the proper liaison level contact, Message Center, Office of the Executive Commissioner will then only handle Italian Foreign Ministry traffic as stated in para 3 above.

15 May 1945

W.B. Simmons
W.B. Simmons
1st Lt., Sig C

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Hq Signals Officer

Please draft appropriate Aide Memoire for your FF 4 min 107. This will be used by Liaison.

W.B.
16 May

105

TO: Executive Commissioner:

1. a. All Allied Governments are permitted to send or receive cablegrams in clear or cipher, without supervision other than any check necessary to establish authenticity.
b. All Neutral Governments are permitted to send or receive cablegrams in clear text.
2. It is the duty of Civil Censorship to exclude unauthorized traffic. There is thus no point in such traffic being passed through this Commission in either direction.
3. This does not apply to Italian Government messages which must still, for the time being, pass through the Cipher Security Mission of this Commission.
4. The Allied communication agencies ('R.C.A.' and 'Cable and Wireless') are established here to serve the Allies. All official Allied traffic may be filed direct with these agencies, and should be delivered directly by them. This includes Allied Military, Allied Diplomatic or Consular, Allied War Correspondents, etc.
5. All other traffic (Neutral Governments, Press other than Allied War Correspondents, Civil, or Italian Government after scrutiny of our Cipher Security Mission) must be filed with Italcable or any State Telegraph Office.
6. No action is thought necessary except to divert all traffic, except Italian Government, from this Commission to the appropriate agency.

Tel: 489081
Ext: 400

10 th May, 1945

J. L. Henderson
J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director,
Communications S/C.

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H. S. L. O'Brien

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Hq. Signals Officer.

*Re files 102 and min 105 - will you please
see if you can straighten this matter out*

11th May

MAJOR STEARNS

I was approached by S/Sgt Kinneph (Message Center) on the subject of folios 101-102 and had him read the portion in writing in order that the matter could be fully explained.

I suggest we might obtain the contents of communication re: you may also consider the views of Political Advisors desirables.

3 May 48

W. H. Kinneph

104

Communications S/c

Re folios 101-102 - Would you please review and make recommendations?

6th May.

W. H. Stearns
Maj: AGD

8761 *AB* *EX Commr*
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512 */glk 200*

AG 312.4/079 - 0

5 January 1946

SUBJECT: Abbreviations of Unit Designations.

TO: All Concerned.

1. Letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 4 September 1945, is rescinded. Either the full designation of a unit or an authorized abbreviation, as listed below, will be used in headings and texts of messages to be transmitted by electrical means.

2. Reference is made to AFHQ Signal Instructions, Item 2, Section V, subject: "Submarine Cable Communications", for listing of authorized telegraphic addresses. Distinction is necessary between a telegraphic address and an authorized abbreviation.

a. A telegraphic address is a short meaningless word, coupled with the office location (e.g. TROOPERS, LONDON) assigned to a military, civil, diplomatic or political organization, and used for routing of traffic via commercial channels by either submarine cable, radio or landline.

b. An authorized abbreviation is used by a military organization in lieu of the full official designation, in the address or text of a message to be transmitted by electrical means, in order to eliminate unnecessary groups.

3. The list of authorized abbreviations below is not intended to include all headquarters and units in the theater. It has been instructed to those to which traffic is particularly heavy and whose designation lends itself to an intelligible abbreviation. The list must be kept short enough to permit complete familiarity by all personnel who must use it. Therefore, additions to the list will be kept to a minimum.

4. The list of abbreviations authorized to date is as follows:

ABBREVIATION

UNIT

ACAB	Allied Commission, Austria, British
AFHQ	Allied Force Headquarters
AGWAR	War Department, Washington, D. C.
AICOM	Allied Commission
AMET	Africa-Middle East Theater
AMFCOE	(see 213) <i>allied</i> American Mission for Observing Greek Elections
ASCTO	Air Service Command, Patterson Field, Ohio.
BALKAD	Military Headquarters, Balkans
EMM ALBANIA	British Military Mission, Albania
EMM ALBANIA REAR	British Military Mission, Albania, Rear
BTA	British Troops, Austria
BTNA	British Troops, North Africa
BTSCY	British Troops in Sicily

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(MISS)

See M. 201

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ABBREVIATIONUNIT

CINCMED	Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean
COMCENIRPE	CG, Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation
COMCENMED	CG, USAF in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations
COMCENNYPE	CG, New York Port of Embarkation
COMCENPERGULF	CG, Persian Gulf Command
COMLAB	Commodore, Liaison American and British
COMNAVNAW	Commander, US Naval Forces Northwest African Waters
COMPLIGHT	Number 8 Base Command Pay Office
DELTABASE	Delta Base Section, France
DCMRS	Director General, Military Railway Service (France)
DISTHREE	Number 3 District
DISTWO	Number 2 District
DMRSI	Director, Military Railway Service (Italy)
FOIL	Flag Officer, Italian, Liaison
FOLEM	Flag Officer, Levant and Eastern Med
GIB	Gibraltar
GRCEMIL	Military Liaison, Greece
GRCEMIL	Land Forces, Greece
MEDME	RAF, Mediterranean and Middle East
MIDMAST	General Headquarters, Mideast
MMIA	Military Mission, Italian Army
NATGD	Naples Air Force General Depot
NASC	North African Service Command
NORTHMOVES	Movements, North Italy
OFIC	Office of The Foreign Liquidation Commissioner
PENDBASE	Peninsular Base Section (Main)
PENSOUTH	Southern District, Peninsular Base Section
ROME AREA	Rome Area Allied Command
TROOPERS	War Office, London
TSFOT	Theater Service Forces, European Theater
UNRA	United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Administration
USTA	United States Forces in Austria
USFOT	United States Forces, European Theater
USGCC AUSTRIA	US Group Control Council, Austria
USGCC GERMANY	US Group Control Council, Germany
USMILMISS MOSCOW	US Military Mission to USSR
WELFARE AFHQ	Army Welfare Services (British)

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

Edmund R. Shugart
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 Colonel, AGD
 Adjutant General

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EX COMM 199

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394Date 5 JAN '46Suspense AFHQ AA312-4/079-0

FROM	TO	FROM	TO
Staff Officer to CC	X	Political Advisers	X
Executive Commissioner	X	Establishment Section	X
Message Center		Executive Officer (A)	X
Liaison Division		Executive Officer (B)	X
Civil Affairs Section	X	G-1(A)	X
Dis Per & Repat		G-1 (A) Civilian Emp.	X
Local Govt		G-1 (B)	X
Patriots Branch		G-1 (A)	X
Public Safety		G-1 (B)	X
Security Division		2675th Regt	X
Public Health		Headquarters Commandant	X
Legal		Allied Civ. Pers. Director	X
Education		Adjutant, Allied Commission	X
Monuments & Fine Arts	X	Navy	X
Economic Section		Land Forces (MMIA)	X
Requisition Branch		Air	X
Agriculture		Communications	X
Commerce		Civil Censorship Group	X
Coal Div		W & POW	X
Finance		Truck Operating Group	
Property Control Div		Public Relations Branch	
Food		Information Division	
Industry		Headquarters HA SMC OFFR (2)	X
Mining Division		APCLO-NAPLES-	X
Labor		LOMBARDIA-PINERO-LIGURIA	X
Public Works & Utilities		-VENEZIA-LIVORNO-BOLOGNA	X
Shipping	X	BOZZANO-BARI	X
Transportation		AME VEN-FIENZA	X
		SPARCS	X

Signature _____
 Remarks & Recommendations _____
 Information _____
 Approval/Disposal _____
 Appropriate Action _____
 Investigation & Report _____
 Dispatch _____

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Remarks: _____

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ROD HAM.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 8761/EC

14 December 1945

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

NUMBER

7)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION
DISPATCH AND HANDLING OF OUTGOING SIGNAL MESSAGES

1. The following instructions for the preparation, dispatch and handling of outgoing signal messages are published for the information and guidance of all personnel at this Headquarters. All previous instructions, including Office Memorandum No. 1, 12 January 1945, are hereby rescinded, and the procedure herein described will be strictly adhered to.

The instructions contained in PART I, unless specifically excepted, will be applicable to all outgoing signals; those in PART II to TOP SECRET messages only.

PART I

2. PREPARATION.

- (a) The standard message form will always be used for the first sheet of the text. For second and subsequent sheets normal onion skin 8" x 10" size paper will be used as a measure of economy.
- (b) Seven copies of outgoing messages (excepting TOPSEC - see PART II) are required by Message Centre, plus one extra copy for each addressee not reached by electrical means (see sub para (d) below). The number of additional copies will be determined by the requirements of each office. Copies delivered to the Message Centre will be clearly legible.
- (c) In the FROM space will be printed the Short Title designation followed

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(b) Seven copies of outgoing messages (excepting TOPSEC - see PART II) are required by Message Centre, plus one extra copy for each addressee not reached by electrical means (see sub para (d) below). The number of additional copies will be determined by the requirements of each office. Copies delivered to the Message Centre will be clearly legible.

(c) In the FROM space will be printed the Short Title designation followed by HQ ALCOM.

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(d) (1) In the 'TO' Action and Information spaces will be inserted only those addressees to whom the signal can be transmitted by electrical means. The designation of addressees to whom the message is to be sent by electrical means will be entered in the 'TO' spaces depending on whether the addressee is for Action or Information. Before each individual addressee will be placed within parentheses an identifying number. (See Appendix 'A').

(2) Additional local addressees or those to whom the signal cannot be transmitted by electrical means will be listed at the bottom left hand corner immediately above the line forming the office of origin space. (See specimen at Appendix 'A').

(e) Appendix 'B' is a list of the AMC/AC Offices in the field.

(f) Reference numbers are obtained from the Message Centre Tel. Ext. 420 prior to 1800 hours and thereafter on Ext. 690.

(g) In the Date-Time space the originator will enter the date-time group. This consists of six digits; the first pair denote the date, the second pair hours, the third pair minutes. The date-time group is the day and time of origin of the message and is the time at which the message is authorized for transmission. If

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desired originators may also indicate month and year by adding after figures as in the following example:

28 November 1945 at 1501
is given as:
281501 Nov 45.

(h) Precedence priorities are:

- URGENT (Equals British MOST IMMEDIATE)
- OPERATIONAL PRIORITY (Equals British IMMEDIATE)
- PRIORITY (Equals British IMPORTANT)
- ROUTINE
- DEFERRED

A message of high precedence to Action addressees should not normally require the same high priority for transmission to the INFORMATION addressees. Each individual addressee within the heading has an identifying number. To indicate the precedences of these individual addressees, in the space at the bottom of the form, insert the precedences desired and indicate after each the identifying numbers of the addressees to which they pertain. (As an example see Appendix 'A').

Only the first mentioned degrees of priority will be used, NOT the British equivalents. Only in most exceptional circumstances will a precedence higher than PRIORITY be used in this Headquarters.

(i) The appropriate classification or authorized abbreviation will be inserted on the first line of the text, in the space provided therefor. (See Appendix 'A').

The degrees of classification and authorized abbreviations are:

TOP SECRET	TOPSEC
SECRET	SECRET
CONFIDENTIAL	CONF
RESTRICTED	REST
UNCLASSIFIED	UNCLAS

Full instructions on 'UNCLASSIFIED' Messages are contained in Office Memorandum No. 5 - 27 July 1945.

It is the responsibility of an originating Officer, when signing a message, to ensure that it is properly classified.

(4) ALL messages will be typewritten, double-spaced and in CAPITALS. (See

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TOP SECRET	TOP SECRET
SECRET	SECRET
CONFIDENTIAL	CONF
RESTRICTED	RESTD
UNCLASSIFIED	UNCLAS

Full instructions on 'UNCLASSIFIED' Messages are contained in Office Memorandum No. 5 - 27 July 1945.

It is the responsibility of an originating Officer, when signing a message, to ensure that it is properly classified.

(j) ALL messages will be typewritten, double-spaced and in CAPITALS. (See Appendix 'A'). 4213

(k) Messages will be arranged by paragraphs. Each paragraph will be numbered and commence on a new line. (See Appendix 'A').

(l) The "Inside Address" written formerly within the text is no longer necessary. Originators are urged to be accurate and complete in the heading address of the message to avoid delay due to incomplete or inaccurate addressees.

(m) Single letters of the alphabet, except parts of speech, will be spelled out phonetically. (See Appendix 'C').

(n) Numbers will be expressed in words NOT Arabic numerals, e.g. 289 will be inserted 'two eight nine'.

(o) Punctuation marks will be kept to a minimum consistent with clarity. Punctuation will be spelled out in abbreviated form. At least two spaces will be left on either side of punctuation abbreviations.

(o) The usual/...

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The usual punctuations employed and their abbreviations are as follow:

Full Stop	PD
Comma	CMA
Colon	CLN
Bracket	PAREN

3. AUTHENTICATION.

(a) In the space provided at the bottom left hand corner, office of origin and telephone number of the originating officer will also be inserted. The originating officer will sign the top and third copies (excepting TOPSEC - see PART II).

(b) All messages (excepting TOPSEC - see PART II) will be authenticated by the adjutant, or, after 1800 hours, by the Duty Officer.

(c) The authenticating officer will:

- (i) Ensure that all messages authenticated by him are prepared strictly in accordance with these instructions.
- (ii) That the number of copies is correct.
- (iii) Sign the top and third copies.

4. DISPATCH.

(a) All messages (excepting TOPSEC - see PART II) for transmission by electrical means (vide sub para (b) below) will be delivered by messenger of the office of origin to the Adjutant or Duty Officer for authentication. The messenger will wait while the message is authenticated, thereafter exhibit to the Cable Typists, Message Centre and then deliver same to the Signal Message Centre.

(b) Local deliveries, or copies of messages to addressees for whom electrical facilities do not exist, will be dispatched by the office of origin in the same way as letters and in accordance with the instructions contained in this Headquarters Office Memorandum No. 17 dated 13 October 1944.

(c) Routine messages to the following addressees will be sent by courier and not by electrical means.

AFHQ

Motor Courier

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(iii) Sign the top and third copies.

DISPATCH.

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AFHQ
AMG Piemonte Region
AMG Lombardia Region
AMG Venetia Region
AMG Naples Commune
ALCOM LO Bologna

Motor Courier
Air Courier
Air Courier
Air Courier
Motor Courier
Air Courier

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5.

HANDLING.

Although messages classified as RESTRICTED or CONFIDENTIAL may be handled by Italian civilian personnel this concession should be avoided whenever possible. On no account must TOP SECRET or SECRET messages be handled by Italian civilians.

PART II

TOP SECRET messages will be prepared and dispatched in accordance with the following special instructions received from AFHQ:

(a) TOP SECRET messages will not be authenticated by the Adjutant but by the originating officer.

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- (b) Three copies full text and two copies in 'skeleton' form will be prepared. The 'skeleton' copies will be identical with the full copies of the message, except that the whole of the text proper will be omitted.
 - (c) One copy full text will be retained by the office of origin on a TOP SECRET file.
 - (d) The second copy full text will be enclosed in an envelope sealed with wax, marked "TOP SECRET" message for dispatch" on both sides of the envelope, and with one of the skeleton copies attached to the outside of the envelope will be delivered to the Signal Message Centre, where a receipt will be obtained therefor.
 - (e) The third copy full text will be sent to the Office of the Executive Commissioner.
 - (f) The second copy in 'skeleton' form will be delivered to the Cable Typists, Message Centre.
 - (g) At all stages in preparation and dispatch TOP SECRET messages will be handled by Allied military or Allied civilian personnel only.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:



G. J. LEONE
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

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- GROUP I - List "A"
- GROUP II - One Copy each serial.

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By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:



G. J. LEONE
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

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Appendix 'A'

FROM (A)	HQ ALCOM	26 0945 NOV 45
TO (FOR ACTION)	(1) AMG LIGURIA REGION (2) AMG VENEZIA GIULIA	
	(3) AMG LIVORNO ZONE (4) ALCOM LO BARI	
TO (INFORMATION)	(5) ALCOM LO PALERMO (6) DISTWO FOR ALCOM LO	
	(7) PENBASE FOR ALCOM LO (8) ALCOM LO ANCONA	
Ref. No. <u>6753</u>	Security Classification	<u>RESTRICTED</u>

SUBJECT IS INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION CMA DISPATCH AND HANDLING OF SIGNAL
MESSAGES PD
PARA ONE PD COPY OF ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS SENT THIS DATE TO ALLADDRESSES FOR
GUIDANCE PD
PARA TWO PD APPENDIX BAKER THERETO CONTAINS LIST OF ABBREVIATED ADDRESSES FOR
TELEGRAPHIC PURPOSES PD NOTE THE ABBREVIATED ADDRESS OF THIS HEADQUARTERS IS
HQ ALCOM PD
PARA THREE PD NOTE THAT THE INSIDE ADDRESS IS ELIMINATED AND ALSO NOTE THE
DISTINCTION BETWEEN ACTION AND INFORMATION ADDRESSES PD

DISTRIBUTION (BY ELS)
AMG Piemonte Region
AMG Lombardia Region
AMG Venezia Region
AMG Naples Comming
ALCOM LO Bologna

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PRIORITY 1-4
PRECEDENCE ROUTINE 5-8

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

TEL. NO.: 289

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Appendix 'B'

FIELD OFFICE

- LIGURIA REGION
- PIEMONTE REGION
- LOMBARDIA REGION
- VENEZIA REGION
- VENEZIA GIULIA
- LIVORNO ZONE
- NAPLES COMMUNE
- AC LIAISON OFFICER, BARI
- AC LIAISON OFFICER, PALERMO
- AC LIAISON OFFICER, NO.2 DISTRICT
- AC LIAISON OFFICER, PES
- AC LIAISON OFFICER, BOLOGNA
- AC LIAISON OFFICER, ANCONA

- AMG LIGURIA REGION
- AMG PIEMONTE REGION
- AMG LOMBARDIA REGION
- AMG VENEZIA REGION
- AMG VENEZIA GIULIA
- AMG LIVORNO ZONE
- AMG NAPLES COMMUNE
- ALCOM LO BARI
- ALCOM LO PALERMO
- DISTWO FOR ALCOM LO
- PENBASE FOR ALCOM LO
- ALCOM LO BOLOGNA
- ALCOM LO ANCONA

PHONETICAL ALPHABET

- A - Able
- B - Baker
- C - Charlie
- D - Dog
- E - Easy
- F - Fox
- G - George
- H - How
- I - Item
- J - Jig

Appendix 'C'

- N - Nan
- O - Obce
- P - Peter
- Q - Queen
- R - Roger
- S - Sugar
- T - Tare
- U - Uncle
- V - Victor
- W - William

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AC LIAISON OFFICER, NO.2 DISTRICT
AC LIAISON OFFICER, PBS
AC LIAISON OFFICER, BOLOGNA
AC LIAISON OFFICER, ANCONA

DISTWO FOR ALCOM LO
CENTRASE FOR ALCOM LO
ALCOM LO BOLOGNA
ALCOM LO ANCONA

PHONETICAL ALPHABET

A - Able
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M - Mike

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Z - Zebra

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MESSAGE

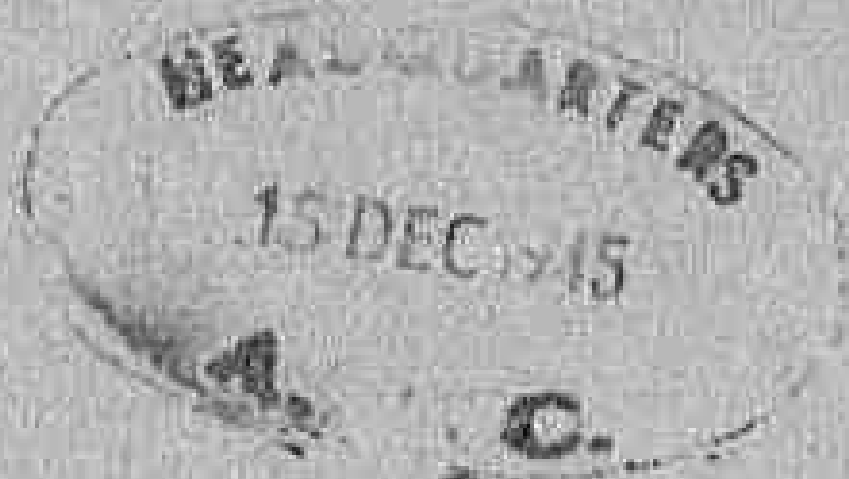
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Refer communique cable CITE SPAAA 68175 12 December
current. Request ships papers be fixed. Forwarded to
MESSAGE attention ; Transportation Officer for onward
routing. Paragraph cable for American zone Austria is
"USFA". Cable address for British zone Austria is "BFA"
"FOR ACA LIAISON". Paragraph mailing address for American zone
Austria is " COMMANDING GENERAL, USFA, APO NUMBER 777 U.S
Army"



AC DIST
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ACTION : ECON SEC (2)

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

EXEC COMMISSIONER

TM CC

ADJUTANT

FILE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 8761/190/27

12. December 1945

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Amendment No. 1

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UNCLASSIFIED Signal Messages

In view of the end of the war against JAPAN it has been decided that the provisions of ATHQ letter AG 311.5/215 GBI-O, dated 20 July 1945 should apply world wide and that there should be no "operational zone".

Consequent upon the above decision the following amendments will be made to Office Memorandum No. 5 dated 27 July 1945:

(i) Para 1.a.

Delete from "outside" in line 1 to "Area" in line 2 and from "The" in line 3 to "America" in line 5.

(ii) Delete all detail existing in para 1.b.

(iii) Redesignate existing paras 1.c. and 1.d. to read paras 1.b. and 1.e. respectively.

(iv) Reference Appendix "A":

(1) AIRCRAFT: Delete "in the non-operational zone".

(2) LEAVE: Delete "(See SHIPPING)".

(3) LOCATIONS: Delete "except those under orders to proceed to the Pacific Far East Area".

(4) MAILS: Delete all detail.

(5) MOVEMENTS: Delete "except those under orders to proceed to the Pacific Far East Area".

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in line 3 to "America" in line 5.

- (ii) Delete all detail existing in para 1.b.
- (iii) Redesignate existing paras 1.c. and 1.d. to read paras 1.b. and 1.c. respectively.

(iv) Reference Appendix "A":

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- (6) SHIPPING: Delete all detail - Insert "all movements and whereabouts of warships and merchant ships may be graded unclassified provided there are no strategic or political implications".

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BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE:



G. J. LEONE
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

8 December 1945

AG 311.5 SIG-O

DEC 10 1945

SUBJECT: Designation of Security Classifications.

TO: All Concerned.

The following abbreviations of security classifications are authorized for immediate use within the Mediterranean Theater:

Security
Classification

TOP SECRET
SECRET
CONFIDENTIAL
RESTRICTED
UNCLASSIFIED

Authorized
Abbreviation

TOPSEC
SECRET
CONF
RUSTD
UNCLAS

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

Edmund R. Shugart
EDMUND R. SHUGART
Colonel, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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FROM	TO	FROM	TO
Staff Officer to CC	✓	Political Advisers	
Executive Commissioner	2	Establishment Section	✓
Message Center	✓	Executive Officer (A)	✓
Liaison Division	✓	Executive Officer (B)	✓
Civil Affairs Section	✓	G-1(A)	✓
Dis Per & Repat	✓	G-1 (A) Civilian Emp.	
Local Govt		G-1 (B)	✓
Patriots Branch		G-4 (A)	✓
Public Safety	✓	G-4 (B)	✓
Security Division		2675th Regt	✓
Public Health		Headquarters Commandant	✓
Legal		Allied Civ. Pers. Director	
Education		Adjutant, Allied Commission	✓
Monuments & Fine Arts		Navy	✓
Economic Section	✓	Land Forces (MMIA)	✓
Requisition Branch		Air	✓
Agriculture		Communications	✓
Commerce	✓	Civil Censorship Group	✓
Coal Div		T D & FWH	✓
Finance	✓	Truck Operating Group	
Property Control Div		Public Relations Branch	✓
Food		Information Division	
Industry		Archivist 1 PW 5/4	✓
Mining Division		Abk Relations	✓
Labor		N. Communities	✓
Public Works & Utilities		L. Zone	✓
Shipping		Abk A.C.L.O.s	✓
Transportation	✓		

Signature _____
Remarks & Recommendations _____
Information _____
Approval/Disposal _____
Appropriate Action _____
Investigation & Report _____
Dispatch _____

Remarks: _____

Entailed
10 Dec 45
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
PO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: B762/187/EO.

December 1945.

SUBJECT: Insertion in Daily Bulletin.

TO : Adjutant.

Please insert the following in Daily Bulletin:

MESSAGE WRITING.

The following is an extract from a memorandum dated 3 Dec 45 received from GHQ CEF, subject 'Message Writing':

"The standard of message writing by British originators has deteriorated considerably during the last few months. The main faults are verbosity, unjustifiably high priorities and incorrect security classification. The over-all result of the above practices is to reduce the efficiency of the service for all users, including those who originate messages in the correct manner.

With a view to effecting an improvement, GSO CEF is being instructed to provide scrutineers who will examine messages originated in GHQ CEF or the British elements of integrated sections of AFHQ and also those originated in other HQs and passed to GHQ CEF for retransmission. All such messages which are challenged by the scrutineers will be recorded and bad cases will be referred to heads of departments for necessary action. In the case of incoming messages a report of messages which merit comment will be forwarded periodically through signals channels to the originating HQ. The scrutineers will be given strict instructions on no account to delay the transmission of important messages."

(Office of Exec Commissioner)"

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C. R. BRAYBROOKE

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: 990/EO.

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OFFICE OF EX. C.

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I suggest that
we publish the contents
of the att. letter
in the Daily Bulletin
omitting the part in
para 2 which I
have enclosed in
parenthesis.

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GENERAL HEAD QUARTERS

CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES.

SUBJECT : Message Writing.

TO : All Branches,
GHQ CEF.COPIES TO: BTA
LFG
2 District
3 District
13 Corps
Allied Commission
RAC

DEC 6 1945.

3 December, 1945.

ASD/365.

The standard of message writing by British originators has deteriorated considerably during the last few months. The main faults are verbosity, unjustifiably high priorities and incorrect security classifications. The over-all result of the above practices is to reduce the efficiency of the service for all users, including those who originate messages in the correct manner.

With a view to effecting an improvement, GHQ CEF is being instructed to provide scrutineers who will examine messages originated in GHQ CEF or the British elements of integrated sections of AFM and also those originated in other Hqs and passed to GHQ CEF for retransmission. ((These scrutineers will be empowered to refer out-going messages back to the originators, by telephone where possible in order to save time, where they consider a message has an unduly high priority or incorrect classification. They may also suggest deletion of unnecessary words.)) All such messages which are challenged by the scrutineers will be recorded and bad cases will be referred to heads of departments for necessary action. In the case of incoming messages, a report on messages which merit comment will be forwarded periodically through Sigra channels to the originating Hq. The scrutineers will be given strict instructions on no account to delay the transmission of important messages.

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The standard of message writing by British. The mail has deteriorated considerably during the last few months. There has been a considerable increase in high priorities and incorrect faults are verbiage, unjustifiably high priorities and incorrect security classifications. The over-all result of the above practices is to reduce the efficiency of the service for all users, including those who originate messages in the correct manner.

With a view to effecting an improvement, GSO GMP is being instructed to provide scrutineers who will examine messages originated in GHI, GII or the British elements of integrated sections of AFHQ and also those originated in other Hqs and passed to GHI, GII for retransmission. ((These scrutineers will be empowered to refer out-going messages back to the originators, by telephone where possible in order to save time, where they consider a message has an unduly high priority or incorrect classification. They may also suggest deletion of unnecessary words.)) All such messages which are referred to heads of departments will be recorded and bad cases will be referred to heads of departments for necessary action. In the case of incoming messages, scrutineers will be empowered to comment on the transmission of a report or messages which merit comment. The scrutineers will be given strict instructions on no account to delay the transmission of important messages.

W. A. D. WARD

for A.D. WARD,
Major General,
Chief of General Staff.

/s/ G. C. (SD).

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 311.5/215 GEI-O

1 December 1945

SUBJECT: Unclassified Messages - Transmission in Clear.

TO: All Concerned.

1. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 20 July 1945.

2. In view of the end of the war against Japan, it has been decided that the provisions of the above letter should apply world wide and that there should be no "operational zone".

3. The following amendments will therefore be made to the above letter and Appendix "A" thereto:

a. Reference paragraph 1, delete "outside the zone of operations in the Pacific-Far East Area".

b. Reference paragraph 2, delete all detail.

c. Reference paragraph 6, delete all detail.

d. Reference Appendix "A":

(1) AIRCRAFT: Delete "in the non operational zone".

(2) LEAVE: Delete "(See SHIPPING)".

(3) LOCATIONS: Delete "except those under orders to proceed to the Pacific-Far East Area".

(4) MAILS: Delete all detail.

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(6) SHIPPING: Delete all detail - Insert "All movements and whereabouts of warships and merchant ships may be graded unclassified provided there are no strategical or political implications".

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

Edmund R. Shugart
EDMUND R. SHUGART
Colonel, AGP
Asst Adjutant General

DISTRIBUTION:
See Reverse Side

Letter, AFHQ, AG 311.5/215 GBI-Q,
dated 1 December 1945 (Cont'd)

DISTRIBUTION:

"D" Plus

- 2 - War Office, LONDON
- 2 - TAG, WASHINGTON
- 2 - 21 Army Group
- 2 - GHQ MEF
- 2 - GOC Malta
- 2 - GOC Gibraltar
- 2 - USFET
- 2 - BJCB
- 2 - CCB

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref: 1.11/ES

5 November 45

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NUMBER 27)

HANDLING OF SIGNALS IN THE COM-MOC, PAT-TAP
CAL-LAC and GEM-MEG SERIES

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| Section I | - | Procedure for Handling Outgoing MOC and TAP Cables |
| Section II | - | Procedure for Handling Incoming COM, PAT, CAL-LAC and GEM-MEG Cables |
| Section III | - | Standard Form of Address for MOC and TAP Cables |
| Section IV | - | Standard Distribution by AC Message Center for all Cables in COM-MOC, PAT-TAP, CAL-LAC, and GEM-MEG Series |

I - PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING OUTGOING MOC AND TAP CABLES

1. Effective immediately, all MOC and TAP cables will be prepared by the originator with blank spaces left after the words "THIS IS MOC (or, TAP) _____", in which spaces the MOC or TAP number, in words, will be inserted by the Office of the Chief Staff Officer, Economic Section, before dispatch. The date in the heading and the AC cable number will also be left blank by the originator; they likewise will be filled in by the Office of the Chief Staff Officer, Economic Section, before dispatch.

2. The cable will be typed in an original and four (4) carbon copies; the original and three (3) copies will be signed by the originating officer.

3. The responsibility for securing clearance of all interested parties within the Economic Section before submission of the proposed signal remains with the originating office. Concurrences of interested parties will be shown on the third signed copy. The originating office ^{4/4} for-
warded the cables (original and four copies), prepared as described in

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2. The cable will be typed in an original and four (4) carbon copies; the original and three (3) copies will be signed by the originating officer.
3. The responsibility for securing clearance of all interested parties within the Economic Section before submission of the proposed signal remains with the originating office. Concurrences of interested parties will be shown on the third signed copy. The originating office will forward the cable (original and four copies), prepared as described in paragraphs 1 and 2 to the Chief Staff Officer, Economic Section, for approval by the Acting Vice President, assignment of a MOC (or TAP), and cable reference number, insertion of the date, and dispatch.
4. Three (3) signed copies of the signal will then be forwarded to the AC Message Center by the Chief Staff Officer, Economic Section. One (1) of the remaining copies will be returned to the originating office by the office of the Chief Staff Officer, Economic Section, and the fifth copy containing the concurrences will be retained by the Chief Staff Officer, Economic Section.
5. AC Signal Center will transmit the message electrically and AC Message Center will mimeograph copies and distribute them as shown in Section IV of this memorandum.

e/c Remarks if not even have to handle these

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II - PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING INCOMING COM, PAT, CAL-LAC, AND GEM-MEG CABLES

1. All incoming cables designated as COM, PAT, CAL-LAC, or GEM-MEG signals will be given initial distribution by AC Message Center as shown in Section IV of this memorandum. Each "Advance Copy" addressee will study his copy to determine whether any action will be expected from him. Action-Direction will originate in the Office of the Chief Staff Officer, Economic Section, who will stamp one copy as "Action" and will send it to the office considered to be most concerned, thus making such office directly responsible for all action and coordination required.

2. (a) As shown in Section IV of this memorandum, Economic Section Message Center will receive eleven (11) mimeographed copies from AC Message Center on initial distribution. Economic Section Message Center will immediately make the indicated distribution to the Chief Staff Officer, Supply Group, Program Branch, and Requisition Branch.

(b) The Office of the Chief Staff Officer, Economic Section, will designate an office within the Economic Section as "Action" designee, and will indicate such designated office on all six (6) of the Chief Staff Officer's copies. One of these will then be sent to the "Action" designee; one to the Acting Vice President, Economic Section, for information; one to the Chief of the Supply Group for information; one to the Economic Section Message Center for file; and the remaining two will be retained for the Chief Staff Officer's files.

III - STANDARD FORM OF ADDRESS FOR MOC AND TAP CABLES

1. The standard form of address for a MOC cable is:

PAREN TO AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC FOR CLAC RPTD UK BASE SECTION PAREN
LONDON PAREN FOR CABINET SECRETARIAT RPTD AFHQ FHGEG FROM HQ ALCOM PAREN

2. The standard form of address for a TAP cable is:

PAREN TO TROOPERS RPTD AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC FOR CLAC RPTD
AFHQ FHGEG FROM HQ ALCOM PAREN

3. It will be noted that the phrase "CITE ACTFO" or its equivalent is excluded as above. This exclusion is desired in every case;

one to the Acting Vice President, Economic Section, for information; one to the Economic Section the Chief of the Supply Group for information; one to the Economic Section Message Center for file; and the remaining two will be retained for the Chief Staff Officer's files.

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2. The standard form of address for a TAP cable is:

PAREN TO TROOPERS RPTD AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC FOR CLAC RPTD
AFHQ FHGEG FROM HQ ALCOM PAREN

3. It will be noted that the phrase "CITE ALCO" or its equivalent is omitted from the examples above. This exclusion is desired in every case; all MOC and TAP cables will therefore read "FROM HQ ALCOM."

IV - STANDARD DISTRIBUTION BY AC MESSAGE CENTER FOR ALL CABLES IN
COM-MOC, PAT-TAP, CAL-LAC, AND GEL-LTC SERIES

Copies of outgoing MOC and TAP and incoming COM, PAT, CAL, LAC, GEM, and MEG cables will be distributed as follows:

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TV - STANDARD DISTRIBUTION BY AC MESSAGE CENTER FOR ALL CABLES IN
CCM-MOC, PAT-TAP, CAL-LAC, AND GEM-MEG SERIES (Continued)

Action Direction - Econ Sec 11
(CSO (6))
(Supply Group)
(Program Br.)
(Requisition Br. (3))

Advance Copies to - Commerce SC 2
Finance SC
Food-Agric. SC 2
Ind.-Utilities SC 3
Th. SC 2

Info - Chief Commissioner
Exec. Comm. 2
CC Br. Emb.
CA US Emb.
WSA Rome
MWTR
File

Harlan Cleveland
HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

DISTRIBUTION
"A"
Economic Section plus
Chief Commissioner
Exec. Comm. 2
CC Br. Emb.
CA US Emb.
WSA Rome
MWTR
File
AC Message Center

4204

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Ref: 8761/178/33

29 October 1945

SUBJECT: Authentication of Signals

TO : Allied Force Headquarters
Attn: G-5 Section.

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1. Reference your G-5:250.1-5 of 19 October 1945.
2. It is much regretted that signal ^{sent by the A.C.I.} 6656 of 6 October 1945, did in fact contain the phrase "from ALCEM signed SMOULAKA". No authority has been given to Smoulaka to authenticate or originate such signals.
3. This signal was an unfortunate oversight, and steps have been taken to ensure that such an event will not occur again.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 250.1-5

19 October 1945

OCT 22 1945

SUBJECT: Authentication of Signals.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1. It is understood that your signal ^x(653) dated 6 Oct addressed to 311 F.S. Section was marked "from ALCOM signed SMODLAKE Yugoslav Delegation".

2. The signal requested the immediate release of two Yugoslavs, SLAVKO MATIJAN and SOKOL TASIC respectively, who had been arrested at PADOVA on 12 Sep 45 for illegal entry into Italy. The matter has been referred to AFHQ by HQ 2 District and disposal instructions in respect of these individuals will be given in due course to the HQ concerned.

3. It is, however, considered quite improper for Allied military units to receive instructions from SMODLAKE acting on your behalf, as would appear to be the case if the signal received by 311 F.S. Section did in fact contain the phrase "from ALCOM signed SMODLAKE", and it is requested that any authority that might have been given to SMODLAKE to authenticate or originate signals on behalf of the Allied Commission be withdrawn.

20 OCT 1945


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

Copy to: G-2 (Cable F 49164 of 17 Oct refers).

* (M) NOTE - "REFERENCE SHOULD READ" "6656")

4202

See 178

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Ref: 3761/176/33

17 October 1945

SUBJECT: Insertion in Daily Bulletin.

TO : Adjutant.

Please have the following inserted in the Daily Bulletin:

REDUCTION IN SIGNAL TRAFFIC

1. The Executive Commissioner directs that the attention of all officers be brought to this Bulletin.
2. A shortage of signal operators is probable in the very near future and it is therefore essential that the number of signal messages originated by this Headquarters be reduced to the absolute minimum.
3. For the information of all concerned the Headquarters below are served daily by the AJ courier service stated:

AFHQ	-	Motor Courier
AME Piemonte Region	-	Air Courier
AME Lombardia Region	-	Air Courier
AME Venetia Region	-	Air Courier
AME Naples Command	-	Motor Courier
ALCOM LO Bologna	-	Air Courier

To the above Headquarters therefore only Priority traffic will be sent by electrical transmission.

4. As a general rule only messages on which there is a degree of urgency will be given electrical transmission and all officers are directed before signing messages to determine whether this means of transmission is necessary.

cc: 990/EC

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

(176A)

REF/8761/176/EC

SUBJECT: Insertion in Office of the Executive Commissioner
DAILY BULLETIN.

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: ADJUTANT *Please have the following inserted in*~~Draft Insertion in DAILY BULLETIN~~*the Daily Bulletin:*REDUCTION IN SIGNAL TRAFFIC

1. The ~~Request~~ Executive Commissioner directs that the attention of all officers be brought to this Bulletin.
2. A shortage of signal operators is probable in the very near future and it is therefore essential that the number of signal messages originated by this Headquarters be reduced to the absolute minimum.
3. For the information of all concerned the ~~following~~ Headquarters ~~below~~ are served ^{by} daily by ~~AC~~ ^{air} ~~or motor~~ courier service ~~as follows:~~

AFHQ	-	Motor Courier
AMG Piemonte Region	-	Air Courier
AMG Lombardia Region	-	
AMG Lombardia Region	-	Air Courier
AMG Venezia Region	-	Air Courier
AMG Naples Commune	-	Motor Courier
Alcon Lo Bologna	-	Air Courier

Be sent ^{by} ~~use~~ To the above Headquarters therefore only Priority traffic ~~shall~~ ^{will} require electrical transmission.

4. As a general rule only messages on which there is a degree of urgency will be given electrical transmission and all officers are directed before signing messages to determine whether this means of transmission is ne-cessary.

(EXC Comm)

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17/10.

TO CHIEF STAFF OFFICER,
EXECUTIVE COMMISSION

8 Pl. action in file
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File
176B

ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY
OFFICE OF THE L&A OFFICER,
APO 394 U S Army

10 October 1945.

MEMORANDUM

To: Office of the Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

Reference the attached cable, action was taken by the undersigned in the capacity of Liaison & Adm. Officer, ACI. The cable system of the Allied Commission has for the past 22 months transmitted all cables for the Advisory Council for Italy.

In order to ascertain the necessity and reasons for such a communication having been sent, it is necessary to bring your attention to previous instructions insofar as supply of rations is concerned. The following is furnished to clarify action taken in basic cable in question:

- a. Cable CINC, 5 Mar. 1944, Ref. No. 60560, (Secret) to FIANBO & CG SOS NATOUSA & CG PBS, States in part: "Moscow Conference established the ACI. That all demands will be supplied by British and American Sources on an Equitable Basis". (paraphrased).
- b. On 11 July 1945, MTOUSA published Circular Number 97, which states in part "That all issued of rations to diplomatic agencies of foreign governments would be on a sales basis, and that IN NO CASE SHOULD LIRE BE ACCEPTED IN PAYMENT FOR RATIONS ISSUED TO DIPLOMATIC AGENCIES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. THE RECEIVING GOVERNMENT IS OBLIGATED TO REIMBURSE THE US IN DOLLARS.
- c. DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, the undersigned was informed by the Secretaries of the FRENCH and GREEK Delegations that their Delegation could not comply with instructions as listed in b above, after 1 October 1945, due to difficulties within their own systems.
- d. In order to maintain the equitable basis and to avoid complications in the record keeping and accounting of rations issued to the two mentioned delegations, the basic cable was drafted and transmitted.
- e. By cable No. F47890, dated 8 October 1945, MTOUSA replied the following: "TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTY OF GREEK AND FRENCH DELEGATIONS TO ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY IN PAYING FOR UNITED STATES RATIONS IN U S DOLLARS AND TO MAINTAIN ORIGINAL AGREEMENT OF BRITISH AND UNITED STATES ASSUMING EQUAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FURNISHING RATIONS FOR FOREIGN DELEGATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY FOLLOWING RATIONS ISSUES BASED ON STRENGTH FIGURES IN CABLE 6599 OF OCTOBER 5 ARE AUTHORIZED:
FROM U S ARMY: 40 Russian Delegates and 45 Yugoslav Delegates.
FROM BRITISH ARMY: 15 Yugoslav delegates, 35 Greek Delegates and 40 French Delegates."

The above is a complete history on authority for rations for Foreign Delegations of the Advisory Council for Italy.

see 176D + E

Steve Riggio
STEVE RIGGIO, Capt. AGD.

F.C. Personal
Who authorized This?
Gus

Sent by:
Capt. Riggio (1769)
L.O.
Room 28. 3rd Floor

O - 4, AFHQ

6599

5 October 1945

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RATIONS FOR FOREIGN DELEGATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY COMMA
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IN VIEW OF PAYMENT DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY THE GREEK AND FRENCH DELEGA-
TIONS FOR PAYMENT OF UNITED STATES RATIONS IN US DOLLARS IN THE UNITED STATES
COMMA AND THE DIFFERENCE IN PRICE BETWEEN THE US AND BRITISH RATION COMMA
THAT IS COMMA US ARMY RATION AT 75 CENTS PLUS 25 PERCENT AND BRITISH FIELD
RATION AT TWO SHILLING NINE PENCE COMMA REQUESTS FOLLOWING ISSUES BE AUTHORIZED
COLON

FOR RUSSIAN DELEGATION (PRESENT STRENGTH FORTY) 1200 RATIONS MONTHLY
FROM UNITED STATES ARMY

FOR JUGOSLAV DELEGATION (PRESENT STRENGTH SIXTY) 1000 RATIONS MONTHLY
FROM UNITED STATES ARMY AND 1000 RATIONS MONTHLY FROM BRITISH ARMY

FOR GREEK DELEGATION (PRESENT STRENGTH ~~THIRTY~~ THIRTYFIVE) 1100 RATIONS
MONTHLY FROM BRITISH ARMY

FOR FRENCH DELEGATION (PRESENT STRENGTH FORTY) 1200 RATIONS MONTHLY
FROM BRITISH ARMY

ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

478000

STEVE RIGGIO
CAPTAIN? AGD

Ref: 8761/175/EO

5 October 1945

SUBJECT: Night Deliveries

TO : Signalmaster, RAAG

1. Reference your DS/3 dated 3 October 45.
2. I agree to the discontinuance of delivery of messages at night by your dispatch riders.
3. In lieu I am arranging for the duty driver at this HQ to make two calls each evening between 1800 and 2200 hours at your office to pick up any messages that may be awaiting collection.
4. Could you please also arrange for the duty officer this Headquarters to be informed, no matter the hour, if an IMMEDIATE signal is received in order that he can effect its immediate collection.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A. H. McCreary
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Adjutant (for action
on para 4)
Message Centre (for
action on para 3)

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: DS/3
Date/Time of Origin: Oct 032300

Message Centre No: E/9974
Date Time Rec'd: Oct 041015
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM SIGNALMASTER RAAC

TO : ALCOM ROME

OCT - 4 1945

UNCLASSIFIED.

Owing to shortage of despatch riders I am anxious to cut down the delivery of messages at night.

I wish to hold over till morning any messages which come in to the office after 1700 hours.

please let me know if this arrangement suits you.

DISTRIBUTION:

Action: Ex Comm
Info: Chief Commissioner
File

See 775

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4 OCT 1945

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 321/195 SACS-O

13 September 1945

SUBJECT: Economy in Signal Resources in the Mediterranean Theater

TO: All Concerned

1. a. The reduction in Signals personnel resources is not at present keeping pace with the reduction in Signals commitments in the Mediterranean Theater.

b. In the past such a state of affairs has at times been unavoidable, though there have been many instances where economies might have been effected had other considerations, not of a vital nature, not been allowed to intervene.

c. In the future, however, it will be increasingly necessary to provide the requisite Signal communications in the most economical way in order to offset the demands in personnel arising from redeployment and releases.

2. The following principles are therefore set out as a guide to planning staffs and will be followed whenever and wherever possible:

a. The number of headquarters kept in commission must be reduced to the minimum possible. This principle is to a large extent being followed, but there remains a tendency for closing headquarters to leave behind a "tail" for an indefinite period, to complete the process of liquidation. Similarly headquarters which are changing location are apt to leave behind a "Rear" element for a considerable time. Both these factors result in holding up Signal resources which are needed elsewhere.

b. Headquarters should be located as close as possible to main communication centres. This results in very considerable economy, by obviating the need to build long extensions from such centres, and also results in improved service. This principle has by no means always been followed in the past, particularly by certain major headquarters.

c. Subordinate formations and units should be located as close as possible to superior headquarters. This results in a shortening of requisite communications and, cumulatively, in a reduction of long-line facilities. This point is now of the utmost importance in view of the necessity to make available long-line facilities to the Italian Government, and for civil purposes so that the rehabilitation of the country may be hastened.

(CSO)

Ltr fr AFHQ, file AG 321/195 SACS-O,
dtd 13 Sept 45 (Cont'd)

d. Staff organization for command and administration must be so arranged that the requirements for long-line communication facilities are reduced to a minimum. This may well entail decentralization to subordinate headquarters rather than centralization in a superior headquarters, but such a principle which has not always been followed in the past must now be applied where possible.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

C. W. Christenberry
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

DISTRIBUTION:

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"B"

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

In reply
refer to

Ex. Comm.

AG 312.4/932 D-0

13 September 1945

SUBJECT: Activities of AG/Italian Government

SEP 15 1945

TO: Commanding General
Peninsular Base Section
APO 782

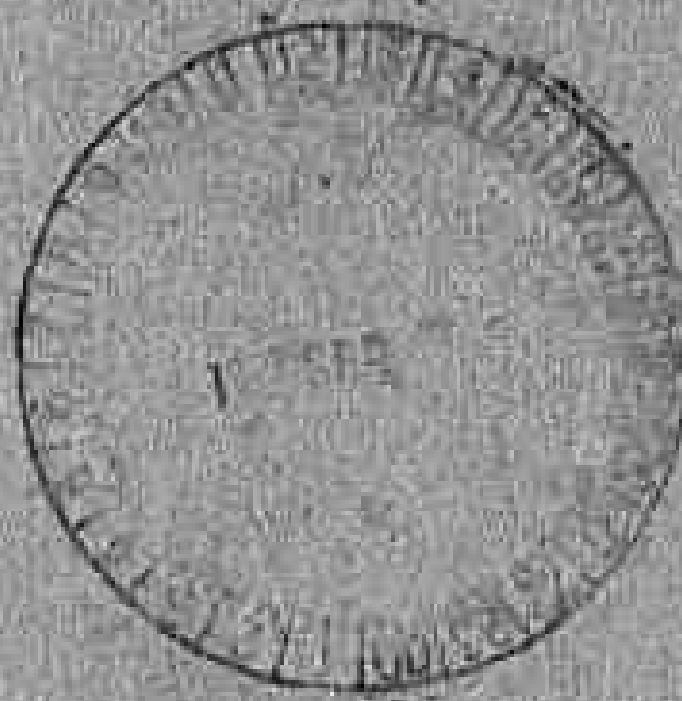
1. Messages, both signals and letters, are being received here from your Headquarters relating to the activities of AG/Italian Government and often requesting AG/Italian Government action. Peninsular Base Section signals 10309 of 11 September 1945, and 10214 of 6 September 1945, are examples.

2. It is requested that in future, similar communications be repeated to the Allied Commission for information since this will eliminate the necessity of retransmitting cables, or sending copies of letters, to the Allied Commission by this headquarters and will result in saving of time.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCMAHONEY:

Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

R. A. STUEY
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General



Copy Furnished:
ALCOM

ALCOM APO 782

Handwritten signature and date 15/9

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 ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 APO 512

RHF/wp

Ex Comm.

AG 312.4/079 - 0

4 September 1945

SUBJECT: Abbreviations of Unit Designations.

SEP - 6 1945

TO: All Concerned.

1. Letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 1 July 1945, is rescinded. Either the full designation of a unit or an authorized abbreviation, as listed below, will be used in the heading and texts of messages to be transmitted by electrical means.

2. Reference is made to AFHQ Signal Instructions, Item 2, Section V, subject: "Submarine Cable Communications," for listing of authorized telegraphic addresses. A telegraphic address is a short meaningless word assigned currently to a civil, diplomatic, or political agency only, for use in routing traffic via commercial communication channels; whereas an authorized abbreviation is used by a military organization in lieu of the full official designation in the text of a message or in the heading when routing is in plain language by secure signal channels.

3. The list of authorized abbreviations below is not intended to include all headquarters and units in the theater. It has been restricted to those to which traffic is particularly heavy and whose designation lends itself to an intelligible abbreviation. The list must be kept short enough to permit complete familiarity by all personnel who must use it. Therefore, additions to the list will be kept to a minimum.

4. The list of abbreviations authorized to date is as follows:

ABBREVIATIONUNIT

AAFSCMTO
 ACAB
 AFHQ
 AGVAR
 ALCOM
 AMET
 AMSSO
 ASCPFO
 BALKAD
 BMM ALBANIA
 BMM ALBANIA REAR
 BTA
 ETNA
 BTSCY
 CINCMED
 COMGENAAF FIFTEEN

Army Air Force Service Command, MTO
 Allied Commission, Austria, British
 Allied Force Headquarters
 War Department, Washington, D.C.
 Allied Commission
 Africa-Middle East Theater
 Air Ministry Special Signal Office
 Air Service Command, Patterson Field, Ohio
 Military Headquarters, Balkans
 British Military Mission, Albania
 British Military Mission, Albania, Rear
 British Troops, Austria
 British Troops, North Africa
 British Troops in Sicily
 Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean
 CG, Fifteenth Air Force

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Ltr, AFHQ, AG 312.4/379 - 0,
dtd 4 September 1945 (Cont'd)

ABBREVIATIONUNIT

COMGENAAFMED
COMGENHRPE
COMGENMED

CG, AAF, Mediterranean Theater of Operations
CG, Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation
CG, USAF in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations

COMGENNYPE
COMGENPERGULF
COMLAB
COMPEIGHT
DELTABASE
DCMRS

CG, New York Port of Embarkation
CG, Persian Gulf Command
Commodore, Liaison American and British
Number 8 Base Command Pay Office
Delta Base Section, France
Director General, Military Rwy Service
(France)

DISTHREE
DISTHREE EAST
DISTONE
DISTWO
DIRSI
FOIL
FLOCO
FOLEM
GIB
GREEKAID
GREEKMIL
MEDME
MIDEAST
MMIA
NASC
NORTHMOVES
PENBASE
PENSOUTH
ROME AREA
SOMTO
TROOPERS
TSFET
UNRRA

Number 3 District
Number 3 District, Eastern Detachment
Number 1 District
Number 2 District
Director, Military Rwy Service (Italy)
Flag Officer, Italian, Liaison
Florence Allied Area Command
Flag Officer, Levant and Eastern Med
Gibraltar
Military Liaison, Greece
Land Forces, Greece
RAF, Mediterranean and Middle East
General Headquarters, Mideast
Military Mission, Italian Army
North Africa Service Command
Movements, North Italy
Peninsular Base Section (Main)
Southern District, Peninsular Base Section
Rome Area Allied Command
Special Operations, MTO
War Office, London
Theater Service Forces, European Theater
United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation
Administration
United States Forces in Austria
United States Forces, European Theater
US Group Control Council; Austria
US Group Control Council, Germany
US Military Mission to USSR
Army Welfare Services (British)

USFA
USFET
USCCC AUSTRIA
USGCC GERMANY
USMILMISS MOSCOW
WELFARE AFHQ

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

C. W. CHRISTENSEN
C. W. CHRISTENSEN
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

DISTRIBUTION:

"C" Plus
20 - Signal Center

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Tel: 478603

25 August 1945.

Ref: 5761/170/20.

SUBJECT: Communications.

TO : A.C. Liaison Officer, ANCONA. 167

1. Reference your APO/A/22 dated 18 Aug 45.

2. It is requested that you take this matter up with the Signals Officer ANCONA with a view to discovering the cause of the delay.

3. If it is not possible for him to affect any improvement in the service, a few specific cases should be notified to the Communications Sub-Commission giving the following particulars:

- a. Reference number and origin of signal.
- b. Date and time of despatch.
- c. Date and time of receipt at ANCONA Signal Centre.
- d. Date and time of receipt by you.
- e. The classification and subject of the signal if it does not originate from this HQ.

mp
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Communications Sub-Commission,
HQ Communications Officer.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

87619 Ex. Commissioner
HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
ANCONA

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Subject: Communications.

To: HQ AC

From: A.C. Ancona

Ref.: ANC/A/22

Date: 18 Aug 45

AUG 24 1945

It is requested that matters of urgent importance should be notified by means other than by signal. It has been noticed for some time that signals despatched to this HQ arrive only after considerable delay. Your Number 3807 dispatched on 16 August at 1725 B notifying that 17 August should be observed as a theatre holiday, was received at 1500 B on 18 August. A similar delay was experienced on August Bank Holiday when the relevant signal arrived in the afternoon of the day to be observed as a holiday.

Corresponding delays occur in signals on routine matters.

See 170

[Signature]

O. J. MAUNDER, Lt. Col., R.A.
Liaison Officer - Ancona

[Signature]
(S/Comd River)

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PK 34534
AUG 11 1945

EX EC
P/3670
AUG 12 1945
ROUTINE
13 1945

From: SIGNED ALEXANDER GITE PHONE

To: ALL LAG, KEP and GAY ADDRESSEES. INFO: ALGOM ROME, ACABRIT ROME,
USFA FOR USACA, BTA FOR MIL GOVT STAFF.

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This is LAG 1280, KEP 42, YAG 336. Reur CAL 1451, PER 57,
GAF 272.

Concur in desirability most CAL, PER, GAY, NEG, TAP series
cables be transmitted in clear. Not desirable to send all in clear.
Policy and other matters involving security should still be sent
classified in same series.

NAT cables are never used for supply matters. Believed
simpler to maintain present clear divisions between uses of various
series.

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Info-Action - Econ Section 2
Info - Chief Commissioner
Exec Comm 2
Requis Div
Finance SC
Commerce SC
In SC 2
Communications
ACABRIT
File 2
Fleet

M/C Note.

No trace of quoted refs.

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(Signature)
(CARP ARNOLD)

(Signature)
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

HTWM/epc

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12th August, 1945

SUBJECT: Message Traffic

TO: Executive Commissioner

1. There appears to be no reference in the Daily Bulletin to late submission of Messages for at least three months. A check has not been made farther back.

2. It is suggested that a notice be placed in the Bulletin for a week as shown below, and if this has no appreciable result, the matter will be raised at the Executive Commissioner's meeting.

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

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Message Delays

1. 75% of the messages originated at this HQ. are handed in between 1600 and 1900 hours for outward transmission. This causes severe congestion and unnecessary delay. Please hand in messages in the morning where possible. *Wherever possible messages will be handed in in the morning*

2. ~~Messages marked "Priority" are being checked for misuse~~ In view of the large volume of traffic marked ~~these~~ "Priority", unnecessarily, messages are being checked *for unnecessary use of this grading* 419

3. The volume of message traffic is too great. Many of the messages could have been sent by ADLS. ~~Memos.~~ Memos. are handed in before 1700 hours ~~they~~ will be received in Bologna, Milano, Torino, Venezia, or Naples the next day.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
(Adjutant's Section)

NP/mrh

Adj: 311.5

6 August 1945.

AUG 7 1945

SUBJECT: Outgoing Signal Traffic

TO : Establishments Section, Allied Commission
(Attn: Captain L. T. MONTANT)

1. Attention is called to the fact that many Sub-Commissions, Sections and Branches are disregarding the repeated notices in the Daily Bulletin in reference to submitting signal traffic for transmission as early as possible during the day. On Saturday night last, 4 August 1945, about thirty (30) outgoing signals were received by this office for authentication between the hours of 1700 and 1800 and about fifty-one (51) were received by the Night Staff Duty Officer between 1800 and 1900 hours. A good many of these messages were marked PRIORITY, and in some instances the reference numbers on these messages were obtained from the Cable Typing Pool the day before. This procedure is a direct violation of AFHQ Letter, subject: "Proper Use of Classification and Precedence", file AG 311.5/199 SIG-O, dated 11 June 1945 and other publications on this subject.

2. It is believed that a good many of these messages could easily be sent as letters for delivery by ELS or ADLS and other various messenger services, especially in those areas where a shortage of electrical facilities exist and delivery by ELS or ADLS would be more convenient and speedier. (126)

3. A notice in the Daily Bulletin emanating from the Office of the Executive Commissioner on this subject is suggested as it seems that repeated notices from this office are of no avail.

Nicholas Piombino
NICHOLAS PIOMBINO,
CWO, USA,
Asst Adjutant.

Copy to Signal Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AFPO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 8761/155/30.

2 August 1945.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 6)

TRANSMISSION OF SIGNAL MESSAGES
WRITTEN IN ITALIAN.

1. The extract below from CSO L of C Italy letter 311.4/4 dated 23 July 45 is repeated for information and compliance by all concerned:

"Although there is no objection from a security viewpoint to the handling of telegraph traffic written in Italian, there are other considerations which make the passing of such traffic through military channels undesirable. These considerations are,

- (a) The impossibility of checking for transmission errors when the operators do not understand the language;
- (b) the obvious impossibility of enciphering such traffic;
- (c) the general policy of reducing commitments to enable redeployment, repatriation schemes to be effected with the minimum reduction in the efficiency of the military communication system.

Under these circumstances traffic in Italian will not normally be accepted by Allied Signal Offices or Message Centres for electrical transmission, but will be handled through normal MS channels. In the exceptional circumstances where it is absolutely essential that a message in Italian must be delivered within a matter of hours and there is no obvious means of delivery by Italian Government telegraphs then such a message may be handed into an Allied Office with a covering note to the Signalmaster or OIC Message Centre explaining the attendant circumstances and signed by a responsible Allied Officer

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2. The above is supplementary to the instructions contained in Office Memoranda Nos. 1 and 5 dated 12 Jan 45 and 27 July 45 respectively.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

Nicholas Piombino

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO, USA
Assistant Adjutant

RESTRICTION:

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Ref : 8761/156/EO.

T-1 : 239

2 August 45

SUBJECT : Insertion for Daily Bulletin.

TO : Adjutant.

Please insert the following two entries in Daily Bulletin :

I

" INDICATION OF MESSAGE SECURITY CLASSIFICATION.

Reference Office Memoranda Nos. 1 and 5 dated 12 Jan 45 and 27 July 45 respectively, the following extract from AFHQ letter 344.5/245 SIG-O dated 24 July 45 is repeated for information and guidance :

"Originators will include the security classification as the first word of the text in all messages. No message will be treated as unclassified unless the originator has franked the message with the instruction 'UNCLASSIFIED'. Any message which does not bear its appropriate security classification or the instruction 'UNCLASSIFIED' at the beginning of the text will be referred back to the originator.

Responsibility for the correct security classification of a message rests entirely with the originator".

(Ex. Commr) *[Signature]*

II

" MESSAGES TO HEADQUARTERS, USFET.

Para 2 Daily Bulletin No. 209 dated 23 July 1945 is rescinded.

(Ex. Commr) *[Signature]*

Copy to : 990/EO. *(154 refers)*

Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
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AG 311.22/826 - 0

29 July 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Messages to Headquarters, USFET.

AUG 1 1945

TO: All Concerned.

Letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 21 July 1945, is rescinded.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNEY;

R. H. Frese
R. H. FRESE
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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AG 311.5/215 SIG-0

24 July 1945

SUBJECT: Indication of Message Security Classification, JUL 31 1945

TO: All Concerned

1. It is essential to have a uniform method of indicating the security classification of a message at all stages of transmission and on delivery to the addressee. The following procedure will be effective within the Mediterranean Theater:

Originators will include the security classification as the first word of the text in all messages. No message will be treated as unclassified unless the originator has franked the message with the instruction "UNCLASSIFIED". Any message which does not bear its appropriate security classification or the instruction "UNCLASSIFIED" at the beginning of the text will be referred back to the originator by the Signal agency concerned.

NOTE: When the British Army message form MC 2136 is in use, the originator's instructions contained in the two signature spaces are redundant and will not be applicable. However, for uniformity, all messages classified RESTRICTED or above will be signed in the right hand space and all UNCLASSIFIED messages will be signed in the left hand space with the word "except" deleted and the word "including" substituted.

2. As a result of the above procedure, every message will bear a security classification, or the instruction "UNCLASSIFIED", which will constitute the sole deciding factor in the security handling of the message.

3. The responsibility for the correct security classification of a message rests entirely with the originator. It is the responsibility of the Signal agencies concerned to insure that a message is given correct security handling in accordance with the designated classification and the security of the circuits over which the message is to be transmitted.

4. Any message franked with the instruction "UNCLASSIFIED" will be assumed to have been authorized by the originator for transmission in clear by any means of communication including radio and any commercial agencies.

30 JUL 1945

(SSN Picken)

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(see 156)

Ltr. No. 4707, File No. 311.5/215 SIG-O, dtd 24 Jul 45 (Cont'd)

5. Ltr. No. 4707, File No. 311.5/215 SIG-O, dated 20 July 1945, subject: "Unclassified Messages - Transmission in Clear", lists the subject and conditions under which messages may be treated as unclassified.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

DISTRIBUTION:
"D"

C. J. Christensen
C. J. CHRISTENSEN
Colonel, LCD
Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Suspense AG 311.5/215 S16-0
AFMA - 24/7

Date 30/7

TO	FROM	TO
Staff Officer to CC	✓	Political Advisers
Executive Commissioner (Action)	✓	Establishment Section
Message Center	✓	Executive Officer (A)
Liaison Division	✓	Executive Officer (B)
Civil Affairs Section	✓	G-1(A)
Dis Per & Repat		G-1 (A) Civilian Emp.
Local Govt		G-1 (B)
Patriots Branch		G-4 (A)
Public Safety		G-4 (B)
Security Division		2675th Regt
Public Health		Headquarters Commandant
Legal		Allied Civ. Pers. Director
Education		Adjutant, Allied Commission
Monuments & Fine Arts		Navy
Economic Section	✓	Land Forces (NMIA)
Requisition Branch		Air
Agriculture		Communications
Commerce		Civil Censorship Group
Coal Div		WMD & POW
Finance		Truck Operating Group
Property Control Div		Public Relations Branch
Food		Information Division
Industry		Archivist - the SIGNALS OFF.
Mining Division		ALL REGIONS
Labor		Amo NAPLES - LIVORNO
Public Works & Utilities		" ANCONA - VEN-GIULIA
Shipping		ALCO BARI - CATANIA
Transportation		" PALERMO - SARDINIA

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Information _____
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Appropriate Action _____
Investigation & Report _____
Dispatch _____

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28 July 1945

JUL 28 1945

MEMO
TO

Mr. Picken, Chief Clerk, Office of the Executive Commissioner.

1. I suggest that the attached directive from the CSO, L of C Italy be published in its entirety with the exception of para. 4, possibly as an amendment or addition to Office Memorandum No. one of this headquarters.

2. It is now known that MMIA has been accepting much Italian Language traffic from one of the Italian Ministries for subsequent transmission over military channels. Also AMG in the regions and our own signal center in this headquarters have at times had to accept signal traffic written in the Italian Language. Under the attached directive from the CSO L of C Italy, Signal Offices all over the theater have begun refusing to accept radio and teletype traffic that is written in Italian. Consequently, an originator of a message in Italian Language cannot be assured of its delivery.

W. B. Simmons
1st Lt., Sig. Co.

See folio 157
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(SSN Picken)

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No.

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Pls arrange -
to publish in Bulletin
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Subject: Use of Normal Military Telegraph Circuits for the passing of
Allied Commission Traffic.

311.4/4.

From: CSO L of C Italy.

To :- CSO 1 District
CSO 2 District
CSO 3 District
CSO 3 District (East)
Signal Officer PBS
Signal Officer PBS (South)
Signal Officer RAAC
Director Comms Sub-Committee, AC.

23 July 45.

The question has recently arisen as to whether Allied Signal Offices and Message Centres should accept for transmission telegraph traffic in Italian handed in through AC channels i.e. by AMG, MMIA etc.

Although there is no objection from a security viewpoint to the handling of telegraph traffic written in Italian, there are other considerations which make the passing of such traffic through military channels undesirable. These considerations are,

- (a) The impossibility of checking for transmission errors when the operators do not understand the language;
- (b) the obvious impossibility of enciphering such traffic;
- (c) the general policy of reducing commitments to enable redeployment, repatriation schemes to be effected with the minimum revocation in the efficiency of the military communication system.

Under these circumstances traffic in Italian will not normally be accepted by Allied Signal Offices or Message Centres for electrical transmission, but will be handled through normal TIS channels. In the exceptional circumstance where it is absolutely essential that a message in Italian must be delivered within a matter of hours and there is no obvious

Italian handed in through AC channels i.e. by AMR, MMR, etc.

Although there is no objection from a security viewpoint to the handling of telegraph traffic written in Italian, there are other considerations which make the passing of such traffic through military channels undesirable. These considerations are,

- (a) The impossibility of checking for transmission errors when the operators do not understand the language;
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4. This directive in no way effects the handling of AMG IN traffic written in English, which will continue to be accepted without question.

Field,
JCB/EMF.

Copy to:- CSO AMHQ
CARSO MAF
Signal Officer 5th Army
CSO 13 Corps.
File 319.1

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Chief Telecoms	
Chief Postal	
Coms O.	
Chief Postal	

Wm. G. Buchanan
Brigadier,
Chief Signal Officer.

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27 AUG 1945
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SUBJECT: ~~Unclassified Signal Messages Transmission in Clear~~

1. In accordance with letter AG 311.5/215 GBI-O, ~~dated~~, dated 20 July 1945, the following information concerning the classification of Signal Traffic is published for compliance by all originators of traffic within this Headquarters:

a. ~~As of 0001 hours 20 July 1945~~, outside the zone of operations in Pacific-Far East Area certain subjects may now be treated as UNCLASSIFIED, and signal messages concerning them may be sent in clear by any means, including radio. The operational zone is defined as the area bounded on the west by Longitude 60 degrees east and on the east by the Pacific coast of North and South America. Appendix "A" is issued as a guide to Originators in subject matter that may be sent as UNCLASSIFIED, and will be considered as a supplement to US Army Regulations 380-5 and War Office Pamphlet "Classification and Handling of Protected Documents, 1944".

b. No relaxation of the now existing security rules is permitted in messages to any address within the operational zone, or the subject matter concerning the war with Japan. This includes multiple address traffic which may be addressed both to the operational zone and the non-operational zone.

c. An unclassified message referring to a previous cipher message may quote only the reference number and date of such ciphered message, but cannot quote the time of origin or the subject matter therein.

d. Originators are still entirely responsible for the classification of Signal Traffic. Originators of unclassified messages will include the instruction "UNCLASSIFIED" as the first word of the text. The classification "IN CLEAR" is now obsolete and will not be used. "Signatures" will not be used in the texts of unclassified messages.

2. Documents as well as messages relating to subjects listed in Appendix "A" may similarly be treated as unclassified. Such documents, however, need not bear the instruction "UNCLASSIFIED".

3. The above instructions ^{are adopted} ~~will be adopted~~ as supplementary to ~~the~~ the instructions for Preparation of Outgoing Signals ^{Messages} contained in Office Memorandum No 1, this Headquarters, dated 12 January 45, as amended.

Ref: 8761/EO.

27 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Insertion for Daily Bulletin.

TO : Adjutant.

Please insert the following entry in Daily Bulletin:

"MESSAGES TO HEADQUARTERS, USFET."

Messages addressed to Headquarters, USFET (Main) for action will be repeated to Headquarters, USFET (Rear) for information. Vice versa messages destined for action to Headquarters, USFET (Rear) will be repeated to Headquarters, USFET (Main) for information.

(Encs Contd)"

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Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: 990/EO.

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

AD 311.22/626-0

21 July 1945

JUL 23 1945

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Messages to Headquarters, USFET.

TO: All Concerned.

1. It has been requested by Headquarters, USFET for purpose of coordination, that all messages of material interest to that theater and destined for Headquarters, USFET (Rear) for action, include Headquarters, USFET (Main) for information. Also, a copy of action messages destined for Headquarters, USFET (Main) will be furnished Headquarters, USFET (Rear) for information.

2. Compliance with the foregoing is desired.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNEY:

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R. L. STUKEY
Captain, LGD
Asst Adjutant General

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AG 311.5/215 GZI-O

20 July 1945 VOL. III

JUL 23 1945

SUBJECT: Unclassified Messages - Transmission in Clear.

TO: All Concerned.

Amended See folio 222 (Vol 3)

✓ 1. It has been decided that outside ~~the zone of operations in the Pacific - Far East area~~, certain subjects may now be treated as unclassified, and messages concerning them may be sent in clear by any means, including radio.

✓ 2. The operational zone is defined as the area bounded on the west by Longitude 60°E and on the east by the Pacific coast of the North and South American continent. The zone includes for example India Command, Burma, Australia, SMC, SWP, and US operational commands in the Pacific.

✓ 3. Effective 0001Z hours 20 July 1945, subjects listed in Appendix "I" may be treated as unclassified and messages relating to them may be sent in clear by any means including radio, subject to the provisions of paragraph 7, below.

4. Appendix "I" is issued as a guide to originators and in no way prevents them from giving a message a higher classification if considered desirable. The responsibility for the correct security classification of a message rests entirely with the originator. Where doubt exists, the message should be classified.

5. Originators of messages will continue to be guided by US Army Regulations 380-5 and by War Office pamphlet "Classification and Handling of Protected Documents, 1944" to which Appendix "I" will be considered as a supplement.

6. No relaxation of existing rules is permitted in messages to any part of the operational zone, or the subject matter of which concerns the war against Japan. When one or more of the addressees of a multiple address message is located in the zone of operations the whole message will be governed by the security rules applicable to the operational zone and will accordingly be dispatched in this manner to all addressees, including those who may be in the non-operational zone.

7. An unclassified message referring to a previous cipher message will quote only the reference number and date (but NOT the time of origin) of the cipher message. The text of such an unclassified message will consist only of one of the following stereotyped phrases:

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See 182.

(SSM Picked)

(1 June 1945)

Ltr, AFHQ, AT 311.5/215 GMI-O,
dated 20 July 1945 (Cont'd)

- a. Acknowledged
- Agreed
- Approved
- Confirmed
- Noted
- Received
- Taking action
- Under consideration
- Yes or No

- b. A request for a reply to be expedited.

NOTE: When an unclassified message refers to a previous cipher message enciphered in "One Time Pad/System," the restrictions in this paragraph will NOT apply.

8. No restriction is placed on who may originate unclassified messages which are covered by the provisions of this instruction. The provisions of US Army Regulations 380-5, paragraph 51 b (2) and of War Office pamphlet "Classification and Handling of Protected Documents, 1944," paragraph 17 (b) and (c) still apply to messages which would normally be classified but which are of such urgency that the delay caused by ciphering cannot be tolerated.

9. Originators of unclassified messages will include the instruction "UNCLASSIFIED" as the first word of the text. This instruction authorizes transmission in clear by any means including radio and commercial agencies. "Signatures" will not be used in the texts of unclassified messages.

10. Documents as well as messages relating to subjects listed in Appendix "A" may similarly be treated as unclassified. Such documents, however, need not bear the instruction "UNCLASSIFIED".

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

- 1 Incl
- Appendix "A" - List of Subjects which may be Unclassified

C. W. Christensen
C. W. CHRISTENSEN
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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2 - War Office, LONDON	2 - GCB
2 - TAG, WASHINGTON	
2 - 21 Army Group	
2 - CMQ LEE	
2 - GOC Malta	
2 - GOC Gibraltar	

APPENDIX "A" (to AFHQ ltr
AG 311.5/215 GHI-O, dtd
20 July 1945)

LIST OF SUBJECTS WHICH MAY BE UNCLASSIFIED

ABSENTEES

ACCIDENTS

- Traffic; injuries to personnel

ACCOMMODATION

- Requisitioning, billeting, inspection.

ACCOUNTS

- Unit and Regimental.

AIRCRAFT

- Movements of individual aircraft in the non-operational zone (providing secret types are not involved).
Accidents to.

APPOINTMENTS

- Of individuals below the rank of Brigadier/Brigadier General.

BURIALS

- Graves registration.
Arrangements for burials.

CASUALTIES

- Below the rank of Brigadier/Brigadier General.

CIVIL AFFAIRS

- Routine matters connected with civil administration, civil supply and Displaced Persons.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Routine correspondence concerning any items covered by this list.

COURTS OF ENQUIRY

- Convening of and attendance of witnesses (providing no mention is made of the subject matter, unless it falls within the scope of this list).

DISCHARGES

EDUCATION

EFI/PX

- Routine correspondence, supplies for.

ENGAGEMENTS/ENLISTMENTS

- And re-engagements.

ENTERTAINMENT

HEALTH

- Of individuals (providing there is no mention of the nature of the disease). 4177

HOSPITALS

- Routine administration.

INJURIES

- Individuals, inspections, routine accommodation and stores. (See ACCIDENTS).

LABOUR

- Local employment of civilians.

APPENDIX "A" (Cont'd)

- LEAVE - General and individual. ~~(See SHIPPING)~~.
- LOCATIONS - Of any units or formations ~~except those under orders to proceed to the Pacific Far East area.~~
- LOSS - Of stores and vehicles, excepted for protected items.
- MAILS - ~~If ships or shipping movements are mentioned, see SHIPPING.~~
- MAINTENANCE - Except of protected equipment.
- MEDALS - Awards and decorations after promulgation.
- MEDICAL - ~~And DENTAL.~~ Issues of stores and inspections. (See HEALTH).
- MOVEMENTS - Of individuals below the rank of Brigadier/Brigadier General and units ~~except those under orders to proceed to the Pacific Far East area.~~
- PAY - Rate of pay, allotments, allowances of individuals below the rank of Brigadier/Brigadier General.
- PERSONNEL
- OFFICERS - Routine postings, assignments, attachments, promotions and transfers, below the rank of Brigadier/Brigadier General.
- ORs/EN - Postings, assignments, attachments and transfers. Discipline. Private affairs (except of very personal matters).
- PRESS & RADIO - Subject to censorship.
- PW - Names of Allied PW, administrative arrangements for repatriation. (See MOVEMENTS).
- RECREATION - Facilities and training.
- SHIPPING - For Naval and Shipping purposes the non-operational zone comprises:
The North Atlantic, Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, Arctic Ocean, Baltic and North Seas, Mediterranean, Black and Red Seas, South Atlantic Ocean East of 74° West to Longitude of Capetown, and the North and South Pacific Oceans East of 82° West.
~~Movements, positions, arrivals, departures, damage and loss (except due to enemy action) in the non-operational zone of minor warships and merchant ships including troopships carrying less than 550~~

APPENDIX "A" (Cont'd)

troops.

~~Note (a) Normal security instructions apply to messages about movements of major warships (to include destroyers), neutral ships suspected of trading with the enemy and troopships carrying more than 550 troops in any zone.~~

~~(b) Capetown, Aden and Balboa are included in the operational zone.~~

STATIONERY

- Non-protected documents, books, army forms and printed matter.

STORES

SUPPLIES (CLOTHING)

EQUIPMENT

- Demands for all commodities and non-protected technical stores and spare parts required for maintenance.

TRAINING

- Courses of instruction, allotment of vacancies, (except for courses of a secret nature).

TRANSPORT

- Non-protected vehicles - damage (other than by enemy action), defects, movements, repairs and replacements.

UNITS, FORMATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

- Designations, provided that designations of units and their next higher formations or organizations are not linked or grouped together in the texts of messages in such a way as to reveal order of battle or chain of command.

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Date 23/7/45

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Staff Officer to CC	✓	Political Advisers	
Executive Commissioner (ACTION)	2	Establishment Section	✓
Message Center		Executive Officer (A)	✓
Liaison Division	✓	Executive Officer (B)	
Civil Affairs Section	✓	G-1 (A)	✓
Dis Per & Repat		G-1 (A) Civilian Emp.	
Local Govt		G-1 (B)	✓
Patriots Branch		G-4 (A)	✓
Public Safety		G-4 (B)	✓
Security Division		2675th Regt	✓
Public Health		Headquarters Commandant	✓
Legal		Allied Civ. Pers. Director	✓
Education		Adjutant, Allied Commission	✓
Monuments & Fine Arts		Navy	✓
Economic Section	✓	Land Forces (MMIA)	✓
Requisition Branch		Air	✓
Agriculture		Communications	✓
Commerce		Civil Censorship Group	✓
Cbal Div		WMD & POW	✓
Finance		Truck Operating Group	✓
Property Control Div		Public Relations Branch	✓
Food		Information Division	✓
Industry		Archivist & SIGNALS OFFICER	✓
Mining Division		AMG NAPLES	✓
Labor		" LIVORNO	✓
Public Works & Utilities		" ANCONA	✓
Shipping		" VEN-GIULIA	✓
Transportation		ALL REGIONS	✓

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SUBJECT: CAL/LAC Cable Series.

JUL 21 1945

TO : See Distribution below.

2. No Branch, Division or Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission will enter into any communication other than with AFHQ, on any matters arising in the CAL/LAC series.

3. The CAL/LAC cable series is used for communications between AFHQ and Washington on Civil Supply Matters, such as exports, imports, civilian relief supplies, etc. CAL cables originate in Washington, are addressed to AFHQ for action and repeated to Troopers and ALCCM for information. LAC cables originate in AFHQ, are addressed to Washington for action and repeated to Troopers and ALCCM for information.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

DISTRIBUTION: "A" Group I
Serials 1-28
49-53 & 57

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Ref: 8764/137/EC.

10 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Insertion for Daily Bulletin.
TO : Adjutant.

Please insert the following entry in Daily Bulletin.

SIGNALS - ABUSE OF PRECEDENCE.

As an increase in the use of "PRIORITY" and "OPERATIONAL PRIORITY" precedences has been noted on signals originating in this Headquarters, paragraph 3 of AFHQ letter AG 341.5/199 SIC-0 dated 11 June 45 is repeated below for information and guidance.

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"Originators are furthermore cautioned against the abuse of precedence. Where the volume of "Priority" and "Operational Priority" traffic becomes disproportionately heavy, these precedences necessarily lose their value."

/s/ E. T. ARBON LT Col
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: 990/EC.

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Ref: 8761/136/EC.

10 July 1945.

SUBJECT: URGENT Signals.

TO : HQ Signal Officer.

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1. Reference your memorandum of 6 July 45, subject as above.
2. I agree to restricting use of the precedence URGENT to the Offices of the Chief Commissioner and Executive Commissioner.
3. I consider, however, that Vice Presidents of Sections and Directors of Sub-Commissions must be allowed the use of "OPERATIONAL PRIORITY" when warranted.
4. Should the Assistant Adjutant on a future occasion be involved in a dispute on the precedence of a particular cable the originator should be referred to me. I shall determine whether the precedence is justified and thereafter advise the Assistant Adjutant.
5. I do not think it advisable to insert in Daily Bulletin that use of the precedence "URGENT" is restricted to Chief Commissioner and Executive Commissioner, but am inserting a general ruling quoting paragraph 3 of AFHQ letter AC 341.5/199 SIG-9 dated 11 June 45.
6. Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

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/s/ E. T. ALKOT
Chief Staff Officer, LT COL
To the Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
SIGNAL SECTION

6 July 1945

JUL 6 1945

SUBJECT: URGENT Signals

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner

1. On this date the Labour Sub-Commission originated Cable 1287, classified RESTRICTED, with URGENT precedence. Mr. Piombino, Assistant Adjutant, called the Director, Labour Sub-Commission, asking for a reduction in precedence on this cable, but was refused. The subject matter contained in the cable was labour information, information on a recent meeting concerning same and the setting of 8 July 1945 as the date for a future meeting.

7 2. While it is realized by this section that such matter may be of national importance to the Italian situation, it is not the policy of this section to transmit URGENT or OPERATIONAL PRIORITY cables into the military signals network unless such cables are sent at the specific direction of the Chief Commissioner's Office or the Executive Commissioner's Office. Military signals facilities have become tremendously overloaded since the cessation of hostilities and AFHQ has published several directives concerning the over-use of high precedence cables into such facilities.

3. This section asks that all Sub-Commissions, Sections and Independent Sub-Commissions again be warned in the above matter, and that, with the permission of the Office of the Executive Commissioner, this section will accept no URGENT or OPERATIONAL PRIORITY cables for transmission unless they are sent at the specific direction of the Chief Commissioner's Office or the Office of the Executive Commissioner.

William B. Simmons
WILLIAM B. SIMMONS
1st Lt., Signal Corps
Hq Signal Officer

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AG 312.4/079 - 0

1 July 1945

SUBJECT: Abbreviations of Unit Designations.

JUL 3 - 1945

TO: All Concerned.

1. Letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 28 December 1944, and amendment thereto, dated 24 March 1945, are rescinded. Either the full designation of a unit or an authorized abbreviation, as listed below, will be used in the heading and texts of messages to be transmitted by electrical means.

2. Reference is made to AFHQ Signal Instructions, Item 2, Section V, subject: "Submarine Cable Communications", for listing of authorized telegraphic addresses. A telegraphic address is a short meaningless word assigned currently to a civil, diplomatic, or political agency only, for use in routing traffic via commercial communication channels; whereas an authorized abbreviation is used by a military organization in lieu of the full official designation in the text of a message or in the heading when routing is in plain language by secure signal channels.

3. The list of authorized abbreviations below is not intended to include all headquarters and units in the theater. It has been restricted to those to which traffic is particularly heavy and whose designation lends itself to an intelligible abbreviation. The list must be kept short enough to permit complete familiarity by all personnel who must use it. Therefore, additions to the list will be kept to a minimum.

4. The list of abbreviations authorized to date is as follows:

ABBREVIATIONUNIT

AATSCITO	Army Air Force Service Command, LEO
AAO CORSICA	Allied Administrative Officer, Corsica
ACABRIT	Allied Commission, Austria, British
AFHQ	Allied Force Headquarters
ACWAR	War Department, Washington, D.C.
ALDAID	Military Liaison Hqs, Albania
ALCOM	Allied Commission
ALNET	Africa-Middle East Theater
ALISO	Air Ministry Special Signal Office
ASCFTO	Air Service Command, Patterson Field, Ohio
BAF	Balkan Air Force
BALKAID	Military Hqs, Balkans
BEM ALBANIA	British Military Mission, Albania
BEM ALBANIA REAR	British Military Mission, Albania, Rear
BTNA	British Troops North Africa
CENTRAC	Central Mediterranean Training Center
CINCED	Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean
COMCEMAAF FIFTEEN	CG, Fifteenth Air Force
COMGENAF TWELVE	CG, Twelfth Air Force
COMGENAFMED	CG, AAF, Mediterranean Theater of Operations
COMGENCOLIZETO	CG, Communication Zone, ETOUSA
COMGENETO	CG, USAF in the European Theater of Operations

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dated 1 July 1945 (Cont'd)ABBREVIATIONUNIT

COMCENHRFE	CG, Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation
COMCENMAAF	CG, Mediterranean Allied Air Force
COMCENMED	CG, USAF in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations
COMCENMTE	CG, New York Port of Embarkation
COMCENPERGULF	CG, Persian Gulf Command
COMLAB	Commodore, Liaison American & British
COMPEIGHT	Number 8 Base Command Pay Office
COMAD	Continental Advance Section, France
DELTABASE	Delta Base Section, France
DCMRS	Director General, Military Rwy Service (France)
DISTREE	Number 3 District
DISTREE EAST	Number 3 District, Eastern Detachment
DISTONE	Number 1 District
DISTWO	Number 2 District
DIRSI	Director, Military Rwy Serv (Italy)
EASTMOVES	Movements, North East Italy
FLOCO	Florence Allied Area Command
FOLEM	Flag Officer, Levant and Eastern Med
FOTALI	Flag Officer, Taranto
GIB	Gibraltar
GREEKALD	Military Liaison, Greece
GREENIL	Land Forces, Greece
JUGALD	Military Liaison Hqs, Yugoslavia
LFA	Land Forces, Adriatic
LATS	Mediterranean Air Transport Service
MIDEAST	General Headquarters, Mideast
MMIA	Military Mission, Italian Army
NAMOV	Movements, North African District
NASC	North Africa Service Command
PENBASE	Peninsular Base Section (Main)
PENSOUTH	Southern District, Peninsular Base Section
REPCO	Replacement & Training Command, MTOUSA
ROME AREA	Rome Area Allied Command
SHAEF	Supreme Hqs, Allied Expeditionary Force
SONLO	Special Operations, Mediterranean Liaison Office
SOMTO	Special Operations, MTO
SOUTHMOVES	Movements, South Italy
TROOPERS	War Office, London
UNRRA	United Nations Relief & Rehabilitation Administration
USGCC AUSTRIA	US Group Control Council, Austria
USGCC GERMANY	US Group Control Council, Germany
USMILISS MOSCOW	US Military Mission to USSR
WELFARE AFHQ	Army Welfare Services (British)
WESTMOVES	Movements, North West Italy
XIIAFSC	Air Force Service Command, XII
XVAFSC	Air Force Service Command, XV

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

C. W. CHRISTENSEN
C. W. CHRISTENSEN
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

AG 312.4/512-0

14 June 1945

JUN 18 1945

SUBJECT: Abbreviated Titles and Cable Addresses

TO: All Concerned

1. Major Commands, Theaters, and Base Commands. The following abbreviations are reproduced from War Department Memorandum Number 380.45 dated 14 May 1945 and will be used in cable messages:

OFFICIAL TITLE

AUTHORIZED ABBREVIATIONS

AMERICAN THEATER

CG, EASTERN DEFENSE COMMAND
CG, NEWFOUNDLAND BASE COMMAND
CG, BERMUDA BASE COMMAND
CG, USAF IN ICELAND
CG, GRINLAND BASE COMMAND
CG, USAF IN CENTRAL CANADA
CG, WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND
CG, ALASKAN DEPARTMENT, ACP
CG, ALASKAN DEPARTMENT, REAR
CG, NORTHWEST SERVICE COMMAND
CG, CARIBBEAN DEFENSE COMMAND
CG, PANAMA CANAL DEPARTMENT
CG, ANTILLES DEPARTMENT
CG, TRINIDAD BASE COMMAND
CG, USAF, SOUTH ATLANTIC

ACT List

Act - HQ Sigs. Officer
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COMGENEASTDEF
COMGENNEWF
COMGENBERM
COMGENICE
COMGENGREEN
COMGENCINTCAN
COMGENWESTDEF
COMGENALASKA ACP
COMGENALASKA REAR
COMGENNORTHWEST
COMGENCARIB
COMGENPANDEF
COMGENANTDEF
COMGENTRIN
COMGENSOUTLANT

EUROPEAN THEATERS

SUPREME COMMANDER, ALLIED EXPED FORCES
CG, USF IN THE EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
CG, COMMUNICATION ZONE ITO USA
CG, UNITED KINGDOM BASE SECTION

SCAEF
COMGENETC
COMGENCOMZETO
COMGENUKBASE

PACIFIC THEATER

CINC, ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC
CG, USAF, PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS

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COMGENPOA

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OFFICIAL TITLE

AUTHORIZED ABBREVIATIONS

ASIATIC THEATER

SAC, SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND
CG, USF, INDIA-BURMA THEATER
CG, SCS, USF IN INDIA-BURMA
CG, USF IN CHINA THEATER
CG, USF IN CHINA, REAR ECHELON

SACSEA
COMGENIB
COMGENSOSIB
COMGENCHINA
COMGENCHINA REAR

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER

SAC, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CG, USAF IN MFD THEATER OF OPERATIONS
CG, PERSIAN GULF COMMAND
CG, US MILITARY MISSION TO USSR

SACMED
COMGENMED
COMGENPERGULF
COMGENMILMIS

AIR FORCE COMMANDS

CG, STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE
CG, FAR EAST AIR FORCE
CG, MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE
CG, AAF, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
CG, AAF, PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS
CG, AAF, PACIFIC OCEAN AREAS (ADMIN)
CG, AAF, INDIA-BURMA THEATER
CG, FIRST AIR FORCE
CG, SECOND AIR FORCE
and so on up to 15th Air Force
CG, TWENTY AIR FORCE
DEPUTY CG, 20TH AIR FORCE
CG, AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND

COMGENUSSTAF
COMGENFTAF
COMGENMAAF
COMGENAAFMED
COMGENAAFFOA
COMGENAAFFOA ADMIN
COMGENAAFTB
COMGENAAF ONE
COMGENAAF TWO

COMAF TWENTY
DUPCOMAF TWENTY
COMGENATC

US SERVICE COMMANDS

CG, 1st SERVICE COMMAND
CG, 2nd SERVICE COMMAND
CG, 3rd SERVICE COMMAND
CG, 4th SERVICE COMMAND
CG, 5th SERVICE COMMAND
CG, 6th SERVICE COMMAND
CG, 7th SERVICE COMMAND
CG, 8th SERVICE COMMAND
CG, 9th SERVICE COMMAND

COMGENSERVC ONE
COMGENSERVC TWO
COMGENSERVC THREE
COMGENSERVC FOUR
COMGENSERVC FIVE
COMGENSERVC SIX
COMGENSERVC SEVEN
COMGENSERVC EIGHT
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AUTHORITYABBREVIATED TITLEARMY AIR FORCES

CG, ARMY AIR FORCES
 CHIEF OF AIR STAFF
 DEPUTY CHIEF OF AIR STAFF
 AC/AS, PERSONNEL
 AC/AS, INTELLIGENCE
 AC/AS, TRAINING
 AC/AS, M & S
 AC/AS, OOR
 AC/AS, PLANS
 AIR INSPECTOR
 AIR SURGEON
 AIR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
 CG, AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND

COMGENAIR
 CASAIR
 DEPCASAIR
 AIRPERS
 AIRINTEL
 AIRTRAIN
 AIRMATSERV
 AIROCR
 AIRPLANS
 AIRINSPEC
 AIRSURG
 AIRCOMM
 COMENATO

ARMY SERVICES FORCES

COMMANDING GENERAL
 CHIEF OF STAFF
 CONTROL
 PLANS AND OPERATIONS
 PLANS
 REQUIREMENTS AND STOCK CONTROL
 MOBILIZATION
 DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF (SERVICE COMMANDS)
 PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL
 DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE
 NATIONAL GUARD
 DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL
 MILITARY PERSONNEL DIVISION
 SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION
 INDUSTRIAL PERSONNEL DIVISION
 CHAPLAIN
 INFORMATION AND EDUCATION
 DIRECTOR OF MILITARY TRAINING
 DIRECTOR OF SUPPLY
 DISTRIBUTION
 STORAGE
 MAINTENANCE
 DIRECTOR OF MATERIEL
 PURCHASES
 PRODUCTION
 INTERNATIONAL
 RENEGOTIATION
 READJUSTMENT

COMGENSERV
 COSSERV
 SERVCON
 SERVPLOP
 SERVPLAN
 SERVREQ
 SERVMCB
 DEPCOSSERVCOM
 SERVPROV
 SERVINTEL
 SERVNATGUARD
 SERVDIRPERS
 SERVMLPERS
 SERVSPEC
 SERVINDPERS
 SERVCHAP
 SERVINTED
 SERVITRAIN
 SERVSUP
 SERVDIST
 SERVSTOR
 SERVMAINT
 SERVMAT
 SERVPUR
 SERVPROD
 SERVINTER
 SERVRENEG
 SERVREAD

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OFFICIAL TITLEAUTHORIZED ABBREVIATIONSUS PORTS OF EMBARKATION

CG, BOSTON PORT OF EMBARKATION
 CG, CHARLESTON PORT OF EMBARKATION
 CG, NEW YORK PORT OF EMBARKATION
 CG, LOS ANGELES PORT OF EMBARKATION
 CG, SAN FRANCISCO PORT OF EMBARKATION
 CG, NEW ORLEANS PORT OF EMBARKATION
 CG, SEATTLE PORT OF EMBARKATION
 CG, HAMPTON ROADS PORT OF EMBARKATION

COMGENBNPE
 COMGENCHPE
 COMGENNYPE
 COMGENLAPE
 COMGENSFPE
 COMGENNOPE
 COMGENSEPE
 COMGENHRPE

2. War Department Staff

a. Abbreviated titles for various authorities in the War Department are as follows:

AUTHORITYABBREVIATED TITLE

SECRETARY OF WAR
 UNDER SECRETARY OF WAR
 ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
 ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR (AIR)
 CHIEF OF STAFF
 DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF
 ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF
 SECRETARY GENERAL STAFF
 G-1
 G-2
 G-3
 G-4
 OPERATIONS DIVISION
 LEGISLATIVE AND LIAISON DIVISION
 BUDGET DIVISION
 CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION
 NEW DEVELOPMENTS DIVISION
 SPECIAL PLANNING DIVISION
 WAR DEPARTMENT MANPOWER BOARD
 INSPECTOR GENERAL
 BUREAU OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
 THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

WARSEC
 WARLDRSEC
 WARATTSEC
 WARASTSECAIR
 WARGOS
 WARDEPCOS
 WARASTDEPCOS
 WARSECENSTAFF
 WARGONE
 WARGTWO
 WARGTHREE
 WARGFOUR
 WAROPDIV
 WARLAL
 WARBUDDIV
 WARCAD
 WARNEWDEV
 WARSPECPLAN
 WARMANPCW
 WARINSPTCGEN
 WARPUBREL
 WARTAG

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AUTHORITYABBREVIATED TITLEARMY SERVICE FORCES (cont'd)

FISCAL DIRECTOR
 ADJUTANT GENERAL
 JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL
 QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
 ORDNANCE
 ENGINEERS
 CHEMICAL WARFARE SERVICE
 SIGNAL CORPS
 SURGEON GENERAL
 TRANSPORTATION CORPS

SERVFIS
 SERVAG
 SERVJAG
 SERVQMG
 SERVORD
 SERVING
 SERVCHEM
 SERVSIG
 SERVURG
 SERVOT

ARMY GROUND FORCES

CG ARMY GROUND FORCES
 CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY GROUND FORCES
 DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY
 GROUND FORCES
 G-1 ARMY GROUND FORCES
 G-2 ARMY GROUND FORCES
 G-3 ARMY GROUND FORCES
 G-4 ARMY GROUND FORCES

COMGNGROUND
 COSGROUND
 DEPCOSGROUND
 GONEGROUND
 GIWOGROUND
 GTHREGROUND
 GFOURGROUND

Above information extract from War Department Memo 380-45 dated 14 May 1945 and b. Messages to AGWAR will be addressed in one of the following ways:

(1) "AGWAR for Name of Individual by Surname" only if:

(a) it is essential for routing.

(b) no official abbreviated title exists.

Commanders lower than Theater or Area may use this address only when the above two conditions are met. Theater, Area or higher Commanders are privileged to use this address without restriction.

(2) "AGWAR for Official Abbreviated Title" only when it is desired to insure that a copy of the message is brought to the personal attention of the person bearing the title. In no case will both the Surname and Title be used in the same message.

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- (3) "AGWAR". This address will be sufficient for most messages since classified messages to AGWAR are distributed by the War Department Classified Message Center to the appropriate War Department sections according to the contents of each message.

c. Surname of Individual or authorized abbreviated title when used will be buried within the text of the message and will not appear as part of the external telegraphic address "AGWAR".

d. Existing Message Handling Procedure covered in current AFHQ Staff Memorandum # 8, dated 27 January 1945 is still effective for general and special staff sections, HQ MTOUSA.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNEY:

C. W. Christenberry
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, A.D.
Adjutant General

DISTRIBUTION:

"W"

"X"

From: Brigadier J.K. Dunlop, ⁸⁷⁶¹OBE, MC, TD
HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

(127)

My dear Francis.

13 June, 1945.

16 JUN 1945

I have in the past been somewhat critical of telegraph delays.

I think it only fair to tell you, therefore, that your urgent signal on the Bonomi resignation timed 12.2130 was delivered to me first thing this morning.

The detailed timing shows that it reached the teleprinter office here at 0533 this morning.

Fast work like this gives one a great feeling of close touch.

Yours ever
Brigadier M.S. Lush, CB, CBE
Office of the Executive Commissioner
Headquarters
Allied Commission

DO/JKD/lgo

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 311.5/199 SIG-0

11 June 1945

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SUBJECT: Proper Use of Classification and Precedence in Signal Messages

TO: All Concerned

1. The volume of messages originated in this theater has decreased slightly since the cessation of hostilities, but difficulties are being experienced in many instances in the expeditious handling of those messages by electrical means. These difficulties may be expected to increase with the early redeployment of many of the Signal troops and cipher personnel. Under current regulations, only messages classified as "CONFIDENTIAL" or lower may be transmitted by certain land lines in the clear; all other classified messages require encipherment. The temporary inadequacy of land lines in forward areas, which has necessitated the use of radio and consequent encipherment of all classified messages, has increased the already heavy load on cipher offices. With the cessation of hostilities the urgency requiring rapid transmission of many of the messages appears to be reduced. This should permit greater use of letters in lieu of messages with increased use of the various messenger services, especially in those areas where a shortage of electrical facilities exists.

2. It is hoped shortly to relax regulations regarding classification of messages, thus permitting the transmission of more signal traffic in the clear. Pending the issuance of such relaxations, all originators are cautioned to avoid overclassification. Overclassification debases the value of the higher security classifications and tends to add to delay owing to the special handling required. At the present time therefore, it is more than ever essential that current rules regarding the classification and precedence of messages be scrupulously observed in the interests of all concerned.

3. Originators are furthermore cautioned against the abuse of precedence. Where the volume of "Priority" and "Operational Priority" traffic becomes disproportionately heavy, these precedences necessarily lose their value.

4. Care must be taken in the drafting of messages to reduce their length by employing concise language without sacrificing clarity.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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Ref 6764/123/ED.

8 June 1945

SUBJECT : Insertion for Daily Bulletin

TO : Adjutant.

Please publish the following entry in Daily Bulletin :

• OUTGOING CABLES - SHORT TITLES.

The following further amendment to Office Memorandum No. 3 dated 8 Feb 1945 is notified.

Para 2 - ESTABLISHMENT SECTION

Immediately below 'Executive Officer British' insert:
'Deputy Assistant Military Secretary.....ADMS.'

(Rt Colnr) "

Major L. W. STEARNS

✓ Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commission.

Copy to : G-1(B) (Ref. G-12/13/A dated 5 June 45)
File 990/20.

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Ext. 592

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MEMORANDUM

REFERENCE : G-1B/73/A

5 June 1945.

SUBJECT : Cable Abbreviations

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner

JUN 6 1945

FROM : G-1(B) H.Q. A.C.

Reference Office Memo No. 3 dated 8 Feb 45.

May an abbreviation please be allotted for use by Deputy Assistant
Military Secretary

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, ESTABLISHMENTS SECTION

H. Lennick
has
f Sir J.E.T. RITCHIE Bt.
Lt. Colonel,
G-1 (B)

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*See M 123 & 124
Folio 125.*

(see below)

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Tel : 733

4 June 45

Ref/3761/144/80.

SUBJECT : Insertion in Daily Bulletin.

TO : Adjutant.

file 114 A of 114

Please insert the following in Daily Bulletin :

• SIGNAL MESSAGES TO VENEZUELA REGION.

R.O. VENEZUELA Region has requested that a confirmation copy of all signals addressed to VENEZUELA Region, be dispatched by Air Courier.

All Sections, Sub-Commissions and Branches will please conform until further notified :

(Exec Commr) *

✓
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to : 3610/80
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MAY 291000B

ROUTINE

HQ VENEZIE Region

ALCOM

IN CLEAR

Ref your 7737 of 171833 this only received this HQ 24 May.

Concur your proposal. Please note our suggestion you use 210 SUB AREA
for signals also send confirmation by air courier.

DIST

Action - C.A. Section
Info - Chief Commissioner
S.O. to Chief Comm
Exec Comm
Econ Sed
P Safety SC
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Ref: 6761/113/EC.

Tel: 775

28 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Insertion in Daily Bulletin.

TO : Adjutant.

Please insert the following in Daily Bulletin:

"SIGNALS - VENKATE REGION.

Daily Bulletin No. 114, para 2, dated 24 Apr 45, this headquarters, is cancelled.

All signal messages will now be addressed to AME VENKATE REGION. (Routing thru' EIGHTH Army has been discontinued).

(Exec Commr)"

[Signature]
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: 990/EC.

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[Signature]
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RXII/ADM/121
MAY 25 1215B

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MAY 26 2145B
PRIORITY

ANG VENEZIE REGION
HQ ALGOM ROME

MAY 27 1945

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All signal messages for this Hq should be sent to 210 Sub Area. Use of 8 ARMY causes very considerable delay.

Dist

Action - Hq Signals Officer
Info - Chief Commissioner
Exec Comm
CA Sec
Econ Sec
Estab Sec
Communications SC
File 2
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TO ALL ALLIED EMBASSIES OR REPRESENTED GOVERNMENTS IN ROME
(Especially the French)

1. The Communications Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, has informed that all Allied represented Governments in Rome may pass diplomatic, etc., traffic direct to the commercial cable and radio companies operating in Rome.
2. It is respectfully requested by the Allied Commission that such traffic be submitted directly to the Cable and Radio Companies for transmission. However, it is pointed out that these Governmental agencies must establish with the commercial companies a duly recognized authentication system for such traffic.
3. It is felt that the Governmental Agencies so represented in Rome who have been passing such traffic through the Allied Commission facilities, will materially benefit in time saved by submitting traffic directly to the transmitting agencies.

TO ALL NEUTRAL REPRESENTED GOVERNMENTS IN ROME

1. No Change.

*Suggest no letter be sent
at this time to neutral Government
Representatives*

(WBS)

*See M 109411
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M 25/5*

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MAY 191100B

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MAY 211030
IMPORTANT

Exp. Comm. ^{1100A}

From: DISTRO CP

TO: 14 L OF C SIGS, SIGS 57 AREA, SIGS 59 AREA, SIGS 151 SUB AREA
SIGS 60 SUB AREA, SIGS 215 SUB AREA, INFO: AFHQ, ALCON ROME

MAY 21 RECD

CONFIDENTIAL.

For CSO and Sigs. Notwithstanding cessation hostilities no repeat no wireless traffic will be passed or accepted in clear over L of C wireless links (including ALCON) in this District pending receipt instructions this office. Normal rules wireless security continue apply. All breaches will be notified immediately this office.

DISTRIBUTION

Info- Action: Communications S/C
Info: A/President
Chief Commissioner
Ex Commissioner
Hq Sigs O
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FX 78436
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From: FREEDOM SIGNED SACKED CITE PHSIG

To: ACTION DISTWO OP INFO ALCOM, 15 ARMY GROUP

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For CSO.

Reference ^{ES} 88/63 of 19th to AFHQ only. Your 8X38 of 15th answering by our FX 77165 of 17th (forwarded by ADLS due to unavailability of other means) which states that this HQ has approved no relaxation of radio security regulations and that clear text transmissions must conform to current instructions. ALCOM now advises that local instructions have been cancelled accordingly.

Dist

Info-Action - Communications
Info - A/President
Chief Commis-
sion

(M/C Note - AFHQ cable number referred to in 2nd sentence should read "FX-77175")

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(MRS STERN)

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FX 77275
MAY 17 1945

1100
1st Comm
E/1170
MAY 17 1945
ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITY PRESS
103 ALCON FOR SIGNAL OFFICER INFO DISTWO CP

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MAY 18 REC'D

Understand clear text traffic being passed over ALCON wireless circuit to GIBDA. Reference DISTWO CP SX/38 of 15 net to ALCON. Since no relaxation of radio security regulations has been approved by this headquarters all clear text transmissions must conform to current AFHQ signal instructions.

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ACTION: Communications 3/C
INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
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Hq Sigs O
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HEADQUARTERS
18 MAY 1945

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CONFIDENTIAL

(Mrs. Stevens)

T.31. .CS

JLH/epc

TO: Adjutant, A.C.

1. Executive Commissioner has approved transmission in clear text of Alcom messages up to and including Confidential classification over the radio link from this Hqrs to Regional Hqrs at Genoa, Milan and Turin.

2. Attached telegram has been sent. *at folio 110F*

3. Would you please issue corresponding instructions to the Hqrs Message Centre and Signal Office.

Tel: 489081
Ext: 400

15th May, 1945

J. L. Henderson
J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director,
Communications S/C.

Incl: One telegram.

8.
TO ADJUTANT, A.C.

See min. 7: appropriate instructions have been issued to signals for carrying out of the order, effective this date.

16 May 1945

*W. J. Henderson's
1st Lt., Sig. C.
Hq Sig. officer*

9.
To: Adjutant.

*minute No 7. Seen and understood J. Kavanagh
c.c. Hq Centre
16 May 1945*

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To: Director, Communications S/C

1. Noted.
2. Message Center and Signals Office notified.
3. See minutes 8 and 9.

(11)

J. P.
John P. Plombino
CWO. U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

Noted. *L. V. C...* S/C
18/5

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785017

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ALCOM LIGURIA ALCOM PIEMONTE ALCOM LOMBARDIA

7672

15 MAY 1945

ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

ALCOM MESSAGES UP TO AND INCLUDING CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

CAN BE SENT IN CLEAR TEXT OVER RADIO LINK WITH HQRS ALCOM

PAREN ALCOM LIGURIA ALCOM PIEMONTE ALCOM LOMBARDIA FROM HQ ALCOM

CITE AGEXC PAREN

4 files 110D + 110F

COMMUNICATIONS S/C

489061 Ext: 400

Ans. 20 43

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109
Ex. Comm.

PA
MAY 13/1135B

5/759
MAY 15/0830B
PRIORITY

From: HQ PIERMONT REGION

To: ACTION HQ AIGCM

INFO: A DE 4 CORPS. AND 5 ARMY

MAY 15 Rec'd

CONFIDENTIAL.

1. All traffic for PIERMONT Region from AIGCM may be cleared through set provided by 3 Coy 11 L of C signals at AG HQ.
2. Suggest set operates 0600 hours to 1800 hours daily



DIST

ACTION : HQ SIGS O

INFO : A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER
E/CENTER
FILE(2)
FIGHT

4151

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(MAG STEPHENS)

we have copy of WPA

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SE/14
MAY 7/1100B

D/9958
MAY 7/1900B
ROUTINE

From: DISTWO

MAY 8: RED'D

To: ACTION: 14 L OF C SIG, SIGS RECC 59 AREA, SIGS RECC 151 SUB AREA, INFO:

AICOM ROME

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ACC MILAN and ACC TURIN will open an AICOM wireless net soonest on arrival in those cities

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

DIST

ACTION : HQ SIGS C

INFO : A/PRASIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
COMMUNICATIONS
EX COMMISSIONER
M/CENTER
FILE (2)
FIOAT 4150

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(NO SENS)

109B

Communications S/c

per file 109C

Is it to be understood that this proposed change has the approval of the Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ, and has been so noted in the "Signal Operating Instr.?"

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
Office of Exec Commr

7 May 45

Ex. C. No. By the time this comes to come R. circuit wires in out of service. *Yes*

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Ex. Comr

Re files 1 (note mins 203) With your approval Comm. S/c will issue appropriate instructions.

WV L/s

9 May

Communications S/c

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Ex. Com
Re folio 1 (note mins 203) With your approval
Comm. S/c will issue appropriate instructions.
JED 9 May.

TRV/uls

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Communications S/c

Approval at min 4. Please issue appropriate instructions
15 May.
J. M. Stearns
Haj

To: Executive Commissioner

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MAY 7 REC'D

1. The radio circuits to Genoa, Milan, Turin, will be limited in capacity and speed by ciphering.

2. It is suggested that in present circumstances it is unnecessary to encipher Allied Commission traffic on these circuits up to and including 'Confidential'.

If you agree, suggest telegram be sent to Regional Commissioner's of Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia and notices be published in the HQrs. Bulletin, as draft appended.

D R A F T

To: Alcom Liguria
" Piemonte
" Lombardia

Restricted Pd

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Tel: 489081
Ext: 400

5th May, 1945

J. L. Henderson
J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director,
Communications S/C.

To :- Office of the Executive Commissioner.

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MAY 2 REC'D

It is requested that some ruling be given please with regard to the disposal of certain foreign diplomatic Cables received in Message Center through such agencies as Cable and Wireless Ltd., these cables are received from various countries, Allied and otherwise, for their representatives in Italy.

As matters stand it is not quite clear whether or not such communications should be delivered direct to the addressee, or first subjected to the scrutiny of a branch of this H.Q. No definite instruction on this point has ever been issued to Message Center and practically every instance is dealt with in a different manner.

Netherlands and Yugoslav material is dealt with by Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, whilst others such as Spanish, Peruvian etc are cleared by Communications Sub-Commission or Liaison Division. In some cases the cables are not scrutinized at all, as in the case of two Spanish communications received recently. Permission to release these to the addressee was given verbally on the telephone by Communications Sub-Commission, after the Liaison Division and Cypher Security Mission had already been approached. Subsequent cables for the same addressee's have been delivered without previous reference to anyone. If it is ⁱⁿ order to release cables of this nature without some responsible party of this Headquarters first seeing them, it is not understood why they are not cleared direct to the addressee by the Communications agency concerned.

Previously this office handled a considerable amount of cables for the French Representative. This traffic has now ceased and it is assumed that direct delivery is being made. Out-going cables however continue to be sent to this Headquarters for transmission and it is considered that this is unnecessary for the following reasons. They are delivered to this headquarters where they are Authorized by the Adjutant or Duty Officer after having been

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allotted a number by Message Center. They are then passed to Signal Office where they are again recorded, passed back to Message Center and delivered to R.C.A. for transmission. Whilst in process of passing through this Headquarters the cables are seen only by the Authorising Officer, Message Center and Signals personnel. Furthermore a considerable number are in cypher, the key to which is not held by this Headquarters, and the remainder are in the French language. In view of these facts therefore could not the French Delegation be requested to deliver their outgoing cables direct to the R.C.A.?

1st May 1945.

P. Kavanagh
P. KAVANAGH S/SJT
CHIEF CLERK
MESSAGE CENTRE

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