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TELEGRAPH SERVICES
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Chief Commissioner

Attached is submitted for your information/signature/approval.

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Please See Folios 20, 19.

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Please See 23 & 24.

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Please see Folio 20, 19.

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Please see 23 & 24.

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Re. Folio 41 - the CC desires that you see this.

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Director Comm. Sub Com.

What is the position on similar (or cable) service

with U.K.?

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Services from transatlantic via U.S. and U.K. - possibly to have.

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May, 1945
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SUBJECT: Correspondence with Military Attaches Abroad
TO: The Ministry of War

Reference your 210-41-15 dated 23rd April, 1945.

There is no objection to the introduction of the proposed ciphers, provided that they are first submitted to the Allied Commission (Cipher Security Mission) for approval of their security, and provided that copies of all material to be used are first deposited with this Commission.

For the Chief Commissioner.

M. B. LUSH

M. B. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission. (ref: G-91 614 27 **4563**)

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Ref: 8766/47/EC

1 May 1945

SUBJECT: Correspondence with Military Attaches Abroad

TO : Communications Subcommission

Reference Land Forces S/o letter, G/91, 27 Apr 45, subject as above, and copy of translated letter from Ministry of War, to MEMA, ref. 209340 210-41-15, 23 Apr 45, subject as above, copies of which are attached.

Will you kindly clear this matter and draft appropriate reply for the Executive Commissioner's signature?

Major L. W. STEARNS

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner.

2 Incls.
as above

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SUBJECT: Correspondence with Military Attaches abroad

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MIA)

G/91

27 Apr 45

TO : Executive Commissioner,
ALLIED COMMISSION (2 copies)

APR 28 REC'D

1. Attached hereto is copy of a letter today received from the Ministry of War. As this matter is one of policy and not military communications, will you please accept action.

2. I would appreciate it if you would inform me of the action you take.

2. Browning
Major General
MIA

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(1 spare copy)

(MAS STEARNS)

TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War

TO : MMIA

REF: 209340
210-41-15

23 Apr 45

SUBJECT: Correspondence with Military Attaches abroad

The telegraphic correspondence from Military Attaches abroad is sent to this Ministry through the diplomatic representatives whose offices cipher and forward telegrams availing themselves of the local Allied diplomatic representatives (British or American).

The telegraphic correspondence from this Ministry to Military Attaches is sent through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which cipher and sent the telegrams through Allied diplomatic branches.

This procedure requires a considerable amount of time that slackens considerably the communications.

The only way to avoid this inconvenience would be to use again the independent cipher for telegraphic communications between the Ministry of War and Military Attaches with a fixed code as is already done with the diplomatic representatives in agreement with the Allied Military Authorities.

In few words, it should be necessary to use again the old procedure.

We would like to know the opinion of MMIA on above-mentioned matter.

In awaiting for an answer we confirm that if this proposal is accepted we shall send you a detailed plan concerning the organisation of this service.

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s/d LOMBARDI.

copy:tvb.

see file 46948

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25 April 1945.

APR 27 REC'D

SUBJECT: Public Radio and Cable Communication with Italy.

To : G-5, A.F.B.C.

1. On 24 April an agreement was signed between the Italian Government on the one hand and the governments of the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the other hand providing for the resumption of public radio telegraphic communication between Italy on the one hand and the United States of America and beyond and the United Kingdom and beyond on the other hand. Initially, the service will be conducted by R.C.A. Communications, Inc., and Cable and Wireless Limited, with Italcable collecting and delivering messages in Italy on behalf of the Italian Government. As soon as military necessity no longer requires R.C.A. Communications and Cable and Wireless to handle Allied military traffic in Italy, the operation of the Italian terminals of these circuits will be taken over by Italcable as the business of the Government of Italy, subject to Italcable making satisfactory provision for handling any remaining Allied Military traffic.

2. Provision has also been made for the future resumption of cable traffic, subject to certain conditions.

3. A separate rate agreement was made between the United States and Italy providing for a reduction in the pre-war rates with the United States. Service with Great Britain will be established at pre-war rates.

4. Final negotiations were conducted through this office on 27 April and the agreements were signed at the offices of the Commission the following day.

5. Copies of both agreements are attached hereto.

*Original was taken to
AFHQ by Admiral
Stone, 26 April 45.*

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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cc: Executive Commissioner
Communications Sub-Commission

(HAR S. TURNER)

See Minutes 42, 43, 744

RATE AGREEMENT FOR THE OPENING OF PUBLIC TELEGRAPH
SERVICE BETWEEN ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES

Rate agreement entered into between the delegations appointed on behalf of the governments of the United States of America and Italy to discuss the opening of public telegraph service:

1. The basic rate for Public telegraph traffic, as public telegraph traffic is defined in the agreement of even date herewith between representatives of the United States, United Kingdom and Italy, from the first zone of the United States to all points in Italy shall be 20 U.S. cents per full rate word and the basic rate for such traffic from all points in Italy to the first zone of the United States shall be gold francs 1.04 per full rate word.

2. The rates per word for all other classifications of such Public traffic shall be in the proportion established by the International Telegraph Regulations, Cairo 1938 revision.

3. The rates for ordinary press traffic collected or delivered within Italy by the PTT or Italcable shall be 5 cents per word from the first zone of the U.S. to all points in Italy and gold francs 0.15 from all points in Italy to the first zone of the U.S.

4. The Italian government shall establish a currency equivalent for the collection of charges for such Public telegraph traffic in Italy of 33 lire equals one gold franc.

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4. The Italian government shall establish a currency equivalent for the collection of charges for such Public telegraph traffic in Italy of 33 lire equals one gold franc.

5. The PTT or its nominee Italcable shall receive a terminal tax of gold francs 0.20 (converted at the rate of 33 lire equals one gold franc) per full rate word and proportional terminal taxes for other classifications, for its services of collecting and delivering Public telegrams within Italy in connection with such traffic between Italy and the U.S.; and shall receive a terminal tax of gold francs 0.05 per word for its handling within Italy of such ordinary press traffic as is not handled directly by RCA Communications, Inc.

6. The entire amount of the radio circuit proportion of the tolls shall accrue to RCA Communications, Inc. as long as it operates a radio

station in Italy.

7. This rate agreement shall remain in effect as long as RCA Communications, Inc. operates the Italian end of the radio circuit to the United States for carrying public telegraph messages.

Done in Rome, in duplicate, this 24th day of April 1945.

For the Delegation of Italy:

/s/ GENULOT

For the Delegation of the United States:

/s/ OTTOMAN

/s/ WAREFIELD

/s/ ST. CLAIR

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For the Delegation of the United States:

/s/ OTTEMAN

/s/ WAREFIELD

/s/ ST. CLAIR

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AGREEMENT ON OPENING OF
PUBLIC TELEGRAPH SERVICE
BETWEEN ITALY ON THE ONE HAND
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THE OTHER

Whereas RCA Communications, Inc. and Cable and Wireless Limited are operating radio stations in Italy for the maintenance of direct radio service from Italy to the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, respectively, at the request of the military authorities of these Governments and will continue to operate such service so long as there is a military necessity therefor, the Delegations appointed on behalf of the Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Italy to discuss the opening of public telegraph service between Italy on the one hand and the United States of America and the United Kingdom on the other agree as follows:

- (1) A public radiotelegraph service shall be opened immediately (subject to the provisions of paragraph 5) between Italy on the one hand and the United States of America and beyond and the United Kingdom and beyond on the other and shall initially be conducted solely by the RCA Communications, Inc. and Cable and Wireless Limited respectively, except that collection and delivery in Italy shall be performed by the Government of Italy or its nominee.
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(2) During the period of such operation by RCA Communications, Inc. and Cable and Wireless Limited, those companies shall pay a reasonable rental for such land and facilities as they may use from the date of opening of public service by such companies. In the event that the companies and the owner or owners of the land or facilities shall be unable to agree as to the amount of such reasonable rental, the amount shall be determined by a board consisting of the Minister of Communications of the Italian Government, and the Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission or representatives duly designated by them, with a third member to be designated by the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater.

(3) During ...

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(3) During the same period, the Government of Italy or the entity designated by it shall be entitled to receive a terminal charge in respect of collection and delivery of public telegrams.

(4) When military necessity no longer requires RCA Communications, Inc. and Cable and Wireless Limited to handle military traffic including telegrams sent by the Troops and military press from Italy to the United States of America and the United Kingdom, the two companies will simultaneously relinquish to the Government of Italy or such entity as it may designate operation of the Italian terminals of the radiotelegraph services on those routes. This will, of course, be dependent on the designated Italian entity making satisfactory provision for any residual military requirements of the United States of America and the United Kingdom. When the two companies so relinquish operation of the Italian terminals, they shall be entitled to remove any or all facilities installed by them except buildings or improvements on buildings.

(5) The opening of public radiotelegraph service as described in the foregoing paragraphs shall come into operation as regards the respective countries as soon as agreement has been reached on the rates between Italy and those countries.

(6) If not in conflict with military requirements, public telegrams between Italy on the one hand and the United States of America and beyond and the United Kingdom and beyond on the other may also be routed via sub-

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of America and the United Kingdom. When the two companies so relinquish operation of the Italian terminals, they shall be entitled to remove any or all facilities installed by them except buildings or improvements on buildings.

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(6) If not in conflict with military requirements, public telegrams between Italy on the one hand and the United States of America and beyond and the United Kingdom and beyond on the other may also be routed via submarine cables (under the terms of paragraph 1 above) at the same rates as those fixed for the radiotelegraph service, such routing to commence after approval by the appropriate United States and United Kingdom authorities, respectively; the above to leave without prejudice in every sense the question of ownership of such cables.

(7) For the purpose of this agreement, public telegraph service shall be considered to mean all telegraph traffic other than messages filed direct with the companies and originated by the United States and United Kingdom governmental, including military, authorities, members of the Allied Armed Forces and press correspondents duly accredited to the Allied military authorities in Italy.

Done at...

Done at Rome in triplicate this 24th day of April, 1945.

For the Delegation of Italy:

/S/ CECILIO

For the Delegation of the
United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Northern Ireland:

/S/ SARGENT

For the Delegation of the
United States of America:

/S/ OTTERMAN

/S/ WAKEFIELD

/S/ ST. CLAIR

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1 March 1945

SUBJECT: Moscow Radio Telegraph Circuit

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MAR 1 - 1945

TO : Liaison Division, Hq A.C.
(Attention: Capt. Arnoldy)

1. Attached is a letter received from the Chief of the Press and Radio Censorship Branch.

2. Please convey to the Russian Representative the relevant portions of this letter.

J. A. Quayle

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

1 Incl:
Ltr, AFHQ INC Sec
dtd 26 Feb 45

cc: Exec Comm

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information News and Censorship Section
Press and Radio Censorship Branch
Detachment "A"
A.P.O. 512

26 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Moscow Radio Telegraph Circuit.

TO : Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 394, U S Army.

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1. It is believed that Colonel Astley has already replied to your letter of 12 February on the above subject, indicating that the matter is being dealt with by this branch.

2. A Russian-speaking officer has now been taken onto the strength of this branch and is actively training as a censor. As from 1 March, therefore, censorship facilities for the Soviet News Agency to file dispatches in Russian will be available. The matter has been discussed with the correspondent of that agency and he has expressed satisfaction with the proposed arrangements.

3. As there is only this one officer available, a limitation has obviously to be placed on the hours between which despatches in Russian may be filed. The correspondent concerned has agreed to the suggested limitations.

/s/ J. L. Hayden
/t/ JOHN L. HAYDEN,
Lieutenant Colonel, G.S.,
Chief, Press and Radio Censorship Branch.

cc: Colonel P. R. Astley

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 8766/33/AC.

24 February 1945.

Subject: Correspondence regarding Leon-Moscow
Radio Circuit.

To: Major J.A. Quayle,
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1. I received your letter JAQ/hjp dated 23 February 45, and I have noted the CC's direction on this matter.
2. I am taking the liberty, however, of disregarding, in one respect, the CC's direction, since I am confident that he would prefer his correspondence to be over rather than under his signature.
3. Please confirm that this is noted.

(SGD) E. TALBOT
MAJ

Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner.

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Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

JAG/hjp (32)

23 February 1945

FEB 23 1945

SUBJECT: Correspondence regarding Rome-Moscow radio circuit.

TO : Office of the Executive Commissioner, Hq A.C.

1. On the 16th of February Brigadier Lush, as Chief of Staff, signed a letter (P/395/385-4) to Dr. Prunas on the subject of cipher communications between the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Italian Ambassador at Moscow.

2. I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to inform you that any future correspondence on this subject should go out under the signature of the Chief Commissioner himself.

3. Please confirm that this is noted.

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J.A. Quayle

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

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~~cc 4004~~

23 February 1945

Subject: Censorship of Russian Press Messages

To: Liaison Division (Attention: Captain Arnoldy)

1. Attached correspondence is passed to you for your files.
2. Please inform the Russians of the terms of Colonel Astley's reply dated 21st February.

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

3 Incls:

- 1 - Ltr, 21 Feb 45, ref: 2/FRE/19
- 2 - Ltr, 12 Feb 45, ref: CC 8756
- 3 - Ltr, 10 Feb 45, from Major General Kislenko

cc: Executive Commissioner

PA *[Signature]*

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H.Q. PUBLIC RELATIONS
C.M.F.

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21st February, 1945.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
U.S.N.R.,
Chief Commissioner,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

My dear Admiral,

I have put off answering your letter regarding the appointment of a Russian censor until Lieut-Colonel Hayden returned from Greece.

Unfortunately, Colonel Hayden has been suffering from malaria and has only just returned to duty. He is Chief of Press and Radio Censorship Branch which actually does not come under me but is co-ordinated by INC under the Chief - General McChrystal. I have discussed with Hayden who is taking up the matter and will write to you personally on the subject. I understand that it is difficult to obtain the services of a Russian speaking censor but an officer with the necessary qualifications has now been found and is being given a trial.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) Philip Astley.

Colonel,
EDFR.

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17 February 1945

FEB 18 1945

SUBJECT: Radio-telegraphic service between Rome and the U.S.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Hq A.C. 25-27

The attached correspondence has been just received from the U.S. Embassy and I am instructed by the Chief Commissioner to pass it to you for such action as you may consider necessary.

15/ J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE

Major, R. A.

Staff Officer to CC

1 Incl:

Ltr fr Mr. Livengood

dt'd 17 Feb 45

cc: Ex. Com. ✓
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17 February 1945

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Dear Mr. Liveness:

I am instructed by Admiral Stone to thank you for your letter of February 17th on the subject of radio-telegraphic service between Rome and the United States. The matter is receiving the Admiral's attention.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. A. Quayle
J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CG

Mr. Charles A. Liveness
Counselor for Economic Affairs
Embassy of the United States of America
Rome

cc: *Ex. Commr.*
CC files
Communications S/C

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URGENT & PERSONAL.

Rome, Italy
February 17, 1945.

Dear Admiral Stone;

With reference to my letter of January 10, 1945 transmitting a paraphrase of a telegram from the State Department in Washington approving under specified conditions the commencement of limited radio-telegraphic service between Rome and the United States, I have now received from the Department a further telegram dated February 14, 1945 containing a message for communication to the Italian authorities approving the immediate commencement of the service in question under the conditions referred to above, with the exception that the Italian Government may be given the assurance that not later than six months after the termination of European hostilities the present agreement with respect to the operating rights of RCAC in Italy will be the subject of reconsideration.

Enclosed is a copy of an Aide Memoire which, in pursuance of the Department's telegram just cited, I am presenting today to the Italian Foreign Office.

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Sincerely yours,
For the Ambassador;

/s/ Charles A. Livengood
Charles A. Livengood
Counselor for Economic Affairs.

Enclosure;
As stated.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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A I D E M E M O I R E

In a telegram dated January 9, 1945, the United States Department of State at Washington, referring to the proposed reopening of radio-telegraph service between the United States and Italy, instructed the United States Embassy in Rome in the following sense:

The beginning of limited service between Rome and the United States under the rates which the Federal Communications Commission previously proposed is approved by the Department, which also approves Italy's taking of the agreed-to terminal charges. This is subject to the understanding that radio tolls will not be further participated in by Italy. The immediate beginning of service by RCAC on this basis is approved by the Department.

Supplementing the instruction contained in the Department's telegram of January 9, 1945 just cited, the Embassy has now received a further telegram from the Department dated February 14, 1945 to the following effect:

Approval is given to the commencement at once of limited service between Rome and the United States under the terms indicated in the Department's telegram of January 9, 1945, with the exception that the Italian Government may be given the assurance that not later than six months after the termination of European hostilities the present agreement with respect to the operating rights of RCAC in Italy will be the subject of reconsideration.

R o m e, February 17, 1945.

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17 February 1945
FEB 17 1945

SUBJECT: Radio - Telegraph Service to the U.S. and U.K.

TO: A.P.N.C. G-5

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1. The attached translation of a letter from the Italian Government is forwarded.
2. The action requested is strongly recommended by this Commission, as a step towards the reestablishment of normal economic life in this country.
3. It is confirmed that adequate and suitable equipment is now available to the Italian concessionary company.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner

Incl: Letter from the Italian Government

Copy to: U.S. Embassy, ROME
British Embassy, ROME

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Re

TO: ALLIED COMMISSION
Communications
Sub-Commission

MINISTRY OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS
Ref: S/13/30817

ROME

12 February 1945

Subject: Radio-telegraph Service to U.S. and U.K.

1. The Allied Commission is aware that re-establishment of radiotelegraph services between Italy and U.S. and U.K. has been formally authorized by the competent Allied authorities here and in the U.S.A. and Great Britain, and that in fact the opening of service was expected to take place 15 Nov. 1944.

2. Difficulty has been experienced in reaching agreement over the terms of the concessions to be granted by the Italian Government to the American and British agencies which, already functioning in Italy for purposes of the war, were considered at the time of the proposal to be the only available operating agencies.

3. Since the time of the original proposal made to the Italian Government, the more normal process of employing the regular Italian agency has become feasible.

Italcable, which holds the concession rights for the operation of international communications from Italy, is now in a position to resume operations, due to the release of suitable equipment from requisition by Allied authorities.

4. The policy of permitting Italcable to operate such communications has already received the approval of Allied authorities both here and in America, as shown by the authority given to open the Rome-Moscow radio-telegraph commercial circuit and the Rome-New York radio-telephone commercial circuit using Italcable equipment and personnel at this end of the circuits, as before the war.

5. It is therefore requested that the U.S. and U.K. Governments be approached for permission to proceed with negotiations for activating the radio-telegraph service with these countries, working with Italcable facilities in this country. No doubt the Allied military authorities will be glad to have the civilian traffic load removed from their agencies, which were of course not brought here for such a purpose and which only provide a provisional solution.

IL SOTTOSCRITTO DI STATO

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Ref: P/395/395-4.

16 February 1945.

FEB 17 1945

Passed to Political Sec
by. Office of Ex. Com

Dear Doctor Prunas,

I have looked into the question raised in your letter No. 3/170 of February 5th, of permitting the use of the direct Rome-Moscow radio circuit for telegraphic correspondence in cypher between the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Italian Ambassador at Moscow.

As you are aware, the general question of permitting the uncontrolled use of cypher communications between the Italian Government and Italian representatives abroad is a matter for study by the Supreme Allied Commander and I am not able at this present time to give you any further information thereon. For the time being, therefore, confidential messages to Moscow must continue to go by Allied cyphers and communications channels.

There is, however, no objection to the sending of non-confidential messages in a brevity code by the Moscow-Rome radio circuit and the Director of my Communications Sub-Commission has so informed the Under-Secretary of State for Posts and Telegraphs in his letter No.C.119.44.05 of February 12th. Such messages will be despatched after approval by the Political Section and copies of the clear text should, of course, be furnished to the Section for their files in accordance with the present procedure.

Yours very truly,

N. S. Lust

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff
for the Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Chief of Staff
Communications Sub-Com

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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C.119.44.CS

12th February, 1945

SUBJECT: Rome - Moscow Telegraph Circuit

FEB 12 1945

TO: Under-Secretary of State for P.T.

1. Reference this office letter C.119.27.CS dated 26th January, 1945.

2. There is no objection to non-confidential messages of the Italian Government being sent over this circuit in a non-secret code for purpose of brevity, instead of clear text.

3. Para. 3 of the 'Censorship Regulations' attached to the letter of 26th January, 1945 will therefore be amended to read:

" Italian Government message traffic of a classification below 'Confidential' may be transmitted by this circuit either in clear text or in an authorised brevity code; Italian Government message traffic of 'Confidential' classification will continue to be handled through hitherto authorised channels of communications."

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to: Executive Commissioner A.C. ✓
Political Section, A.C.
Civil Censorship Group
HQ. Communications Officer, A.C.

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12 February 1945.

My dear Colonel:

FEB 12 1945

I enclose a letter which I have just received from Major General Kislenko. You will remember that we had some words on this subject the other evening.

I would be grateful if you would let me know if, at an early date, it would be possible for you to provide a Russian speaking censor so as to permit the passing of press messages in Russian.

If you are unable to do this I shall then have to make a direct approach to AFHQ, as General Kislenko's request is a fair one and certainly should be granted.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Colonel Phillip R. Astley, OBE, MC,
Public Relations Officer,
Hq., Public Relations,
C.M.F.

cc: COS ✓

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REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOVIET UNION
ALLIED COMMISSION

Rome, February 10, 1945

SUBJECT: Moscow Radio Telegraph Circuit.

TO : Rear-Admiral Ellery Stone.

With reference to our conversation on February 9, 1945,
I should like to draw your attention to paragraph 4 of
the Censorship regulations which does not favour the work
of the Soviet News Agency in this country. I would be pleased
to know that Press messages are permitted to write in
English, French, Italian or Russian.

Respectfully yours

/s/ A. Kislenko
Maj.Gen. R.A.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

28. January, 1945
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In reply
refer to: T. 31.30.68

Subject: Allied Commission Telegraph Communications

To: A.F.H.C. - 65.

1. The Allied Commission is having increasingly to rely on the civil telegraph service for its domestic communications, as Allied military establishments in the South of Italy are progressively withdrawn.

2. A difficulty has arisen from the security regulations governing messages sent by Allied military offices, with which this headquarters complies.

3. It is not permitted for any classified message to be sent by civil means; on the other hand, frequently no alternative means exist, while the texts of the messages properly warrant classification.

4. A particular instance is that of the Transportation Sub-Commission, which for its control of the loading of coastal and schooner shipping requires a daily report from some 30 ports in Southern Italy, Sicily and Sardinia. This report would have to contain names of ships and dates of sailing and by existing regulations must be classified Secret, although of course the movement of this class of vessel is probably of little security importance. In the majority of these ports there is no Allied facility.

5. Similar difficulties have arisen over communications between Regional and Provincial Commissioners.

6. The difficulty has been overcome on communications between this Hqs and Regional Hqs by the establishment of Italian Army cipher teams at these places, but it is not thought practicable to extend this arrangement to cover all places with which we may require communications.

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It is therefore requested that:

- a. Italian State telegraphs be authorized to handle Allied Commission message traffic up to and including Confidential classification.
- b. Messages relating to Allied Commission routine domestic affairs (including the shipping information referred to in para. 4 above) need not be classified higher than Confidential unless desired by the originator.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

M. S. LUSH
Brigadier
Chief of Staff

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section
Economic Section
Communications Sub-Commission
Adjutant, A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

Communications Sub-Commission
Telephone 489051 Extn. 500

27th January, 1945.

In reply
refer to: C.119.30.09

Subject: Rome-Moscow Radio Telegraph.

JAN 28 1945

To: Allied Force Headquarters (Attn. G-5).
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Reference your letters Nos. 511.22-10 dated 17th
December, 1944 and 21st January, 1945.

1. The circuit was opened to official traffic on 27th
January and will be opened to civil traffic on 1st February.

2. Copy of the instructions sent to the Italian Ministry
concerned are attached.

3. The area in Italy for which service has been opened has
been defined as the same authorised by you for the proposed U.S.
and U.K. services as given in your FK 47308 and F-60226, i.e.
Italian Government territory less the provinces of FOGGIA and TARANTO.
Can this be confirmed please. It is recommended for consideration
that the area should be extended to include any province with which
civil internal telegraph service is authorised, or that at least
TARANTO province should not be excluded as it is not prohibited
from any other service permitted in Government territory.

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

Encl. As mentioned above.

Copies to: Civil Censorship Group.
Chief of Staff. ✓

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CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS FOR ROME-BOECOM RADIO TELEGRAPH CIRCUIT

1. All outgoing and incoming traffic, other than Press, will be submitted to Civil Censorship by the operating company prior to onward transmission or further delivery. Press traffic will be submitted to Field Press Censorship; Press messages may be in English, French or Italian only.
2. Russian Government official messages will be submitted to Civil Censorship for the purpose of checking the authenticity of the message.
3. Italian Government message traffic other than that authorized to be sent in clear text, will not be transmitted by this circuit, but will be handled through hitherto authorized channels of communication.
4. Official traffic to and from other governments will also be submitted to Civil Censorship for authentication in accordance with previously existing procedures. Languages permitted are those specified for such channels of communication.
5. All other types of traffic will be submitted to Civil Censorship for censorship. Languages permitted will be English, Italian, French, and Russian.
6. Civilian radio-telegraph traffic other than the classifications covered specifically by these regulations will be subject to complete censorship under the general cable and radio censorship regulations now in force.
7. Subjects which may not be mentioned in clear language messages include: ship movements, military topics of any kind, weather, movements of Allied government official or agents, any other information which may be of aid or comfort to the enemy.

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REGULATIONS FOR THE PUBLIC

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In addition to general Censorship Regulation, the following regulations apply in particular to all civil traffic over the Rome-Moscow radio-telegraph circuit (other than Press traffic, which is covered by special regulations):

1. Only messages which are personal in nature will be permitted.
2. All messages filed shall be at the sender's risk and may be acted upon at the discretion of the Censor without notice to the sender.
3. Reports of delivery, sender's corrections and all other services by a communications company at the request of a patron and the giving of any information concerning Censorship's action on any message are prohibited unless permission is obtained from Civil Censorship. This regulation does not apply to cancellations. Patrons filing "reply prepaid" messages do so at their own risk.
4. The complete name and address of the addressee must appear on the message.
5. Signature.
 - (a) Sender should be clearly distinguished from any other individual with a similar name.
 - (b) A surname is rarely considered sufficient identification.
 - (c) Full name and address of the sender must be recorded on the message form.
6. Messages will not be passed unless the meaning of the text is clear to the Censor.
 - (a) Messages consisting of address and signature with no text are not permitted.
 - (b) English, French, Italian and Russian languages are permitted.
 - (c) Numbers unrelated to the text are prohibited.
 - (d) Any word, term, phraseology or language having a double meaning as used, is prohibited.
 - (e) All messages must be in plain language. Messages in code are not permitted.

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7. Forbidden Subjects.

Subjects which may not be mentioned in messages include: movements or locations of ships, troops or aircraft; positions of airfields, guns or service establishments; details of operations, arms, munitions, explosives, casualties, damage to any part of the armed forces of the United Nations, or to any transportation; details of location, time, or effect of air raids; details of any defense organization; mention of people arrested or interned; mention of movements of United Nations Government or service officials or agents; confirmation of telegraph, cable or radio messages.

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

In reply
refer to: C.119.27.GS

26th January, 1945

JAN 26 1945

Subject : Rome - Moscow Radio Telegraph Circuit

To : The Under-Secretary of State for P.T.

1. Further to our letter of 20th December, 1944 (C.115.101 GS) and with reference to your Prot. S/13/4017 of 23 November, the release of equipment and assignment of frequencies have been completed and satisfactory exchange of test signals has taken place.

2. Copies of censorship regulations for this circuit are enclosed. It will be observed that ciphered communications of the Italian Government are required to follow present authorised channels. The regulations for the public should be made public by your office at the earliest opportunity.

3. The circuit may be opened on 27th January. This Commission will notify the Russian Embassy to this effect. It is suggested that it be opened to the public on 1st Feb. 1945, so as to allow time for the notices to be circulated.

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

Incl: Censorship Regulations
Regulations for the Public.

Copy to: Chief of Staff ✓
Political Section

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489051 Ext: 400

17th January, 1945

In reply
refer to: C.103.95.CS

JAN 18 1945

Subject : Civil Communications, SIENA Province

To : Regional Commissioner, TOSCANA Region
Att: Major R.H. Ayre (A)

Authority has been given by A.F.R.G. for the extension of civil telegraph services into SIENA province, and for the resumption of civil telephone services within the provincial boundary.

J. L. Henderson

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to: Chief of Staff ✓
Civil Censorship
Regional Commissioner Lazio-Umbria Region (Att: Major Hawker)
Under-Secretary of State for PP.TI.

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In reply
refer to: C.115.1.CS

21 DEC 1944

Subject : Rome - Moscow Telegraph Circuit.

To : Chief Commissioner (Thru Chief of Staff) ✓

1. Inclosed for your information and files, copies
of: (1) (2)

- a. Telegram Alcom 6723 transmitting request of Italian Government to open Rome - Moscow telegraph circuit.
b. Letter from A.F.H.Q. December 17th, 1944 G-5,311.22.10 stating that there are no signals or security objection to establishment of such circuit.
c. Alcom telegram 8514 making application for assignment of frequencies and release of equipment.

Tel: 489081
Ext: 333

20th December, 1944

(3)
J. L. Henderson
Colonel,
Director,
Communications Sub-Commission

Incls: As above.

see Minutes 525
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AFHQ

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ROUTINE

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REPORT NO: 333

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
C-5 Section
APO 512

17th December, 1944

C-5 311.22.10

SUBJECT: Rome - Moscow Radio Telegraph Circuit

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394

1. Reference is made to your signal 6723 of 20 November and to our interim reply F 62139 of 3 December 1944.

2. There is no signal or security objection to the establishment of a direct Rome - Moscow radio telegraph circuit to be operated at Rome by Italcable. All personnel must however be properly vetted and traffic be sent in accordance with existing censorship regulations.

3. It is suggested that Italcable make application through you to Chief Signal Officer AFHQ for assignment of equipment and frequencies.

For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff. C-5:

/s/ T.B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel

Copy to: CSO, AFHQ - your 311.9/4 of 16th Dec refers

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REQUEST HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FROM MOSCOW TO OPEN
DIRECT RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICE PD THIS COMMUNICATION PREVIOUSLY CARRIED
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