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VENEZIA GIULIA, COMMUNICATIONS
JUN. 1945 - MAR. 1946

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copy letters at 2:30 in informing Commission 2:30 S/C
of the chief Commissioner's note to the D.P.A.
of action to be taken (as suggested on P. 21)
submitted for signature. 28 26/1

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Please arrange for me to see Col Seidel

or his Deputy.

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TO: EXEC. COMM.

MATTER HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH BRITISH & U.S. POLAD

A.C. SHOULD FORWARD TO U.S. & BRITISH EMBASSIES
WHO ARE OF OPINION THAT MINISTRY OF FOR. AFFAIRS PROTEST

FOR TRANSMITTAL TO JUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT. DELAY IN RETURNING

FILE IS REGRETTED AND WAS DUE TO ITS HAVING BECOME MISLAIN AMONG
OTHER PAPERS.

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J.D. W. Sandler

Ctd. 5/2/46

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For information: This is a copy of the original in only to 133

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Letter at 435 submitted for signature in reply to 433.
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Extract from Minute 126 Volume II File 522/EC

Executive Commissioner

Reference 1. Communications SC are asking 15 Corps

- 1) What stamps are being used
- 2) Whether Italian Govt Stamps would be acceptable in Yugoslav Area

(intd) E.T.
CSO

18 June 45.

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VP. Econ Sec. P. 13. Ex. Com is notes Seccom - what is the present position.

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TO: Executive Commissioner

- 1. Reference folio 18 and minute 10, please see folios 21-23 opposite.
- 2. Reference folio 18, AMG, Venezia Giulia can also apply the "conguaglio" plan.

L. D. Densmore

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, FA

TO: Executive Commissioner

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L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, FA
Deputy Vice President

Econ Sec
11 Dec 45

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to this for info. SPK 12/12/45

SPK 12/12/45

*copy of 22 submitted in answer to 19-22 from
Communications S/C. I suppose this is the
action the e.c. wishes in view of his vote
attached to 22. BS 22/1*

*24.
Copy herewith another draft on the lines of the previous
one, connected with Road by advice. BS 25/1*

Ref: 8767/35/EC

6. March 1946.

Dear Dr. Franas,

In reply to your letter under reference 5/244 dated 25 February I enclose a copy of our letter dated 23rd February addressed to the Under-Secretary of State for Posts and Telegraphs from which you will see that it has now been possible to arrange to re-establish the telephone and telegraph circuits between Zone 'B' of Venezia Giulia and the rest of Italy.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Don Renato Franas
Secretary General.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
ROME.

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Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Div. Communication Sub Com

Please cable me to reply

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TO EXEC. COMMISSIONER

HEREWITH COPY OF OUR LETTER OF 23 FEB, 1946
INFORMING MIN. OF POSTS & TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF AUTHORIZATION
FOR DIRECT TELEGRAPH + TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN

ZONE B + ITALY
EXT 333

C SO. Reply accordingly *[Signature]*
11/3/46



Ministro degli Affari Esteri

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

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Rough translation

5/244

Rome, February 25th, 1946

Dear General Lush,

On January 4th, 1946, H.E. De Gasperi made representations to Admiral Stone (with the letter n° 5/32) tending to bring about - subject to appropriate arrangements between the competent Authorities - the re-establishment of direct telegraphic communications between "Zone B" of the Venezia Giulia and the remaining Italian territory.

The Ministry for Posts and Telecommunications having renewed their pressing request, I should be grateful to you if you would let me know how the matter is progressing. Copy of the abovementioned letter is enclosed herewith.

Believe me, dear General Lush,

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Very cordially yours,

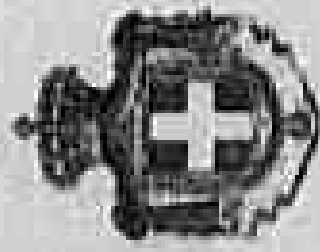
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(sgd) R. PRUNAS 4593

Brigadier M.S. LUSH
Executive Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

5/244

Roma, li 25 febbraio 1940.

Caro Generale,

S.E. De Gasperi ha interessato in data 4 gennaio u.s. l'Ammiraglio Stone (con lettera n.5/32) al fine di ottenere il ristabilimento delle comunicazioni telegrafiche dirette fra la zona B della Venezia Giulia ed il restante territorio italiano, previ opportuni accordi fra gli organi competenti.

Poichè il Ministero delle Poste e Telecomunicazioni ha rinnovato premure al riguardo, Le sarò grato se vorrà farmi conoscere quale seguito abbia avuto la questione. Le accludo copia della lettera sopra citata.

Voglia credermi, caro Generale, *with cordial*

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Voglia credermi, caro Generale, *with cordiality*

R. Lush

Brigadier M.S. LUSH
Executive Commissioner
Allied Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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23 February 1946

SUBJECT: T & T Service Venezia Giulia Zone B

TO : Under-Secretary of State for PE. & TT. ROME

1. Arrangements have been made with representatives of Zone B Venezia Giulia to open up to the rest of Italy the Trieste - Piumo telephone and telegraph circuits. It has also been arranged for Piumo to act as alternate routing to Lubiana for through traffic Italy - Jugoslavia.
2. Prepaid telegrams are not yet accepted for Zone B.
3. Authorities in Lubiana have also informed us that Belgrade is in agreement that telephone service through Lubiana for Zone B Venezia Giulia and presumably to Jugoslavia also be extended to Italy. It is suggested that you communicate with Belgrade and obtain confirmation and make necessary arrangements for opening service.
4. Please inform us of any arrangements concluded.

Copy for SGAO 13 Corps
Att: Maj. Hayward

H.H. SCUDDER,
Col. Sig. O.
Director.

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rough translation

no 5/32

Rome, January 4th, 1946

Dear Admiral Stone,

The International Union of Telecommunications of Bern has informed the proper Italian Authorities that the Yugoslav Telegraph Administration intends to submit the exchange of telegrams between the Venezia Giulia zone occupied by the Yugoslav Armed Forces and the remaining Italian Territory to the same rates and conditions now regulating telegrams between Italy and Yugoslavia.

The telegraph traffic between Italy and Yugoslavia, which was reopened on December 6th, 1945, is routed via London-Belgrade. On the above subject I wish to draw your attention to the fact that, as it has been reported, there exists the possibility of technically re-establishing direct telegraph communications between zones "A" and "B". Therefore, in accordance also with the agreements signed in Belgrade, it does not seem possible on the part of Italy to accept the imposition of a thoroughly unjustified burden which would fall upon the citizens of a zone, which is still a part of the Italian National territory, wishing to communicate by telegraph with Zone "A" or with the rest of the Italian territory.

I trust you will give your earnest attention to the above considerations with a view to promoting - through proper agreements between the competent Authorities concerned - the reestablishment of direct telegraph communications between the Zone "B" of the Venezia Giulia and the remaining Italian territory.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Very sincerely yours

(sgd) DE GASPERI

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I trust you will give your earnest attention to the above considerations with a view to procuring - through proper agreements between the competent Authorities concerned - the reestablishment of direct telegraph communications between the Zone "B" of the Venezia Giulia and the remaining Italian territory.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Very sincerely yours

(sgd) DE GASPERI

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Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
ROME

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 8767/29/EO.

5 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Control of Telephone Service - VENEZIA GIULIA.

TO : The American Embassy.
The British Embassy.

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The attached copy of a memorandum of protest dated 3 January 1946 from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is forwarded to you for transmittal to the Yugoslav Government if you should consider it expedient to do so.

For the Chief Commissioner:

N. W. HIND SMITH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Communications Sub-Commission.

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Ref: 3767/26/30

January 1946

SUBJECT: Control of telephone service - Venezia Giulia.

TO : The Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

1. Reference your 6/5362/3320 of 28 December 1945.
2. It is the opinion of this Commission that the claim for compensation of the damages suffered by the TELVE Co. should be filed until the conditions of the peace treaty are discussed. The Italian representatives, possibly present at the discussions on the terms of the treaty, could raise in a general way with the Allied Foreign Office's representatives the question of such claims to compensation.
3. It is regretted that it is not possible for the Allied Commission as such to lodge a claim for compensation.

W. J. Smith

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Communications S/O.

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Ref: 8767/25/80

January 1946

SUBJECT: Control of telephone service - Venezia Giulia.

TO : Communications S/O.

1. Reference your T.92.109.59 of 21 January 1946.
2. The Chief Commissioner does not agree with para 9 of your letter and it is considered that a sub-commission should not express such an opinion. Allied relations with Yugoslavia have never been particularly good and they are deteriorating owing to the Allied Governments continually pressing for justice for the Italians and their concerns in Venezia Giulia.
3. Copy is attached of our reply to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs memo.

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Communications Sub-Commission

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21 January, 1946

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SUBJECT: Control of Telephone Service - Venezia Giulia

TO : Executive Commissioner

Ref: Attached Memo., and our N^o. T92/103/CS of
7 Jan 1946 (copy to you).

1. The Telecomms Officer, Venezia Giulia reported the state of affairs described in the attached Memo (from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) to his S.C.A.O. on 28 Aug. 1945, and was asked to await further developments.

2. He took up the question shortly afterwards with the joint Allied/Jugoslav Commission and the Economic Division at his own Headquarters. The opinion given him was that no action could be taken, since the Jugoslavs were justified in taking over completely and reorganising the communications if they so desired.

3. The Telecomms Officer then instructed the local TELVE director to send a statement of the position to his Head Office, adding that it might be advisable for TELVE to file a claim for recompense.

4. At the first meeting some time ago between AMG and Jugoslav Telecomms Officers, the latter would not discuss TELVE affairs, simply stating that arrangements made between TELVE and the Postal Direction (see para 2. of Italian Memo) had never been recognised by Belgrade.

5. Apparently, until recently, the Zone B representatives considered themselves to be in a state of war with Italy.

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The taking over of the TELVE assets in FIUME has been sanctioned by Belgrade as necessary to meet the needs of the military who will allow no interference from any other power least of all a Company with its HQ in Italy.

6. The Telecomms Officer reports that conditions of the TELVE staff seem easier now and things more settled. Employees were allowed to return to Zone A if they wished but only a small number went. He considers however that the Yugoslav grip on the Company's assets etc. will not be relaxed.

7. Major Snowden, Secretary of the joint Allied/Jugoslav Commission, considers (according to the Telecomms Officer) that the Company should simply file a claim for recompense.

8. A case somewhat though not entirely similar, is that of the electric light undertaking. Everything has been taken over by the Authorities in Zone B including the rentals, but, as the source of the power supply is in Italy, more careful arrangements have been made, and a sum is paid periodically by Zone B for power consumed.

9. While the question is not one for this S/C to decide, it is felt that whatever the rights of the matter, it is not sufficiently important to risk possible deterioration in relations with the Yugoslavs by pressing them to restore the authority of the Company's directing staff and their rights over the assets.

10. It is thought that the Italian Govt. should be told that the claim should be filed until the conditions of the peace treaty are discussed. The Italian ambassador, or any Italian representatives possibly present at discussions on the terms of the peace treaty could raise in a general way with the Allied Foreign Offices' representatives the question of such claims to compensation.

Enclosure: Copy of Italian F.O. Memo.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner (with copy of F.O. Memo)

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

6 December 1945

Ref : AC/5131/18/Commerce

SUBJECT : Venezia Giulia Commercial Correspondence

TO : AME, 13 Corps,
Attn: Commerce Division

1. Reference is made to para 2 of report
13 C/AME/COM/1518/1 dated 16 November, on meeting at Trieste
Chamber of Commerce on 13 November 1945.

2. It has been agreed by this Headquarters
that all types of non-transactional and transactional commercial
and financial correspondence should be permitted to go forward
from Venezia Giulia to the non-enemy world, subject to the
setting up of any necessary censorship/licensing body under
AME control. This is in line with the CCS decision regarding
Italy, as communicated by this Headquarters to the Italian
Treasury in letter No. 13062/P dated 6 October.

3. Copy of Finance Sub-Commission's letter 13053/P
of 5 November to S.C.A.O. Venezia Giulia (for C.P.O.) is attached.
This embodies details of a proposed program, and it is recommended
that C.P.O. be contacted if further particulars are needed.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE :

Harlan Cleveland

HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President
Economic Section

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Copy to : Economic Commissioner for North Italy (with encl.)
Economic Section { " " }
Communications Sub-Commission { " " }
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Commerce (Foreign Trade) S/C
AME, 13 Corps,
(Attn : S.C.A.O. (for C.P.O.))

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

13053/P

5 November 1945

SUBJECT : Communications with the
non-enemy world.

TO : S.C.A.O. Venezia Giulia.
(For C.F.O.)

1. Attached hereto for your information is copy of press notice from the Ministry of the Treasury, and translation thereof, regarding the resumption of commercial and financial correspondence with the non-enemy world.

2. In agreement with Communications Sub-Commission, it is suggested that the following action be taken by you in Venezia Giulia :

(a) publish a similar public notice, incorporating the substance of the first three paragraphs, and omitting references to the Italian exchange control laws;

(b) issue a general license permitting non-transactional correspondence to go forward;

(c) require that all transactional correspondence be specifically licensed by an agency under your supervision before being forwarded.

3. I had understood from Capt. Stuart that some work had been done on the creation of an exchange control agency, particularly with reference to insurance transactions. Such an agency could well assume the communications licensing function.

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4. If you are in agreement with this proposed program please do advise me. I should like to know the exact status of your exchange control operations, in order that we may agree on a set of policy instructions, by which transactional communications may be licensed.

5. Your notices should point out that no communications may be addressed to individuals or persons named in the black list being issued by the Italian Government.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE :

(signed) Robert B. MERRAGE
Colonel
Director
Finance Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS
COMMERCE DIVISION

MEETING AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON
13 Nov. 45

Ref: 13C/AMG/COM/1518/1

To: H.Q. A.C. APO 394
(Commerce S/O)

Subject: General Trade of Trieste.

Present: Major C.A.W. Stephens
Giacomo Grioni
Carlo Wegenast
Bino Barbi
Capt. Guido Cosulich
Carlo Kuechler
Baron Pino Parisi
Giacomo Modiano
Cap. Antonio Cosulich
Dott. Cristian

1. GENERAL.

The meeting was held between leading members of the Chamber of Commerce. Following questions were raised regarding Transit and General Trade in which Trieste is vitally interested.

2. TRANSIT TRADE.

- a) What is the position to-day re. despatch to foreign countries of transactional mail?
- b) The position of Trieste is unique. It has always relied on foreign trade of a transiting nature. There are practically no local industries which could utilize the port.
- c) To recommence the normal trade of the port it is absolutely essential that permission be granted to this Area to conduct transactional mail with foreign countries.

Of the whole of Italian transit trade pre-war

Trieste handled	70%
Genoa	" 19%
Venice	" 2%
Fiume	" 2%

It was explained that directives were obtained having been accepted and conducting foreign trade (1st Nov 45, refers).

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MILITARY GOVERNMENT
13 CORPS
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DATE: 16 Nov 45

AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON
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It was explained that transactional mail could not be despatched until directives were obtained from H.Q.A.C. in regard to statutory lists having been accepted and directives on the procedure to be used in conducting foreign trade. (A.C.H.Q. letter AG/5127/A/Commerce dated 1st Nov 45) refers).

Has not this now been completed?

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d) Enquiries were made as to the possibility of merchants visiting foreign countries to contact their old correspondents with a view to re-establishing transit trade.

3. COMPENSATION TRADE.

a) It was discussed whether this trade could be restarted, but the members of the meeting pointed out that they could not enter into world-competition until exchanges had been established and the meeting felt that the exchange of 345 Lire to 1 Dollar was more or less a true exchange ratio which would allow business to be effected.

b) The meeting felt that the first trade to be developed should be between Czechoslovakia and Egypt, the industries of which countries have suffered least from war damage. They pointed out that the ports of Hamburg and Bremen were already working and despatching goods to Czechoslovakia.

Trieste has always served Czechoslovakia and it is strongly felt that the nearest authorities should help Trieste to restart this Trade as many persons are completely dependant on it. We can forward goods to Czechoslovakia by railway, - the only point which is not known is how the total rail-freight would be paid as the local railways-authorities are prepared to accept transit-goods, freight prepaid to Tarvisio (Austro-Italian frontier). For the Austrian Section, it may be that freight would be required to be paid in Vienna and for the Czechoslovakian Section by the recipients of goods.

Egypt was said to have a strong interest to re-establish trade with Central Europe and further wished to deal on an free trade basis and not through semi-government organisations such as U.K.C.C, U.S.C.C. and I.C.E.

c) Opinion was expressed that the immediate countries to be approached for transit trade, are:

towards
Austria
Czechoslovakia
Egypt
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Greece

d) It was suggested that for the Trieste territory AEC should open an office to issue import and export licences.

e) Special licences for transit merchandise.

The meeting asked whether AEC intended to issue special licences for merchandise in transit through the port and destined for onward journey to Central Europe from over-seas.

It was pointed out that in the past such trade did not have to receive a special licence. Nor did I.C.E. deal with this trade or control it in

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Can V.G. follow the Italian Govt's lead
in exchange manipulation? 12.

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No action can be taken to go forward with these enquiries until AFHQ instructions on Foreign Trade are received.

We are checking the question of freight on the Austrian Section of the railway with the Liaison Officer of AMG Austria.

This is being actively studied.

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anyway. Banking operations were carried out through a special account for exchange-control with the Banca d'Italia. cont'd

f) Trasito commerciale.

Under this heading goods were moved and manipulated by merchant-houses on their own account.

Exchange operations through the Banca d'Italia. In the past this kind of trade was split up

Trieste	92%
Genoa	5%
Venice	3%

3. I.C.E.

The meeting was strongly against I.C.E. ever having anything to do with the transport trade of Trieste. The peculiar situation of the port lends some force to this argument. This question can only lie in abeyance until the ultimate fate of this territory has been decided by higher authority.

4. FRESH FRUIT IMPORTERS FROM SICILY ask why steamers from Sicily do not discharge in Trieste. These ships are now discharging in Venice which causes a heavy increase in costs. Three ships are now loading in Sicily - can these not be diverted to Trieste? May this question now be taken up with UMA.

Discussed with MWT w
enter into this trade

5. S/S CARSO.

This small ship (1,000 tons) is expected to be ready for service about 15 Dec. 45. The question was raised whether permission can be obtained from UMA for the use of this ship on eventual foreign trade say between Egypt and Czechoslovakia via Trieste.

6. SUMMARY.

From the foregoing and the enclosed detailed reports of the Chamber of Commerce this territory, it will be seen that it is urgent to obtain solution of the above questions, particularly in view of the peculiar situation of Trieste politically and economically and because for merchant-houses to reopen their business, must have contact with the out-side world.

At present they are doing all the paying-out and are not cashing-in. Such a condition can only carry on for a limited time.

7. It is requested that this report be read in conjunction with your letter AC/5127/A/Commerce dated 1 Nov. 45 on Foreign Trade and urgent action taken with A.F.H.Q. to clarify this situation and enable this Division to take the matter up further with Chamber of Commerce.

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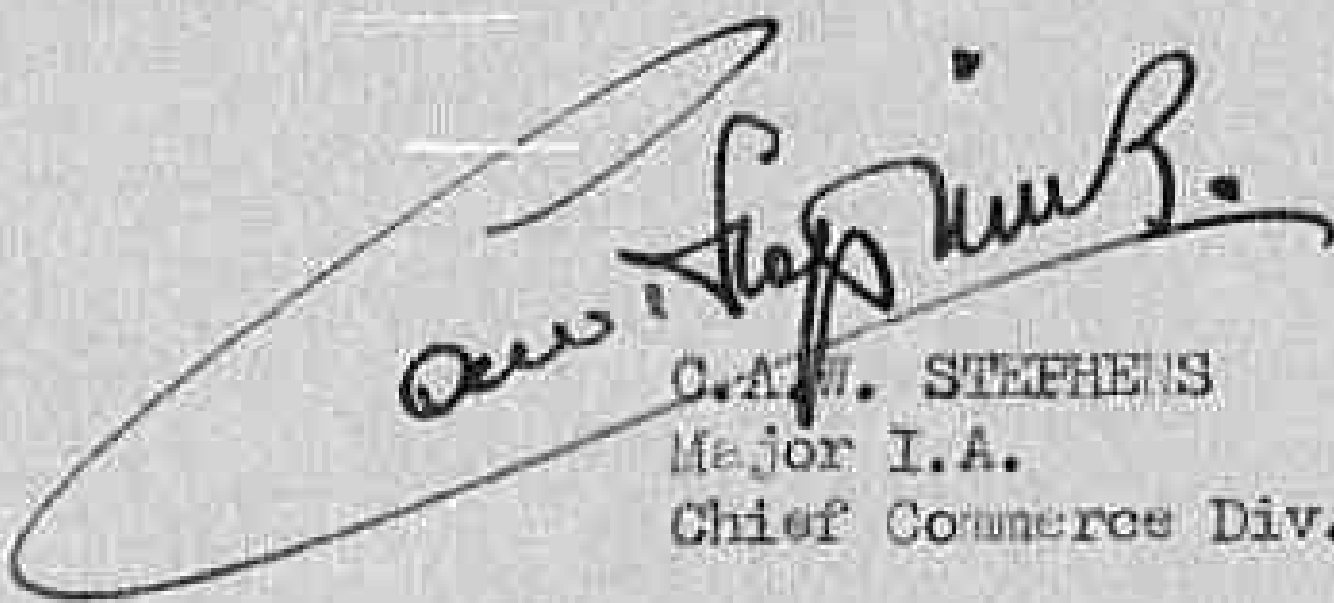
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Discussed with LWT who point out that UGENA schooners will be able to enter into this trade shortly.

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8. It will be of the greatest assistance if you will note the action taken and advise this Division of any further classification which you can give to questions put up the Chamber of Commerce.



C. A. W. STEPHENS
Major I.A.
Chief Commerce Div.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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T.92.103.CS

7th January, 1946

SUBJECT: Control of Telephone Service.

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TO : AMG Venezia Giulia

1. Please see the attached Memo. from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The position is known to you.
2. Kindly say whether any action has been taken in this matter with the Yugoslav representatives in Venezia Giulia, and inform this HQ of the results of any such action.
3. If the matter has been passed elsewhere by you, with a view to political action, this should also be reported.
4. Have any other public utilities been dealt with in this way by the Jugo-Slavs?

H. H. Scudder
for H. H. SCUDDER,
Col. SIG. C.
Director.

Enclosure: Copy of Memorandum for
the Allied Commission.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner. ✓

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: With Ordinance dated August 21st, 1945, entering into effect on September 1st, 1945, the Commandant of the Military Administration for the Julian region, Istria, Fiume and the Slovene littoral, directed that

"The managing power and the control of the postal and telegraphic services as well as of the wireless service on the territory of the Julian region, Istria, Fiume and the Slovene littoral, is to be exercised by the Postal Direction with Head Office in Fiume under the denomination "Amministrazione Postale per la Regione Giulia, Istria, Fiume e il Litorale Sloveno - Direzione Postale".

2. As the result of said Ordinance an agreement was signed on September 6th ult. between the delegates of the aforesaid Postal Direction and the representatives of the Società Telegrafica della Venezia (TELVE), the latter being an Italian Company, the concessionary of the telephonic services in that region.

In said agreement it was sanctioned that the TELVE, as a private undertaking, could continue to operate the public telephonic service, complying with the rules followed up to that time and under the supervision of the A.M.G.

3. The agreement entered into between the TELVE and the Yugoslav Civil Authorities concerning the continuation of the telephonic service, however disapproved by the Military Authorities who have exacted to directly and fully take over the operation of

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The TELVE was even compelled to hand over all assets, belonging to the Company, existing in the region.

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4. It must be noted that the region affected by the aforesaid provisions of the Yugoslav Military Authorities is subject to Yugoslav military occupation but is not under the sovereignty of the Yugoslav State. The power of the Yugoslav Authorities to issue regulations cannot go beyond the limits set by International Law to the rights of the Occupying Power, first among which that of abiding - unless absolutely prevented thereto - to the established Laws of the Country (Art 43 of the regulations annexed to the IV Hague Convention of October 18th, 1907) and, consequently,

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to the administrative organization set up under said Laws.
It follows that the Yugoslav Authorities were entitled to exercise - for the exigencies of the military occupation - a control over the operations of the Italian Company, and also to take over the operations but were not entitled to revoke the concession of the telephonic service over the region occupied by them, previously granted by the Italian Government to the aforesaid Company.

5. The Italian Government and consequently compelled to raise a protest against the measures adopted to the detriment of the Italian Company TELVE and kindly ask the Allied Commission's intervention with a view to obtaining the revocation of the said provision so that the operation of the telephone net-work of the Julian territory occupied by Yugoslavia may revert to the Telephone Company. Should this not be possible, it would be appreciated if the Allied Commission could lodge a claim for proper compensation of the damage suffered by the TELVE as the result of an act which goes beyond the right of the occupying Power and for the undue enrichment which derives to the Yugoslav Government from the utilization to their own advantage of the organization created by the Italian Company. 

Rome, December 28th, 1945

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30th July 1945

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Subject: Venezia Giulia - Postal Services.

To : Postal Officer, Venesie Region.

1. No information is available at present in this Sub-Commission as to whether it is the intention that the Postal services in the Allied and Yugoslav controlled sections of Venezia Giulia shall be regarded for administrative, accounting and supply purposes as part of the Italian and Yugoslav Postal Administrations or as autonomous administrations.

2. Some of the main points to be considered from a postal point of view (if an autonomous Administration is favoured) are: -

a) The relationship of the Postal Administration of the territory with the Universal Postal Union.

b) Transit charges for foreign mail to and from Venezia Giulia.

c) Accounting for stores, mail bags, etc. used by the Venezia Giulia service.

3. Doubtless ~~the~~ similar questions arise in connection with other Governmental and public services and it is therefore desired to ascertain what, if any, decisions are held and what are the views of the local Military Government authorities in connection with this problem. Please discuss the matter in Trieste and report on the subject as soon as possible.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE.

W. H. Green
Major
for H. H. SOUDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig. C,
Director.

Copy to:

Executive Commissioner
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A.M.G. Venezia Giulia.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 805/EC

23 July 1945.

SUBJECT: Notes on visit to TRIESTE by
Executive Commissioner.

TO : Distribution below.

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14. Postal Rates. It was reported by the Communications Officer that the Yugoslavs are charging foreign postage rates, at any rate from YUGOSLAVIA and possibly from VENEZIA GIULIA East of the Morgan Line, to A.G. VENEZIA GIULIA.

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

FILE No. (3)

TO :

LT Col Talbot,

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23 JUN 1945

(Executive officer: Sec)

Attached is a copy
of our Ltr to 13 Corps
sent on 19th

W H Green
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AMG THIRTEEN CORPS & INFO EIGHT ARMY

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19th JUNE 1945

ROUTINE

23 JUN 1945

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WHAT POSTAL SERVICES ARE NOW OPERATING IN VENEZIE GIULIA PD
PAREN TO AMG THIRTEEN CORPS RPTD FOR INFO TO EIGHT ARMY FROM
HQ ALCOM CITE ACCMN PAREN

WHAT KIND OF POSTAGE STAMPS ARE IN USE PD

IF ONLY REPUBLICAN FASCIST STAMPS AVAILABLE OUR RECOMMENDATION IS THAT
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT STAMPS BE INTRODUCED IN YOUR TERRITORY PD PAREN ABLE PAREN
DO YOU AGREE QUERY PAREN BAKER PAREN WILL YUGOSLAWS ALSO ALLOW THESE
TO BE USED IN THEIR AREA PD
WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT REPLY SO THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT STAMPS MAY
BE SENT TO YOU

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MEMO

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Subject: Stamp Supplies for Venezia Giulia

To : Executive Commissioner.

1. In an earlier endorsement (of which a copy unfortunately has not been retained) the question of postage stamps for use in Venezia Giulia was discussed and the recommendation of this Sub-Commission was that ordinary Italian stamps should be used, although reference was made to the existence of stocks of "M.G. Italy" stamps in the hands of A.F.A. at Naples.

2. It is not known what stamps are actually in use in the Region concerned but probably they are of Republican Fascist design. Strong exception was taken by C.L.N. in North Italy to the continued use of such stamps there and the very big task of printing and distributing Italian Government stamps for the North of Italy has had to be undertaken.

3. It is essential to know whether similar arrangements must be made for the portion of Venezia Giulia under our control, and also what stamps will be used in territory under Yugo Slavia control, especially as mail services between the two areas are to be continued.

4. Because of the prospective closing of its Naples Offices, A.F.A. is anxious to proceed with the destruction of the Military Government (Italy) Stamps at Naples if it is certain that these will not be required.

H.H. Scudler
H.H. SCUDLER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

Communications Sub-Commission
Extn 444

16th June 1945

Copies to:

Deputy Chief Legal Adviser
Finance Sub-Commission (A.F.A.).

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Extract from Cable CMS 1 from 13 Corps to Freedom for G-5, Info: Alcom
dated 14 June 1945.

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A. Telephone and telegram communications to be continued
uncontrolled between the 2 areas. Mail facilities to be continued.

D. Principal banks west of line to provide funds to
communes, post offices and branch banks east of line subject to
normal financial pensions to continue throughout area.

Note:

Above are two of points contained in
Memorandum presented at discussion
with Singalans.

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SUMMARY OF DECISIONS REACHED ON POLICY IN REGARD TO VALLEZIA GIULIA
AT MEETING HELD BY COS AFHQ ON 4TH JUNE 1945.

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12. It was agreed that initially all telephone and telegraph facilities between the two occupied areas should be suspended and was emphasised that the period of suspension of these facilities should be reduced to a minimum and should not be more than a matter of hours.

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Para 3 of Appendix A to letter 522/29/EC dated
24 April 1945 sent to AFHQ (Attn: G-5 Section)

3. COMMUNICATIONS.

Question:

Are Post Offices to be re-opened? If so, are Italian stamps etc. to be sold?

Answer:

Equally with banks it is considered essential for Post Offices to reopen. Apart from the carrying of mail and telegrams they perform many duties in connection with the payments of salaries, pensions, taxes etc., essential to the continuance of normal economic life.

As to the question of stamps, existing stocks in the area will almost certainly be Republican Fascist new issues or over-prints. As an alternative a large reserve is held of AMG stamps. These have "Allied Military Postage" on the face and in this theatre are surcharged "Italy." However, this surcharging might be considered objectionable. The only other alternative would be to endeavour to obtain unsurcharged issues from the U.S. This action would need to be taken at once. Any special issues or over-printing is not recommended.

At this stage civil censorship requires consideration. As you know it is an AFHQ function but is organised by and reports to Communication Sub-Commission of this Headquarters.

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