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No. 343 (Tittmann)

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Vatican City, June 1, 1944.

SUBJECT: Bombing of Abbey of Monte Cassino.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

Sir:

With reference to the Department's telegram no. 1550, May 4, 6 a.m., 1944 instructing me in my discretion to acknowledge the Vatican Memorandum of April 12, regarding the bombing of the Abbey of Monte Cassino, I have the honor to transmit herewith for the Department's records a copy of my memorandum dated May 23, 1944 addressed to the Secretariat of State, which constitutes the acknowledgment in question.

Respectfully yours,

Harold H. Tittmann
American Chargé d'Affaires

In triplicate to Department

Enclosure:

Copy of memorandum dated
May 23, 1944.

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June 1, 1944

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In acknowledging receipt of the above-mentioned Memorandum the Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of America, under instructions from his Government has the honor to repeat that there is unquestionable evidence in the possession of the Allied Commanders in the field that the Abbey of Monte Cassino formed part of the German defensive system.

Vatican City, May 23, 1944

The Secretariate of State
of His Holiness,
Vatican City.

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INSTR. NO. TO LIAISON DIVISION A. DEALING
WITH MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE VATICAN

Under existing instructions the channel of communication between the military authorities and the Vatican State is through the Charge d'Affairs, United States of America to the Holy See and the British Minister to the Holy See. It has further been laid down by A.A.I. that Vatican "questions relating to the position of the civilian population should be dealt with by the Allied Control Commission", i.e. non-military matters. The Liaison Division of the Commission is the agency through which these affairs will be handled in the Commission.

The great mass of the matters to be dealt with are of a routine nature involving travel facilities, automobile licensing, gasoline and lubricants, food and materials, etc., and the Liaison Division will be responsible for following these matters through. This Division will have no policy

one with respect to Vatican affairs: It will carry out policies communicated to it by the appropriate section of the Commission.

The Liaison Division may deal directly with officials of the Vatican State in routine matters only where such direct communication has been specifically authorized. This authorization shall not extend to the arrangement of audiences with the Pope. The Division will concern itself only with matters pertaining to officials, citizens, institutions and property of the Vatican State. Ecclesiastics who are citizens of the Italian State and church institutions and property which are not the property of the Vatican will be dealt with directly by Allied Military Government in the field and by the Italian Government in territory under its control in the same manner as other individuals and property.

Relations of military formations with the Vatican are handled direct between the diplomatic missions to the Vatican and AFHQ, AAI and the Rome Allied Area Command as prescribed by letter 2032/CS, 10 August 1944, HQ AAI to the diplomatic mission concerned.

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Inf. Bureau

Subject: Correspondence

*5/6 letter to King, London
Calling for (1) Limitation*

H.Q. A.A.C.
S.M.S.

2052/42.

10 Aug 44.

The Charge d'Affaires of the United States of America
to the Holy See.

The British Minister to the Holy See.

In order to eliminate unnecessary correspondence and to ensure that representations made by the Secretariat of State to His Holiness receive prompt attention in the right quarter, it is requested that you arrange for such questions to be treated as follows:-

- a) Questions relating to the Armed Forces. These should be referred direct to this HQ, except for troops in Rome Area which should be referred direct to CG, Rome Allied Area Command.
- ✓ b) Questions relating to the position of the civilian population. These should be referred to HQ, AOC. I
- c) Questions which cannot be clearly categorized under either of the above heads should be referred to this HQ.

W. H. B. King

Major General 520
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to: HQ AOC
HQ Rome Allied Area Command
1st
2nd
War Diary (2)

Copy to Inf. Bureau

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COUNTRY:

VATICAN CITY:

- a) H. H. H. Pope (personal)
- b) Card Sec. (official)
- c) Allied representatives
- d) Neutral representatives
- e) Enemy representatives
- f) I.R.C. or War* Inf. Services
- g) Normal Mail

Allied

Neutral

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Exempt (bag)

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None

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None ③

Notes

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Believed that exception is 5203
taken to censorship on these services

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Is mail for enemy countries to be
excepted from Vatican but not from
Rome City? Draws a different line.

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Not clear if this is intention, but
should not differ from privileges to
Neutral reps. in Vatican City.

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APR. SIGNED SACRED

NONE

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JULY 27/1930

SITE: FIELD

28 JUL Recd

REF YOUR 786 OF 21 JULY. NOT POSSIBLE TO REPLY YET. ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS
BEING REEVALUATED IN LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE AND OBSERVATIONS RECEIVED. WILL COMMUNICATE
FURTHER SOONEST POSSIBLE

ALL INFO
Went to H. C. (C)
From - H. C.
H. C. (C)
To - H. C.

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HEADQUARTERS
28 JUL 1944
A. C. C.

JULY 28/ 0700

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HO. ALBERT ALBANS DI EMALY

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20 Jul 44

Herewith one copy of A.F.H.C. letter 31/5/2182/A2
dated 7 Jul 54.

Robert Spence Wright
in Brigadier, Capt.
B. G. S. (I 5203)

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SUBJECT:- Vatican Information Service

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CA/B/2104/127 Jul 44

Headquarters,
Allied Forces in Italy (Advanced).
Headquarters,
North Africa District.

1. Consequent upon the occupation of Rome it is not considered that the Vatican Information Service in so far as it applies to the fixed text radio messages, can achieve any further purpose.
2. Signals, this Headquarters, do not propose to re-open the wireless link with the Vatican and therefore this Service is now closed.
3. The Standard 25 Word written communications between civilians in Allied Occupied ITALY and enemy occupied territory and between civilians in Allied occupied ITALY and PW in enemy hands will still continue.
4. This Headquarters letter of even number dated 16 Mar 44 is therefore cancelled.

(Sgt) A.S. BARSDEW,
Lieut-Colonel, A.A.C.,
for Major General,
G.I.(B).

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Copy to:-

I.M.C.
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G.1(A).
G.5
P.M.G.
G.2

Service d'Information (ue Saint Siege, Paris Blancs, Liaison Carree.
Liaison (for onward transmission to French Authorities).
Office of the British Resident Minister.
Office of American Political Adviser.
Liaison Officer.

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Major Talbot CA.

I understand that the
Thorn Area Command has already
taken this matter up with ACC
+ that they have been informed that
the Rev. John Kaczmarek's request for
permission to enter the theater has been
forwarded to AFHQ.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ROME REGION
APO 394

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18 July 1944

SUBJECT: Permission for Rev. Giles Kaczmarek to come to the Vatican

TO : Executive Commissioner
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

Attached are papers from F. Bede M. Hess, Minister Generalis
Ordinis Fratrum Minorum Conventualium, Piazza SS. Apostoli 51, asking
that the United States grant permission to Rev. Giles Kaczmarek of
St. Stanislaus Church, Sharon, Pa., to come to the Vatican for religious
duties.

Charles Poletti

CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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Letter from Minister General HESS (2)
Copy of Radiogram sent June 24

Mr. Poletti
you have the letter?
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HEADQUARTERS
20 JUL 1944
A. C. C.

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PAX ET BONUM

MINISTER GENERALIS
ORDINIS FRATRUM MINORUM CONVENTUALIUM
PIAZZA SS. APOSTOLI, 51

Roma, (101) July 16, 1944.

Dear Reverend Father O'Hara,

Enclosed are copies of my letter and of the radiogram given to Major Ballard re: the return of the English confessor to St. Peter's. As I mentioned on Thursday at S. Susanna, it seems that Major Ballard does not understand the question, thinking that any priest can hear English confessions at St. Peter's. Any advice or help you may give me in this matter will be sincerely appreciated.

Kindly permit me to thank you for your kindness to Vincent Macaloon in the matter of his two prospective converts.

I should desire to go to Assisi for the feast of the Assumption August 15. In Assisi there are three seminaries under my immediate jurisdiction, with courses of studies from the first year of secondary education until the last year of theology, as also a novitiate. My presence in Assisi for the feast of the Assumption, in order to invest the new novitiate class and to receive the profession of simple and of solemn vows, and for several days after the feast in order to arrange matters concerning the above seminaries. Hence my visit to Assisi would be an official visit.

I spoke with Major Ballard about my contemplated trip to Assisi. He however discouraged, again missing the point and saying that there are too many "joy rides" at this time. Hence I am turning to you again for advice and help, humbly disposed to follow whatever suggestions you may see fit to make.

With highest regards and every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours

K. Sede M. Hess,

Minister General.

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Rev. CHRISTOPHER O'HARA,
Chaplain U.S. Army,
Via Villa Gabrielli 10,
Rome.

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PAX ET BONUM

MINISTER GENERALIS
ORDINIS FRATRUM MINORUM CONVENTUALIUM
PIAZZA SS. APOSTOLI, 51

Rome, (101) July 12, 1944.

Dear Sir:

On June 24 I sent a radiogram via Vatican Station to Rev. Giles Kaczmarek, St. Stanislaus Church, Sharon, Pa. This morning I received an answer from the Apostolic Delegation in Washington, of which I enclose a copy, as also of my message to Father Giles.

The case is as follows. Rev. Giles Kaczmarek is the official English confessor at St. Peter's. In May 1940, upon the advice of the American Consulate and with the permission of the Cardinal Penitentiary, he returned to America. With the coming of the Allies to Rome, his presence here is imperative, as large numbers of American and Allied soldiers are flocking to St. Peter's daily, but especially on Sundays and feastdays, to go to confession and receive Holy Communion. I should appreciate it very much if the Military Authorities of Rome would recommend his return to the War Department of Washington.

Thanking you in advance for your kind interest in this matter, I beg to remain

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Very respectfully yours,

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COPY OF RADIOGRAM SENT JUNE 24

REV. GILES RACZMAREK
ST. STATISLAUS CHURCH
SHARON PENNSYLVANIA

YOUR RETURN FOR DUTIES ST. PETERS NECESSARY STOP
LARGE NUMBERS AMERICAN ALLIED SOLDIERS DAILY

FR. BEDE HESS

COPY OF RADIOGRAM SENT JULY 7 BY

APOSTOLIC DELEGATE IN WASHINGTON

PLEASE INFORM FATHER BEDE HESS FATHER GILES RECEIVED
RADIOGRAM STOP PREPARING DEPARTURE STOP FATHER HESS
REQUESTED CONTACT MILITARY AUTHORITIES ROME TO
RECOMMEND TRIP OF FATHER GILES TO WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/25/ /CA

21 July 1944

SUBJECT: Seminaries.

TO : British Legation at the Holy See, Vatican, City.

1. Your letter of 7 July 44 addressed to Major-General Johnson has been forwarded to this HQ. for action.
2. Reports on the Benevento and Molfetta seminaries are being obtained and will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Civil Affairs Branch

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OF TWELVE JULY PD PAREN TO AFM ADVANCE FOR GEORGE FIVE REFD AAI FOR NOTICE FROM ACC
RE PAREN PD ACTION BEING DEFERRED PENDING RECEIPT OF REPLY TO OUR PS ONE SIX ONE ONE
ONE FIVE POINT DEWEY SIX OF TWELVE JULY TO YOU PD PRIORITY SIGNAL REPLY REQUESTED

Mr. Benton Tel 198

Reply to say his file on this subject
was not available, & he would be
able to give a reply for a couple
days.

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By 24/7

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L. T. MONTAGUE, JR.
1st Lt. AGD
Adjutant

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British Legation to the Holy See,
Vatican City.

July 19th 1944.

7/12/44

Dear Colonel Fiske,

In your letters Adv/25/CA and 25/33/CA of July 6th and 15th you sent me information about the Vatican service of communications by special forms between Italians in North and South Italy. I have also had discussions with Major Talbot about Vatican communications in general.

2. I now enclose copy of a Note which I have received from the Vatican which raises several issues. I am sending it to you because I hope that you may be able to forward it to the right quarter so that I can obtain material for a reply.

3. I should imagine that such reply would cover the following points: 1) postal communications with abroad will shortly be established; 2) there can be no compromise on the principle of the right of censorship, but in practice it is unlikely that official Vatican correspondence will be censored (can I go as far as this?); 3) there is unfortunately no present prospect of the possibility of establishing a regular service for Vatican diplomatic Bags, but I have enquired from the Foreign Office in London whether Vatican Bags can be sent with Allied official Bags, and if so to what destinations. This enquiry was based on the contents of a previous Note on the subject from the Vatican.

4. My real trouble is that I do not know if I should take up these questions with London or with the Allied Military Authorities in Italy. A minor difficulty is that I do not know where to find Major Talbot, with whom I discussed them in the past. I should be very grateful for any assistance you can give me.

Yours sincerely,

D. G. Down

Colonel Norman Fiske,
Headquarter A.C.C.
R.C. & M.G. Section,
APO 394.

Ray, Vatican
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C O P Y.

SEGRETERIA DI STATO DI
SUA SANTITA.

Vaticano, 15 Juillet 1944.

N° 81355.

Monsieur le Ministre,

Mon Eminentissime Supérieur a bien reçu la lettre de Votre Excellence l'informant, en date du 28 juin dernier, de la prochaine reprise du service postal entre Rome et l'Italie méridionale et l'étranger, et il a pris acte avec satisfaction de ce renseignement.

Les communications postales ont en effet repris avec l'Italie Méridionale, mais pas jusqu'ici avec l'étranger. Nous vous serions reconnaissants en conséquence de bien vouloir interposer à nouveau vos bons offices pour obtenir le fonctionnement complet de ce service.

Le Cardinal Secrétaire d'Etat continue d'espérer que les Autorités Alliées voudront bien exempter de la censure la correspondance officielle du Saint-Siège, tant à destination de l'Italie méridionale que - quand elle sera rétablie - à destination de l'étranger.

Pour ce qui concerne les accords spéciaux entre le Vatican et l'Italie en matière postale, Votre Excellence trouvera ci-joint un exemplaire de la convention conclue à ce sujet entre les deux Etats.

Nous serions bien reconnaissants également à Votre Excellence si elle pouvait nous donner une réponse au sujet des courriers (cf. Note n. 80855 du 21 juin dernier, paragraphes 1 et 3). Il y a maintenant bientôt

un/

Son Excellence
Sir Francis D'Arcy Godolphin Osborne,
Ministre de Grande Bretagne près le Saint Siège.

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mois et demi qu'aucun courrier ne peut partir du Vatican. Votre Excellence est certainement la première à comprendre les graves inconvénients qui résultent pour le Saint Siège de cette situation et je suis sûr qu'elle voudra bien interposer ses bons offices pour obtenir qu'il soit remédié le plus rapidement possible.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Ministre, l'assurance de ma haute considération.

(Sgd.) J.B. MONTINI.

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✓ Lt Col Head - Comm. ^{unit} _{Postal Sect}

Can he handle the (18456)
 or do you wish me to
 look in person? (2)

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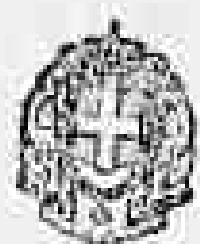
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→ Major Talbot, C.A. Braselton.
 I think notification
 to the rear will definitely have to
 go from you via Delacour. But
 please see paras 10-15 of Polia 36
 in our accompanying file 25/6/76.
 I do not know how long 5192
 takes to reply.
 We had better discuss
 when you have seen this.
 20/7/76. Spike See 91 4.2/76

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Ministero delle Corporazioni

MEMORANDUM:

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IL MINISTRO

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Subject :- Vatican City Communications.

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CA Branch

H.Q.
A.C.C.

1. Attached herewith is copy of A.F.H.Q. instruction AG 311 CCB-O dated 12 July 44 on the above subject.

2. Will you please :

(a) Arrange for the VATICAN authorities to be informed of the relevant provisions of this instruction.

(b) make the necessary censorship arrangements as outlined therein.

3. With regard to paras 1 and 2 of the instruction, please take such steps as you may deem advisable to ensure as far as possible that only approved and responsible officials whose integrity is beyond question have access to the Papal Seals to be used in respect of the two categories of mail which are to be immune from censorship.

C.M.F.
18 July 44.

for Lt-General,
Chief of General Staff.
Allied Armies in Italy.

Copies to :- A.F.H.Q. & G.S.I.(b).

*91 reported to CA Motta and
Head in writing here* 5191
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APO 512

AG 311 032-0

12 July 1944

SUBJECT: Vatican City Communications.

TO : Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy.

The following is the plan proposed for the handling of communications to and from the inhabitants of the Vatican City both for Italy and countries outside Italy.

1. All mail from the Vatican City to the Italian mainland or Italian Islands will be subject to censorship with the following exceptions:

- a. Personal mail of His Holiness The Pope.
- b. Official mail on ecclesiastical business from the Cardinal Secretary of State to the Bishops in that part of Italy under the control of AG - A30.

2. All mail from the Vatican City to countries outside the confines of the Italian mainland or Italian Islands will be subject to Allied censorship in accordance with the arrangements now in force for external mail from Italy and the Italian Islands. The following exceptions to the above are made:

- a. Personal mail of His Holiness the Pope.
- b. Official mail from the Cardinal Secretary of State to Papal Nuncios and Apostolic Delegates but not including Archbishops or Bishops living in countries outside the Italian mainland and the Italian Islands.

3. All mail addressed to enemy or enemy occupied countries will be subject to 100% censorship and will be dealt with under arrangements which exist for external mail from Italy.

4. No diplomatic bag privilege will be granted to enemy or enemy satellite representatives.

5. Allied and neutral representatives will be accorded diplomatic bag privileges, although in practice the military authorities will probably not give travelling facilities to neutral couriers at the outset and neutral representatives will therefore have to send their bags by mail.

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Ltr # 311 GGE-C
AFHQ, 12 July 44. (Cont'd)

6. The official correspondence of representatives of the United States and Great Britain or British Dominions will not be subject to censorship.

7. Telegrams from the Vatican City passing through the Rome telegraph office will be subject to censorship in the same manner as is laid down for postal correspondence in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, of this memorandum.

8. Telephone monitoring on as comprehensive a scale as is practicable will be instituted in Rome to handle traffic from the Vatican City to the Italian mainland or Italian Islands or vice versa. At any time external traffic by telephone is permitted a full censorship will be imposed.

9. All mail to the Vatican City will be subject to censorship:

a. Coming from countries outside Italian mainland or Italian Islands by the United Nations censorship network.

b. From the mainland of Italy or Italian Islands in the province of origin provided a civil censorship is operating in the province.

By command of General WILSON:

(Sgd) H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AMB,
Adjutant General. 5183

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/25/83/CA

15 July 1944

SUBJECT: Vatican Message Forms.

TO : British Minister to the Vatican.

Attached copy letter from the Chief Postal Officer
A.C.C. (Ref. P3/16.19.20 of 13 July 44) is forwarded to
you for your information.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CENSORSHIP COMMISSION
ALG.

13th July, 1944.

In reply
refer to: 78/15.17.70

Subject: Vatican Message Forms.

To: The Under-Secretary of State for M.I.

The following arrangement has been made with the Vatican as to the circulation of forms addressed to enemy occupied parts of Italy:-

1. Forms addressed to the provinces of Lucca, Pistoia, Firenze and Forli and the area south, to be sent to the Vatican (with any forms actually addressed to the Vatican).

2. Forms for territory north of the line indicated on continue to be forwarded to the Vatican Information Service, Bureau, Algiers, as at present.

3. On receipt of the censored forms in the Post Office from the Censorship Officer at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari they should be divided on the basis indicated, as between the Vatican and Algiers. Those for the former should be included in despatches to Rome, for transfer to the Vatican Post Office there.

4. All concerned at Palermo and Cagliari will no doubt be instructed accordingly.

for hand.
S.H. READ
Lt. Col.
Chief Postal Officer.

Under to: P.O. Region III Action
P.O. 1000
Major-McLean, C.O.C.
Postal Officer Region I.
S.H. & L.O. 1. See Envelope of July 1944.

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Sent from 10/11/44
By Post
10/11/44

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ALLIED CENSORSHIP COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

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6 July 1944.

Ref/127/25/0A.

SUBJECT: Vatican Information Service Forms.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission.

1. I have had further talks with the British Minister at the Vatican as a result of which the following was agreed:

(a) That forms addressed to the Vatican itself or to any address South of a line running through the towns of LIVORNO, PISA, LUCCA, PISTOIA, FIRENZE and RIMINI and including these towns be sent direct to the Vatican Post Office.

(b) That all other forms be sent to Algiers under the present arrangements.

Handwritten signature
HARRIS E. FENKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to : Major Hanson, Censorship Officer Home for Action.
British Minister to the Vatican.
A.C.C. Main for Civil Affairs Branch.

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NOT YET ESTABLISHED AND PACKAGES MAY AT MOMENT BE HELD UP AT NAPLES
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TO STATEMENT IN YOUR 3RD SENTENCE

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ADV D45 AD FROM JULY FIRST PUBLIC DAY BOPE LATERS PER ROME CITY AND VATICAN CITY.
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FROM NAPLES FOURTH. I EXPECT BE IN NAPLES IN DAY OR TWO

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
E.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/20/TI/OA

30 June 1944

SUBJECT: Communications - Unicom.

TO : CG, Base Area Allied Command, APO 79, U.S. Army.

1. I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24 June 44.
2. We have also received a cable from AFHQ No. PX66012 dated 29 June 44 on the same subject a copy of which is enclosed.
3. As soon as the policy is defined I will let you know at once.

IRVING E. BIRKS
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

IRM/JR

Copy to:

Adv. Hq. AGC
Communications Sub-Comm.

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THOSE QUESTIONS OF CENSORSHIP OF MAIL FROM ACC TO VARIOUS HEAD DISCUSSION WITH STAFF
SECTIONS CENSORED REUR 2959 AND ALLIED ARMIES ITALY 1(B) ACC. WILL FORWARD FINAL
PORTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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Johnston in reply 74
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OUTGOING CABE.

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Civil Affairs Branch.

ADY 115.

SUBJECT IS VATICAN INFORMATION SERVICE FORMS PD PAREN TO FREEDOM FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM ADV HQ ACC FROM FISKE PAREN PD BRITISH MINISTER AT VATICAN STATES THAT UNDER PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS VERY FEW FORMS ARE GETTING THROUGH PD VATICAN HAS TENTATIVE PLANS FOR DISPOSING OFFORMS IF THEY ARE SENT DIRECT VATICAN PD YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS ARE REQUESTED AND ALSO INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER WHITE FATHERS HAVE BEEN AND STILL ARE BEING ABLE TO DISPOSE OF FORMS SENT TO THEM OR WHETHER THERE IS AN ACCUMULATION ON HAND

DISTRIBUTION BY ELS:-

CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH, NAPLES.
MAJOR M.C. KEAN BRITISH MINISTER, VATICAN.
LT. COL. HEAL.

L.T. MONTANT, JR.
1st Lt. AGD 5181
ADJUTANT.

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 ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
 APO #794, US ARMY.

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24 June 1944.

Subject: Request of the Holy See for facilities for its
 diplomatic courriers and the resumption of the
 postal correspondence of the Vatican City with the
 rest of Italy and other countries.

To: The Chief Commissioner,
 Allied Control Commission,
 Headquarters ACC,
 APO #794, U.S. Army.

1). Attached are a letter from the American Embassy
 to the Holy See and a note forwarded by the American Charge
 d'Affaires to the Holy See from the Secretary of State of
 the Holy See regarding the resumption of the diplomatic
 courriers and postal correspondence of the Vatican City with
 the rest of Italy and other countries.

2). It would be appreciated if this appeal could be
 considered favorably by the Chief Commissioner, Allied Con-
 trol Commission.

3). It would also be appreciated if this Headquarters
 could be informed of the action recommended by the Chief
 Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

Harry H. Johnson
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 HARRY H. JOHNSON
 Major General, U.S. Army
 Commanding.

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To Major General Harry H. Johnson,
Commander, Rome Area.

Subject: Desire of the Holy See that facilities for its diplomatic courriers and for the postal correspondence of the Vatican City, which have been suspended since June 4, 1944 be resumed as soon as possible, so that the Holy See and the Vatican City be no longer isolated.

Vatican City, June 22, 1944.

H. H. Tittman

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Du Vatican, le 21 Juin 1944

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NOTE VERBALE

La Secrétairerie d'Etat de Sa Sainteté a l'honneur d'attirer la bienveillante attention de M. le Chargé d'Affaires des Etats Unis d'Amérique près le Saint Siège sur la question des courriers diplomatiques du Saint-Siège et des correspondances postales de la Cité du Vatican, totalement interrompus les uns comme les autres depuis le soir du 4 juin 1944. La question est évidemment de la plus grande importance, puisqu'elle touche directement l'exercice même de la mission du Saint-Siège. Aussi la Secrétairerie d'Etat a-t-elle confiance que les Autorités Alliées voudront bien y accorder toute leur considération et y donner rapidement une solution, de façon que le Saint-Siège et la Cité du Vatican ne restent pas plus longtemps isolés.

1. En ce qui concerne plus spécialement les plis diplomatiques du Saint-Siège, la Secrétairerie d'Etat se permettrait de ⁵⁹⁷⁸ à l'obligance des Autorités Alliées pour leur demander si elles consentiraient à les accepter avec leur propre courrier diplomatique, et - dans l'affirmative - jusqu'où elles voudraient bien les achemi-

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2. Pour le service postal de l'Etat de la Cité du Vatican, on désirerait savoir quand et dans quelle mesure il pourra reprendre.

M. le Chargé d'Affaires des Etats Unis
d'Amérique près le Saint-Siège

Il comprendrait, en plus des sacs postaux ordinaires, des plis réservés, dont plusieurs sont expédiés conformément à des accords spéciaux que le Saint-Siège a conclus avec certains pays (Argentine, Irlande...), et aux obligations desquels il ne peut pas se soustraire.

3. Le Saint-Siège désirerait en outre pouvoir envoyer de temps à autre des personnes chargées de ses courriers, aussi bien vers l'Occident (Alger, Madrid, Lisbonne ...) que vers l'Orient (Le Caire, Beyrouth, Istanbul...). Il serait heureux que les Autorités Alliées voulussent bien préciser sans trop tarder les modalités suivant lesquelles ce service pourrait s'effectuer, et donner en même temps les facilités et garanties nécessaires.

La Secrétairerie d'Etat recommande chaudement la solution de ces questions aux bons offices de M. le Chargé d'Affaires des Etats Unis d'Amérique et saisit l'occasion pour lui renouveler l'assurance de sa haute considération.

TRANSLATION

SECRETARIAT OF STATE
OF HIS HOLINESS

No. 80855

From the Vatican, June 21, 1944.

NOTE VERBALE

The Secretariat of State of His Holiness has the honor to draw the attention of the Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of America to the Holy See to the question of the diplomatic couriers of the Holy See and of the postal correspondence of the Vatican City, both of which have been entirely interrupted since the evening of June 4, 1944. The matter is obviously of the greatest importance, since it directly concerns the actual functioning of the mission of the Holy See. Moreover the Secretariat of State is confident that the Allied authorities will be kind enough to give the matter their consideration and will reach a quick solution, in order that the Holy See and the Vatican City no longer remain isolated.

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2. Concerning the postal service of the State of the Vatican City, the Secretariat of State would be glad to know when and to what extent it will be possible to resume such service. It would include, in addition to the ordinary mail bags, confidential envelopes

The Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of
America to the Holy See.

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envelopes, several of which are forwarded in conformity with special agreements concluded between the Holy See and certain countries (Argentina, Ireland ...), and in conformity with obligations which it cannot get out of.

3. Furthermore, the Holy See would like to be able from time to time to send its own couriers, both westward (to Algiers, Madrid, Lisbon ...) as well as eastward (to Cairo, Beyrouth, Istanbul ...). The Holy See would be glad if the Allied authorities would kindly indicate without too much delay under what conditions this service might be effectuated and grant at the same time the necessary facilities and guarantees.

The Secretariat of State trusts that the Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of America will warmly recommend the solution of these questions and takes the opportunity of renewing the assurance of its high consideration.

(Seal of the Secretariat of State)
(of His Holiness)

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 392

24th June, 1944

In reply
refer to: RS/16/19

Subject: Vatican Messages.

To: A.S.R.C. for I.S.C.

1. Reference your CCB/153-25 dated 16th June, 1944. Instructions have been sent to Regional Commissioners for ecclesiastical communications for the Vatican to be sent by official mail services to the Allied Censor Control Officer, Rome.

2. Now that the communications with the Vatican from the south of Italy are internal to the territory covered by civil censorship, it is strongly recommended that the language restriction be withdrawn and Italian or English be permitted, as for all other forms of internal civil communications.

J.L. HENDERSON

Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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Copy to: R.C. & M.G. Section (ref. 25/64/CA dated 21st June, 44)

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 MACFARLANE PAREN COMMUNICATIONS FOR VATICAN WILL BE ADDRESSED ALLIED CENSOR
 CONTROL OFFICER HOME AND FORWARDED BY OFFICIAL MAIL SERVICE

AUTHENTICATED:

E. J. Chiocca
 E. J. CHIOCCA
 CWO, USA
 Adjutant

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ACC REAR FROM HENDERSON SIGNED MACFARLANE

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REF LETTER 25/23CA DATED 18 MARCH AND TELEGRAM 2916 OF 14 JUNE,
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COMMUNICATIONS FOR VATICAN WILL BE ADDRESSED ALLIED CENSOR CONTROL
OFFICER ROME AND FORWARDED BY OFFICIAL MAIL SERVICE.



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23rd June, 1944.

In reply refer
to: PS/16/19

Subject: Vatican Communications.

To: Executive Commissioner, Main HQ, ACC.

Reference letter No. Adv/25/CA dated 20th June, 1944
(copy attached).

1. Para 1 noted.
2. Arrangements have of course been made for ecclesiastical communications from the South of Italy to be sent direct to the Vatican instead of via Algiers.
3. Para 3 noted.
4. This is contrary to the policy laid down in your 25/43/CA dated 5th May, 1944.
5. I do not think that any useful purpose has been achieved by this officer's conversation. The chief officers of both postal and censorship branches, and the deputy director of the Sub-Commission are all in Rome and can discuss these matters with expert knowledge. There is no particular urgency as, apart from the special ecclesiastical service which is permitted to be forwarded by military channels, any other service must await the resumption of civil postal and telegraphic facilities.

J. L. Henderson

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

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Incl. Letter from Major Talbot.

*Letter to Henderson
25/43/CA dated 5th May 1944
with no other forwarding
to be made.
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ADVANCED HQ.
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
 C.M.F.

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20 June, 1944

Ref. Adv/25/CA.SUBJECT : Communications with the Vatican.
-----TO : HQ., A.C.C.
Communications Sub-Commission attn. Lt. Col. S.M. Head.

1. I had a conversation this morning at the Vatican with the British Minister regarding the various Vatican services.
2. He was most emphatic that, now that Rome is in Allied hands all communications with the Vatican or in connection with the Vatican Services should go direct to Rome without going to Algiers. I told him that arrangements had already been made in regard to official ecclesiastical mail going direct and that I did not anticipate any difficulty over similar arrangements being made for other types of correspondence.
3. Can you please take the necessary steps which presumably must include asking Algiers. I suggest you can say "The Vatican has been approached and is agreeable".
4. The Minister also raised the question of Censorship of ecclesiastical mail. Without promising anything I expressed the opinion that I thought it possible that the decision to subject ecclesiastical mail to censorship might be revoked now that Rome is no longer in German hands and the line has gone so far forward. He said that this would give very great satisfaction at the Vatican and he hoped very much it would come to pass. In expressing this opinion I may have said rather more than I should have but I cannot see the objection to relaxing censorship as between clergy and laity South of Rome and in the city itself and it would be politically very sound. I should be very grateful if you will let me know as to this as I promised to inform the British Minister at an early date.

/s/

NORMAN E. FISKE
 Colonel,
 Deputy Executive
 Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/25/64/CA

21 June 1944

SUBJECT: Messages to and from Vatican City and Bishops
Southern Italy.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission

Reference the attached copies correspondence will
you please see that telegrams etc from Algiers to Vatican
City are delivered after censorship to the Vatican. It
will be noted that only ecclesiastical business is allowed and
all messages must be in the English language.

J.H.
NORMAN P. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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ALLIED FORAL HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 091.6

17 June 1944

SUBJECT: Telegrams from Bishops, Southern Italy
and Vatican City.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394.

1. Attached are copies of the following:-

a) INC (CCB) 153-26 of 15 June to this
Section.

b) copy of the letter referred to in
paragraph 5(cfe).

2. Will you please take necessary action
in the matter as desired by INC (CCB).

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T.B. JACKMAN
T.B. JACKMAN
Major

Incl:
as above.

Copy to INC (CCB).



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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Communications Censorship Branch
APO 512

16 June 1944.

CCB/153-25

SUBJECT : Messages to and from Vatican City and Bishops Southern Italy.

TO : Rear Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
Att: Director, Communications Sub-Commission,
APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. Attached are copies of telegrams for Cardinal MAGNONE from Archbishop MANCENELLI, Cardinal ASCALESI, Cardinal LAVITRANO.

2. Signal Headquarters report that the radio service to the Vatican City is no longer operating.

3. With the agreement of G-2, AFHQ, obtained by this branch, request you should arrange for delivery of these messages.

4. All future messages reaching you from Bishops for the Vatican City should be censored by you before delivery. Only ecclesiastical business allowed. Only English language to be used.

DONAL D. HOOVER,
Lt. Col. G.S.C.,
Communications Censorship

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Communications Censorship Branch
APO 512

15 June 1944.

CCB/153.26

SUBJECT : Telegrams from Bishops Southern Italy and Vatican City.

TO : A.C. of S., G-5, AFHQ,
APO 512, U.S. Army.

1. Signal headquarters report that the radio service to the Vatican is no longer operating.
2. In consequence there is no means of sending messages from Algiers to the Vatican City except by post via A.C.C.
3. Instructions have been issued by this branch to C.C.G. that they should in future deal with these telegrams and forward them to the Vatican.
4. Will you please take the necessary steps to see that such telegrams are sent to C.C.G. at Rear Headquarters, Allied Control Commission for censorship and onward transmission.
5. A copy of our letter to C.C.G. is attached.

DONALD D. HOOVER,
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
Communications Censorship.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/25/60/GA

15 June 1944

SUBJECT: Correspondence.

TO : AGO, Rome.

Will you please have the enclosed message from Archbishop of Algiers delivered to His Holiness The Pope.

[Signature]
HORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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[Handwritten initials]

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25. C.A. Br
18. J. C. H. 5/10/44
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 311.18

TBJ/cags
13 June, 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Message

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

1. Attached is a message which the Archbishop of Algiers has asked should be transmitted to the Pope.

2. Will you please ensure its delivery.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Incl:
as above

T. B. Jackman
T. B. JACKMAN,
Major.



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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: ACC MAIN

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No:

FROM: STUBBLEBINE FROM HANCOCK

CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED

REFERENCE No: S- 11362

PRECEDENCE:

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITERPO-20

REQUEST THIS MESSAGE BE REPEATED TO VATICAN HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL MAGLIONE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HIS HOLINESS VATICAN CITY. QUOTE MOST HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE HOLY SEE. MOST GRATEFUL FOR PATERNAL THOUGHTFULNESS AND BLESSING OF THE HOLY FATHER. ASSURANCE OF GOOD NEWS ABOUT MYSELF PERSONALLY AND ABOUT THE DIOCESE, PREPARING TO CELEBRATE THE TRIUMPHS OF JESUS IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST. AM WAITING SPECIAL FACULTIES OVER AND ABOVE THOSE ALREADY GRANTED TO ALL THE OTHER BISHOPS IN ORDER TO MEET THE VARIOUS REQUESTS PRESENTED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE ISLAND IN SO FAR AS ALIENATIONS, DISPENSATIONS FROM RELIGIOUS VOWS DISPENSATION OF AGE FOR HOLY ORDERS AND THE LIKE ARE CONCERNED SIGNED CARDINAL LUIGI LAVATERANO UNQUOTE.

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ROUTINE

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REFERENCE YOUR SIX SIX ONE THREE EIGHT OF EIGHT MARCH SUBJECT ECCLESIASTICAL
COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE VATICAN PD PARISH TO AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM AGC MAIN PARISH PD
FOLLOWING FALL OF ROME MAY WE ARRANGE CENSORSHIP IN NAPLES OF THE TYPE OF CORRESPONDENCE
REPORTED TO IN YOUR SIX SIX ONE THREE EIGHT AND FORWARD DIRECT TO VATICAN

Copy to Communications s/e
Region III Postal Office

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L.T. MONTANT, JR
1st Lt. AGD
Adjutant

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Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

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To:- CG, Fifth Army.

Copy to:- Eighth Army
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3 District
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CG, City Administration.

As both H.M. Government and the U.S. Government have their own representatives in the Vatican who possess considerable experience in Vatican problems they will be utilised as the normal channel of communication with the Vatican authorities.

Please inform all concerned within your command.

28 May 44.
FWM/high

H. Marchand
Lieut-General,
Chief of General Staff.

Copy to:- MA to OGS
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/25/54/GA

26 May 1944

SUBJECT: Vatican and International Red Cross Communications, other than Ecclesiastical Correspondence.

TO : R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and IX.
S.C.A.O.'s 5th and 8th Armies.

1. The procedure at Appendix "A" is forwarded for your information.
2. Regional Commissioners will arrange to acquaint the civil and ecclesiastical authorities in their Regions of these arrangements and in particular the Vatican representatives in Palermo, Naples and Cagliari should be contacted.
3. Reference is made to 127/41/GA of 11 March 1944 and 25/23/GA of 18 March 1944.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copies to:

G-5 Section, AFHQ
Political Section (Mr. Reber)
Admin. Section
Communications Sub-Commission.
Monsignor Carroll.

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pendix "A" to Ref 725/54/CA

Standard 25 word written communications between civilians in Military Government and Italian Government territory and Civilians in enemy occupied territory - and between civilians in Military Government and Italian Government territory and Prisoners of War in enemy hands.

(A) VATICAN SERVICE

1. Outgoing (From Military Government and Italian Government Territory)

- i. Forms to be handed by Vatican Representatives to the Allied Censorship Control Officer at either Naples or Palermo or Cagliari.
- ii. After individual censorship of each form, Allied Censorship Control Officers at the three places indicated will hand the forms to Italian Post Office, who will bag them and label the bags:

Vatican Information Service Bureau,
Algiers.

- iii. Allied Censorship Control Officers will mark the bag labels with either "Verificato per Censura" or with the letters "A.C.S."
- iv. Italian Post Office at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari will then hand the bags over to the United States APO for despatch.
- v. No bills should be included in the bags, but the consecutive serial number of each despatch, and the total number of bags comprising each despatch, should be shown on the back of each label, for example:

Naples 17/3 ; Naples 17/3 ; Naples 17/3
(Despatch No. 17 ; 3 bags).

2. Incoming (From Enemy Occupied Territory, Via Algiers)

- i. Mail bags, containing forms already sorted into Provinces, will arrive at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari, addressed to the Allied Censorship Control Officers at those three places.
- ii. After censorship, the contents of the bags should be collected by the local Vatican Representative.

NOTE: It is emphasized that:

- ii. After individual censorship of each form, Allied Censorship Control Officers at the three places indicated will hand the forms to Italian Post Office, who will bag them and label the bags:
- Vatican Information Service Bureau,
Algiers.
- iii. Allied Censorship Control Officers will mark the bag labels with either "Verificato per Censura" or with the letters "A.C.S."
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(Despatch No. 17 ; 3 bags).

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 - ii. After censorship, the contents of the bags should be collected by the local Vatican Representative.

NOTE: It is emphasized that:

a. The collection and aggregation of outgoing forms and handing them to the Censorship Officers at one of the three Control Centers mentioned.

b. The collection of incoming forms from Censorship Centers and the subsequent delivery to addressees

are entirely the responsibility of the Vatican Representatives in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.

(B) INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SERVICE

1. Outgoing (From Military Government and Italian Government Territory).
 - i. Forms to be handed to International Red Cross delegates at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari to the local Allied Censorship Control Officers.
 - ii. Forms then to be dealt with as in para 1(ii)(iii)(iv)(v) of (A) except that the bags to be labelled:

International Red Cross Committee,
Algiers.

2. Incoming (From Enemy Occupied Territory, via Algiers).
 - i. Bags containing forms will arrive at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari addressed to the Allied Censorship Control Officers at these three places.

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11. After censorship, the forms will be collected by the International Red Cross for sorting into provinces, and marking to show clearly the delivery address.

111. International Red Cross will then hand the forms back to the Civil Post Offices at the three places mentioned for forwarding and delivery.

Fixed text radio messages to and from Italian Prisoners of War held by the Allies in North Africa and Italy and the Islands.

Such services as have been available are now temporarily suspended.

26 May 1944.

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I should like to point
out in connection with the
collected memo that it would
have been very possible to discuss
the matter with me had I
been assigned what was going on

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S. R. Brown

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 REAR HQS. 23 MAY 44
 A. C. C.
 Communications Sub-Commission

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PS/16.13.41-19:3

20 May 1944

SUBJECT:- Vatican and Interantional Red Cross communications, other than Ecclesiastical correspondence.

TO:- R.C. & M.G. Section, A.C.C. HQ. main

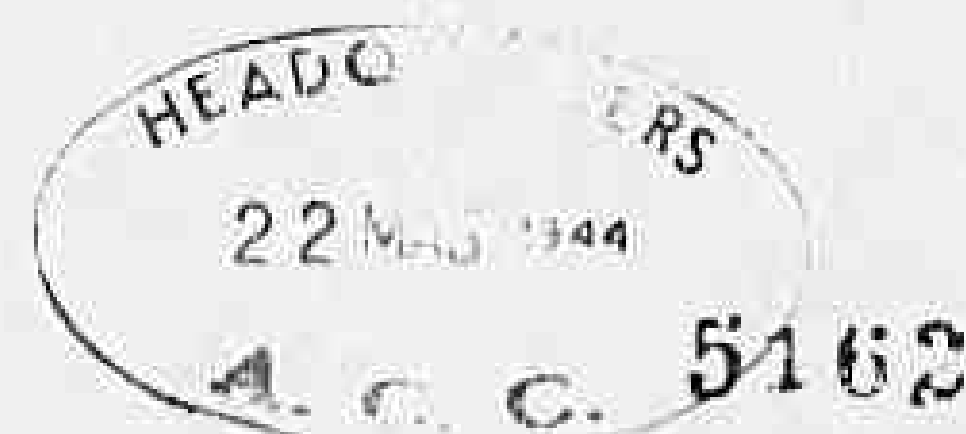
1. Attached are copies (brought by hand from M.G.S., AFHQ) of correspondence setting out the arrangements now made for the handling of the subject items. Also attached is a copy of the notification sent to the Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telegraphs.
2. Copies of the correspondence have been conveyed to Monsignor Carrol (at the 300th General Hospital, Naples) but it has not been possible to discuss the question with him or with Mr. Reber (Political Section Naples) who is also closely interested in the Vatican service.
3. It will no doubt be desired to notify Regional Commissioners of the Vatican service facilities, in amplification of R.C. and M.G.S. letter n8 25/23/CA of March 18th 1944. They will presumably notify their local ecclesiastical authorities independently of any information issued by Mons. Carroll.

J. L. Henderson

J. L. HENDERSON
 Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copy (without enclosures) to:- AFHQ, MOS



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C-5 Section
APO 512

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C-5: 091.6

15 May 1944

SUBJECT: Transmission of International Red Cross and Vatican
Information Service standard 25-word messages through
APO channels.TO: Chief Postal Officer,
All Postal.1. Reference is made to the conversations between Lt-Col.
Hamilton - Capt. Turner, and in connection therewith copies of
the following are attached.

- a. Directive regarding Vatican Information Service,
dated 15 May 1944 (MOS: 091.6).
- b. Letter to International Red Cross Committee,
dated 14 May 1944 (MOS: 080.1)
- c. Letter from Communications Censorship Branch, IRO,
dated 11 May 1944 (CMB/152-1).

2. Previous authority has been granted by this Headquarters
for International Red Cross standard 25-word message forms to be
circulated in Allied Occupied Italy. The attached copy of the
directive, referred to in para 1(a), details the manner in which
Vatican Information Service message forms will be handled.3. Message forms of this nature from Allied Occupied Italy
have, in the past, been labeled to the respective organizations
c/o Military Government Section, AFHQ. Several shipments of
I.R.C. message forms to Allied Occupied Italy have been made
direct by the International Red Cross Committee through APO
channels, based on verbal authority of your office.

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4. In order to simplify the procedure for shipping message
forms of this nature between Algiers and Allied Occupied Italy,
it is requested that authority be granted the U.S. Base Post Office,
54 Boulevard Thiers, to accept direct from the I.R.C.C., made up
bags labeled as provided for in paras. 2(b) and 3 of the attached
copy of the letter of instructions to the I.R.C.C.

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5. The same request is made as regards the Vatican Information Service message forms. The bags are to be labeled as provided for in para. 4(c) of the attached copy of the directive to the Vatican Information Service Bureau.

6. Instructions will be issued to the Italian postal service for bags containing I.R.C. and Vatican Information Service message forms to be labeled as follows:

(a). International Red Cross Committee, Algiers.

(b). Vatican Information Service Bureau, Algiers.

To indicate that the contents of the bags have passed censorship the labels will be stamped as follows:

(c). with a circular stamp containing the words "Verificato Per Censura", and/or

(d). with the letters "I. R. C."

7. Cagliari, Palermo, and Naples are the points where the message forms will be concentrated. It will be necessary that appropriate instructions be issued to the APO's and Base Post Office concerned, regarding the shipment of such bags to Algiers. Bags should not be accepted unless labeled in accordance with para. 6.

8. Bags arriving at Algiers will be called for by the respective organizations if notified by the Base Post Office of their receipt. The telephone numbers are:

International Red Cross Committee, 644.93
137 via San Michele

Vatican Information Service Bureau,
White Fathers, Maison Carree 684.17

9. Better service could be provided in both directions if all bags are over-bagged before shipment by the APO's.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

D. M. BAUER
Major.

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Encl:
as above.

Copy to:-
YHC (COB)
Ho(Bar), ACC (2)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TBJ/JW

G-5: 091.6

14 May 1944

SUBJECT: Vatican Information Service.

TO : The Vatican Information Service Bureau, Algiers.

1. It is now possible to amplify the instructions previously issued by Military Government Section for the handling and routing of Vatican Information Service messages, particularly with regard to the standard 25 written communications. In order that all instructions on the matter may be under one letter for easy reference the instructions issued by Military Government Section on 11 April 1944 under reference MGS 091.6 are hereby cancelled and the following comprehensive instructions will be substituted therefor.

2. From the point of view of this Headquarters the messages and communications referred to herein may most conveniently be divided into two categories:

- (a) Fixed text radio messages to and from Italian Prisoners of War held by the Allies in North Africa and Italy, and their friends and relatives in enemy-occupied territory.
- (b) Standard 25-word written communications between civilians in Allied Occupied Italy and enemy-occupied territory, and between civilians in Allied Occupied Italy and Prisoners of War in enemy hands.

The procedure to be adopted for the transmission of such messages and communications is set forth in paragraphs 3 and 4.

3. Fixed Text Radio Messages to and from Italian Prisoners of War held by the Allies in North Africa and Italy.

(a) Outgoing.

Messages intended for radio transmission will be prepared on authorized forms furnished by your organization, and after completion by the Prisoner of War will be forwarded by the Commandants of Prisoner of War Camps and Officers Commanding Prisoner of War Units, direct to Communications Censorship Branch, INC Section, AFHQ, in bulk. Such messages will be censored there and afterwards transmitted to the Vatican City by radio.

(b) Incoming.

- i. Radio messages intended for Prisoners of War and received

at AFHQ by radio from the Vatican City will be routed to Communications Censorship Branch, INC Section, AFHQ. After censorship, such messages will be forwarded to the White Fathers (Service d'Information Du Saint Siege, Pores Blancs), Maison Carree, Algiers.

ii. The White Fathers will indicate the desired message by inserting numbers on a form similar to that used by Prisoners of War for outgoing radio messages. The name and addressee of the sender and the recipient Prisoner of War will also be entered. The form will be folded, to disclose the name of the recipient Prisoner of War, but will not be sealed.

iii. The White Fathers will from lists provided, separate the message forms into American, British, and French groups and will hand all messages for each group to the office nominated by the authorities concerned, for censorship and onward transmission to the recipient Prisoner of War.

NOTES

1. Messages which do not conform with the above regulations will not be forwarded.
2. No Prisoner of War will be allowed to send more than one message a month.
3. The offices nominated in sub-para (b).(iii) in respect of the American and British authorities are:

American - Prisoners of War Information Bureau
(P.W.I.B.), Natoussa.
British - G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon, B.N.A.F.

4. Standard 25-word Written Communications Between Civilians in Allied Occupied Italy and Enemy - Occupied Territory, and Between Civilians in Allied Occupied Italy and Prisoners of War in Enemy Hands.

(a) Insofar as this Headquarters is concerned the Vatican Information Service standard 25-word written communications will be afforded the same facilities and treatment as standard 25-word messages of similar form transmitted under the auspices of the International Red Cross, except for the method of collection and delivery of such forms in Allied Occupied Italy. The collection and delivery in Allied Occupied Italy and the transmittal of such forms between Algiers and the Vatican City or to any enemy-occupied territory, will be the responsibility of your organization and/or other Vatican representatives. All communications of this type will be subject to censorship.

(b) Outgoing (From Allied Occupied Italy)

- i. After collection by Vatican representatives the forms will be delivered, by such arrangements as can be made by the

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Vatican representatives, to the following points for censorship.

<u>Place of Origin</u>	<u>Deliver to</u>
Sardinia	Allied Censor Control Officer, Cagliari
Sicily	Allied Censor Control Officer, Palermo
Italian Mainland	Allied Censor Control Officer, Naples

ii. After censorship the forms will be turned over to the Italian Postal Service who will bag and label them for shipment. The address to be used will be Vatican Information Service Bureau, Algiers. The U.S. Base Post Office, 54 Boulevard Thiers (Telephone 675.91), will advise your organization by telephone of the receipt of such forms.

iii. Arrangements for the onward transmission of such forms from Algiers will be the responsibility of your organization.

NOTE

Communications of this nature will be restricted to the parties named in the heading of para 4. The existing letter service of the Italian Postal Service is available between Allied Occupied Italy and non-enemy countries, and to and from Prisoners of War held by the Allies, except in such areas where communications between civilians have not been authorized.

(c) Incoming (From enemy-occupied territory)

i. Arrangements for the transmission of such forms to Algiers will be the responsibility of your organization.

ii. Forms for Allied Occupied Italy are to be separated into provinces and made up into bundles with each bundle marked to indicate that they are Vatican Information Service communications. Separate bags are to be made for Sardinia, Sicily, and the Italian Mainland. Bags should be labeled, in English, as follows:

1. To Allied Censor Control Officer, Cagliari, Sardinia.
2. To Allied Censor Control Officer, Palermo, Sicily.
3. To Allied Censor Control Officer, Naples, Italy.

Bags made up and labeled in this manner will be accepted at the U.S. Base Post Office, 54 Boulevard Thiers, for delivery to destinations.

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iii. After censorship the forms will be available to Vatican representatives at Cagliari, Palermo and Naples, but the delivery of such forms to the addressees will be the responsibility of Vatican representatives under such arrangements as they can make.

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NOTE

Forms to be forwarded to Allied Occupied Italy will not be accepted at the U.S. Base Post Office unless prepared in conformity with sub-para (c) (ii). No loose letters or packages of letters will be accepted.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. Jackman

T. B. JACKMAN
Major

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Copy to:

G-1 (A)
G-1 (B)
PMG
INC (CCB)
AG Postal
HQ (Rear), AGC (2)
Office of the American Political Advisor
Office of the British Resident Minister

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Military Government Section

DS/CIT/SS

Ref: OBO-1

14 May 1944

SUBJECT: International Red Cross Communications.

TO : Algerian Delegation, International Red Cross Committee, 107 bis rue Michelet, Algiers.

1. Reference is made to paragraph 8 of the directive issued by this Section, dated 13 March 1944 (OBO-1), relative to International Red Cross communications between civilians of enemy countries.

2. The following procedure has been authorized for the transmission of bags between Algiers and Allied Occupied Italy, containing the standard message forms referred to above.

(a) From Allied Occupied Italy

Bags containing such message forms will be labeled by the Italian Postal Service to the International Red Cross Committee, Algiers. The U.S. Base Post Office, 54 Boulevard Chiers (Telephone 575.21), will advise you by telephone of the receipt of such bags.

(b) To Allied Occupied Italy

The message forms will be prepared for shipment as at present, with separate bags being made for Sardinia, Sicily, and the Italian Mainland. The bags should be labeled, in English, as follows:

- I. To Allied Censor Control Officer, Cagliari, Sardinia.
- II. To Allied Censor Control Officer, Palermo 5157 Sicily.
- III. To Allied Censor Control Officer, Naples, Italy.

3. Bags made up and labeled in this manner will be accepted at the above named U.S. Base Post Office for delivery to destinations. No loose letters or packages of letters

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will be accepted; all message forms for transmission in this manner must be included in bags.

For the Chief of Section:

[Signature]

D. G. WALKER
Major

Copy to:

AG Postal
INC G-2 (CCB)
HQ (Rear), AGC

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ARMED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Communications Censorship Branch
APO 512

CCB/152-1

21 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Vatican and International Red Cross 25-word Messages.

TO : Military Government Section, A.F.H. .,
APO 512, U.S. Army.

1. The following arrangements for the handling of Vatican and International Red Cross 25-word messages are agreed.
2. The present arrangements in Italy remain unaltered.
3. After censorship, all messages will be returned to the Italian Post Office. So far as censorship is concerned there will be objection to these messages being sent to:
 - a. International Red Cross, Algiers,
 - b. White Fathers, Maison Carree.
 for their respective types of messages.
4. It is understood that in both cases onward transmission of the messages will be made through P.T.T. channels, where they will be available to Control Techniques if desired by that organization.

/s/ Donald B. Hoover
/w/ DONALD B. HOOVER,
Lt. Col., U.S.C.,
Communications Censorship

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MEMORANDUM -*Copy*
(sent to US Army Postal Telegraphs)

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Standard 25 - word written communications between civilians in Allied occupied Italy and:-

- (i) Enemy occupied territory
- (ii) Prisoners of war in enemy hands.

(A) VATICAN SERVICE -(1) Outgoing (From Allied occupied Italy)

(a) Forms to be handed by Vatican representatives to the ALLIED CENSORSHIP CONTROL OFFICER AT either NAPLES, or PALERMO, or CAGLIARI.

(b) After individual Censorship of each form, ACCO's at three places indicated will hand forms to Italian Post Office, who will bag them and label bags:-

Vatican Information Service Bureau,
ALGIERS

(c) ACCO's will mark bag labels with either "Verificato per Censura" or "A.C.S." stamp.

(d) Italian post Office at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari will then hand bags over to United States APO for despatch.

(e) No bills should be included in the bags, but the consecutive serial number of each despatch, and the total number of bags comprising each despatch, should be shown on the back of each label, for example:-

Naples 17/3 ; Naples 17/3 ; Naples 17/3
(Despatch No 17 ; 3 Bags)

(2) Incoming (From enemy occupied territory, via Algiers)

(a) Mail bags, containing forms already sorted into Provinces, will arrive at NAPLES, PALERMO and CAGLIARI, addressed to the ALLIED CENSORSHIP CONTROL OFFICERS at those three places.

(b) After Censorship, the contents of the bags should be collected by the LOCAL VATICAN REPRESENTATIVE.

NOTE - The following arrangements are entirely the responsibility of the Vatican representatives in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia:-

- (i) Collection and aggregation of outgoing forms and handing them over to the Censorship Officers at one of the three control centres mentioned.
- (ii) Collection of incoming forms from Censorship Centres and subsequent delivery to addressees.

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(B) INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SERVICE -

(3) Outgoing (From Allied occupied Italy)

(a) Forms to be handed by IRC delegates at NAPLES, PALERMO and CAGLIARI to the local ALLIED CENSORSHIP CONTROL OFFICERS.

(b) Forms then to be dealt with as in para 1(b)(c)(d)(e) EXCEPT that bags to be labelled:-

International Red Cross Committee
ALGIERS

(4) Incoming (From enemy occupied territory, via Algiers)

(a) Bags containing forms will arrive at NAPLES, PALERMO and CAGLIARI addressed to the ALLIED CENSORSHIP CONTROL OFFICERS at these three places.

(b) After Censorship, the forms will be collected by the IRC for sorting into provinces, and marking to show clearly the delivery address.

(c) IRC will then hand the forms back to the Post Offices for forwarding and delivery.

FIXED TEXT RADIO MESSAGES - between:-

- (i) Italian POW in North Africa and Liberated Italy, and
 - (ii) Civilians in enemy occupied territory.
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(C) Details of the service at present available have been furnished to the POW Camp Commandants, who forward and receive the relative forms through official or APO channels.

Such service has been suspended since 1st May 1945. The service is to be resumed as soon as the Army Order is issued.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/25/13/CA.

5 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Censorship of Archbishop's Mail.

TO : R.C. Region III.

1. The enclosed correspondence received from the Communications Sub-Commission is returned herewith.
2. The existence of censorship inspection on personal correspondence is always disliked, but it is a necessary restriction placed on personal liberty by the conditions of war. As examples of the importance attributed to this restriction, it is perhaps worth noting that all correspondence from England is now subject to censorship including diplomatic correspondence with neutral powers, which had been exempted for centuries, and that a stoppage of all commercial traffic with Germany has recently been enforced by the Allied nations to prevent the passage of information.
3. While the very particular nature of the correspondence between laity and clergy is appreciated I am directed, however, to inform you that no relaxation of the existing censorship regulations can be permitted.
4. It is requested that you convey this decision to the Archbishop with the maximum amount of tact.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to
Communications
Sub-Com.

Ref CS 6/7/3 4 26 April.

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Dep. Ex. Comm.

Pl. See 39, 40 & 41. This is a delicate matter but a decision must be given. I suggest we will have to refer to Mr. AFH. If you agree I will do so with a copy to Mr. III so that they can keep the Board advised. I shall refer by cable.

S. 1/5.

Reply to Mr. King to Mr. King

Kindable contact from Mr. Henderson's letter
 we can't give way.

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U-5565 CAB (for Gen. Com)

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

26 April, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/6/7/3

Subject : Censorship of Vatican Messages.

To : The Executive Commissioner, A.C. & A.G. Section,
Allied Control Commission.

1. The application by the Bishop of Avellino to the Regional Commissioner Region III is returned herewith.

2. It is not known whether you consider this matter can be disposed of by this Sub-Commission, or if you would prefer to give a ruling, or if you think it should be referred to higher authority.

3. The views of this Sub-Commission and of the Chief of the Civil Censorship Group are in accordance with those of Lieut. Col. A. White and the Censorship Officer concerned. The existence of censorship inspection on personal correspondence is always disliked, but it is a necessary restriction placed on personal liberty by the conditions of war. As examples of the importance attributed to this restriction, it is perhaps worth noting that all correspondence from England is now subject to censorship including diplomatic correspondence with neutral powers, which had been exempted for centuries, and that a stoppage of all commercial traffic with Eire has recently been enforced by the Allied nations to prevent the passage of information.

4. If the censorship were removed at all, it would have to be made a general rule, that is, any letters addressed to or from a priest of the Catholic church would be exempt from censorship. I am not prepared to authorize nor to recommend such a relaxation of censorship, least of all in a province such as Avellino near the combat zone, except in so far as the rules are already relaxed as a matter of courtesy on correspondence between high dignitaries. In this connection it is pointed out that the presence of the censor stamp does not necessarily imply that the letter has been read, and such letters are not in fact being read.

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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Mons. GUIDO LUIGI Dr. BENTIVOGLIO
Bishop of Avellino

Avellino, 20 April 1944

TO: Lt. Col's
Charles Poletti, Regional Commissioner, Region III - NAPLES
Alexander WHITE, Commissioner of Avellino

Illustrious Colonel:

In my capacity as Bishop I call to the attention of Your Excellency an inconvenience, certainly not desired, nor even foreseen, which manifested itself after the resumption of mail correspondence: the letters and even postal cards addressed to me as Bishop are systematically all and individually submitted to censorship.

I warmly request that this inconvenience be eliminated in the most radical fashion and with greatest possible speed.

In fact, considering the High Spiritual Mission entrusted to the Bishops, the faithful often have recourse to them- Fathers of souls- to explain delicate moral and most private situations, to ask advice, obtain matrimonial dispensation, etc.; all matters, which as Y.E. can readily understand, cannot be brought to the knowledge of any human censor, if liberty of conscience is to be preserved, which of all liberties is certainly the most sacred and the most inviolate.

In Italy, this liberty is consecrated by the CONCORDAT, which after in Art. 1 the Catholic Church has been assured "the free exercise of spiritual power", in Art. 2, section 2, sanctions: "THE BISHOPS COMMUNICATE AND CORRESPOND FREELY WITH THEIR CLERGY AND WITH ALL THE FAITHFUL".

To communicate and correspond freely with the Clergy and the faithful, signifies above all total exemption from censorship of correspondence.

On the other hand Y.E. can rest assured in granting and insuring such exemption in the most formal manner, because trust may be placed in the sense of responsibility by which each Bishop is animated.

I am pleased to make known that this freedom of correspondence was respected even by the past Regime, even during the period of war. I even recall perfectly that I ~~had~~ obtained the most ample satisfaction when I complained to the first Authority of the Province, because a letter sent me by an interned British Lady had been "verified by censorship".

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Awaiting your kind, favourable and prompt reply, or rather a general provision on the subject, I remain respectfully

/s/ Guido Luigi Bentivoglio
Bishop of Avellino

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMM. COMMISSION
R.C. Section
APO 394

7 April 1944.

Ref/25/38/CA.

SUBJECT: Communications with the Vatican.

TO : R.C. Region II.

Copies of attached instruction reference 25/23/CA of 18 Mar 44, were despatched to you on 19 Mar 44, but it is understood from Major Head, Telecommunication Sub-Commission, that they are not in your possession. Therefore, two further copies are forwarded herewith. Please hand one to Capt. Drummond.

SW
NORMAN E. FINKS
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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At La Sapi.

Ref on directive at 23. Re query
 from Ref. I to which O'Henderson made
 reference in his D.O. letter to E.C.
 was in connection with the Vatican
 Information Service. We left out para.
 8 of 19 (O'Henderson's draft) and
 the Postal Office Ref. I in receiving
 23 asked Telecom & Pats whether
 the Vatican Information Service
 was still allowed. It looks as
 if we should have left the para
 in. Major Head advised to have
 to wait since he has cable 5148

Ref. I advised us to exactly
 what the Vatican Information Service
 is. He will reply by 4/4.

Re U 15/4

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

U-2810

27 March 1944

SUBJECT: Communication with the Vatican.

TO : HQ. ACC (Attention Deputy Executive Commissioner).

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1. In compliance with your Memorandum ref. 25/32/CA, dated 26 March on the above subject, the attached note has been sent the Cardinal Archbishop with the mentioned items. The Cardinal's secretary has also been advised orally of the restrictions.

2. It should be noted that the items to which exception were taken were posted prior to the announcement of the current regulations.

3. I am confident repetition will not reoccur.

Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Lieut. Colonel,
Regional Commissioner.

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March 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

29 Marzo 1944

Rvdo.
Mons. Aurelio Monaco.
Sacro Teologo Pontificale di
S.S. il Cardinale Arcivescovo,
Arcivescovo di Napoli.

Egregio Monsignore,

Con riferimento al colloquio di ieri mattina, Le rimetto, qui
allegate, alcune lettere indirizzate alla Città del Vaticano, che
non sono state inoltrate dall'ufficio Censura, poiché' entrano alla
categoria "comunicazioni ufficiali ecclesiastiche".

Lo spazio riservato al servizio diplomatico, e' limitato, di
guisa da non poter consentire l'invio di corrispondenza e carattere
non strettamente ufficiale.

Per Sua informazione, Lei allegato, sono elencate le disposizioni,
ora in vigore, riguardanti le comunicazioni con il Vaticano; e per quanto
concerne le lettere, che furono scritte e consegnate per l'in-
oltro, prima della presente comunicazione, Lei non comprendere' come
sia oggi impossibile provvedere al riguardo.

Distinca con l'occasione, i miei distinti saluti.

CHARLES POLETTI
Tenente Colonnello
Comandante Regionale

Copies to:
File

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Le Nuove Norme

1. Le comunicazioni postali e radio, con il Vaticano, possono esser usufruite solamente dalle autorità ecclesiastiche in Italia, Sicilia e Sardegna, soggette alle seguenti disposizioni:

a. Le comunicazioni debbono aver origine in località site a sud dei confini settentrionali delle Province di Bari, Potenza, Avellino, Salerno, oppure nelle città di Napoli e Benevento.

b. Tutte le comunicazioni debbono esser limitate a questioni ecclesiastiche.

c. Tutte le comunicazioni in oggetto debbono sempre esser indirizzate a mezzo dell'ufficio "AFHC".

d. I messaggi radio debbono esser scritti in lingua inglese, ed indirizzati al "VATICAN FM INC" e chiaramente marcati e stampigliati con la sigla "FIL".

e. Le lettere possono essere scritte anche in italiano, e debbono essere indirizzate come segue: "CARE OF INC SPOTON, AFHC".

f. Le comunicazioni saranno trasmesse dalle autorità ecclesiastiche, al Commissario Provinciale della rispettiva provincia, che ne curerà l'invio al Commissario Regionale.

g. Per ovvie ragioni, lo spazio disponibile per l'invio delle comunicazioni e' limitato, ne consegue che i messaggi debbono essere ristretti alle comunicazioni ufficiali. Non si può prevedere il tempo occorrente al buon fine delle comunicazioni stesse.

2. Per quanto concerne:

a. Messaggi ai prigionieri di guerra, e' in atto un servizio postale regolare, come contemplato nell'ordine Regionale N. 25.

b. Messaggi a borghesi in territori italiani occupati dal nemico, e' in atto un sistema di trasmissioni istituito dalla Croce Rossa Internazionale, ed appoggiato localmente al Dott. Burkhard, Clinica Internazionale Via Tasso, mediante moduli in vendita al Credito Italiano ed in seguito presso gli uffici postali al prezzo di lire 15 ciascuno e validi per venticinque parole.

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ST. LOUIS, MO 63102

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21 March 1944

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

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SECRETORIAL OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL

1. New instructions have no been received from JMWG regarding communications with the Vatican, therefore resending JMWG's Amda No. 11 of this 12 October is too late subject.
2. Communication 22, Division of mail and radio with the Vatican can be made available to ~~ecological~~ ecological ~~department~~ department only subject to the following provisions:
 - a. all communications will be restricted to ecological matters.
 - b. No communication will be permitted direct with the Vatican, but must pass via radio mail or via a person through JMWG.
 - c. Radio messages will be written in the English language only, must be addressed "President for JMWG" and detached in clear marked "JMWG".
 - d. Letters need not be written in English, but must be addressed "JMWG" or JMWG section, JMWG".
3. The procedure to be followed by Environmental Commissioners to implement the above instructions will be to discuss the communications, delivered to them by the various authorities, to the Social Coordinator (Attorney General Officer).

1. New instructions have not been received from JMWG regarding communications with the Vietnamese, therefore recommendations have been made in the No. 11 of this no. regarding the same subject.

2. Communication facilities in the field and riding with the Vietnamese can be made available to declassified authorities only subject to the following provisions:

a. All communications will be restricted to official communications.

b. No communication will be permitted direct with the Vietnamese, but both mail and radio may be used.

c. Radio messages may be taken in the English language only, and be addressed "President for JMWG" and dispatched in clear text.

d. Letters need not be written in English, but must be addressed "Care of JMWG, JMWG".

3. The procedure to be followed by prov. and communications to implement the above instructions will be to forward the communications, delivered to them by the communications, to the local Commissioner (attendant, postal officer).

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4. Prov. and Communications will advise that the new facilities apply to only the on-site (official channel), and with in previous instructions, which are now cancelled. The other two services (private communications and a service of "air mail") may be handled through the ordinary postal services. There will be no care to correspondence with civilians in enemy territory. The International Red Cross service may be used.

5. Prov. and Communications will arrange to establish the communications facilities in order to ensure that the security of the information is maintained. It will be seen that the security of the information is maintained by the security of the information.

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A. F. Anderson, Jr.
Lt. Colonel,
JMWG Communications.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

26 March 1944

Ref/25/32/CA.

SUBJECT: Communications with the Vatican.

TO : R.C. Region III.

1. Reference is made to our 25/23/CA of 18 March 1944.
2. Copy of a letter from NWI AFM together with the correspondence enclosed therein are forwarded.
3. It is directed that you return the correspondence to the Cardinal Archbishop of Naples pointing out to him that it is not official ecclesiastical mail and cannot, therefore, be passed through Vatican channels as it is clearly laid down in our memorandum referred to in para. 1 above.
4. On the assumption that the instructions contained in para. 7 of our memorandum under reference have been complied with and the Cardinal Archbishop told of the new restricted service, you are directed to inform him that his action in enclosing private correspondence of a non-ecclesiastical nature in an envelope marked "Official Diplomatic Mail" and bearing his own stamp, constitutes a grave abuse of the facilities provided by the Allied Governments and that a repetition of such an abuse may result in the facilities being withdrawn.

[Signature]
NORMAN E. VISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to: NWI, AFM.

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Lt Col Shipp

Please see 30. Draft of reply is attached
opposite.

Si 24/3

Yes - please send U 25/3

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

DW/as

MGS: 091.6

20 March 1944

SUBJECT: Communications with the Vatican.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

1. The enclosed correspondence was contained in the first consignment of mail to be forwarded to the Vatican under the provisions of our cable 61383 of 7 March, and was enclosed, together with other correspondence which is being forwarded, in an outer envelope marked "Official Diplomatic Mail" bearing the stamp of the Cardinal Archbishop of Naples. This envelope was addressed to the Cardinal Secretary of State at the Holy See.

2. It will be seen that the correspondence now returned to your Headquarters includes personal letters and a number of standard message forms provided by the Vatican Information Service. As these categories of correspondence do not come within our interpretation of the term "Official ecclesiastical communications", for which alone facilities have been provided, it is requested that the communications forwarded herewith may be returned to the various senders with an indication that such correspondence cannot be accepted for transmission by this means.

3. We would appreciate anything which you may be able to do in order to prevent the despatch of other than official communications to the Vatican through this service. Space cannot be found in the diplomatic pouches by which this mail is to be forwarded for the transmission of private correspondence, excepting in rare cases where special circumstances obtain and when such correspondence should be accompanied by a covering communication to justify the exceptional use of the facilities which are intended solely for official communications.

For the Acting Chief of Section:

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D. G. Walker
D. G. WALKER
Major

Copy to:

INC

The Office of the British Resident Minister
The Office of the American Minister.



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To: Signal Officer, P.B.S.
 From: Telecommunications and posts sub-commission, Rear H., ACC.
 Subject: Radio communications for the Vatican.
 Reference: RS/2/5/5 : 20th March, 1944.

Reference A.A.I. letter No. 2791/9/X dated 14th March, 1944.

1. A copy is enclosed of an instruction approved by the Hq. ACC and issued to regional commissioners.
2. Messages for transmission to the Vatican via Algiers will be passed to you by ACC signals, Naples, who will check that the conditions in para 2(d) are complied with.
3. Messages should be passed by you to the cable terminal or the Naples-Malta commercially operated cable. If the cable is not functioning, or is overloaded, messages should be despatched by official mail, and will not be transmitted by radio from Italy.
4. Incoming messages should be passed to the ACC signals for delivery. They will be forwarded to the regional commissioner concerned, if apparent; if doubt exists as to the location of the addressee the message will be referred to the office of the Cardinal Archbishop of Naples.
5. All charges will be collected by the cable operating company from the office of the Cardinal Archbishop of Naples, which requires a copy of all cables with the account.

J. L. Henderson
 Colonel,
 Director, Telecommunications and posts sub-commission.

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Copies to: ACC signals, Naples.
 AG office, ACC, Naples.
 Regional Control and Military Government Section, ACC, Naples.

P.C.

Headquarters
Allied Central Command
A.C. & M.O. Section
AFG 334

COMM

Ref: 23/20/10

10th March, 1944

Subject: Communications with the Vatican.

To: Regional Commissioners, Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII and IX.
S.O. 10.8, 5th and 6th sections.

1. New instructions have now been received from AFHQ regarding communications with the Vatican.

Communication facilities by land or radio with the Vatican can be made available to consular officials only in Italy, Italy and Sardinia, subject to the following conditions.

- (a) The communications must, for the present, originate only south of the northern demarcation of the provinces of Bard, Sondrio, Arosio, Salarno or in Naples City and Brindisi area.
- (b) All communications will be restricted to consular matters.
- (c) No communication will be permitted direct with the Vatican, but both land and radio must always be passed through AFHQ.
- (d) Radio messages must be written in the English language only, must be enclosed in a cover for AFHQ, and accompanied by clear franked "FRL".
- (e) Letters need not be written in English, but must be accompanied by a cover for AFHQ, AFHQ.

2. The procedure to be followed, by Regional Commissioners to implement the above instructions will be as follows:

- (a) The communications will be transmitted by the representative of the local Catholic Church to the provincial Commissioner of their province who will forward them to their Regional Commissioner.

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1. The instructions have now been accepted from both participating communications with the Vatican.

2. Communications facilities by mail or radio with the Vatican can be used available to confidential informants only in their, solely and strictly, subject to the following instructions:-

(a) The communications will, for the present, originate only from the Southern Hemisphere of the Province of Rome, Palermo, Messina, Catania or in Naples City and its environs only.

(b) All communications will be restricted to confidential informants.

(c) No communication will be permitted about with the Vatican, but both mail and radio will always be passed through FBI.

(d) Radio messages must be written in the English language only, must be addressed "FBI, DC, USA", and dispatched in clear English "FBI".

(e) Letters need not be written in English, but must be addressed "FBI, DC, USA", and dispatched.

3. The procedure to be followed by National Communications to implement the above instructions will be as follows:-

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(a) The communications will be transmitted by the representatives of the Roman Catholic Church to the Provincial Government of their Province who will forward them to their National Communications.

(b) National Communications will advise of the communications as follows:-

(1) Mail will be submitted as stated in para 2 (c) and forwarded by normal official mail service.

(2) Radio messages will be forwarded to the signals, Messia, Palermo, Messina, Catania, in addition to the other para 2(a) above.

4. The necessity for restricting the value of messages stated is explained. No indication may be given to the confidential informants as to the time required to forward communications.

5. The above arrangements supersede all previous instructions on this subject.

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6. Regional commissioners of Regions I and II will please note that the instructions contained in AMG 327 of 27th January 1944, and 25/6/CA of 11th February 1944, are hereby cancelled. It will be seen that the new facilities apply to only one of the three categories of mail dealt with in the instructions which are now cancelled. The two services which are now no longer available through Vatican channels (private communications other than church mail and prisoner of war mail) are provided for in this Memorandum 127/43/CA of 11th March, 1944.
7. Regional commissioners will arrange to acquaint the civil and ecclesiastical authorities in their regions with the contents of paras 2 and 6 above.

NORMAN E. FINE
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

copy to, telecommunications and posts sub-commission.

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FATIMA (Civil Affairs Branch)

20 March 1944

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ROUTINE

ITEMS

DERIVATIVE INCORPORATING INSTRUCTIONS IN YOUR SIX SIX ONE THREE EIGHT
OF EIGHT MARCH IN REGARD TO VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS HAS BEEN SENT TO
AND CONCERNED WITH RELIABLE ON THE RESTRICTION TO ECCLESIASTICAL
MATTERS ONLY PD PAREN TO FREEDOM FOR MCS FROM FATIMA SIGNED
MACFARLAND PAREN PD YOUR SIX SIX SEVEN THREE ONE OF TWO ZERO MARCH
RECEIVED

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L.T. MONTANT, JR.
2nd Lt. AGO.
Adjutant.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION - INCOMING MESSAGE

ACTION COPY

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

PREC: -----

FROM: FREEDOM

TO: FATIMA

W/C NO: 5/20

REF NO: 66731

FILED: 194452

RECD: 200430



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(TO FATIMA REPEATED ACMT SIGNED CINC CITE FHMS REF OUR 61383 OF 7 MARCH)

REQUEST YOU ENSURE COMMUNICATIONS BOTH BY MAIL AND RADIO WITH VATICAN ARE RESTRICTED TO OFFICIAL ECCLESASTICAL MATTERS ONLY. FIRST CONSIGNMENT SUCH MAIL RECEIVED HERE CONTAINED MUCH PRIVATE AND PERSONAL CORRESPONDENCE. COMMUNICATIONS UNLESS OFFICIAL WILL ORDINARILY BE SUPPRESSED HERE.

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(TO: OF AMI ACTION, CG 5 ARMY AND PADINA INFORMATION CITE HIGAP
STIGED CING)

WHAT FOLLOWS PERTAINS TO OUR 65411, 16 MARCH, WHICH WAS SENT
IN ERROR. PLEASE DISREGARD. MONSIGNOR WALTER CARROL IS REPRESENTA-
TIVE VATICAN FOREIGN OFFICE THIS THEATER AND IN ADDITION HAS BEEN
NAMED VATICAN DELEGATE BY ARCHBISHOP SPILLMAN TO UNITED STATES
ARMY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS. MONSIGNOR CARROL DESIRES PERMISSION TO
ENTER ITALY. HE EXPECTS PRIMARY DUTY WILL BE AS VATICAN REPRESENTA-
TIVE. DO YOU CONCUR.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/25/23/CA.

18 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Communications with the Vatican.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Regions I, II, III, IV, V,
VI, VIII, IX.

S.C.A.Os. 5th and 8th Armies.

1. New instructions have now been received from AFHQ regarding communications with the Vatican.
2. Communication facilities by mail and radio with the Vatican can be made available to ecclesiastical authorities only in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia, subject to the following provisions:
 - (a) The Communications must, for the present, originate only South of the Northern boundaries of the Provinces of Bari, Potenza, Avellino, Salerno or in Naples City and Benevento town.
 - (b) All communications will be restricted to ecclesiastical matters.
 - (c) No communication will be permitted direct with the Vatican, but both mail and radio must always be passed through AFHQ.
 - (d) Radio messages may be written in the English language only, must be addressed "FREEDOM FOR INC", and dispatched in clear franked "FII".
 - (e) Letters need not be written in English, but must be addressed "CAPE OF INC SECTION, AFHQ".
3. The procedure to be followed by Regional Commissioners to implement the above instructions will be as follows:
 - (a) The communications will be transmitted by the representatives of the Roman Catholic Church to the Provincial Commissioner of their Province who will forward them to their Regional Commissioner.
 - (b) Regional Commissioners will dispose of the communications as follows.

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TO Regional Commissioners, Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX.

S.C.A.Os. 5th and 8th Armies.

1. New instructions have now been received from AFHQ regarding communications with the Vatican.

2. Communication facilities by mail and radio with the Vatican can be made available to ecclesiastical authorities only in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia, subject to the following provisions:

(a) The Communications must, for the present, originate only South of the Northern boundaries of the Provinces of Bari, Potenza, Avellino, Salerno or in Naples City and Benevento town.

(b) All communications will be restricted to ecclesiastical matters.

(c) No communication will be permitted direct with the Vatican, but both mail and radio must always be passed through AFHQ.

(d) Radio messages may be written in the English language only, must be addressed "FREEDOM FOR INC", and dispatched in clear franked "FIL".

(e) Letters need not be written in English, but must be addressed "CARE OF INC SECTION, AFHQ".

3. The procedure to be followed by Regional Commissioners to implement the above instructions will be as follows:

(a) The communications will be transmitted by the representatives of the Roman Catholic Church to the Provincial Commissioner of their Province who will forward them to their Regional Commissioners.

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(b) Regional Commissioners will dispose of the communications as follows:

(i) Mail will be addressed as stated in para. 2 (c) and forwarded by normal official mail service.

(ii) Radio messages will be forwarded to ACC Signals, Naples, franked "VATICAN MESSAGE", in addition to "FIL" vide para. 2 (d) above.

4. The necessity for restricting the volume of communications is emphasised. No indication may be given to the ecclesiastical authorities as to the time required to transmit communications.

5. The above arrangements supersede all previous instructions on the subject.

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6. Regional Commissioners of Regions I and II will please note that the instructions contained in AM 327 of 27th January 1944, and 25/6/CA of 11th February 1944, are hereby cancelled. It will be seen that the new facilities apply to only one of the three categories of mail dealt with in the instructions which are now cancelled. The two services which are now no longer available through Vatican channels (private communications other than Church mail and Prisoner of War mail) are provided for in this HQ Memorandum 127/41/CA of 11 March 1944.

7. Regional Commissioners will arrange to acquaint the civil and ecclesiastical authorities in their Regions with the contents of paras. 2 and 6 above.

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Robert E. Fiske

ROBERT E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

MCS, 17/4/44

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Letter Shippi.

1. Pl. See 19, 20 & 21. 2. 15 & 20 the
pages marked with a red line are
additions & alterations to my draft
which is at 18.
2. I think the alterations are good
except that I don't see the point of
4 and 6 & 8. Vatican Information
Service is mentioned contrary to
your decision. Are there 2 ^{phrases} ~~words~~
to be franked on radio messages
"FIL" and "Vatican Message" Video
2 (c) and 3 (b).? I suppose so.

E. 17/3.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Date: 15 March 1944

From: Telecommunications and Posts
Sub-Commission
Room No. 104 - Tel No. 70

To : R. C. & M. G. Section

Suggested amendments are
included in the draft
For : returned herewith.
para 3 b - I will see to
the routine to be followed
by ACC Signals.
para 8 - I think this
should be included in
accordance with the AFHQ
cable, although I am not
sure what this service is.
para 9 - otherwise the Reg
Commissioner might just put
it into his 'out' tray

C. A. B.
Am. L.

DRAFT

16 MAR 1964

TO: Regional Commissioners, Regions I, II, III, ^{IV} and V. *De VM IX*

1. New instructions have now been received from AFHQ regarding communications with the Vatican.

2. Communication facilities by mail and radio with the Vatican can be made available to ecclesiastical authorities only in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia, subject to the following provisions: -

(a) The communications must, for the present, originate only

South of the Northern boundaries of the provinces of Bari, Potenza, Avellino, Salerno or in Naples City and Benevento town.

(b) All communications will be restricted to ecclesiastical matters

(c) No communication will be permitted direct with the Vatican, but both mail and radio must always be passed through AFHQ.

(d) Radio messages may be written in the English language only, must be addressed "FREEDOM FOR INC", and despatched in clear franked "FIL".

(e) Letters need not be written in English, but must be addressed "CARE OF INC SECTION, AFHQ".

3. The procedure to be followed by Regional Commissioners to implement

made available to ecclesiastical authorities only in Italy, Sicily and

Sardinia, subject to the following provisions: -

(a) The communications must, for the present, originate only South of the Northern boundaries of the Provinces of Bari, Potenza, Avellino, Salerno or in Naples City and Benevento town.

(b) All communications will be restricted to ecclesiastical matters.

(c) No communication will be permitted direct with the Vatican, but both mail and radio must always be passed through AFHQ.

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(e) Letters need not be written in English, but must be addressed "CARE OF INC SECTION, AFHQ".

3. The procedure to be followed by Regional Commissioners to implement the above instructions will be as follows:-

(a) The communications will be transmitted by the representatives or the Roman Catholic Church to the Provincial Commissioner of their Province who will forward them to their Regional Commissioners. ⁵¹³³

(b) Regional Commissioners will dispose of the communications as follows:-

Mail will be addressed as stated in para 2(e) and forwarded by normal official mail service.

Radio messages will be forwarded to ACC Signals, Naples, ^{Franked "VATICAN MESSAGE".}

4. All arrangements are being made at AFHQ for censorship in both directions, for any necessary delay imposed on transmission and for

the forwarding by mail or radio to the Vatican from Algiers.

5. The necessity for restricting the volume of communications is emphasised. No indication may be given to the ecclesiastical authorities as to the time required to transmit communications.

6. The above arrangements supersede all previous instructions on the subject.

7. Regional Commissioners of Regions I and II will please note that the instructions contained in AMT 32/ of 27th January, 1944 and 25/6/CA of 11th February, 1944 are hereby cancelled. It will be seen that the new facilities apply to only one of the three categories of mail dealt with in the instructions which are now cancelled. The two services which are now no longer available through Vatican channels (private communications other than Church mail and Prisoner of War mail) are provided for in this HQ Memorandum 12//41/CA of 11th March, 1944.

8. The existing facilities enforced by the Vatican Information service are not changed.

9. Regional Commissioners will arrange to acquaint the *Civilian* ecclesiastical authorities in their Regions with the contents of paras

2, 4 and 6 above.

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Copy to: Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

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COMMISSION
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Date

Suspense

By Cramer

FROM	TO
Chief Commissioner	
Dep. Chief Commissioner	
Secy. Gen. to Chief Commissioner	
Administrative Section	
Economic Section	
✓ RO & MG Section	
Civil Affairs Branch	
PW & Displaced Pers Sub Com	
Italian Refugees Branch	
Security Branch	
Information Branch	
Establishment Branch	
Ex Offrs	
G-1 (A)	
G-1 (B)	
G-4	
Hq Comdt (Main Hq)	
Hq Comdt (Rear Hq)	
Adjutant (Main Hq)	
Adjutant (Rear Hq)	
Archives & Library	
Pool of Interpreters	
Political Section	
Independent Sub-Commissions	
Navy	
Land Forces	
Air Forces	
Telecommunications & Posts	✓
War Material Disposal	
Public Relations Officer	
Main Section Hq A.C.M.F.	

FOR:

Signature _____
 Remarks/Recommendation _____
 Information _____
 Approval/Disapproval _____
 Appropriate Action _____
 Investigation & Report _____
 Dispatch _____

REMARKS:

CA Hudson

For your consideration
 Done 11/1/54
 Signed [Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
AIO 324

SUBJECT: Communications with the Vatican.

TO : Regional Commissioners, Regions I, II, III, V.

1. New instructions have now been received from AFHQ regarding communications with the Vatican.
2. Communication facilities by mail and radio with the Vatican can be made available to ecclesiastical authorities only in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia subject to the following provisions:
 - a. The communication must, for the present, originate only south of the northern boundaries of the Provinces of Bari, Potenza, Avellino, Salerno or in Naples City and Benevento town.
 - b. All communications will be restricted to ecclesiastical matters.
 - c. No communication will be permitted direct with the Vatican, but both mail and radio must always be passed through AFHQ.
 - d. Radio messages may be written in English language only, must be addressed ^{to} AFHQ, and despatched in clear franked "RIL".
 - e. Letters need not be written in English, but must be addressed care of the Section, AFHQ.
 - f. No indication must be given to the ecclesiastical authorities as to

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 - b. All communications will be restricted to ecclesiastical matters.
 - c. No communication will be permitted direct with the Vatican, but both mail and radio must always be passed through AMHQ.
 - d. Radio messages may be written in English language only, must be addressed ^{by} London for IFG, and despatched in clear franked MIL.
 - e. Letters need not be written in English, but must be addressed care of IFG Section, AMHQ.
 - f. No indication must be given to the ecclesiastical authorities as to the time required to transmit communications.
3. The procedure to be followed by Regional Commissioners to implement the above instructions will be as follows:
 - a. The communications will be transmitted by the representatives of the Roman Catholic Church to the Provincial Commissioner of their province who will forward them to their Regional Commissioner.
 - b. Regional Commissioners will then dispose of the communications in accordance with paragraph 2 (d) and (e) above.
 - a. The necessity of restricting the volume of communications is emphasized.

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5. The above arrangements supersede all previous instructions on the subject.

6. Regional Commissioners, Region I and II please note that the instructions contained in AME 327 of 27 January 1944 and 25/6/CA of 11 February 1944 are hereby cancelled. It will be seen that the new facilities apply to only one of the three categories of mail dealt with in the instructions which are now cancelled. The two services which are now no longer available through Italian channels (Private communications other than Church mail and Prisoners of War Mail) are provided for as laid ~~therein~~ in this HQ memorandum 127/41/CA of 11 March 1944.

MURRAY E. FISKE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: AFHQ AGO Liaison AGAF.

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Ed Fuller Smith

Please See 15 and 16. and
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on the date as 14/3.

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MJDT V LRAR NR1905 QVR1

FROM HQ ACMF 82300

TO FATIMA

INFO FREEDOM

ICB)465

REF FREEDOM F H M G S 61383 DATED 7 PARA 2 A(.) CONSIDER FORWARD LIMITS
 FOR COMMUNICATIONS WITH VATICAN SHOULD BE SAME AS THOSE APPLICABLE TO
 CIVIL COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES GENERALLY VIZ NORTHERN BOUNDARIES OF
 PROVINCES B A R I P O T E N Z A A V E L L I N O S A L E R N O
 PLUS ENCLAVES N A P L E S ~~CITY~~ // CITY AND B E N E V E N T O TOW 5127

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SENT NR 1905 0505 D M'L AR TNX

RCD NR 1905 0505 RWC AR

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A. C. C.

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25 MAR Recd

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION....INCOMING MESSAGE

8 MARCH 1944

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ROUTINE

FREEDOM (SIGNED CINC)

FATIMA

M/C NO.....16/08

REF NO.....66138

FILED.....070742

RECD.....080825A

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COMMUNICATION FACILITIES BY MAIL AND RADIO WITH THE VATICAN MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITIES IN ITALY, SICILY, AND

SARDINIA SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS AS IN PARAS 2, 3, 4. (TO FATIMA REPTD ACME SIGNED CINC CITE FBMS REFERENCE YOUR 1715 OF 31 DECEMBER).

PARA 2. RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO BOTH MAIL AND RADIO COMMUNICATIONS. (A) AGREEMENT ACME TO BE OBTAINED TO FORWARD LIMITS TERRITORY FROM WHICH COMMUNICATIONS MAY BE DISPATCHED. ACME MAY ALSO DIRECT FOR REASONS SECURITY THAT COMMUNICATIONS SHALL NOT BE INITIATED IN CERTAIN SPECIFIED AREAS BEHIND FORWARD LIMITS. (B) ALL COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO ECCLESIASTICAL MATTERS. (C) NO COMMUNICATION WILL BE PERMITTED DIRECT WITH THE VATICAN BUT ALL MUST PASS THROUGH THIS HEAD-QUARTERS.

PARA 3. RADIO. (A) MESSAGES MAY BE WRITTEN IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ONLY. (B) MESSAGES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED FREEDOM FOR INC, AND WILL BE DESPATCHED IN CLEAR FRANKED FIL TO ENSURE TRANSMISSION BY LINE CABLE. (C) MESSAGES WILL BE SUBJECT CENSORSHIP HERE. (D) SUCH DELAY AS MAY BE NECESSARY WILL BE IMPOSED HERE BEFORE RETRANSMISSION BY DIRECT RADIO LINK WITH VATICAN. /NO INDICATION SHOULD BE GIVEN ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITIES OF PERIOD FOR TRANSMISSION. (E) MESSAGES TO VATICAN WILL BE SERIALLY NUMBERED IN A VAT SERIES COMMENCING NUMBER 1. (SIMILARLY MESSAGES FROM VATICAN ARE TO BE IN VAT SERIES)

PARA 4. MAIL. (A) LETTERS NEED NOT BE WRITTEN IN ENGLISH. (B) MAIL SHOULD BE ADDRESSED CARE OF INC SECTION AFHQ, AND WILL ORDINARILY BE SUBJECT CENSORSHIP HERE. (C) MAIL WILL BE ONWARD TRANSMITTED FROM HERE UNDER OUR ARRANGEMENTS AND WE EMPHASISE DESIRABILITY RESTRICTED

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PARA 5. REQUEST INFORMATION REGARDING TERRITORIAL RESTRICTION AGREED WITH ACIF (VIDE PARA 2) (A), AS WE INTEND TO NOTIFY VATICAN THAT COMMUNICATIONS MAY ONLY BE ADDRESSED TO SAME AREAS AS THOSE WHICH PASSED FOR DESPATCH OF COMMUNICATIONS.

PARA 6. ABOVE DIRECTIONS SUPERSEDE ALL PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT ARE DISTINCT FROM AND ARE NOT INTENDED AMEND EXISTING FACILITIES AFFORDED VATICAN INFORMATION SERVICE.

ACC DIST:.....Action.....C A Br...2
Info.... Telegrams and Postals \$41 Sec. Info.....

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HEADS OFFICES
6 MAR 1944
A. C. C.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS REGION 3
APO 394

3/3/44

MEMORANDUM:

TO

: Regional Control & Allied Military Government Section

The inclosed letter is submitted for forwarding to the Vatican.

Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Commissioner

ENCL 1 Letter from Bishop of Avellino
2 March 1944

provided to Censor Bray & Co. INC.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2

25 FEB Recd

Ref: 7/31/4

20-2-1944

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SUBJECT: - Postal Communication through the Vatican

TO : - Deputy Executive Commissioner
R.C. & M.C. Sect.
H.Q. A.C.C. NAPLES

Ref. your 25/12/CA of 16 Feb. , mail as above is being received at this H.Q. from all six of the old Region II Provinces, averaging about one packet per week from each. While no check has been kept of the actual numbers of letters, as the packets are merely readdressed here, there is ample evidence that the arrangements are being taken advantage of to the full, and the enclosed translation of a letter from the Bishop of Potenza and Marsico will give you an idea of how much this service is appreciated.

For the R.C.

W. Drummond-Young
W. Drummond-Young, Capt. R.A.
Asst. Executive Officer
Region 2

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Potenza 6 Feb. 1944
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Your Excellency

Your letter of 30th January last has given a great sense of relief to us Bishops who have for months been deprived of the means of communicating with the Holy See and of bringing to the notice of His Holiness the needs of each diocese.

One cannot say how much joy has been given to us who look to the North, where so many are our relations and friends, in that part of our Italy still occupied by the enemy legions. On behalf of all I wish to express to your Excellency my utmost gratitude and an assurance that this will not be forgotten.

Following your instructions I have already advised my Parish Priests of Your Excellency's interest and have also set up in my diocese an office for the receipt and onward transmission of the mail to and from your office.

I realize that this scheme will be of great inconvenience and add much to your work, but those who will receive comfort from your goodness will know how to pray to God for your just recompense.

Yours faithfully

Sd. Augusto Bertraggi
Vescovo.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

16 February 1944

Ref/25/12/GA

SUBJECT: Postal Communication through the Vatican

TO : R.C., Region II

1. Reference AMG/327 of 22 January 1944 as amended by 25/16/GA of 11 February 1944.

2. It is requested that your office notify this office as to whether or not mail is being channelled in accordance with the above communications and, if so, whether the system is working satisfactorily.

By command of Lieut. General MacFARLANE:

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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Signal Corps, United States Army PC & MG

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Telegram

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GPO 8-10668

Received at PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

13 FEBRUARY 1944 19

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TO (ACTION) : FATIMA FOR MACFARLANE REPEATED FARGO FOR
MACFARLANE
(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SIGNED CINC

DATE TIME SIGNED: 131927A

DATE TIME RECD: 132325A

REFERENCE NR.: 5123

LITR: FHUGS

Action - Hg acc
Dmg - G-2
14 FEB 1944
AMG.

FOLLOWING TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGE DATED 11 FEBRUARY FROM VATICAN
RECEIVED HERE. ON 19 NOVEMBER THROUGH BRITISH GOVERNMENT ARCHBISHOP
OF BARI WAS GIVEN SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING MOLFETTA REGIONAL
SEMINARY. ARCHBISHOP WAS AUTHORIZED TO GRANT USE OF BUILDING FOR
HOME FOR CONVALESCENTS, PROVIDED SEMINARIANS COULD BE ACCOMMODATED
CONVENIENTLY ELSEWHERE AND A REGULAR ACT OF TRANSFER WITH FORMAL
PLEDGE OF RESTITUTION WAS DULY EXECUTED. NO ANSWER HAS REACHED
HOLY SEE TO DATE. PLEASE INQUIRE AND INFORM ME WHETHER ARCHBISHOP
HAS BEEN ABLE TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS. THIS ENDS PARAPHRASE OF
MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL MAGLIONE TO MONSIGNOR MIMMI, ARCHBISHOP OF
BARI. 5121

LOOK AT OUR MESSAGE 45323 OF 31 JANUARY AND YOUR 2270 OF
5 FEBRUARY IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE.

Acc Dist
(Info) Re: MG Sec. 121
Political Sec.

FORM 51-1-A

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

File: RPO 311.18

8 February 1944

Subject: Vatican mail.

To : Colonel Charles M. Spofford, A.C.C.

1. Attached is a copy of a letter received at MGS, AFHQ, stating Vatican mail forwarded from this HQ is being returned as the directive issued from your office conflicts with present arrangements.

2. This office is holding all mail addressed to the Vatican pending further orders from your HQ.

For Lt. Colonel Charles POLETTI:

G. A. Alasia
G. A. ALASIA,
1st Lt., AGD,
Regional Postal Officer.

Encls:

- 1 Copy of Letter, MGS, AFHQ
- 1 Copy of Directive, HQ AMG

1 Copy to Postal Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

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COPY

FAST AIR SERVICE

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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MGS 311.18

3 February 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Mail.

TO : Commanding Officer, Co. A, 2675th Reg't, Allied
Control Commission, APO 394.

1. Mail sent to this Section under the enclosed shipping tag is being returned for delivery to Civil Censorship Section, INC, APO 550. All such mail should be so routed in the future.

2. The directive, copy attached, issued by Headquarters, Allied Military Government conflicts with present arrangements for dealing with Vatican Mail.

For the Acting Chief of Section:

S/ C. I. TURNER,
T/ C. I. TURNER,
Captain, AGD.

Encls:

1 Shipping Tag
1 Hq., AMG Directive of 22 January 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/25/6/CA.

11 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Communications through Vatican.

TO : R.C.A.Cs. Region I & II.

1. Reference our AEC/327 of 22 Jan 44, this Headquarters has now been informed that A.P.H.Q. will not be responsible for censorship of mail intended for transmittal through the Vatican.
2. It is necessary, therefore, to amend para.3 of the memorandum under reference to read :
"R.C.A.Cs. will send all such mail to Censorship Branch, INC, A.P.H.Q. for transmittal to M.C.S. routing it through the Civil Censorship Section at I.H.S. or P.B.S. "

NORMAN E. FISKE.
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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FANGO (Piske) Staff

10 February 1944

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FREEDOM FOR MCS

Vatican Mail Service is subject. Some doubt now felt whether service provided for in para.2 sub-paragraphs B and C of our directive to which you refer in your MCS 0916 of 4 Feb are now desirable in view of following (1) International Red Cross Service which will now cover private communications and (2) P.O.W. Items being provided for under foreign civil mail services. It is recognised here however, that since the policy is to cooperate with Vatican as much as possible maintenance of present services may be desirable. Please instruct.

not sent yet
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L.F. NICHOL
Lt. Col., AGC 5117
Adjutant General.

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Form 1435A

Signal Corps, United States Army

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SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

5 FEBRUARY 1944

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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TO (ACTION) : FMMS, FARGO, FLAMBO

(INFORMATION): NONE

FROM : FATIMA BEAR SIGNED MACFARLANE

DATE TIME SIGNED: NPT

DATE TIME REC'D.: 051435A

REFERENCE NR. : 2270

CITE : NONE



YOUR 45323 DATED 31 JANUARY ARCHBISHOP OF BARI STATES HE HAS REPLIED TO HOLY SEE BY HAND OF MONS WALTER S CARROLL OF SECRETARIAT OF STATE VATICAN CITY WHO HAS RECENTLY RETURNED TO VATICAN AFTER VISITING SOUTHERN ITALY AND SICILY. HOWEVER ARCHBISHOP WILL GLADLY AVAIL HIMSELF OF ALLIED CHANNELS TO SEND A FURTHER MESSAGE THROUGH US IN A FEW DAYS.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

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4th February, 1944

MGS: 091.6

SUBJECT: Communications Through Vatican Information Service
Channels.TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission (Main),
A.P.O. 394.
Attention: Communications Section.

1. Reference is made to attached directive, relative to communications through Vatican channels, issued by Headquarters, Allied Military Government.

2. The instructions contained therein are in conflict with present arrangements for dealing with Vatican Information Service Communications, in that such messages should not be forwarded to Military Government Section, AFHQ, for censorship.

3. Censorship Branch, INC, AFHQ, are anxious to ensure that all Vatican Information Service communications receive adequate censorship, but personnel for such censorship are not available at AFHQ. Therefore, such messages received at this Section will be returned unless they bear evidence of having passed censorship.

4. It is requested that immediate steps be taken to amend the existing instructions to the effect that all such communications emanating in Regions I and II be forwarded for censorship to Civil Censorship Section, INC, APO 550.

It will be the responsibility of the E.C.A.O. to see that such communications are routed through the Civil Censorship Section at Palermo.

Noted by
AG (Misc)H. J. Turner
forH. J. Turner, Capt
for
D. S. JACKLING,
Lt. Colonel

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Incl: Dir. of HQ, AMG 22 Jan 44.

Copy: INC - CB

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

22 January 1944

Ref/AMG/327.

SUBJECT: Communication through Vatican Channels

TO : R.C.A.Os, Regions I and II

1. Under arrangements made by AFHQ, certain types of mail can now be sent from persons living in those portions of Italy occupied by the Allies and in Sicily through channels.

2. Mail falling within the following three categories may be so transmitted:

- (a) Official church mail.
- (b) Private communications.
- (c) Prisoner of War Mail.

Such mail will be delivered by the representatives of the Roman Catholic Church in each province to the S.C.A.O. of that province. It will be transmitted to the office of the proper R.C.A.O. as and when received.

3. The R.C.A.O. of Region I will send all such mail directly to M.G.S., AFHQ, appropriately marked, as and when it is received by him from the provinces. The R.C.A.O., Region II, will send such mail to these Headquarters as and when it is received by him for retransmittal to M.G.S., AFHQ. Censorship, where applicable, will be the responsibility of AFHQ. Accordingly, no local censorship is required.

4. It is requested that this directive be transmitted to all S.C.A.Os as quickly as possible.

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CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.O., AMG HQ.

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RAD 2077

Signal Corps, United States Army Act - Col. Stoffer
Telegram

GPO 8-10065

Received at

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

31 JANUARY 1944

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* PRIORITY

TO (ACTION) : FATIMA BEAR, FARGO-FLAMBO

(INFORMATION): NONE

FROM : SIGNED CINC

DATE TIME SIGNED: 311057A

DATE TIME REC'D.: 311531A

REFERENCE NR.: 44323

CITE : FHMGS



MATTER OF MOLFETTA SEMINARY. BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER REFERS TO HIS LETTER NUMBER 11/34/1501 OF 16 DECEMBER AND REQUESTS FOLLOWING BE TRANSMITTED TO ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION: "WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY FOREIGN OFFICE WHETHER THEY MAY HAVE MESSAGE FOR HOLY SEE FROM ARCH-BISHOP OF BARI IN REPLY TO MESSAGE CONTAINED IN MEMORANDUM UNDER REFERENCE " UNLESS YOU HAVE GOOD REASON TO THE CONTRARY WILL YOU INVITE ARCHBISHOP TO RESPOND TO THE HOLY SEE. 5113

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