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Lt. Col. ALPD.

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Executive Memorandum No. 46 Revised.

This memo deals with Italian Government Message Traffic and is a revision of the Old Memo dated 31st Mar. 44. This Memo has been prepared by Communications Sub Commission and cleared with all offices concerned.

Please get the Executive Commissioner to sign.

John R. Raker, Maj.

29th March

Col Head called in today and asked me that the new E+ Memo No. 46 be held up pending further instructions. He stated he had a representative from England and wished to discuss it with him.

30 March.

J. Raker, Maj.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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27 SEP Recd
24 September 1944

G-5: 311.1-B

SUBJECT: Italian Government Correspondence Abroad.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394

1. Reference is made to your 56/113/CA of 29 Aug.
2. With the concurrence of the Political Advisers this HQ has no objections to the proposal provided that the communications are confined to matters of a technical-administrative matter and that you are made aware of what is going on.

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



T. B. Jackman
T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

*Copy made and
sent to Commission etc
H. 30/9*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFC 394
Telephone 489081 Ext. 400

26th September, 1944

27 SEP Recd

In reply
refer to: CS/51/1/13

Subject : Executive Memo.

To : The Executive Commissioner.

1. Attached is redraft of Executive Memorandum No. 46, revised to meet the present situation.
2. All offices concerned have agreed to the changes involved.

J. L. Henderson
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Incl: Draft Memo (2 Copies)

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For Head Recd
Capt. J. L. Henderson
Capt. J. L. Henderson
Capt. J. L. Henderson

See File 131

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128EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM NUMBER 46 (Remain)ITALIAN GOVERNMENT MESSAGE TRAFFIC *Consolidating for review all sub of 131 the new traffic*1. INTERNAL

(a) Italian Government messages within Government territory, except Sardinia, are not subject to censorship; messages may be in clear or in cipher. They may be subject to inspection, if required, to check the official nature of the message.

(b) Italian Government messages to or from Sardinia are liable to censorship; ciphers will therefore only be used on this channel that have been approved by Allied authorities and of which copies are held. The censorship exercised will be laid down by the Communications Sub-Commission from time to time, in accordance with instructions from the military authorities concerned.

2. EXTERNAL

(a) Italian Government messages may be passed over the commercially operated submarine cables from Naples to Malta or from Brindisi to Malta for Italian Missions, etc., abroad. Messages are subject to the approval of the Political Section, A.C.C.; they may be in clear or in the codes and or ciphers approved by Allied Force Headquarters. The detailed procedure for dealing with this traffic is given in Attachment "A".

(b) Italian Government messages may be passed over the commercially operated radio circuits from Italy to the United States or the United Kingdom for any addresses dealt with by the operating companies.

On these circuits, messages are subject to the approval of the Political Section and also to Field Press Censorship in case of Press messages; they may only be in clear and will be of an entirely non-secret nature. The detailed procedure for dealing with this traffic is given in Attachment "B".

3. GENERAL

Italian Government messages may be passed over Allied operated circuits, telegraph, cable or radio, as arranged with the ⁴³² military authorities concerned from time to time. These arrangements will be made the subject of instructions issued as required.

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier.
Executive Commissioner.

ATTACHMENT "A"

PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TRAFFIC OVER THE
COMMERCIALY OPERATED CABLES, NAPLES - MALTA AND BRINDISI - MALTA.

1. All messages will bear the message instruction 'FIL' (to be transmitted by landline or cable only) at the beginning.
2. Outgoing messages may only be addressed to Italian Embassies, Missions, etc., abroad, and the Italian Embassy in the Argentine is specifically excluded from these communications.
3. Outgoing messages for transmission in clear. Messages will be handed in by the Italian Government to the Political Section, Headquarters, A.C.C., Rome. After approval they will be forwarded by the Political Section to the HQ Adjutant's office with an endorsement on one copy "Approved for transmission over commercial cables IN CLEAR" signed by the endorsing officer. Messages will then be authenticated by the HQ Adjutant's office and passed to the A.C.C. Signal Center for transmission to the military signal office controlling the cable office.
4. Outgoing messages for transmission in cipher. Cipher and clear text copies will be handed by the Italian Government to the Political Section, HQ's A.C.C. After approval they will be forwarded by the Political Section to the HQ Adjutant's office, with an endorsement on one cipher copy "Approved for transmission over commercial cables IN CIPHER" signed by the endorsing officer. A ciphered copy will then be authenticated by the HQ Adjutant's office and passed to the A.C.C. Signal Center for transmission to the military signal office controlling the cable office. A second cipher copy together with a clear copy will be sent by the HQ Adjutant's office to the A.C.C. Signal Center, for check for agreement of texts; after check both these copies will be returned to the Political Section with any necessary comment.
It should be noted that cipher copies of approved messages may be passed for transmission without being delayed for the check by A.C.C. Signals.
5. Incoming Messages. Incoming messages, in clear or in cipher will be delivered without delay to the Italian Government. A clear copy of each message will also be delivered to the Political Section.
6. All charges by the cable company will be met by the Italian Government.

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ATTACHMENT "B"PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TRAFFIC OVER THE
COMMERCIALY OPERATED RADIO CIRCUITS FROM ITALY TO THE U.S. AND U.K.

1. Outgoing messages may be addressed to any address dealt with by the operating companies.
2. Messages will be in clear only, and will be of an entirely non-secret nature.

3. Messages will be handed to the Political Section, Hqs. A.C.C. After approval they will be sent to the Hq. Adjutant's office with an endorsement on one copy "Approved for transmission over commercial radio IN CLEAR, subject to Field Press Censorship Approval" signed by the endorsing officer. The latter part of this endorsement will be deleted if it is not a press message.

The message will then be authenticated by the Hq. Adjutant's office and passed to the radio operating company for transmission, via Field Press Censorship if so endorsed.

4. Incoming messages will be delivered to the Hq. Adjutant's Office A.C.C., which will pass them without delay to the Italian Government, sending a copy to the Political Section.

5. All charges by the radio company will be met by the Italian Government.

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

Ref/57/125/GA.

26 Sept 1944

SUBJECT : Italian Government Correspondence Abroad.

TO : AMER. G-5

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I should be grateful for a reply to my 56/113/GA
of 25 August 1944.


Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For A/Chief Commissioner.

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

Ref/56/124/CA.

23 Sept. 1944.

SUBJECT: ACC Cipher Traffic.

TO : R.C.'s Regions I, Southern, & VI.

1. Due to the progressive demilitarisation of the Southern Regions of Italy, it has become necessary for arrangements to be made for the handling of ACC cipher traffic by other means than by military signal facilities.
2. Arrangements have been made for the handling of this traffic over civilian teleprinter circuits between Regional Headquarters and HQ ACC. Allied Armies in Italy have approved the use of Italian cipher personnel and Italian cipher teams to serve the Regional Headquarters and HQ ACC.
3. As a result, an Italian cipher team composed of three (3) non-commissioned officers has been delegated to serve each of your Regional Headquarters. It is planned that as other Regions are demilitarized, similar teams will be sent out until there is a complete network of Italian communications between Regions and Headquarters.
4. Only the approved ciphers in use by these teams will be utilised. These teams will be under the direct control of the Regional Commissioner, and local security precautions will be his responsibility.
5. Italian military authorities in Rome have informed this HQ that housing and messing facilities for these cipher teams will be provided by the Italian military establishments in each of your Regions.
6. Will R.C. Southern Region please note that the arrangements referred to in para. 2 above are not yet complete in respect of this Region and that for the time being and until further notice traffic between Southern Region and HQ ACC will continue to be handled over military circuits and through Signal Centres as at present.

E.V.
NORMAN V. FISKE, 447
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Communications Sub-Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. 489081: Extn. 333

In reply
refer to CS/1/18

22nd September, 1944.

23 SEP Recd

Subject: Cipher Personnel.

To: Executive Commissioner, HQ, ACC.

Traffic. Reference 56/96/CA dated 1st August, 1944, subject ACC Cipher

1. Since the Italian cipher teams for Region I, Southern and VI are awaiting air transport to these respective regions, it is recommended that a letter similar to the attached draft be sent to these regions to provide the Regional Commissioners with full information regarding same.

2. Arrangements have been completed for the use of civilian teleprinter circuits for the handling of traffic between Regions I and VI and HQ, ACC. Traffic between HQ ACC and Southern Region will continue to be handled over military circuits as at present.

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

Incl. #1 Draft Letter.

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Type as amended
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D R A F T

Subject: ACC phar Traffic.

To: Regional Commissioners, Region I, Southern Region, Region VI.

1. Due to the progressive demilitarisation of the Southern Regions of Italy, it has become necessary for arrangements to be made for the handling of ACC cipher traffic via other means than military Signal facilities.

2. Arrangements have been made for the handling of this traffic over civilian teleprinter circuits between Regional Headquarters and HQ ACC. Allied Armies in Italy have approved the use of Italian cipher personnel and Italian ciphers to serve the Regional Headquarters and HQ ACC.

3. As a result, an Italian cipher team composed of three (3) non-commissioned officers has been delegated to serve each of the ~~above~~ Regional Headquarters. It is ~~anticipated~~ ^{planned} that as other Regions are demilitarised, similar teams will be sent out until we have a complete network of Italian communications between headquarters.

4. Only the approved ciphers in use by these teams will be utilized. These teams will be under the direct control of the Regional Commissioner, and local security precautions will be the responsibility of the Regional Commissioner concerned.

5. Italian military authorities in Rome have informed us that housing and messing facilities for these cipher teams will be provided by the Italian military establishments in each of these regions.

6. Traffic between ILL. ACC and Southern Region HQ will, until further notice, continue to be handled over military circuits and ~~through~~ Signal Centers as at present.

Mr. S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

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With R.C. Southern
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 that the arrangements
 referred to in para 2
 above are not yet
 complete in respect of
~~Southern~~ ^{his} Region and
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 Region and HQ HCC will
 continue to be handled
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 and through Signal Centres
 as at present.
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ITALIANS ARE PREPARED TO OPERATE PALMISO CABLE THIS END.

ATTENTION: HENDERSON CABLE RETURNED TO THEIR CONTROL TODAY.

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TO: EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER ACC HPS

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1. CONCUR WITH DRAFT TO VP'S

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This is already
done and
no further
action necessary.

Spoke Adams
about lock
Helen's chamber
are already
being prepared
for further work

9J. 1J. Sender
to. Col. S.C.

Waf. Director Com. Sub-c.

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22/9 Issue

SS 115

Major Robert

Sept 1, 1948

Put on my table by
Major Robert on 22/9. Utters presumably
been locked in a laboratory since 1/9. 8/22/9

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Communication Sub Com

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Draft to VPs in f 1 as suggested

in (3) of f 5. Do you concur

DM 11/9

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COM. STON
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

EWB/BJP

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30 August 1944

2 SEP Recd

To: Brigadier Lush, Executive Commissioner, HQ ACC

1. Re attached:

- a. Your memo of 25 Aug.
- b. My direction to Communications Sub-Commission, 26 Aug.
- c. Communications Sub-Commission reply CS/31/1/31 of 28 August.

2. All of above relative "Employment of Italian Government channels of communication".

3. In view of 1 c, I wonder if necessary instructions can be issued after coordination with Col. Henderson without reference to VP's consideration.

Stone

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3 Incls:
as above

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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HQ ACC 840 24
969 27 Aug 0920
BY BMR

28th August, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/31/1/81

2 SEP Recd

Subject : Use of Italian Government Communications.

To : Acting Chief Commissioner. ✓

Reference attached:

1. Postal. The bulk of the traffic, that between provincial capitals and communes, is of course already passed through civil mail services. Cutting-out the Regional Commissioner's office will accelerate the service between provincial capitals and the Government, as the civil mail service is, generally, as good as the A.C.C. courier services.

2. Telegraph.

a. The situation of the Italian Government in respect of telegraph communications from Rome to the provincial capitals of provinces under its administration is still not at all satisfactory.

b. This is chiefly due to a bottleneck at Naples, due to the inadequacy of telegraph terminal equipment at the Naples office. The matter is in hand and the situation should improve materially in about 10 days time.

c. It will also be considerably eased by the commencement of operation by the Italian Government of direct submarine cables to Sicily and Sardinia. These are also expected to be in operation in about 10 days time.

d. In short, it can be safely assumed that the communications of the Italian Government by telegraph to all provincial capitals within their administration will be reasonably satisfactory in about a fortnight but not before.

3. Telephone.

Telephone communications of the Italian Government with their provinces will be inadequate to deal with routine information matters for some considerable time.

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CS/31/1/81

28th August, 1944 Continued.

4. From the communications aspect, I consider the suggestion is feasible and will give as good results as the alternative method of channelling through Regional Commissioners, except on urgent matters requiring telegraphed or telephoned replies.

J. L. Henderson

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

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3 ^{Italian} The Postal and Telegraphic services in
Shantou will be in a position adequately to deal
with such communications: only the telephone
service is inadequate.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

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EWS/hjp

From: Acting Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Employment of Italian Government
channels of communication

FILE No.

TO: Communications Sub-Commission, Hq ACC 26 August 1944

1. Reference attached copy of memo from the Executive Commissioner dated 25 Aug relative "employment by ACC Hq and all Sub-Commissions of Italian Government channels of communication".

2. Prior to bringing this matter up at the VP's meeting, it is requested that your sub-commission submit your comments upon the feasibility of the suggestion and a brief report as to the availability and adequacy of such channels of communication.

1 Incl:
as in para 1 above

EW
ELMER E. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner 437

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C O P Y

25th August 1944.

Acting Chief Commissioner.

1. The deliberations of the Regional Commissioners' meeting has brought to light the necessity and expediency in territory handed back to the Italian Government of the employment by HQ ACC and all the Sub-Commissions of Italian Government channels of communication to Prefects in the Provinces, rather than ACC channels through the Regional Commissioners.

2. With the attenuated staff in the Southern Regions not only will it be impossible for the Regional staff to distribute instructions and disseminate information but policy demands that this should be done through the Italian Government. For example, if information is required on technical matters such as agricultural prospects, industrial installations, crime statistics, etc., the Italian Government should be requested to have the information furnished by their Prefects and other officials rather than the Regional Commissioner through his Provincial Officers. I suggest that this equally applies to representatives of Sub-Commissions in the field. There would, of course, be no harm, and in fact benefit, in informing Regional Commissioners of the instructions sent forward and the information requested by the Italian Government.

3. If you agree (and you may wish to raise this at a Vice Presidents' meeting) I will draft instructions to Vice Presidents.

/s/ M.S.L.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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

29 August 44

REF : 56/113/CA.

SUBJECT : Italian Government Correspondence Abroad.

TO : C-5, A.F.H.Q.

1. Communications Sub-Commission has received a request from the Under-Secretary for Posts and Telegraphs for his Department to resume direct communication with Allied and non-occupied neutral countries on outstanding pre-war postal service matters (largely financial). A copy of letter is attached.

2. This request raises the general question of permission for the Italian Government to resume international communications with Allied and neutral countries on routine matters not involving questions of policy.

3. Special permission has been granted for the Italian Ministry of Communications to write to the headquarters of the International Postal Union at Berne to the extent of notifying details of foreign postal services which have been restored, but this permission has not been extended to any other correspondence as far as this department of government is concerned.

4. I would be grateful for a direction on this matter to pass to Communications Sub-Commission as to enable them to reply to the Italian Government.

Brigadier,
Executive Commission:
R.C. & M.C. Commission: 455

Copy to: Communications Sub-Commission.
Political Section.

Br 1 week
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HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 APO 394
 Telephone 489081 Ext. 400

25th August, 1944

In reply
 refer to: FS/16.20.12

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Subject : Italian Government Correspondence Abroad.

To : R.C. and H.G. Section. ✓

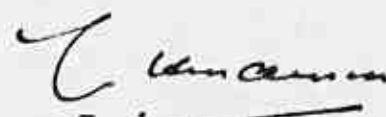
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1. The Under-Secretary of State for Posts and Telegraphs has represented that the time is opportune for his department to resume direct communication with Allied and non-occupied neutral countries on outstanding pre-war postal service matters (largely financial). A copy of his letter is attached.

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4. We are advised by the Political Section that the matter should be referred to G-5, A.F.H.Q. for directions. Would you be good enough to obtain this information on which we can base our reply to the Italian Government.



J.L. HENDERSON
 Colonel
 Director, Communications Sub-Commission 434

Incl: Letter from Ministry of Communications.

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C O P Y

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

23 August, 1944

No. 535029/1PS

Subject: Communications with Postal Administration Abroad.

This P.T. Administration in view of the present stage reached by postal services, sees the opportunity to re-establish with civil Administration of Allied Countries, and territories controlled by them, and neutral countries not controlled by the enemy, the normal communications of a technical-administrative nature.

We shall thus be enabled to treat with these countries on ordinary matters and to settle the very numerous cases which are pending because of the war, that is to say:- claims for loss of ordinary, registered and insured letters; payment of the relative indemnity fixed by the convention; bulletins of verification for irregularities in the exchange of despatches, accounting of reply-coupon service, transit charges, parcels, etc.; communications with the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union in Berne -

Perhaps you will be good enough to let us know if the A.C.C. has any objection to the re-establishment of such communications with the above countries.

Under-Secretary of State.

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ALLIED COMMUN. COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HQ.
AFD 394.

In reply
refer to : REC 315.1

Subject : Monthly report Telecommunications Region II - July -
To : Communications Sub-Commission (Through HQ+IG Section)

1. The visit to Region II was scheduled for 13 July but owing to a temporary breakdown of my transport I was forced to return to Palermo and flew to Bari on 21 July. This proved to be a very unwise move as Region II were unable to provide any transportation and all visits had to be made on foot or by "Hitch-hiking". I propose to proceed to Bari the next time by sea with my own transport.

2. The telecommunications situation in Region II is the same now as it was in Sicily about eight months ago.

The Allied Armed Forces have control of 90% of the civil routes (4000 route miles). The SMI and Circolo maintain about one third of the military routes with transport loaned by the British Army. Fifteen "Class two" vehicles were handed over to the telecommunications agencies. (10 GC.M., 5 SMI) Of these only seven are now running. It has not yet been defined as to whether the vehicles are on the charge of the Telecommunications Section, Transportation Section Region II, or Transportation Sub-Commission HQ ACC. The responsibility for maintenance rests with the Regional Transportation Officer. The vehicles are all in a very bad state. Major Watkins the present Transportation Officer stated that he had taken them over from another Officer in their present condition. He has made arrangements with RME for second line repairs but cannot compete with the destructive treatment of the Italian drivers. The SMI and Circolo are instituting a system of fines for bad driving in an effort to

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3. The Director of the Bari Circolo Cav. Surace stated that he had no material for use on Government/civilian circuits. He is in urgent need of iron wire, copper sulphate, insulators and dry cells. There again copper sulphate and cells are available in Sicily if payment can be guaranteed. It may be possible to collect from Regions I and VII sufficient spare insulators to send to Region II for urgent work. The possibility of setting up a wire rolling mill in one or other of the regions is being investigated. Sicily Signal Company have a small mill for use with salvaged wire. It would be appreciated if inquiries could be made elsewhere as the need for wire for rehabilitation purposes is pressing.
4. The Circolo Bari is very unfortunate in its directors. It was with some alarm that I found a letter appointing Comm.

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Lauricelli as Director. He was replaced at Palermo by Martorana because of his great inefficiency and great age. Fortunately he did not arrive in Bari. Cav. Surace - although willing - was also very aged and I am informed by the Italian Liaison Office to 2 District that his relief Comm. Trotta is not at all suitable. Could the Government please be advised that (especially at Bari) the Circoli are in need of young, vigorous men. If carried out with zeal the task of directing one of these organizations is an exacting one and old men do not possess sufficient "drive".

5. The Regional Commissioner urged that every commune be connected by telegraph or telephone as soon as possible. To the best of their ability the Circolo are endeavouring to connect the more important towns but their efforts are always limited by lack of material and the occupation of circuits by the Allied Forces.

6. During the month of July the Circolo Bari re-activated 10 telegraph circuits to some of the larger towns. The smaller communes are still without communication owing to the scarcity of material.

R. S. Hewelchman
R. S. Hewelchman
Major. R. Signals
Regional Communication Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 6

11th August 1944.

To : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
Communications Sub-Commission.

Subject : Italian Cable Traffic.

Reference : HQ/1064.

In reply to your letter of 31st July 1944
(Reference CS/31/1) complete control is being handed over
to the Italian Authorities.

no
Reference para 2 there are difficulties
with the Military Signal Unit.

OFTW/ajs.

M. Carr

M. CARR.
Brigadier.
Regional Commissioner.

R.C. & M.C. Section:

This closes this
question satisfactorily

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

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63561 Civil Affairs 107

Subject:- Provision of Cipher Personnel.

Army Sub Commission (1971A)

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S.M.R.E.

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Following instructions from AAI, you are requested to earmark the following personnel for ACC:

- 1 Cipher Officer
- 31 Cipher Non Commissioned Officers.

104. *Receives Capt.*
Maj Gen.
Army Sub Commission.

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Copy to: AAI (ref SD 1090 of 16 Aug).
ACC (ref 56/104/CA of 15 Aug). —

Col Henderson

To see

*Copy to: Communication
s/c. 19/8/44*

*Shirley May
CAB.
19/8*

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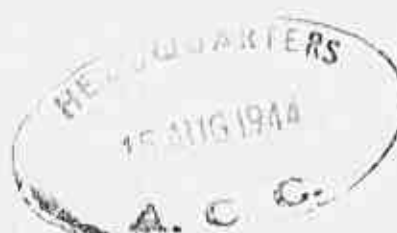
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

15 August 1944

Ref/56/104/BA.

SUBJECT: APC Cipher Traffic.

TO: HQ, Allied Forces in Italy.

Reference your 1605/50/56/3 (302) dated 12th August 1944.

1. In view of the need to economize in the use of Italian Army personnel, I agree to the reductions stated in your letter for the Regional Headquarters, but consider that the APC headquarters staff should not be below 4 NCO's, as it will be necessary to keep 24 hours duty, with 2 available at all times.
2. The proposed W.E. is therefore:
1 Officer 31 NCO's.
3. We should like to implement the establishment for APC, Hqs for Regions 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8 soon as possible. This will require 1 Officer 19 NCO's; the balance will not be required until the general situation changes.
4. The details of the cipher equipment that should be brought by the detachments, can be arranged direct with the Italian Supreme Command by this headquarters.

Ref 426.
Executive Commissioner,
For A/Chief Commissioner.

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SUBJECT:- ACC Ciph Traffic

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY
1605/50/56/G(3D2)

12 Aug 44

13 AUG Recd

Allied Control Commission
AC and IS Section

Reference your letter 56/56/CA dated 1 AUG 44.

1. Your proposal to form cipher sections for HQ's has been examined and it is considered that the number of Italian Army personnel required could be reduced to :-

HQ Allied Control Commission

1 Officer
3 NCO's Cipher Staff

Regional HQ (nine)

each 3 NCO's Cipher Staff

Total 1 Officer and 30 NCO's.

2. In view of the need to economise in the use of Italian Army personnel you are requested to reconsider your original requirements and submit proposals for WE's of the sections.

3. Please say, also, when you will require the personnel.

See 104

Robert H. Hays
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

Copy to:- Army Sub Commission Allied Control Commission

Cpl Henderson

Referred at 96, p 1 9/11/44
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMY COMMUNICATION
APC 304
Telephone 120001 Ext. 400

3rd August, 1944

In reply
refer to: CG/6/5/69

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M. J. Recd

Subject: Civil Communications, Foggia Province.

To: Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy.

1. Now that Foggia province is handed over to the administration of the Italian Government it is considered of importance that civil mail and telegraph communications should be permitted as far as compatible with military security.

2. As you will be aware, Foggia province is considered the granary of Italy. To permit the restoration of normal civil economy, particularly important for this province because of the difficult food situation, and to enable centralized governmental control to function with efficiency, reasonably speedy communications with the rest of Italy are considered essential.

3. From the military security aspect you will no doubt agree that the existence of an authorized post subject to censorship is much preferable to the inevitable alternative, i.e. black-market post exempt from supervision. The only effective means of stopping the black-market service is to provide a faster and more reliable service.

4. It would therefore be much appreciated if you would give favourable consideration to the very early resumption of the civil communications services in Foggia, particularly now that your authority has been given for provinces such nearer the war front as e.g. Grotti, Aquila, Teramo, etc.

5. The present situation in communications services is:

Postal. Your message 110407 dated 17th July, 1944 authorizes the resumption of civil mail if P.A.A.A. state no objection. Although no objection has been stated, nor has P.A.A.A. replied to our message No. 516 of 19th July, it is understood that it has been intimated locally to the Postal officials that there is objection to the commencement of mail services.

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3rd August, 64. Continued.

D. Telegrams. Your letter AAI/1146/2/E/I(c) dated 29th July specifically excludes Poggia province. Perhaps in view of the representations made in this letter, you would be good enough to reconsider this matter. It is of course assumed in case of a favourable reply that 100% pre-transmission censorship would be applied; in this connection it may be added that in our experience the number of cases in which texts of civil telegrams have had the slightest military security interest is negligible.



J.D. HENDERSON

Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to: R.C. & M.G. Section. ✓

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