

ACC

10000/20/4144

20/G

M

July 15,

10000/120/4144

20/G

MMIA DIRECTIVES

(1574
1576)

July 15, 1946 - Jan. 15, 1947

M. I. A.

7/07

OUTGOING MESSAGE

FROM : M.M.I.A.

07 1100 A

TO : LIST 'B'

8 B-4

FOR INFO: LIST 'A'

UNCLASSIFIED

not received

O.251 (.) CANCEL THIS HQ G/33/3 DATED 10 DEC 46 (.)

ANY OFFICERS REQUIRED TO VISIT HQ WILL BE CALLED FORWARD
INDIVIDUALLY (.) EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO AVOID DATE
OF FAMILIES DEPARTURE (.) ACK

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: G(SD)

1576

SIGNATURE : S.G. CAMPBELL, Capt.

Handwritten signature

Telephone:
Rome 489781 Ext.-203

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MIA) CMT

500/1/1 X

15 Nov. 1946

All BLU's.

SUBJECT:- Communications.

Ref. my X 500/1/1 dated 4 September 1946.

1. Permission has been received from G.H.Q. to utilise Italian channels of communications for all traffic of security classification "CONFIDENTIAL" and below between H.Q. M.M.I.A. and its BLU's. This refers to both messages and letters. "SECRET and TOP SECRET" matter must, however, continue to be disposed of through British channels.
2. The two R. Signals N.CO's have also arrived and the system proposed in my above quoted letter has been implemented.
3. In future, therefore, will all BLU's please dispose of all traffic of classification "CONFIDENTIAL" and below for H.Q. M.M.I.A. via the Signal Offices of their associated Territorial Commands.
4. It is emphasised that, as no cipher facilities are available, only "UNCLASSIFIED" messages may be cleared by wireless. All "RESTRICTED" and "CONFIDENTIAL" messages must be cleared by teleprinter. As the teleprinter circuits are very reliable, however, this is not likely to cause delays.

WATV/rg

S.O.R. Signals (Major)
M. M. I. A.

Copies to:- C.S.O., G.H.Q., C.M.F.
"G" (SD), H.Q., M.M.I.A.

Ref. my X 500/1/1 dated 4 September 1946.

1. Permission has been received from G.H.Q. to utilise Italian channels of communications for all traffic of security classification "CONFIDENTIAL" and below between H.Q. M.M.I.A. and its BLU's. This refers to both messages and letters. "SECRET and TOP SECRET" matter must, however, continue to be disposed of through British channels.

2. The two R. Signals N.CO's have also arrived and the system proposed in my above quoted letter has been implemented.

3. In future, therefore, will all BLU's please dispose of all traffic of classification "CONFIDENTIAL" and below for H.Q. M.M.I.A. via the Signal Offices of their associated Territorial Commands.

4. It is emphasised that, as no cipher facilities are available, only "UNCLASSIFIED" messages may be cleared by wireless. All "RESTRICTED" and "CONFIDENTIAL" messages must be cleared by teleprinter. As the teleprinter circuits are very reliable, however, this is not likely to cause delays.

1575

WATV/rg

S.O.R. Signals (Major)
M. M. I. A.

Copies to:- C.S.O., G.H.Q., C.M.F.
"G" (SD), H.Q., M.M.I.A.

See file 29.4

Top Secret Communications

Land Forces Sub Commission L.C.

(M.I. 1.1.)

No. 500/4/1.

7 September 46.

To: C.I.G., C.E., C.V.

1. There is ever-increasing difficulty regarding communications between U.S., U.M.I.A. and its British Liaison Units.
2. Already U.M.I.A. is entirely dependent upon the Italian Ministry of War for all communications with U.M.I.U. in Sicily and there are many other U.M.I.U.'s with which the Italians are now able to provide communications decidedly more satisfactory than the available British channels e.g. U.M.I.U. at Genoa, U.M.I.U. at Volano, 7 U.M.I.U. at Florence, 9 U.M.I.U. at Bari.
3. The Ministry of War have expressed themselves willing to place all their communication facilities at our disposal i.e. their teleprinter and wireless circuits to their Territorial Commands each of which has one of our U.M.I.U.'s adjacent to it, and their letter sorting office which directs official mail to the civil post, which has now become quite efficient and is in most cases speedier than the British S.D.M.
4. With the present absence of British cipher facilities it will not, of course, be possible to make use of the Italian wireless circuits or to dispose of any Top Secret matter through Italian channels. The teleprinter circuits are very reliable, however, and the inability to use wireless circuits will seldom cause delay.
5. In view of the above, this U.C. wishes to dispose of all traffic (less Top Secret) for its U.M.I.U.'s through Italian channels, but before commencing to do so it is considered desirable to arrange for a responsible British U.M.I.U. to be at the Ministry of War Signal Office from 0800 hrs to 1800 hrs daily. This U.M.I.U. would maintain a separate Signal Register for U.M.I.A. traffic and watch our interests generally.

1574

6. This U.C. has four cipher operators on its establishment but at present none are held, and it is thought that the two U. Signals M.C.O.'s required to carry out the duties detailed in Para 5 above could, perhaps, be held in lieu of two cipher operators.

7. Authority is therefore requested for the following:-

- (i) The usage of the Italian channels of communications to our U.M.I.U.'s as proposed above. In this connection it would be very helpful if authority could also be granted for the transmission of "Secret" messages, over Italian Teleprinter circuits and the disposal of "Secret" letters through the Italian civil post.
- (ii) The posting to this U.C. of two U. Signals M.C.O.'s with Signal Office channels.

- (ii) The posting to this U.C. of two U. Signals M.C.O.'s with Signal Office

all communications with 11 S.I.V. in Sicily and there are many other S.I.V.'s with which the Italians are not able to provide communications decided more satisfactory than the available British channels e.g. 2 S.I.V. at Genoa, 1 S.I.V. at Palermo, 7 S.I.V. at Florence, 3 S.I.V. at Bari.

3. The Ministry of War have expressed themselves willing to place all their communication facilities at our disposal i.e. their teleprinter and wireless circuits to their territorial commands each of which has one of our S.I.V.'s adjacent to it, and their letter sorting office which directs official mail to the civil post, which has now become quite efficient and is in most cases speedier than the British S.D.S.
4. With the present absence of British cipher facilities it will not, of course, be possible to make use of the Italian wireless circuits or to dispose of any Top Secret matter through Italian channels. The teleprinter circuits are very reliable, however, and the inability to use wireless circuits will seldom cause delay.
5. In view of the above, this H.C. wishes to dispose of all traffic (less Top Secret) for its S.I.V.'s through Italian channels, but before commencing to do so it is considered desirable to arrange for a responsible British H.C. to be at the Ministry of War Signal Office from 0900 hrs to 1800 hrs daily. This H.C. would maintain a separate Signal Register for H.C.'s traffic and watch our interests generally.
6. This H.C. has four cipher operators on its establishment but at present none are held, and it is thought that the two T. Signals H.C.'s required to carry out the duties detailed in para 5 above could, perhaps, be held in lieu of the cipher operators.
7. Authority is therefore requested for the following:-
 - (i) The usage of the Italian channels of communications to our S.I.V.'s as proposed above. In this connection it would be very helpful if authority could also be granted for the transmission of "Secret" messages, over Italian Teleprinter circuits and the disposal of "Secret" letters through the Italian civil post.
 - "Top Secret" matter will naturally have to be disposed of through British channels.
 - (ii) The posting to this P.C. of two T. Signals H.C.'s with Signal Office experience.

Copies to: "C" (SP), H.A., H.M.I.A.
All S.I.V.'s.
Italian Ministry of War (Ispettorato del Genio).

W.H. Newcombe, Major,
W.A.T. MONTICELLI Major,
for Major General,
H.M.I.A.

8 B L U.

1851