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Legation of Switzerland - Rome (De Salis
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Referring to the letter of February 12, 1945, the Legation of Switzerland has the honour to transmit to the Allied Commission, Political Section, the enclosed nominal list of all the Swiss nationals serving with the Legation or attached to it. The list, which includes the Swiss personnel of the Section for Foreign Interests too (Page 2), indicates name, function and private address of each member of the Legation.

The Legation seizes this opportunity to renew to the Allied Commission, Political Section, the senses of its high consideration.

Rome, February 15, 1945.

1 enclosure in double.



TO THE ALLIED COMMISSION,
Political Section,
ROME.

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NOMINAL LIST OF THE PERSONNEL OF THE LEGATION OF SWITZERLAND IN ROME

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Ref: 8/228/001

5 February 1945

SUBJECT: Belgian Interests in Liberated Italy.

TO : C-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters
Copied to: U. S. Political Advisor
British Resident Minister
U. S. Embassy
British Embassy

1. A memorandum dated 1 January 1945 has been received from the Swiss Legation, Foreign Interests Section, informing that, as from January 31, 1945, it will no longer be in charge of Belgian interests in all the provinces of Italy occupied by the Allied Forces.
2. The Swiss Legation will continue to protect Belgian interests in that part of Italy occupied by the Germans.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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WILLIAM F. HENRY
Vice President, Political Section

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Foreign Interests.

MEMORANDUM

To the Allied Commission - Political Section - Rome.

The Swiss Legation, Foreign Interests Section, has the honour to inform that, as from January 31, 1945, it will no longer be in charge of Belgian Interests in all the provinces of Italy occupied by the Allied Forces.

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Rome, February 1., 1945.

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Ref: P/220-SWI

7 January 1945

Carmel Offie, Esquire
Office of the U. S. Political Adviser
Allied Force Headquarters
A.P.O. 512

Dear Offie:-

In response to your letter of December 23rd I have to say that the Swiss Charge d'Affaires does submit memoranda to Political Section primarily regarding foreign interest cases. These communications are transmitted to G-5 Section, or to other appropriate offices, and in the future all those sent to G-5 Section will be sent to you as well.

I feel that the assertion of the Swiss Representative that they have never received replies to their memoranda submitted to Political Section is not justified. Many of the cases require further investigation, which require a period of time, but I know of no case in which the Swiss has not received as prompt an answer as was possible. Our relations with the Swiss are exceedingly good and I feel that in the future they will have no cause to complain of us - as I do not think they really have in the past.

I enclose herewith copies of our letters to G-5 Section written from information received in the only two memoranda which the Swiss have submitted since the receipt of your original letter in the premises dated December 12th.

With best wishes always, I remain,

Faithfully yours,

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

2 Encls: copies of our 2
letters, P/243 dtd 6 Jan
Subj: Treatment of German
Prisoners of War.

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POLITICAL ADVISER
to the
ALLIED COMMANDER IN CHIEF
Mediterranean Theater

December 23, 1944.

William W. Schott, Esquire,
Vice President, Political Section,
Headquarters, Allied Commission,
Rome, Italy.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 18, 1944 (Ref. 220-SWI). The Foreign Interests Section of the Swiss Legation has been informed that questions concerning German citizens residing in Italy should be addressed to the Allied Commission.

It is presumed that memoranda from the Swiss Legation addressed to the Allied Commission will be dealt with by your office and that you will, in turn, transmit such communications to G-5 Section of this Headquarters for appropriate action. If such is the case, it would be appreciated if this office may receive a copy of the transmitting letter to the end that it may be kept informed of the action taken in each case.

For your information the Swiss representatives informed a member of this office that the reason they desired to deal with the office of the Political Adviser was that they felt they would receive prompt action on their requests. They stated that heretofore they have submitted numerous memoranda to the Allied Commission but have never received a reply.

It would be appreciated if you could inform this office whether it is correct in its assumption that action on Swiss memoranda will be taken by your office.

Very truly yours,

C. Offie

C. Offie
Deputy U.S. Political Adviser.

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UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

27 December, 1944

MEMO FOR MR. SCHOTT, Political Section,
A.C.C. ROME

ATTACHED COPY OF A NOTE DATED DECEMBER 22nd
from this office to Foreign Interests Section, Swiss
Legation, Rome, should have been attached to Mr. Offie's
letter of December 23 to Mr. Schott on the subject of
Swiss presenting inquiries on German citizens to the
Allied Commission through Mr. Schott's office.

SORRY,

AMFOLAD

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MEMORANDUM

The Office of the United States Political Adviser at Allied Force Headquarters acknowledges the receipt of the memorandum of November 15, 1944 from the Foreign Interests Section of the Swiss Legation in Rome, in which it is requested that representatives of the Legation be authorized to deal in matters concerning interned German citizens residing in Italy, through this office.

After consultation with the appropriate military authorities in Allied Force Headquarters, it is the opinion of those concerned that matters concerning German citizens about whom the Swiss Legation desires to make inquiries should be presented to the Allied Commission in Rome.

The Office of the United States Political Adviser desires to give its assurance that every effort will be made to expedite replies to any written inquiries the Swiss Legation may make to the Allied Commission.

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Legation of Switzerland,
Foreign Interests Section,
Rome, Italy.

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Ref #220-SWI

18 December 1944

C. Offie, Esquire
Deputy U. S. Political Adviser
Allied Force Headquarters
Caserta.

Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 12 December 1944 to which was attached a copy of a memorandum from the Foreign Interests Section of the Swiss Legation suggesting a procedure of submitting questions of intervention by the Legation in favor of German citizens residing in Italy, to the Political Adviser, AFHQ.

The Political Section concurs with the opinion of the Office of the British Resident Minister that such communications as mentioned in the memorandum should be addressed to the Allied Commission.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

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POLITICAL ADVISER
to the
ALLIED COMMANDER IN CHIEF
Mediterranean Theater

December 12, 1944

William W. Schott, Esquire,
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Political Section,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

Sir:

There is attached herewith a copy of a memorandum from the Foreign Interests Section of the Swiss Legation, which is self-explanatory.

It is the opinion of the Office of the British Resident Minister that such communications as mentioned in the memorandum should be addressed to the Allied Commission. This office is prepared to concur in that opinion if it is acceptable to you. The communications would be forwarded by you to this headquarters, presumably G-5, for action.

Would you be good enough to give us the benefit of your views at an early date.

Very truly yours,



C. Offie
Deputy U.S. Political Adviser

W.S.

I agree with Mr. Offie.


16/12/44

C O P Y

Foreign Interests

M E M O R A N D U M

In its capacity as Protecting Power, the Swiss Legation, Special Division, often has the occasion to intervene with the Allied Authorities in favour of German citizens residing in Italy, against whom measures of internment in concentration camps are adopted; there are in fact, special cases which merit and justify the interest taken by the Legation.

It would greatly simplify matters if the representatives of the Legation could be authorized to deal in such cases, with the office of the Political Adviser attached to the Allied Forces Headquarters in Italy.

The Legation would be very grateful if such procedure could be used, and takes the opportunity to express its thanks in advance for the courtesy.

Rome, November 15, 1944.
RI/ns

To the American Political Advisor,
(for the attention of Mr. T. Estes),
Office of the United States Political Advisor,
Allied Forces Headquarters,
Caserta.

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To the American Political Advisor,
(for the attention of Mr. T. Estes),
Office of the United States Political Advisor,
Allied Forces Headquarters,
Caserta.

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Ref: 220-SW

12 December 1944

MEMORANDUM TO THE SWISS LEGATION

The Political Section, Allied Commission, presents its compliments to the Swiss Legation and has the honor to forward herewith a copy of a communication in code that is addressed to the Swiss Legation from Rio de Janeiro.

It is suggested that the addressor of the attached message be informed of existing regulations which require all communications between neutrals to be in plain language. In the future the Political Section will be unable to forward any such messages to the Swiss Legation if they are in code.

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S.S. Rio de Janeiro
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say they are informing
Rio of this -*

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Re: Attached telegram from Rio to
Swiss Legation in Code.

Neutrals cannot communicate
in code.

Shall we simply file this, or
tell the Swiss so they may
ask Rio to repeat in clear?

DMB:clm

10 Dec 44

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

6 December 1944

Adj: 308.4

SUBJECT: Travel Orders

TO : All Concerned

1. Doctor Carlo Sommaruga, Swiss Delegate in Rome, will proceed to Bern, Switzerland, without delay on temporary duty and upon completion thereof will return to this station.

2. Travel by military aircraft and/or any other available transport is authorized.

3. Authority: AMH Cable No. W63155, dated 4 December 1944.

By command of Commodore STONE:


G. B. PATE
POJG, USA
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CARLO SOBBARUGA Doctor SWISS Legation in ROME. Orders authorizing the above named to proceed by military aircraft to BERN SWITZERLAND and on completion of visit to return to ROME, ITALY are granted.

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MEMORANDUM

to the Allied Commission - Political Section - Rome.

The Swiss Legation, Foreign Interests Section, presents its compliments to the Political Section of the Allied Commission and would appreciate if the necessary permit could be issued to Dr. Carlo Sommeruga, Chief of its Foreign Interests Section, to visit Switzerland and return to Rome.

Dr. Sommeruga, who has been called to Bern by his Government, will stay in Switzerland approximately two weeks.

The Swiss Legation takes the opportunity to renew its thanks for the courtesy.

Rome, November 17, 1944.

D.H.E.

Will you pl. write to
AFHQ?

This has all been done
with them at the A.C.

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Att. 24/11/44



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Switzerland

Rome, November 27th 1944

44. 24. D. 7.

Dear Sir ,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated November 23rd 1944 with which you were good enough to inform me that Allied Force Headquarters has found no objection to my request regarding communications between the Legation and the Swiss Government and has granted the use of the diplomatic pouch and courier.

May I ask you to be kind enough to transmit to the Allied Force Headquarters the expression of my thanks for the facilities it has kindly consented to the Legation.

Furthermore I wish to express my sincere gratitude to yourself for the very obliging way in which you undertook to submit the question to the competent Allied Authorities.

I am, dear Sir ,

Yours very truly,

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Chargé d'Affaires of Switzerland a.i.

William Walter Schott, Esquire,
Counsellor of Embassy,
Vice President of the Political Section,
Allied Commission ,
Rome.

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HEA BARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
POLITICAL SECTION

13 November 1944

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter 44.72.D.7 dated 7 November 1944 I have the honour to transmit to you the information that Allied Force Headquarters finds no objection to your request regarding communications between the Legation and the Swiss government and has granted the use of the diplomatic pouch and courier.

The courier should be in possession of a diplomatic passport and such other documents as are necessary for his identity as a diplomatic courier.

Very truly yours,

W. W. Schott
Vice President

By:

do
Swiss

Peter de Salis, Consul
Charge d'Affaires of Switzerland A.I.
Via Barnaba Orsini, 61
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ALLIED FOR HEADQUARTERS FJS/seb
G-5 section
APO 512

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21 November 1944

SUBJECT: Communications between Swiss Legation
in Rome and the Swiss Government.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

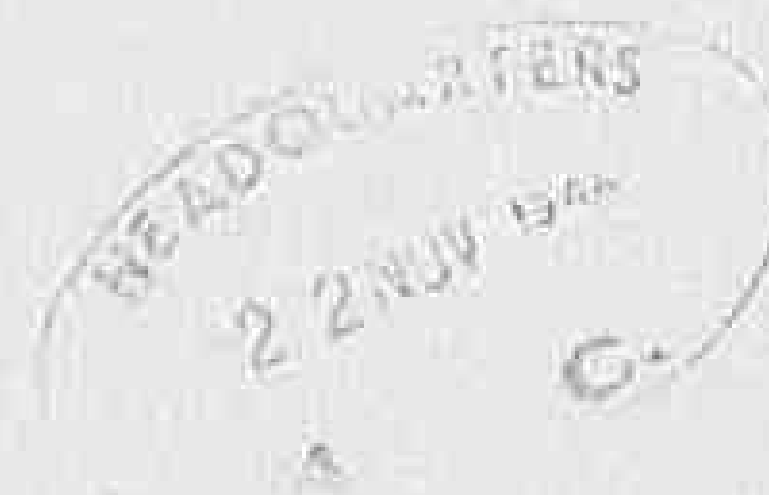
1. Your 220-SWI of 9 and 10 November 1944,
refers.

2. There is no objection by this Headquarters
to the extension of the privilege of the diplomatic
pouch and courier requested.

3. The courier should be in the possession
of a diplomatic passport and such other documents
as are necessary for his identity as a diplomatic
courier.

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

F. J. Slaughter
F. J. SLUGHTER
Captain, A.G. D.



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 220-SWI

10 November 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters
Copy to: U. S. Political Adviser
British Resident Minister

SUBJECT: Communications Between Swiss Legation in Rome and
the Swiss Government.

1. There has been received from the Swiss Legation to the
Quirinal Note No. 44.24.D.7/0425 dated November 7, 1944, regarding
communications between the Legation and the Swiss Government of
which a copy is attached hereto.

2. It should be noted that the Legation desires the granting to
it of the privilege of a diplomatic pouch and the Charge d'Affaires has
stated that inasmuch as couriers already travel from Bern through North
Africa touching at Algiers, the privilege of a courier between Rome and
Algiers, there to connect with the regular Swiss courier, would be suf-
ficient for his purposes.

For the Chief Commissioner:

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

1 Encl: Note fr Swiss Legation,
No. 44.24.D.7/0425 dtd 7 Nov 44.

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November 7th 1944

Dear Sir ,

Referring to yesterdays's conversation I have the honour to transmit to you a memorandum in which I have described the difficulties which the Legation encounters in communicating with her Government. In fact I have no other means for the present than telegrams en clair which go through your intermediary. I should be very much obliged to you if you would kindly consent to take up the matter with the competent Allied Authorities with a view to come to a satisfactory solution of this question .

Thanking you in advance for your kind intervention , I am, dear Sir ,

Yours very truly,

*Sa hi*1 enclosure.

Chargé d'Affaires of Switzerland a.i.

William Walter Schott, Esquire,
Vice President of the Political Section ,
Allied Commission,
R o m e .

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M e m o r a n d u m

The privilege of diplomatic courriers has not been granted to the Legation of Switzerland in Rome since the liberation of the town by the Allied Forces. With note (reference # 220) dated September 20th, 1944, the Political Section of the Allied Control Commission however informed the Legation that by a decision from the Allied Force Headquarters the Legation might henceforth communicate with the Federal Government in Berne by sealed bags to be handed over to the Adjutant Office, Civil Censorship Branch, Rome, these sealed bags being transported to Berne by the ordinary mail.

Owing to the fact that the postal communications between Switzerland and Spain have lately been interrupted several times and are again interrupted now since many days, the Legation has not been able to make use of the aforementioned concession which by all means is not very satisfactory. Indeed no such bag has yet reached Switzerland as far as the Legation is informed.

Under these circumstances and in consideration of the fact that the situation appears to have changed considerably with the resumption of normal diplomatic relations between a great number of the United Nations and Italy, the Legation of Switzerland would appreciate it if the privilege of a diplomatic pouch could again be granted her.

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As long as the way over France or directly over Northern Italy is not practicable, the Legation suggests that she be authorized to establish with the kind cooperation of the Allied Authorities every three or four weeks a service to Algiers, an official of the Swiss Consulate in that town bringing the pouches to Rome and taking with him to Algiers the mail for the Swiss Government in Berne.

The Legation would be very grateful if after more than five months of total interruption of her communications with her Government, the competent Allied Authorities could grant her these facilities .

Rome, November 7th , 1944.

Ja.



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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 311.1-2

10 October 1944

SUBJECT: Communications Swiss Government.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394.

1. Reference your 220 of 16 September 1944. This matter has been coordinated with the British Resident Minister, the U. S. Political Advisor and G-2 Section of this headquarters.

2. Their view are expressed as follows: "The distinction between the facilities granted neutral representatives to the Vatican and those accredited to the Quirinal with respect to Diplomatic Pouches is more apparent than real. The limitations imposed by present travel restrictions within the theatre in fact practically preclude the travel of neutral couriers. In any event the distinction is completely logical in view of the special juridical position of the Vatican. It is considered undesirable for security reasons that the neutral representatives to the Quirinal should have bag facilities. It is not agreed that the concession given to the Swiss Government should be extended to other neutral Governments."

3. In view of the above it is not believed that the question of any new changes in the regulations now in force should be raised at the present time, or prior to the end of hostilities in Italy.

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

J. MURRAY MITCHELL
Lt. Colonel, A.U.S.

*Original sent to Communications 8/c
with note from HMC. copy dit
was with reference to the change*

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Ref 4220

20 September 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: M. Peter de Laiss, Swiss Charge d'Affaires.

The Political Section of the Allied Control Commission presents its compliments to the Swiss Charge d'Affaires and has the honour to confirm that instructions have been received from Allied Force Headquarters that the Swiss Legation in Rome may communicate with Rome by sealed bag. In making this communication it is desired to emphasize that the concession is being granted on the grounds of the special position of the Swiss in representing the interests of Allied and other countries in Italy.

The procedure for dispatching sealed bags is that they should be handed to:

The Adjutant Office,
Civil Censorship Branch,
Room 14 Istituto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni,
Via Umbria, 2
(Phone: Cent. Brunner, 473753)

We need not explain that these sealed bags are to be handed to the Censorship Branch in order to enable them to be marked in such a way as to ensure that they shall not be subject to scrutiny at any stage while in Allied hands. They will accordingly be stamped ACS and the Allied authorities concerned will be grateful if you will explain to the Swiss Government the purpose of this marking.

TO: Lt. Colonel Head, ~~Communications~~ Sub-Commission
FROM: Political Section

To see and return please.

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Read.
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H.C. - Col. Head says that Major McKean (Censorship) says that Swiss bag will be stamped ACS as a matter of fact but that it will not be censored, and suggests that Swiss here advise Swiss Bern of this procedure which ~~is~~ has to be done. K

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Ref # 220

19 September

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Memorandum

Letter to M. Peter de Salis, Swiss Charge d'Affaires

The Political Section ^{has} presents its compliments to the
~~Swiss Charge d'Affaires~~, Swiss Charge d'Affaires and ^{honour to} ~~has~~
~~As I promised yesterday~~ writing to confirm that ~~we have~~
~~received~~ instructions from Allied Force Headquarters that the Swiss
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 Via Umbria, 2
 (Phone: Capt. Brunner, 478768)

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 be grateful if you will explain to the Swiss Government
 the purpose of this marking.

Drafted by Mr. Gaccia
 Political Section
 19 September 1944

Political Section

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18 September 1944

*This should
be sent to
the Swiss Legation
and be reported
to the
State.*Memo -

Ordinary Civil Mails for Switzerland, after Censorship, are made up for despatch by the Censorship Branch, Rome, and handed over by them to the British Army Post Office for onward transmission (via U.K. at the moment - direct despatch pending).

It has been verified by telephone from G-5 that the Swiss Legation's sealed bag, addressed direct to Berne, should be forwarded by the same means. It should be handed over by the Legation to:-

The Adjutant Office,
Civil Censorship Branch,
Room 14 Istituto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni,
Via Umbria, 2
(Phone: Capt. Brunner, 478768)

The Swiss Legation has been advised by telephone accordingly (872401) following arrangements made by phone (and since confirmed in writing) with Major McKean, Chief Civil Censorship Officer.

*Handwritten signature**Lt. Col.*

Communications Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

18 September 1944.

Ref # 280

MEMORANDUM TO: G-5, Allied Force Headquarters.
Copies to: Communications Censorship, AFHQ,
British Resident Minister,
U. S. Political Advisor,
British High Commissioner,
U. S. Representative, Advisory Council to Italy,
Communication Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

SUBJECT : Communications Swiss Government.

The authorization granted in your G-5 311.1-2 of the 14th September is noted, and action has been duly taken to inform the Swiss Legation as requested in paragraph 3.

2. Your attention is however invited to the somewhat invidious distinction drawn between neutral representatives to the Vatican and those to the Quirinal.

3. Under the terms of your letter AG. 311-043 B-C dated 22nd August, 1944, para 1 (c), neutral diplomatic representatives in the Vatican are granted diplomatic bag privileges. This privilege is not generally granted to representatives at the Quirinal, although the latter might be considered to represent the larger interests.

4. In addition, there is no way of preventing the use by the representatives to the Quirinal of the bag facilities available to those within the Vatican area.

5. Perhaps in view of these considerations you might wish to consider the extension of bag facilities to all neutral diplomatic representatives accredited to the Quirinal.

H. A. Caccia
Vice President
Political Section.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-5 Section

APC 312

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G-5: 311.1-2

14 September 1944

SUBJECT: Communications - Swiss Government.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APC 394.

1. It is understood from the Offices of the British Resident Minister and the United States Political Adviser that the Swiss Government have asked the State Department that their representatives at Rome may be allowed to communicate by sealed bag with Berne.

2. The State Department and Foreign Office have been consulted and have agreed to the Swiss request subject to considerations of military security. The latter aspect has been considered here by G-2 and no security objection is perceived particularly as the bags would take a considerable time in transit.

3. In the circumstances, therefore, the Ministers' Offices here have requested that the Swiss Legation, Rome, may be informed that they may communicate with Berne by sealed bag but in doing so, desire that it be emphasized that the concession is being made on the grounds of the special position of the Swiss in representing the interests of certain countries in Italy.

4. Will you please act accordingly in accordance with paragraph 3 above.

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

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref #220-SWI

9 November 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters.

SUBJECT : Communications Between Swiss Legation at Rome and Swiss Government.

1. There has been received from the Swiss Legation to the Quirinal a note dated November 6, 1944 pointing out the difficulties of the Legation in receiving official mail from the Swiss Government. A copy of this note is attached hereto.

2. It is true that the Swiss authorities, who protect Allied interests in Rome, obtain slight service from them. They either should be ^{accorded} couriers or they should be able to rely on Allied authorities for assistance in transport of their diplomatic bags without censorship of contents. By memorandum of G-5 Section, AFHQ, No. 311.1-2 dated September 14, 1944 the Swiss Legation was allowed to communicate with Bern by sealed bag.

3. In the particular case in question it seems most desirable that arrangements be made for the transport of the five diplomatic bags from Algiers to Rome by Allied courier.

For the Chief Commissioner:

WILLIAM. W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

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On November, 1944 144

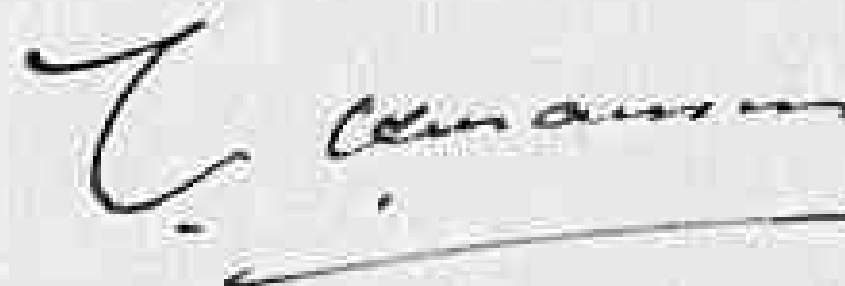
TO: Political Section. ✓

Thank you - the matter is not actually the direct concern of this office, but I offer the following comments.

It does seem that the Swiss authorities, who protected our interests in Rome, are not getting much service from us. Either they should get couriers (which looks unhelpful) or they should be able to rely on the Allied authorities assisting over transport of their diplomatic bags, without censorship of contents.

They are officially allowed sealed diplomatic bags and I think they can rely on these being passed unopened, particularly if they go to the trouble of presenting them to censorship for an authentication. Copy of authority is attached.

In the particular case in question it would seem we might arrange for the bags to be brought over from Algiers by Allied courier.



Telephone 489081
Ext: 400

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Incl: One letter

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G - 5 Section
APO 512

14 September 1944.

G - 5 : 311. 1-2

Subject : Communications - Swiss Government.

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

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4. Will you please act accordingly in accordance with paragraph 3 above.

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

T.B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

Copy to Office of British Resident Minister	{ originated by Routing slip. Office of Br.
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" " " " " Adviser.	
" " " " " G-2	

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Communications Sub-Comm.

This seems purely a case for submission
to AFHQ but we wish first that you see
the note and make any comment regarding
it.

WWS.
Pol. Sec.

Nov. 6.

The Legation of Switzerland presents its compliments to the Political Section of the Allied Commission and has the honour to submit to her the following matter.

Since the liberation of Rome through the Allied Armies that is since more than five months the Legation has not received any official mail from the Swiss Government owing to the measures taken by the Supreme Allied Command concerning diplomatic courriers. According to a communication from the Swiss Consul in Algiers five sealed bags are at the Swiss Consulate in that town addressed to the Legation.

Mr. de Salis should be very much obliged to the Political Section of the Allied Commission if she would kindly intervene with the competent Allied Authorities in order to allow an official of the Swiss Consulate in Algiers to bring the pouches to Rome, according him the necessary transport facilities. Should it be more convenient to the Allied Authorities to have somebody sent from Rome to Algiers, the Legation would send Mr. Marc Chauvet, Attaché of the Legation, bearer of the Swiss diplomatic passport No 2121, established by the Federal Political Department in Berne on February 18th, 1942.

Thanking the Political Section in advance for her kind intervention in the matter, the Legation of Switzerland takes this opportunity to renew to her the senses of its high consideration .

Rome, November 6th 1944

TO THE ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
R O M E

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

3 November 1944

The Political Section of the Allied Commission has to
acknowledge receipt of the sum of Lire 456.00 in payment of
telegraphic charges incurred for the month of August, 1944,
by the Legation of Switzerland.

Donald H. Decker
Political Section

Legation of Switzerland
Via Bernabe Oriani, 61
Rome.

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Money handed to Mr. McBride
9 Nov 44
[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Barnaba
Ref # 220

LEGATION SWITZERLAND
19 October 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Legation of Switzerland.

[OCT 23 1944]

VIA VITL. VENET. 121

There is attached hereto a voucher indicating the cost of telegrams sent by the American Representative on the Advisory Council for Italy during the month of August 1944, on your behalf.

It would be appreciated if you would remit to the Political Section, A.C.C. the amount indicated and return therewith the voucher.

At the present time these messages are all being sent by Army wires and it is not therefore anticipated that there will be any further bills from this office.

W. W. Schott

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

Peter de Salis, Esquire
Charge d'Affaires
Legation of Switzerland
Via Barnaba Oriani, 61
Rome.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 311.1-2

10 October 1944

SUBJECT: Communications Swiss Government.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394.

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3. In view of the above it is not believed that the question of any new changes in the regulations now in force should be raised at the present time, or prior to the end of hostilities in Italy.

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

J. Murray Mitchell
J. MURRAY MITCHELL
Lt. Colonel, A.U.S.

Communications Subcom:

I suppose it is not worth returning to the change?

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Political Section.

I hardly think so, in view of para 1 above.

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14 Oct.

[Signature]

LEGAZIONE DI SVIZZERA
IN ITALIA

INTERESSI STRANIERI

Rif. N.° _____

ROMA,
O. MONTEBELLO, 121
TEL. 43-951 - 43-952 - 43-953

Finance Sub Commission

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MEMORANDUM

To the Allied Control Commission - Political Section - Rome.

The Swiss Legation, Foreign Interests Section, have the honour to state that, as from October 1st, 1944, they will no longer be in charge of British interests in the provinces mentioned below and which will now come under the jurisdiction of the British Consul at Rome:

Ancona
Aquila
Ascoli Piceno
Chieti
Frosinone
Grosseto
Littoria
Macerata

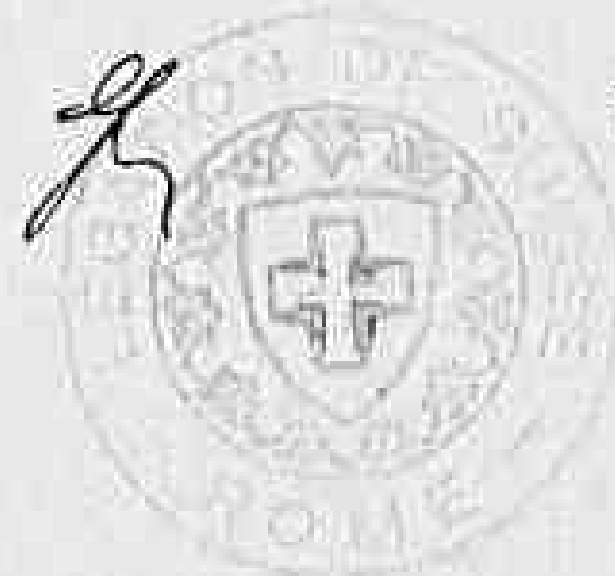
Pesaro
Pescara
Perugia
Rieti
Roma
Teramo
Terni
Viterbo

The Swiss Legation will continue to protect British interests in that part of Italy occupied by the Germans as well as in the following provinces which come under the jurisdiction of the Swiss Consul in Florence:

Apuania
Arezzo
Florence
Forlì
Leghorn

Lucca
Pisa
Pistoia
Siena

Rome, September 27th, 1944.



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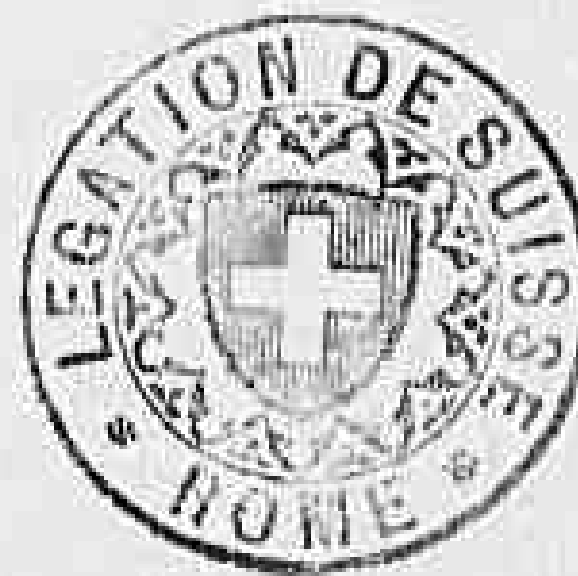
The Legation of Switzerland presents its compliments to the Political Section of the Allied Control Commission and has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of her memorandum ref. 220 dated 20th September 1944, with which she was kind enough to let the Legation know that according to instructions received from Allied Force Headquarters, this Legation had been accorded the privilege of communicating with Berne by sealed bag.

The Legation wishes to thank the Allied Authorities for the comprehension with which this matter has been examined and for the privilege which has been accorded.

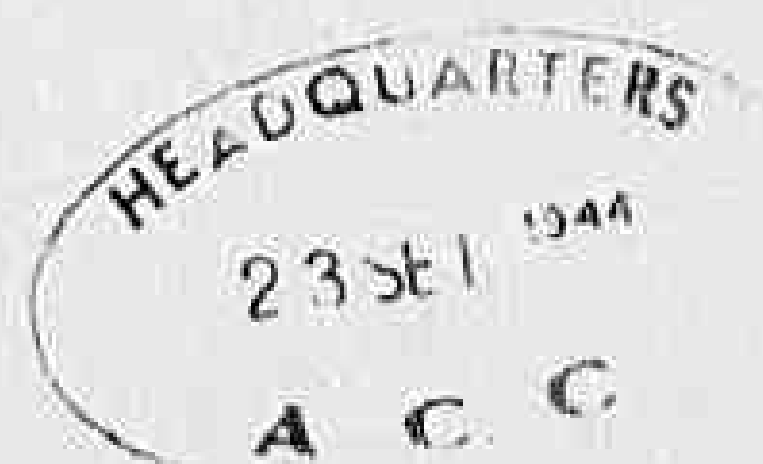
Due note has been taken of the procedure which has to be followed for dispatching sealed bags to Berne.

Rome, the 22d September 1944. *Ja.*

The Allied Control Commission,
Political Section,
R O M E.



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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Rome, June 19, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Lieutenant Colonel John R. Pollock,
Rome Area Command.

FROM: Political Section, Allied Control Commission

It is requested that passes be issued to enable the Swiss Charge d'Affaires, accompanied by two members of his staff and his chauffeur, to depart from Rome for Naples on Thursday, June 22, 1944.

Names and passport numbers follow:

Pierre de Salis, Charge d'Affaires of Switzerland, Diplomatic passport no. 2137, dated March 12, 1942.

Dr. Carlo Sommaruga, diplomatic passport No. 2129, dated March 5, 1942.

Guido Mariotti, Chancellor of the Swiss Consulate in Naples, Service passport No. 01820 S dated June 18 1943.

Dante Bino, chauffeur, an Italian citizen in the service of the Swiss Legation for many years. He holds driver license patente guida II grado No. 1213, patente guida III No. 1434.

The car is identified as M. G. Targa C. D. Roma No. 0371.

Harold Caccia

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LEGAZIONE DI SVIZZERA
IN ITALIA

ROMA, 16th June, 1944
LARGO ELVIA - VIA BARNABA ORIANI, 61
TEL. 872-401 - 872-402 - 872-403

Rif. N°

My dear Mr. Reber,

As you know the Swiss Consulate in Naples had three years ago to leave this port and to open his offices in Rome. I should appreciate it very much if as soon as possible I could drive down to Naples to take up the contact with the Swiss Colony in this town.

I intend going with Mr. Sommaruga and with the Chancellor who is in charge of the Consulate in Naples, M. Mariotti. Do you think it would be possible for me to get the necessary permits for these gentlemen and myself and for my car and chauffeur, the details of which are written down on the enclosed notice.

I am, dear Mr. Reber,

Yours very truly,

Sa his

1 enclosure

The Honorable S. Reber,
Vice President of the Allied Control Commission,
Palazzo delle Corporazioni,
Via Veneto,
Rome.

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Notice.

Car M.G. Targa C.D. Roma No 0371

1. Pierre de SALIS , Chargé d'Affaires of Switzerland
Diplomatic passport No 2137, established in Berne by the
Federal Political Department on March 12th 1942.
2. Dr. Carlo SOMMARUGA
Diplomatic passport No 2129 established in Berne by the
Federal Political Department on March 5th 1942.
3. Guido MARIOTTI , Chancellor of the Swiss Consulate in
Naples , actually in Rome .
Service passport (passeport de service) No 01820 S
established in Berne by the Federal Political Department
on June 18th 1943.
4. The car is to be driven by my chauffeur , Dante EINO, born
30th November 1912 in San Daniele Friuli (Province of Udina)
Eino is an Italian citizen and has been in the service of
the Legation since many years . He has a driver licence patente
guida II.grado No 1213 , patente guida III.No 1434.

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DEPTAIRES IN ROME SEVERAL DAYS AGO PD DE SALIS IS SENDING FORWARD BY POUCH LEAVING NAPLES
PAREN TO AMHQ FROM ACC MAIN SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN
TODAY LARGE ENVELOPE CONTAINING COMMUNICATIONS FOR SCHLATTER BY ENTIRE STAFF OF SWISS
LEGATION ALL WELL IN ROME

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION OUTGO MESSAGE

15 June 1944

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FROM : HQ ACC

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TO : ACC ROME

YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED OUR FIVE NINE THREE FOUR OF EIGHT JUNE FOR REBER AND
CACCIA REFERRING COMMUNICATIONS FROM DESALIS TO BERN VIA SCHLATTER AT ALGIERS PD
AFHQ NOW ASKS CONFIRMATION MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED SINCE SCHLATTER MOST ANXIOUS
FOR NEWS PD REQUEST YOU ASK DESALIS SEND MESSAGE HERE FOR TRANSMITTAL ALGIERS

APPROVED:

Joseph H. G...
JH Political Section

With copy to Political Section

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS HAS ASKED THAT CONTACT BE MADE SOONEST
WITH PETER DE SALIS SWISS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES LARGO BLVERIA VIA
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COMMUNICATE WITH THEM THROUGH SCHLATTER SWISS DELEGATE ALGIERS
PD PAREN TO AMG FIFTH ARMY PAREN CITY ADMIN SECTION PAREN FOR
REBER AND CACCIA FROM ACC MAIN FROM MACFARLANE PAREN PLEASE
ARRANGE THAT ANY MESSAGE DE SALIS WISHES TO SEND BE ACCEPTED
IN OPEN CONDITION BY ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION OFFICER IN ROME
AND SENT AFHQ PD PLEASE INFORM DE SALIS OF THIS PROCEDURE

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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REQUEST YOU ENSURE THAT PETER DE SALIS SWISS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES LARGO ELVEZIA VIA BARNABA ORIANI 61 IN ROME BE CONTACTED SOONEST AND INFORMED THAT SCHLATTER SWISS DELEGATE ALGIERS CAN ACT AS HIS MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WITH BERNE. REQUEST ANY MESSAGE DE SALIS DESIRES TO SEND BE ACCEPTED BY YOU IN OPEN CONDITION IN ROME AND TRANSMITTED HERE FOR PASSING ON TO SCHLATTER AND THAT DE SALIS BE SO INFORMED

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Col Jarrell, PBS, Signals,
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to Algiers via post & passing
through U.S. office. - K.K.

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Headquarters Allied Control Commission

August 10, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Lt. Colonel John Pollock,
Chief, Public Safety,
4 via Lucullo.

Reference is made to the Political Section's Memorandum of August 8, requesting signs for use on German Embassy property. These signs have been received and transmitted to the Swiss Legation, Foreign Interests Section, which reports that no further incidents have occurred since the posting of them.

In reply to your request for details concerning the previous incident, there is quoted below a portion of the note from the Swiss reporting the matter.

"...ten British officers, notwithstanding the opposition by the Swiss custodian, on August 7 entered the premises of the German Embassy, via Conte Rosso. The aforesaid officers visited the kitchen of the Embassy building and chose a kitchen range which they purported to have taken away today (August 8) for their personal use."

We have already asked the Swiss for any further details which may make it possible to identify these officers, but so far they have been unable to provide them.

Harold Caccia,
Vice President Allied Control Commission
Political Section

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Headquarters Allied Control Commission

August 8, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Lt. Colonel John R. Pollock,
Rome Allied Area Command.

The Swiss Legation has informed the Political Section of the Allied Control Commission that premises under its protection have been entered by Allied officers notwithstanding the protests of the custodian.

It is requested that a supply of "Out of Bounds" signs be furnished the Political Section which will in turn supply them to the Swiss Legation for use on property in their care.

Harold Caccia.

Harold Caccia,
Vice President Allied Control Commission

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Sir

- ✓* *Received 8/10/44-RR*
- 1) Signs have been sent to you.
 - 2) I am sorry about this trespass, I would like to investigate if you could give me some details please.

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Pollock Lt. Col
Chief, Public Safety

8/8/44

Foreign Interests Section.

MEMORANDUM

The Swiss Legation, Foreign Interests Section, presents its compliments to the Political Section of the Allied Control Commission and has the honor to inform that yesterday two British officers, notwithstanding the opposition made by the Swiss custodian, entered the premises of the German Embassy, Via Conte Rosso.

The aforesaid officers visited the kitchen of the Embassy building and chose a kitchen range which they purported to have taken away today for their personal use.

The Swiss Legation requests that the Political Section of the Allied Control Commission kindly take the urgent necessary steps in order that similar future incidents be prevented.

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ROME, August 8, 1944.

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LEGAZIONE DI SVIZZERA
IN ITALIA

SEZIONE INTERESSI STRANIERI

ROMA August 9, 1944. *He*
VIA VITTORIO VENETO, 121
TELEF. 40.072 - 42.691 - 42.775 - 42.783

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Dear Mr. Caccia:

I am very much obliged to you for the posters. No one called at the German Embassy yesterday and I am certain that with these new precautions which we have taken no further annoying incident will occur. Would you mind letting me know if you agree that we place one of these posters on the door of the German Embassy to the Holy See, Via Fiave 23, where our German Interests Section is located. Perhaps Miss Kelly would be so kind as to give me the answer on this matter. *Yes*

Sincerely yours,

Hammering

Miss Kelly

British must

Says "No

Objection".

London

please

tell 8458

"rep" Am 9/8

Mr. H. Caccia,
Political Section,
A.C.C. Palazzo delle Corporazioni,
Via Veneto,
Rome.

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Foreign Interests.

M E M O R A N D U M.

The Swiss Legation, Foreign Interests Division, presents its compliments to the Political Section of the Allied Control Commission, and has the honor to advise the competent authorities that from Monday, July 31, its German Interests Section will be transferred from Via Sardegna 79 to Via Piave 32, premises of the former German Embassy to the Holy See.

The Swiss Legation, Foreign Interests Division, takes this opportunity to renew its expression of high esteem.

R o m e, July 28, 1944.



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AFHQ ACTION U.S. POLITICAL ADVISOR INFO BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER

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July 10

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ROUTINE
POLITICAL

SWISS LOCATION REQUESTS FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE TRANSMITTED TO
SCHLATTER SWISS CONSULATE ALGIERS PAREN TO AFHQ FOR UNCLE SUGAR
POLITICAL ADVISOR FOR INFORMATION BRITISH RESIDENT MINISTER FROM
ACC ADVANCE FROM STONE PAREN MESSAGE BEGINS FOR YOUR INFORMATION
WE ARE PLANNING TO SEND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE RIVA TO NAPLES WITH
STEMOGRAPHER TO TAKE CHARGE OF FOREIGN INTERESTS PD ADVISE US
OF MEASURES TAKEN FOR FOREIGN INTERESTS SIGNED STOUTZ MESSAGE
ENDS.

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Foreign Interests.

M E M O R A N D U M .

The Swiss Legation, Foreign Interests Section,
presents its compliments to the Political Section of
the Allied Control Commission, and would appreciate
if the attached telegram could be transmitted to Mr.
Schlatter of the Swiss Consulate in Algiers.

The Swiss Legation takes the opportunity to extend
its thanks for the courtesy.

R o m e, July 6, 1944.

Enclosure:
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SCHLATTER CONSULAT SUISSE ALGER

A TOUTES FINES UTILES VOUS AVISONS QUE ENVISAGEONS ENVOYER
DES QUE POSSIBLE NAPLES COLLABORATEUR RIVA AVEC DACTYLO
CHARGE ORGANISATION INTERETS ETRANGERS STOP ~~AVONS DEMANDE~~
~~RESTITUTION IMMEDIATE CONSULAT ALGER AND NAPLES VOUS PRIONS~~
~~AVOYER DE L'ETAT~~ STOP REMETTEZ NOUS SUR DISPOSITIONS
PRISES POUR INTERETS ETRANGERS

STOUTZ LEGATION INTERETS



Rome, le 5 juillet 1944.

Brigadier Lush.

The Political Section have two points to make about the attached communication from Col. Chapman to the Swiss Legation "by direction of the Deputy Executive Commissioner":

- 1) As to substance. We do not agree with the decision reached.
- 2) As to form. We do not think that a decision should have been communicated to the Swiss without our having been consulted in the first place. Nor do we think that a memorandum addressed to the Political Section should be answered by the Regional Commissioner in Naples, but by the Political Section.

May I speak?

Political Section,
13.7.44.

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Lush

*Summary of the work
of the day*

Monday morning
June 19th

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6/19/44-10

My dear Mr. Casca,

I intended to ask you last
night to be so kind as to care
for telegraphic transmission
to my Government of the two
enclosed messages, as I fear
the ones already sent through
the Swiss delegate at Algiers
might reach Bern rather
late..... and I forget!

There is also enclosed
a memorandum concerning

Belthorne.

With thousand thanks

Yours sincerely

Mr. Belthorne.

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