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Oct. - Nov. 1944

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
ATC 394

Ref #460

18 November 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Electricity Control Board, R.A.A.C.

SUBJECT : Increased Allotment of Electricity to the Headquarters of the Italian Political Parties.

1. There has been received from the Central Committee of National Liberation, Rome, a letter dated 15 November 1944 requesting a more adequate allotment of electricity for the lighting of the headquarters of the six main Italian political parties, namely:

Italian Communist Party	Via Nazionale, 243
Action Party	Via Mintina, 91
Christian Democrat Party	Piazza del Gesù, 46
Labor Democrat Party	Piazza Augusto Imperatore, 33
Italian Liberal Party	Via Tritona, 29
Italian Socialist Party	Via Gregoriana, 41.

2. It would be appreciated were this office informed of the possibilities of fulfilling this request at the present time.

For the Chief Commissioner:

William W. Schott
for WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

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C. C. L. N.
COMITATO CENTRALE DI LIBERAZIONE NAZIONALE

Prot. n. 365/1s

ROMA 15/XI/1944
PIAZZA SS. APOSTOLI N. 73
TEL. 06053 - 03054

all' A . C .
Ufficio Politico

alla cortese attenzione
del Sig. Becker

R O M A
Via Veneto

e p.c.:

ELECTRICITY CONTROL BOARD
R O M A = Piazza Venezia

SOCIETA' ROMANA DI ELETTRICITA'
R O M A = Via Poli n. 14

A . C . E . A .
R O M A = Via Milano, 62

Si prega cotesto Ufficio di un cortese interessamento presso l'Electricity Control Board onde far ottenere una congrua assegnazione di energia elettrica per illuminazione alle Direzioni dei seguenti partiti politici componenti questo C.C.L.N.:

PARTITO COMUNISTA ITALIANO = Via Nazionale n. 243

PARTITO D'AZIONE = Via Sistina n. 91

PARTITO DEMOCRATICO CRISTIANO = Piazza del Gesù n. 46

PARTITO DEMOCRATICO DEL LAVORO = Piazza Augusto Imperatore n. 32

PARTITO LIBERALE ITALIANO = Via Frattina n. 89

PARTITO SOCIALISTA ITALIANO = Via Gregoriana n. 41.

Si ringrazia anticipatamente.

COMITATO CENTRALE
DI
LIBERAZIONE NAZIONALE
Il Segretario
(Dott. Ing. Aldo Renzetti)

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[Signature]

Copia.

LÉGATION DU SUÉDOIS
MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES
Il Capo del Cerimoniale

Roma 4 Novembre 1944.

Electricity for Swedish Legation

Signor Inesricato d'Affari e caro Collega,

Il duca de la Tour mi ha riferito che ieri Lei si è mostrato dispiaciuto per non avere ancora ricevuta risposta alla sua richiesta di ottenere, se possibile, la corrente elettrica in maniera permanente. Mi rincresce dovere informarla che i passi esperiti a riguardo non hanno dato finora un esito favorevole. Sono stato io stesso a conferire di persona con la direzione della Società romana di elettricità per chiedere se fosse possibile, come da Lei suggerito, staccare la corrente dall'immobile della Legazione di Svezia e concederla invece alla sua abitazione privata in via Savoia. Mi è stato risposto che ciò non era possibile per ragioni di ordine tecnico, e che la nota-ria esigeva disponibilità di corrente non permetteva di consentire ad ulteriori allacciamenti preferenziali; e che infine se alcuni edifici di via Savoia avevano la corrente continua, trattavasi non di concessione di favore ma di abuso che si sarebbe cercato di eliminare. Contemporaneamente sono state interessate anche gli uffici alleati, esponendo la richiesta da Lei formulata ed anche il caso del Consigliere della Legazione di Danimarca sig. Bull, che aveva presentato analogo richiesta. Dagli uffici predetti non è ancora pervenuta nessuna risposta, ma sono in corso conversazioni col Comando alleato della zona di Roma, per ottenere che nell'applicazione del razionamento della luce in corso di attuazione, sia accordato un trattamento di favore per gli edifici delle Missioni e delle Cancellerie diplomatiche, e per quanto possibile anche per le abitazioni private di tutti i membri del Corpo Diplomatico. Nel corso di queste conversazioni è stato fatto un richiamo speciale alla situazione di quello del signor Bull, chiedendo che in vista

Electricity for Swedish Legation

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Signor Torsten Hammarström,
Incaricato d'Affari di Svezia,
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di tale situazione speciale sia accordato alle loro abitazioni privati lo stesso trattamento di favore che negli altri casi verrà come regola generale stabilito per l'edificio dove ha sede la Missione.

Confido che, dopo aver preso conoscenza delle informazioni che precedono, Ella vorrà convenire che anche in questo caso il R. Ministero degli Affari esteri ha svolto, come sempre, ogni possibile azione per venire incontro alle giuste esigenze dei membri del Corpo Diplomatico, e che se talvolta non è possibile raggiungere un risultato soddisfacente, ciò non deriva da mancanza di buona volontà ma, purtroppo, dalle tristissime condizioni in cui versa attualmente il paese.

Gradisca, signor Incaricato d'affari, e caro Collega gli atti della mia alta considerazione ed i miei migliori saluti

(fto.)

Diana

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A/CE 514.13

30 October 1944

Dear General Brown:

After a long period in which the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was without light, the electricity was reinstated in the Palazzo Chigi on October 12th. This restoration of light was such to the satisfaction of the Ministry, whose work to that date had been severely handicapped; also to the American and British ambassadors, both of whom had made strong representations to have the light restored.

Since October 12th, I have had various complaints from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the light is not functioning satisfactorily, and at first I attributed this to the normal interruption which sometimes occurs for technical reasons in our own headquarters, and probably also in yours. Then, however, it became so constant that I had it investigated and discovered the following:

- (1) On Sunday, October 22, the Palazzo Chigi had light only from 1700 to 1900 hours;
- (2) On Monday, October 23, light from 1700 to 1900 hours;
- (3) On Tuesday, October 24, the light did not come on until 1915 hours;
- (4) On Wednesday, October 25, the light came on at 1800 hours;
- (5) On Thursday, October 26, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had the light on in the morning.

From the above it would appear that the Ministry was experiencing something more than the normal interruptions, and I would be most grateful if you would cause the matter to be investigated. For various reasons, with which I am sure you will agree, I feel that it is wrong for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to receive less-favored treatment than one of our own Allied headquarters.

I would greatly appreciate your kind interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

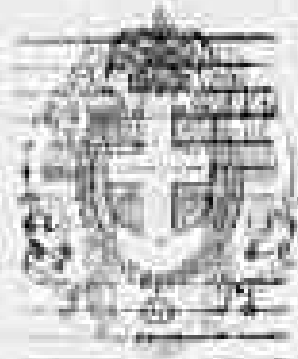
/s/ Ellery W. Stone
 ELLERY W. STONE
 Commodore, USNR
 Acting Chief Commissioner

Brigadier General Thorburn A. Brown, U.S.A.
 Commanding General
 Home Allied Area Command
 APO 794

cc: C of S Section
 Political Section
 Economic Section
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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.

The Direction of the Works of the "Foundation of the Sons of Italians abroad" have made known that they cannot dis-assemble and take away a coal-gas burning plant for the production of electricity, that finds itself in the old premises of the works in Ciampino, as the said premises are now occupied by allied troops who forbid the entrance to non-authorized persons.

In consideration of the fact that this group, though damaged, could be easily repaired, consenting a greater efficiency to the Via Antonio Serra works, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be grateful should the A.C. approach the competent Authorities with a view to obtaining the authorization for a free entrance to the workmen destined to the work of recuperation.

For the time being the said authorization could be limited to the care-taker Sig. Santurri Giuseppe.

Rome, October 30th 1944.

Copy sent to Economic
Section for appropriate
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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO #794, U. S. Army
ELECTRICITY CONTROL BOARD

WHH/va
27 October 1944

SUBJECT: Electricity for Swiss Legation

TO : Headquarters Allied Control Commission, Political Section,
APO 394.

1. Receipt is confirmed of your letter of 23 October 1944, subject as above.

2. No orders have been given by this office to disconnect the Swiss Legation.

3. According to the report received from our Engineer Section, the Legation is receiving its regular electric service.

RECEIVED
28 OCT 1944
A. C. C.

H. J. Hetcher Capt. H.
for
W. H. HUGHES
Major DAGE
Chairman

Will Roberts, or C. H. H.

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INTERNATIONAL ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
AEO 394

Ref: 460

23 October 1944

SUBJECT: Supply of Electric Light and Power to the Swiss Legation.

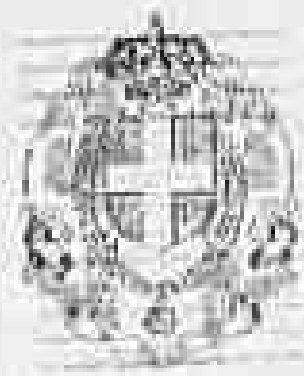
TO: R.A.A.C., Electricity Control Board.

1. We understand from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the A.C.R.A. Company have informed the Swiss Legation (61 Via MARBURA ORLANDI) that the Allied Authorities have instructed them to discontinue the supply of electrical power to these premises.

2. We should be grateful for your comments on this report as it seems to be at variance with the practice agreed of supplying members of the Expeditionary Corps with electric light and power. Moreover, we consider that the Swiss are entitled to any consideration we can give them in this matter in view of the services they have rendered to the Allies in protecting their interests during German occupation and the fact that they are still protecting these interests in parts of liberated as well as German occupied Italy.

For the Chief Commissioner:

H. A. GAGGIA
Vice President, Political Section



Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.

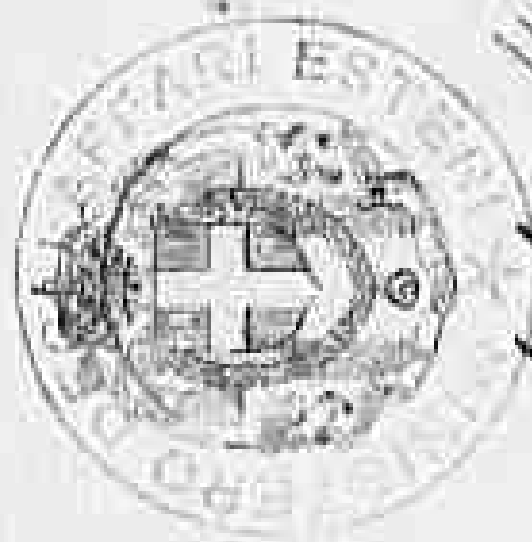
Reference is made to memorandum 6/34/15 dated July 25th, concerning the supply of electricity to the Swiss Legation in Rome. The said Legation reports that the A.G.E.A. Company has informed that within a few days the supply of electrical power (indispensable for electrical household commodities) will be discontinued following instructions of the Allied Authorities.

This appears to be in contrast with the assurances given by the Political Section in its verbal answer to the above mentioned memorandum.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be grateful if the Political Section could approach the competent Authorities with a view to obtaining that the normal supply of electrical power be maintained for the Swiss Legation as well as for the other diplomatic missions in Rome. A kind reply would be much appreciated.

Rome, 20th October, 1944.





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Ministre degli Affari Esteri

Cap. R. says supply of power
to be by Swiss in Russian
already approved. Should be
sent out in near few days.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED INCREASE COMMISSION

POLITICAL SECTION.

U.S. 87/7

The Swiss Charge d' Affaires reports that the Swiss Legation in Rome (R. 67, via Barbara Oriani) is at present without any electricity whatsoever and points out that such state of affairs seriously interferes with the normal course of the work of the Legation.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs should be extremely grateful if the Allied Control Commission, Political Section, would kindly take up the matter with the competent authorities in order that the normal supply of electricity be furnished to the Swiss Legation with as little delay as possible. **R.A.B.**

ROME, July 25th, 1944

Cap. R. says supply of power

Via del Corso 4X.

Tel: 66113.

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JOINT ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO #794, U.S. ARMY
ELECTRICITY CONTROL BOARD

WEH/va
20 October 1944

SUBJECT: Electricity for Polish Consulate General

TO : Allied Control Commission, Political Section, APO 394

1. Your application on behalf of the Polish Consulate General in Rome has been considered by the Electricity Control Board and in principle approved.
2. Our Engineer Section has been instructed to investigate the technical possibilities of effecting the connection.

W. H. Hughes
for W. H. HUGHES
Major LACMG
Chairman

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Tom Polich
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16 October 1944

My dear Marchese Visconti Venosta:

After all the inconvenience which you have suffered owing to the lack of electricity in your Ministry, I hope the light is functioning well now. Meanwhile, in the belief that it may be of interest to you, I enclose a report submitted to me by the Engineers on the electricity situation at the Palazzo Chigi.

Yours very truly,

MILBY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Marchese Giovanni Visconti Venosta
Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government

1 Encl: Report

cc: C of S Section
Political Section (Mr. Schott) ✓
Economic Section

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EWS/dfa

A/CC 014.13

12 October 1944

My dear Marchese:

My sincere apologies for not replying previously to your letter of September 26, but I had been informed that an explanation of the technical difficulties involved in the restoration of light to your Ministry had been communicated orally to members of your staff.

I am now delighted to hear that your sojourn in darkness is at an end, and I hope that the blaze of light now shining from your windows puts utterly to shame the barbar opposite!

Yours very sincerely,

ELLEN W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Marchese Giovanni Visconti Venosta
Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
ROME

cc: Mr. Schott, Political Section
C of S Section
'A' Files

Si può suggerire l'idea di dare un colpo
di telefono al Col. Birmont della Electrical
and Mechanical Division raccomandandogli la
questione e assicurandogli una visita di
dispendio che viene esposta i accessori.

Recommended to Col. Birchett
by telephone. Winchman will see
him. 52

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

Rome, July 21st 1944.

Don Caccia,

May I call your kind attention to the enclosed Aides-Memoire concerning the supply of electricity to Mr. Kozmylev, Representative of the Soviet Union in Italy.

I would greatly appreciate if you could recommend this request to Col. Birchett in view of a speedy and favourable solution.

Thanking you in advance for the interest you will give the matter, believe me,

*Very sincerely yours**R. Bunsell*

Harold Caccia, Esq.,
Vice President Allied Control Commission
Political Section

H O M E

Encl.

Ministero degli Affari Esteri
Ufficio Collegamenti

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.C.

MR. MOSTJIEV, representative of the Soviet Union in Italy, has the honor to inform that an electric line of power is supplied to the building in Via Cavour 5, occupied by the Soviet Mission in Rome.

A request has already been presented on the matter to the Electric Company E.C.E.A. which is waiting for instructions from the competent Allied authorities.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be grateful to the Allied Control Commission if they would kindly ask Mr. Mostjiev's request into favourable consideration. *End*

Rome, July 21 1944.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL OFFICER, A.S.O.

MR. KOSTJELNY, representative of the Soviet Union in Italy, has informed this Ministry that an electric line of power is being laid in the area of the city of Rome, and that the line is being laid in the area of the city of Rome, and that the line is being laid in the area of the city of Rome.

A request has already been presented on the matter of the electric company A.S.O. which is waiting for instructions from the competent Allied authorities.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be grateful to the Allied Control Commission if they would kindly take Mr. KOSTJELNY's request into favorable consideration. *End.*

Rome, July 21 30, 1944.

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO #794, U.S. Army
ELECTRICITY CONTROL BOARD

Political ~~H.C.~~
~~h.s.~~
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WHH/va
2 October 1944

Ref: ECB/81

SUBJECT: Application for Electricity on Behalf of
Italian Ministry Foreign Affairs.

TO : Headquarters Allied Control Commission, Political Section,
APO #394, U.S. Army.

1. Your application has been considered by the Electricity Control Board and in principle approved.
2. It is regretted, however that, as per report received from our Engineer Section, it is technically impossible to effect the connection.
3. The memorandum from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is herewith attached.

W. H. Hughes

W. H. HUGHES
Major DAQMG
Chairman

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref # 460.

22 September 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Brigadier Upjohn.

SUBJECT : Supply of Electricity to Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Foreign Office have been pressing us daily about their request for electric light for the Palazzo Chigi. The request has gone to the proper quarter. Meanwhile when I asked them what their hours of work were, I was informed 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4.30 to 7.30 p.m. were the official working hours. I suggested that more use might be made of hours of daylight and was told that that would be put in hand but that, nevertheless, the Ministry would like to be given at least the same treatment as all other Ministries of the Italian Government.

While I think that their plea for equal treatment is an unanswerable one, do you know whether other Government Departments have a similar long interval in the middle of the day? If so, there is no excuse for it in war time, especially in winter.

H.A.C.
H. A. Caccia
Vice-President, Political Section.

To: Political Sec. ✓

The Ministry, with which this section deals all work hours with a long break at 1400hrs -

16.30/1700hrs.

Italian. (incl. P.H. & P.S.)

Ministry of War.

Education.

There is no doubt some saving in electricity would be made by conforming to the hours of this H.P. Consider that (over)

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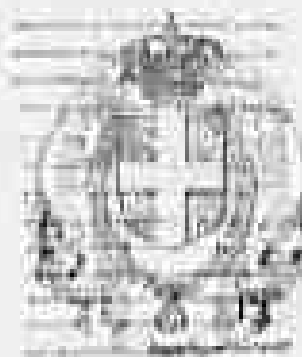
J.G. will present Vignettes, putting up points

(a) Change of Clark losses ^{daylight} 1 hr at night

(b) Custer and difficulty of contact with civilian
organizations during afternoon.

J.R. Phillips
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23 Sep. 44

*Very urgent**6/543/255**Ministero degli Affari Esteri*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.C.

With reference to memorandum n.6/539/246 dated September 18th. and to recent conversations on the matter, copy is herewith enclosed of the translation of letter sent by the Presidency of the Council to the "Electricity Control Committee" concerning the supply of electric light to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

It would be much appreciated if the Political Section A.C.C. could kindly approach the above said Committee with a view to obtain a favourable and early reply. *coll*

Rome, September 23rd 1944.



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Rome, 19 September 1944.

Application for Electricity

To: Electrical Power Committee
Rome Allied Area Command
APO 794, U.S. Army.

- 1) By letter of the 2nd September (without number), the Electrical Power Committee have assured the Presidency of the Council of Ministers that continual electric light would be erogated to all the Ministries.
- 2) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has not yet received such a supply.
- 3) In view of the abolition of the summer time and of the approach of winter, the granting of electricity has become necessary, all the more so as the Ministry in question, by reason of its work, has often to remain open late in the afternoon.
- 4) The Presidency would be grateful if the Electrical Power Committee would take the necessary steps in order to grant the above request.

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO.

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Ref #460

20 September 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Captain Roscoe, Transportation, Communications & Utilities, Region IV.

SUBJECT : Supply of Electricity to Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

There is enclosed a memorandum from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs requesting an increased supply of electricity for the Ministry (which please review).

With the advent of autumn it seems necessary that the Ministry be supplied with light to permit it to function and I hope that favorable action can be taken on their request. This would appear also to be in line with the policy of supplying electric current to diplomatic representatives in Rome in order that they may carry on their duties. An early decision and information concerning it to the Political Section would be appreciated.

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WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

Encl
Memo 6/539/246; 13 Sep 44
fr DFA to Pol Sec.



Ministero degli Affari Esteri

urgent

no. 6/539/246

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.C.

Reference is made to previous correspondence regarding supply of electric light and power to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

The necessity of obtaining a minimum supply of electric light is becoming a matter of ever greater urgency owing to the abolition of the summer time: it is at present impossible for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs to carry on its normal duties in most of the afternoon hours and such a situation will naturally become all the more serious as time goes on.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs will therefore be grateful to the Political Section A.C.C. if they would kindly approach the competent authorities in order to obtain that the electric light be supplied, if possible, to Palazzo Chigi daily instead of every four days. Should this not be possible, it would at least be indispensable to derogate for the use of this Ministry electric light every day from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

With the opportunity the Ministry for Foreign Affairs would much appreciate if the competent authorities could reconsider the previous applications for electric power for the use of its print press. As it is known the previous applications had to be temporarily deferred owing to the shortage of electricity available at the moment: it is understood that the matter has been now kindly taken up by Admiral Stone.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs would be glad to be informed whether a favourable decision has been reached by the "Electricity Control Committee".

Carlo

Rome, September 16th, 1944.



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Political Section

H.C.
W.S.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

A/CC 004.04

28 September 1944

Subject: Printing Press for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

To: Economic Section
(Attention: Colonel Denzmore)

1. Copies of correspondence subsequent and relative to your ES/16 of 13 September are attached:

- a. Letter A/CC 004.04 of 17 Sept to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and
- b. their reply, dated 25 September 1944.

*Pol. Section
rec'd copy*

2. I find their suggestion a very reasonable one, and clearly the Ministry of Foreign Affairs must have certain printing of a confidential nature.

3. I think we should press RAC to give them the current as suggested.

4. Will you please take necessary action and keep me informed of the results.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

2 Incls:
as in para 1 above.

COPY

MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

Rome, 25 September 1944.

Dear Major Quayle,

I have received your letter of September 17th, No. A/CC 004.04 concerning the printing press of this Ministry and I thank you for the interest you have taken in the matter.

Your suggestion that the Ministry should avail itself of the services of one of the private printing concerns at present operating in this city has received careful consideration but I am afraid it will not be possible to follow it.

Apart from the fact that it would save considerable expense if this Ministry could make use of its own printing press, which is on the very premises of the Ministry and is fully equipped and staffed, I wish to point out to you that the greatest part of the work that is done by it is of a confidential nature and therefore cannot be turned over to a private firm.

In fact all diplomatic documents and passports are published by it and, moreover, it is entrusted with the printing of cipher codes and cryptographic material which obviously has to be prepared with the utmost secrecy.

I am wondering therefore if the Rome Area Allied Command could take into favourable consideration the following proposal:

As the printing press would require daily Kw.21 (100 amperes - 220 volts - 3 phase) would it not be possible to reduce the electrical power of the 21 other firms at present in operation of 1 Kw. a day which after all would mean an irrelevant reduction?

Should you find this suggestion of mine a reasonable one would you be so kind as to pass it on to the Rome Allied Area Command with a favourable comment from Admiral Stone?

I do hope that in this way the matter shall be favourably solved as this Ministry sorely needs to be put in a position to avail itself of the printing press even on the reduced scale that the small amount of electric power hereby requested would enable it to function with.

Very sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Visconti Venosta

Major J. A. Quayle, R.A.
Chief Staff Officer
Allied Control Commission.

cc: Political Section

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W/CC 004.04

17 September 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Italian Government

With reference to your memorandum of 26 August concerning lack of electric current for printing presses, it is regretted that the Home Allied Area Command have been unable to comply with the request, the reason being that no new application for printing presses is being considered until the number already in existence have been reduced.

It is suggested that the Ministry endeavors to make use of existing facilities. A list of printing presses now functioning is attached.

Please inform this headquarters if the Ministry finds that it is unable to make use of any of the firms listed.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, A. C.
Chief Staff Officer

Encl.

cc: Political Section *←*

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17 Sept 1944
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PRINTING PRESSES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>
1) Lavoro Fascista Printing	Via Gino Capponi, 43	Pref.
2) Popolo di Roma Printing	" 4 Novembre	"
3) UESIA Printing	" 4 Novembre	"
4) IGAP Printing	" D'Ara Coeli, 13	"
5) Tumbielli Printing	" D'Universita 38	"
6) Canevia Printing	Fiazza Collegio Romano, 1	"
7) Dello Stato Printing	V. Gino Capponi, 43	"
8) A.T.C.A. Printing		Nights
9) Cassery Romano Printing	V. Michelan, 22	"
10) Margherita Printers	" Sallustiana	Pref.
11) Printing House	" Racina, 45	"
12) Staderini Brothers	" Crescenzo 2 (G-2 AFM)	Nights
13) D'Arichi Printers	" Del Porto	Pref.
14) Tipografia	Corso Umberto, 433	Nights
15) Il Quotidiano	V. Grottino (Vatican)	"
16) Legioneale Printers	" C. Cattaneo, 20	"
17) Mangarelli Printers	" Casatodoro, 1	"
18) Velograf Printing	" Regio E, 11a, 34 (Vatican)	"
19) Printing House	" Ostiense, 75 (AFM)	Pref.
20) Valli Printers	" Tuscolana, 128	"
21) Centenari Printing	" Del Colosseo, 22-30	"

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ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO #794, U.S. Army.

ELECTRICITY CONTROL COMMITTEE

Date: 2 August, 1944.

TO: ACC Political Section

Vice Pres. Samuel Reber

The application for Electric Light/Power at Ministry of Foreign Affairs
for Print press made on behalf of ACC Political Section has been
considered by this Committee.

It is regretted that this application has had to be Deferred
owing to the shortage of available electricity at the present time.

Henry T. Orlip
HENRY T. ORLIP
Lt. Col, GSC
Chairman

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*R. G. Baker signed / There 2 RF for
C. R. Reber*

Political Sec

ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
APO #174, U.S. Army.

ELECTRICITY CONTROL COMMITTEE

2/8/44.

TO: HQ;ACC, Political Commission APO 394

J/Cdr W Hopkins

The application for Electric Light/Power at Palazzo Chigi; C. Umberto; Piazza
Colonna..... made on behalf of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.. has been
considered by this Committee.

It is regretted that this application has had to be Refused.....
owing to the shortage of available electricity at the present time.

Henry T. Ortlip
HENRY T. ORTLIP
Lt. Col. GSC
Chairman

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

28 July 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Electricity Control Committee, Home Area Command;
(Attention: Lt. Col. Henry W. Griffin)

With reference to the request for electric power for the printing presses of the Italian Foreign Office which was submitted to Colonel Birchett by the Vice-President of this Section on the 21st July, the Italian Ministry have been informed that owing to shortage of available electricity at present this request has had to be re-faced. It appears, however, that the need for certain essential printing (forms for their telegrams sent through our channels to Missions abroad, etc.) is extremely urgent and the Italian Foreign Office ask if it would not be possible to supply, say, three times a week over a period of 3-10 hours, a generator with the following specifications: 20 amperes, 220 volts, three phase current.

2. The printing presses in question are located in the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Palazzo Chigi, Corso Venezia and Piazza Colonna) and this Section will be grateful to learn whether it is possible to accept the Ministry's suggestion.

M. HOPKINS
J/cdr
Political Section

See by Mr. Smith

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

Ufficio Collegamento.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.D.C.

The necessity of light and power for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs is becoming a matter of ever greater urgency as it is indispensable that the printing presses located in the Ministry (Palazzo Chigi-Corso Umberto and Piazza Colonna) should be put in a working condition.

Should it not be possible to supply electricity regularly it would at least be necessary to place at the disposal of the Ministry, three times a week and over a period of 8-10 hours, a generator with the following specification: 30 Ampères - 320 volts - three phase current. *CedB.*

Rome, 28th July 1944.

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POST OFFICE AREA FORWARD
AND 6/2/44, U.S. Army.

ELECTRICITY CONTROL COMMITTEE

TO: HQ. A.C.C. POLITICAL SECTION

The application for Electric Light/Power at
..... made on behalf of No address-..... has been
considered by this Committee. Printing-presses of M.F.Affairs

It is regretted that this application has had to be
owing to the shortage of available electricity at the present time. Refused

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Henry T. Orlip
Lt. Col, GSC
Chairman

Headquarters Allied Control Commission

July 21, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Lt. Colonel C. R. Birchett

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has sent the following communication to the Allied Control Commission:

"The printing-presses of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs are unable to function for lack of electric current.

"The electric power is furnished by the Societa A.G.E.A. (220 volts, 30-40 ampere)

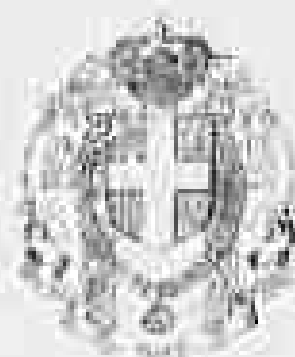
"Electricity should be supplied, if possible, every day from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m."

It would be appreciated if any appropriate assistance could be rendered and if you could discuss this with the representative of the Foreign Office to whom this note is being given.

Samuel Reber
Vice President Allied Control Commission
Political Section

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

The printing-presses of the
Ministry for Foreign Affairs are unable
to function for lack of electric current.

The electric power is furnished
by the Società "A.G.E.A." (220 volts;
30-40 ampere).

Electricity should be supplied,
if possible, every day from 6A.M. to
2 P.M.

Rome, July 19th, 1944.

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Headquarters Allied Control Commission

August 24, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Captain Mason, Transportation, Communications
& Utilities, Region IV.

There are enclosed copies of two communications from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs relative to the supply of electricity for two members of the Diplomatic Corps. It is hoped that these requests may be complied with.

Will you kindly inform this office as to the decision taken so that the Political Section may in turn advise the Foreign Office.

William W. Schott
Vice President Allied
Control Commission Political Section

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R. MINISTERO
DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI

6/30/44 LWS

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

POLITICAL SECTION

The Chilean Embassy to the Holy See has informed that, owing to the fact that the Ambassador resides at the Grand Hotel, the normal Chancellery work is practically all carried out in the home of the Counselor, Mr. Antonio Rodriguez, 54, Via dei Legionari.

In view of the fact that the above premises are supplied uninterruptedly with electricity by the Società Romana di Elettricità (S.R.E.), the Chilean Embassy have approached the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in order to obtain exemption from the restrictions at present in force and the necessary authorization to use daily the electric light.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would much appreciate if the Allied Command could see their way to grant the request of the Chilean Embassy, instructing, accordingly, the competent authorities. *WMB*

ROME, 22nd August 1944.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

POLITICAL SECTION

The Swiss Legation to the Italian Government has reported that the premises occupied by the Counselor, M. Bernard Mallet, at n. 25, Via Barnaba Orlandi, have been deprived of the electric light supplied by the Società Romana di Eletticità (S.R.E.) as other tenants had contravened the present regulations concerning the consumption of electricity.

The Swiss Legation has approached the Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning this unfortunate incident with a view to obtaining, as soon as possible, that electricity be again supplied to M. Mallet at least on the prescribed days.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be grateful to the Allied Command if the necessary instructions could be given to the competent Authorities in order that the request of the Swiss Legation may meet with favourable reception. *Exp*

ROME, 22nd August 1944.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADHOC CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION

The Swiss Legation to the Italian Government has reported that the premises occupied by the Counselor, M. Bernard Mallet, at n. 85, Via Barnaba Oriani, have been deprived of the electric light supplied by the Società Romana di Elettricità (S.R.E.) as other tenants had contravened the present regulations concerning the consumption of electricity.

The Swiss Legation has approached the Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning this unfortunate incident with a view to obtaining, as soon as possible, that electricity be again supplied to M. Mallet at least on the prescribed days.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be grateful to the Allied Command if the necessary instructions could be given to the competent authorities in order that the request of the Swiss Legation may meet with favourable reception. *End*

ROME, 22nd August 1944.



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To: Hq. CMC, Lazio

Supply of Electricity to the
Apartment of the
Czechoslovak Consul
General in Rome.

See: 223-Czechoslovakia

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Headquarters Allied Control Commission

August 16, 1944.

The Political Section of the Allied Control Commission presents its compliments to the Legation of Uruguay to the Holy See and refers to its Memorandum dated August 10, 1944, to the Charge d'Affaires of the United States to the Holy See on the subject of electricity for the Legation.

The competent authorities have informed this office that electricity will be made available to all members of the Diplomatic Corps, but that due to technical difficulties it has so far been impossible to provide it for the Legation of Uruguay. Every effort is being made to overcome the difficulties, and it is hoped that electricity will shortly be forthcoming.

Legation of Uruguay to the Holy See
Piazzale Belle Arti, 6
ROME

c.c. Tittmann

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August 10, 1944.

Dear Bill:

I enclose a memorandum regarding the electricity situation of my Uruguayan colleague to the Holy See. As you will notice it is drafted in rather querulous terms and I therefore hesitate to make an official communication of this letter.

Nevertheless, in order to keep peace in the family in so far as is possible these days, would you be kind enough to see whether something cannot be done to expedite matters?

Sincerely yours,

Harry Tittmann

William W. Schott, Esquire,
Political Section,
Allied Control Commission,
Ministry of Corporations,
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Enclosure:
Memorandum

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LEGACIÓN DEL URUGUAY

CERCA DE LA SANTA SEDE

H B L O R A M D U M

ALTERNITY FOR THE LEGATION OF URUGUAY TO THE HOLY SEE

Piazza Belle Arti, 6 - Telephone: 391007

G. A. Rey Alvarez, Chargé d'Affaires of Uruguay to the Holy See, respectfully states the following.

The Chargé d'Affaires went to see Col. Birchett who promised to do his best and to submit his request to the Board. He did so and after a short period referred him to Capt. Rosson who on the 3rd August said to him over the telephone that his request had been granted and as they were very busy at the moment the legation would have to wait for a couple of days to get the connection to a preferential cable.

On Monday the 6th August, the Chargé d'Affaires rung up the Electricity Co. asking them when the connection would be effected and they replied that the request of the Uruguayan Legation had been put among 40 other for the Diplomatic Corps and would be taken under consideration at a later stage.

The Chargé d'Affaires has to state:

- 1) it was not a mere request from him but already - according to the words of Captain Rosson - an order from the Allied Authorities;
- 2) at the same time of his application the Peruvian Embassy to the Holy See asked for same treatment and has obtained it;
- 3) it could not be said much about technical difficulties (unless in the general meaning of not being able to grant 40 other to whom the assurances were not given) as across the road there is a building with preferential cable and also the Italian Embassy to the Holy See who is practically on the other side of Via Flaminia has obtained it a short time ago;
- 4) it seems a case of discrimination against the representative of a friendly country and furthermore it gives a bad impression as to the value of the assurances given by the military Authorities.

Rome, the 10th August, 1944.

Headquarters Allied Control Commission

August 26, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Captain Rosson
Transportation, Communications & Utilities,
REGION IV

The Colombian Counselor of Embassy has requested electric light facilities for the Colombian Embassy, located at No. 13, San Mateo de los Rios. This is the Colombian Embassy to the Holy See.

It is stated in the Counselor's note that inasmuch as there are several buildings in the vicinity already supplied with electricity, there should be no technical difficulties in connection with the installation at the Embassy premises.

It would be appreciated if this request could be complied with, and this information supplied to the Political Section so that it may make reply to the Counselor's request.

Political Section
Allied Control Commission

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*D.D. - Detail note to
a point in Colombia?
R.K. - it was in Washington
(see attached)*

2, via Boncompagni, Rome.

August 24, 1944.

Dear Bill:

I enclose a copy of a letter I have received from the Colombian Embassy to the Holy See dated August 19 and signed by the Counsellor of Embassy Ernesto Gaviria, regarding the desire of that Embassy to obtain electric light facilities. You will note that the Colombian Embassy is located at No. 13, Lungotevere delle Armi and that the Note states that there should be no technical difficulties since several buildings in the vicinity are already supplied with electricity.

I would appreciate it if I could have a reply that could appropriately be shown to Mr. Gaviria.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Teltman

William W. Schott, Esquire,
Joint Vice President, Political Section,
Allied Control Commission,
Ministry of Corporations.

Enclosure:
Copy of letter.

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C O P Y

13 Lungotevere delle Armi

EMBAJADA DE COLOMBIA
ANTE LA SANTA SEDE

Rome, le 19 Août 1944

Monsieur
Harold H. Tittmann
Chargé d'Affaires des Etats Unis d'Amérique

Rome

Mon cher ami,

Je me permets de vous rappeler l'aimable offre
que vous m'avez faite hier de vous intéresser à l'instal-
lation de l'électricité au siège de notre Ambassade. Étant
donné qu'il y a déjà plusieurs bâtiments dans le voisinage
qui l'ont en permanence je crois qu'il n'y aura pas
des difficultés techniques.

En vous remerciant à l'avance au nom de l'Am-
bassadeur et au mien de ce que vous pourrez faire dans
cette affaire, je vous prie d'accepter mes cordiales sa-
lutations.

(Signed) ERNESTO GAVIRIA

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Rome, August 4, 1944.

Dear Mr. Schott,

Referring to our conversation yesterday, I beg to confirm a few of the arguments which I ventured to allege in favour of my request for a normal supply of electricity to my flat in Lungotevere Anguillara, 14.

My case is an isolated one and cannot be invoked as a precedent by anybody else, - as I am the sole (Diplomatic) representative of Denmark in Rome. I am living in a small house, which only contains two flats, with a limited number of rooms. The extra consumption of electrical current involved would consequently be insignificant.

My wife suffers greatly from sciatica & has much

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difficulty in ascending the staircase, being, in fact, forced to keep indoors as long as the lift is out of work.

I need hardly add that my own work is considerably hampered in view of the fact that I have to go to bed at about 9 p.m. three nights out of four, - but that is, of course, an inconvenience which I share with the majority of the population in Rome.

May excuse me for troubling you with such private vexations, and believe me

Yours sincerely,

Jag Bull

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref : 460

19 October 1944

SUBJECT: Supply of Electricity to Villa Occupied by
Polish Consulate General in Rome.

TO : R.A.A.C., Electricity Control Board, A.P.O. 794.

1. The Polish Consul General, Mr. T. Wierusz-Kowalski, has rented a villa, which he proposes to use for both office and living quarters, at the following address:-

Via di Villa Albani N. 14 - 16.

2. In accordance with similar facilities granted to other members of the Diplomatic Corps, the Political Section would be glad if arrangements could be made for electricity to be supplied to these premises.

H. A. CACCIA
Vice President, Political Section

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KONSULAT GENERALNY
RZECZYPOSPOLITEJ POLSKIEJ
W RZYMIE

CONSOLATO GENERALE
DELLA REPUBBLICA DI POLONIA
A ROMA

Nr 450/a/3

W sprawie
In oggetto

RZYM, dnia 17 October 1944
ROMA
Via C. X. STORZ
Corso Umberto 303

The Polish Consulate General presents his compliments to the Allied Control Commission and has the honour to present the following request:

The Polish Consul General has rented a Villino at the via di Ville Albani N. 14 - 16 for official purposes and personal accommodation. He has been informed by the Italian competent administration - to which he addressed himself to get the electric light, that a every day service could be assured if the necessary autorisation would be granted by the allied authorities.

The Polish Consulate General, therefore, will greatly appreciate if the above mentioned permission could be delivered to the Italian AZIENDA GOVERNATORIALE ELETTRICITA ED ACQUE - ROMA.

Telencz WIERUSZ - KOWALSKI

To the

Allied Control Commission

EWS/dfe

12 October 1944

Secretariat
Advisory Council for Italy
Via Vittoria Veneto, 119
Rome

The Acting Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission acknowledges your letter of October 11th and suggests that since both the Director and Deputy Director of the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission are at present out of this country, setting forth in Washington and London the immediate electrical requirements for Italy, it might be better to defer the submission of the report on the electric power situation in Liberated Italy until the next Advisory Council Meeting, by which time these officers should have returned, and would be in a position to lay before the Council the future plans for alleviating the present electrical shortage.

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cc: Political Section
Chief of Staff
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SECRETARIAT
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Rome, October 11, 24.

The Advisory Council for Italy would be grateful if the Acting Chief Commissioner of the Allied Control Commission would arrange for the submission of a report on the electric power situation in Liberated Italy at the next meeting of the Council scheduled for October 20, under the chairmanship of the United States Representative and would be appreciative if six copies of this report could be transmitted to the Secretariat at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Commodore Ellery W. Stone,

Acting Chief Commissioner

Allied Control Commission

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