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COMMUNICATIONS
NOV. 1943 - JAN. 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISS
AFO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 9/10.B/CA

24 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Communications with Italian Govt in AMG Territory

TO : COS

- 1 Reference the suggestion of Col HENDERSON at COS meeting yesterday that communications should be allowed direct between the Italian Govt and their servants in the field in AMG Territory on certain routine matters, I attach a copy of a letter dated 22 Jan from Lazio Region which is relevant.
- 2 The matter was also discussed at my meeting of heads of Sub-Commissions yesterday. With one exception they were unanimous in feeling that no such communications should be permitted.
- 3 It was felt that once direct communication was allowed, the authority and prestige of the Provincial Commissioner as the representative of local government would be difficult to maintain in practice, and that if routine correspondence was allowed direct, then inevitably it would extend to questions of importance whatever directives were issued by AC.
- 4 The sole dissenting Sub-Commission (Public Safety) did so solely on the ground of the volume of work they had to handle.
- 5 I think the matter is worthy of further consideration and propose to raise it at your next COS meeting.

G. R. Briggs
G.R. UPJOHN Brig
VP CA Section
DCOS

Copy to: Pol Sec
Econ Sec
Communications S/C

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

R/6101

22 January 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Government in AMG Territory

TO : HQ Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Section

Would you kindly remind the Italian Government that communications to Provinces under AMG control must be made through the Provincial Commissioner.

We have had some minor difficulty over this in Perugia, in particular there was a telegram from Agriculture on the Olive Oil Amassing and also a Ministry of War notice about the call-up.

If we are wrong in our understanding about the latter - that they must work through the Provincial Commissioner - please advise us.

For the Regional Commissioner :

/s/ A.D. BETHAM-CARTER
Lt Colonel
Executive Officer

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SERVICE BURINTERNA BERNE
A DIRECTEUR GENERAL ROME

FOR INFORMATION ONLY ROUTINE

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A-DEC 1944
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IN CLEAR.

NO107 A35 54 4 NIL 107/4 ADMINISTRATION ROUMAINE NOTIFIE CE
QUE SUIV GUILLONNETS RELATIONS DIPLOMATIQUES ENTRE LA ROUMANIE
ET LE JAPON SONT SUSPENDUES STOP OFFICES ROUMAIN N ADMET PLUS AU
DEPART ET A L ARRIVEE TELEGRAMMES AVEC JAPON TYOSEN TAIWAN KARAHUTO
TERRITOIRE A BAIL KWANTUNG ILES DES MERS DU SUD SOUS MANDAT
JAPONAIS ET BUREAUX JAPONAIS ET MANDCHOURIE GUILLONNETS +

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Action: Minister Posts & Telegraphs
Info: Communications S/C
Pol Sec
File

FROM: Service Burinterne, Bern
TO : Director General, Rome

SUBJECT: International Communication

NO107 A35 54 4 NIL 107/4 Rumanian Administration informs as follows:
"Diplomatic relations between Rumania and Japan are suspended. Rumanian
offices will no longer accept outgoing or incoming messages with Japan,
Tyosen, Taiwan, Karahuto, Bail Territory, Kwantung, South sea islands
under Japanese control and Japanese offices in Manchuria."

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Room 10 1st Floor

Communications 3/6

AG 483 2nd Ind JGC/LPR/hjq
 ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND, OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER, APO
 #794, US Army, 20 November 1944.

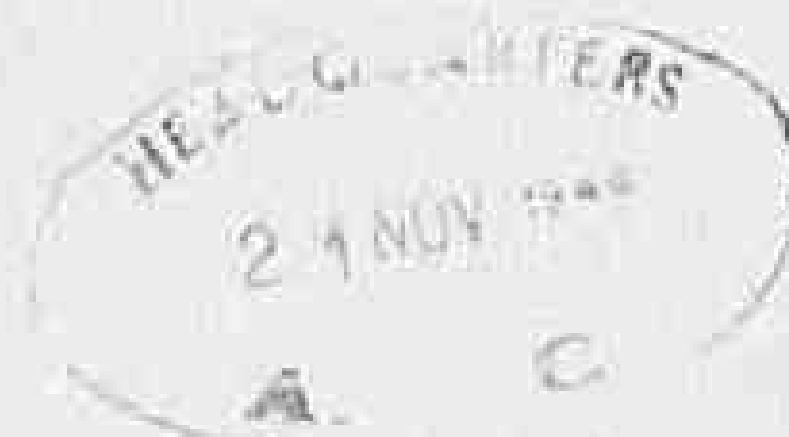
To: Communications Officer, Allied Commission, APO #394, US
 Army.

1. Telephone number 588488, was established on Military Priority, 11 August 1944, on request for Ambassador Kirk by Mr. McBride.

2. Request for extensions is disapproved, owing to shortages of instruments and the difficulties of handling minimum number of military requests in this Area.

Louis P. Reeves
 LOUIS P. REEVES
 Lt Col, Sig C,
 Signal Officer.

1 Incl.
 Ltr, AG, 15 Nov 44.



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COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE, HQ ALLIED COMMISSION, 21 November 1944
 To: Vice President Political Section, HQ Allied Commission

1. This office was informed that the telephone extensions requested in basic communication had already been installed. The informant was from your section.

2. However, the above information was received from RAAC Signal Officer. I am forwarding this to your office for whatever disposition you care to make.

3. If you have already received the service required, I suggest you file this. 6910

Wm Rhinmons
 1st Lt Sig C.
 Communications O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
POLITICAL SECTION

15 November 1944

SUBJECT: Telephone Service.

TO : 1st Lt W.B. Simmons,
Communications Office, Allied Commission.

Request is made that two extensions to telephone number 588483 be installed at Via Parco Pepoli, 15, residence of Mr William W. Schott, Vice-President, Political Section, Allied Commission.

/s/ William W. Schott
/t/ WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

1st Ind. 16 November 1944
FROM: COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE, HQ ALLIED COMMISSION

TO : SIGNAL OFFICER, RAAG.

1. Request the above telephone number, 588483, be changed to a military telephone.
2. Request also that two additional extensions be granted.
3. Transportation for installation men may be had by calling 482081, ext. 210, Transportation Office, A.C.

/s/ William B. Simmons
/t/ WILLIAM B. SIMMONS
1st Lt, Sig C,
Communications Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Telephone 489081 Ext:400

7th November, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/6/3/38

Subject: Foreign Mail and Cablegrams.

To: A.F.H.
Att: G - 5

Further to my CS/6/3/33 dated 18th October, 1944.

1. A revised table is attached, bringing the situation up-to-date, particularly in respect of external traffic.
2. Owing to the multiplicity of authorities at present held for the various communications, it would be appreciated if this table could be corrected and authorised.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.L. Henderson
J.L. HENDERSON

Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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Copy to: Political Section ✓
Civil Censorship

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Foreign Mail or Cables

to or from (Note 1.)

Serial	1 (Note 2)	MAIL			CIPHER	
		Diplomatic Bag	Mail exempt from Censorship	Mail liable to Censorship	Private Cipher	Approved Cipher
		2	3	4	5	6
1.	Allied representatives in Italy or Vatican; Neutral representatives in the Vatican; Office of Cardinal Secretary of State.	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-
2.	Neutral representatives in Italy; Civil residents in Italy or the Vatican	No	(Note 4.) No	Yes	No	No
3.	Italian Foreign Office	No	No	Yes	No	Yes

Notes

1. Service is restricted to Allied, Co-belligerent or Neutral countries, except for Mail correspondence from the Vatican (residents) which may be addressed to enemy countries.
2. 'Representatives' include Diplomatic and Consular representatives and members of the Advisory Council for Italy.
3. 'In Clear' cables are restricted to English, French, and Italian texts except for Neutral representatives for whom they are added or for Allied representatives which are exempt from censorship in any language.
4. The Swiss representative in Italy has special permission for a sealed uncensored bag.
5. The censorship on Italian Foreign Office traffic is exercised by the Political Section, Allied Commission. Cable communications are not permitted to Italian Ambassadors, Missions, etc. abroad, and that in the Argentine.

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	MAIL			CABLES			Remarks
	Diplomatic Bag	Mail exempt from Censorship	Mail liable to Censorship	Private Cipher	Approved Cipher	In Clear (Note 3)	
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in Italy or Vatican; in the Vatican; Secretary of State.	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-	Yes	
in Italy; by or the Vatican	No	(Note 4.) No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	(Note 5)

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MR. F.R. GATLY....CAPT. F. DUKE...MISS S. de HAAN...

COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMISSION.

ROOM 38. 4th FLOOR. TEL. EXT. 444

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This appears to be a temporary,
vacation - Catty is British, Duke
American. Duke not here yet.
Col. Henderson not Catty in to
see HE. K.

Mr. Catty

I met Catty & Col. Henderson
about the time

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
AFHQ J12

AF 311.7/019 GHI-0

29 August, 1944

Subject: Twenty-four hour Cable Censorship.

To : G-in-C, AFHQ.

1. As soon as possible a twenty-four hour cable censorship is to be established in Rome.
2. As no private cable service is operating in Rome, any such cables received will be stopped.
3. It will be permissible for the diplomatic representatives of the following countries to send and receive both cipher and in clear messages: United States, United Kingdom, the Soviet Union, France, Greece and Yugoslavia.
4. No other countries, either Allied or neutral, are at present allowed to send or receive messages in cipher, but there is no objection to their receiving and sending messages in clear provided they are of an official nature.

By Command of General WILSON:

H. B. PRITCH
Captain, A.C.D.,
Asst Adjt. General.

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REFERENCE YOUR FIVE EIGHT SIX EIGHT THREE DATED FIRST MARCH RE PROVISION
 THAT TEXTS REQUIRE CENSORSHIP OTHER THAN APPROVAL BY POLITICAL SECTION
 CONFLICTS WITH FIVE FIVE THREE ZERO ONE OF DECEMBER PAREN TO FREEDOM FOR
PHSIC FROM FATIMA REAR FROM HENDYSON AND COLVILLE SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN
 AND INSTRUCTION FROM HOOVER IN MESSAGE REFERENCE IBSAG FIVE ZERO NINE OF
 TWO SIX DECEMBER TO ALLIED CENSOR CONTROL OFFICERS PD PLEASE CLARIFY

AUTHENTICATED:

/s/ E.J.C.

E. J. CHIOCCA
 CWO, USA
 Asst Adj

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Political Sec *HC*RECEIVED AT
FBS SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

13 FEBRUARY 1944

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CG FBS FOR FARGO

NONE

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PHMS

REFERENCE OUR 44015 OF 28 JANUARY.

ANY ACTION BY YOUR HEADQUARTERS SHOULD BE SUSPENDED PENDING RECEIPT
OF FURTHER DIRECTION EXPECTED TO BE DISPATCHED WITHIN 2 DAYS.

NOTE: This refers to direct communication between HQ., AGC and
British and American Governments.

A.R.M. PICKEN.

FBS DISTR:

ACTION : HQ AGC
INFO : SECY
CG

AGC DISTR:

(INFO) PA TO CG
" RC & ME SEC
" ERIC GUTENBERG
" POLITICAL SEC
" EX OFFERS
" ADJUTANT

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 594

Reference #700

28 March 1944

His Excellency Don Renato Bruner
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

With reference to your telegram No. 839 (your No. 31 dated March 13 to Madrid) asking on behalf of Marquis Salvino Lucifora for news of his sister-in-law, Alconina Lucifora, Via Gramsciano 26, Rome, I regret that this telegram has not gone forward.

It is pointed out by A.C.M.C. that this channel may not be used for communicating with enemy territory.

With regret,


J. M. GARDNER
Captain
Political Section

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Capt. Pearson. — Would you
kindly act.

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Office of the British Resident
Minister at Allied Force H.Q.
5, rue Professeur Gortilliet,
Algiers.

To: Political Section,
Allied Control Commission.

From: British Resident
Minister's Office.

Subject: Transmission of telegrams
to Italian Missions abroad.

We are not transmitting to Madrid
the Ministry's telegram No. 61 of
March 13th which contains a request
that the Italian Ambassador at Madrid
should obtain news of the sister-in-
law of Marquis Falcone Lucifero at
present resident in Rome.

We should be grateful if you
would inform the Italian authorities
that this channel may not be used for
the communication with enemy territory.

22nd March, 1944.

Copy to: Mr. Reinhardt.

25 JAN 1944

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In reply refer to:
312.1

25 January 1944

Dear Mr. Caccia;

Since your absence from Brindisi has become longer than expected, I have been trying to handle the Political Section matters as best I can in the following manner:

1. Messages from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to missions abroad have been transmitted in the usual manner; see copies of cables 2125, 2127, 2128 attached.

2. Incoming cables containing messages to Italian Government from missions abroad have been transmitted in the usual letter form; see copies of letters sent on 22 January attached.

3. Documents and messages sent from AFHQ to be transmitted to Ministry of Foreign Affairs have been examined and delivered personally; see copies of letters from MOA and Civil Affairs attached.

4. Envelopes marked "personal" are forwarded/unopened; other envelopes to Political Section are opened, references attached, and letters forwarded, as in the case of the inclosed letters from Office of British Resident Minister at Algiers.

Unless instructed otherwise by you, I shall continue to handle Political Section matters as outlined above.

EDWARD M. BROWER

H. A. Caccia, Maj.
c/o Brigadier Quarterback
Headquarters, AGC
Naples

6 Incls:

- 1 - cys of cables 2125, 2127, and 2128
- 2 - cys of ltrs to Duke of Aosta and Duke of Aquitaine; 22 Jan 44
- 3 - ltrs from MOA and Civ Aff; 15 and 16 Jan 44
- 4 - Ltr No. 5/16/1500; 20 Jan 44
- 5 - Ltr No. 43/37/0; 20 Jan 44
- 6 - Sealed env marked "personal"

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R. MINISTERO

DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI

No. 662

(translation)

MEMORANDUM
FOR THE
POLITICAL SECTION (A.C.C.)

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to bring to the serious attention of the Allied Control Commission the following considerations:

1. - As the Allied authorities are aware, the Royal Government, owing to lack of foreign currency, finds itself in the absolute necessity of reducing its personnel abroad. This course of action is also advisable in view of the fact that, the longer certain members of its services abroad are left inactive the greater are the probabilities of contrasts and disorientations spreading amongst them. Contrasts and confusion are on the other hand also facilitated by the circumstance that the Royal Government has practically no possibility of corresponding directly and speedily with its agencies abroad and thus cannot impart to them the necessary information and clarifying instructions. A clear demonstration of this is given by what is now going on in Spain and Portugal.

2. - The repatriation of the personnel can obviously be carried out only if the necessary means of transportation can be provided. Over a period of five months, no Allied means have been available for that purpose, except for the repatriation from Turkey of a small number of employees. The few other repatriations have been carried out so far from Spain and Portugal by Italian means (cruiser "Romolo Saguto", Italian airplanes of the "MIST" Co.).

3. - On the other hand Allied authorities have insisted that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs should recall a number of its employees and of its officials. All instructions to that effect issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs serve however no useful purpose as long as the necessary means for their repatriation will not be provided.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be grateful to the Allied Control Commission if it could kindly see its way to causing an adjournment of all Allied requests of individual repatriations until the necessary means of transportation will be available, the only result in the present situation being otherwise the one of adding to the state of uncertainty and uneasiness of the officials and employees concerned.

4. - The total lack of speedy and direct telegraphic communications between the Italian Government and its agencies abroad is largely exploited by the self-styled Fascist Government, which on the contrary can telegraph freely and directly wherever it wishes and is in a position to send agents to any European country, naturally with the exception of U.S.A. The complete

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isolation in which the Italian Government has been kept for the last five months does not help in any way our common effort, whereas it seriously hinders, every day more, the action of the Government itself, whose activity and very existence is practically ignored in foreign countries and amongst Italian communities abroad.

5. - The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to ask the Allied Control Commission to kindly bring once more the matter to the attention of the Allied Governments in view of its re-examination in that liberal spirit which alone can bring it to a fair and equitable solution, and taking into due account the considerable time already elapsed since the armistice and the proofs of absolute loyalty to which the Royal Government has constantly inspired its relations with the Allies. It is obvious that without a minimum of confidence no equitable solution can ever be obtained.

6. - The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to submit to the Allied Control Commission the following proposals:

a) The cruiser "Romano" or some other Italian vessel should be authorized to carry out the aforesaid repatriations. The Royal Government will undertake to ensure beforehand all the precautions and to give the Allied authorities all the information which may be best fitted to guarantee the necessary security.

b) An Italian air service with Spain and Portugal should be resumed at least fortnightly, also in view of avoiding, as repeatedly pointed out, that a similar service may be carried out against our interests by the so-called Fascist Government. Also for such a service the Royal Government undertakes to adopt all those measures which the Allies may deem necessary.

c) The Royal Government should be authorized to send and receive directly uncoded messages containing press items and information to and from its agencies abroad.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be most obliged if the Allied Control Commission would kindly sponsor the aforesaid proposals to the Allied Governments, conveying their particular attention upon the fact that after five months since the date of the armistice it should be possible to take on its matter an attitude which may enable the Italian Government to perform some of its normal functions. Only then would it be possible to convey abroad the impression that Italy, with the help and cooperation of the Allies, is beginning to breathe again in the democratic and liberal atmosphere, which is the fundamental condition for her revival.

Salerno, February 16, 1944

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January 28, 1944

TO: Political Section,
c/o Brigadier GUSTARDOCK,
Headquarters, Allied Military Government,
Naples.

SUBJECT: D'AJETA's No. 14 for Royal Italian Government.

Please transmit to the Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs the following paraphrase of telegram 14, dated January 26, from D'AJETA:

I have received the following telegram from our Charge d'Affaires at Buenos Aires: "In view of great interest, Italian communities there attach to question inform me please whether news is true that reestablishment postal telegraphic communications with Sicily imminent. To all intents and purposes, beg to point out great advantage - also from political viewpoint - of such a measure." Question of communications to which I have drawn kind attention of these Anglo-American Missions presents - as concerns also this sector - an ever increasing importance so that a prompt, even if partial solution would be extremely desirable. The possibility of reestablishing communications being considered with maximum interest by competent authorities of their respective Governments, I am assured by my Anglo-American colleagues.

H. J. L'Heureux
Acting Chief Civil Administrator

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

6 November 1943

SUBJECT: Communications.

TO: Chief of Communications Section.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS

1. Whereas at the present the Italian Government only exercises authority in the four provinces of Bari, Lecce, Brindisi and Lecce, it is expected that Regions I and II will be handed over from Allied Military Government to the Italian Government, supervised by the Allied Control Commission, at an early date. Later, Region VI will probably be handed over, followed by other regions when the allied forces have advanced further.

2. No government can exercise authority without communications. Therefore, before any regions can be handed over to the Italian Government, that government must have the use of adequate communications. These include postal services, telephones, telegraphs, wireless and, under present circumstances, the use of air transport.

3. Chief of Communications Section will ~~handle~~ ^{consider} this matter immediately with authorities concerned and report to Acting Chief of Staff. He will consult Captain Stone, RSM, in this matter. He will have his report on a phased program in the order Region I, Region II, Region VI. A subsequent report will be required regarding other regions.

Carleton

S. CHESNICK
Brindisi
Acting Chief of Staff

Copy to:

Executive Director
Administrative Director
Executive Officer Administration
G-2 (Security Intelligence) for
coordination with ISC
AVM (Military Gov't Sec.)
Allied Military Mission (Brindisi)

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Letters from Horner, of Civil Affairs to Reber
3 Jan 44; and Hall to Murphy, and Murphy to Hall
11 Dec 44:

Argentina and Italy communications:
emigrant remittances, etc.

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