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Liaison Division
Office of Chief of Staff

Tel: No. 478001

Ref: 107/134/L

24 January 1945

SUBJECT: Spanish Diplomatic Bag.

TO : Mr Schott.

1. Instructions were given by phone on 8 January 1945, by AFHQ, Section, that this bag could go, on a Spanish Ship leaving Naples on 9 January.

Telephone conversation Mr. Schott - refers.

2. The bag was not allowed on the ship as there was no written authority.

3. Spanish Minister now asks for authority to send this bag whenever an opportunity presents itself.

Ranf... Capr.
Officer in Charge
Liaison Division

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Office of the Resident Minister,
Central Mediterranean,
Caserta.

49/150/7.

31st December, 1944.

Dear Henry,

I have discussed with A.R.H.Q. the question of the despatch of Italian Government archives to South American posts, which you brought up in your letter to me of the 19th December, 1944 (Reference 725).

2. As you probably know, political pressure has recently been brought to bear on the military authorities here to relax their bag and cypher restrictions on the Italians, but military security won the day, and the present ruling is that bag facilities should only be allowed to the Italians subject to their contents being disclosed to the Allied authorities before despatch.

In this particular case A.R.H.Q. take the same line and say that although they do not object to the Italian representatives taking sealed bags to South America with them, they must submit them to Allied inspection before sealing.

HK.

Yours ever,

Did Herman Citterini Philip Boudry
raise this with you? If so, I will tell him the answer.

H.L. d'A. Hopkinson, Esq., C.M.G.

Please.

Done. *[Signature]*
11/1/45

[Signature] Jan. 6.

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[Signature]
5/1/45

Ref: 725

19 December 1944

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs have inquired, privately, in regard to the dispatch of the Archives of their South American Diplomatic Representatives, some of whom will shortly be leaving to take up their Posts. At our advice, they propose to reduce these to the minimum but they have asked that these Archives should be sent sealed and accorded the usual diplomatic immunities in transit and on arrival. They said, however, that if permission for this would not be granted, they would prefer not to send the Archives at all at the time being. They, therefore, asked me to make private inquiries and I should be very grateful if you would take the matter up with the appropriate authorities. From what the Italians told me, I think that it is largely a matter of prestige.

Philip Broad, Esquire
Office of the British Resident Minister
Allied Force Headquarters
A.P.O. 512

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31 December 1944

SUBJECT: Downgrading of Classified Documents

TO : All Concerned

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 15, AR 380-5, 15 March 1944, the documents listed in inclosure number 1 are downgraded as indicated therein.

2. Necessary action will be taken by those concerned to regrade any and all listed documents that may be in their custody.

3. The documents listed in the inclosure do not constitute the final list of all documents to be downgraded by this headquarters. Other lists will be published at regular intervals. Requests for the downgrading of specific documents of this headquarters should be addressed to this headquarters, attention of Security Control Officer.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

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List of Documents

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C. W. Christensen
C. W. CHRISTENSEN,
Colonel, AGD,
Acting Adjutant General

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Date 1944	Ref No	File No	Subject	Now Classi- fication
29 Mar	T-52	400-2 CAO-0	Operational Maintenance in Italy	Confidential
11 Apr	T-256	322-3 (Fifth Army) GCT-0	Effective Strengths, Fifth Army Allied Bridgehead Force	Confidential
13 Apr	T-257	370-1 GCT-0	Defense of VIS	Confidential
18 Apr	T-332	370-11 GCT-0	Establishment of Operation "Brassard"	Confidential
25 Apr	T-372	370-11 GDS-0	Administrative Instructions, Operation "Brassard"	Confidential
22 Apr	T-387 T-388	322-3 (Fifth Army) GCT-0	Troop List--Fifth Army Allied Bridgehead Force	Confidential
25 Apr	T-417	370-11 GDS-0	Administrative Instructions, Operation "Brassard"	Confidential
9 May	T-522 T-523	322-3 (Fifth Army) GCT-0	Effective Strengths, Fifth Army Allied Bridgehead Force	Confidential
16 May	T-575		Minutes of Meeting of C/S, AFHQ, with French, British & American Staffs on Operation "Brassard"	Confidential
17 May	T-582	370-1 GCT-0	Report on Visit to VIS	Confidential
18 May	T-592		Operation "Brassard"	Confidential
20 May	T-613		Allotment of Air Transport Tonnage for Special Operations for June	Confidential
21 May	T-616		Coordination of Brassard	Confidential
22 May	T-619 T-620	322-3 (Fifth Army) GCT-0	Effective Strengths, Fifth Army Allied Bridgehead Force	Confidential
24 May	T-639		Report on Preparations of Operation "Brassard"	Confidential
27 May	T-666	400-7 GCT-0	Flat Mortars for Yugoslavia	Secret
11 Jun	B-50	322-2 (MEDBO) H & Th-0	Merchant Shipping State, Issue No 172	Secret
12 Jun	B-66	ASD/280	Troop List, Anvil	Secret
14 Jun	B-77	370-9 GDS-0	Administrative Memorandum and Administrative Instructions	Secret

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Inclosure No 1

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Date	Ref No	File No	Subject	New Classification
14 Jun 1944	B-89	370.5-5 GCT-0	Withdrawing of Units for Anvil	Secret
17 Jun	B-127	400-1 (French) GCT-0	1st ind to Force 163 ltr, 31 May 1944, "Operational Project"	Secret
18 Jun	B-135	322-1 (Re placements) A-0	5th ind to Force 163 ltr, 200.3-A, "Filler & Loss Personnel Replacement for Anvil", 6 Mar 1944	Confidential
20 Jun	B-197	370.5-4 GCT-0	Move to Naples-Salerno Area	Restricted
21 Jun	B-216	823-1 Engr-0	Bridging Requirements Anvil	Secret
21 Jun	B-226	HSD/280	Troop Lists for Anvil Type Opn	Secret
22 Jun	B-245	210.31 (AMGOT) GCT-0	1st ind to Force 163 ltr, 200.3-A, "Civil Affairs Personnel Requirements"	Confidential
22 Jun	B-251	353-2 (Air borne)	Training of Airborne Troops	Confidential
23 Jun	B-259	370-3 CAO-0	Amphibious Operations	Secret
20 Jun	B-321	370.5-4 C-0	Turning Order for Move of AFHQ to Caserta	Confidential
26 Jun	B-327	Mailgram #248	Loading of NSF 26 Ex Algiers	Secret
28 Jun	B-365	ASD/910.3	Amendment #1 to French Troop List	Secret
29 Jun	B-374	370-3 D-0	2d ind to MAF ltr, 455/1f/66, "Administrative Responsibilities for British Forces Under Command of Force 163", 11 June 1944	Confidential
1 Jul	B-421	322-1 (7th Army)	Closing of Command Post	Confidential
4 Jul	B-476	HSD/280	Amendment #1 to Anvil Troop List	Secret
29 Jun	B-485		Attachment of Special Force Staff from G-3 SPOC, AFHQ	Secret
4 Jul	B-499	451.94-3 GDS-0	1st ind to Force 163 ltr, 3 July 1944, "Additional Allocation of DUKWS"	Confidential

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4 Jul	B-501	091.711-1 (French) G.P-O	1st ind to Force 163 ltr, 2 July 1944, "French Replacements-- Operation Anvil"	Confidential
5 Jul	B-511	014.1-1 E-O	Interim Directive for Civil affairs in Southern France	Confidential
5 Jul	B-523	319.22 GCT-O	1st ind to Force 163 ltr, 21 June 1944, "Operational Control of French Units earmarked for Anvil"	Confidential
7 Jul	B-552	370-3 GCT-O	Alternative Plan	Secret
7 Jul	B-559		Preliminary Operational Directive	Secret
7 Jul	B-573	319.22 GCT-O	Withdrawal of Units for Anvil	Secret
8 Jul	B-576	091.711-0	Designation of Commander of the French Forces of the Interior, South Zone	Confidential
8 Jul	B-580	319.22 GDS-O	Equipment of French Units, Operation Anvil	Confidential
12 Jul	B-619		Diversion of Divisions	Secret
12 Jul	B-622		Submission of Situation-In- telligence Reports (COSMIC REPS) and Dispatches	Secret
13 Jul	B-636	370-3 GDS-AGM	Medical Annex to Administrative Instructions, Operation Anvil	Confidential
13 Jul	B-637	319.22 GDS-O	Military Railway Service Program, Anvil	Confidential
15 Jul	B-662		Mounting Schedule, Operation Anvil	Secret
17 Jul	B-682	000.7 INC-O	Press Coverage of Operation Anvil	Restricted
17 Jul	B-683	000.7 INC-O	Press and Radio Censorship of Operation Anvil	Restricted
18 Jul	B-701	400.2 (AMGOT)- 0	Channels of Responsibility for Civil Supplies - France	Confidential
24 Sep	B-1316	370.6/107GCT-O	Local Defense Plans	Secret

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5 Jan 1944	B-2011	322-1 (Force 163) GCT-AGM	Formation of Headquarters, Force 163	Confidential
4 Jan	B-2013	389.504/9	Operation "Anvil" Security Instructions for Planning Staffs	Restricted
11 Jan	B-2065	370.5-5 AGM	Troop List and List of Shortages For Operation "Anvil"	Secret
18 Jan	B-68	370-3 GDS-AGM	Administrative Instructions-- Operation "Anvil"	Confidential
19 Jan	B-79	400-5 GDS-AGM	Scales of Individual Equipment and of General Supply in Amphibious Operations	Confidential
7 Feb	B-350	210.3-2 GBI-AGM	Rotation and Transfer of Personnel Bigot-Anvil	Restricted
11 Feb	B-405	400-1 (French) GDS-AGM	Supply and Maintenance of French Troops	Confidential
15 Feb	B-488	370-3 GDS-AGM	Assignment of Responsibilities for Mounting Operation "Anvil"	Confidential
27 Feb	B-752	322-2 (NORBS) GDS-AGM	Status of NBS	Confidential
25 Mar	B-1470	370.5/1(French) GCT-0	Move of French Divisions to Italy and Corsica	Confidential
31 Mar	B-1607	370-3 GDS-0	Administrative Responsibilities for British Forces Under Command of Force 163	Confidential
4 Apr	B-1709	470.6-1 CMS-0	3d ind to ltr, Force 163, 470.6-0, 8 Mar 1944, "Basic Load Plan, Chemical Munitions, for Operation "Anvil"	Secret
18 Apr	B-2058	400.34-1 GDS-0	Equipment for Special AFHQ Units for Operation "Anvil"	Confidential
21 Apr	B-2129	413.44-2 D-0	Supplies for Operation "Anvil"	Confidential
31 May	B-3881	370.5-1(French) GCT-0	Troop List of French Formations in NATOUSA	Secret
31 May	B-3882	370.5-1(French) GCT-0	Troop List of French Forces in NATOUSA	Secret

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Ref: R/725

5th January, 1945

1. The Political Section acknowledges the receipt of the Ministry's memorandum No. 6/1407/610 of December 28th regarding the transmission of Italian diplomatic mail.
2. The Political Section has to inform the Ministry with regret that the Allied military authorities cannot agree to the carriage of diplomatic mail by Italian couriers. Apart from other considerations, the provision of regular transport for such couriers would present insurmountable difficulties in the existing circumstances.
3. As regards the fourth paragraph of the Ministry's memorandum under reply, the Political Section regrets the delays to which attention is drawn. The Political Section has however taken steps to expedite the transmission of Italian diplomatic correspondence to posts abroad and it confidently expects that the Ministry will have in the future no further cause for complaint.
4. The Political Section is grateful to the Ministry for the measures it has taken to restrict the weight and size of diplomatic pouches and feels certain that this initiative will greatly expedite the transmission of urgent material. As regards the distinction between secret and non-confidential correspondence, the Section understands that the Allied Embassies dispatch non-confidential material by freight-carrying aircraft, which, while requiring more time in transit, will accept larger loads. It is therefore suggested that the Ministry should divide their correspondence into the two above-mentioned categories clearly marking the covers in each case in order that they may be transmitted by the appropriate aircraft.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Palazzo Chigi,
ROME

W.S.

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I think we
might reply to him
by saying in the course
of the attached d/c.

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I might have to say my own words
can do until the policy is changed

HHB

*Mr. Kalford**pp please.*

WH

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.

1.- The Ministry for Foreign Affairs acknowledged receipt of the Note n° 725 of December 6th of the A.C. concerning diplomatic couriers.

2.- The Ministry for Foreign Affairs are very grateful to the Allied Authorities in Rome for the facilities they have accorded the transmission of correspondence with the Italian Missions abroad.

They are perfectly aware of the difficulties that face the competent Allied Authorities in implementing this service and they would be very happy to cooperate in order to eliminate or reduce them.

In this connexion, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs wish to point out that even before the reestablishment of diplomatic relations with the Allied Powers and with the Latin American Republics, as well as on the occasion of that reestablishment, they suggested carrying out with their own personnel the courier-service with their Missions abroad. This suggestion, on which they again draw the A.C.'s attention, has not been till now acted upon for reasons foreign to the Italian Government's intentions.

3.- The Ministry for Foreign Affairs cannot refrain from expressing their surprise in learning that the correspondence of some Missions of the United Nations in Italy (i.e. the **ELU 160** Polish, Dutch and Czechoslovakian) takes precedence of that of the Italian Government.

Regardless of any other consideration, the volume of correspondence exchanged by those missions with their respective Governments cannot be compared to the one exchanged by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs with their Missions abroad, who amount now to

eleven, and whose number will soon be tripled.

4.- Principal aim of the Mem. n° 6/1072/455 of November 21st was that of drawing again the A.C.'s attention to the fact that some Italian Missions had not received any official correspondence for about 6 months, although the Ministry for Foreign Affairs had regularly forwarded it to them during that period, justifiably presuming that it would have reached them in a reasonable lapse of time.

The pouches were subsequently delivered to them all together.

These remarks were made not only in our interest but also in that of the Allies, inasmuch as a major part of the said correspondence concerned questions which were directly or indirectly connected with the Allies and our common war effort.

To the cases already mentioned in the Memorandum of November 21st there can be added, for more documentation, that of the Italian Legation in Stockholm who on December 11th received simultaneously 13 pouches forwarded from Rome between July 20th and October 31st; that of the Embassy in Madrid to whom were delivered, on November 17th, 32 pouches sent between July 20th and November 7th, and lastly the case of the Legation in Dublin who received on December 16th 10 pouches, the first of which is dated July 20th and the last October 13th.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs trust that the competent Allied Authorities will admit that in these circumstances it is war-ranable and legitimate to express the preoccupation of the Italian Government and their desire to explore, in full agreement with the A.C., all avenues which may lead to the obviation of these delays.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs are happy to add that, according to information received from some Italian Missions abroad, the courier-service would be now discharged with greater regularity and dispatch.

5.- In their Note n° 725 of December 6th the A.C. suggest restraining to a minimum the weight and dimensions of the pouches and

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restricting the use of the couriers to the sole essential and confidential correspondence.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs have already adopted restrictive measures in the forwarding of diplomatic pouches which, acting on the A.G.'s suggestion, are divided into "urgent" (minimum weight) and "normal" (greater weight and volume). They assure that in future these measures will be even more strictly applied.

As regards the request of limiting the courier-service to the sole essential and confidential correspondence, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs are willing to favorably consider any practical suggestion to this effect.

In the present circumstances, however, and in consideration of the provisions regulating the dispatch of ordinary correspondence abroad, they fail to see through what means and procedure the non-confidential official correspondence, which is now sent by pouch, could be forwarded to the Italian Missions abroad.



Rome, December 23th 1944

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Handed to Maurice A. Admin.

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POLITICAL SECTION

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Ref # 725

6 December 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome.

The Political Section of the Allied Commission acknowledges the receipt of the Ministry's memorandum No. 6/1072/455 of November 21st regarding the transmission of Italian Government correspondence by Allied diplomatic bags.

2. While regretting that delays in the delivery of such correspondence have occurred due to a variety of causes, the Political Section feel bound to point out that this facility has been accorded to the Italian Government as a courtesy by the United States and British diplomatic missions in Rome and not as a right. The Ministry are probably not aware of the fact that the volume of Allied diplomatic mail (which includes the mail of such missions as the Belgian, Polish, Netherlands and Czechoslovak Missions in Italy) is limited by the opportunities of air transport and climatic conditions and it is only just that such mail should take precedence over Italian Government correspondence.

3. To this end the Ministry are urged to limit the size and weight of their pouches to and from their missions abroad to a minimum and to ensure that only essential and confidential correspondence is presented for transmission by means of Allied diplomatic bags.

H. D. A. A. HOPKINSON
Acting Vice-President, Political Section

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Rome, November 21st., 1944

Nr. 6/1072/MS

MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.

With Memorandums n° 6/391/306 of October 7th. and 6/945/397 of November 3d., the Ministry for Foreign Affairs pointed out to the A.C. some disadvantages which had been noted in the courier-service to the Italian Missions abroad and suggested some measures which, in their opinion, could at least in part obviate them.

The Political Section of the A.C. verbally answered expressing their regret for the delays, assuring that all the couriers of the Ministry had been regularly dispatched and suggesting, so as to speed-up the service, that the weight of the couriers should be as far as possible reduced and the pouches divided into "urgent" (with right of precedence over the others) and "normal". This suggestion was promptly followed.

The Political Section, with reference to the Mem. n. 6/945/397 of November the 3d., verbally remarked that the Italian suggestions for rationalizing the dispatching of the couriers could not be followed as the Italian diplomatic pouch was regularly forwarded with the couriers of the Allied Missions who went as a rule by air and whose departure was subject, between other things, to the weather conditions.

The Political Section renewed, on this occasion, their

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courteous assurance that the Italian pouches would be forwarded by the first available plane.

In this connection, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs wish to point out the following facts:

On the 16th. inst. the British Embassy delivered to the Ministry the following pouches from the Italian Embassy in Ankara:

-	pouch n. 2	of may	20th.	1944	
-	"	"	3	"	27th. "
-	"	"	5	"	June 10th. "
-	"	"	6	"	" 18th. "
-	"	"	8	"	July 1st. "
-	"	"	8	"	" 8th. "
-	"	"	18	"	Sept. 2d. "
-	"	"	19	"	" 9th. "
-	"	"	21	"	" 23d. "
-	"	"	22	"	" 30th. "
-	"	"	23	"	Oct. 7th. "
-	"	"	24	"	" 14th. "
-	"	"	27	"	Nov. 4th. "

Altogether they are 13 pouches, dispatched by the Italian Embassy in Ankara, in 6 months, which have been delivered at the same time.

Similar delays have taken place in the delivery of pouches to some Missions abroad (Madrid, Buenos Ayres, Lisbon, Stockholm etc.).

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In these circumstances the benefit of the courier-service is almost completely nullified, with great prejudice not only of the Italian Government's action but also of all those questions that are of common interest to the Italian and to the Allies and that cannot be exclusively dealt with

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by telegram.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs wish to draw the Political Section's closest attention upon these considerations and request them to take all necessary steps in order to ensure that, pending the re-establishment of an Italian courier-service, the diplomatic pouches directed to the Missions abroad be dispatched with the necessary regularity and speediness, not only as regards the departure from Rome, but also during the journey.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs will appreciate an early reply on the matter. *[Signature]*



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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

To: British Embassy - attention Mr. Benton
American Embassy
Mr. Hopkinson, AC
Mr. Shott, AC
G-2, G1, AFHQ - attention Lt. Col. Byres Munsell
S.C.I.

From: Mr. Radford
Date: 16th December 1944

SECRET

A meeting will be held on the third floor of No. 56 Via Veneto, Rome (former Ministry of Popular Culture) to discuss certain work in connection with Italian official archives. The meeting will be held at 4.00 p.m. on Friday December 22nd 1944. It is hoped that you or a representative of your office will be able to attend. An agenda will be circulated in the middle of the week.

Persons attending the meeting should proceed to the third floor and there enquire of the M.P. on duty for Mr. Grudi. I shall be grateful if recipients of this notice would inform me of the name of the officer who will be attending the meeting in those cases where they have not already done so. The matters to be discussed are all such as require a classification of "Secret".

C. A. N. [Signature]

Chief of Intelligence,
P.W.B., ITALY.

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Re: Thompson

Re: inform Mr. Radford

that we will attend

Mr. Halford (with P.P.)

Could you arrange to attend
this please on behalf of the
Political Section?

By Dec 18

Radford notified 18/12/44

R.T.

13/12/44

Mr. Schott: Mr. Gnudi of Italian Documents
Section of P.W.B. would like you to attend
the meeting as per Mr. Hopkinson's memo.
He has set Fri Dec. 22 as a tentative
date and would appreciate letting him know
if that is agreeable to you.

V.T.

16 Dec.

Friday - Dec 22 - 4pm

Ref: 725

15 December 1944

SUBJECT: Preservation and Examination of Documents
of the Fascist Republican Government.

TO : Mr. Radford
Psychological Warfare Branch,
Information and Censorship Section
Italian Theatre Headquarters
Unit No. 12, U.S.A.P.O. 512

Reference your letter of 6 December about the preservation and examination of documents of the Fascist Republican Government. I should be very glad to attend a meeting to discuss this question, or to send a representative. The Political Section understands that the organization chiefly concerned in this matter is the Documents Section of A.F.H.Q. and I suggest that you may care to ask latter to send a representative to the meeting.

For the Chief Commissioner:

H. L. d'A. HOPKINSON
Acting Vice President, Political Section

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Mr. Hopkinson.

Captain Brooke of
Monuments & Fine Arts is the
key person in the who has
done this work. He is at
present somewhere in Pacific
but is expected back shortly.
I will ask AFSA to have
a message sent to him.

Dec. 9.

L. L. L.

Mr. Kerner said Capt. Brooke
agreed to say that he has never
done work with political documents.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

To: British Embassy
American Embassy
Political Commission, AG
Copies to: Mr. Edman
Mr. Gaudi
From: Mr. Radford
Date: 6th December 1944

Major Fielder

Do you know what

organisation (or section

SECRET of the A.C.C.) was

responsible for collecting

and taking over Italian front.

*Archives dating from the Fascist
or Fascist-Republican periods?*

Dear Hopkinson.

PWB has in the past months been investigating the archives of the Ministry of Popular Culture and has issued a series of reports drawn from those archives. Copies of the above-mentioned reports have been forwarded to the State Department, the Foreign Office, to OWI and to PWB, and the information has been passed to interested organisations in this theatre. Correspondence from London and Washington and conversations with Allied officers lead me to believe that these reports are of considerable interest to the recipient and it would appear that the time has now come to consider the future of this service.

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Dag*

A letter from PWB London suggests and urges that the research in these archives should be more widely carried out and that similar reports should be issued on documents belonging to certain other Italian ministries. It must be pointed out that PWB's staff is not at present adequate to undertake the wide extension of its present commitments, and that the legal position concerning some of the archives is uncertain. In my view this matter could be considered in connection with the work at present being carried out by PWB.

The most modern files of the Ministry of Popular Culture were removed to North Italy in 1943, and are now at Salo. Other archives in which PWB and other organisations mentioned in the first paragraph of this letter, are keenly interested are also known to be held by the Fascist Republican Government in North Italy. It is my desire that steps should be taken to secure these archives and I have already put forward a recommendation in the case of the archives of the Ministry of Popular Culture. I should, however, like to see the question of the other archives more fully provided for.

I am addressing this letter to the three Allied offices most closely interested in the preservation and eventual use of these archives with the suggestion that they should nominate a representative to attend a meeting in this office for the purpose of making recommendations and providing for the necessary action to be taken to secure the preservation and examination of the archives concerned. I should be grateful if you would agree to this course of action and would arrange for some member of your staff to attend such a meeting. I have to be away from

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Ref #785

19 November 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KIRK:

There are transmitted herewith reports No. 61 to 70 inclusive, in duplicate, based on documents found in the Ministry of Popular Culture, Rome, which were submitted to the Political Section, A.C., for transmission to the State Department by Mr. D. Gnudi, the Head of the Italian Affairs (Unit 9) P.W.R. Unit No. 12.

Mr. Gnudi now has submitted to the Political Section for transmission to Washington a total of 70 reports of which the attached is a list.

The Political Section beg to point out that in its opinion Mr. Gnudi has done an excellent and painstaking task in compiling these reports and it is suggested that perhaps the U. S. Representative to the Advisory Council might wish to request the State Department to make proper acknowledgement to Mr. Gnudi.

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
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Ref 7725

19 November 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KIRK:

Mr. Gaudi of P.W.B. Unit No. 12 who has submitted reports compiled from documents found in the various ministries at Rome states that he is confronted with the problem of the disposal of the original documents from which his reports were drawn. Under the assumption that both the British Foreign Office and the Department of State would desire this information for their archives, he suggests that documents referring to purely British matters be forwarded to London and that those pertaining to purely American matters be forwarded to Washington. The Foreign Office and the Department of State then each could have their portion of the material photostated and copies exchanged.

It would be appreciated were the Department of State to be consulted in this matter and its approval of this plan given or an alternative suggestion made.

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice-President, Political Section

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Information and Censorship Section
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
Italian Theatre Headquarters.
Unit No. 12.

25th September, 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 725

5 November 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

SUBJECT : Missing Documents From Red Cross Cases Entrusted
to Captain Iazio.

Reference your memorandum No. 6/721/315 of October 11th. In response to a request for information by the Political Section, G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q., now has advised that all the papers which were removed from the luggage of Captain di Iazio originally were passed to G-2, Censorship, for examination. The authorities of G-2, Censorship, as well as those of Camp 203, have stated that they hold none of the documents in question and A.F.H.Q. asserts that they have no further means of tracing them.

WILLIAM W. SCHOTT
Vice President, Political Section

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 313

31 October 1944

SUBJECT: Missing Documents from Red Cross Cases.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: Political Section)

1. Reference your 725 of 13 October, all papers which were removed from the luggage of Captain Sabatino di Luzio were passed to G-2 Censorship for examination.

2. G-2 Censorship and PW Camp 203 have stated that they hold none of the documents in question.

3. This Headquarters have no further means of tracing these documents.

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


H. J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, AGD

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION
APC 394

13 October 1944

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters
Copy to: G-2 Section, Allied Force Headquarters

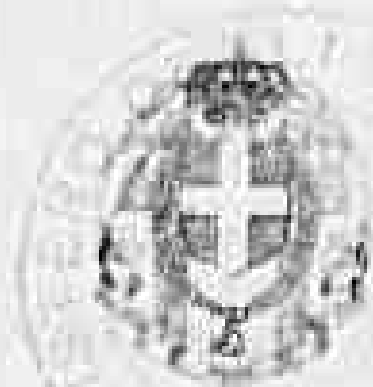
1. We attach a copy of Memorandum No. 6/721³¹⁵ from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from which it appears that certain documents may have been extracted from some Red Cross cases entrusted to Captain Di Luzio.

2. We should be grateful if an inquiry could be made into this matter, and we should be glad to be informed in due course, what reply should be made to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

For the Chief Commissioner:

H. A. CACCIA
Vice President, Political Section

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6/721/315

*Ministero degli Affari Esteri*MEMORANDUM FOR THE POLITICAL SECTION A.C.

In the first days of June Captain Sabatino Di Luzio, having brought his mission to an end, left Lisbon for Italy.

The Italian Legation entrusted him with 4 cases that the local office of the Red Cross wished to send to their Presidency in Rome and that should have contained, according to a statement made to the Legation by the said office, some documents and a limited amount of provisions and woollen clothing for relief work.

When the cases arrived in Rome, they were found to contain only provisions and some clothing.

Following an inquiry, it has been possible to ascertain that the Secretary of the Red Cross in Lisbon substituted part of the documents with provisions destined for private consumption. She alleges, however, to have left the remaining documents in the cases.

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As Captain Di Luzio was detained in Algiers in N.203 concentration camp and in that period the Red Cross cases were opened and verified by the Allied Authorities in his absence, it is possible that the documents were then removed for control by the censor.

Should this inference be correct the Ministry for Foreign Affairs shall be grateful if the A.C., will interest the competent Allied Authorities in Algiers in returning the said documents which concern our P.O.W. and are necessary to the Italian Authorities for carrying out humanitarian work in their regards.

Rome, October 11th, 1944.



Letter to G-5

Ref: P/725, P/750

27 February 1945

My dear Minister De Gasperi:

Allied Force Headquarters has informed the Commission that a detailed study has been made of the question of a relaxation of the restrictions on Italian diplomatic communications which in the past precluded the Italian Government from communicating in cipher undeposited with the Allied Authorities and caused them to disclose the contents of their diplomatic bags to the Allied Authorities before dispatch.

As a result of this study it has been decided that, in principle, secret bag facilities now may be allowed the Italian Government for use in correspondence with their representatives abroad. A precedent has been established in that Ambassador Tarantini was allowed to carry with him a sealed diplomatic pouch when he left Italy for Washington.

However, for security reasons, it was decided that it still is not considered possible to grant the Italian Government undeposited cipher facilities and, in consequence, these facilities must continue to be denied them.

In this connection I may say that when the compromised code A.F. 25 was accepted as a brevity code for communication between Italian Foreign Ministry and Italian Embassy Moscow, it was specifically laid down and accepted by the Ministry that this code should be used for non-confidential messages only.

This restriction appears to have been disregarded in telegrams since sent in this code by the Ambassador in Moscow. Particular reference is made to Moscow-Rome telegram No. 38. 11.03

To safeguard security it would be appreciated were the Ministry immediately to submit a suitable system for confidential communication with Moscow. Pending approval of such a system it would appear desirable for the Ministry to instruct Ambassador Tarantini by telegram to arrange for the transmission through Allied channels of any messages whose contents may be confidential.

Very truly yours,

[s] Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

M.E. Alcide De Gasperi
Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs

Capt T.H. Brooke
Archives Office
Region 10 A.17.9.
8. Via Lucullo

meeting called by 92 Adv. Intelligence
at 59 Via Sicilia 10 0 AM. 7/9/44
by Major Coventry O/C 92 Adv. Intelligence

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION IV
MONUMENTS, FINE ARTS & ARCHIVES DIVISION

5 September 44

List of places in northern Italy containing Ministerial Archives
evacuated from Rome.

1. ASOLO (Trevise).

Ministero della Guerra
Dir. Artiglieri.

2. BASSANO DEL GRAPPA (Vicenze).

Ministero della Guerra
Dir. Leva e Truppa.

Ministero dell'Aeronautica
Archives of numerous departments.

3. BELLAGIO (Como)

Ministero dell'Aeronautica
a) Gabinetto
b) Stato Maggiore

4. BELLUNO (Belluno)

Ministero della Marina
a) Gabinetto
b) Consiglio Superiore
c) Istituto Principe di Piemonte

5. BERGAMO (Bergamo)

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b) Consiglio Superiore
c) Istituto Principe di Piemonte

5. BERGAMO (Bergamo)

Ministero delle Corporazioni
Archives of numerous departments

Palazzo Statale
Via Martiri Fascisti
Largo Goldoni

6. BRESCIA (Brescia)

Ministero del Tesoro
All evacuated Archives

310 Porta Civile

Ministero delle Finanze
a) Direzione Tasse, Imposte
dirette e Affari
b) Direzione del Coordinamento
e personale
c) Direz. Dogane e Imprese
Industriali

Corso Magenta 56

Via Marsala 12

Via Carlo Alberto 8

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- d) Dir. del Catasto e dei Servizi Tecnici Erariali
- e) Dir. Imposte dirette
- f) Dir. del Demanio
- g) Comando Generale della R. Guardia di Finanza

30b Via delle Grazie
56 Corso Magenta
37 Via Tasso

Ministero della Giustizia
Gabinetto

presso la Procura Generale

Ministero dell'Interno

- a) Dir. della Sanità
- b) Ragioneria centrale
- c) Intendenza
- d) Centro interministeriale, smistamento corrispondenza

Villa Orefici
Prefettura

7. CARPENEDOLO (Brescia)

Ministero dell'Interno
Dir. Fondo per il culto.

8. CASTELFRANCO (Treviso)

Ministero Agricoltura e Foreste
Archives of several departments.

9. COMO (Como)

Ministero delle Comunicazioni
Istituto sperimentale Poste telegrafico telefonico

10. COSTALUNGA (Brescia)

Ministero dell'Interno
Dir. della Razza

Palazzo Togni, Via Dante

11. CREMONA (Cremona)

7. CARPENEDOLO (Brescia)

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Palazzo Togni, Via Dante

11. CREMONA (Cremona)

Ministero dell'Africa Italiana
All evacuated Archives

Via Palestro 18
Via Repubblica 24

Avvocatura Generale dello Stato
Fascicoli relativi al Consiglio
di Stato e Corte dei Conti.

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Consiglio di Stato

A small part of the Archives

Via Palestro 18

Ministero della Giustizia

Archives of numerous departments

12. GRESANO DEL GRAPPA (Trevise)

Ministero della Guerra
Commissariato

13. DESENZANO (Brescia).

- Ministero della Marina
 - a) Dir. Armi e armamenti navali
 - b) Commissariato
 - c) Genio Militare
- Presidenza del Consiglio
 - All evacuated Archives (probably since transferred again)

14. MOMPIANO (Brescia)

- Ministero dell'Interno
 - a) Dir. Amministrazione civile
 - b) Dir. Dei Culti
- Edificio Scuole
- Edificio Cahossiane

15. MONTEBELLUNA (Treviso)

- Ministero della Guerra
 - Dir. Genio.

16. ODERZO (Treviso)

- Ministero Agricoltura e Foreste
 - R. Corpo delle Foreste.

17. MADERNO (Brescia).

- Ministero dell'Interno
 - Gabinetto
- Edificio Scuole

18. PADERNO DEL GRAPPA (Treviso)

- Ministero della Guerra
 - Direz. Personale Civili e militari

19. PADOVA (Padova)

- Ministero della Pubblica Istruzione
 - Archives of numerous departments
- Scuola Professionale per la donna, via S. Michele.

Ministero della Guerra
Dir. Genio.

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Ministero Agricoltura e Foreste
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Archives of numerous departments

Ministero dell'Aeronautica
Ispettorato della Sanità

20. PEDEROBBA (Treviso)

Ministero della Guerra
Motorizzazione

21. PONTE DI LEGNO (Brescia)

Ministero dell'Interno
Direzione Antincendi

22. ROGOLEDO (Como)

Ministero delle Finanze
Amministrazione dei Monopoli

Edificio Scuole

Scuola Professionale
per la donna, Via
S. Michele.

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23. ROSA (Vicenza)

Ministero della Guerra
Dir. Artiglieria

24. SALO (Brescia)

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

- a) Gabinetto
- b) Affari politici,
- c) Ufficio Personale
- d) Ufficio Corrispondenza etc.

Villa Simonini
(North of the town)

- e) Ufficio Intendenza (custodia alcune casse di stampati di una Associazione Italo-Americana)

Villa Martinengo
(further north)

Villa Luisa
(further north)

- f) Ufficio Amministrativo

- g) Affari Generali, affari commerciali

Villa Vighenzi
(south of the town
on the road to
Brescia)

Ministero della Cultura Popolare
Gabinetto

25. TRE BONTI (Brescia)

Ministero dell'Interno
Direzione del Personale

26. TREVISO (Treviso)

Ministero Agricoltura e Foreste
Archives of several departments.

27. VALDAGNO (Vicenza)

Ministero dell'Interno
Dir. Pubblica Sicurezza

- f) Ufficio Amministrativo
g) Affari Generali, affari commerciali

Ministero della Cultura Popolare
Gabinetto

25. BRESCIA (Brescia)

Ministero dell'Interno
Direzione del Personale

26. TREVISO (Trevise)

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Archives of several departments.

27. VALDAGNO (Vicența)

Ministero dell'Interno
Dir. Pubblica Sicurezza

28. VARESE (Varese)

Ministero dell'Interno
Istituto Superiore Sanità Pubblica

29. VENEZIA (Venezia)

Ministero degli Affari Esteri

a) Dir. Gen. Italiani all'Esteri

b) Ufficio collegamento con le missioni straniere

Ministero della Cultura Popolare
Direzioni Generali

(further north)
Villa Luisa
(further north)

Villa Vighenzi
(south of the town
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Brescia)

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Scuola Oriani,
Campo S. Maurizio

Grande Albergo
Canal Grande

Palazzo Volpi

Ministero dei Lavori Pubblici
Archives relating to Provinces
North of Rome

Casa Petrarca, Riva
del Carbon vicino
a Rialto,
Magistrato delle
Acque, Palazzo dei
Sette Savi
Banca Hotel
Splendid Hotel

Senato del Regno

Registri di Stato civile
della famiglia Reale (copies
extant in Rome)

30. VERONA (Verona)

Ministero delle Comunicazioni

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|--|---|
| a) Direzione Ferrovie dello Stato,
Servizio Movimento | Stazione P.N. |
| b) Direzione Ferrovie dello Stato
Servizio Commerciale | 5 Via dell'Artigliere |
| c) Dir. Ferrovie dello Stato,
Servizio Lavori | 5 Via dell'Artigliere |
| d) Dir. Ferrovie dello Stato,
Servizio Ragioneria | 12 Piazza Cittadella |
| e) Direzione Fer. dello Stato,
Servizio Pers. e Aff. Generali | Via S. Anastasia |
| f) Servizio Approvvigionamenti | Stradone S. Tommaso 3-7 |
| g) Direzione Poste, Servizio
I e II | Pal. Canossa, Corso
Cavour. |
| h) Direzione Poste, Servizio III | Pal. Poste e Telegr. |
| i) Dir. Poste, Servizio IV | Via Provolo |
| j) Dir. Poste, Servizio V | Pal. Castellani, pres
Pzsa Castevecchio. |
| k) Dir. Poste, Servizio VI | presso Quartiere Trento |
| l) Ispettorato motorizzazione
civile trasporti | |

Ministero della Marina

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni

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b) Direzione Ferrovie dello Stato Servizio Commerciale 7 Via dell'Artigliere
c) Dir. Ferrovie dello Stato, Servizio Lavori 7 Via dell'Artigliere
d) Dir. ferrovie dello Stato, Servizio Ragioneria 12 Piazza Cittadella
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f) Servizio Approvvigionamenti Stradone S. Tommaso 3-7
g) Direzione Poste, Servizio I e II Pal. Canossa, Corso Cavour.

- h) Direzione Poste, Servizio III Pal. Poste e Telegr.
i) Dir. Poste, Servizio IV Via Provolo
j) Dir. Poste, Servizio V Pal. Castellani, presso Pz. Castelveccchio.
k) Dir. Poste, Servizio VI presso Quartiere Trento
l) Ispettorato motorizzazione civile trasporti

Ministero della Marina

Dir. Capitaneria di Porto

Ministero degli Affari Esteri
Ufficio Assistenza per gli internati in Germania

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31. VICENZA (Vicenza)

Ministero della Marina

- a) Stato Maggiore
b) Dir. Armi e armamenti navali
c) Genio Militare
d) Dir. Affari Amministrativi
e) Dir. personale civile e militare

Via Porti, Pz. Roi

32. VOLPAGO DEL MONTELLO (Trevise)

Ministero della Guerra
sanità Militare.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. P.O. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/55/34/CA.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 16)

25 August 1944

HANDLING OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS
BY CIVILIANS

1. It is undesirable that civilians handle any classified documents.
2. "Civilian" for the purpose of this memorandum is any civilian other than properly authorised Allied personnel.
3. This Commission has found it necessary to employ a number of civilians, of whom a proportion in the course of their duties have occasion to handle classified matter at the discretion of their supervising officers.
4. To eliminate as far as possible this security risk, the following safeguards will be observed:
 - (a) No civilian will be permitted to handle any "Top Secret" or "Secret" correspondence.
 - (b) When it occurs that "Confidential" and "Restricted" correspondence cannot be handled by military personnel, then only those civilians whose badges have been established and who have shown themselves worthy of trust will be entrusted with such matters. Care will be taken to ensure that those concerned take the necessary precautions. They will be told that a breach of faith will result in dismissal and subsequent prosecution.
 - (c) Supervising officers will be constantly on the alert to prevent or discover any such breach or indiscretion.
 - (d) Nothing in this memorandum will be construed as a direction that civilian employees should handle classified documents. Such handling is at the discretion of the supervising officer, who will endeavour to avoid such a course whenever possible.
5. For guidance it is pointed out that the French equivalents of English language expressions as applied to Confidential and Secret communications are as follows:

English Terms

Corresponding French Term

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English Terms

Restricted
Confidential
Secret
Top Secret

Corresponding French Term

Confidential
Secret
Très Secret
Ultra Secret

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6. For guidance and to avoid over-classification of documents, the following definitions of classified documents are given:

TOP SECRET: (Signal abbreviation - TOPSECRET): Certain secret documents, information and material, the security aspect of which is paramount, and whose unauthorized disclosure would cause exceptionally grave damage to the nation, i.e. PLANS OF FUTURE MAJOR OPERATIONS.

SECRET: Documents, information or material, the unauthorized disclosure of which would endanger the National Security, cause serious injury to the interests or prestige of the nation or any government activity thereof, or would be of great advantage to a foreign nation, i.e. VITAL MILITARY INFORMATION.

CONFIDENTIAL: Documents, information, or material, the unauthorized disclosure of which while NOT endangering the National Security, would be prejudicial to the interests or prestige of the Nation, any Government activity, or individual or would cause damage

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administrative embarrassment or difficulty or be of advantage to a foreign nation, i.e. ROUTINE INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONAL REPORTS.

RESTRICTED : Documents, information or material (other than TOP SECRET, SECRET, or CONFIDENTIAL) which should NOT be published or communicated to anyone except for official purposes, i.e. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

DISTRIBUTION:

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For [unclear]
M.S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER
APO 394

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SECRET
4 August 1944

INSTRUCTIONS
REGARDING THE HANDLING OF ITALIAN DOCUMENTS

1. GENERAL

- (a) Reference is made to AFHQ Intelligence Instruction No. 38 dated 4 June 1944.
- (b) Serious cases of mishandling of Italian documents have occurred recently in Rome.

2. PROCEDURE

Procedure for the removal and routing of documents is laid down in the above mentioned instruction, extracts of which read as follows:-

"Para 3 a. Enemy documents obtained by formations and agencies under HQ., AAI, will, after processing by intelligence staff be disposed of as follows:

- (1) Documents of an operational nature will be sent to HQ., AAI care of BCS (Int), for onward transmission to G-2 Documents Section, AFHQ, after processing.
- (2) Documents of non-operational nature will be forwarded direct to G-2 Document Section, AFHQ.
- b. Enemy documents obtained by formations and agencies not under HQ., AAI, will, after processing by intelligence staffs, be sent direct to G-2 Document Section, AFHQ.

INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions will be implemented by all units under command:-

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(b) After agencies have extracted necessary information, documents should be forwarded to Advance Document Section, G-2 AFHQ, 59 Via Sicilia, Rome. If necessary a note should be attached giving recommendation for further disposal. 11.2.3

(c) In no case must any document, however obtained, be despatched from Rome area except through G-2 Documents Section channels.

4. DOCUMENTS THAT ARE NOT REQUIRED

So far as documents are concerned, that are NOT required by any agency, the regulations, laid down in ...

in AAI Adm. Instruction No. 10 dated 30 March 1944.
(Preservation of Property of Historical or Educational
Importance in Italy)
will be observed, para 11 of which reads:-

"In the case of written papers and books it is to
be noted that even those which do not appear to be an-
cient may be of great importance, not only historically
but as containing information necessary for the practical
purposes of the war. Casual DESTRUCTION or DISPERSAL of
such collections, wherever found, will not be permitted.

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE

Captain, USNR

Acting Chief Commissioner

Distribution: "C" (less Group 3)



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Acting Chief Commissioner

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Paraphrase of

TELEGRAM SENT

To:

Date: July = 24 = 2 pm

No.:

Code:

Charged to:

GPO 1-1143

From Reber:

Reference Department's 345 July 11 to Naples:

A reply to Department's 397 ~~xxx~~ March 25 received through Political Adviser, Algiers, was made by memorandum to Algiers.

According to assurances received from Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, only authorized representatives will be permitted to remove records which might contain information of value to Allied Governments. As most of the confidential files were either destroyed or taken away by Fascists in September, little information has been discovered so far, although a cursory examination has been made by intelligence agencies. Foreign Office has informed me that authorized representatives are perfectly free to inspect files.

Two reports which were removed have been forwarded to G-2 AFHQ as they relate to German defense; one ~~filed~~ 144.7 of telegrams deposited with Political Section relates to German withdrawal from League of Nations. Some additional information (on which full reports are being

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sent Department by mail) was secured from records
at former Ministry of Popular Culture.

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PARAPHRASE OF
TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From: Secstate

Date: June 22 9 pm

No.:

Code: Secret

Received:

According to reliable information received by the Department, the files of the so-called American Section of the Italian Foreign Office contained, during the Fascist regime and the German occupation, information which would be of considerable value to the United Nations in dealing with post-war Germany. The Department is anxious to have these files set aside so that authorized representatives of the American Government may inspect them. You should consult with Reber and ascertain if this request should be addressed by ACC to the Italian Government, which should be disposed to cooperate in this matter, or to the Allied Military authorities at Rome.

HULL

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Mr. Reber

Confidential

Paraphrase of Telegram
No. 345 dated July 11, 1944 from
the Department of State,
for Mr. Reber.

No reply to the telegraphic instruction for attention of Reber,
No. 897, March 25, 1944, 4 p.m., can be found in the records in the
Department. Additional records and the records mentioned in the
above instructions are important to the Department as they may
provide intelligence information, and assurances that the Department's
interests will not be overlooked is requested.

Kindly inform.

HULL

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Target.
Axis Documents

June 2, 1944.

Please pass to A.C.C. No. 1 for Kelley from Reber

Your tel No. 1 received.

Could you send by Montfort or other safe means when
situation permits previous file so that report can be made
later. Also ask Nelson to bring or send mail for both
and
candles that Carmen took.

Rec'd 5:30 6/3

Answered 6/3 transmitting File - K.
copy made of SR answer to W.S. P.D.
5/4.

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*This was sent under instructions from Zita.
who told me to get up message, include Special K.*

May 30, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: I.S.L.D.

The Department of State has requested that, if possible, a message be transmitted to Mr. Reber. It would be greatly appreciated if the following message could be forwarded to him as soon as communication facilities are available:

FOR REBER FROM KELLEY

REFERRING DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTION REGARDING USE OF
AXIS AND SATELLITE COUNTRY RECORDS YOU ARE FURTHER
INSTRUCTED TO SUPPLY ADDITIONAL TARGET INFORMATION
PD REPORT IN GREATER DETAIL AND ASSESS PRACTICAL
ASPECTS OF SITUATION IN LIGHT OF CONDITIONS AS YOU
FIND THEM PD SUGGEST PROCEDURE WHICH ALLIED FORCE
HEADQUARTERS MIGHT FOLLOW TO FACILITATE OBTAINING
SUCH INFORMATION

Ruth Kelley

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MEMO TO: U.S. Pol Ad.

Sub: Records of Axis and Satellite Countries.

Reference is made to C. A. Memo of March 29, 1944, relating to the D's telegram No. 897 of 3/27/44, suggesting that the U. S. Gov. might wish to obtain possession of copies of diplomatic and other records of the Axis and associated countries.

There is enclosed an informal memo prepared by G-2 (ad. Intel) AFHQ, showing the procedure already approved for obtaining documents of interest to the Allied authorities. It will be noted that documents will be evacuated first to AFHQ to which inquiries regarding specific documents should presumably be addressed.

S.R.

AFHQ G-2 Ad. Intel c/ P.B.S. - 15 April, 1944, Memo (documents
(Archives))

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PARAPHRASE

The following is a paraphrase of a message from the Department of State No. 236, dated June 22, 9 p.m. secret for KIRK:

It is understood that the records of the American Section of the Italian Foreign Affairs Ministry contain information which in the negotiations with post-war Germany will be of great value to the representatives of the United Nations. It is the desire of the Department that these files be safeguarded for investigation by authorized representatives of the Government of the United States.

Please confer with Reber to find out whether this request should be forwarded by the Allied Control Commission to Allied Military authorities in Rome or to the Italian Government which in a matter of this nature should be cooperative.

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADJUTANT GENERAL COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Naples, June 24, 1944.

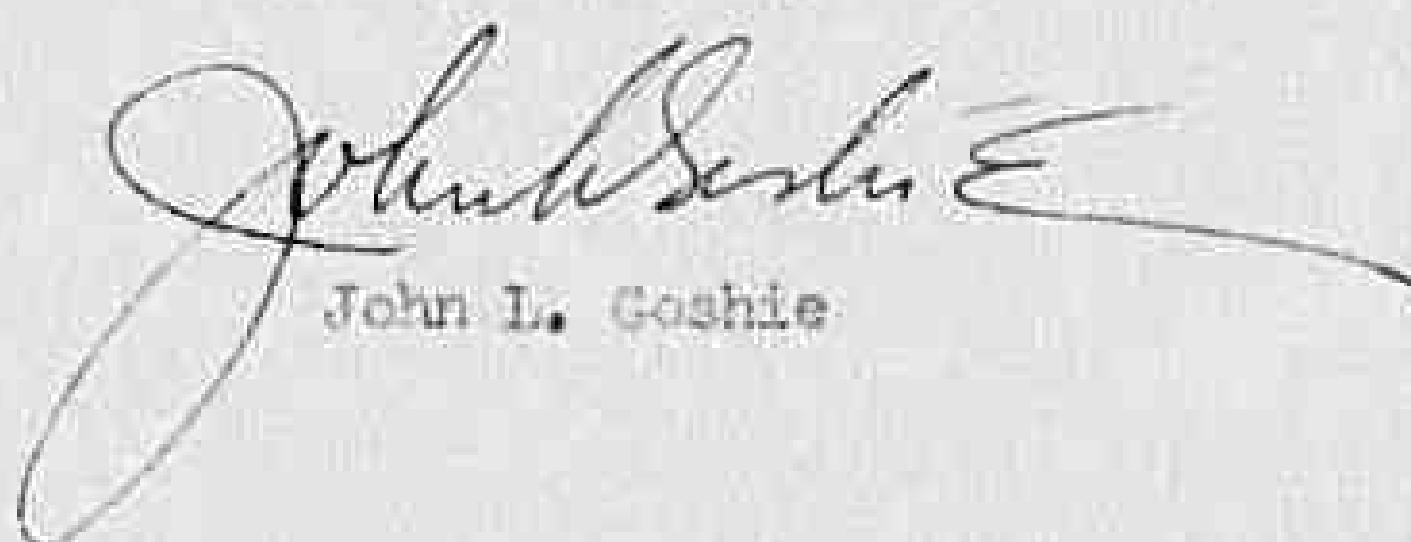
MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Samuel Robar,
Vice President, Political Section,
Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Transmission of Paraphrase.

With reference to the copy of a paraphrase of a telegram from the Department of State transmitted herewith, will you please arrange for the transmission of the request of the Department expressed therein to the proper authorities and inform this office of your action.

For the United States Representative:


John L. Goshie

Enclosure as stated.

Office of the
UNITED STATES POLITICAL ADVISER
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Communications Censorship Branch
A.F.H.Q. APO 612

JUN 4 1944
File No. 231

June 3, 1944

TO: Communications Censorship Branch
I. N. C.,
AFHQ

SUBJECT: Mail from the Italian Legation at Lisbon for Italian
Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

An envelope of mail from the Italian Legation at Lisbon to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is enclosed for your examination.

With reference to your memorandum of May 26, 1944 (CCB 10520) and our reply of May 30, 1944, it will be noted that this envelope includes a number of letters addressed to the Italian Red Cross, along with what appear to be prisoner of war notification forms. In accordance with the memoranda under reference, we advised the American Embassy in Lisbon in a note dated May 31, 1944 that personal messages on International Red Cross forms could not be handled as official mail. Apparently the envelope in question was dispatched before receipt of this notification in Lisbon.

In view of these circumstances, it might be expedient to forward the Red Cross material in this envelope as a final exception, giving the American Embassy in Lisbon an opportunity to stop at that end the practice of sending such material by official mail. However, if you feel that no further exceptions should be made, you may return the Red Cross material and we will return it to Lisbon.

It is assumed that if you find no objection you will forward the remainder of the contents of this envelope to the Political Section, Allied Control Commission, Naples for delivery to the addressee.

For the American Political Adviser:

G. F. Reinhardt
G. F. Reinhardt

Enclosure
1 envelope

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Final

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April 26, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Military Government Section, Allied Force Headquarters.

SUBJECT: Transmission of Mail between Italian Missions Abroad.

Reference is made to your communication of 23 April 1944 enclosing a copy of a letter from the Executive Officer, Civil Affairs Office, on the subject of transmission of mail between Italian Missions abroad.

There is no objection to the procedure outlined in the communication under reference, but it is thought that American diplomatic pouch facilities might be available for the same type of official correspondence permitted American officials under existing regulations of the Department of State.

Samuel Reber,
Vice President Allied Control Commission
Political Section

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TBJ/jjrALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

MGS-311.18

23 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Transmission of Mail.

TO : HQ A.C.C.

1. Attached is a copy of a letter dated 20 April from the Executive Officer Civil Affairs Office this HQ on the subject of transmission of mail between Italian Missions abroad.

2. So far as this Section is concerned the procedure outlined in the letter appears proper but it would be appreciated if you would give your comments thereon.

For the Chief of Section:


T. B. JACKMAN
Major.Copy to:- Civil Affairs
G-2

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Civil Affairs Office

April 20, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Military Government Section, A.F.H.Q.
G-2 Section, A.F.H.Q.

SUBJECT: Transmission of mail between Italian
Missions abroad.

The Department of State was informed by the American Legation at Stockholm early this month that an American diplomatic pouch arriving from Madrid contained an envelope addressed by the Italian Ambassador in Madrid to the Italian Minister in Stockholm, containing official communications from the Italian Foreign Ministry, letters from the Italian Ambassador in Madrid to the Italian Minister in Stockholm and personal letters for members of the staff.

In response to a request from the American Legation at Stockholm for instructions, the Department of State advised it that American diplomatic pouch facilities should not be made available for personal communications to or from the Italian Legation but that communications between the heads of Italian diplomatic missions may be deemed official and therefore transmitted by pouch. The Legation was told that all the communications should be examined before delivery, and that the personal letters involved in this instance might be delivered after such examination on the understanding that this did not constitute a precedent.

This office is requested by the Department of State to ascertain whether the procedure outlined above meets with the approval of the appropriate authorities in Allied Force Headquarters. Accordingly, your comment would be appreciated.

s/ H. J. L'Heureux

t/ H. J. L'Heureux
Executive Officer

Copies to:
Office of British
Resident Minister.
Censorship Branch,
INC, A.F.H.Q.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

TBJ/jjr

WGS-311.18

23 April 1944.

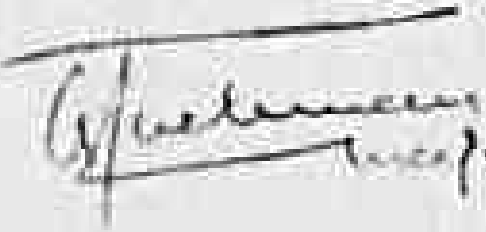
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For the Chief of Section:


T. B. JACKMAN
Major.

Copy to:- Civil Affairs
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R. MINISTERO
DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

N° 2531

Dear Caccia,

Salerno, May 1st, 1944.

I am still waiting for the decisions of the competent Authorities on the question of the forwarding of private correspondence.

In the mean while I have been asked to send on the enclosed letters of the Marshall, one directed to our Ambassador in Madrid, the other to his daughter in Switzerland. Do you think you can see to it that they reach their destination?

Thanking you in advance,

Truly yours

R. P. P. P.

Harold Caccia, Esq.,
Vice President
Allied Control Commission
Naples

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Reference #725

26 April 1944

SUBJECT: Correspondence from Italian Government to Missions Abroad
TO : Mr. H. A. Caccia, Political Section, Hq ACC, Naples

In connection with a memorandum from Prunas (sent to you on 8 April) regarding categories of correspondence to be allowed to Italian foreign missions abroad, Roberti has asked for a reply regarding "printed matter". *dated 4-4*

You will remember this memorandum in connection with their misconception of the phrase "demi-official correspondence" which led you to instruct them that no letters to members of their foreign missions should be sent unless (a) typewritten, (b) non-family matters. The question of what constituted "printed matter" however was left alone, since a definition is a little difficult.

It will be sufficient for Roberti's purposes, I think, if you were to give him permission to send copies of, or clippings from, local newspapers for the benefit of embassies like Madrid who complain they are starving of local colour. I have already told him that we wish to decrease the bulk of their postage abroad; but if you would let him have this permission, I think we can avoid any further definition of the phrase "printed matter". *725*

J. M. Pearson
J. M. PEARSON
Captain
Political Section

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A.S.H.

Are your withers wrung by this appeal?
Both Sam and I think it is not unreasonable and are
not clear from para.2 of your memo. 3/150/0 of 9th.
March why AFHQ did not think this "desirable"

(Intld.) H.A.C.
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H.A.C.

To take your second point first: as I understand it,
it is forbidden to include private mail in military
pouches. I know we perjure ourselves every time we
send on your private mail and solemnly declare it
to be "certified essential W.D. mail" but we are not
prepared to perjure ourselves for the co-elligerents.

It is true that it is a time-honoured privilege of
diplomats to send their private mail by bag and I
personally would be prepared to adduce this argument
in favour of Italian diplomats too. But I am a little
uneasy about it because when I examined the first batch
of these letters I found that (1) I had no means of
knowing whether the addressee was in fact a member of
the mission in question or was just any old member of
the local Italian colony using the mission as an
accommodation address and (2) some of the letters
were written by persons in liberated Italy who frankly
admitted they were presuming on a slight acquaintance
or even a mutual friend's acquaintance to ask the
addressee either to write to or forward an enclosed
letter to someone in occupied Italy. This is just not
good enough. If signor Prunas can safeguard our
position by letting us have a list of career diplomats
at posts abroad (I realize that this may be difficult)
and undertaking that any letters ~~from~~ to them are from
their relations and personal friends, I will consider
forwarding any such letters by our bag which will soon
be an entirely British bag and therefore not subject
to American military regulations.

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I have spoken to Prunas

who will work out a suggested arrangement
& submit it

HAC 6/4.

R. MINISTERO
DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI

N° 1908

HC

Salerno, 4 April, 1944.

Dear Caccia,

During these last few days quite a number of personal letters addressed to Italian diplomatic and consular officials abroad which had been included in this Ministry's bag, have been returned to us. Apparently the reason is that only official or semi-official correspondence can be sent by diplomatic mail.

I fully appreciate the reasons that have prompted such a stringent regulation but, on the other hand, I wonder if it would be feasible to reconsider same in view of the present difficulties in normal postal communications.

As you know, it has always been a privilege of diplomatic and consular officials, of every country I believe, to avail themselves of the bag for the forwarding of their private correspondence.

On the other hand you will, I am sure, appreciate that Italian officials abroad are working at present under particularly difficult conditions and I would really be loath to have to tell my colleagues that in the future they will have to drop this time honored small privilege which, if contained within reasonable limits, ought ^{not} to cause serious inconveniences.

Don't you think it might be possible to ~~explore~~ ^{explore} together

Harold Caccia, Esq.,
Vice President
Allied Control Commission
Naples.

R. MINISTERO
DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI

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some workable means by which to allow them the use of the bag under certain conditions? (for instance: that letters be always typewritten on air mail stationery; that they be as brief as possible and contain no reference whatsoever to places or military matters; that they should be limited to one message to each addressee per bag). I believe this suggestion of mine should not find unsurpassable opposition also because, until we were in Brindisi, no objections were opposed to the inclusion of private mail in the pouch.

Moreover, in my mind, there are some special instances that ought to be examined, namely letters of the Royal Family, of the Minister of the Royal Household, of Cabinet members and, finally, all mail addressed to chiefs of Missions. An exception in these particular cases would be highly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

R. D'Amico

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Reference #505-PE

27 March 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. H. A. Caccia, Political Section, Hq ACC, Naples.

1. With reference to the private letters found among Italian correspondence for inclusion in the diplomatic bag, my recollection is that you asked me to inform them that we would be glad to forward for them (a) official correspondence to their missions abroad, (b) printed matter of a certain character for circulation by Madrid, and (c) private or demi-official letters addressed to officials of those missions. May I take it that this last category will be forwarded only if typewritten, or ~~no~~ they will not be forwarded at all? In the meantime Roberti has asked me to hold the letters here, so that he may have them typewritten if your instructions are in that sense.

2. He has asked me to enquire from you if he may send messages direct through the post office to Signal Office, Naples, sending copies to us, since he receives copies of incoming messages direct through that channel. To this enquiry, for obvious reasons, I expect the answer No.

3. Roberti wants you to tell Reber that he has no letter from his father-in-law since the end of January. I gather Reber told him a letter was on its way, but had been misdirected to Palermo.

4. In a Naples establishment memorandum No. 9 of 23 March, Paragraph 4b, it is laid down that no rations are to be supplied to Italian drivers. I do not know whether it is any affair of the Political Section; but it seems a little hard, since Italian drivers have been employed here for some time; the main attraction of their conditions of service being the issue of British rations.

5. I have communicated your message explaining the non-delivery of Italian telegram 16 to Lisbon and Roberti, at least, seems to be satisfied.

6. I have also told him that their telegram No. 80 of 23/3 regarding the repatriation of Merello Mochi has been held up pending investigation by A.F.H.Q.

As to (c) the conditions not for

J. M. PEARSON
Captain
Political Section

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Informed by
J. M. PEARSON

(1) Roberti letter should be typewritten
(2) Roberti letter really be d/o - it's not just family business with
love kisses
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Memorandum to: Office of the British Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters,
ALGERIA.

From: Political Section.
H.Q. Allied Control Commission.
APO 394.

No. 42.

17th March, 1944.

With reference to your memorandum No. 3/150/0 of the 9th March, the question of the transmission of correspondence to Italian missions abroad has been discussed with Mr. Makins and Mr. Reber and it has been agreed that on this occasion the fourteen covers containing private letters which were returned with your memorandum should be forwarded. The Italian Ministry will, however, be informed that in the future only official correspondence can be transmitted in this way.

2. The covers in question are attached.
3. Copies of this memorandum are enclosed for Civil Affairs and G-2.

Capt. Pears M

Mr. Caccia said will you kindly act.

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Informed 18/3. MRP

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Office of the British Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters,
5, rue Professeur Cartillet,
Algiers.

To: Political Section,
Allied Control Commission.

From: British Resident Minister's Office.

Subject: Transmission of mail to Italian
Missions abroad.

Reference: Political Section's memorandum
No.16 of February 29th.

No objection is seen by Civil Affairs, G-2 or this office to the onward transmission to Italian Diplomatic missions abroad of such items of correspondence as those listed in paragraph 2 of your memorandum under reference.

2. It is not, however, considered desirable that this channel should be used for the transmission of private correspondence and we accordingly return herewith 14 covers containing private letters which have been extracted from the official packages received with your memorandum under reply. The official correspondence is being forwarded to its destination.

3. Please inform the Italian Government of the action taken in this matter.

9th March, 1944.

Copy to: Mr. Reinhardt,
G-2.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
SIGNAL CORPS, U. S. ARMY
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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Message Identification	Time dispatched	Time returned	SIGNATURE IN FULL
1			1 (one) parcel addressed to 5 Rue Professeur Curtillet ALGIERS.

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To: British Resident Minister's Office
at Allied Force Headquarters,
5, Rue Professeur Cartillet,
ALGIER.

From: Political Section,
Allied Control Commission.

No. 16.

29th February, 1944.

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs have requested that the attached covers should be forwarded to Italian representatives abroad. They consist of the following:

To Lisbon	No.5
" Ankara	No.7
(covering also envelopes No.1 to Budapest No.1 to Bucharest and No.1 to Kabul)	
" Madrid	No.8
(covering also envelope No.1 to Dublin)	
" Stockholm	No.1
(covering also envelope No.1 to Helsinki).	
" Tangier	No.1
" Buenos Ayres	No.1
" Berne	No.2

2. From examination here the material appears to be of a routine character, consisting principally of:

- a) Government Gazettes.
- b) Newspapers.
- c) Circular and Government Gazette notification concerning accounts.
- d) Mail receipts.
- e) Circular regarding travelling expenses of staff.
- f) " " reorganisation of Army and Ministry of War.
- g) Circular and Government Gazette notification concerning abrogation of racial laws.
- h) Enquiries regarding individuals and prisoners of war.
- i) Circular concerning efforts made on behalf of Italian staffs in China and Japan.
- j) Requests for statistical publications and foreign press.

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In addition there are a number of personal manuscript letters.

3. It would be most helpful to the Political Section if they could be informed whether all this correspondence has in fact been sent forward to its destinations or whether there are any particular types of communications which have been debarred for security reasons. In addition, as a matter of convenience it is suggested that the Italian Government should be informed that no manuscript correspondence can be accepted and that all communications must be either in type or print.

4. Copies of this memorandum are enclosed for communication to Civil Affairs and G-2.

H. A. CACCIA.
Vice-President.

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The Political Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, Naples, presents its compliments to Civil Affairs Section, A.F.H.Q., and encloses herewith, for onward transmission if no objection is seen, the following covers from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to Italian Representatives abroad:-

Lisbon

Ankara

(covering also envelopes/No. 1 to Bucarest and No. 1 to Kabul)

Madrid

(covering also envelope No 1 to Dublin)

Stockholm

(covering also envelope No. 1 to Helsinki)

Tangier

Buenos Ayres

Berne

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2. From rapid examination of the above at Naples, the ~~same~~ material appears to be of a routine nature, consisting principally of:

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/ Lisbon

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Lisbon;
Budapest;
Ankara;

Cover 12 - letter to Italian POW in USA
Cover 2
Cover 3 addressed to Military Attache - five letters, four of which are routine whilst the fifth within triple envelopes encloses a letter for transmission to Budapest.
Cover 6 - letter to POW at Isparta
Cover 9 and 15 - letters to Budapest.
Cover 18 - letter to Ambassador

XXXXXXXXXX
Madrid:
Berne :

Covers 3,26,27,28,29,30, 32,33,34
Covers 9,10,11,14

Decision on 2nd material
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Typed

R. MINISTERO
DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI

N° 1853

Salerno, April 4th, 1944.

Dear Captain Pearson,

Many thanks for your courteous letter of March 29th and the information therein contained.

I believe however there is as yet some misunderstanding on the matter. In fact this Ministry's employee that received on March 23rd the covering note of advice, of which I included copy in my letter of March 27th, received at the same time the two bags of mail.

The other mail you delivered to Roberti in February was contained in two bulky packages (and not the U.S.A. Mail Bags I am herewith returning), that were sent from the Allied Control Commission building to this Ministry in one of our motorcar that happened to be stationing near the building at the time. The same packages were actually handed over to our driver by an Assistant of yours.

Yours very sincerely,

R. Rinaldi

Capt. J.M. Pearson,
Political Section
Allied Control Commission
Salerno.

T.A.
W.F.

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R. MINISTERO
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AFFARI ESTERI

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MEMORANDUM

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POLITICAL SECTION (A.C.C.)

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On January 16th this Ministry entrusted the Allied Control Commission with two packages addressed to the Italian Embassy in Ankara. The packages contained diplomatic mail plus copies of the Official Gazette and a few letters addressed to some Italian internees in Turkey.

On February 29 the two packages were returned by the Allied Control Commission who apparently received them from the local Censor's office.

Having examined their contents it was ascertained that nothing is missing with the exception of the diplomatic mail, that, it is assumed, has been duly forwarded to its destination: inquiries to this effect shall be made at the Embassy.

While it is understood that from now on no private mail has to be sent by bag, it would be appreciated if the Allied Control Commission would inform if printed matter also can not be included in it. It is however pointed out that in this instance, the packages contained copies of the Official Gazette, which are necessary to our Missions abroad in order to carry on their normal

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Salerno, March 2nd, 1944



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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

29 March 1944

Your Excellency,

I have made immediate enquiry into the circumstances of the delayed acknowledgment of two bags of mail, to which your kind note (1375) of 27th March refers.

The bags of mail were actually delivered to Count Roberti on 23 February, but the covering note of advice seems to have been delayed. My certificate of delivery governs of course the mail and not the delayed advice-note, which reached your Office for formal signature.

It is regretted that communications overseas are difficult--my own mail is deplorably irregular and slow--but you may count on the speedy cooperation of the Political Section to expedite your messages and letters in every possible way.

Meanwhile, Roberti is most punctual and painstaking in handing to me at first opportunity those intended for overseas and in receiving others addressed to yourself.

Yours very sincerely,


J. M. PEARSON
Captain
Political Section

His Excellency
don Renato Prunas
Secretary General, Royal Italian Ministry
of Foreign Affairs

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R. MINISTERO
DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI

No 1575

Salerno, March 27, 1944.

Dear Captain Pearson,

May I take recourse to your personal unfailing courtesy, in the following matter.

On March 23rd a messenger of the Allied Control Commission delivered to this Ministry two bags of mail requesting the endorsement of a receipt of which copy is herewith enclosed.

From said receipt it would appear that the mail was received and forwarded by you on February 23rd, that is a month beforehand.

I imagine that the successive unusual delay was due to some oversight on the part of the Dispatch Office of the Allied Control Commission.

Do you think it would be possible to cause inquiries to be made in order to ascertain what exactly happened?

Communications with our Missions abroad are already so difficult and slow, that I am sure I can count on your very kind cooperation in finding the best means for avoiding locally any further unnecessary delay. Perhaps, if the difficulty lies in lack of personnel, it might be arranged that we be informed through Roberti of every arrival of mail so that we can be in a position to have it promptly collected.

This merely as a suggestion. I shall be however most appreciative of what you may care to do or suggest in order to help us in this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

R. Rinaldi

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Capt. J.M. Pearson,
Allied Control Commission
Salerno.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Military Government Section

MSG 311.13

16 Feb. 1944.

SUBJECT: Official documents for Italian Government

TO: Headquarters (Rear) Allied Control Commission APO 394

1. A quantity of official documents for the Italian Government are being brought forwarded to your Headquarters this date by separate pouch. According to a memorandum from the Staff Officer (Intelligence) Gibraltar, such documents are intended for Ministero della Marina Taranto, care of Capt. Franco Baslini, Chief of Cabinet.
2. A pouch of personal mail for the same addressee was forwarded direct to Civil Censorship Section, APO 350, by INC, AFHQ.
3. Both G-2 (C.I.) and INC, AFHQ state no censorship objection to onward transmission.

For the Acting Chief of Section:

signed C.I. Turner
Capt. AGD

1st endorsement

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Rear Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394

27 March, 1944

To: Political Section, Rear Hq, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Forwarded mail listed in paragraph one (1) to Political Section of this Headquarters on 23 February 1944.

J.J. CHIOMA

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3. A pouch of personal mail for the same addressee was forwarded direct to Civil Censorship Section, APO 550, by INC, AFHQ.

3. Roth C-2 (C.I.) and INC, AFHQ state no censorship objection to onward transmission.

For the Acting Chief of Section:

signed C.I. Turner
Capt. AGD

1st endorsement

Rear Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 294
EJC/Kdh

2" March, 1944

To: Political Section, Rear Hq, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Forwarded mail listed in paragraph one (1) to Political Section of this Headquarters on 23 February 1944.

E.J. CHIOCCA
CWO, USA Ass. Adjutant

2nd endorsement

Rear Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394
JMP/dmd

To: Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Salerno
23 March 1944

1. Above mentioned mail handed to Royal Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Salerno, on 23 February 1944.

J. M. Pearson, Capt.
Political Section

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MINISTERO
DEGLI
AFFARI ESTERI

No 1650

Salerno, March 28, 1944.

Dear Caccia,

I have looked into the matter of the carbon copy of a report by our Military Attaché in Ankara, dated March 9th.

I find that together with other mail from Ankara, which the Allied Control Commission handed to us about March 10th, we received similar copies of ^{previous} reports by the Italian Military Attaché dated February 14th, 21st and 28th. The copies, like in the present case, were not accompanied by any covering note.

The new copy which you handed to us to-day is completely new. I find on the other hand that on March 26th you handed over a new batch of mail from Ankara, some of which dated as late as March 11th. I presume the report in question arrived by the same means and on the same occasion.

Very sincerely yours,

R. Russell

Harold Caccia, Esq.,
Vice President
Allied Control Commission,
Naples.

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Replied
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Capt. Pearson Bu. Affairs

Reference the attached. ~~the~~ 283

Mr. Caccin would like you please
to find out whether the Ministry ~~has~~
received the original, and if so, by
what channel. ~~with~~ 27/3

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

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22nd March, 1944.

Jean Harold in Salerno

With reference to Aubrey Halford's
letter of March 7th, I enclose a copy of
a further despatch from the Italian
Military Attaché at Ankara.

Once again we have no indication
whether the top copy of the despatch is
being forwarded by another route.

Yours

Tony Rumbold
A. Rumbold

H. A. Caccia, Esq.

Capt. J. M. Pearson.

Transmission of mail from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
to their Missions abroad.

Attached is copy of our memorandum sending on to Algiers the last batch of packages received from the Ministry. It would be of great assistance if in future you could examine such mail in Salerno and then send it here with a covering memorandum on the lines of the enclosed. We will then forward the whole thing to Algiers.

Political Section,
H.Q. A.C.C.
Naples.
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Memorandum to: Office of the British Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters,
ALGIERS.

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

No. 30.

8th March, 1944.

/memorandum

With reference to our No. 16 of 29th February the following further packages have now been received from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for transmission:

To Italian Legation at Lisbon - No. 6
* Italian Embassy, Ankara - No. 8
* Italian Embassy, Madrid - No. 9 (containing also
No. 3 for Legation,
Bernes).

2. These envelopes have been examined at Naples and appear to contain routine correspondence. Attention is, however, drawn to the manuscript letters contained in the following envelopes, which may require further examination:

Lisbon - Envelope 3.
Ankara - Envelopes 2, 3, 4 and 5.
Madrid - Envelopes 3, 7, 8, 9 and 11.

3. The packages concerned are enclosed for onward transmission if no objection is seen.

4. Extra copies of this memorandum are attached for Civil Affairs Section and G-2.

M. Hopkins
J/Cdr. 1004

To Freedom for MGS
U.S. SECRET
 Package to Ankara

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A PACKAGE NUMBER THREE FIVE ONE THREE BLANK OF OVERSIGHTING INFORMATION BULLETIN HAS
 BEEN SENT TO YOU UNDER COVER LETTER NUMBER THREE ONE TWO POLINE ONE DATED THIRTEEN
 DECEMBER FOUR THREE FOR FORWARDING TO ANKARA PD TO FREEDOM FOR MGS FROM PATRIA
SIGNED JAMES PD THIS PACKAGE SHOULD NOT BE OPENED NOT BE FORWARDED NOT RETURNED TO
 POLITICAL SECTION ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS PD PLEASE ADVISE IF PACKAGE WITH PACKAGE HAS
 BEEN RETURNED

ATTENTION:

ROBERT E. DOE
 Major, A.C.R.
 Secretary of the Commission

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Italian Legation, Lisbon Cover No 6.

1. Receipts of an army officer. Sale of a mine engine
2. Newspaper
3. Private

Italian Embassy, Ankara. Cover No 8

1. Reduction of posts, personnel in Turkey, business of Embassy. enquiries re individuals,
 2. Memoir letter to Blazé & Affairs at Budapest.
 3. Letter
 4. Memoir letter to Ankara.
 5. Memoir letter to Gaul
 6. Mail receipt
 7. Name of individuals
- Newspaper.

It. Embassy Madrid Cover No. 12 9

- ①. Italian interests in Uruguay - Legation frontier
Morocco - Gualte "
- P.O.W.
- Guatemala of memorial to St Legation
- Disappearing after got army officer
- Enquiries re individual
2. Enquiries re individual
3. Memoir letter to Ambassador.
4. Protest Italian interests
5. Barcelona re soldier in hospital
6. Gte, San Sebastian - rights & enquiries re individual
7. Memoir letter to Embassy.
8. Letter Lord, Valencia
9. " to Embassy.
10. Letter titled.
- " Memoir letter to Pass Secretary Madrid
- Newspaper.

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Can also contact Can No 3 to H Legation, Rome.

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A PACKAGE BEARING THREE FIVE ONE THREE BLANK OR COMPARABLE INFORMATION MARKETING HAS
 BEEN SENT TO THE UNDER COVER LETTER BEARING THREE ONE TWO POINT ONE DATED TWENTY
 SEVEN FOUR THREE FOUR FURNISHING TO ANKARA TO NO FURNISH FOR MGS FROM PATRIA
SIGNED JUNE TO THIS PACKAGE SHOULD NOT BE REWARDED NOR BE FURNISHED NOR RETURNED TO
 POLITICAL SECTION ARMED CONSPIRACY TO PLEASE ADVISE BY TELEPHONE WHEN PACKAGE HAS
 BEEN RETURNED

ADMINISTRATION

ROBERT R. DOB

Major, A.S.D.

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