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SECURITY CIPHER MISSION

OCT. 1944 . MAR. 1945

To: Mr. HALFORD. Political Division.
 From: Mr. CATTY. Cypher Security Mission.

7 March 1944.

Subject: Security of I.M.F.A. systems.

Attached is a copy, for you to keep
 if you wish, of our memo on the subject.
 It was drawn up at the suggestion of A.F.H.Q.
 and may I believe be useful at the present
 time, especially as I understand that the
 Ministry is now taking the line that it will
 vouch for the security of its systems and
 that we ought to accept ^{its} ~~their~~ assurance.

F.R. Catty

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From Cypher Security Mission Allied Com. CMF

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WITHDRAWAL NOTICE

Italian Government Code Books

I have received today for onward transmission the following sealed envelopes (containing code books):

- #81 to Italian Legation, Bern
- #82 to Italian Legation, Stockholm
- #83 to Italian Legation, Lisbon.

M. B. B.

12 Mar 45

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Forwarded to the British Embassy by the Political Adviser (BR),
Allied Commission, 3 envelopes from the Italian Ministry of
Foreign Affairs and containing cryptographic materials, for
onward transmission to Dublin, Madrid and Ankara.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
CIPHER SECURITY MISSION
APO 394 U S ARMY

12 March 1945

To : Political Division (Mr. HOPKINSON)

1. Request transmission by fast Allied air bag of the packets handed you herewith, containing cryptographic materials being sent from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to its diplomatic missions abroad, as follows:

- a. Italian Embassy MADRID
- b. Legation DUBLIN
- c. Embassy ANKARA
- d. Legation LISBON
- e. Legation BERNE
- f. Legation STOCKHOLM

} American
Embassy

2. Request further that you sign and return the attached carbon copy as a record of transfer for our files.

Francis Duke

FRANCIS DUKE
Captain, AUS

1723

To: Political Section
 From: Cypher Security Mission.

26 Feb. 1945.

Subject: Communications with Moscow.

Attached are copies of two notes passed by us to the Ministry after consultation with you.

The copies of note submitted by the Ministry were returned to them (as they will be re-drafting it in English for the Allied Channel).

It would be helpful for us to see a copy of the memo from Admiral STONE to the Ministry on the question of cypher facilities, as soon as one is available.

F.R. Lath.

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TO: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

attn. Marchese Dalla Rosa

FROM: Cypher Security Mission. Allied Commission

21st February 1945

After consulting Political Section, we are of the opinion that the attached, submitted by the Ministry, (No. 46 to Moscow) should be transmitted to Moscow by the Allied Channel and not in the compromised brevity code, in view of the confidential character of its contents.

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23rd February 1945

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TO: Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
for attention of Marchese Della Porta

FROM: Cipher Security Mission. Allied Commission.

24th February 1942

With regard to the news-telegrams in Plain Text which the Ministry proposes to send to MOSCOW and about which you consulted us on 20th February and submitted a specimen. (NO. 82310)

We undertook to discuss the matter with Political Section and have done so.

These messages should be submitted to Allied Commission in the same manner as any other outgoing messages. If they are marked by the Ministry "Notizie Stampa" or some similar title to indicate their nature they will be cleared to Italo-Radio with least possible delay.

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OFFICE DIARY (FD)10TH FEBRUARY 1945

10.30. Talked to Decker about

1. MOSCOW TRAFFIC

(a) Explained status of AR 25 (now authorized: all outgoing traffic should be in it, also incoming traffic after the instructions now being issued have had time to take effect), and of AQUILA (never authorized, but incoming traffic in it may now be delivered to INFA provided (1) we reconsider if it continues unduly long, and (2) Political Section has no objections of its own: even in that case we presume that Political Section will as before request decoded copies from INFA.

(b) Also explained recognition characteristics of AR 25; and that the outgoing messages for MOSCOW, turned over yesterday to Political Section, were in it.

(c) We discussed whether the outstanding request to Message Center (i.e. to deliver incoming traffic from MOSCOW directly to Political Section, not to Code Room) should be withdrawn. I recommended that this routing remain in effect as long as AQUILA traffic continues, but that the normal routing through Code Room be reinstituted as soon as the shift to AR 25 has taken place.

2. ALLIED CHANNEL TRAFFIC IN GENERAL

(a) Outgoing. Since INFA has been requested and has agreed, to furnish a fourth copy of messages intended for Allied Channels (recognized by (a) the 4 copies, (b) the fact that they are in English, and (c) the "to be encoded" which would appear below the text); we can retain that copy to register it and hence should be sure to see all items.

(b) Incoming. There is very little of this now, ¹²¹⁹ Decker will continue to look out for it personally to see that we know at least the serial numbers, also the text if of technical interest, or any that may be received.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Telegram from Moscow.

FILE NO. _____

TO : Mr. HALFORD.
Political Section

6 Feb. 1945

From : Mr. Cully, C.S.M.

Sgt. Cully.

Yes.

No.

A. Attached is London's decode of No 5 which you wanted to see.

B. Has the Ministry provided you, as requested, with decodes of the Aquila messages yet?

C. Is there any recent news of the Moscow deposit issue? Ministry seems still *1718* release shortly. F.R.C.

Alfred

TOP SECRET

ITALIAN EMBASSY. MOSCOW

TO: M.F.A. ROME

NO. 5 JANUARY 9TH 1945

(W/T ONE D)

Your Excellency's telegram no. 1. (Note received).
The French Delegate at LUBLIN is not (repeat not) a delegate appointed to deal with the question of the repatriation of Frenchmen, but is a diplomatic representative to the LUBLIN Government.

An Italian Representative (I mean a Diplomatic representative; a military one is absolutely out of the question), whose existence would imply recognition at least De Facto of the LUBLIN Government, would be received without more ado by the Polish authorities and would receive all transit facilities from the Russians.

I may add for your Excellency's guidance that the presence in Rome of a representative of the Polish Government in LONDON in the special circumstances of the moment is getting on the nerves of both MOSCOW and LUBLIN and cannot but have repercussions on the eventual treatment reserved for Italians in POLAND.

According to my information, the number of Italians cited by Your Excellency does not correspond to the reality at present, but may be proved true in future. I refer to my telegrams 81 and 83 and 1, in regard to which Your Excellency's decision is urged.

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TOP SECRET 1717

POLITICAL SECTION
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ROME

26 January 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome.
SUBJECT : Outgoing Italian Government Telegrams
to Missions Abroad.

In the future all outgoing Italian Government
Telegrams to Missions abroad should be handed to
Cipher Security Mission (Room 45, 2nd Floor Annex),
AC, instead of to Political Section, AC, as in the
past.

(A. S. HALFORD)
Asst. Dir. of Cipher
Political Section

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TO: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Political Section

FROM: Cipher Security Mission

~~2nd~~
15th January 1945

Subject: Telegram in cipher from Foreign Ministry to Italian Legation Berne No.24 for relay to Italian Legation Bucharest (copy attached).

A. In regard to this telegram, which is in the best deposited cypher, following is what occurred.

1. Ministry submitted it to AG and it was seen and approved for transmission by Political Section, there being no possible objection on political grounds.

2. Cypher Security Mission under the present arrangements inside AG did not see it until after it had been sent off to Berne.

As soon as we saw it we realized that Italian Legation Berne could not pass it on as requested to BUCHAREST in the secret cipher in which it was received by BERNE because BUCHAREST does not hold that cipher.

BERNE would therefore have to either

(a) De-grade it for re-transmission (again by W/T), which would compromise the best cipher, or

(b) Refer back to Ministry for further instructions.

(We now know that luckily Berne chose course B.)

3. As soon as we were aware of the telegram, we requested the head of the Ministry's Communications Section to come and see us.

On being shown the telegram he admitted that it had been unwise to send it in that cipher and that we had noticed the danger but too late (under existing arrangements inside A.C.) to stop it.

The Ministry knows that just because of the present difficulty of sending a telegram in its secret cipher to Bucharest, an Allied channel to Bucharest has been arranged and could have been used in this case.

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B. In view of what occurred over this telegram and the fact that under present arrangements there is nothing to prevent similar cases in the future we think that C.S.W. should see all outgoing telegrams before transmission, i.e. between the inspection by Political Section of the contents and the passing of the telegram to Message Centre for transmission.

C. Would you be kind enough to let us know whether you agree?

D. Since this case occurred there has been a second [No 261 to Bern for Bucharest, of 19th January]. This has been stopped, and we shall be able to talk to the Ministry about it tomorrow [23rd], thanks to the assistance of Political Section.

"A.D.3

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ADDITIVES USED- 35.

OUTGOING ITALIAN MESSAGE

9729
TO BERNA

24. PER BUCHAREST: 4 GENNAIO 9. PREGASI TELEGRAFARE NOTIZIE
MARESCIALLO ALBA GIOVANNI AT DIPENDENTE CAPITANO TANTAROTTI
CENTRO S.E.E. DATA ARMISTIZIO.
PERSICO.

1713

TO: Mr HALFORD. Political Section
FROM: Cypher Security Mission

~~TOP SECRET~~ 25th January 1945

Thank you for letting us see the two communications about cipher material held by Royal Italian Naval Attaché, ANKARA (returned herewith).

Though by definition our responsibility does not go beyond the Foreign Ministry's cyphers, the Attachés' cyphers are a factor in the security of any Ambassador's cyphers and for that reason we were specifically instructed to ascertain their position.

Anything relative to use of cipher by any Royal Italian existing or proposed Military, Naval, or Air Attaché's anywhere would therefore be of interest to us.

FR Cally

~~TOP SECRET~~

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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Naval Codes.

FILE NO.

TO : Cypher Security Matter.

24th Jan. 1945

1. R. re. the attached copies of dispatches from the Rt. Naval Attaché at Lyons & return of the parcel.
2. The originals have gone forward.
3. Are you interested to see this sort of thing?

[Signature]
(H. S. HALFORD)
Asst. Political Adviser
Dept. 1711 Section

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AMB/ MADE ROYALE D'ITALIE
Bureau de l'Attaché Naval

Istanbul le 8 Janvier 1945

N.33

A MARISTAT
Section M.D.S. - Bureau des Télécom-
munications - Section II
ROME

Argument : Chiffraires et tableaux de doublechiffrage des Centres
S.I.S. en Turquie.-

Référence dépêche N.27912 du 1^{er} décembre 1944
arrivé à ce bureau le 30 décembre écoulé.-

Je remets à ce MARISTAT copie du procès verbal N.6
en date 8 janvier 1945 relatif à la destruction par le
feu des chiffraires et tableaux de double chiffrage qui
étaient employés auprès des Centres S.I.S. en Turquie.

LE CAPITAINE DE VAISSEAU
Attaché Naval
Giuseppe Pestagno

1710

AMBASSADE ROYALE D'ITALIE
L'Attaché Naval

Istanbul le 8 Janvier 1945

N.28

A MARINE = ROME
et pour connaissance
A MARISTAT = Section M.D.S.
Bureau Télécommunication-Sect. II
ROME

Argument : Chiffraires et tableaux de double chiffage en possession
de Navitalia

- 1) Ce Navitalia possède les suivants chiffraires et les
tableaux y relatifs de double chiffage :
 - 1 - copie de la S.M. 90 S. - N.163 - Chiffage "A.D." -
livre premier - chiffant, édition janvier 1939;
 - 1 - copie de la S.M. 90 S. - N.163 - Chiffage "A.D." -
livre second - déchiffant, édition Janvier 1939;
 - 1 - copie de la S.M. 91 S. - N.11 - Chiffage pour Attachés
Navals (chiffant et déchiffant) édition janvier 1939.
- 2) Je demande à ce Ministère des instructions au sujet de
la conservation ou de la destruction de ces chiffraires
et tableaux relatifs.

LE CAPITAINE DE VAISSEAU
Attaché Naval
Giuseppe Testagno

1709

TO: Political Section

FROM: Cypher Security Mission.

24th January 1945

Our note to you of 22nd January about Rome to Berne No.55 of 19th Jan.

A. I spoke to Marchese Dalla Rosa yesterday about this telegram.

B. He agreed that it should not be sent in the best cipher, as submitted.

C. He will regard the telegram as submitted to you in that cipher as cancelled and re-submit it either in Commercial Code AR 38, or in English for transmission by Allied Channels to Bucharest direct.

D. Would you kindly let us know when he does so.

E. He took with him the one copy of the clear text which we had retained.

FR Citi

sent down
on 23 Jan 45
GWB

Revised 1700 page
sent on 26 Jan 45
JUL

TO: Political Section

FROM: Cypher Security Mission

22nd January 1945

Rome to Berne for retransmission to Bucharest No. ⁵⁵~~26~~ of 19th January (returned attached less one copy of clear text).

A. This certainly should be stopped, as it is another case of Berne being asked to pass on a high-grade message, which he can't do without de-grading it.

B. It puzzles me that the Ministry after admitting the foolishness of the first case, should do exactly the same again. I shall be seeing DADLA ROCA to-morrow and will persuade him either to re-do this in AR 38 or have us send it by Allied channel.

C. Meanwhile, thanks to you, we can stop this one.

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R. MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

TELEGRAMMA IN PARTENZA

A. 251

Cappella

Data 19/1/45

Tramite C.A.A.

Tramite a. LEGAZIONE ITALIANA BERNA

Tramite originale

A 55 - Per Bucarest: 16 - Gennaio 19.

V.S. vorrà valorizzare presso codesto
 Governo, nel modo che riterrà più opportuno,
 comunicazione di cui al telegramma n. 15.

DE GASPERI



NOT FOR DESPATCH
 TEXT IN CLIPPER ENCLOSED

COPY N. 1

R706

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155 - Per Bucarest: 15 - Gennaio 19.
 V.S. vorrà valorizzare presso codesto
 Governo, nel modo che riterrà più opportuno,
 comunicazione di cui al telegramma n. 15.

DE GASPERI

1706

NOT FOR DISPATCH
 TEXT IN CIPHER ENCLOSED
 COPY N. 1



Completato a

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20 January 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: C.S.M. (Mr Catty)

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 19 January 1945 on the subject of Italian Government telegram to Moscow.
2. I refer to your lettered paragraphs:
 - A. Yes.
 - B. Copy requested is attached herewith. These telegrams were sent both in batches and individually.
 - C. None of the Ministry's telegrams have been sent through U.S. or British Embassies since 1st Dec. 1944.

Chief Clerk
Political Section

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ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TELEGRAMS TO MOSCOW

<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Channel</u>	<u>Comments</u>
77	Dec 6	A.F.H.Q.	
78			(no record)
79	Dec 11	A.F.H.Q.	
80	Dec 11	A.F.H.Q.	
81			Cancelled upon suggestion of C.S.M.
82	Dec 13	A.F.H.Q.	
83	Dec 15	A.F.H.Q.	
84	Dec EZ 16	A.F.H.Q.	Message of Greeting also No. 84 sent through A.F.H.Q. on Dec 22.
85	Dec 22	A.F.H.Q.	
86	Dec 22	A.F.H.Q.	
2250	Dec 22	A.F.H.Q.	
87	Dec 30	A.F.H.Q.	Returned to Pol Sec by AFHQ for reconsideration on political grounds
1	Jan 1	A.F.H.Q.	
2	Jan 4	-----	
3	Jan 8	A.F.H.Q.	Returned to Pol Sec by AFHQ for transmission over radio in clear
4	Jan 9	A.F.H.Q.	
5	Jan 10	A.F.H.Q.	
6	Jan 13	A.F.H.Q.	
7	Jan 13	A.F.H.Q.	

1704

TO: Political Section: (Cpl. Decker)
FROM: C.S.M. (Mr Catty)

19th January 1945

A. Have you any list by number and date of any telegrams submitted to AC by the IMFA for transmission to MOSCOW and sent to AFHQ for transmission by Allied Military Channel since 1st Dec. 1944?

B. If so, could we have a copy of the list. My recollection is that it is a question of two batches having been cleared that way.

C. I take it that Political Section knows of no other way e.g. British or American Embassies through which Ministry's telegrams to MOSCOW can have passed since 1st Dec. 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
POLITICAL SECTION

20 January 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Cipher Security Mission

SUBJECT : Incoming Italian Diplomatic Telegrams from Bern.

1. Reference is made to your memorandum on the above subject dated 19 January 1945.
2. Political Section also keeps a log of all traffic passing through its office. Your list of missing telegrams (attached to your memorandum under reference) has been compared with this log.
3. At Appendix "A" your list is returned with a blue check beside the number of each telegram which has been received by Political Section. Some of the early ones of these are in fact messages received through the U.S. Embassy. Those dated since 1 January 1945 were in the majority clear telegrams transmitted through Cable & Wireless, and it is noted that most of these forwarded messages from Bucharest.
4. At Appendix "B" a list of missing telegrams from Bern since 1 December 1944 according to Political Section records has been prepared. It will be noted that several messages not received by Political Section were received by C.S.M.

Chief Clerk
Political Section

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TO. POLITICAL SECTION
FROM. CIPHER SECURITY MISSION

19th January 1945

Incoming Italian Diplomatic traffic from BERNE.

- A. We keep a log of all the traffic we see, in the course of watching the use of ciphers by the Italians.
- B. During December our series of BERNE to ROME via A.C. was much more erratic than before or since. The numbers missing are shewn on the attached list.
- C. On the face of it this would suggest many messages passed by channel other than
- (1) A.C.
 - (2) Allied Embassies (which it is our understanding that we see).
- D. If this were so, it would be serious, and we should have to take it up with the Ministry; but as various explanations are possible, we would be grateful if you would first let us know how our list compares with your records;.

FR. Cuthy

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 643 (US Sub) (10)
 -668 (US Sub) (10)
 674 (US Sub) (10)
 -678 (US Sub) (10)
 689 (US Sub) (10) in dear (C & W)
 691 (US Sub) (19)
 704 (US Sub) (20) place
 709 (US Sub) (21)
 721 (US Sub) (22)
 726 (US Sub) (23)
 727 (US Sub) (25)
 728 (US Sub) (31)
 729 (US Sub) (37) extra
 730 (US Sub) (40) River
 747 (US Sub) (45) River
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 dear (C & W)
 (from breast)

ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Foreign Ministry Ciphers.

FILE No.

TO : Political Sec.

18 Jan 1945

From : C.S.M.

Would you be so kind as
to have this passed on to Ministry
of Foreign Affairs for us

F.R. Conley

Attached is copy of letter.

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FROM: MR CATTY

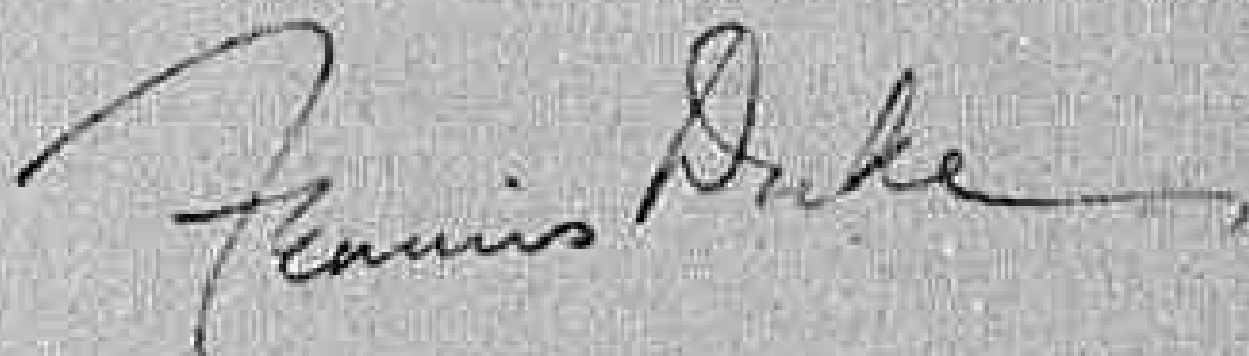
CAPT. DUKE

Annex. Floor 2. Room E2. Tel. Ext. 516

TO: POLITICAL SECTION

DATE: 6TH JANUARY 1945

Will you kindly deliver to the Italian Foreign Ministry
the two lists and cover letter attached hereto?



Francis Duke
Captain, AUS

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To Mr. Cattani - Jans
Hed

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FROM: MB CATTY

CAPT. DUKE

Annex. Floor 2. Room 82. Tel. Ext. 519

TO: Political Section

DATE: 23 December, 1944

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The attached message is returned as requested. This accounts for the last of the six packages dispatched 26 October. For your information our records now show that these packages were delivered in the following order:

BERNE	7 November
LISBON	10 "
ANKARA	14 "
DUBLIN	20 "
MADRID	22 "
STOCKHOLM	14 December

It is expected that similar shipments will be requested about 30 December and about 15 January.

Attention is called to the seven weeks required for transmission to Stockholm. Any information you may have as to any possibility of securing faster transmission here would be of value.

SECRET

Francis Duke
Francis Duke
Captain AUS.

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CSM
For return to
Political Section.

DMD
23 Dec 44

Rome, December 21, 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Political Section, Allied Commission
SUBJECT: Codes for Italian Legation, Stockholm.

This office has received the following communication from the American Legation in Stockholm. It is from the Italian Minister in Stockholm for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs:

"Reference to the Ministry's telegram no. 75 of October 14, Guarnaschelli replies as follows (148, December 14) ----- I have received Copy No. 7 of the instructions concerning the use of the Ad Marina Code. The American Legation, Stockholm has also delivered to me two volumes of the Ad Marina Code Book, copy No. 588 and two volumes with copy No. 8 with instructions for the use of the tables as well as copy No. 3 of Tables TVD."

A receipt covering the foregoing documents and addressed to the Signal Officer, Headquarters, Allied Commission has been forwarded.

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original handed
to 1115A
23 Dec 44
EPA

FROM: MR. GATTY

CAPT. DUKE

Annex. Floor 2. Room 82. Tel. Ext. 519

TO: Political Section

DATE: 18 December

Request that the attached telegrams be returned to the Ministry for Marchese dalla Rosa's personal attention. They require redrafting to avoid repetition of phraseology, and to take account of the fact that Stockholm has not yet acknowledged receipt of the materials referred to. Marchese dalla Rosa in a conversation this morning agreed to see that this redrafting is accomplished.

Francis Duke

FRANCIS DUKE
Captain, AUS

*Given to N. Cella for M. della Rosa
Dec 19*

*752
after Security Minister*

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TOP SECRET

PERSONALTO: MR CACCIA POLITICAL SECTION*Handwritten: 11/7*
3rd. NOVEMBER '44

As you will have seen from my covering note of 30th October, we intended the copy of Director's Telegram and of our Summaries D 1-15 for you to retain if you wished, so I am returning them herewith.

I will telephone to Mr HOPKINSON and be very willing to talk with him at any time he finds convenient.

Yrs.

Handwritten: F.R. Catty

F.R. CATTY
COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION

ATTACHED: my note of 30th Oct; copy of Director's telegram of 27th Oct; 3rd Copies of CSM D 1-15

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TOP SECRET and personal.

FROM: MR CATTY

CAPT. DUKE

Annex. Floor 2. Room 82. Tel. Ext. 519

TO: Mr. CACCIA.

DATE: 30th Oct.

I thought you would like to see the telegram I was telling you about on Sunday morning, (attached) "messages" in his para B wasn't clear to me, whether he meant only things we think urgent enough to telegraph or also the summaries we were proposing to send by bag. So in my reply I said we would assume for the time being that he meant telegrams only, and would send these summaries to HOOTON as per my original instructions. I also mentioned that you had asked to see our reports before transmission and asked him to tell us what to do about that. In the meantime I'm going to carry on shewing our proposed reports to you before sending, whether telegram (which will be rare) or summaries to go by bag.

We had intended in any case always to make a third copy which would be filed with you, and the attached 15 are those copies (of the 15 you've already seen), the first copies having gone to HOOTON today. I thoroughly appreciate your position about these reports of ours and will do all I can to make our job a help to you rather than a hindrance

yrs.

F.R. Catty

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Mr. Catty

Could we have a talk
about these messages please?
H. H. H. H.

(copy)

T O P S E C R E T

SCI. ROME

T.F.O.

From LONDON to ROME 44

27. 10. 44

For CATTY from Director.

- to
- A. Your No 3 of Oct 21st para 3. Not approved send messages via Foreign Office. You should not have sent your No 1 without previously obtaining permission.
 - B. Messages are to be sent via S.L.U CASERTA. S/ Lr ROBINSON of S.L.U at CASERTA has instructions to make the necessary arrangements.
 - C. A Force and S.C.I units send couriers frequently to CASERTA and if this is not satisfactory you should proceed there yourself to make these arrangements.
 - D. In cases of extreme urgency you are to use C.X.G. Your No 1 to Foreign Office is not considered to be in this category.
 - E. Major LITTLEFIELD informed accordingly
 - F. Inform me when arrangements are completed.

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TOP SECRET
and Personal.

FROM: MR. CATTY

CAPT. DUKE

Annex. Floor 2. Room 82. Tel. Ext. 519

TO: Mr. Caccia

DATE: 31 October 1964

To see and retain. The originals of these
are intended for dispatch on Thursday 2 November.

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TO: POLITICAL SECTION

PLEASE LET COL. HENDERSON SEE.

A. I spoke to DALLA ROSA about the matter of the attached note today, and told him that messages for B.A. are not being routed through BERNE (unless some messages handed to AC for BERNE contain internal instructions to relay to B.A. which would be outside our control.

B. He shewed me an actual telegram from MAGISTRATI at BERNE complaining that he (MAGISTRATI) was being constantly requested to relay to B.A. But the only evidence DALLA ROSA could produce that this was so was a circular sent to several posts including BERNE which ended "for MADRID. Please pass to B.A." He admitted that even then MAGISTRATI could only have thought it was up to him by misunderstanding or misdecoding the message.

C. To absolutely preclude any such error, which he admitted would not be our fault, I suggest he revert to the former practice when submitting a circular addressed to several posts with a clause specially for one, of submitting them all as separate telegrams

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1 Nov 44

Col Henderson
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2 Nov 44

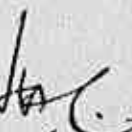
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October 1944

TO : Communications Sub-Commission
FROM : Political Section

How does this happen? Can we prevent it?



H. A. CACCIA

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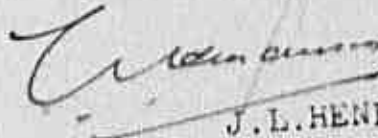
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COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION A.C.HQ. C.E.F.

30th October, 1944

TO: Political Section. ✓

1. All messages addressed to B.A. are routed through Madrid: it has been checked that none has been routed via Bern.
2. If the B.A. address is given inside the text of a message to Bern we should not have knowledge of it; the only way of correcting that is for the Italian authorities to avoid doing it.
3. I suggest the matter be passed to Mr Catty to take up with the Marq.delle Rosa.



J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Please 14C 361/ 1688



Nr. 6/874/380

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

The Italian Legation in Bern inform that several circular telegrams have been received by them from Rome with instructions to forward them to Buenos Ayres. With the occasion, said Legation point out that the price of these cable transmissions to Buenos Ayres through Bern is much higher than through Madrid.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs beg to draw the attention of the Allied Commission on the fact that, since the resumption of direct cable communications with the Italian missions abroad, the outgoing circular telegrams have always been forwarded to Buenos Ayres through Madrid.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs avail themselves of the opportunity to suggest that outgoing circular telegrams be handed over to the Political Section of the A.C., typed in as many forms as are necessary, in order to avoid further errors in transmission.

Rome, 27th October, 1944

*Cittadini told today, 3 Nov 44,
that matter had been cleared
with Dalla Rosa. [Signature]*



TOP SECRET

MEMORANDUM TO MR CACCIASUBJECT: ITALIAN DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE

As an aid to the effective maintenance of security, it is requested that outgoing messages of the following classes be regularly routed through this office before transmission;

1. Cryptographic instructions
2. Secret messages intended for transmission to more than one address.
3. Secret messages intended for re-transmission.

The above request is intended solely as a clarification of our specific needs. Similar routing of messages considered pertinent to our operations for any other reason will continue to be welcomed

Francis Duke

FRANCIS DUKE
CAPT. SIGNAL CORPS.
Communications Sub Commission
Allied Commission
30 October, 1944

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FROM: MR. CATTY

CAPT. DUKE

Annex. Floor 2. Room 82. Tel. Ext. 519

TO: Political Section.

DATE: 25 Oct 1944.

Herewith copy , for your information, of intelligence item sent home under item 4 of our Terms of Reference, by telegram through Embassy as proposed in my No 3 to Director, which you saw.

Normally we anticipate that most of our information will go in the form of summaries at convenient intervals and by Embassy bag.

In either case we will always let you have a copy.

F.R.C.

25 October 1944

TO : Mr. Catty

From : Political Section

Many thanks

In future, may I see these telegrams to the Foreign Office before, repeat before, you pass them to the Embassy. Major Fleming from the Embassy calls to see me every day at 12 noon, so that this request will not entail any delay. *Many thanks.*

HAC. 257x.1685
H. A. Caccia

By all means.

F.R.C. 25.X.
F.R. Catty.

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To LOXLEY from C.S.M. Please pass to QCGH.

CSM T 1. 25th October

Following is full translation of Italian Diplomatic telegram from BERN to ROME number 470 dated 20 October W. T. one D.

" I am sending the following at the request of our Air Attache here, for you to transmit to General Staff of Royal Italian Air Force :

No 263 . Swiss Command informs me that in event of war Swiss aircraft will retain only their national emblem and the distinctive markings under the wings, removing all other recognition marks. Signed Maggiore GHIGLIA "

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