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1	Cbl AFHQ 44015	28 Jan 44	ACC for CC	Direct Communication on matters of routine hereby authorized between ACC and govts of Wash & Lon. For Policies, etc, channel remains thru AFHQ. Pls advise if amplification wished.
2	Ltr AG:312.3 Hq ACC AG	4 Feb 44	All Sections	Promulgation of authority to ACC.
3	Cbl AFHQ 51250	13 Feb 44	ACC	Pls suspend action on cbl 44015. Further directive being dispatched.
4	Ltr AG 387.4-1 MGS-AGM AFHQ Gen Gemmell	15 Feb 44	GOC in C, ACMF & ACC	Direct Communication. Definition of matters of routine. Comments?
5	Ltr AFHQ AG 312.3-1 MGS-AGM	17 Feb 44	CC ACC	Encl: ltr Gemmell, 15 Feb 44. Reply pls with recommendations, if any, on definition of "routine matters".
6	Memo Maj Doe, Sec Gen	23 Feb 44	VPs	Comments, pls, on ltrs 15 & 17 Feb. With answers of Econ & Political Secs
7	Ltr 63/AS Stansgate	26 Feb 44	Sec Gen	Comment: danger in being too narrow.
8	Ltr Stone DCC	27 Feb 44	CC	Subjects which should be added to list of "matters of routine".
9	Ltr CC/G/115 MacFarlane	29 Feb 44	CINC AFHQ	List of 15 Feb ltr believed a guide by which communication may be pursued.
10	Ltr FEA Wash McCanny	26 May 44	Antolini	Letter of instructions. Duties, and channels of communication with Wash.
11	Ltr Grady VP Econ Sec	8 Jul 44	Stone A/CC	Fwdg ltr instructions to Antolini
12	Ltr AFHQ G-5 312.3-1 Spofford	8 Jul 44	Hq ACC CC	Re ltr of 15 Feb, violations have been noted. Pls ensure compliance.
13	Memo Stone A/CC 312	14 Jul 44	Grady	Channels of communication. Fwdg ltr 8 Jul 44 fr AFHQ.
14	Ltr A/CC 312 Stone	14 Jul 44	G-5 AFHQ	Compliance with your ltr of 8 Jul 44 Sections informed.
15	Memo A/CC 312 Stone	17 Jul 44	Col O'Dwyer	Fwdg ltr AFHQ of 8 Jul 44.

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FOR ACTION TROOPERS RPTD ASHAR FOR OCS FOR OCAO FOR OLAG RPTD AFHQ FOR PHOS

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12 Oct '45

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PAREN TO FOR ACTION TROOPERS RPTD ASHAR FOR OCS FOR OCAO FOR OLAG RPTD AFHQ
FOR PHOS FROM HQ ALONG CITE ACHER PAREN

INQUIRIES FROM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HERE INDICATE THAT BRITISH MINISTRY OF
PRODUCTION IS PASSING INFORMATION TO ITALIAN EMBASSY LONDON WHICH IN TURN
PASSES IT TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HERE THEREBY CIRCUMVENTING ALLIED COMMISSION PD
REQUEST THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS AFFECTING STATUS OF SUPPLIES FOR ITALY BE ADVISED
ALLIED COMMISSION SO THAT WE MAY BE CURRENTLY INFORMED OF OVER ALL STATUS PD

cc: Economic Section

Requisition Branch

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H. J. QUARTIER
Lt. Col., GAO
Economic Section

3. J. LEONE
CWO, USA
Asst. Adjutant

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G-5 Section
APC 512

8 May 1945

G-5: 312.3-1

SUBJECT: U.S. Channels of Communication between Allied Commission
and WashingtonTO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
A.P.O. 394
(Personal for Chief Commissioner)

1. In the attached cable from the War Department (TAB 'A') the Department states that U.S. elements of the Allied Commission, particularly civilian, find the absence of a purely U.S. channel of communication with Washington disadvantageous. The War Department approves a U.S. channel, but is not in accord with the suggestion of civilian agencies that the channel be through U.S. Embassy, Rome, and the State Department. It is the view of the War Department that all U.S. elements of the Commission on matters of purely U.S. concern other than diplomatic should utilize exclusively but freely the channel from you, through ATOUSA to the War Department and vice versa.

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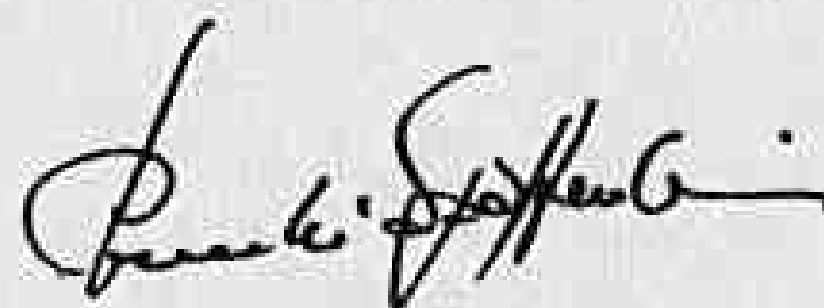
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CHARLES M. SPOTTFORD
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Incls:

- Tab 'A' - MC IN 683 of 1 May 45
- Tab 'B' - Memo dtd 4 May 45 to
ACOS, G-5

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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ROUTINE

FROM: AGWAR FROM HILLDRING SIGNED MARSHALL

TO : AFHQ

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: W 75432

1 May 1945

McNARNEY.

Understand that US elements of Allied Commission, particularly civilian, find absence of purely US channel of communication with WASHINGTON, comparable to that of British element with LONDON, disadvantageous.

War Department agrees that such a channel should be opened but does NOT approve of civilian suggestion that channel should be through US Embassy, ROME and State Department.

If agreeable to you, WD feels that US channel should immediately be opened between US element of A.C. and you and between you and War Department and that all US elements of A.C., other than diplomatic, should utilize this channel exclusively and should do so freely when US policy and other matters of US concern are in issue.

Desire your comments.

ACTION: ~~SIGNALS~~

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INFORMATION:

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MC IN 683

1 May 45

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
ARO 512

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1 May 1945

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SUBJECT: Cable from Gen. Hillaring (# 75432 of 1 May)
on AC Channels of Communication.

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

1. Cable under reference (attached hereto) asks that "purely US channel of communication" be opened from AC to Washington.

2. It is suggested that such a channel be from US element in AC to Gen. McNerney to War Department.

3. At present AC may communicate directly with Washington or London civil departments on certain routine matters. Direct communication is also permitted to CCAC through the COM-MOC series.

4. In all matters not specifically defined as routine or outside the COM-MOC series, in other words in all fundamental matters, AC, as an Allied HQ, must communicate with its Allied superior HQ, AFHQ, which in turn communicates with CCS. This policy is fundamental and has been reiterated.

5. There follow abstracts from letter and cable correspondence which establish present AC channels and which would require modification if a strictly US channel is to be opened:

- a. Letter AG 387.4-1 MGS-AGM of 15 February 1944 from AFHQ to the GOC in C, Attention: Chief Commissioner, ACC.

Draws attention to AFHQ signal 44015 of 28 January 1944 authorizing direct communication on matters of routine between HQ, Allied Control Commission, and the British/American Governments but points out that "Insistence has been put upon the principle that all matters of real substance must be referred through this Headquarters to the Combined Chiefs of Staff - which represents the sole authority under which AFHQ operates - and not to a particular department of either the American or British Government." The matters of routine in which direct communication is permitted are stated.

- b. NAF 641 of 6 March 1944.

Informed CCS of rule and its exceptions and requested that the exceptions be brought to attention of the two Governments.

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- c. Letter MGS 312.3-1 of 10 May 1944 from Military Government Section AFHQ to HQ Allied Control Commission.

States that difficulties have been caused by failure of civilian experts attached to ACC to observe proper channels of communication. Requests that AG 387.4-1 MGS-AGM of 15 February 1944 be brought to Attention of civilian experts who "are attached to the ACC to be of service to it; they are not the representatives of any particular Ministry or Department of either Government, and their communications are governed by the rules applicable to all officers of ACC".

- d. Letter C-5: 312.3-1 of 8 July 1944 from G-5 Section AFHQ to HQ Allied Control Commission.

Cites several examples of violation of rule laid down in AG 387.4-1 MGS-AGM of 15 February 1944, and observes: "With the increasing importance of agencies dealing with relief and supply, and with several recent instances of officers and civilians being sent into this theater to report on various aspects of civil affairs/ it is important to ensure that normal channels of communication be observed. It is therefore requested that the reason and necessity of the established mode of communicating be impressed upon all concerned."

- e. TAM 261 of 21 August 1944.

CCS to "assist manpower problem" offers to introduce into ACC staff British and American civilian experts on the understanding that:

"(A) These civilian experts would fill normal posts in, and would form integral part of, ACC.

(B) Would owe allegiance only to ACC and not to British or American Civil Departments.

(C) They would report only through ACC through usual combined military channels."

- f. HAT 289 of 26 August 1944

Agrees to proposals in TAM 261.

- g. Letter, 11 September 1944, from CAO, AFHQ, to CCS, subject "Directions to and Channels of Communication of Allied Civilian Personnel with ACC."

Asks it be insured that civilians arriving in this theater are not issued, as was found to be true in some instances, with instructions which are at variance with the agreed principles of TAM 261.

- h. TAM 303 of 30 September.

Replies to 11 September letter and states: "The matter has been discussed with Foreign Economic Administration who are issuing appropriate instructions to remedy the situation disclosed and to conform with TAM 261 on this subject."

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1. Letter, G-5: 230.4-4 of 2 October 1944 from G-5 Section
AFH to HQ, Allied Control Commission, subject "Directions
to and Channels of Communication of Allied Civilian
Personnel with ACC".

Passes the information in TAM 303 to Allied Control Commission.

Incl:

as above

JF
JULIUS BYLES,
Major, P. A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

CC 402

9 March 1945.

TO : Mr. A. G. Antolini, Acting Vice President,
Economic Section.

1. It has been brought to my attention that the facilities of the American Embassy have been used to forward telegrams from American civilian members of the Economic Section of the Allied Commission to certain departments and agencies of the United States Government. To the extent that such communications deal solely with administrative matters in connection with the assignment of personnel, etc., there is of course no objection, but communications dealing with matters of policy, including organizational problems of the Commission and reports on Commission activities, should follow the normal channels of communication prescribed for the Commission--namely, via AFHQ.

2. Effective immediately, all telegrams which are desired to be forwarded through the American Embassy should be submitted to the Chief Commissioner's office for clearance and stamping. No telegrams will be suppressed, but if they deal with policy matters at variance with the policies and directives of the Commission, the Commission will forward its own views on such matters through appropriate channels.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: The American Ambassador (For information)
Executive Commissioner, AC

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: The Acting Chief Commissioner 18 JUL 1944

SUBJECT: Channels of Communication

FILE No. A/CC 312

TO: Colonel William O'Dwyer, AC, 0464406
Economic Section, Hq ACC

17 July 1944

Confirming our conversation of this morning, there is forwarded herewith a copy of AFHQ's letter G-5: 312.3-1 of 8 July, for the information and guidance of yourself and Majors Bartagh and Ohrbach who have accompanied you.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
as above

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17 Jul 44

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14 July 1944

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14 JUL 1944

SUBJECT: Channels of Communication

R : C-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters, AFO 512

1. Reference is made to your letter dated 8 July 1944, subject as above. It has been referred to the Vice President of the Economic Section for his information and guidance and for necessary instructions for him to all concerned, in particular to Mr. Alberto Autolini.

2. Since there seems to be some misunderstanding on the part of the State Department and the Foreign Economic Administration as to the established channels of communication through AFHQ for all sections of the Allied Control Commission and its personnel, it is suggested that this question be clarified by your Headquarters with the appropriate authorities in Washington.

HENRY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief Commissioner

A/CO 312

14 Jul 44

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: The Acting Chief Commissioner

SUBJECT: Channels of Communication

FILE No. A/CC 312

TO: Mr. Henry F. Grady, Vice President,
Economic Section, Hq ACC

14 July 1944

1. The attached letter, subject: Channels of Communication, reference G-5: 312.3-1, dated 8 July 1944, is forwarded for your information and necessary instructions to all concerned.

2. Since paragraph 6 of the attached refers specifically to the Foreign Economic Administration instructions dated May 26, 1944 to Mr. A. G. Antolini, it is requested that he in particular be advised of the instructions from AFHQ which are attached.

3. In this connection I am sending you also a copy of my letter of this date to AFHQ, G-5 Section.

2 Incls:
As per paras 1 and 3
above

ELBERT W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

A/CC 312
14 Jul 44

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 912

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G-5: 312.3-1

8 July 1944

A 1478
15 JUL 1944

SUBJECT: Channels of Communication

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394
(Attention: Chief Commissioner)

1. Reference is made to the directive on "Direct Communication between ACC and American and British Governments," letter AG 367.4-1 MGS-AGM of 15 February 1944. It will be observed that while "direct communication on matters of routine between Headquarters, Allied Control Commission and the British and American Governments" was there authorized, it was also stressed that "insistence has been put upon the principle that all matters of real substance must be referred through this Headquarters to the Combined Chiefs of Staff . . . and not to a particular department of either the American or the British Government."

2. It has come to notice that on a number of occasions of late the established channels of communication through this Headquarters have not been followed. Attention is drawn to the instances set out below.

3. The "Overall Civilian Supply Program for Liberated Italy - Preliminary - Allied Control Commission, Economic Section, March 5, 1944" was not known to this Headquarters until brought to its attention by the Combined Chiefs of Staff in CML 327, a copy of which is inclosed. The CCS there point out that this document, of primary interest to the CCS, was received in Washington through other than military channels and was only accidentally brought to their attention after such delay. The "Overall . . . Program" was seemingly first made available in Washington by its inclusion in the "Report of the Hon. Henry P. Grady to the Department of State, March 28, 1944." AFHQ had to request copies by cablegram (F 31844 of 13 April).

4. The "Comments by the Allied Control Commission on the report of the FEA Survey Mission to Italy, dated February 5, 1944" were sent direct to Mr. Leo Crowley, Administrator, FEA, and others, by letter of April 1, 1944, from the Executive Officer, Economic Section, ACC. There was neither coordination with this Headquarters, nor transmittal through channels. A report which was here regarded as a number of examples of inaccuracy and misstatement reached Washington without AFHQ having any opportunity to offer corrections. While the "Comments on Section IV of the FEA Report on Economic Activities of ACC" were annexed to the "Report of the Finance Sub-Commission, Hq., ACC for March 1944," - and thus came to the knowledge of AFHQ, and of the CCS - Mr. Pirana had

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already taken the comments of this and other Sub-Commissions directly to the FEA.

5. The March report of the Finance Sub-Commission, at p. 17, speaks of a number of studies on currency and exchange problems, and states that "these studies have been summarized in a memorandum of 29 March which has been transmitted to the Combined Civil Affairs Committee of CCS. A copy of this memorandum is attached as Appendix 'C.'" The document thus referred to is a letter 13106 from Col. Foley to Col. Adams, Subject: Request by Badoglio Government that the Coliar value of the lira be increased." It was at any rate not transmitted through G-5 Section, and it is believed that it became known in Washington by reason of being transmitted directly to Mr. Grady. The document reached London only as an Annex to the Finance Sub-Commission Report for March.

6. In the letter of the Executive Director, Bureau of Areas, Foreign Economic Administration, to Mr. Alberto G. Antolini, dated May 26, 1944, there appears this direction:

Reports. You will be responsible for information and special reports requested from time to time by the Administration and by other agencies of the Government. This type of report will be cleared by the Vice-President of the Allied Control Commission, channeled through regular State Department media.

It is to be stated clearly that, until otherwise ordered, with civilian just as with Military personnel of the Allied Control Commission, direct communications with the departments of either Government, other than within the authority granted by letter AG 387.4-1 of 25 February, are not permitted.

7. With the increasing importance of agencies dealing with relief and supply, and with several recent instances of officers and civilians being sent into this theater to report on various aspects of civil affairs, it is important to ensure that normal channels of communication be observed. It is therefore requested that the reason and necessity of the established mode of communicating be impressed upon all concerned.



CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

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Incl:
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FROM: AGWAR 303

TO : FRANK WILSON 303 MATOUSA REPEATED MATOUSA INFORMATION BRITISH
CHIEFS OF STAFF

REF NO: WX 21905, 12 April 1944

For WINGS and PIEDS

Site: CGAS

CAL 227

Reports

2 reports, 1 on chemical fertilizer production, see CAL 299, and the 2nd, overall civilian supply program for liberated ITALY dated 3 March, both prepared by the Allied Control Commission and both of primary interest to the CGAS, have been received in WASHINGTON through other than Military channels and have accidentally been brought to the attention of this Headquarters after much delay. This delays receipt by the agency with primary interest and causes confusion. It is therefore requested that in future such reports be sent directly to CGAS with copy to LONDON as early as possible. Has the 2nd report been coordinated and does it have your approval? Answer by cable and send 3 copies of 2nd report here with copy to LONDON.

CAL 299 MAT #17061 MC IN 250 1/4/44 MGS

ACTION: MGS

INFORMATION: M C-4

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12 Apr 44

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

July 8th., 1944

TO : Captain Ellery W. Stone U.S.N.R. Acting Chief Commissioner.
FROM : Henry F. Grady, Vice-President, Economic Section.
SUBJECT : Letter of appointment of A.G. Antolini. (10)

Following our discussion this morning, I am enclosing herewith a copy of Mr. Antolini's letter of appointment issued by FEA and approved by me at the time of issuance in Washington.

Mr. Antolini informs me that a copy of this letter was left as requested by Colonel Spofford when he reported to AFHQ on arrival in Algiers.

Henry F. Grady
Henry F. Grady
Vice-President,
Economic Section

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8 July

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FOREIGN ECONOMIC ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

In reply Refer to:
BA- 802- MF

May 26 1944

Mr. Alberto G. Antolini
Foreign Economic Administration
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Antolini:

In view of the unique prevailing circumstances in the Italian area, this letter does not follow the standard Foreign Economic Administration instructions. Since we anticipate progressive demilitarization of the existing control machinery and its eventual replacement, the instructions and authorities contained in this letter will later be adjusted to conform with standard.

Under the present arrangements the military authorities, through the Allied Control Commission, are responsible for the control of Italian imports and exports, the determination of supply requirements, and other economic problems with respect to Italy. The administrative and functional direction and supervision of all these activities within Italy are the responsibility of the Vice-President of the Allied Control Commission in charge of the Economic Section, under the Commanding General.

FUNCTIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

You are hereby designated special assistant to the Vice-President of the Economic Section of the Allied Control Commission. You will be responsible for the proper direction of all activities of the Foreign Economic Administration in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia, hereafter assigned to you by the Vice-President. You will be responsible for the execution of all instructions issued from time to time by the Vice-President to you and through you. Under the direction of the Vice-President you will be responsible for maintaining relations with FEA in Washington.

COMMUNICATIONS

For the present and until you are otherwise instructed, all reports, requests for information, correspondence and cables to you and from you will be transmitted through the channels of the Allied Control Commission and the Combined Civil Affairs Committee except reports referred to below.

REPORTS

You will be responsible for information and special reports requested from time to time by the Administration and by other agencies of the Government.

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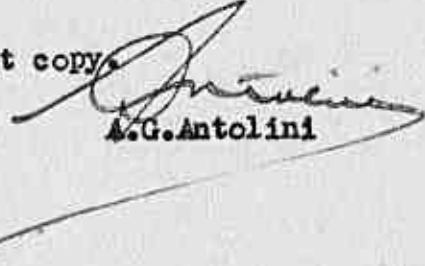
This type of report will be cleared by the Vice-President of the Allied Control Commission, channeled through regular State Department media.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) James L. McCamy

James L. McCamy
Executive Director
Bureau of Areas

I certify that this a true and correct copy.


A.G. Antolini

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29th. February, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Commander-in-Chief,
Allied Force Headquarters.
(ATTENTION: Military Government Section)

SUBJECT: Routine Communication with American and British Governments.

(4) With reference to your letter of 17 February, file AG 312.3-1 MGS-AGM, subject as above, it is believed that the list contained in paragraph 2 of the letter of 15 February to GOC-in-C, ACMT, enclosed with subject letter, provides a guide by which such communication may be pursued. By the use of this guide it should be possible for the Allied Control Commission to operate properly in matters where direct communication is advisable.

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NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APC 394

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29 FEB 1944

27 February 1944

SUBJECT: Routine Communication with American and British Governments

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission

1. Referring to paragraph 2 of the attachment to the subject letter, I believe that the following subjects should be added to the list of matters of routine on which direct communication between the Allied Control Commission and the two governments may be authorized:

Economic Problems (food supplies, currency exchange rates, etc.)

Basic Political questions

Telecommunication questions

MILBY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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APO 394

Administrative Section

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26 Feb 44

SUBJECT: Routine Communications with American and British Governments

TO: Secretary General, Hq, ACQ, APO 394

1. Reference you memo 311 dated 23 Feb 44, as far as the Administrative Section is concerned I consider that if reasonably interpreted, the present list meets the need for the submission through AFHQ of any but routine matters.

2. The danger of attempting to define too narrowly proper subjects of direct communication is that delay may occur in securing prompt and necessary information on matters in no way affecting policy.

/s/ Stansgate

STANSGATE
Vice President, Administrative Section.
Allied Control Commission.

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26 Feb

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary General
APO 394

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23 February 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Captain Stone ✓
Lord Stansgate
Mr. Grady
Messrs. Caccia and Reber

(3)(4) The Chief Commissioner desires your comments on the attached letter, which should reach this office not later than 0900 hours 28 February.

Robert E. Doe
ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.G.D.
Secretary General

So far as the Political Section
is concerned we have no comments.

HAC SR
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To: Major Doe, Secty Gen

The only comment Mr. Grady has to offer on this is to suggest that there might be added to the list of subject on which direct communication is authorized, something along the following lines:

"Exchanges of information and viewpoints on matters of current discussion, necessary to formulate the basis for recommendations, but of course not in themselves constituting recommendations."

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SUBJ CT: Routine Communication with American and British Governments.

TO : Deputy Chief, Allied Control Commission.
(ATTENTION: Chief Commissioner.)

1. Attention is invited to paragraph 3 of the enclosed letter dealing with the subject of direct communication with the American and British Governments on "matters of routine". It is recognized that the list in paragraph 2 is by no means likely to be all inclusive, and that from your experience other matters coming within the principles stated in the letter may be suggested. Consequently, it is not considered desirable to notify the governments of the modification of the authority granted until this headquarters has had the benefit of your recommendation.

2. Reply is requested within a week after receipt of this letter, so that the governments may be advised.

By command of General WILSON:

J. L. TAYLOR,
Colonel, AGC,
Asst Adjutant General.

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Incl. 1 - Ltr, this hq, dated
15 February 1944,
Subject: "Direct
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tween AGC and Amer-
ican and British
Governments."

Secty General:
Ask all Vice Presidents to submit
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15 February 1944

SUBJECT: Direct Communication between ACC and American
 and British Governments.

TO : The G.O.C. in C., ACMF
 (Attention: Chief Commissioner, ACC)

1. Attention is drawn to our Message 44015 of 28 January 1944, authorizing direct communication on matters of routine between Headquarters Allied Control Commission and the British and American Governments. This directive was issued in pursuance of the policy of decentralizing the problems of civil affairs arising in Italy - to which policy this Headquarters still adheres. (In this connection reference is made to AFHQ letter on "Exercise of Certain Functions of President, Allied Control Commission, to the G.O.C. in C., ACMF, 28 January 1944.) Since the despatch of Message 44015 cogent reasons have been advanced by certain Staff Sections at this Headquarters why the authority to communicate directly upon "matters of routine" should be more accurately defined. Supply and personnel, in particular, are matters which must be dealt with through AFHQ. Insistence has been put upon the principle that all matters of real substance must be referred through this Headquarters to the Combined Chiefs of Staff - which represents the sole authority under which AFHQ operates - and not to a particular department of either the American or the British Government. In order that this vital principle of Allied action may certainly be observed in practice, it has been decided that Message 44015 should now be supplemented by a more specific directive.

2. The matters of routine on which direct communication between the ACC and the two Governments is authorized are for the present limited to the following:

Inquiries as to the whereabouts and welfare of individual civilians
 Listing of displaced persons
 Condition of private property
 Civil postal administration
 Procurement of publications
 Statistical and like technical information
 e.g., public health records
 criminal records
 industrial reports
 agricultural reports
 Routine reports required by AFHQ to be periodically submitted,
 as directed by AFHQ.

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Where such direct communication takes place it should be authorized by the appropriate Vice President or Director of the AGC.

3. Headquarters AGC is invited to examine promptly the subject of the present letter, and to communicate to this Headquarters its recommendations, whether as to defining the scope of "matters of routine" or otherwise.

By the command of General Wilson:

/s/ J. A. H. Gammell

/s/ J. A. H. Gammell
Lieutenant General
Chief of Staff

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TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SIGNED CINC

DATE TIME SIGNED: 131953A

DATE TIME REC'D : 132320A

REFERENCE NR. : 51250

CITE : FHMS

HEADQUARTERS

14 FEB 1944

AMG.

REFERENCE OUR 44015 OF 28 JANUARY.

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

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Peter - Hq ACC
Drp - Jerry
- C. B.

NOTE: This refers to direct
 communication between HQ ACC
 and British & American governments

Acc List

(Info) PA G.C.C.

" R.C. MG Sec

" Brig Gutterback

" Political Section

" Ex. affs

" Adjutant

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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4 February 1944

AG:312.3

SUBJECT: Direct Communication with London and Washington

TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner - Capt. Stone
 Executive Commissioner, (V.P.) R.C. and M.C. Section - Brig. Lush
 Vice President Economic Section-Mr. Grady
 Vice President Administrative Section-The Viscount Stansgate
 Political Section- Mr. Gaccia
 Chiefs all Subcommissions
 Secretary General - Major Doe
 Adjutant General - Lt. Col. Clough
 Executive Officers - Colonels Rathbone and Albright
 Civil Affairs Branch -
 Italian Refugees Branch -
 Security -
 Public Relations Officer

1. Higher headquarters has authorized direct communication on matters of routine between Hq A C C and the British and American Governments at London and Washington. Matters of routine are interpreted to include technical matters of interest to various ministries, departments and agencies of the respective governments.

2. Any matters to be communicated directly must be authorized by a Vice President or an officer authorized by him for the purpose, and will be dispatched by the Secretary General. A copy of each such communication will be kept as a part of the records of Hq A C C.

3. For general instructions and directives and all matters of policy the channel of communication remains through AFHQ to and from the combined Chiefs of Staff.

By command of Lieut-General MacFARLANE:

is: L. B. Stearns
 it: L. B. STEARNS
 Capt., AGO,
 Asst Adj Gen

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E. J. CHIOCCA
 C/O USA
 Asst Adj

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PREC : ROUTINE

FILED : Jan 281130A

FROM : SIGNED CINC CITE FHMG

REC'D : Jan 281921A

TO : FATIMA FOR MACFARLANE AND FARGO FOR SPOFFARD
RPTD FAIRBANKS

Direct communication on matters of routine is hereby authorized between HQ, ACC and the British and American Governments at London and Washington. For general instructions and directives and all matters of policy, the channel remains through the Allied CINC to and from the combined Chiefs of Staff. All such direct communication must be authorized by the respective heads of sections and sub-commissions and a copy of every such communication made a part of the commissions' records. Advise this headquarters if you wish detailed amplification of ministries and agencies to be addressed under above authority.

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