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114	Cbl F65072 SACMED	20 Apr 46	Comms S/C	Postal Service, Germany-Italy Auth.
115	Cbl C39783 AFHQ G-5	24 Apr 46	Comm S/C	Postal Service, Italy-Japan
116	Ltr ES/8.12 Walton	6 May 46	CC	Coffee in gift parcels fm US prhbtd
117	Cbl 2924 Ross	7 May 46	CCS	Change in APO 394
118	Ltr 6581 De Gasperi	6 Jun 46	CC	Return of It railway carriages to Gen Management of Postal Services
118a	Ltr 212/EC Knisley	8 Aug 46	ADATS	AC Lia Grps Postal Addressees 10.9
119	Cbl 29/VG/635 13 C.	12 Aug 46	Communications	Censoring of mail in V.G.
120	Ltr Stone-	16 Aug 46	AFHQ G-5	Frwdng correspondence re It Govt request fr authorization fr International Broadcasts
121	Ltr P.7.599.C3 CC	17 Aug 46	AFHQ G-5	Postage Stemps, Verona, Fiume
122	Ltr 4022/341/EC	24 Aug 46	AFHQ G-5	Parcels fm US to Jugoslavia - Jug request fr Jug Post Off. in Trieste
123	Cbl 2618Z/481	26 Aug 46	Alnav #481	Re change postage rate

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105	Ltr P.7.541.CS	15 Mar 46	AFHQ G-5	Issue of Postage Stamps under Polish auspices; Incls.
106	Cbl F 62810 SACM	15 Mar 46	Alcom Rome	Postal Services Italy-Dutch East Indies
107	Ltr P.7.543.CS	15 Mar 46	AFHQ G-5	Issue of Postage Stamps under Polish auspices (Further Info)
107a	Ltr P.47.546.CS	18 Mar 46	Direct Gen Min	Polish Postage Stamps;Incls
108	Ltr P.7.549.CS	20 Mar 46	G-5 AFHQ	Issue of Postage Stamps under Polish auspices;Incls.
109	Ltr P.14/237/CS	21 Mar 46	G4 MTOUSA	Civil Air Mail WS-Italy;Incls.
110	Ltr P.7.550/CS	21 Mar 46	G-5 AFHQ	Stamps Issued Under Polish Auspic.
111	Ltr P.7.553/CS	25 Mar 46	Direct Gen fr Posts and Telecomm	Polish "Stamps"; Incl
112	Cbl 2135 HQ Alcom	28 Mar 46	Hayward	US Gift Parcel Service to Wen Giu
113	Cbl FX64647 SACMED Mat 1016	12 Apr 46	Communications	Postal Service - Germany-Italy

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94	Cbl 260 HQ ALCOM	15 Jan 46	AMG Ven Giu	Civil Mails Jugoslavia-US
95	Cbl FX 58622 AFHQ	15 Jan 46	AGWAR	Mails Jugo. to Italy
95a	Cbl I 390 13 Corps	15 Jan 46	ALCOM Rome	Mail fm USA to Jugoslavia
96	Cbl 150 Brit Emb Belgrd	17 Jan 46	AFHQ	Inspection of parcels
97	Cbl 29/VC/57 Heyward	19 Jan 46	HQ ALCOM	Mails, Jugoslavia - USA
98	Cbl 417 HQ ALCOM	21 Jan 46	AMG Ven Giu	Service to Ven Giu
99	Cbl 613 IPW DIV HQ ALCOM	26 Jan 46	HQ E.AFRICA	Mail deliveries
100	Cbl C17267 AFHQ G-5 TAM 741	26 Jan 46	ALCOM Rome	Italian Correspondence
101	Cbl 1492 13 Corps	29 Jan 46	Freedom	Censorship of transactional mail
102	Cbl 1029 HQ Alcom ACC/MN	9 Feb 46	AMG 13 Corps	Gift Parcels from states for Provinces
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102a	Cbl 1749 HQ ALCOM	11 Mar 46	G-4	Italian Air Mail to US
103	Ltr P.47.669.CS Scudder	12 Mar 46	Min of Posts and Telecomms	Relations with Foreign Postal Adminis
104	Cbl 1837 Alcom ACC MN	14 Mar 46	AFHQ	Air mail service Italy-US

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76a	Cbl FX 53357 Mat 952	16 Nov 45	AGWAR	Postal service to Venezia Giulia
77	Ltr P.14.159.CS Scudder	16 Nov 45	Posts & Tel	Air Mail Italy - U.S.A.
78	Ltr P.14.160.CS Scudder	18 Nov 45	G-5 AFHQ	Air Mail Italy - U.S.A.
79	Ltr P.23.288/CS Scudder	20 Nov 45	G-5 AFHQ	Italian external Mail Services
80	Ltr Stone	26 Nov 45	Kirk	Civil Air Mail Service US - Italy
81	Ltr ES/13.07 Densmore	26 Nov 45	CC	Handling gift parcels from US
82	Cbl F 54525 SACMED	26 Nov 45	AC	Limit of one parcel per month
83	Cbl 9014 Comm S/C	4 Dec 45	BMM Albania	Mail service Italy-Albania
84	Ltr Kirk	5 Dec 45	Stone	Civil air mail service Italy-US
85	Ltr Stone	6 Dec 45	Kirk	Acknowledge ltr of 5 Dec 45
85a	Ltr P.23.298/CS Scudder	8 Dec 45	DGPT	Gift Parcels from U.S.A.
85b	Ltr P.14.175.CS Scudder	9 Dec 45	DGPT	Air Mail Italy- USA
86	Cbl 9211 HQ ALCOM	11 Dec 45	Regions	Telegraphic Instructions
86a	Ltr G-5 : 311.1 Hamblen	14 Dec 45	HQ ALCOM	Air Mail Service - Italy to U S
87	Cbl 2662 AMG Lombardia	18 Dec 45	info CC	Jugoslav Parcel Mails thr Trieste
88	Cbl C4774 MAD968 AFHQ G-5	18 Dec 45	AGWAR	Address Italian Mail
89	Cbl 9926 HQ ALCOM	5 Jan 46	BMM Albania	Albania-Italy mail services PD Jugo.
90	Cbl 9927 HQ ALCOM	5 Jan 46	FHGEC AFHQ	Italy mail service
91	Cbl C 11715 AFHQ G-5 MAT 913	8 Jan 46	AGWAR Wash	Italian Correspondence
92	Ltr P.14.192/CS Scudder	10 Jan 46	AFHQ G-5	Air Mail Service - Italy to U S
93	Cbl FX 58392 SACMED	11 Jan 46	ALCOM Rome	Austrian mail service
93a	Cbl FX 58473 AFHQ	12 Jan 46	13 Corps	Mails fm states to Jugoslavia;Incl ltr

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61	Cbl AFHQ FX 46992 (MAT 923)	3 Oct 45	AC.(all MAT)	Extension gift parcel svc US to ITALY.
62	Cbl AFHQ F-47648 (TAM 699)	6 Oct 45	AC, & AGWAR	Gift parcel svc, Italy to US
63	Memo, Green- Comm S/C	10 Oct 45	Stone	Reintrodtn Postal Svc, summary of action.
+ 64	Memo, Scudder - CommS/C	8 Oct 45	Finance S/C	Copy of Statutory Rules and Orders NOS: 1098 and 1100 of 1945 referred to in GEM 646 (F 42592 of 11 Sep 45).
65	Cbl 78789CA14 Troopers	10 Oct 45	Freedom,AC	Gift Parcel Service to It fr U.K. & Empire countries, esp. India.
66	Cbl FX 49199, AFHQ	18 Oct 45	Troopers, AC	Reasons for delay of Gift Parcel Service from India and U.K.
67	Cbl 7590, Com S/C	22 Oct 45	AFHQ	Parcel Mails USA to Jug. via civil.
67a	Ltr P.48.149/CS Scudder	23 Oct 45	Min. Post&Tele.	Commercial Communications
68	Memo,Commu S/C Scudder	24 Oct 45	Finance S/C	International Money Order Service propos Resumption between US/UK & Italy.
69	Cbls 7654-55-56 Com S/C	25 Oct 45	GHGEG AFHQ	USA Gift Parcel service to Italy.
70	Cbl FX 50988 SACMED	30 Oct 45	Troopers Lon.	Transactional communication Italy/Switz
71	Ltr 13062/F Menapace	1 Nov 45	G-5 AFHQ	Correspondance fr Italy to non-enemy
72	Cbl FX 52002 SACMED	6 Nov45	TROOPERS	Gift parcel fr British Empire for Italy
73	CBl FX 52050 AFHQ	6 Nov 45	MIDEAST	Telegraph service with Ethiopia confin
73a	Cbl 8285 Liguria post	11 Nov 45	Telec Comm.	Mail Switzerland to Egypt
73b	Cbl 8284 AFHQ G-5	11 Nov 45	TROOPERS	Mail Greece to United Kingdom
74	Cbl G/3565 Genova	13 Nov 45	Communicate S/C	Swiss parcel post to Egypt
75	Cbl 8376 AFHQ G-5	14 Nov 45	TROOPERS	Mail Greece to London
76	Cbl 8734 Head	14 Nov 45	AC	General situation

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47a	Cbl AMIQ, MAT-833	23 Jul 45	CCS	Gift parcel svc, US to Italy, Sicily & Sardinia.
48	Ltr, Alex Kirk	23 Jul 45	CC	Parcel-post facilities for IPW in US to their families in Italy.
48a	P.23.157/CS, Scudder	24 Jul 45	AFHQ G-5	Gift parcel svc, US to Italy.
49	Ltr, Stone	25 Jul 45	Kirk	Parcel-post facilities for IPW in US to their families in Italy.
50	P.23.158/CS, Scudder	24 Jul 45	M of PP.TT.	Gift parcel svc, US to Italy.
51	P.23.170/CS, Green	1 Aug 45	SO to CC	Gift parcel svc, US to Italy.
52	P.23.172CS, Green	10 Aug 45	SO to CC	Gift parcel svc, US to Italy.
53	Cbl AFHQ, MAT-874	11 Aug 45	CCS	Gift parcel svc, US to Italy.
54	P.23.177/CS, Scudder	18 Aug 45	M of PP.TT.	Gift parcel svc, US to Italy.
55	P.23.181/CS, Maddock	25 Aug 45	M of PP.TT.	Gift parcel svc from Australia.
+ 56	Cbl AFHQ, F-42592 (GEM-646)	11 Sep 45	AC	CCS instructions: early resumption desired of commercial post, printed paper post, samples pos(?) with Italy.
57	Cbl AC Comm, 5250	12 Sep 45	AFHQ	T'fer despatching resp fr Br/Am APOs to civil post office.
58	Cbl AFHQ, F-43843 (GEM-648)	16 Sep 45	AC	Proposal for P.Post service fr Br/It
59	Cbl AFHQ, FX44347 (MEG-550)	19 Sep 45	Troopers, AC	Request P.Post svc fr Br/It be postpnd until It Gov't has been consulted.
60	Cbl AC, ACCMN	21 Sep 45	AFHQ (FHGEG)	Listing of Postal Svcs between Allied Countries, Possessions, Italy etc., suggesting 15 Oct commencing date.

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33	Cbl, AFHQ, MEC-466	3 Apr 45	Troopers,CCS	Resumption It external postal services; printed matter from UK to Italy.
34	Cbl AFHQ, MAT-621	4 Apr 45	CCS	It postal services extended to Pisa and Florence Provinces,Lucca,Pistoia.
35	Cbl AC Commun,7132	7 May 45	15 AG,RCs	Rates for postage in North in accordance general economic policy.
36	Cbl AC Comm, 7183	8 May 45	15 AG	Recommend Internal civil postal svcs in North be allowed to continue.
37	Cbl AFHQ, MAT-676	10 May 45	CCS	Registration facilities for it civil mails to all countries now opened.
38	Cbl AFHQ, MAT-702	20 May 45	CCS	Conveyance charges It civ extern mail
39	313, Bonomi	28 May 45	Stone	Regret case of It insurance companies corresponding w companies abroad.
40	Cbl AC Comm 8731	30 May 45	AFHQ	Unable agree increase gift parcel svc from US, due ... 1053
41	Cbl AFHQ MAT-741	6 Jun 45	CCS	Commercial-fin comms from Italy.
42	Cbl AFHQ MAT-744	8 Jun 45	CCS	Proposed amendment of Gen License 32A.
43	Ltr Alex Kirk	8 Jun 45	Stone	Transactional comms between It-US.
44	Ltr, Stone	11 Jun 45	Alex Kirk	Transactional comms between It-US.
45	Memo, Steams	11 Jun 45	Scudder	Transactional comms between It-US.
46	13053/F, Stone	11 Jun 45	Alex Kirk	Transactional comms between It-US.
47	Ltr, Alex Kirk	15 Jun 45	Stone	Transectional comms between It-US.

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21	Memo,CSO,4405/COS	26 Oct 44	Communications SC	Business correspondence between UK banks,etc. with liberated Italy has been authorized. INCL: Extract telegram HMSecy of State to RESMED,18,10,44.
22	Ltr CSO-8756/27/COS	27 Nov 44	Shipping S/C; Comm. S/C	Transportation-Mail Service to Sardinia.
23	Ltr 8756/38/COS	7 Dec 44	SO to CC	Transportation-Mail Service to Sardinia
24	Ltr 8756/40/COS	8 Dec 44	SO to CC	Transportation-Mail Service to Sardinia
25	Ltr 8756/46/COS Stone	9 Dec 44	Bonomi	Transportation-Mail Service to Sardinia
26	Ltr 8756/47/COS Stone	9 Dec 44	Prunas	Transportation-Mail Service to Sardinia
27	Ltr Prunas 41/05646/13	16 Dec 44	Stone	Transportation-Mail Service to Sardinia.
28	Ltr Lush 8765/11/COS	24 Dec 44	G-5 Sec AFHQ	Naples Post Office. 1082
29	8765/23/EC, Lush	28 Feb 45	G-5 Sec AFHQ	Naples Post Office.
30	Cbl AFHQ, MAT-609	29 Mar 45	CCS	Resumption of It civilian external mail - to Greece.
31	Cbl AFHQ, MAT-605	29 Mar 45	CCS	Resumption of It civilian external mail, generally.
32	13053/F, Stone	3 Apr 45	Bonomi	Certain officials of Insurance Companies corresponding with insurance companies in other countries.

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1	Ltr Col Hoover	15 Dec 43	Stone	Perrone will call on you.
2.	Ltr PS/16.2 Stone AG 311.1	30 Jan 44	Undersec of State Posts & Telegraph	Foreign Postage rates, arrangements now in progress.
3	Cbl R 203/04 IBS Poletti	4 Feb 44	Fatima	Lt Alasia
4	Memo Stone	10 Feb 44	RC & MG Sec	Draft directive referred to you. Tell Reg 3. ENCLOSURE: Ltr PS/16/2 9 Feb to DCC ACC, re P & T in Reg 3.
5.	1st Ind Stone	10 Feb 44	RC & MG Sec	Concur. Pls take action. BASIC LTR: PS/16/7/24 of 8 Feb to DCC re Postage stamps.
6	Memo Stone	15 Feb 44	Exec Comm	Request & draft approved. ENCLOSURES: Ltr TPS/11/1 10 Feb to DCC re Postal services, & draft of directive to 5th & 8th armies.
7	Cbl AFHQ 50165	11 Feb 44	Fargo for Stone	External mails Sardinia.
8	Cbl AFHQ 50619	12 Feb 44	Fargo for Stone	Italian external postal servic approved by CCS.
9	Ltr PS/16/3 Hq ACC	13 Feb 44	Med ATC	Italian official mail.
10	Ltr Hq ACC Colville	26 Feb 44	DCC ACC	Complaint of Messe re provincial allied censor control O's .
11	Ltr CS/6/2 Stone DCC 311.7	29 Feb 44	Reale	Pre-armistice Ital censorship.
12	Ltr Colville	2 Mar 44	Civ Cens O	Italian Air Force
13	Ltr 127/41/CA RC & MG Sec	11 Mar 44	All S/Cs etc	Civil Post office services.
14	Circ #32 Natousa	13 Mar 44		Condensed info on censorship.
15	Roster	8 Apr 44		Civ Cens Grp, Italy
16	Ltr DCC 311.1 Stone	9 Apr 44	Mr. Minifie	Error in PWB report on postal services in Italy.
17	Ltr DCC 311.1 Stone	10 May 44	Infante	Censorship of personal mail of HM the King of Italy. APPENDICES.
18	Cbl ACC 2897	11 Jun 44	RAC & AAI	Postal service now open Rome.
19	Cbl ACC ADV 516	15 Jul 44	A-2 MAAF & AAI	Restoration civil mail service province of Foggia
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20	Petroni, Costa & Coltellini Ltr	4 Sep 44	Capt Stone	Memo re management Caution Institute for Post-Office Employees

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TELEPHONE EXT. NO. 841-631

FROM: SECNAV TO: ALNAV # 481

RELEASED BY: JAMES FORRESTAL

DATE: 26 AUGUST 1946

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EFFECTIVE 1 OCTOBER 1946 AIR MAIL POSTAGE RATE BETWEEN UNITED STATES POST OFFICES INCLUDING ARMY AND NAVY POST OFFICES OVERSEAS WILL BE FIVE CENTS PER OUNCE X IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF THIS ALNAV EACH COMMAND HAVING A NAVY POST OFFICE WITH POSTAGE STAMP FIXED CREDIT WILL REQUIRE THE NAVY MAIL CLERK TO SUBMIT A REQUISITION FOR INITIAL SUPPLY OF FIVE CENT AIR MAIL STAMPS AND ENVELOPES USING AVAILABLE CASH IN FIXED POSTAGE STAMP CREDIT OR SIX CENT STAMPS IN EXCESS OF ESTIMATED NEEDS PRIOR TO 1 OCTOBER AS REMITTANCE THEREFOR X THESE REQUISITIONS SHOULD BE MADE TO THE POSTMASTER NEW YORK NY SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA OR HONOLULU TH DEPENDING ON THE LOCATION OF THE COMMAND SUBMITTING THE REQUISITION X SUCH REQUISITION SHOULD IN NO CASE EXCEED AN ESTIMATED THREE MONTH SUPPLY X PROMPTLY AFTER 1 OCTOBER EACH NAVY MAIL CLERK HAVING ON HAND A RESIDUAL STOCK OF SIX CENT AIR MAIL STAMPS OR SIX CENT AIR MAIL ENVELOPES SHALL SUBMIT A REQUISITION FOR ANY STAMP STOCK ITEMS NEEDED TRANSMITTING THE REMAINING SIX CENT STAMPS AND SIX CENT ENVELOPES AS REMITTANCE THEREFOR X NEW FIVE CENT AIR MAIL ENVELOPES WILL BE PRICED AT FIFTYTHREE DOLLARS AND SIXTEEN CENTS PER THOUSAND IN REQUISITIONS SUBMITTED X RETAIL PRICES FOR VARIOUS QUANTITIES OF FIVE CENT AIR MAIL ENVELOPES WILL BE AT THE SAME PRICE NOW LISTED FOR THE SAME QUANTITIES OF SIX CENT AIR MAIL ENVELOPES LESS ONE CENT PER ENVELOPE X SUPPLY OFFICERS MAY EXCHANGE AT CIVILIAN POST OFFICES SIX CENT AIR MAIL STAMPS AND ENVELOPES REMAINING IN STOCK AFTER 1 OCTOBER FOR OTHER STAMP STOCK OF EQUAL MONEY VALUE BT 2618ØØZ/481

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 794

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Ref. 4022/341/ED

24. August 1946

SUBJECT: Gift Parcels from U.S.A. for Jugoslavia.

TO : G-5 Section,
A.F.H.Q.

1. I enclose herewith letter No. Br. 1245/46 dated 16 Aug 46 addressed by Dr. Smodlaka, the Acting Representative of Jugoslavia to the A.C.I., to the Supreme Allied Commander.

2. I have sent a copy to the S.C.A.O. XIII Corps and requested an immediate report on paras 2 and 3 and any comments that he may wish to make on para 4.

3. I have also acknowledged the letter to Dr. Smodlaka.

4. For your information an inquiry within this Commission has produced the following information:

Complete postal arrangements have been made for the forwarding of Jugoslav gift parcels from any port in Italy at which they may be received. On reaching Trieste they are sent forward under UNRRA arrangements. As an additional safeguard efforts were made by the Communications Sub-Commission of this Commission to ascertain with the U.S. Mail Authorities that mail for Jugoslavia would only be loaded on ships bound for Trieste.

5. This scheme was approved by the Jugoslav Authorities in their letter No. Br. 840/46 dated as recently as 14 June 46 from which I quote the following para:

> "As (far as) despatching of gift parcels from U.S. is concerned, we are informed that it is functioning regularly throughout all the territory of Jugoslavia and consequently in Zara and Fiume too. The Jugoslav Postal Administration requests that all such parcels for Fiume (Rijeka) and Zara (Zadar) and the respective areas, coming through the Italian ports might be sent forward through Trieste to the Jugoslav Postal Office in Ljubljana who will take care of their further despatch."

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6. The request for the setting up of a Jugoslav Postal Office in Trieste is strongly opposed by this HQ. Under International Postal Conventions it is a normal procedure for the transit of Foreign Mails through a country to be supervised by the postal authorities of the country through which passing and not controlled by representatives from the country of destination.

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Brigadier

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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DELEGATION OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF JUGOSLAVIA
TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY
Br. 1245/46

16 August 1946.

SUBJECT: Gift parcels from U.S. for Jugoslavia.

TO : Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre.

THROUGH: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

1. Sending of gift parcels from U.S. to Jugoslavia was organized in 1945, and the quantity of parcels sent during 1946 is continually increasing. The number of parcels sent to Jugoslavia is from 30=70.000 a month. The parcels are loaded on UNRRA ships in New York and unloaded in Trieste wherefrom they continue their way for Jugoslavia by rail. These parcels amount averagely to 20=30% of the total load of each shipment.

2. Unfortunately it has been proved by the Jugoslav authorities that considerable quantities of the gift parcels are continually being stolen on the territory of Trieste by bands of gangsters operating sometimes also with arms. Railway trucks are being opened, emptied in part or even completely, closed again and re-sealed by the Trieste railway seals.

3. On the Jugoslav requests to the Allied authorities that Jugoslav guards may be allowed to escort the transports, it was replied that the Allied authorities themselves will organize the protection of the loads, but no satisfactory results were seen as yet.

4. I therefore have the honour to request on behalf of the Jugoslav Government:

(a) that urgent measures be taken for the protection of Jugoslav goods crossing the zone of Trieste on their way to Jugoslavia;

(b) that the AMG authorities in Trieste give their agreement for the opening of a Jugoslav Postal Office in Trieste, which office would perform all special work in connection with the forwarding of gift parcels and of other mail going for Jugoslavia or transiting Jugoslavia.

5. An early reply will be appreciated.

/s/ DR. SLOVEN J. SMODLAKA
Acting Representative of Jugoslavia
Advisory Council for Italy

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11 August 1946

SUBJECT: Postage Stamps, Verona; Brigadier General E.E.HUME, U.S.Army.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters - G5 Section.

1. On the 30 April 1945, Brigadier General E.E.Hume, while with the 5th Army, withdrew from the Post Office at Verona, stamps to the value of 7219 Lire, and since that date this amount has been carried in the Verona Provincial P.T.T. Director's account as a suspended item, pending payment of the sum due.

2. Up to the present the cost of the stamps has not been remitted and the General Director of Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Rome, now asks for the matter to be settled.

3. It is requested that Brigadier General Hume should be reminded of the circumstances of the withdrawal of the stamps from the Verona Post Office on the 30 April 1945 and asked to remit the due amount at the earliest possible date. It is suggested that it should be explained to the General that the face value of the stamps viz 7219 Lire is due to the Provincial Director Verona to enable the accounts of his office to be balanced before submission of the completed accounts to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications for audit.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

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17 August 1945

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1. On the 30 April 1945, Brigadier General E.E.Hume, while with the 5th Army, withdrew from the Post Office at Verona, stamps to the value of 7219 Lire, and since that date this amount has been carried in the Verona Provincial P.T.T. Director's account as a suspended item, pending payment of the sum due.

2. Up to the present the cost of the stamps has not been remitted and the General Director of Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Rome, now asks for the matter to be settled.

3. It is requested that Brigadier General Hume should be reminded of the circumstances of the withdrawal of the stamps from the Verona Post Office on the 30 April 1945 and asked to remit the due amount at the earliest possible date. It is suggested that it should be explained to the General that the face value of the stamps viz 7219 Lire is due to the Provincial Director Verona to enable the accounts of his office to be balanced before submission of the complete accounts to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications for audit.

ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

co-Exc.Officer (A)
Comm. G)C.

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16 August 1946.

SUBJECT: International Broadcasts.

TO : G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters.

1. There is forwarded herewith a letter with enclosure from the Italian Government requesting permission to engage in international broadcasting at the earliest possible date, using facilities and frequencies already authorized.

2. I can see no valid objection to refusing this request—to the contrary, I consider it to be only a natural and logical extension of the same freedom of speech and publication which the Allied Governments have consistently accorded, if not pledged, to Italy.

3. Your early approval is requested.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE TO
THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

RESERVED & URGENT.

Rome, 14 August, 1946.

The Presidency of the Council of Ministers recognizes the necessity of supporting the work which our Delegation is carrying out in Paris, with a series of broadcasts which will point out to the world the difficult present conditions of our Country, and her economic and financial necessities, the sincere aspiration of the people to collaborate with all liberal and democratic Nations, and our univocal readiness to maintain a long and equitable peace.

We should like to effect these short broadcasts through the short-wave station of Busto Arsizio, in Italian, English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese, according to a time-table still to be established, but which for North and South America would be fixed between 2400 hours and 0200 hours, and for Europe between 1900 hours and 2100 hours.

If we should be given authorization to broadcast in Russian, we would be willing to carry out a program in this language too.

The broadcasts would include the principle daily events of our Country, with special reference to administrative, economic-financial, and social problems, and to reconstructive activities, and also a brief "Review of Opinions" on the more important problems of the day, taken from Italian and foreign newspapers of greater prestige, the whole in connection and in direct and indirect function with the abovementioned main purposes, namely to illustrate the needs and aspirations of the Italian people in the frame of the long-awaited and wished-for peace.

The news would be strictly objective, and absolutely impartial.

The broadcasts would be carried out with the same frequency, and with the same power used nowadays. But, since the power of one of the two transmitters of Busto Arsizio has been reduced from 40 Kw. to 10 Kw. by the Allied Command, it would be preferable if the above-named station was given back its original power. This is not, however, indispensable.

The Presidency of the Council of Ministers feels certain that you will take an interest in this matter, and that you will authorize, with solicitude, the start of the planned broadcasts.

Awaiting a reply, I thank you.

Yours truly,

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(s) Paolo Cappa.
UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone, Chief Commissioner, A.C.

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TRANSLATION

BUSTO ARSIZIO

Two broadcasting stations: One whose power was Kw. 40, and has been reduced to Kw. 10, and another with 50 Kw. Power.

FREQUENCY OF SHORT WAVES.

m. 25.40	Kcs.	11.810
m. 31.15	"	9.630
m. 49.5	"	6.085

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Il Sottosegretario di Stato
alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

RISERVATA-URGENTISSIMA

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Roma, 14 agosto 1946

A Sua Eccellenza
L'Ammiraglio ELLERY STONE
Capo della Commissione Alleata
= R O M A =

La Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri ravvisa la necessità di fiancheggiare l'azione che la nostra Delegazione sta svolgendo a Parigi con una serie di radio trasmissioni dirette ad illustrare all'opinione pubblica mondiale le difficili attuali condizioni del nostro Paese e le sue necessità economiche e finanziarie, la sincera aspirazione del popolo a collaborare con tutte le Nazioni liberali e democratiche, la nostra univoca volontà di una pace equa e duratura, anche nell'interesse della tranquillità del mondo.

Tali radiotrasmissioni di breve durata, vorremmo effettuare attraverso la stazione ad onde corte di Busto Arsizio, in lingua italiana, inglese, francese, spagnuola e portoghese, secondo un orario da stabilirsi e che verrebbe fissato per l'America del Nord e del Sud fra le ore 24 e le ore 2, e per l'Europa fra le ore 19 e le ore 21.

Se inoltre venisse accordata una autorizzazione per trasmettere anche in russo, si sarebbe disposti ad effettuare un programma anche in tale lingua.

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Le radiotrasmissioni consterebbero di un breve notiziario informativo sui principali avvenimenti giornalieri del nostro Paese, con speciale riferimento ai problemi di carattere amministrativo, economico-finanziario,sociale, ed alle attività ricostruttive,e consterebbero altresì di una succinta "Rassegna delle Opinioni" sui più importanti problemi del giorno, tratta dai giornali italiani e stranieri di maggior prestigio, il tutto in relazione e funzione immediata e mediata delle preminenti finalità sopra accennate, e cioè di illustrazione dei bisogni e delle aspirazioni italiane nella pace auspicata ed attesa.

Il notiziario informativo avrebbe carattere strettamente obiettivo ed assolutamente imparziale.

Le trasmissioni verrebbero effettuate sulle stesse frequenze e con la stessa potenza che si usano oggi. Poichè, però,per una delle due trasmittenti di Busto Arsizio, il Comando Alleato ha ridotto la potenza da Kw.40 a Kw.10, sarebbe preferibile che si consentisse di restituire a tale stazione la sua potenza. Non è questa però una condizione indispensabile per l'attuazione del servizio.

La Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri, nel sottoporre la su esposta iniziativa all'attento esame dell'Eccellenza Vostra, confida che essa troverà la migliore conside-

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Il Sottosegretario di Stato
alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

razione e prega, perciò, Vostra Eccellenza di compiacersi autorizzare con cortese sollecitudine l'inizio delle progettate radiotrasmissioni.

In attesa di un cortese cenno di adesione, La ringrazio, Signor Ammiraglio, e La prego gradire i sensi della mia più alta considerazione.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA PRESIDENZA
DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
(Avv. Paolo CAPPA)

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BUSTO ARSIZIO.=

Due stazioni trasmittenti: una della potenza di Kw.40, ora ridotta a Kw.10, un'altra della potenza di Kw.50.

FREQUENZA IN ONDE CORTE

m.25.40	Kcs.	11.810
m.31.15	"	9.630
m.49.5	"	6.085

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120900 AUG

H/5615
AUG 131000
PRIORITY

HAYWARD AMG 13 CORPS
HQ ALCOM CITE ACCMN

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Ref my signal 634.Corps not vey agreeable.
1.As mail must be routed back THRO Trieste it is being handled anyway.
2.Offices of destination would have definite proof where champion operates
because bags would contain slips from originating office.
3.There would be no check against sorting errors at champions end all mail
from zone B Bear censor stamp.If points second and third not important
to you then agree to destination offices in my 634.Corps want know why
champion cannot send a small team here to do this work and save these
complication.

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ACTION: COMMUNICATIONS
INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. : 212/EC

8 August 1946.

SUBJECT: Allied Commission Liaison Groups Postal Addresses.

TO : ADAPS
British Postal Directorate
C/o 15 Base APO
CMF

With reference to recent correspondence under cover reference.

All Allied Commission Liaison Groups have now closed with the following exceptions:

a) TENDA Det. which will remain open for an indefinite period and whose address is c/o B.L.U;

b) A.C.L.O. to 86 Area whose address is c/o 86 Area.

All mail for the remainder of the Liaison Groups should now be forwarded to this HQ for disposal.

AMG Udine and Venezia Giulia are remaining as at present.

For the Chief Commissioner:

W. Mansfield Kuusely Capt
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: ACLO 86 Area
" " TENDA
SCAO Venezia Giulia
P.C. Udine

Int. Dist.: Group 1 List A.

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JUN 11 RECD

TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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Rome, 6 June 1946.

Dear Admiral,

The Minister of Post and Telecommunications is urging me to obtain that some Italian railway carriages, presently being used by Allied Troops, be returned to the General Management of the Postal Services which needs it extremely for its own services on the trains (travelling post offices). More than one half of the postal carriages have been destroyed during the war, and the rest are mostly under repairs. Could you, dear Admiral, consider the possibility of returning to the Post the seven carriages presently used by Allied Troops or at least some of them?

I shall be most grateful, dear Admiral, if you will kindly take an interest in this matter.

With many thanks and kind regards

/s/ De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

E. C. DIST - 11 June
Action: Ec. Sec. (2)
Info: CC 1086
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ALCOM CITE ACWEG 1700 7 MAY 1946

AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC FOR CLAC

War Office
13 Corps
AFHQ
PenBase
MTOUSA
RAAC
3 DISTRICT

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NOTIFICATION GIVEN OF CHANGE OF UNCLE SUGAR POSTAL ADDRESS OF ALLIED COMMISSION PAREN ITALY PAREN EFFECTIVE ONE FIVE MAY FROM APO THREE NINE FOUR TO APO SEVEN NINE FOUR END

27/1/23

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PRIORITY

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SEXSON E HUMPHREYS
CWO USA
Assistant Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

6 May 1946

MAY 6 1946

Ref: ES/812

SUBJECT: Coffee

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

1. The Italian Government's prohibition of the importation of coffee, both in trade channels and in gift packages, was based upon its desire to permit import of only essentials.

2. The restriction on the importation of coffee Franco Valuta will end 1 July. The forward date, 1 July, was affixed so that the various traders would have an opportunity to get their businesses in order with some degree of equity to all.

3. The relaxation of the prohibition against coffee in gift packages was 1 April. Since you noted advertisements prohibiting coffee in gift packages during your visit to the United States, it is believed that the publicity at home has suffered inaccuracy from a time lag. Suggestion is being made to the PRO that he obtain a release of the latest information designed to clarify the position.

4. Gift Packages -- The following is a brief review of the gift package rulings:

(A) Nov. 44 - Authorizing 1.6 kilogram packages without duty. Coffee excluded.

Dec. 45 - Weight increased to 5 kilograms without duty, or 12 kilograms, the difference in weights being subject to duty. Coffee excluded.

Apr. 1 46 - Weight increased to 20 kilograms without duty. Packages may include 5 kilograms of coffee.

(B) A 50 kilogram package may be received duty free and without permits if it contains cereals, flour, pasta, dried legumes, or wine.

Charles W Walton
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, AC
Acting Vice President

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cc: Public Relations Officer

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AFR 241844 B

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AFF 250930

ROUTINE

AFHQ G-5

ALCOM ROME

INFO: USFET MAIN BAOR ACABRIT

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Para 1. Message from AGWAR signed CCAC reference WCI-3532 repeated for your information. Reur MAT 1012 of 29 March.

Para 2. "Cable from CINCAFPAC States messages may be exchanged between Japan and Italy, subject to censorship. There is no objection to delivery of messages from Allied Personnel to Italian Civilians, nor to acceptance of reciprocal message for despatch.

AC DIST.

ACTION: COMM SC 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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APR 21 0939
ROUTINE

AFHQ SIGNED SACLANT G TE FHQ
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TAM 759 REPEATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AS FOLLOWS. REF OUR MAT 1016 "RESUMPTION OF POSTAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ITALY AND GERMANY IS AUTHORIZED ".

AC DIST

ACTION: COMMS S/c 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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FX 64647 CITE FHGEG
APRIL 121721B

APR 131500B

ROUTINE

AFHQ SIGNED SACMED

AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR COS FOR CCAC

INFO: CABINET OFFICES WHITEHALL FOR BCS AND ALCOM ROME

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THIS IS NAT 1016.

1. TAM 593 DOES NOT AUTHORIZE SAC TO SANCTION RESUMPTION OF POSTAL TRAFFIC BETWEEN ITALY AND GERMANY.
2. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ITALIAN MINISTER OF POSTS HAS RECEIVED FROM THE INTERNATIONAL POSTAL UNION INFORMATION THATTHE CONTROL COMMISSION GERMANY HAS AUTHORIZED THE RESUMPTION OF POSTAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GERMANY AND ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT JAPAN AND SPAIN.
3. AUTHORITY FOR RESUMPTION OF POSTAL SERVICE BETWEEN GERMANY AND ITALY IS REQUESTED.

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INFO ACTION: COMMUNICATIONS

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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FM AIGOM CITE AOCMN PARIS 20th MARCH 1946

GOS AFHQ AMG VENEZIA GIULIA FOR HAYWARD

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REFERENCE MAT NINE THREE NINE TAU SEVEN ZERO EIGHT MAT NINE FOUR SEVEN TAU SEVEN ONE FOUR SUGGEST AGWAR BE NOTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

1. US GIFT PARCEL SERVICE TO VENEZIA GIULIA AT PRESENT LIMITED TO CITIES OF GORIZIA TRIESTE AND POLA MAY NOW BE EXTENDED TO WHOLE OF GORIZIA TRIESTE AND POLA PROVINCES

2. PARCELS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN MAILS ADDRESSED TO THREE PROVINCE CAPITALS MENTIONED OR IN TRIESTE MAIL

3. REQUEST LOADING FOR DIRECT DISCHARGE AT TRIESTE IF POSSIBLE

4. PARCELS INCLUDED IN ABOVE MAILS ADDRESSED TO PARTS OF THESE PROVINCES IN ZONE B WILL BE HANDED OVER TO JUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVE AT TRIESTE

5. IF IT IS DESIRED TO EXTEND SCHEME TO PROVINCES FIUME AND ZARA SUGGEST US POST OFFICE APPROACHES JUGOSLAV ADMIN DIRECT PD NO OBJECTION CLOSED PARCEL MAILS FOR FIUME AND ZARA BEING SENT VIA TRIESTE IF THIS ROUTING DESIRED PD

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ROUTINE

COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMISSION

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER

MAR 26 RECD

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

MJB/ams

P.7.553/08

25th March 1946

Subject: Italian "Stamps".

To : The Director General for Posts and Telecomms.

With reference to your 603755.V.1 of 15th March.

I enclose for your information a copy of a notice to the public which is being released to the Italian press on the 26th March 1946 by authority of the Supreme Allied Command. This notice is self-explanatory.

W.H.Green.
Lt Col
for R.R. BOLDEN
Colonel, A.G.D.
Director.

Inc. :
Copy of Press Notice.

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Copies to:
G-5 A.F.H.Q.
Chief Commissioner.
Deputy Head Personnel Sub-Commission.

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COPY

It is officially stated by the Allied Commission that the "stamps" bearing the words:

Poste Ausiliarie Italiane
W
ITALIA

and bearing values in Lire have not been issued by any competent postal authority and they are not and cannot be used in place of postage stamps.

The only stamps which may be used in Italy for the pre-payment of postage are the official Italian stamps purchasable at an Italian post office.

Under postal regulations "vignette di beneficenza" must be affixed elsewhere than on the address side of a postal packet or letter.

TRANSLATION

La Commissione Alleata comunica ufficialmente che i bolli recanti le parole:

Poste Ausiliarie Italiane
W
ITALIA

e con i valori in lire non sono stati emessi da nessuna competente autorità postale ed essi non sono e non possono essere usati come francobolli.

I soli francobolli che possono essere usati in Italia per l'affrancatura della posta sono i francobolli italiani ufficiali che si comprano in un ufficio Postale Italiano.

Secondo il regolamento postale le "vignette di beneficenza" non 1098 essere applicate dal lato della soprascritta di un pacco postale o di una lettera.

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WHG/ams

MAR 22 RECD

P.7.550/38

21st March 1946

Subject: Stamps Issued Under Polish Auspices.

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

References P.7.543/93 of 15th March and P.7.549/95 of 20th March 1946.

1. Father Berna called at this office again today with Chaplain Bates and a Polish Welfare Worker of the W.R.S. named KOZLAKIEWICZ who does not speak English. Father Berna said that he wished to make it quite clear that there was no intention of using the stamps in substitution for Italian postage stamps so far as ordinary postal services were concerned but he intended them solely as a record of an historical event and as covering the internal services in and between the Terni and Barletta camps. As evidence of this he produced an envelope addressed to an Italian address and bearing both these polish stamps and also normal Italian postage stamps. The Polish stamps were cancelled by a round Post Office type date stamp bearing the words "Osiedli Polskich w Italji Barletta Terni". He could however give no information as to the rates of postage or regulations of the alleged camp postal service.

2. On being asked whether this date stamp was in use prior to the introduction of the new stamps Father Berna replied that it was introduced at the same time "to mark the date on which the people interested were at the camp".

3. Father Berna seemed considerably embarrassed by a question why, if the stamps were intended only for camp postal services, an air mail stamp had also been issued (according to the newspaper report). He replied that this was only for philatelic purposes.

4. In reply to questions regarding the production and marketing of the stamps he replied

(a) That the W.R.S. made arrangements direct with the Poligrafico 1027 for the printing and also took delivery of the stamps

(b) That when the printing order was placed the W.R.S. received very many offers from philatelic firms to handle the sales and eventually decided after making enquiries as to the firms' reliability to give the contract to LO BIANCO and PERGOLESEI of Rome.

(c) 75% of the stamps were passed to the firm and 25% retained by the W.R.S. for direct sale.

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continued.

5. Father Berna declined to answer questions whether the W.R.S. were to receive face value of the stamps or to share in the profits made from the sale at philatelic prices. He said this was a confidential matter.

6. All the above replies were given after lengthy consultations with the Pole Zozimilkiewics who seems to have been handling the business details of the matter so far as W.R.S. is concerned and whose wifes' name appears on the folder as the designer of the stamps.

7. It seems apparent that thorough investigation of the origin and business details of this scheme would bring some interesting facts to light. The main point however, so far as the Allied Commission and A.F.H.Q. are concerned is that the sale of these stamps by philatelic dealers is being covered by the notice appearing in the Giornale del Mattino of 14 March 46 which implies official recognition of the authority given by the II Polish Corps. It is considered very desirable that an announcement as to the non validity of the stamps and the unauthorised nature of the date stamp should be made immediately.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER

W.K.G. Lee
Lt Col

H.H. SOUTHEY
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Displaced Persons S/O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

MAR 21 RECD

WHQ/ams

P.14.237/03

21st March 1946

Subject: Civil Air Mail U.S.A.-Italy.

To : G-4 (U.S.T.O.U.S.A.) A.F.H.Q.
(attention Col. Quince).

Confirming yesterday's telephone conversation (Green-Quince).

1. The civil air mail U.S.A. to Italy (to which attention was drawn in our signal 7276 of 17th October and letter P.14.160/03 of 18th November 1945 to G-5) is still arriving at irregular intervals at Ciampino airport by A.T.C. services. Rome Post Office gives the following details concerning this month's arrivals: -

Number of Despatch	Date of Despatch	Weight in Kilos	Date collected from Ciampino
22	20th February	64	1st March
23	22nd February	74	1st March
25	27th February	98	10th March
26	1st March	120	10th March
27	4th March	119	15th March
28	6th March	78	15th March
29	8th March	117	15th March
30	11th March	123	19th March
31	13th March	97	19th March
24	25rd February	45	19th March

2. Transcontinental and Western Arrivals Airways representative (Mr. Woods) has again been consulted regarding the prospect of a civil air line Italy-U.S.A. commencing in the near future and states that it is hoped to commence such a service at the beginning of April. He is still unable, however, to give a definite date for commencement.

3. In view of the fact that the early commencement of the T.W.A. service has been expected ever since January it is suggested that the W.D. Dept. be asked whether it can obtain confirmation of the proposed date and, if not, whether it will authorise conveyance of the mail (say 40 Kilos daily) by A.T.C. flights from Rome either to the U.S.A. or to Paris. This suggestion is in keeping with our P.14.192/03 of 10th January.

4. The air mail correspondence from all parts of Italy for the U.S.A. is now being forwarded by surface route to Switzerland for connection with a Swiss air service to Paris. A direct air service from Rome would consequently afford considerable acceleration for the letters originating in Southern and Central Italy.

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4. It will be seen from the enclosed letter from the U.S. Postal Administration that the Italian Post Office has taken all possible preliminary steps with a view to commencing a service by T.W.A. and has obtained the necessary authority and a quotation of conveyance rates.

W.H. Green
Lt Col
for H.H. SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

Inc. : Letter of 16th January 1946 from U.S. Post Office Dept.

Copies to:
Chief Commissioner ✓
G-5 : A.F.H.Q.
Director General for Posts and Telecommunications.

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COPIA

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL
Washington 25 D.C.

January 16.1946

VIA AIR MAIL
Director General of Posts and Telegraphs
Rome, Italy

My dear Sir,

Reference is made to your radiogram inquiring whether your Administration may use the services of Transcontinental and Western Airlines for your air mails to and via the United States.

The starting date of this service has been postponed and it cannot be definitely stated when the services will begin.

It is suggested that you contact the representative of T.W.A. at the Ciampino airport concerning the matter.

Your mails will be accepted by the company for any destination on its schedule and for points via the United States. The Transportation rate to and within the United States is 73.40 gold francs per kilogr. This rate includes air service to Canada and Alaska.

The transportations charges due this Administrations for transit mail to Latin America and the West Indies are set forth in International Bureau Circular N. 27, dated may 8th, 1945. A copy of this circular is attached

Very truly yours
for the Second Assistant Postmaster General

S.M. WEBER
DIRECTOR

Enclosure

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MAR 21 RECD

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AIC 524
Communications Sub-Commission

20 March 1946

P.7.549.08

SUBJECT : Issue of Postage Stamps under Polish auspices.

TO : C-S, A.F.H.Q.

Reference P.7.543/CS of 15th March 1946.

1. The enclosed copies of correspondence have been furnished by Chaplain Rev.A. Bates, Assistant Director of the War Relief Services.

2. The letter N 513/AG of 27th October 1945 signed by Lt.Col. Drochowicz-Lewinski is that which has been regarded by the WRS as their authority in this matter. The article in Giornale del Mattino of 14th March 1946 which quotes this authority as "Decreto 27 Ottobre 1945 n 513 AG" was apparently based on a statement issued by WRS as a result of enquiries made by a philatelic organisation.

3. Father Bates (who states that he had no part in this scheme and who seems genuinely disturbed by its implications) has been advised to have the sale of these stamps suspended and to investigate all the details of the arrangements made for the printing and distribution.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

W.H. Green
Lt Col

for H.H. SCUDAMORE
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

2.Inc:
Copy of letter M.P.8 Dec.42 to WRS from Col.Bobrowski
" " " 513/AG of 27 Oct 45 to WRS from Welfare Sec II Pol Corps.

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Copies to:
Chief Commissioner.
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission

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C.W.P.I.

CORRESPONDANCE FOR ITALY

Command of the Regional Centers
in Italy

P.P. 8.XII.1945

National Catholic Welfare Conference

Rome
Bonaccorsi 16

Herewith we inform you that the Command K.R.O.P.I., in the conference of 6.XII.1945 agreed upon the issuance of postal stamps of W.R.O. with the inscription "Post of Polish Centers in Italy"

The conference was held in the presence of:

Col. Bolurowski Ignatius, Commander of K.R.O.P.I., Med. (avia. ar.) Pawlak Feliciam, Com. off. K.R.O.P.I., Capt. dr. Grabecki Zygmunt, med. asst. K.R.O.P.I. art. mal. Kraska and representative of N.C.W.C. Inz. Grzido-Kozielewicz Tadeusz.

The following projects were confirmed during the conference:

Postage Stamp nr. 1: The Virtuti Militari Cross, with the inscription below- "Poland is not lost whilst still we live".
price of stamp L.1

" " nr. 2: Infantry of 1812 and soldier of II Corp with a Polish-map in the back-ground, with the inscription below: "From the land of Italy to Poland".
price of stamp L.2

" " nr. 3: Soldier of II Corp, woman and child, right hand corner insigna of W.R.O. N.C.W.C.
price of stamp L. 5

" " nr. 4: Map of Italy with indications of Pol. Centres in Italy, Barletta-Trani. Lower left hand corner insignia of II Corp, 8th Army.
price of stamp L.10

a. color of stamps to be decided by technical designers
b. quantity to be sold
c. stamps to be printed in blocks and folders with explanation
d. stamps may be issued as "Post K.O.P.I. Trani or Barletta

It was also agreed upon to change certain motives on stamps circumstances permitting, such as on stamp nr. 2 or 3 e.g. a smiling child with the inscription

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WAR RELIEF SERVICES - NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE

Most Rev. Edward Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit
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CORRESPONDENCE FOR UNITED STATES

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick A. O'Boyle
Exec. Director, War Relief Services - N.C.W.C.
350 Fifth Avenue
New York 1, N.Y.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR ITALY

"Mother's Center Trani". Stamp nr. 2 change the character of the soldier to one carrying arms.

The Command of K.R.O.P.I. is grateful to all the members of P.K.O. for the continuous initiative and cooperation in favor of the Polish Centers and accepts the determined 35/ for P.O.P.I. purposes.

The agreement of the K.R.O.P.I. Command is decisive, however after having issued the stamps consent of the Command of the II Pol. Corps ought to be obtained.

Komendant Rej. "Ośrodki Polskich w Italii"
(Commander of Regional Polish Centres in Italy)

Col. Dobrowski

Commanding Off. K.R.O.P.I.

Maj. Pawlak

Auth.Copy
translated by
Chap. Edw. A. Matos
Asst. Dir. N.C.W.C. W.R.S.

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Gen. Command II Pol. Corp.
Welfare Sect.
No. 513/AG. 27.X.1945

Director U.R.N. W.C.W.C.

In answer to your letter of 21.X.1945 with reference to the issuance of postal stamps, I inform you by order of the Commanding Officer, that the Commanding General of the II Corp consented to the issuance of the above mentioned stamps.

Please send us a design of the stamps after getting in contact with Lt. Col. Grad-Skoniewski, so that it may be presented to the General for approval.

Likewise do I confirm the conditions under which the contract had been made: Viz.

number of stamps issued.....1.5000.000
sales profits to U.R.N.....50%
sales profits to civilians
of Berlette-Trani sectors...35%
sales profits to Welfare
sect. of II Pol. Corp.....15%

Commandin Off.
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Brochwicz-Lewinski
Lt. Col. reg. army.

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Chap. Ndw. A. Bates

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PARTICIPATING SERVICE - NATIONAL WAR FUND

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MAR 18 RECD

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HCG/ec

16 March 1946

F.47.546.03

SUBJECT: Italian Postage Stamps

TO : The Director General Ministry of P.T. & TT.

ATTACHED

With reference to your letter 683755 V.1 (undated) received 16 March.

1. This Sub-Commission is already making enquiry into the circumstances in which these stamps were placed on sale and as to their validity for any Postal purpose. They are definitely not valid for franking correspondence posted in Italian civil postal channels.

2. In the meantime it is desired to know what arrangements are in force for accepting into the Italian Postal service letters posted at the camps mentioned and whether, prior to the issue of your telegram 13th March, letters bearing these stamps were being accepted and treated as properly franked.

3. Will you please ask the Istituto Poligrafico, and inform this Sub-Commission, why that organisation accepted an order for printing such stamps from any body other than a recognised Postal Administration and in any case why it did not call the attention of the Italian Government to such an order.

W.H.Green
Lt Col

for H.H.SCUDDER,
Col.Sig.C.
Director.

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Copies to: G-5 AFHQ
Chief Commissioner } with translation of letter 683 755 VI
Displaced Persons S/C. } and enclosure.

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TRANSLATION OF LETTER N 603755VI
From Ministry of P. & T. to

SUBJECT: Polish Postage Stamps

From two issues of the Rome newspaper "Il Minuto" (copies attached) this Ministry has learnt that there have recently been issued in Italian territory two series of four postage stamps each: one with values shewn in Polish currency (for use by soldiers of the Army of Gen. Anders) and one with values shewn in Italian money for use of Polish communities in Italy.

With regard to these two series of postage stamps we have now received a letter (copy attached) from the President of "Federazione Italiana Commercianti Francobolli per collezioni".

From further information received verbally it would appear that the second series (for civil use) has had course for about a fortnight - from 20 Feb. to 5 March - in the Polish concentration camps of Trani and Barletta.

This Ministry, while it does not take exception to the first of the series in question (that with Polish values for the use of Polish Troops) considers that the second series should not have been issued in Italian territory, because in Italy civilians, no matter to what State they may belong, should use the civil postal service and use Italian postage stamps.

In any event we beg the Commission to make any further enquiries which it considers necessary and then announce its own opinion in this matter.

(Signed)

The Director General.

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"Translation of Letter dated 11th March 1946 from Federazione "
"Italiana Commercianti Francobolli per Collezione to Ministero"
"delle Poste e delle Telecommunicazioni"

Subject: Series of Polish Postage Stamps.

It is undoubtedly known to your Ministry that on authorisation of the Command of the Polish troops in Italy there have been issued recently two series of charitable postage stamps intended to frank letters despatched by Polish Military Post Offices from polish soldiers and civilians. One of these series comprises four postage stamps with values expressed in polish money and seems to have been issued by order of the Commander of the Second Polish Army, General Anders. The other series comprising five specimens for ordinary correspondence and one for air mail with values shewn in Italian money has been issued by Catholic War Relief with previous authority of Gen. Anders. It has not yet been ascertained by this Federation, notwithstanding the enquiries being pursued, whether all the above-mentioned postage stamps have been authorised by the Allied Command in Italy. But even if it were admitted that the postage stamps were authorised with Decree or order of the Allied Command, the Federation is being waged to establish whether the postage stamps can or cannot be considered as official postage stamps or should be considered as charitable stamps issued by a private body and not having an official character. To settle this the Federation would be glad if the Ministry would announce its own pronouncement on the following questionnaire:

"Considering that from 1st January 1946 all the national territory (except Venezia Giulia) was restored to the sovreignty of the Italian Government and taking account the continuing state of the armistice the Allied Command has the faculty of authorising directly or through its dependent Commands the issue of official postage stamps both with values expressed in foreign currency as well as values expressed in Italian currency even while limiting the use of such postage stamps solely to Allied Military Post Offices ?".

To know the authoritative opinion of your Ministry on this questionnaire is for this Federation not only very important but very urgent because the writer has already been invited to give his views on the questions of very delicate nature which arise from the issue of the postage stamps in question which have already had a displeasingly.

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(Signed)

The President

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"Copy of Telegram Issued by Ministry Posts and Telecomms"
on 13th March 1946
(following verbal Consultation with Communications Sub-Commission) to all dependent Provincial Directorates.

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TO ET F C A C COMMUNICATIONS SUBS ROMA

TA 2 ROMA = DIRPOSTEL REGNO MENO TRIESTE GORIZIA POLA FIUME

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER A M G VENEZIA GIULIA TRIESTE ==

= 4/1 PUNTO 693755 PUNTO FRANCOBOLLI TESTE EMESSI DA COMITATO POLACCO IN ITALIA NON POSSONO CONSIDERARSI VALIDI SE APPLICATI SU CORRISPONDENZE IMPOSTATE UFFICI ITALIANI PUNTO PERTANTO DETTI FRANCOBOLLI NON DEVONO ESSERE T MBRATI ET RELATIVAMENTE CORRISPONDENZE DEVONO CONSIDERARSI NON AUT INSUFFICIENTEMENTE FRANCATE PUNTO AVVERTASSI SUBITO DIPENDENTI UFFICI ===

DRS GLE MUSUMECI ===

= TRUNO ORE 22/14/13/3/ LIZZI = RCV GOD MARTINO ==

Translation

Postage stamps now issued by the Polish Committee in Italy must not be considered valid if affixed to correspondence posted in Italian Post Offices. Therefor these postage stamps must not be date-stamped and relative correspondence must be considered as NOT or insufficiently franked. Immediately notify dependent offices.

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

MAR 18 RECD

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P.7.543/CS

15th March 1946

Subject: Issue of Postage Stamps under Polish Auspices.

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

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With reference to todays P.7.541/CS the following further evidence has been obtained.

1. Father Steven Berne of War Relief Service, via Boncompagni n. 18 Rome called at this office today and in the presence of the Chief Postal Officer and A.C.P.O. stated that he had heard that some trouble had arisen regarding the issue of stamps for Polish welfare purposes and he wished to explain the position so far as his organisation was concerned. He stated that in arranging for the printing of these stamps he had merely intended them as a means of raising money for a charitable purpose and he had no intention that they should be used in payment for postage to destinations or by postal services outside Polish Corps arrangement.

2. In answer to questions as to the details of the scheme he indicated

(a) that the idea of issuing these stamps originated with himself;

(b) that he had not consulted any postal authority except in so far as General Anders could be regarded as such;

(c) that none of the stamps had been disposed of by sale to individuals for specific postal purposes. The bulk sales were made through a firm in Rome whose name and address he could not recollect;

(d) that some of the stamps were being sold in sheets and others in the commemorative folders of which a copy is connected.

3. Father Berne was asked to furnish as soon as possible a written statement covering all details of the case including the name and addresses of the firms or individuals concerned in the production and sale of these stamps and copies of the letter of authority signed by General Anders and of any instructions issued in respect of the use of these stamps.

4. My opinion is that the scheme did not originate with Father Berne' otherwise he would, if strictly honest in his intentions, almost certainly have referred to a postal authority and not to philatelic firm.

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Sd/ W.H.G.

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P.7.543/CS
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5. In the circumstances and in view of the political repercussion which may arise it seems very desirable that as a preliminary step an announcement should be made to the press in the following terms:

"The Allied Commission announces that it has ascertained that the charitable stamps issued by the War Relief Services N.C.W.C. bearing the words "Posta Osiedli Polskich w Italii" and values in lire were not approved by any competent postal authority and cannot be regarded as valid postage stamps. The stamps are to be regarded as "vignette di beneficenza" and as such they must not be affixed to the address side of correspondence. The Italian public is warned that these stamps cannot be employed for the payment of postage for which purpose the official postage stamps issued by the Italian Post Office must be used".

Is it agreed please ?

6. The weakness in the statement that the stamps should be regarded as "vignette di beneficenza" lies of course in the fact that they are printed in different values and bear the word "POCZTA OSIEDLI POLSKICH". Moreover, while the english text of the descriptive matter in the folder uses the word "stamps" (without the adjective "postage") the french and italian translations speak of "timbres-postaux" and "Francobolli".

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

W.H. Green
Lt Col
for H.H. SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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Polish Stamp Folder.

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Chief Commissioner. ✓
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

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Following is TEXT of TAM 753 repeated for your action.

Refer MAT 973 Postal Services ITALY/Dutch east indies

1. You are authorized to permit Service with NETHERLANDS east indies up to but not at any time exceeding the lesser of the services which may be operating between United kingdom and NETHERLANDS east indies, and between United States and NETHERLANDS east indies

2. At present United kingdom/ NETHERLANDS east indies services consists of unregistered personnal and non-transactional business communications limited.

A) By airmail to 2 ounce letters and postcards and,

B) By surface mail to 4 pound letters and postcards

3. At present United States/ NETHERLANDS east Indies service for surface mail extends to all classes of postal union mail except registered mail. Airmail service is limited to letters and postcards not exceeding 4 pounds 6 ounces

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.C. 354
Communications Sub-Commission W/Sc/hm

F.7.541.08

15 March 1946

SUBJECT : Issue of Polish stamps under Polish auspices.

TO : G-5, A.F.H.Q.

Reference telephone conversation, Green-Benson.

1. On 13th March the Italian Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications reported by telephone that letters had been seen in the Italian civil part bearing stamps apparently of Polish issue but bearing the word Italy and priced in lire. The Ministry was advised to circularise its offices to the effect that such stamps were not valid for letters posted in the Italian civil post and to make enquiries as whether any of its offices had made special arrangements to accept mails from Polish organisations in this country.

2. Further enquiry revealed that certain contradictory articles had appeared in Italian newspapers concerning the validity of these postage stamps.

3. Later on 13th March the President of the "Federazione Italiana Conservatori Francobolli per Collezione" presented to this Sub-commission the enclosed letter dated 11th March which asks specific questions as to the authenticity of the stamps and calls for this Commission's opinion as to whether the stamps can be considered as officially approved in view of the fact that they are issued in Italian Government territory. No reply has as yet been made to this letter. The President produced a folder containing specimens and descriptions of the stamps in various languages. Copies of the English sections of the descriptive matter are enclosed. From the President's remarks it is evident that large quantities of these stamps have found their way on to the philatelic market and the dealers are naturally very much concerned to establish the validity of their purchases.

4. On the evidence obtained up to the moment it would appear that two sets of stamps have been issued:

(A) For use by the Polish Military Post.

(B) A series issued under the name of the War Relief Services - NCWC purporting to be for use at the Polish settlements of Barletta and Treni. It has been stated in the Italian press that authority for the issue is contained in Order No.513 of 27th October 1945 issued by the Commanding General, II Polish Corps.
It is series (B) around which the controversy centres.

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5. Enquiries are being made as to the postal arrangements in force at the Polish settlements at Barletta and Trani and attempts, so far without success, have been made to contact the Polish liaison in Rome and inspect Order No.513. In the meantime it is desired to ascertain whether anything is known at A.F.H.Q. regarding the authority for these stamp issues.

6. Presumably any authority the Polish Corps Commander may have to act as a Postal Administration in the matter of stamps issued is confined to Army postal services and it is hoped that it will be found that series (B) were authorised only for use in the military post. Several requests by representatives of other nations to issue special stamps for use at camps for displaced persons established in Italy have been refused by this Commission.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER

W.H. Green Lt Col

H.H. SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

Inc.:
1. Translation of Press Articles
2. Copy of letter of 11 March from FICF
3. Description of stamps.

Copies to:
Chief Commissioner
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

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TRANSLATION OF ARTICLES APPEARED IN ITALIAN PRESS
"Il Mondo" of March 8th

ADVICE TO ALL PHILATELISTS
"600 Thousand False Stamps are on the Point on Invading Rome"
"The Gigantic Swindle Needed the Blessing of Officialdom and"
"two Traders Printed the Stamps at the Poligrafico"

15.000 series of false stamps, equivalent to 600.000 specimens for over 35 millions value have been thrown on the market by two romen philatelists who were not at the first start in this kind of huge swindle.

On the other hand such state of affairs occurrs quite often in philatelics; very often, in the past years collectors who had paid huge amounts of money to purchase stamps, have found out that they had been swindles and to possess only the products of the fertile immagination of a counterfeiter.

The last swindle has brought to light, and not for the first time, as we have already said, two romen philatelists well known for their unscrupulousnes who, having been trusted by the "Catholic War Relief" an organization for assistance, obtained authority from the latter to issue a series of stamps used by the Polish Forces in Italy. But the absolute inability of the Catholic War Relief to issue stamps was much too evident. A sign of officialdom was required. And the two swindlers managed to find it entrusting the Poligrafico dello Stato to print these stamps.

A clever propaganda in the Italian and foreign philatelic circles did the remainder; except for a small percentage which remained in Italy, the whole issue was sold in Switzerland. The series is formed of 4 stamps: 1 - 3 - 5 and 10 lire, for a total of 19 lire, and represents in its single valued the boot of Italy, a soldier helping another wounded soldier, and the Polonaise of Chopin. However, the series is resold to collectors, by the traders who have purchased them for 100 lire. Furthermore, 10.000 specimens of one of the 4 stamps has been altered in air mail stamp of 125 lire value by means of overprinting; and these are sold each at the wholesale price of 800 lire.

This swindle would have worked out perfectly if General Anders himself had not thought that it was necessary to create some stamps to be used by the Polish Forces stationed in Italy and Middle East. These last stamps have been issued some time after those created by the two roman traders, and regularly sold through the Military P.O.; thus the discovery of this enormous swindle.

Notwithstanding this evident denial of officialdom of the Catholic War Relief Series, some traders who have been swindled continue to give the place of honour in their shop windows to these stamps; naturally they want to make the most of their loss. However collectors keep your eyes open; the only Polish stamps issued regularly in Italy are those which bear the reproduction of the landscapes of three of our towns and Ander's effigy. The other are swindle. If you have already bought them ask for your money back; and if they are offered you, refuse them.

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"Il Minuto" of March 9th

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Therefore these stamps are [illegible]

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Therefore these stamps are entirely official and legal and the information which we have published are due to false indications given to us.

We therefore regret the unhappy incident and we apologise both W.R.S. and our readers.

"Il Giornale del Mattino" of March 14th

"Validity of Stamps Issued for the Polish Communities"
"of Barletta and Trani"

As some Italian newspapers and magazines are doubtful of the officiality of the stamps issued for the Polish Communities of Barletta and Trani on the initiative of the "War Relief Service" which have been printed by the Istituto Poligrefico dello Stato, it is officially stated that said stamps have been issued with General Ander's, Commanding General II Corps of the Polish Army, authority, with Decree 27th October 45, n.513 A.G.
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FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA COMMERCIANTI FRANCOBOLLI PER COLLEZIONE

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Prot. n. 438/F

Roma li' 11 Marzo 1946

Corso Vittorio Emanuele 101
Palazzo della Valle - Tel.53323/53 (int.

OGGETTO: Emissione Francobolli delle Truppe Polacche in Italia.

Spett. Comando Commissione Alleata
-Sottocommissione Comunicaz.
-(Sig. Col Green)
Via Veneto - ROMA

Codesta On. Commissione sara' certamente a conoscenza che recentemente sono state emesse, su autorizzazione del Comando della Seconda Armata Polacca, due serie di francobolli di beneficenza destinate ad affrancare le lettere, in partenza dagli Uffici Militari Polacchi, dei soldati e dei civili Polacchi in Italia. Una di queste serie di francobolli, il cui valore nominale e' espresso in moneta polacca, risulta sia stata emessa per ordine del Sig. Comandante della Seconda Armata Polacca Gen. Anders. L'altra serie, composta di quattro esemplari per la posta ordinaria ed uno per la posta aerea, con valore nominale espresso in moneta Italiana, e' stata emessa dal Catholic War Relief previa autorizzazione del suddetto Comandante Sig. Generale Anders.

Ora, poiche' per rispondere a molti quesiti che in questi giorni sono giunti da vari Enti e soci aderenti necessita a questa Federazione conoscere se i suddetti francobolli debbano considerarsi ufficiali oppure debbano essere semplicemente considerati francobolli di beneficenza emessi da enti privati e non aventi carattere ufficiale, si ha il pregio di pregare codesta Spett. Commissione Alleata di compiacersi farci conoscere:

1) se detti francobolli sono stati regolarmente autorizzati dal Comando Alleato in Italia e, possibilmente, in caso affermativo, comunicarci con quale ordinanza o decreto;
2) se, a parere di cotesta Commissione, tenuto conto che tutto il territorio Italiano dal 1 Gennaio 1946 e' stato restituito alla sovranita' del Governo Italiano, mentre le due serie di francobolli sono state emesse senza la conoscenza ed autorizzazione del Ministero delle Poste d'Italia, i sopraccennati francobolli possano essere considerati francobolli ufficiali oppure delle semplici private vignette di beneficenza.

Con perfetta osservanza, si ringrazia.

IL PRESIDENTE
(Massimo Rosso)

TRANSLATION

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n. 438/F

11th March 1946

Subject: Issue of Polish Troops Stamps in Italy.

No doubt your Commission is aware that recently two series of postage stamps for charitable objects intended to frank letters despatched by the Polish Military P.O., soldiers and civilians in Italy have been issued following on authorisation of the Command of the II Polish Corps. One of these series of stamps, whose nominal value is expressed in Polish currency, appears to have been issued by order of the Commanding General II Polish Corps Anders. The other series formed of 4 specimens for ordinary mail and one for air mail with nominal value expressed in Italian currency has been issued by the Catholic War Relief with the

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2) se, a parere di cotesta Commissione, tenuto conto che tutto il territorio Italiano dal 1 Gennaio 1946 e' stato restituito alla sovranita' del Governo Italiano, mentre le due serie di francobolli sono state emesse senza la conoscenza ed autorizzazione del Ministero delle Poste d'Italia, i sopraccennati francobolli possano essere considerati francobolli ufficiali oppure delle semplici private vignette di beneficenza.

Con perfetta osservanza, si ringrazia.

IL PRESIDENTE
(Massimo Rosso)

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TRANSLATION

n. 438/F

11th March 1946

Subject: Issue of Polish Troops Stamps in Italy.

No doubt your Commission is aware that recently two series of postage stamps for charitable objects intended to frank letters despatched by the Polish Military P.O., soldiers and civilians in Italy have been issued following on authorisation of the Command of the II Polish Corps. One of these series of stamps, whose nominal value is expressed in Polish currency, appears to have been issued by order of the Commanding General II Polish Corps Anders. The other series formed of 4 specimens for ordinary mail and one for air mail with nominal value expressed in Italian currency has been issued by the Catholic War Relief with the authority of the above Commander General Anders. Now, having to reply to several quiries that have reached this Federazione in the past days from various Bodies and members, this Federazione must know if the abovr stamps are considered official or if they have just be considered stamps for charitable purposes issued by private bodies not of official character, we request your Commission to be so kind as to let us know:

1) if said stamps have been regularly authorised by the Allied Command in Italy and, if possible, in a affirmative case, with which Order or Decree;
2) if, according to the opinion of your Commission, considering that all Italian territory has been returned as from January 1st 1946 to the suzerainty of the Italian Government, while the two series of stamps have been issued without the acknowledgment and authority of the Italian Ministry for Posts and Telecommunications the above stamps may be considered official postage stamps or simple private "stickers" for charitable purposes.

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(2)

The first stamp of the series represents the Cross - Virtuti Militari - Poland's Highest military decoration. Under the Cross are musical notes and a strophe of the Polish National Anthem : "Poland is not lost whilst still we live".

(3)

In 1945 large numbers of Polish Refugees streamed into Italy following their liberation from Nazi concentration camps and compulsory labor battalions. With the cooperation of Major General WLADYSLAW ANDERS , Commander in Chief of the Polish Second Corps in Italy and the assistance of the soldiers under his command, two self-governing centers were established for these refugees near the Adriatic coast settlements of Barletta and Trani.

From their inception a prominent role in organizing and supporting was played by WAR RELIEF SERVICES - N.C.W.C., a special agency established by the American Hierarchy to assist the people of all war-torn countries. Through the initiative and zeal of the Most Reverend JOSEPH GAWLINA, Military Ordinary of the Polish Armed Forces, who, in a visit to the United States in 1943, personally brought to the attention of the American Bishops the peculiar and heart-rending circumstances of his stricken people, a special branch of WAR RELIEF SERVICES was organized to assist the Poles during and after the war.

Under the guidance of Reverend Father ALEXIUS WYCISLO, Field Director of WAR RELIEF SERVICES - Polish Section, centers have been established in Egypt, Palestine, England, Africa, India, Iran and Mexico.

In December 1945 the Polish Section of WAR RELIEF SERVICES in Italy, underwrote the issuance of the new series of stamps contained in this booklet. Their purpose is to commemorate the organization of a large Polish colony in Italy.

Any funds derived from their sale will be used
to assist Polish Refugees.

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The second stamp depicts a gunner of Gen. Dabrowski's Legion of 1797 and a Polish soldier of World War II. In the background is a map of Poland with the inscription : "From the land of Italy to Poland".

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The third stamp portrays a Polish Soldier of the 2nd Corps in Italy protecting refugees of his homeland. In the upper right hand corner may be found the symbol of WAR RELIEF SERVICES - NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE.

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The fourth stamp outlines a map of Italy. Poland's emblem, the White Eagle, indicates the location of the Polish settlements of Barletta and Treni. In the left hand corner may be seen the emblem of the 2nd Polish Corps and a shield with a cross, the emblem of the English 8th Army.

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REUR C THREE ZERO ONE NINE FIVE ITALIAN MINISTRY POSTS AND TELECOMS INFORMED RAF CANNOT CONVEX ITALY AMERICA AIR MAIL TO PARIS OR UK AND ADVISED TO SEND THIS MAIL NORTHWARDS BY ITALIAN RAIL AND AIR ROUTES TO CONNECT SWISS OR FRENCH CIVIL AIR SERVICES FD YOUR PARA THREE NOT UNDERSTOOD FD MINISTRY HAS FOR A LONG TIME BEEN IN TOUCH WITH TWA CONCERNING AIR MAIL TO USA AS SOON AS TWA SERVICE COMMENCES FD IN ABSENCE OF DIRECT CIVIL AIR SERVICE ITALY TO USA REQUESTS FOR REGULAR LIFT BY ATC (US) HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY THIS COMMISSION SEVERAL TIMES SEE OUR P FOURTEEN ONE NINE TWO OF TEN JANUARY TO G FIVE COPY TO MOV AND TN AIR FD LATEST REFUSAL IN G FIVE THREE ONE ONE POINT ONE OF TWENTY EIGHT JANUARY FD HAS THE POSITION CHANGED.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

12 March 1946

P.47.669.CS

SUBJECT : Relations with Foreign Postal Administration.

TO : Ministry of Posts and Telecomms.

With reference to our P.47.644 of 3 February.

1. Confirmation has been received that the British General Post Office will deal direct with your Administration on all matters relating to postal and telegraph services.

2. The G.P.O. should also be regarded as the postal administration responsible for the ex-Italian Colonies.

W.K. Greene Lt Col
for H.H. SCURFIELD
Colonel, S.C.C.
Director.

Copies to:
Chief Commissioner } ref 06350 (GA14)
C-S, A.F.H.Q.
Finance Sub-Commission

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HQ ALCOM CITE ACCMN PARIS 11th MARCH 1946

G-4 : PICAS FOR MOV AIR

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WITHOUT CONSULTATION THIS COMMISSION AND DESPITE OUR P STOP ONE FOUR STOP ONE SIX NINE OF THREE ZERO NOVEMBER COPY TO YOU ITALIAN MINISTRY POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS HAS ADVERTISED AIR MAIL TO AMERICA VIA PARIS INTENDING TO ROUTE BY NAPLES PARIS RAF SERVICE ALREADY USED FOR NAPLES PARIS AND NAPLES LONDON AIR MAILS FD MINISTRY STATES CPO WAS CONSULTED BUT RAF ARE REFUSING TO ACCEPT THESE MAILS TO NEW YORK BUENOS AIRES AND RIO AND LARGE QUANTITIES ACCUMULATING FD TO AVOID DELAY WHILE POSITION IS EXAMINED REQUEST PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY BE GIVEN TO FOGGIA/MIANO STAGING POST TO ACCEPT AND DESPATCH ITALIAN CIVIL AIR MAILS FROM NAPLES TO GREAT BRITAIN PARIS NEW YORK BUENOS AIRES AND RIO DE JANEIRO ON FILL UP LOAD BASIS WITHOUT FORMAL WEIGHT RESTRICTION FD PROPOSALS IN RESPECT OF DAILY AIR LIFT NORMALLY REQUIRED WILL BE OBTAINED WHEN POSITION REGULARISED FD · ALSO REQUEST AUTHORITY FOR AIR LIFT UP TO TWO ZERO KILOS DAILY FOR NEW AIR MAILS FROM ROME TO NEW YORK BUENOS AIRES AND RIO DE JANEIRO ALL VIA LONDON BY RAF SERVICE CIAMPINO TO UK FD ESTABLISHMENT SUCH MAILS WOULD ACCELERATE CORRESPONDENCE FOR AMERICA POSTED NORTHERN AND CENTRAL ITALY AND RELIEVE THE SERVICE FROM NAPLES FD

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FROM ALCOM CITY MOBILE PARIS 9th FEBRUARY 1946

AMG XIII CORPS FOR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

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REFERENCE YOUR TWO FILES STRONG VICTOR GEORGE STROKE SIX SEVEN DATED EIGHTH ED AMERICA ORIGINALLY DESPATCH TO SORT GIFT PARCELS FOR PROVINCES BEFORE DESPATCH BUT HAVE NOT YET DONE SO ED OVER TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND SACKS PARCELS ARRIVED NAPLES DURING DECEMBER PLUS FORTY THOUSAND TO OTHER PORTS ED SORTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF PARCELS ACCORDINGLY SUFFERING CONSIDERABLE DELAY SIT POSITION IMPROVING ED PARCELS FOR VENEZIA GIULIA PROBABLY STILL AWAITING DISTRIBUTION AT NAPLES OUT NOT POSSIBLE TO CHECK ED AMERICA HAS NOW LEARNED SORTING BY PROVINCES SO PARCELS FOR VENEZIA GIULIA MAY REACH TRIESTE SHORTLY DESPOT FROM AMERICA ED WAS UNAWARE OF EXISTENCE OF GIFT PARCEL SCHEME TO ZONE B CAN YOU FORWARD ANY INFORMATION AS THERE IS NO RECORD OF IT IN OUR FILES EXCEPT YOUR ONE THREE G STOP AND STOP POST STOP THREE ZERO DATED ONE NINE OCTOBER THAT YOU WERE AWAITING INFORMATION FROM ZONE B

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JAN 301030

IMPORTANT

MAIN 13 COPIES

FREEDOM CITE FMBI . INFO: ALCOM

CONFIDENTIAL:

Subject is censorship of transactional mail your F 59595 of 28 January refers.

1. Understood Finance division AMG had received permission of Alcom to begin transactional mail from Venezia Giulia under regulations to be promulgated by AMG and to carry out their own censorship of this mail pending approval for establishment of censor station for foreign mail Venice. Assumed in view your CCD/1000/192 of January. Para 1 you were aware of this arrangement. If you do not approve mention given by Alcom please inform us soonest and we will advise AMG. Consider however that censorship proposed by AMG Finance Division is purley financial check and that issues of Military, Political and Security Intelligence unlikely to be involed.

2. Have meantime instructed AMG to stop promulgation of order they have prepared for announcing beginning of transactional mail on 7 February under terms referred to in para 1. Above.

3. Have instructed champion in future to report direct to us policy matters of type raised in his letter of 22 January as his section is under operational command. Matters requiring reference to you will then be passed through this HQ and champion informed of action required.

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AFHQ G/5.

ALCOM NOME

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FOLLOWING IS REPLY FROM AGWAR FROM CCS RELAYED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

(REFERENCE OUR MAT 973). THIS IS TAM 741.

1. TRANSACTIONAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN ITALY AND COUNTRIES MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 1 YOUR WAT 973 APPROVED.

2. INAUGURATING OF POSTAL SERVICES BETWEEN ITALY AND DUTCH EAST INDIES STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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IPW Division, HQ ALCOM

HQ EAST AFRICA COMMAND

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SUBJECT IS MAIL DELIVERIES PD

PARA ONE PD REUR ZERO SEVEN ZERO FIVE ONE PETER WILLIAM OF TWO THREE JANUARY FOUR SIX PD

PARA TWO PD ITALIAN AUTHORITIES URGED TO REPLY AT ONCE PD ANSWER WILL BE TELEGRAPHED

TO YOU AS SOON AS RECEIVED PD

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IPW Division

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G.J. LEONE
CWO, U.S.A.
Asst, Adjutant

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JAN 19005 A

HAYWARD HQ AMG XIII CORPS
HQ ALCOM CITE ACCOMN

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JAN 191600
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Reg 260 mails USA to Jugoslavia though Trieste arrive by train from Venice labelled Lubiana WEF 16 November, From August to October some bags receivedby UNRRA ships and American cruiser to Marseilles thence by merchant ship to Trieste labelled Lubiana. Postal officer AMG. Split. Yugoslavia. Mail from USA addressed Allied Censor control officer has arrived by train mostly for Venezia Giulia but sometimes included mail for Yugoslavia. For HQ ALCOM CITE ACCOMN. Records to follow of closed transit mails.

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INFO: WHILP COMMISSIONER
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JAN 170830 A

MILITARY ATTACHE BRITISH EMBASSY BELGRAD

WAR OFFICE AFHQ HQ CMF XIII CORPS BRIT TIS AUSTRIA ACABRIT ALCOM

BEM HUNGARY BEM ROUMANIA BEM ALBANIA GREEKMIL 54 AREA 55 AREA 127

SP BARI BEM BULGARIA

Content: Inspection of parcels See 1020/CC No. 234

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G/7331
JAN 141300 A
ROUTINE

MAIN HQ 13 CORPS
AFHQ, INFO ALCOM ROME

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CONFIDENTIAL. FX 58473 P 93a
Your FX 58493 presumably exclusively to civilian mail.

Situation as follows.

1) Civilian mail from us to JUGOSLAVIA handled by Italian postal net army postal service.

2) Since mid-December civilian mail from us to JUGOSLAVIA has been reaching TRIESTE from VENICE in sealed bags labelled "mail to JUGOSLAVIA" and giving point of origin. These have been forwarded through Italian postal authorities to LJUBLJANA.

3) No censorship this mail in TRIESTE and no delay in onward trasmission.

4) Before mid-December mail from us to JUGOSLAVIA arrived TRIESTE on warships merchantmen and through UNRRA. This mail in sealed bags addressed "ALLIED CENSOR CONTROL VENEZIA GIULIA". Bags opened by ALLIED CENSOR SHIP CONTROL OFFICER at civil Post office TRIESTE and letters sorted and dispatched through Italian postal authorities to LJUBLJANA or FIUME. This mail not censored TRIESTE and no u[illegible] delay incurred.

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5) Appears no delay indurred TRIESTE and suggest mail may be delayed in LJUBLJANA or FIUME for censorship.

6) Note on above lines handed General LEE during visit here 12 January.

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FX 58622
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JAN.151700A
PRIORITY

AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHDEG REUR W-92051 - Ref our F 58472.

AGWAR WASHINGTON INFO: ALCOM ROME

Content: Mails, Jugoslavia to Italy See 1020/CC No. 239a

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FM ALLIED CITE ACCMS PAOER 15th January 1946

AMG VENEZIA GIULIA FOR COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH AGO CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER VENEZIA FOR POSTAL INFO 13 CORPS INFO FIFTH ARMY

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PARA ONE REPORT NOW CIVIL MAILS USA TO JUGOSLAVIA RECEIVED FOR TRANSIT VIA TRIESTE AND ACTUALLY LABELLED FD TURNER REPORTED IN AUGUST SUCH MAILS WERE ADDRESSED TO LUBIANA BUT XIII CORPS SAY MAILS RECEIVED PRIOR TO MID DECEMBER ADDRESSED "ALLIED CENSOR CONTROL OFFICER VENEZIA GIULIA" AND SUBSEQUENT ARRIVALS "MAIL TO JUGOSLAVIA" PARA TWO HAS TRIESTE POST OFFICE MAINTAINED RECORDS SHOWING RECEIPT AND DISPOSAL CLOSED TRANSIT MAILS ADDRESSED TO JUGOSLAV OFFICES OR EXCHANGE FD

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HQ ALCOM CITE ACCEN PARIS

14th January 1946

ACAB VIENNA FOR POSTAL REPEATED AC CHIEF LIAISON OFFICER VENEZIA FOR POSTAL

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LETTER ST STOP AZORE STOP SIX EIGHT ONE ONE OF TWO EIGHT ENCLOSED FROM P T VIENNA TO ITALIAN MINISTRY P T SAYS CORRESPONDENCE FOR ALBANIA WILL BE SENT IN MAIL TO UDINE FD NO MAIL SERVICE YET ITALY TO ALBANIA

COPY DIRECTOR GENERAL MINISTRY POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS ROME

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Berford to A Bryard
Difficulties Arising in Trieste

(1st) Jan

The Chief Commissioner,

So far as is known there is no foundation for the statement that Jugoslavia mails received at Trieste & other Italian Ports are being held. There has been correspondence with Venezia Giulia Region concerning the transit of such mails & we have evidence that transfers ~~have~~ have been made.

On 5 Jan the Director General P&T was asked to ascertain from all his offices what mails in transit to or from Jugoslavia are passing through the Italian system & what forward routing is being followed.

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the relative information is not yet available.

No request for transit of Jugoslav mails from american have been received by this commission. AFHQ was asked to raise this with USA some time ago as it is impossible to say what happens to mails sent off ~~without~~ agreed routing.

A.F.H.Q. ~~who~~ mentioned this latest complaint by telephone & were advised in the interests of speed to write direct to 13 corps. & that we would ~~who would~~ give what information can be gleaned at this end

W.H.G. Rees
Chief Postal Officer

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Cols
Who reply?

FX 58473
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JAN 13 1030
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PARA 1. COMPLAINTS THAT MAIL SENT FROM UNITED STATES TO JUGOSLAVIS, DISCHARGED AT ITALIAN PORTS PARTICULARLY TRIESTE FOR RESHIPMENT TO JUGOSLAVIA , IS BEING HELD IN ITALY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT AND BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON . (SIGNED CITE FHGEG) STATE DEPARTMENT ADVISED BY EMBASSY AT BELGRADE THAT NO MAIL OR PACKAGES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED INJUGOSLAVIA.

PARA 2. REQUEST INFORMATION RELATIVE TO MAIL SITUATION AT TRIESTE, BY WHOM HANDLED AND IF CENSORED, BY WHAT AUTHORITIES

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INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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JAN 120900

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FREEDOM SIGNED SACHER CITE FMGEG

ACTION AIGGE ROME INFO USFA VIENNA ACABRIT VIENNA

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CONFIDENTIAL:

REF OUR MAI 958/REUR 8822 AND 8832.

PARA 1. NON-TRANSACTIONAL SERVICE TO AUSTRIA AUTHORIZED.

PARA 2. AUSTRIAN MAIL SERVICE BECAME OPERATIVE 2 JANUARY.

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER

JAN 11 RECD

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WHG/ams

P.14.192/CS

10th January 1946

Subject: Air Mail Service Italy to United States.

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

Reference your 311.1 of 14th December 1945.

Proposed service by military aircraft.

1. The Italian Post Office already has a road service from Rome Sorting Office to Ciampino Airport to convey mails for despatch by British Aircraft. This service collects air mails arriving from America and it could also be used to convey air mails for despatch to America. No fresh detailed plan is therefore necessary in this respect.

2. The latest estimate by the Italian Post Office of the amount of air mail correspondence which would be posted for conveyance by an air service to the U.S.A. is about 15 to 20 Kilogrammes daily.

3. The matter was discussed with the Director ~~Posts and Telecomms~~ P and T, A.T.C. at Ciampino who stressed the following points: -

(a) War Department authority would be necessary.
(b) A definite priority must be allotted.
(c) Authority is required to divulge freight conveyance charges per kilogramme between Rome and New York (without such information the Italian Post Office could not assess the air mail fees which it would need to charge the public to cover such costs).
(d) In the event of a general War Dept authority being granted the normal procedure would be for a form P.T. 42 in respect of each consignment to be countersigned at the American Embassy and passed by the Theatre Priorities Office at the A.T.C. Booking Centre.

4. In these circumstances it would appear that if the question of civil air mails by A.T.C. services were to be pursued, the general question should be referred to the War Dept which no doubt, in collaboration with the U.S. Post Office, would consider giving the necessary authority, quoting rates, and proposing a documentation procedure more suitable for civil air mail working by a foreign Post Office.

Proposed service by Civil Air Line.

5. The Italian Postal authorities were put in touch with Mr. Woods, the representative of Transcontinental and Western Air Lines, which Company proposes to operate a service (possibly thrice weekly) Rome-Geneva-Paris-Foynes-U.S.A. Mr. Woods was also asked to ascertain what conveyance charges

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would be required so that he can negotiate with the Italian Post Office. It was anticipated that this service would commence early this month but the latest information is that no probable date of commencement can be quoted.

6. On the information now available it is somewhat difficult to know which is the best course to recommend. If the civil air service is likely to commence in the near future it would be more satisfactory to wait for that but if there is likely to be further indefinite delay in commencing such a service it is desirable that the question of authorising conveyance by U.S. military aircraft should be pursued. It would, of course, be possible to ask for an increased air lift on the R.A.F. Italy-U.K. services to permit the routing of air mail correspondence for the U.S.A. via England. It hardly seems desirable, however, to use R.A.F. services for this correspondence while there are A.T.C. services from Italy to U.S.A.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

W.H. Graves
Major

H.H.SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

Copy to:
Chief Commissioner.
U.S. Embassy.
A.G. Postal A.F.H.Q.
G-4 (A) : A.F.H.Q.
Mov. & Tn. (Air) A.F.H.Q.
Director General Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: C 11715 Message Centre N°: G/6988
Date Time of Origin: JAN 081638A Date Time Rec'd: JAN 090915
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM : AFHQ G-5
TO : AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR CCS
INFO : ALCOM ROME CABINET OFFICES WHITEHALL FOR BCS

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This is MAT 973.
Reur TAM 702.
Para 1. Can limitation to non transactional communications between Italy and formerly Japanese occupied territory now be waived in the case of Brunei, Burma, Hong Kong, Macao, Malay States, North Borneo, Sarawak, Straits settlements and Timoc.
Para 2. Only territories of this kind to which British Post Office now applies such restrictions are ex occupied China, French Indo China and Siam.
Para 3. What postal services will be permitted to dutch East Indies.

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ACTION DIRECTION - ECON SEC 18
(CSO (6))
(SUPPLY GROUP)
(PROGRAM BR.)
(REQUISITION BR. (10))
ADVANCE COPIES TO - COMMERCE SC 2
FINANCE SC
FOOD & AGRIC SC 2

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(SUPPLY GROUP)
(PROGRAM BR.)
(REQUISITION BR. (10))

ADVANCE COPIES TO - COMMERCE SC 2
FINANCE SC
FOOD & AGRIC SC 2
IND UTILITIES SC 2
COAL DIV 1
TN SC 2

INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EXEC COMM 2
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CA US EMB WSA ROME MVTR FILE

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HQ ALCOM CITE ACXEN PAREN

5th January 1946

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Reference 9368 of 15 December. No difficulties foreseen in forwarding Jugoslav parcel mails to Trieste.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

14th December 1945

G-5 : 311.1

Subject: Air Mail Service - Italy to United States.

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

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Reference your P.14.160/CS dated 18th November and conversations Bree-Benson.

1. There is no objection from this Headquarters to the commencement of an Italian civilian air mail service to the United States, provided there is no interference with military demands.

2. A detailed plan should be prepared, in conjunction with the Italian Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, and submitted to this Headquarters for final approval. The plan should include arrangements for the handling of the mail at the termini by civilian agencies, an estimate of the amount of mail and proposed financial arrangements.

3. Civilian air lines from U.S. will probably open early in the New Year. The Italian Ministry will then be required to negotiate arrangements for the carriage of mails by these services.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN.

A.L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WHG/vs.

P.14.175.C6

9 December 1945

SUBJECT. : Air Mail Italy-USA.

TO. : Director General for Posts and Telecomms.

1. Information has been received that Transcontinental and Western Airlines expects to initiate a commercial air service between Italy and USA late this month.

2. Mr R Woods, the representative of the abovementioned company has been informed that your Administration will wish to know the details of this service as soon as they are available. In the meantime he has been given rough estimates of the weight of air mail likely to be available and asked to ascertain what conveyance charges would be claimed by the company so that you can negotiate with him direct.

W.H. Green
major

H.H.SCUDDER
Col. Sig. C.
Director.

Copies to : US Embassy
Chief Commissioner
Mr R Woods, IWA c/o ATC Ciampino Airport
Roma.

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APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WHG/mms

F.23.298/CS

8th December 1945

Subject: Gift Parcels from U.S.A.

To : Director General for Posts and Telecommunications.

(N/K)

Reference F.44.183/CS of 29th November (renumbered F.23.296/CS).

1. I enclose for your information a copy of a letter received from Col. Pennycuick concerning action taken to secure for the use of the Naples Post Office during the Christmas pressure period the Fish Market.

2. It is thought that this action should go a long way towards solving the difficulties anticipated in accommodating the very heavy despatches already advised by the U.S. Post Office (50000 bags on one ship and 89000 bags on another).

3. As regards the derequisitioning of the G.I.L. premises you may wish to confirm that your Naples Directorate is taking action to secure the use of this accommodation.

4. No doubt you are keeping the Italian State Railways fully advised of the prospective requirements as regards railway transport from Naples.

W.H. Green
Major

H.M. SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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G-5 : A.F.H.Q.
Commissioner Naples Commune A.M.G.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
APO 394

Q/1719 5 December 1945

Subject: Gift Parcels from U.S.A.

To : HQ. A.C.
(Communications Sub-Commission).

1. With reference to your P.44.185/QS of 29th November the completion of the roof of the former Naples Fish Market is being pressed forward and, in case of necessity, the upper floor of this building will be held for temporary use by the Post Office for sorting parcels.

2. In the meantime the GIL premises, which are underneath the Italian main post office have been derequisitioned and handed back to the Italian authorities, so possibly this will solve the problem of a parcel sorting office.

J.A.G. KENNEDY
Colonel
Commissioner.

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6 December 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I thank you for your letter of 5 December concerning the resumption of civil air mail services between Italy and the United States.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Hon. Alexander Kirk
American Embassy
Via Vittorio Veneto 119
Rome

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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AMERICAN EMBASSY
Rome, Ituly,
December 5, 1945.

My dear Admiral:

With reference to your letter of November 26, 1945 concerning the resumption of civil air mail services between Italy and the United States, I have requested the American Political Advisor at AFHQ to clarify with the postal authorities there the question of obtaining Army Post Office assistance in receiving civil air mails which are already arriving from the United States. With regard to the resumption of air mail service to Italy, I understand that Transcontinental and Western Airlines expects to initiate commercial service late this month to the United States. You may wish to suggest to the Italian Postal authorities that they seek agreement with TWA, if they have not already done so, to carry Italian civil air mails. This would be a step toward return to normal operations and would avoid raising the question whether the Air Transport Command could carry civil mails to the United States without detriment to the military redeployment program.

Sincerely yours,

A. Kirk

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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AS ITALIAN POST OFFICE HAS NO DIRECT CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION WILL YOU PLEASE ASK ALBANIAN POSTMASTER GENERAL WHETHER AGREES TO RESUMPTION MAIL SERVICE ITALY ALBANIA TO INCLUDE LETTERS OMA PRINTED PAPERS OMA COMMERCIAL PAPERS SAMPLES AND BLIND LITERATURE UP TO NORMAL WEIGHT LIMITS SPECIFIED IN POSTAL CONVENTION PD

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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT OF TAM 714 CIN. "REFER MA T 947. GFT PARCEL SERVICE TO ITALY .

1. ORIGINAL LIMIT OF 1 PARCEL PER MONTH ESTABLISHED HERE. SINCE SERVICE OF 1 PARCEL PER WEEK HAS BEEN AUTHORISED FOR OTHER COUNTRIES IN SAME CATEGORY AS ITALY, POST OFFICE AND STATE DEPARTMENTS MADE ANNOUNCEMENT TO PERMIT SHIPMENT OF 1 PARCEL PER WEEK TO ESTABLISH SERVICE F FOR ITALY CONSIST ZAAGIICFL SIMILAR SERVICE FOR OTHER COUNTRIES. IT IS NOT BELIEVED THIS NEW LIMIT WILL GREATLY INCREASE THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF PARCELS. ITALIAN POSTAL AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED ACCORDINGLY.

2. PRESS RELEASE HERE COVERED EXTENSION OF SERVICE TO CITIES OF GORIZIA, TRIESTE AND POLA.

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LDD/rem

28 November 1945

TO : Admiral Ellery W. Stone

1. The delay was due to a misunderstanding on the part of Lombardia Region who were directed by wire to investigate the company. I was unable to get an answer and finally discovered that the Transportation people in the field were delaying the matter as they assumed the responsibility of determining the basis of the project. I finally made it clear to them that we were not involved or interested in the basic project but merely wanted information as to the ability of the firm. I am sorry for the delay.

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L. D. DESMORE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

LDD/tam

26 November 1945

Tel. : 267

Ref. : E3/13.07

SUBJECT: Attached Cable from Faehnrich

TO : The Chief Commissioner

1. A report from Lombardia Region is as follows:

"There is no reason why firm F.lli Cordrand should be considered incompetent to handle gift parcels from U. S. firms. As a matter of fact, this firm is the only one in Italy, to our knowledge, that has the proper organization to take care of this task. F.lli Cordrand is the foremost transport firm in Italy with branches and affiliates throughout the country."

2. This will permit reply to Faehndrich.

L. D. DEITSMORE
Colonel, F. A.
Deputy Vice-Pres.

Why has this taken one month to reply to me?

Incl:
Attached Cable from Faehndrich

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Col Deitsmore

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VIA ITALO RADIO

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NLT REAR ADMIRAL ELLORY STONE ALLIED COMMAND

ROMAITALY =

AM INTERESTED THROUGH COMMITTEE PERSONAL RELIEF FOR ITALY SHIPPING PARCELS TO FRATELLI GONDRAND MILANO THEIR BRANCHES AND AFFILIATES STOP WAS BIGGEST FORWARDING FIRM THEY OFFER SERVICES DELIVER OUR PARCELS PRINCIPAL PORTS AND CAPO LUOGHI STOP DO YOU KNOW REASON WHY THEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED INCOMPETENT PLEASE REPLY CARE [COT JONES] NEWYORK NO KNOW REGARDS = JM FAEHNDRICH ++ CONT.

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Ref:

26 November 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador,

As you are no doubt interested in the question of civil air mail services between Italy and the USA and as the State Department may be under some misapprehension as to the cause of the delay in commencing such a service outwards from Italy, I enclose for your information a copy of this Commission's latest letter to C-5, AFHQ on the subject.

We have as yet received no assurance that air space for civil mails will be provided on American air services operating from Italy.

As regards the receipt of the air mail from the USA the Army Post Office has declined its cooperation towards regularising the arrangements for the receipt of these mails.

It is, of course, realised that there may be considerably more difficulty in providing space for civil air mails on the Italy-America air services than there is in the reverse direction but the fact remains that the commencement without prior consultation of unidirectional services puts this Commission in a very bad light in the eyes of the American and Italian public. I should, therefore, very much appreciate any assistance you can give in obtaining a satisfactory solution to the outstanding problems mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs.

Yours very truly,

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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The Hon. Alexander Kirk
American Ambassador
Via Vittorio Veneto 119
Rome

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APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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F.23.288/C3

20th November 1945

Subject: Italian External Mail Services.

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

Reference your 311.1 of 15th November 1945.

1. It appears from the extracts from letter W 14067/311/304 of 2nd November that the Foreign Office is not fully aware of the difficulties with which the Italian Post Office and the Allied Commission have been faced in restoring International Postal Services to and from Italy.

2. In theory, authority to restore all postal services up to the normal International Postal Union limits was devolved on the Italian Postal Administration months ago but in practice, the conditions have been such that it has required much joint effort on the part of this Commission and the Post Office to obtain the means to render such extensions possible. Moreover it must not be overlooked that the problem has been complicated by the fact that the four Northern Regions of Italy, containing the most important industrial centres and controlling the land routes to other countries, are still not under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government.

3. In Italy it has not been the policy - as appears to have been the case in certain liberated allied countries - to place army resources at the disposal of the Civil Post Office for the internal conveyance of mails. The effect of the long campaign in Italy on civil means of transport should be well known. Even today the train services are very scanty and the postal accommodation on the few long distance civil train services in operation is actually inadequate for the existing services and it has not been practicable to cope with an internal parcel post service. For a long time after the liberation of the Northern Provinces there was no civil train connections between North and South Italy and efforts by this Commission to obtain military vehicles for postal trunk road services were unsuccessful. In Southern and Central Italy the number of civil road transport vehicles in usable condition remaining available for postal purposes in each Province after its liberation from the enemy was practically negligible and now that some military vehicles are being supplied to the Post Office that Department is experiencing the greatest difficulty in obtaining an adequate provision of petrol.

4. In the matter of accommodation, especially at Naples, the Post Office has fared particularly badly. All its Sorting Office accommodation in that city was destroyed or requisitioned and all suitable alternative accommodation has been eagerly sought for military purposes. It needed persistent efforts on the part of this Commission and G-5 to obtain the derequisition of even half the Naples Sorting Office and the other half is still occupied by the British Army Base Post Office.

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At Leghorn the accommodation situation is equally difficult and is likely to continue so until the U.S. deployment programme is complete. Sorting offices in some other towns are only now being derequisitioned.

5. As regards the conveyance of mails to overseas destinations, the present system of shipping on a "tramp" basis renders it very difficult indeed to devise a scheme under which the Post Office can obtain the necessary central intelligence of departures from the various ports sufficiently in advance to be able to control its own despatching arrangements from Offices of Exchange. A liaison officer of the Italian Mercantile Marine was appointed for this purpose at Navy House Naples but as yet he has not found it possible to obtain the necessary results and further investigation of the difficulties by this Commission will be necessary. The fact that ships do not sail to definite ports in Italy but are liable to diversion according to requirements makes it extremely difficult for the Post Office to make proper arrangements for the receipt of parcel mails. Conditions at ports in Italy are such that the arrival of 10,000 bags of civil parcel mail at a place not suitable for the handling of this work presents an exceptional problem from the point of view of protection against loss and bad weather.

6. In view of all these factors the proposal to commence a gift parcel service, even limited to the cities of Rome, Naples, Palermo and the Vatican, was viewed with many misgivings both by the Italian Post Office and this Commission. It was fully realised that the amount of such traffic would be heavy; that the proposed limitation on nature of contents and the number of parcels permissible would be difficult to maintain; and that it would inevitably lead to strong political pressure from the Italo-American population in the United States for an extension to the Provinces. Nevertheless it was felt that whatever was possible should be done to obtain the benefits of this service for the towns in greatest need. The service from the U.S.A. to the cities mentioned, was, therefore, agreed to on the understanding that no participation by other countries in this service should take place until experience was gained of its operation.

Owing to the lack of road transport for delivery purposes it was necessary to adopt a "callers'" delivery system and at Naples serious difficulties had to be overcome to get badly-damaged premises in usable condition to deal with the first arrivals. Events fully justified all the original misgivings. After the first one or two arrivals the traffic exceeded the capacity of the premises available; the conditions under which the mails were dealt with at the military ports were distinctly unsatisfactory from a postal point of view; and there was much difficulty in connection with the safeguarding and forwarding of the mails for Palermo and Rome. To add to the problem certain consignments arrived at ports other than Naples where no suitable post office facilities were available. The anticipated campaign in the U.S.A. for an extension of the service to other parts of Italy developed and a great deal of pressure was brought to bear in this connection. 1968

In these circumstances it is considered that the Italian Post Office was fully justified in declining further extensions of the service, especially as it was warned, in view of the military requirements it must not agree to services which would involve military assistance at the ports.

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Eventually, having obtained some concessions in the matter of accommodation and transport, the Post Office and the Allied Commission agreed to extend the U.S.A. gift parcel service to all Italy; being assisted in this by the agreement of the U.S. Postal Administration to make up bags for each Provincial Capital. The sorting by Provinces in the U.S.A. will enable such accommodation as is available at Naples to be used for "bulk-breaking" instead of detailed sorting. Whether the rolling-stock position and general train arrangements will be such as to give a satisfactory distribution service remains to be seen.

There was some little delay in obtaining the agreement of the Italian Post Office to a similar service from former Italian Possessions and the British Empire generally because it was felt that the smaller traffic from such countries would not justify such detailed subdivision of the despatches and would probably create an additional sorting office problem at Naples. However, in his desire to afford equal facilities, if at all possible, to Great Britain and the U.S.A. the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications finally agreed to such an extension and this agreement was signalled to A.F.H.Q. on 3rd November - only 10 days after the extension of the U.S. service was agreed to (MAT 939 and Meg 570 refer).

7. With regard to the suggestion that the gift parcel service from America could be used to promote American trade it should be mentioned that inspections of the arrivals, which contain many parcels that have burst open in transit, reveals that the great majority of them contain genuine non-commercial present for relatives which have done and will do still more to relieve some of the distress in this country. It is known from censorship reports that the service is used on occasions to send articles of commercial value but this is done not in the interests of American trade but to enable relatives in this country to make money by selling at the scarcity prices obtaining in Italy. The Italian Government also would prefer to have a normal parcel service rather than the special gift parcel scheme but it cannot at present surmount the additional accommodation difficulties involved in making provision for the opening of parcels and customs examination and in these circumstances it is naturally unwilling to deny to the public the benefits of the gift scheme.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

W.H. Greene
Major
for H.H. SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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Copy to:
Chief Commissioner. ✓

P.S. Presumably you will point out that your MAT 902 and MAT 913 give a complete reply to TAM 676 so far as Italy is concerned.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 311.1

15 November 1945

SUBJECT: Italian External Communications.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference conversation, Captain Thompson - Major Benson, of 15 November 1945.

1. Attached is an extract from a letter from the Foreign Office to the British Resident Minister, AFHQ.

2. You are requested to forward your comments on the points made in this letter as soon as possible

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

C. O. Benson
C. O. BENSON, (M.J.N.)
Major, R. A.

Encl: as above

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Extracts from letter from the Foreign Office to Resmed No. W.14067/311/804 of the 2nd November, 1945.

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We see no reason why authority should not now be given to the Italian Government to restore all postal services up to the normal international postal union limits, the arrangements to be made by direct communication between the Italian Post Office and the postal administrations of the other countries concerned. The War Office (C.A. 14) are in agreement with us on this point, and we should be glad if you would consult Allied Force Headquarters and, if there is no serious objection, suggest that they should obtain authority to make the change. It would of course be open to the Italian Post Office to refuse services which they did not feel able to handle, but we should now prefer these matters to be left if possible to the usual civilian authorities. It may be that the Italian Post Office are still dependent on military assistance: if this is so, we hope that they are being encouraged to stand on their own feet, and should be glad to know how the matter stands. In this connexion please see AGWAR telegram No. TAM 676 of the 28th August, to which we can trace no reply from Allied Force Headquarters other than a statement that the question was under consideration.

Another matter which puzzles us is the parcels service. A general authority was given on the 25th October 1944 (TAM 329) for restricted gift parcels services with Italy from the United Kingdom and the British Empire, concurrently with the introduction of similar services from the United States. We did not take advantage of this authority at the time, but have recently considered starting a similar service from this country, in view of the fact that for some time past the United States have had a gift parcel service to certain areas of Italy, which can undoubtedly be used to a certain extent to promote American trade. India recently epxressed a wish to start a similar service, which was refused by the Italian Post Office on the grounds that the size of the United States service severely taxed their resources. Allied Force Headquarters said in their telegram No. MEG 563 of the 18th October to the War Office that every effort was being made by the Italian authorities to extend all mail services, and that it was hoped soon to extend the United States gift parcel service to the whole of Italy and to offer similar facilities to the British Empire and South American countries. On the 26th October Allied Force Headquarters telegraphed in their telegram No. MAT 939 that the extension of the United States service had been agreed, and that the weight limit had been raised (previously it was 5 lbs) to 11 lbs, but that no decision had yet been reached in regard to similar services from British Empire countries. Allied Force Headquarters asked that a warning should be given to the American public against abuses of the service for commercial purposes (it seems to us incidentally that this warning is more likely to put ideas into people's heads than anything else).

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It is hard to believe that after all this time the Italian Post Office arrangements are so poor that they really cannot accept gift-parcels from wherever they may be offered. We should be glad if you would discuss with Allied Force Headquarters and let us have your observations. Meanwhile we have asked the General Post Office, to whom the Indian Post Office referred the Italian refusal, to confirm the existing decision. We should of course much prefer the restoration of ordinary parcel post services, rather than gift parcel services, even if the weight limit had to be restricted initially to some value below the normal postal union limit. It is possible however that gift parcels might be smaller in quantity and so easier for the Italian Post Office to handle.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

Chief Commissioner

LHB/vs.

18th Nov 45

P.11.160.C3

SUBJECT. : Air Mail Service Italy - America.

TO. : G - 5 AFHQ.

1. From the enclosed correspondence it will be seen that the Italian Ambassador in Washington states that the US State Department suggested that the Italian Postal Authorities should urgently seek an agreement with the Allied Commission regarding the commencement of an Air Mail Service from Italy to the USA. It is very unfortunate if the impression is being created in Washington that the decision in this matter rests with the Allied Commission or that the delay in starting such a service is the result of slackness on the part of this Commission or of the Italian Post Office.

2. As you are aware the case for an Air Mail Service from Italy to America and other countries has been advanced on a number of occasions(P.16.11.16.C3 of 15th July 1944; P.11.50.C3 of 19th January 1944; P.11.90.C3 of 16th May 1945;etc etc refer).

3. In G-5 311.1 of 4th June 1945 it was indicated that the U.S. Political Adviser was opposed to the commencement of such services;and in G-5 311.1 of 13th July it was stated that the US Postal Authorities at AFHQ refused any suggestion that even Italian PW mail should be carried as it was stated that all available space was filled with US mail.

4. The matter was again raised in P.11.105.C3 of 26th August 1945 and again in 7058 of 13th October.

5. So far as the USA to Italy Air Mail Service is concerned,it should be mentioned that the procedure adopted in commencing this service was a little unusual.No notification of the establishment of this despatch has yet reached this Commission or the Italian Post Office and the first intimation of its commencement was a report from the Italian Post Office that a bag had arrived at Roma Ferrovia Post Office.This was immediately reported in 7276 of 17th October and afurther request was made for a service in the reverse direction.

6. This procedure is in marked contrast with that adopted in the case of the establishment of the Air Mail from UK to Italy,where proper advance notice was given and formal arrangements were made for the receipt of the mail at military airports by the British APO and regular transfer to the Italian Civil Post Offices.Moreover the British Post Office took

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the initiative in raising with the air transport authorities the question of a service in the reverse direction.

7. In view of the arrival at military airports of unscheduled civil air mails from the USA and certain other countries and the impracticability under such circumstances of making proper arrangements for the civil post office to meet such arrivals a request was made in P.14.129.CS of 18th Oct 1945 to both British & American Army Postal Directorates to give formal authority to officers in charge of APOs to accept any such mails with army mails and subsequently transfer them to the civil Post Office. As will be seen from the enclosed copy of AG 311.1 of 23rd October 1945. AF Postal declined to assist. It is thought that paragraph 2 of that letter rather exaggerates the amount of work involved as civil air mails to Italy are not likely to be very heavy; while the significance of para 3 is rather difficult to understand as one of the objects of the request was to safeguard mails against the risks attaching to their unexpected or irregular receipt.

W.H. Green
Major

H.H.SCUDDER
Col.Sig.C.
Director.

Inc. : P.14.159.CS of 16th Nov to Director General PTT.
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AG 311.1 PS of 23rd October 1945 to AC
P.14.129.CS of 18th Oct. 1945 to British & American Postal Directorates

Copies to :
Chief Commissioner
US Embassy.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WEG/ams

P.14.159/CS

16th November 1945

Subject: Air Mail Italy-U.S.A.

To : Director General for Posts and Telecommunications.

Reference your 495325/9/PA of 15th November 1945.

1. As you are aware this Commission has made requests on several occasions for the provision of accommodation on American Military Air Services for a civil air mail from Italy to the U.S.A. and it has presumably been stated that space for this purpose is not available on the aircraft concerned. Further representations were made when the Air Mail Service from the U.S.A. to Italy commenced.

2. You may wish to recommend to the Foreign Minister that the Ambassador in Washington be asked to take up the matter with the U.S. Government.

W.H. Green
Major
for H.H. SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

Copy to:
Chief Commissioner
G-5 : A.F.H.Q.
(with copy of 495325/9/PA of 15th November and 41/25016/153 of 2nd Nov).

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15 Novembre 1945

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MINISTERO DELLE POSTE E
DELLE TELECOMUNICAZIONI

Ispett. Gen. Mov. Postale
Div. II Sez. II
Prot. n. 495825/9/P.A.
Allegati 1

On. Commissione Alleata
Sotto Commissione per le Poste e le
Telecommunicazioni - Via Veneto
ROMA

OGGETTO: Servizio Postale aereo fra l'Italia e gli Stati Uniti d'America.

E' qui pervenuto dal Ministero degli Esteri il telespresso copia del quale e' qui allegata, con cui, a nome della R. Ambasciata a Washington, vengono rinnovate vive premure perche' la linea aerea militare americana New York - Italia (Napoli-Roma), utilizzata per il trasporto delle corrispondenze dirette in Italia, venga utilizzata altresi' per il trasporto di quelle dirette dall'Italia negli Stati Uniti.

E' gia' stato fatto presente al Ministero degli Esteri che l'importante questione, riguardante la riattivazione dei servizi postali aerei fra l'Italia ed i vari Paesi esteri, in genere, forma tuttora oggetto di attento e benevolo esame da parte di codesta On. Commissione Alleata, la quale potra' tuttavia, se lo credera' dal caso, fornire, ad anticipo della conclusione della pratica, quelle migliori indicazioni circa la fase che la pratica stessa sta attualmente attraversando.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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TRANSLATION

15 November 1945

N. 495825/9/[illegible].A.

SUBJECT: Postal Air Service between Italy and the U.S.A.

We have received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs an express telegram of which copy is attached, in which, in the name of the Embassy at Washington, strong pressure is again made for the american military air line New York-Italy (Naples Rome) used for the transport of mails directed to Italy, to be also used to transport those directed from Italy to the U.S.A.

We have already pointed out to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs that this important question, regarding the re-establishment of air postal services between Italy and the various foreign countries, is still a question of attentive and benevolent examination on behalf of your Sub-Commission, which might however, if you consider it desirable, furnish in advance of a definite decision some indication of the stage which has been reached in this matter.

The General Director

COPY

2nd November 1945

N. A1/25016/155

SUBJECT: Postal Air Service between Italy and the U.S.A.

Express Telegram-

The U. Embassy, Washington, telegraphed on October 19th that the American State Dept in announcing that the postal air service from U.S.A. to Italy has been re-established as from 3rd October by means of Air Army Transport Command pointed out that the service from Italy to the U.S.A. has not yet commenced.

The above State Dept. suggests that the Italian Postal Authorities as early as possible complete an agreement with the A.C. to use the same air service for the re-establishment of the traffic also from Italy to U.S.A.

The Ministry

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
D.G.A.E. - UFF.I

N. 41/25016/153

Roma, li' 2 Novembre 1945

Al Ministero Poste e Telecomunicazioni
Direzione Gen. Poste e Telegrafi
ROMA

OGGETTO: Servizio aereo postale fra l'Italia e gli Stati Uniti d'America.

T E L E S P R E S S O

La R. Ambasciata a Washington ha telegrafato in data 19 Ottobre che il Dipartimento di Stato Americano, nel comunicare che il servizio aereo postale degli U.S.A. all'Italia e' stato ripristinato dal 3 Ottobre a mezzo "AIR ARMY TRANSPORT COMMAND," ha fatto presente che il servizio non e' ancora iniziato dall'Italia verso gli Stati Uniti d'America.

Il predetto Dipartimento di Stato suggerisce che le autorita' postali Italiane definiscano sollecitamente gli accordi con la Commissione Alleata per utilizzare gli stessi mezzi aerei per la ripresa del traffico anche dall'Italia verso gli Stati Uniti.

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HEADQUARTERS, MTOUSA
AG POSTAL DIVISION
APO 512, U.S. ARMY

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AG 311.1 FD

23 October 1945.

Subject : Civil Air Mails to and from Italy.

To : Headquarters Allied Commission, Communications Sub-Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. Reference is made to the basic communication relative to the handling at air ports of civil air mail to and from Italy.

2. The handling of civil air mail at air ports in Italy by Army postal unit personnel is not favorably considered. Army Postal units operating on or near air fields in Italy are located several miles from the civilian post offices. To handle this type of mail would require additional transportation and personnel. Due to redeployment, all Army Postal Units are operating at a reduced strength.

3. The handling of civil air mail as suggested in paragraph one, basic, would inadvertently involve Army Postal Units in depredation, pilfering, and delay in the mail.

4. It is requested that in the event air mail service is authorized for civilian mail to and from Italy, that civil arrangements be introduced to take care of the delivery of such mail to and from air ports.

FOR THE CHIEF POSTAL OFFICER:

ROY LEWIS
Lt.Colonel, A.G.D.
Deputy Chief Postal Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission WHG/ams

P.14.129/CS 18th October 1945.

Subject : Civil Air Mails to and from Italy.

To : British Army Postal Directorate A.F.H.Q.
A.G. Postal A.F.H.Q.

1. In view of the commencement of Air Mail services to Italy from Allied Countries by military aircraft to military air ports - sometimes without the normal prearrangement - it is requested that for the present the arrangement should be that any such mails should be accepted with army mails and subsequently transferred to the Civil Post Office.

2. In the present circumstances it would be difficult to make proper provision for the civil post office to meet such plans.

3. It is understood that in practice the arrangement requested in para 1 is being followed but it would be advisable to have it formally recognised and officers in charge of A.P.Os served by airports authorised accordingly. As soon as the conditions become stabilised, ordinary civil arrangements can be introduced if desired.

H.H. SCUDDER
Lt.Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

Copy to: Director General for Posts and Telecommunications.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

16th November 1945

P.14.159.CS

Subject: Air Mail Italy - U.S.A.

To : Director General for Posts and Telecommunications.

Enclosure

Reference your 495825/9/PA of 15th November 1945.

1. As you are aware this Commission has made requests on several occasions for the provision of accommodation on American Military Air Services for a civil air mail from Italy to the U.S.A. and it has ~~presumably~~ formally been stated that space for this purpose is not available on the aircraft concerned. Further representations were made when Air Mail Service from the U.S.A. to Italy commenced.

2. You may wish to recommend to the Foreign Minister that the Ambassador in Washington be asked to take up the matter with the U.S. Government.

H.H. SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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Copy to:
Chief Commissioner
G-5, AFHQ
(with copy of 495825/9/PA of 15th November and 41/25016/153 of 2 Nov).

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Action : AGWAR for CCS for CCAC Info : Cabinet Offices Whitehall for British Chief of Staff USFET Main Alcom ROME

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Ref your MAT 916. This is MAT 952. Postal service to Venezia Giulia.

Para 1. Postal service from British Empire, U.S.A., and possessions, Russia, Eritrea, Tripoli, Cyrenaica, Libya, and Italian Somaliland to AMG held Venezia Giulia may be extended to include letters, commercial papers, printed papers, samples, and blind literature up to maximum weight limit specified in postal convention, and express letters.

Para 2. This extension could also be applied to Yugoslavia occupied Venezia Giulia if consent of Yugoslavia Government obtained.

Para 3. In the event of service to whole of Venezia Giulia becoming operative, Alcom would prefer civil and PW correspondence for the provinces of FIUME and ZARA to be included in mails to Yugoslavia and that these for GORIZIA, TRIESTE and POLA in direct mails to TRIESTE. No objection however to the inclusion of correspondence for all Venezia Giulia in mails to TRIESTE, or to Italian offices of exchange when despatch to TRIESTE not warranted.

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ROUTINE

ACAMBRIT VIENNA FROM HEAD
ALOCK ROME

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1. Your foreign mail list received.

2. Subject confirmation AUSTRIA will commence foreign mails for postcards and letters personal and factfinding up to 20 GMS on 1st DECEMBER.

3. Vouching to ITALY by VIENNA - Villach - MILAN train.

4. Propose make up on MILAN only. Destinations which you circulate to CAIRO and BARI in enclosure bags if direct mails not repeat not justified.

5. Outlets from VIENNA for mails from your for all eastern EUROPE ROUMANIA and BULGARIA subject confirmation.

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G-5 AFHQ REPEATED BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE AFHQ REPEATED

TROOPERS

8376 14 NOVEMBER 1945 PRIORITY

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REFERENCE EIGHT TWO EIGHT FOUR AND GEM SIX EIGHT FOUR PD

ITALIAN POST OFFICE HAS NOW RECEIVED FROM GREEK POST OFFICE

TELEGRAM ASKING WHETHER GREECE TO LONDON MAILS CAN BE ACCEPTED

FOR TRANSIT BY OVERLAND ROUTE PD

PAREN TO G-5 AFHQ REPEATED BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE AFHQ

REPEATED TROOPERS FROM HQ ALCOMM CITE ACCMN PAREN

AFFIRMATIVE REPLY BEING SENT

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ROUTINE

GENOVA

COMMUNICATIONS S/C HQ ALLIED COMMISSION ROMA

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Reference telegram concerning Swiss parcel post to EGYPT. Regional Transportation has no objections. Post Office has made arrangements to handle same. A J ALLEN 1st Lt CAV Postal Officer.

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A.F.H.Q - G-5 - REPEATED BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE AFHQ - REPEATED TROOPERS

8284 11 NOVEMBER 1945 PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED

REFERENCE GEM SIX EIGHT FOUR PD

PARA ONE PD ASSUME GREECE TO UNITED KINGDOM MAILS BEING CARRIED TO ITALY UNDER ABLE PETER OBOE ARRANGEMENTS PD

PAREW TO FHQEG AFHQ REPEATED BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE AFHQ REPEATED TROOPERS FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACCMN PAREN

ITALIAN CIVIL POST OFFICE COULD ACCEPT THESE FOR TRANSIT AT BARI OR NAPLES AS ALREADY ARRANGED FOR GREECE DASH FRANCE MAILS PD PARA TWO PD NOTED

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AMG LIGURIA REGION FOR POSTAL OFFICER REPEATED TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMISSION REPEATED DIRECTOR GENERAL MINISTRY POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS ROME

8285 11 NOVEMBER 1945 PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED

SWISS POSTAL HAVE ADVISED MINISTRY PETER TAKE THAT PARCEL MAILS SWITZERLAND TO EGYPT WILL BE SENT IN DIRECT RAILWAY VAN VIA CHIASSO GENEVA TO GENOA TWO FOR GENOA PORT FOR LOADING ON SWISS SHIP SAENTIS PD

PAREN TO AMG LIGURIA REGION FOR POSTAL OFFICER REPEATED TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMISSION REPEATED DIRECTOR GENERAL MINISTRY POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS ROME FROM HQ AIGOM CITE ACOMN PAREN

DOCUMENTS TO BE IN VAN PD SHIP LEAVING GENOA END NOVEMBER PD CONSULT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AND POST OFFICE AND REPLY URGENTLY WHETHER ANY OBJECTION AND IF NOT WHETHER LOADING CAN BE ARRANGED

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ROUTINE

AFHQ CITE FHQMG

MIDEAST INFO: ALCOM ROME

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Reur PO/57445 and PO/60063.

Para 1. Opening of telegraph service with ERITREA and ETHIOPIA is confirmed.

Para 2. TRIPOLITANIA service will be opened when agreement reached between ITALIAN Telegraph Administration and Cable and Wireless.

Para 3. ITALIAN Postal Administration request authority to use ITALIAN language.

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ATHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGED

ACTION : TROOPERS ACMAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC AIGOM ROME

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Reference our MEG 563 and MAT 939. This is MEG 570.

1. Italian government and AIGOM agree to accept from British Empire, EGYPT and former Italian possessions gift parcel service to all parts of ITALY less provinces GORIZIA, FIUME, TRIESTE, POLA and ZARA but including cities of GORIZIA, TRIESTE and POLA.

2. Request province-sorting wherever possible. Suggest parcels from AFRICA and must be concentrated on EGYPT for this purpose. Where province-sorting not practicable request parcels be included in mail as follows.

(A) SICILY to PALERMO (B) NAPLES city to NAPLES Citta (C) cities of GORIZIA, TRIESTE and POLA to TRIESTE. (D) remainder to BRINDISI (for preference) or NAPLES FERROVIA.

3. parcels to conform in all respects with regulations of existing service from USA Terminal credit claimed by Italian government. Gold francs 0.85 up to 1 kilogramme, 1.05 up to 3 kilos, 1.25 up to 5 kilos.

4. Request advance notice commencement of services.

5. Reference para 5 of MEG 563. Italian Post office unable at present to accept normal parcel service involving customs examination from G.B. or other countries since gift parcel service will strain all accommodation and transport resources.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

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13062/F

1 November 1945

TO: G-5, AMG

1. I refer to my letter 13062/F of 6 October.

2. I have been advised by the Ministry of the Treasury that the effective date of their instructions allowing the forwarding of all types of correspondence from Italy to the non-enemy world is 3 November 1945.

(Signed) ROBERT B. MENAPACE.
Colonel.

R.B. MENAPACE, Col.
Director,
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

cc: Chief Commissioner
U.S. Embassy
British Embassy
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Economic Section
Commerce Sub-Commission
Communications Sub-Commission

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AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGEG

ACTION: TROOPERS LONDON INFO ALCOM ROME AGWAR TO TROOPERS INFO: AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC

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Reur GEM 675.

1. There are 2 categories of transactional communication (A) Those which involve parties on the present statutory and proclaimed lists (B) Those which do not. This is MEG 568.

2. Until receipt of TAM 696 both categories were blocked to SWITZERLAND. Interpretation here of TAM 696 is that category (A) is still blocked but that (B) is now authorised. This policy is now in force. Varied interpretations of TAM 696 caused delay.

3. Understand new lists about to be re recognised by Italian decree. Until this takes place consider unwise to authorise category A. Such action would involved re imposition of restrictions on parties common to old and new lists and would embarrass Italian Govt.

4. Civil mails ITALY/SWITZERLAND are routed direct in both directions.

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Finance SC
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MC Note. No trace of TAM 696.

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FREDG AFHQ

7654 25 OCTOBER 1945 PRIORITY

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RE MAT NINE TWO SEVEN PD MINISTRY OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS AND ALCOM AGREE TO IMMEDIATE EXTENSION OF USA GIFT PARCEL SERVICE TO ALL ITALY EXCEPT PROVINCES GORIZIA C&S FIUME C&A TRIESTE C&A POLA C&A ZARA PD ALSO INCREASE IN WEIGHT LIMIT TO ELEVEN POUNDS PD DESIRE NOTIFICATION OF COMMENCING DATE FIXED BY USA SO THAT ALCOM AND ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CAN MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT PD SORTING TO PROVINCES AS AGREED ESSENTIAL PD

PAREN TO FREDG AFHQ FROM MA ALCOM CITE ACCRN PAREN

REQUEST THAT FULL ADVANTAGE BE TAKEN OF ANY OPPORTUNITY TO LOAD BAGS FOR NORTHERN PROVINCES TO GENOA AND VENICE C&A SICILY TO PALERMO C&A SARDINIA TO CAGLIARI C&A PUGLIE AND LUCANIA TO BRINDISI OR BARI PD DESIRED THAT RENEWED ATTENTION OF AMERICAN PUBLIC BE DRAWN TO CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AND WARNING GIVEN AGAINST ABUSES FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BEING PRESSED TO STATE WHETHER SIMILAR SERVICE FROM BRITISH EMPIRE COUNTRIES AND FORMER ITALIAN POSSESSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

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FROM AFHQ

7655 25 OCTOBER 1945 PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED

SEE OUR SEVEN SIX FIVE FOUR USA GIFT PARCEL SERVICE MAY BE EXTENDED TO CITIES OF GORIZIA GRA POLA GMA TRIESTE AT THE SAME TIME AS TO OTHER REGIONS OF ITALY FD

REPEAT TO FWDFD AFHQ FROM MG ALCOM CITE ACCOM PARSEE

DECISION CONCERNING REST OF VENEZIA GIULIA INCLUDING JUGOSLAV OCCUPIED TERRITORY WILL FOLLOW FD CONFIRMATION REQUIRED OF DATE OF EXTENSION TO ABOVE THREE CITIES FD PARCELS MAY BE INCLUDED IN MAILS ADDRESSED TRIESTE AND SHOULD BE LOADED FOR DIRECT SAILING IF POSSIBLE

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FM ROME AFHQ

7656 25 OCTOBER 1945 PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED

REFERENCE TAM SIX NINE THREE PD IN VIEW OF AGREEMENT TO EXTENSION US GIFT PARCEL SERVICES GIVEN OUR SEVEN SIX FIVE FOUR ASSUME UNITED STATES OBJECTION TO COMMENCEMENT SECOND CLASS MAIL SERVICES WITHDRAWN PD

PARCEL TO FROM AFHQ FROM HQ AACS SITE AGCOM PARIS

AS FROM FIRST NOVEMBER ITALY TO UNITED STATES MAIL SERVICE WILL INCLUDE LETTERS COMMERCIAL PAPERS PRINTED PAPERS SAMPLES AND BLIND LITERATURE UP TO MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMITS SPECIFIED IN POSTAL CONVENTION ALSO EXPRESS LETTERS

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OCT 25 RECD

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F.8.225/CS

Subject: International Money Order Service Proposed Resumption between US/UK and Italy for Support Remittance Purpose.

To : Finance ~~Sub~~-Commission

Reference message FX 49534 of 20th October and my F.8.224/CS of 23rd October.

It is now appreciated that the message (charged to this Sub-Commission, for info-ation) is actually a copy of a telegram sent by C-5 to MAT addressees at your request.

W.H. Green
major

H.M.SCUDDER
Lt.Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

24th October 1945

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P.8.224/CS

Subject: International Money Order Service:
Proposed Resumption between US/UK and Italy
for Support Remittance Purposes.

To : Finance Sub-Commission.

Reference message FX 49584 of 20th October from G-5.

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Italian Government has asked whether international postal money orders may be resumed, possibly limited to orders payable in ITALY. Government points out that international money order system provided better medium for support remittances to ITALY from small communities in foreign countries such as US and UK. Please advise reply to be made to Italian Government or through what alternative channels Government should raise this question.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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P.48.149/CS

23 October 1945

SUBJECT: Commercial Communications

TO : The Minister for Posts and Telecommunications

With reference to P.48.138/ J of 19th October 1945.

1. A copy is enclosed of a further letter (13053/F of 18 October 1945) sent by the Finance Sub-Commission to the Ministry of the Treasury which modifies the definition "non-enemy world" and also authorises non-transactional communications with territories previously occupied by the Japanese.

2. P.48.138 should, therefore, be regarded as superseded by the following observations:-

3. The extension of transactional commercial communication services to countries of the "non-enemy world" cannot be advertised to the public until your Administration and the Censorship receive the Treasury regulations on the subject. You should keep in close touch with the Treasury on this matter and if it appears that any delay is likely to occur in drafting and publishing those instructions it would be advisable to consider the immediate resumption of business communications restricted to ascertaining facts and exchanging information. The public could be informed that a further announcement will be made concerning the resumption of transactional correspondence.

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(a) Not permitted to Austria, Germany, Japan, Formosa, Korea and Manchuria.
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(c) That business communications to territories recently liberated from Japanese occupation are restricted to ascertaining facts and exchanging information.

5. The exceptions mentioned in 4 (b) above can, of course, be eliminated as the exchange of mails with those countries becomes physically possible and agreement is reached with the Administrations concerned.

6. There is now no artificial restriction on the re-establishment of any normal postal services recognised by the Universal Postal Convention provided that despatch and conveyance of the mails can be arranged without military assistance and that the foreign Administrations concerned agree. For the present, however, in view of accommodation and transport difficulties in Italy no new or extended parcel post services should be agreed to without the approval of this Commission.

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Enc. Copy of 13053/F of 18 Oct 45

W.J. Greene
Major
for H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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Chief Commissioner
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Telecomms Officers Piemonte, Lombardia, Venezie & Venezia Giulia Re.
AC Liaison Officer Bologna for Lt. Rushing
Major Sawyer, Signal Centre, RAAC

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Finance Sub-Commission

18 October 1945

13053/F

SUBJECT: Transactional Communications

TO : Senatore Federico Ricci
Minister of the Treasury

1. I refer to my letter 13062/F of 15 October 1945.

2. I have now been advised by the combined Chiefs of Staff that the term "non-enemy world" is defined as including all countries and areas except Germany, Austria, Japan, and for the time being, Formosa, Machuria and Korea.

3. I am also directed to inform your Government that postal and telecommunications services between Italy and all formerly Japanese-occupied territory should be limited to non-transactional communications. This authority for non-transactional communications does not, of course, extend to Japan, not to Formosa, Machuria, or Korea, as these four areas are excluded from the resumption of non-transactional and transactional commercial and financial correspondence by the definition of the term "non-enemy world", as given in para 2 above.

For the signed ROBERT B. MENAGE
Director,
Finance S/C.

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Economic Section
Commerce Sub-Commission
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FHGEG AFHQ REPEATED AMG VENEZIA GIULIA

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AMG VENEZIA GIULIA REPORTS PARCEL MAILS USA TO JUGOSLAVIA ARE BEING RECEIVED AT TRIESTE FOR TRANSIT BY CIVIL PD

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ACTION TROOPERS LONDON INFO JSM WASHINGTON, ALCOM ROME

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Reur GEM 665. This is MMC 563.

1. Agree TAM 329 authorised gift parcel service from BRITISH EMPIRE, but negotiations in detail were never made, and Italian postal administration therefore never agreed to commencement of such services. Meanwhile US to ITALY service was negotiated in detail. Size of service severely taxed the Italian postal resources, and Italian postal authorities were therefore obliged to refuse service from INDIA and cannot give general agreement to service from any part of the BRITISH EMPIRE at this time.

2. It must be emphasized that there was never any intention of discrimination. The service is a one-way philanthropic institution and it was expected that the only big demand would come from the UNITED STATES. this view was supported by initial lack of negotiations by countries of BRITISH EMPIRE menioned in para 1 above.

3. Every effort is being made by the Italian authorities to extend all mail services. Hoped soon to extend US gift parcel service to whole of ITALY, and offer similar facilities to BRITISH EMPIRE and SOUTH AMERICAN countries.

4. Would point out that to facilitate extension of service, US postal administration has undertaken to sort and bag to provincial capital.

5. Italian Government unlikely to agree to reintroduce normal parcel services until effect of foregoing extension of gift parcel service is seen.

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CEM 665 for G5. Reference CEM 648 MEC 550. Gift parcel service to ITALY.

1. Para 3 TAM 349 (329)? 25 October 1944 gave general authority for introduction of restricted gift parcel service with ITALY from U.K. COMMONWEALTH and EMPIRE concurrently with introduction of similar service from U.S. At request of interested government departments in this country service was not operated from U.K. COMMONWEALTH and EMPIRE countries were advised of facilities available and certain of them took advantage of scheme. Now understand from Indian postal administration that Italians have intimated inability to accept gift parcels from INDIA.

2. Grateful if matter could be investigated and confirmation given that services available to us (U.S.?) are in fact available to whole British Empire.

3. Can any indication be given as to when normal parcel post services likely to be restored.

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3 October 1945

MEMO

TO: Finance Sub-Commission

One copy each of Statutory Rules and Orders No 1093 and 1100 of 1945 referred to in CCM 646 (P 42592 of 11 Sep 45) is forwarded herewith.

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for H.N. SOUDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

Communications Sub-Commission
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Economic Section (2)
Commerce S/C (1)

This matter discussed by CC with Maj. Green, Communications S/C, 10 Oct 45.

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STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS

1945 No. 1098

TRADING WITH THE ENEMY

AUTHORISATION (ITALY)

The Trading with the Enemy (Authorisation) (Italy) Order, 1945, dated September 5, 1945, made by the Board of Trade.

The Board of Trade in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Sections 1 and 5 of the Trading with the Enemy Act, 1939(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), and all other powers enabling them in that behalf do hereby make the following Order: -

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in Section 1 of the Trading with the Enemy Act, 1939, any person (unless the Board of Trade otherwise direct, may, except as provided in Article 2 hereof, trade within Italy with the Italian State or with any individual or body of persons (whether corporate or unincorporate) carrying on business therein.

2. This Licence shall not extend or authorise

(1) The performance of any contract of insurance or re-insurance entered into with or for the benefit of any person within the description contained in Article 1 of this Order before the date of this Order;

(2) the payment of any bill of exchange payable in the United Kingdom and drawn before the date of this Order to or for the benefit of any such person as aforesaid;

(3) the endorsement of any coupons by or on behalf of any such person as aforesaid.

3. For the purpose of this Order "trade" is confined to supplying any goods to or for the benefit of the Italian state or any individual or body of persons (whether corporate or unincorporate) carrying on business therein, or to obtaining goods from the Italian state, such individuals or bodies of persons, and is deemed to include-

(a) transactions incidental to supplying or obtaining such goods; and

(b) the paying, transmitting or receiving of any money, negotiable instrument or security for money in respect of such trade.

4. For the purpose of this Order, the expression "Italy" means the Italian mainland, Sicily and Sardinia, with the islands adjacent hereto.

5. This Order may be cited as the Trading with the Enemy (Authorisation) (Italy) Order, 1945.

Dated this 5th day of September 1945

S.H. Hodgson.
A Secretary of the Board of Trade

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

An Order in Council dated the 25th September, 1944 (S.R. & O. 1944. No. 1125) made the whole of the Trading with the Enemy Act and the orders under it continue to apply to areas under the enemy sovereignty until the Board of Trade otherwise orders. The present Order permits trade within certain limits with the Italian State, and individuals and persons in Italy.

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STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS

1945 No. 1099

T R A D I N G W I T H T H E E N E M Y

TRANSFER OF NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS, ETC. (ITALY)

The Trading with Enemy (Transfer or Negotiable Instruments etc.) (Italy) Order 1945 dated September 5, 1945, made by the Treasury under Section 4 of the Trading with the Enemy Act, 1939 (2 & 3 Geo. 6. c. 89)

The Treasury, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by Section 4 of the Trading with the Enemy Act, 1939 (hereinafter referred to as "the act") (which renders ineffective, except with the sanction of the Treasury, the transfer by or on behalf of enemies of negotiable instruments and choses in action) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order: -

1. The Treasury do hereby sanction

(a) any assignment of a chose in action
(b) any transfer of a negotiable instrument and
(c) any transfer of any security transferable by delivery, not being a coupon or a negotiable instrument,

being an assignment or transfer made on or after the date of this Order by or on behalf of the Government or person to whom this Order applies.

2. This Order applies

(a) to the Italian State,
(b) to any individual resident in Italy,
(c) as respects any business carried on in Italy, to any individual or body of persons (whether corporate or unincorporate) carrying on that business.

3. For the purposes of this Order the expression "Italy" means that the Italian mainland, Sicily and Sardinia, with the islands adjacent hereto.

4. In the application of this Order to Scotland "chose in action" means "right of action or incorporeal moveable".

5. This Order may be cited as the Trading with the Enemy (Transfer of Negotiable Instruments etc) (Italy) Order, 1945.

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Dated this 5th day of September 1945

On behalf of the Treasury

J.A. Barlow
Second Secretary

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

By an Order dated September 5th 1945 (S.R. & O. No. 1100) the Board of Trade have amended the Trading with the Enemy (Custodian) Order so that its provisions cease yo apply to money payable to, and property acquired by the Italian State or persons specified in the Order on or after that date in respect of trade as referred to therein. This present Treasury Order sanctions transfers and assignments of choses in action, negotiable instruments and certain securities transferable by delivery which may be made by or on behalf of such State or persons on or after the date of the Order.

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STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS

1945 No. 1100

T R A D I N G W I T H T H E E N E M Y

CUSTODIAN (ITALY)

The Trading with Enemy (Custodian) (Amendment) (Italy) Order 1945 dated September 5 1945, made by the Board of Trade under Section 7 of the Trading with the Enemy Act, 1939 (2 & 3 Geo. 6. c. 89).

The Board of Trade in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Section 7 of the Trading with Enemy the Enemy Act 1939, (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf do hereby make the following Order:

1. Articles 1, 4 and 5 of the Trading with the Enemy (Custodian) Order, 1939(a) (requiring payment of certain ,oneys to the Custodian and imposing restrictions and requirements in regard to certain property in the United Kingdom) shall not apply to-

(a) any money which would but for the existence of a state of war become payable to or for the benefit of any person within the description contained in Article 2 of this Order on or after the date of this Order by reason of any trade authorised by Article 1 of the Trading with the Enemy (Authorisation) (Italy) Order 1945;

(b) any property which on or after the date of this Order comes into the ownership of any such person as aforesaid; by reason of any such trade as aforesaid.

(c) any money or property to which the above mentioned Articles would apply only because any such persons as aforesaid became resident or commenced or recommenced to carry on business in Italy on or after the 5th day of September 1945.

2. This Order shall apply to the Italian State, any individual resident in Italy, and as respects any business carried on in Italy, to any individual or body of persons (whether incorporate or unincorporate) carrying on that business.

3. For the purpose of this Order the expression "Italy" means the Italian mainland, Sicily and Sardinia, with the island adjacent thereto.

4. This Order may be cited as the Trading with the Enemy (Custodian) (Amendment) (Italy) Order 1945.

Dated this 5th day of September 1945.

E.H. Hodgson
A Secretary of the Board of Trade.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

By and Order dated the 5th September 1945 (S.R. & O. 1945 No. 1098) the Board of Trade authorised trade to the extent provided in that Order with the Italian State and individuals and persons in Italy. The present Order removes Board of Trade and Custodian control over money or property accruing in consequence of this authorisation. Italian property in the United Kingdom at the date of this Order and income arising therefrom continue under Board of Trade and Custodian control.

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10 Oct 45.

Memo. Chief Commissioner.

Reintroduction of Postal Services. Summary of Action taken.

GEM. 646 11 Sep 45. (1) Early resumption desired Commercial Paper Post. } with Italy
Printed Paper Post.
Sample Post.

(2) Date of increasing weight limit Letter Post to U.S.A. U.K & Empire

Cable 5779 21 Sep 45. Replying stating agreement to introduction of additional services & to weight limit increase. 15 Oct suggested as commencing date

Mat 916. 22 Sep. Copy of cable to MAT addressees asking for confirmation of reintroduction on 15 Oct

Letter 47/396 (24 Sep 45.) To Ministry informing them of contents of cable to AFHQ (5779)

TAM 693 29 Sep. USA does not contemplate starting new services advised Mat 916 until extension parcel post services.

2nd Oct 45. Director General P&T. informed on phone of USA decision and asked to contact Embassy through Italian diplomatic channels so that restoration of other services could be agreed whilst consideration of extension of parcel post service was proceeded with.

GEM 656. 6 Oct. Oct 15 quite convenient date for commencing services from UK to Italy.

P47/432 8 Oct. AFHQ informed 15 Oct is firm date for reintroduction of UK services.

10 Oct. Awaiting result of action taken on diplomatic level re U.S.A. decision.

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W.H. Green Major.
Director Commercial.

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ALCOM ROME

To AGWAR

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This is TAM 699. Subject gift parcel service ITALY states MAT 923 approved, Ministry should expedite administrative details to UNITED STATES Postal Administration, with resumption date suggested as 12 October. Advise areas with which new service will operate

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AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGEG
ALL MAT ADDRESSES ALCOM ROME

CONFIDENTIAL.

Extension of gift parcel service US to ITALY. This is MAT 923.

1. Greatest difficulty facing Italian Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications concerned with extension of gift parcel service is sorting accommodation. Military assistance being given, but until problem can be fully solved, and in order to expedite extension of service, Ministry requests that consideration be given by US Postal Administration to preliminary sorting in US. If agreed, Ministry suggests that parcels be province-sorted and despatched to each Provincial capital.

2. Military channels for forwarding this request adopted for reasons of expediency.

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TO FHGEG AFHQ

5779 21 SEPT. 1945 ROUTINE

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RE OUR FIVE THREE TWO NINE OF ONE THREE SEPTEMBER
FOLLOWING POSTAL SERVICES CAN BE RESTORED BETWEEN
BRITISH EMPIRE CMA USA AND POSSESSIONS CMA RUSSIA CMA
ERITREA TRIPOLITANIA LIBYA ITALIAN SOMALILAND AND ITALY
EXCEPT GORIZIA TRIESTE FIUME POLA ZARA PD
~~BAGEG6 AG6EHGEG6~~AFHQ FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACCMN PAREN
LETTERS CMA COMMERCIAL PAPERS CMA PRINTED PAPERS CMA SAMPLES
AND BLIND LITERATURE UP TO MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMITS SPECIFIED
IN POSTAL CONVENTION ALSO EXPRESS LETTERS PD
SUGGEST ONE FIVE OCTOBER AS DATE FOR COMMENCEMENT PD
PLEASE CONFIRM PD
REQUEST THAT UK MAILS TO ITALY SENT OVERLAND BE ADDRESSED
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AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGEG
TROOPERS INFO AGWAR FGH CCS FOR CCAC. ALCOM ROME

CONFIDENTIAL.

This is MEG 550. Reference your GEM 648.

1. Request that no parcel service from UK to ITALY be commenced until Italian Government has been consulted. Numerous obstacles to be overcome including postal accomodation difficulties at NAPLES.

2. Is civil or military transport to be used for UK to ITALY letter mails between PARIS and CHIASSO?

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AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGEG

ALCOM ROME

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Following is paraphrase of GEM 648. Para 3 TAM 329 is reference.

1. As soon as possible it is proposed to introduce limited parcel post service between UK and ROME, VATICAN CITY, NAPLES, SICILY and SARDINIA. Restricted dimensions and post pound weight will apply. Mail will be separately bagged for each destination and despatched to NAPLES.

2. In view of fact that trading with ITALY is now allowed (see para 3 GEM 646) no reason for maintaining restrictions on value and nature of parcel contents. It will be obligatory for senders to comply with currency control and import licencing regulations. Letter mails between UK and ITALY (both civil and PW) will be routed overland via PARIS and CHIASSO with effect from Monday September 17. Request your comments.

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AFHQ FOR FHOEH

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12 September 45 ROUTINE

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REUR GROUPE FIVE THREE ONE ONE STOP ONE OF NINE SEPTEMBER PD NO JUSTIFICATION FOR ALLEGATION IN FIRST PARAGRAPH PD

ITALIAN POST OFFICE AND W S A FULLY AWARE OF POSITION HE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF DESPATCHING RESPONSIBILITY FROM BRITISH AND AMERICAN APOs TO CIVIL P O AS RAISED IN GROUPE FIVE THREE ONE ONE STOP ONE OF ONE THREE AUGUST PD

PARAS TO AFHQ FOR FHOEG FROM HQ AIGOM CITE ACCMB PARAS

SEE MY P FOUR SAVEN STOP THREE SIX FIVE OF FIVE SEPTEMBER PD EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS WERE INTRODUCED ON ALLIED BASIS AND ACTION PROPOSED IN PARAGRAPHS THREE AND FOUR AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE LIABLE TO BE INTERPRETED BY ITALIANS AS FORCING ISSUE ON BEHALF OF AMERICAN SHIPPING FIRMS PD REQUEST CONTINUANCE OF PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL PROBLEMS RAISED IN P FOUR SEVEN STOP THREE SIX FIVE SETTLED AND PROPER INSTRUCTIONS TO ITALIAN POST OFFICE CAN BE GIVEN COVERING BOTH BRITISH AND AMERICAN SERVICES PD CIVIL AND PW DESPATCHES TO NEW YORK AND OTTAWA ~~[illegible]~~ AVERAGE ONLY ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO KILOS WEEKLY AND NOT LIKELY TO BE CAUSING SERIOUS INCONVENIENCE TO AMERICAN BASE APO PD REPORT FOLLOWS

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NEUR GEORGE FIVE THREE ONE ONE STOP ONE OF NINE SEPTEMBER PD NO JUSTIFICATION FOR ALLEGATION IN FIRST PARAGRAPH PD ITALIAN POST OFFICE AND W S A FULLY AWARE OF POSITION RE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF DESPATCHING RESPONSIBILITY FROM BRITISH AND AMERICAN APOs TO CIVIL P O AS RAISED IN GEORGE FIVE THREE ONE ONE STOP ONE OF ONE THREE AUGUST PD

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SEE MY P FOUR SEVEN STOP THREE SIX FIVE OF FIVE SEPTEMBER PD EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS WERE INTRODUCED ON ALLIED BASIS AND ACTION PROPOSED IN PARAGRAPHS THREE AND FOUR AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE LIABLE TO BE INTERPRETED BY ITALIANS AS FORCING ISSUE ON BEHALF OF AMERICAN SHIPPING FIRM PD REQUEST CONTINUANCE OF PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL PROBLEMS RAISED IN P FOUR SEVEN STOP THREE SIX FIVE SETTLED AND PROPER INSTRUCTIONS TO ITALIAN POST OFFICE CAN BE GIVEN COVERING BOTH BRITISH AND AMERICAN SERVICES PD CIVIL AND PW DESPATCHES TO NEW YORK AND OTTAWA [redacted] AVERAGE ONLY ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO KILOS WEEKLY AND NOT LIKELY TO BE CAUSING SERIOUS INCONVENIENCE TO AMERICAN BASE APO PD REPORT FOLLOWS

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Following is paraphrase of CEM 646.

Paraphrase begins: Para one. CEM 506 and 564 are references. Early resumption desired of (a) commercial paper post (b) printed paper post (c) samples Pos with ITALY. PARA. Indication requested as to when services likely to operate and what weight restrictions will be imposed. Para two. When is weight limit letter post to UNITED STATES, UNITED KINGDON and EMPIRE likely to be raised to 2 kilogrammes? Para three. The obstacles in the way of trading between UNITED KINGDON and ITALY have been removed by statutory rules and orders published by traiding with the enemy department. These rules permit transactional communications. Parephrase ends.

Request your comments earliest.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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F.23.131/CM

25th August 1945

Subject: Gift Parcel Service from Australia.

To : The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs.

Reference your 42574/125/1/Est of 23th August 1945.

1. This appears to be another instance in which the Foreign Ministry has too readily assumed a definite undertaking on your part to accept an extension of parcel services, and it is suggested that you should draw the attention of that Ministry to the undesirability of definitely committing your Administration to any service prior to an opportunity being given you to study the technical problems involved. It would have been advisable in your letter 42574/125 of 20th June to have pointed out clearly to the Foreign Ministry that the instructions given to the Embassy in London needed modification.

2. In view of the difficulties being experienced in operating the existing service from the U.S.A. and of the fact that requests for similar services from other parts of the British Empire have been refused, it was especially desirable that the matter should be coordinated with this Commission before the advertisement and commencement of the service was agreed.

3. It is not known what will be the extent of the traffic; how the mails will be made up; or how they will be forwarded from England. As however there has been delay in bringing the matter under notice and as the British and Australian Post Offices would be justified in assuming that your Administration was agreeable and apparently have already commenced the service, it seems necessary to let the matter take its course and make the best arrangements possible in the light of developments. It is probable that the number of parcels involved will be very much lower than those received from the U.S.A.

C J Maddock Capt
for H.H. SOULSBY
Lt.Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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Copy to:
C-S : A.F.H.Q.
(with translation of correspondence between Foreign Ministry and Post Office)
Chief Consul, Cairo.

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

41/09102/60

To: Ministry of P.T.

8th June 1945

Subject: Gift Parcel from Australia.

We have received the following telegram from the spokesman of the Italian Colony in Australia:

"Interpreting the wish of the Italian Community in Australia to help the needs of Italy particularly of relatives and friends I have approached the Australian Ministry of Posts and Customs.

Reserving myself to extend gradually destination Ministry of Customs has issued on May 2nd special license for transmission to persons or Bodies residing in Rome, Naples, Palermo, areas, parcels containing foodstuffs, clothing, medicines, toilet articles exclusively as gifts from persons, Bodies living in Australia. Postal Dept is in the impossibility of accepting such parcels owing to the lack of connection between Egypt and Italy and being anxious to help has telegraphed British authorities to forward through England reserving itself in a negative case to commence further negotiations for "very slow" service via American. I beg Government to intervene directly with British and Egyptian authorities scope of obtaining quick despatch such parcel post. Telegraph result".

Following on the above telegram our Ministry has interested the R. Embassy London, with the following telegram:

"Spokesmann Italian Community in Australia telegraphs that he has obtained from Australian authorities the license to despatch gift parcels to persons or Bodies living in Rome, Naples, Palermo. Australian Postal Dept. is in the impossibility of accepting such parcels owing to the lack of connection between Egypt and Italy has asked British authorities authority to despatch parcels through England. Please intervene with these competent authorities with the object of obtaining authority to forward parcels either via Egypt or via England".

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TRANSLATION.

To: Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

n. 42737½/125 20th June 1945

Subject: Gift Parcels from Australia.

Reference 41/09102/60 of 8th June, we inform you that this Ministry bearing in mind the considerable benefit that at the present time our country would enjiy from the arrival from abroad of goods despatchd by means of parcel post from Australia is in general favourable to the establishment of a service of gift parcels similar to that in operation from U.S.A.

Anyhow, we have taken due note of the mission entrusted to the R. Embassy at London to intervene with the competent authorities to obtain the forwarding of the parcels via Egypt or via England, and on favourable reply, we will carefully consider the internal difficulties which might arise in the execution of service.

Letter from Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

41/1483 31th July 1945

Subject: Parcels in Arrival from Australia.

We inform you that according to what the Italian Embassy at London has just now telegraphed, thanks to agreements reached between the British and Australian posts the gift parcels in arrival from Australia will, for the time being, be forwarded via England.

N. 42737½/125/1/Set 25th August 1945

Subject: Gift Parcels from Australia.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with reference to the reply received from our Administration in June last concerning the possibility of allowing the flux to Italy of gift parcels from Australia, the same as is being done for the parcels in arrival from U.S.A., inform us that based on arrangements reached between the British and the Australian Posts, the despatches in question will be forwarded via England.

A copy of the file is herewith transmitted for your examination, awaiting to know the decisions your Commission will make concerning the subject. 1818

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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P.23.177/03

13th August 1945

Subject: Gift Parcel Service from U.S.A.

To : The Minister of Posts and Telecommunications.

With reference to your 47359 of 30th July.

1. It is unfortunate that your Administration should have agreed to accept the extension of the service to Sicily and Sardinia on a given date without first satisfying itself that there was a reasonable prospect of the Post Office having the means at its disposal with which to carry out the service. The inspection made by your representative (which should obviously have been carried out before any decision was given) confirms the difficulties in obtaining accommodation at Naples which this Sub-Commission has brought to your attention on many occasions.

2. There is little likelihood that the accommodation situation in Naples will become much easier during the next few months owing to the problem created by the redeployment of the Allied Armies in Italy and although this Commission has made the strongest possible representations to obtain the derequisitioning of the remainder of the Naples Ferrovia Sorting Office, I am not yet able to say when the British Army Post Office will be able to relinquish the use of these premises. In my P.23.162 of 25th July I advised you to instruct your Naples Provincial Director to discuss with the A.M.G., Naples Zone Commissioner the question of obtaining the use of part of the Albergo dei Poveri. The Zone Commissioner (Col. Pemyerick) has notified me that he will be glad to discuss this matter with your representative, but I have not yet heard whether you have arranged such discussion.

3. In view of the fact that your Administration had given a definite promise in the matter, Allied Force Headquarters have agreed not to oppose the proposal to extend the service to Sicily and Sardinia although they are extremely dubious as to the wisdom of agreeing to even this extension in present circumstances. It is emphasised, however, that no further extension can be agreed to without an assurance on your part that you are in a position to make proper arrangements to handle the traffic.

4. It has not been possible to arrange for the mails for Sicily and Sardinia to be loaded for direct transport to those islands but a request has been made that the mails for Sardinia should be addressed to Cagliari and loaded on general cargo vessels proceeding to Civitavecchia. It is recommended that you make thorough enquiries of the Port and Transportation authorities at Civitavecchia concerning the detailed arrangements necessary in connection with the handling storage and forwarding of this traffic.

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5. It has also been requested that the mails for Sicily (addressed to Palermo) be loaded on general cargo vessels carrying civil supplies for off-loading at Naples Civil Port.

6. If you find that conditions at Civitavecchia are such as to permit the mails for Rome to be dealt with there instead of at Naples please notify this Office immediately.

7. As regards the provision of railway wagons for the prompt disposal of transit parcel mails from Naples or from any other port of arrival it is obvious that no guarantee in this matter can be given. The Italian Government is well aware of the position regarding the availability of rolling stock in Italy and, as I have pointed out previously, such railway transportation facilities as are available for civil purposes have to be utilised for the general needs of the state and cannot be reserved for this special parcel service. This is a point of view which it might be advisable to bear in mind in discussing the question of further extensions of the parcel service with other Ministries concerned. If however you will give me details (date and time request for transportation is made and date and time railway wagons are made available) in any cases where undue delay occurs I will refer the matter to the Transportation Sub-Commission.

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H.H. SQUIRE
Lt.Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

Copies to:

G-5 : A.F.H.Q. (ref. M.A.T. 374)
Chief Commissioner
Transportation Sub-Commission

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AFHQ SHAEF ALEXANDER CITE FLEMS

ACTION : AIL MAT AMEMBASSYS INFO: AIOCH ROME

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This is MAF 874. Your TAM 656.

Air parcel service UK to ITALY.

Objection now withdrawn to extension this service to cover entire island SICILY and SARDINIA with effect from 1 August.

As Italian postal authorities are working under great handicaps with regard accommodation and transport adherance to following procedure would greatly facilitate processing and internal distribution.

A. Parcels for SARDINIA to be bagged NEW YORK to CAGLIARI and dispatched on general cargo vessels carrying civil supplies for off-loading CIVITAVECCHIA.

B. Parcels for ROME, VATICAN CITY, NAPLES and SICILY to be bagged NEW YORK to ROME, VATICAN CITY, NAPLES and PALERMO respectively and dispatched on general cargo vessels carrying civil supplies for [illegible] loading NAPLES civil port.

C. Where shipments total more than 250 weight tons, it is suggested USFA NAPLES be communicated with to enable use of other vessels if 2 port discharge can be conveniently arranged.

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MEMO

P.23.172.CS

SUBJECT: Gift Parcel Service from U.S.

TO : Staff Officer to Chief Commissioner.

The Chief Commissioner may wish to see the attached memo indicating the latest position in this case.

W.J. Green

Major
Chief Postal Officer.

Communications Sub-Commission
Extn 444

10 August 1945.

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MEMO

P.23.173.CS

Major Byles G-5 telephoned 9 August stating that G-4, AFHQ at request of U.S. Polad had sent a signal to War Dept agreeing to the despatch of Gift Parcels from U.S.A. to Sicily and Sardinia. The first G-5 heard of this was a signal from CCS asking for confirmation as it was contrary to G-5's signal refusing any such extension.

I pointed out that the proposal to allow the service to Sicily and Sardinia (to which the Italian Post Office had committed itself) was in accordance with Alcom's latest recommendation, and mentioned that in his telephone conversation of 31st July with Mr. Offey, the Chief Commissioner drew special attention to the fact that this recommendation ran contrary to G-5's latest wire to CCS and emphasized that it was necessary for the matter to be coordinated with G-5 before the U.S. was informed.

On August 10th Major Byles telephoned again stating that in the circumstances G-5 proposed to agree to the service though they were apprehensive of the consequences.

It had been confirmed that shipment direct to Cagliari and Palermo was not practicable but that if only general cargo vessels were used it would probably be possible to use ships definitely routed to Naples and/or Civitavecchia. How should the mails be divided in this case?

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After consultation with the Ministry it was confirmed that at the outset, and in the absence of details as to quantity only the Sardinia mails should be sent to Civitavecchia where there is only a small Post Office staff. It may subsequently be found possible to deal also with the mails for Rome at Civitavecchia.

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Major

Communications Sub-Commission
Extn: 444

10 August 1945.

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P.23.170/05

STAFF OFFICER TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

Attached for your files is a copy of the memo seen in draft by the Chief Commissioner on 31st July and referred to in his conversation with Mr. Offey.

Translations of two letters from the Post Office bearing on the subject are also connected.

W.H.Green
Major,
Chief Postal Officer.

1st August 1945

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GIFT PARCEL SERVICE FROM U.S.A.

1. It is a fact that the Italian Post Office is experiencing difficulty in handling the present gift parcel service from the U.S. to Rome, Palermo, Naples and Vatican City. This difficulty is reported to arise mainly from the following main causes: -

(a) Unsatisfactory arrangements for receipt and custody of arrivals; uncertainty as to port of arrival; inconvenient points of unloading.

(b) Lack of accommodation at Naples Port and at Naples Central Station for the accommodation of the mails for Rome and Palermo pending provision of rail transport.

(c) Difficulty in obtaining the use of rail and road transport as and when required.

(d) Excessive number of parcels damaged and requiring repacking before delivery.

2. Of these difficulties undoubtedly the most serious is the lack of accommodation at Naples where the Post Office has lost all its premises at the Port while half the sorting office accommodation at the Railway Station is occupied by the British Army Base Post Office.

3. The Italian Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications has been under considerable pressure from organisations in the United States and Italy to extend the service, and finally after a report by the Ambassador of a threatened press campaign against it in the U.S. it has been stampeded into agreeing to accept parcels for all Sicily and Sardinia as from 1st August and for the remainder of Italian Government territory as from 1st September. This action was taken despite the attention repeatedly drawn by this Sub-Commission to the difficulties which had to be surmounted before any extension was practicable. In extenuation of its action in making such a promise the Post Office pleads the difficulty in resisting the pressure to which it was subjected and states that it hoped to find a solution to the accommodation difficulty before the parcels arrived. As a matter of fact a detailed enquiry by Ministerial Inspectors at Naples has produced nothing more that a further plea for the derequisitioning of the Sorting Office; a possibility of some alternative accommodation in the Albergo dei Poveri (now being discussed with Naples A.M.G. Zone Commissioner) and an indefinite suggestion that semi-portable Army huts might be rented or purchased from the Allies.

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4. As regards the various paragraphs in the Memo of 30th July:

1.(A) The estimate of 4000 tons is thought to be rather high. The existing service (30 tons), although confined to addressees in three cities, is known from censorship reports to include parcels for other places using "accommodation" addressees.

(B) No comment.

(C) This was the original arrangement - delivery by Port Bn transport to the Post Office - but it is reported that it does not apply when the parcels are landed at the part of Naples Port turned over to civil use. The Post Office has now to try to arrange with S.A.C. in such cases.

(D) The case for the dorequisitioning of Naples Station Sorting Office has been resubmitted.
A few Army trucks have now been turned over to the Post Office.

(E) Yes see 1 above.

(F) That is so. The Ministry has been asked to present a plan.

(G) Facking yes. I have heard no complaints re. the addressees.

2.(A) No comment.

(B) Agreed.

(C) See 1.(C) above.

(D) It would be a great advantage if the mails could be loaded for discharge as indicated but according to Transportation Sub-Commission ships still do not leave the United States for specific ports in Italy. If loading for direct discharge at Palermo and Cagliari were possible much of the difficulty would be overcome so far as the acceptance of the parcels for Sicily and Sardinia is concerned.

5. It is recommended that the State Department should be informed that the shipping and port arrangements; the lack of premises; military requirements in connection with redeployment; and the internal transportation situation are such as to render it impracticable at the present time for the Italian Post Office to undertake satisfactorily the acceptance and general distribution of parcels for the mainland,

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but that objection will not be raised to a service for Sicily and Sardinia being given a trial.

6. It is further recommended that steps should be taken to publicise in the United States the difficulties and the reasons for the deferment of a wider extension of the gift parcel service.

for H.H. SCUDDER
Lt.Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

1st August 1945

Communications Sub-Commission
Extn. 424.

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Translation by C. Gagliardi.

Ref. No. 47359

30th July 1945.

To Communications S C

In reply to your letter P.27.156.CS of the 24th inst., we beg to advise that this Administration subsequent to solicitations (which have reached us direct and also through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) of our countrymen residing in America considers that it is necessary to solve the difficult problem of the extension of the gift parcels service to the whole of the Italian territory under the Italian Government Administration.

This has already been done to avoid the accusation of disinterest which the abovementioned countrymen inferred on the grounds that the arrival of the goods contained in the gift parcels is necessary especially owing to the actual economic situation. And, as the Press intended to voice these solicitations, threatening a campaign against us in America, according to information received from our Ambassador, we considered it advisable to allow, as from the 1st August next, the acceptance of the gift parcels for well defined regions such as Sicily and Sardinia.

This Ministry trusted that during the time that would lapse between the communication to the American Administration and the time of the trip, it would be possible to find in Naples suitable premises for the storing and sorting of the bags of parcels, the number of which, basing on past experience, would be very heavy and, at least, ten times the present volume.

Unfortunately, however, notwithstanding every possible effort was made to secure in Naples suitable premises, also through the local civil and ecclesiastic authorities, our efforts have not met with success owing to the absolute lack of suitable premises and of premises which could be temporarily adapted for the purpose.

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Having set out the above, you will realize the position in which we will find ourselves on the arrival of the bags of parcels if we cannot find the way, by means of your great help, to obtain the derequisition of one or more premises of at least 2000 sq. metres, making at the same time the most ample reserves as regards that amount of space as we have not at the present any way of establishing what will be the quantity of parcels which will arrive.

The necessary space required should be, naturally,

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granted in premises near those in which the service is at the present being carried out, and it is for that reason we requested to the Allied Authorities all the premises of the Naples Ferrovia Post Office.

This Ministry sent two of its inspectors ten days ago to try and solve the arduos problem, but the news so far to hand from them is very discouraging.

However, the searches will be continued.

So much for the premises.

As regards the means of transport, from the port of arrival to the sorting premises which still have to be found as abovementioned, we shall try to manage, when the Allied Command of Naples will not be able to help us any further, with some of the motor vehicles we are receiving from the Allied Authorities.

But to make use of same we will need supplies of petrol and lubrificants the quantity of which, basing on eight 3 tons trucks workingdaily for at least 10 hours on a distance of 50 Kms. and for 15 days per month, would amount to a monthly average of at least 2700 litres of benzine and a corresponding supply of lubrificants.

An adequate supply of tyres and tubes will also be necessary for the transport service from the place of arrival by ships or trains, not only at Naples , but also to all the provincial capitals of destination.

Should that transport service from arrival to sorting could thus be organized, it will also be necessary to arrange for the supply of the railway vans indispensable for the despatch to Palermo and Civitavecchia (from where the parcels will be shipped to Sardinia) of the parcels addressed to those localities.

We, therefore, kindly request you to take the matter up with the Transportation Sub-Commission so as that the railway vans we require be assigned to us immediately after they receive an analagous request from us so as to avoid, if possible, the concentration of the parcels(in Naples)addressed to Sicily and Sardinia. 1807

We must bring to your knowledge that, consequent to the situation that has arisen for the service in question, this Ministry has already given its assent, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and direct to the United States Postal Administration,for the acceptance of the gift parcels for the said two regions, beginning from the 1st of August next.

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Owing to the present state of affairs, if we cannot obtain help from the Allied Authorities for the necessary premises, petrol and railway means of transport , it can be forseen that the parcels dervice in question will be very difficult if not impossible to carry out.

We are enclosing, for your information, a copy of a preliminary report which has reached us from one of our inspectors who was sent to Naples for the sole purpose of organizing that service.

Il Ministro.

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TRANSLATION

27th July 1945

A27585/125/1.Est

To: Post Office Dept.
Washington.

Subject: Parcel Post Service.

Following on the numerous and insistent pressure of bodies and Italian fellow countrymen living in the U.S.A. our Administration, overcoming noticeable difficulties depending from the situation of transport, premises and present fittings of the offices, has decided to allow from August 1st, that the well known parcel post service from New York forwarded up till now to Italy only if addressed to Rome, Naples and Palermo, be effectuated also for thus parcels addressed to all localities in Sardinia and Sicily, with the reservation to extend as soon as possible and with timely notification, the forwarding of such parcels to all the Provinces up till now under Italian Government Administration or which will be transferred to it further on.

We therefore beg the General Directorate to intervene with the depending Offices to regularise the posting and forwarding of the parcels in question, whose maximum weight, for the time being, will continue to be of 4 pounds.

It would be, overthis, absolutely necessary, not to hinder the forwarding operations subsequent to the landing at Kyles, that the despatches for Sicily would be included from New York in sacks addressed to Palermo and those for Sardinia in sacks addressed to Cagliari.

It is warmly recommended that the said packages be packed by the senders in a cloth container, as the cardboard boxes being used are insufficient to prevent things being broken or scattered inside and consequently the stuff sent be mixed up in the inside the bags due to compression on account of the weight of the load.

So far as the amount of the retribution is concerned (terminal right) to be given to the Italian Postal Administration for the packages on subject, it is pointed out that the expenses for the carrying out of the service have proved to be because of the actual contingences, much larger than those which were foreseen and which, in a first agreement reached with A.C., were supposed to be covered by a tariff of 0,65 gold francs per package.

We are therefore forced to ask you that such retribution be adequated to the normal one, as from art. X of the Special Convention for Parcel Post Service in force between our two countries. That is 0.35 gold francs for each parcel of a weight up to 1 Kilo, and 1,25 from 1 up to 5 Kilos, since the last in the second weight gradation considered in the said convention.

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Therefore the payments for deliveries effected from 1st August up to now should be balanced on the basis of the normal payment as indicated above, duly noting these balancings on the tickets compiled by the N.Y. Office of Exchange, which accompany each despatch.

A reply on the matter will be appreciated.

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR
F. Fumucci.

† This is fantastic. The Post Office has not been able to overcome any of the difficulties

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Postal Officer
Communications Subcommission

The Chief Commissioner desires a memorandum concerning the present situation in respect to this matter.

Chief Commissioner's Office

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CASERTA

July 30, 1945

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July 30, 6:45 pm

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US URGENT

Following to be delivered urgently to Stone, AC, from Offie, confirming phone conversation 5:30 today:

1. An examination of mail situation as it affects military commitments Italy indicates following:

A. It is estimated that 4000 tons of gift parcels per month might be received in Italy if this service is extended throughout Italy as proposed. This is premised on fact that gift parcels will be limited in size to 5 lbs., which is considered to be a maximum.

B. That there will be no problem in handling this material on shipping from U.S.

C. That unloading and movement of gift parcels to an agency controlled by Italian Government in vicinity of port of discharge could be effected by military sources without prejudice to their activities.

D. That there can be no release of accommodations (premises) or rail facilities for distribution

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of mail until approximately October 1. Military can make no truck facilities available for functions other than port clearance, either now or later. There is a possibility that some surplus trucks may be made available by that time for purchase by Italian Government.

E. That Italian postal authorities are having difficulty making distribution of the 80 tons per month of gift parcels presently received for Palermo, Naples, and Rome.

F. That there has been no opportunity for AC to study this problem with respect to internal distribution within Italy.

G. That entire problem is complicated by unsatisfactory addresses and poor packaging.

2. It is concluded that receipt of gift packages will not interfere with U.S. military commitment in Italy, provided:

A) That gift packages are shipped on civil supply ships and do not apply against military tonnage.

B) That a limit of no more than 5 lbs. is placed on 1 package.

C) That packages only be accepted by U.S. post offices in response to a specific request giving a complete address.

D) That packages are segregated in U.S. for discharge only at specific ports which are tentatively recommended as Naples, Bari, Genoa, Venice, Trieste, Palermo, Cagliari, and Civitavecchia.

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3. It is recommended that reply be made to State Department's radio No. 696 in accordance with above conclusions, and recommending that AC be given sufficient time to explore with Italian Government latter's ability to make internal distribution in Italy.

4. It is requested that copies of your reply to State Department be furnished to G-4 (A and B) and G-5.

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CC - Adm. Stone

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JUL 26 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

P.23.158/CS

24 July 1945

SUBJECT: Gift Parcel Service from the United States.

TO : The Minister Posts and Telegraphs.

With reference to my P. 23.144/CS of 30th June and your 42753/135/1/Ost of 15 July 1945.

1. Information has been received that the Italian Embassy in Washington has advised the U.S. State Department that the Italian Government proposes to accept gift parcels up to 11 lbs in weight for all parts of Italy under Italian Government jurisdiction.

2. A proposal for such an extension of the service was put forward in your No.42575/125 of 15 June which detailed clearly the difficulties which would have to be surmounted before such a scheme could be regarded as a practicable proposition. My letter P. 23.144 of 30th June dealt specifically with the points raised and indicated:-

a) That there was little hope at present of obtaining the required direct routing of the mails to specific ports in Italy

b) That the possibility of obtaining the derequisitioning of the Naples Ferrovia Post Office was still uncertain

c) That the question of the provision of adequate rail and road transport for this purpose needed consideration by the Italian Government in relation to the other transportation needs of the state.

Your attention was also drawn to the desirability of a reversion to normal fiscal safeguards in view of the evidence of abuse of the privilege of free from customs examination.

3. Although your letter of 2nd July to the Foreign Ministry (copy to this Sub-Commission on 17th July) did state that your aim was to extend the service to Sicily and Sardinia by 1st August and to Central and Southern Italy by 1st September, it set out very clearly the difficulties which needed first to be overcome and it was assumed therefore that it was not your intention to confirm these proposed dates until you were reasonably sure that a solution could be found in time to the problems which you described in that letter as "serious and insolvable".

4. If it is the case that a definite promise to extend the service has since been made, I should be glad to be informed of your detailed proposals for dealing with the estimated traffic and whether you have been able to arrange for the necessary accommodation and transport to be made available by the dates proposed.

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5. Pending an indication that the Italian Government has fully considered the problem and is satisfied that the resources at its disposal are such as to enable it to undertake reasonably efficiently the receipt and countrywide distribution of these parcels this Commission is not prepared to recommend to the U.S. Authorities that the special gift parcel service be extended on the dates suggested. There is every sympathy with the desire of your Administration to widen the scope of its services to the public, and every wish to encourage the restoration of the normal conduct of negotiations between your Administration and those of foreign countries, but where Allied interests in the matter of transportation etc., are concerned it is expected that the Italian Government will coordinate with this Commission before advising it representatives abroad of extensions of services.

6. It should be mentioned that there is a prospect that the Northern Regions will return to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government by September and that any proposal to extend the service to these Regions will probably involve the use of military trains and require the concurrence of the Allied Transportation authorities.

H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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25 July 1945.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

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Thank you for your letter of 23 July enclosing copy of the Note Verbale in connection with the extension of limited parcel post facilities to Italian prisoners of war and members of Italian Service Units now in the United States.

Very truly yours,

/s/ ELLERY W. STONE

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Embassy,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

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cc: EXEC. COMMR.
COMMUNICATIONS S/C
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

JUL 25 RECD

P.23.157/C3

24 July 1945

SUBJECT: Gift Parcel Service U.S.A. to Italy.

TO : C-5, A.F.H.Q.

Reference your 311.16-5 of 16 July 1945.

1. It is agreed that the Italian Government should be required to produce evidence of its plans to handle reasonably efficiently the increased traffic before the proposed extension of the gift parcel service is put into effect.

2. On the other hand it must be admitted that the past experience of the Italian Post Office in endeavouring to obtain, in collaboration with this Commission, transport and accommodation facilities to enable it to undertake the restoration or expansion of services has not been such as to encourage it to rely on the efficacy of that method, and it may very well be that the conclusion has been reached that it is necessary to have the traffic before the facilities for dealing with it be conceded.

3. The discretionary authority for the extension and restoration of services contained in TAM 593 was passed to the Italian Government (with certain provisos regarding conveyance questions) in my P.47.253 of 1st July (copy to C-5).

4. As regards the question of the abuse of the gift parcel service for the transmission of goods for sale it is considered that this mainly concerns the Italian Government from the point of view of loss of revenue from customs duty and that the responsibility for deciding whether customs examination should be restored rests with that Government. A recommendation that any extension of the parcel service should be accompanied by a reversion to normal fiscal safeguards was made to the Italian Post Office in P.23.144 of 30th June.

5. A further report will be furnished when a reply to the enclosed letter to the Italian Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications is received.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

1 Inc.: Copy to Chief Commissioner.

H.H. SOUDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig. C.
Director.

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Major S
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Fwd to
Col Scudder
Inq

JUL 24 REC'D
CC 1655

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN EMBASSY

Rome, July 23, 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

I am enclosing for your information copy of a Note Verbale in which the Minister of Foreign Affairs is informed that limited parcel post facilities have been extended by my Government to Italian prisoners of war and members of the Italian Service Units now held in continental United States.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
R o m e.

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cc: Exec. Comm'r.
Col. Scudder, Communications S/C
Chief Commissioner

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Copy for AC

F.O. No. 164

N O T E V E R B A L E

The Ambassador of the United States of America has the honor to refer to the Note Verbale of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated January 4, 1945, in which permission is requested for the shipment of relief parcels by Italian prisoners of war and members of the Italian Service Units held in the continental United States to their families in Italy.

The Ambassador is happy to inform the Minister of Foreign Affairs that, according to instructions recently received from the Department of State, arrangements have now been completed whereby Italian prisoners of war and members of the Italian Service Units, held in the continental United States, may request the International Committee of the Red Cross to send ordinary unregistered and uninsured gift packages by parcel post to civilians at Rome, Vatican City, Naples

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To the

R. Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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To the

R. Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

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Naples and Palermo. These gift packages will be limited to relief items, with a total value of not more than $25.00. Only one package per calendar month may be transmitted at the request of the same sender.

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Rome, July 21, 1945

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SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGEG
ALL MAT ADDRESSEES INFO ALCOM ROME

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This is MAT 833.

Italian proposal to extend gift parcel service US to ITALY to include SICILY and SARDINIA on 1 August and all parts ITALY under Italian jurisdiction on 1 September has not been coordinated with ALCOM or this Hq. While reasonable extension of service is agreed in principle, serious lack of accommodation, transport and depend each of Italian postal authorities is military assistance render coordination on their part with ALCOM and through ALCOM with postal and transport sections this Hq essential prior to further development thereof. Italian Government being requested to present extension plan for proper coordination and approval. In meantime cannot agree proposals contained TAM 641.

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To SC
GDS CC

JUN 16 RECD
CC 1442
Seen by NHS
18/6/95

Rome, Italy.
June 15, 1945.

Dear Admiral Stone:

With reference to your letter of June 11, 1945 concerning transactional communications, a telegram has been sent to Washington on the points raised by you and it is hoped that this will result in the coordination by the authorities concerned of the policy that it is not necessary to have the Italian Government recognize the Proclaimed List and British Statutory List before allowing transactional communications to be sent from Italy to the United States.

Sincerely yours,

A. Kirk.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
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13053/F. 11 June 1945.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I write with further reference to my letter of 11 June, 1945, acknowledging receipt of your letter of 8 June, regarding transactional communications from Italy to the United States.

At the direction of the Combined Chiefs of Staff and G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q., the Allied Commission informed the Italian Government on 24 April, 1945, that transactional communications may not be sent forward from Italy to the United States/United Kingdom until the Italian Government has adopted by decree the United States Proclaimed List and the British Statutory List. This policy was again referred to the Combined Chiefs of Staff by A.F.H.Q., on 18 May, in MAT telegram 697. The policy was confirmed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff who, in TAM 584 of 26 May, stated that the United States and British Governments, direct through their Embassies, would take additional representations to the Italian Government to hasten the adoption of the desired economic warfare controls.

It would now appear that the United States Government feels it is no longer necessary to have the Italian Government recognise the United States Proclaimed List and British Statutory List before allowing transactional communications to be sent from Italy to the United States. I would therefore suggest that you report the present position to the State Department, so that the Department may raise the matter in the Combined Civil Affairs Committee of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, in order that the existing CCS directives, under which the Allied Commission acts, may be modified accordingly.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

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The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119, Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

Hq A C Chief Commissioner
DISPATCHED
Date - Time Jun 13 0930
Via Pfc. Brenna
Initials

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LMS/hjp

11 June 1945

SUBJECT: U.S. Government views on transactional communications between Italy and the United States

TO : Lt. Col. Scudder, Communications Sub-Commission, Hq A.C.

The Chief Commissioner desires that you take immediate action in regard to the attached letter from Ambassador Kirk.

L. W. STEARNS
Major, A.C.D.
Staff Officer to CC

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Incl 2 - Ltr fr CC, AC
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

11 June 1945.

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

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Thank you for your letter of 8 June advising me of the views of the U.S. Government with respect to transactional communications between Italy and the United States. This matter has been referred to the Communications Sub-Commission for appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
119 Via Vittorio Veneto,
Rome.

cc: Ex. Comm.

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JUN 11 RECD
CC 1042

Rome, Italy, June 8, 1945.

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Dear Admiral Stone:

I want to inform you that I am in receipt of a telegram from the U.S. Government dated June 1st, with respect to transactional communications between Italy and the United States stating that the U.S. Government is in favor of opening, as soon as possible, transactional communications for authorized purposes between the two countries and does not consider that such communications need be held up pending the adoption of the Proclaimed and Statutory Lists by the Italian Government.

Yours very truly,

A. Kirk.

Alexander Kirk.

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AFHQ, SACMED SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGEG

ACTION: TO AIL MAT ADDRESSEES INFO HQ AICOM

SECRET This is MAT 744

Except as indicated, we have no objections to proposed amendment of general license 32 A. Refer TAM 590.

1. Amendment to opening section paragraph 1 so as to permit remittances to any person within liberated portions of ITALY is satisfactory except that we are not yet certain whether or how remittances may be made to VENEZIA GIULIA and intend to make proposals on this as soon as possible. If remittances to that area are opened prematurely it might be necessary to hold them up at this end.

2. Refer MAG 691, switch over to civilian postal channels should be made at your end soonest possible. Italian Govt still has not issued general license but that will not affect incoming remittance mail and we will continue to apply pressure for general license to cover outgoing mail.

3. Ref para 2 of TAM 590, Italian Government has taken no action to admit other Italian commercial banks to remittance business, and hence change proposed by treasury may result in some confusion if additional Italian banks begin receiving remittance lists. To minimize this, urge that remittance mail should always be sent only to head offices of Italian banks.

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AFHQ, ALGIERS ALEXANDER GIBRALTAR

FLD AMCOM

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(Refer TAM 584 this is MAT 741 info to FLD AMCOM)

Resumption commercial and financial communications from ITALY.

A. With end of military campaign in ITALY and transfer of increasing authority to Italian Government, consideration being given to transfer to it responsibility for operating censorship of Italian external civilian communications.

B. It is planned effective not later than 12 July that all external censorship stations will be transferred to Italian Government with Allied participation limited to a small liaison advisory unit not exceeding 4 officers and 4 EM/CM. which will so far as possible protect interests of Allied in external communications and ensure coordination of Italian censorship with Allied censorships in GERMANY and AUSTRIA and other censorships of United Nations network.

C. In view of this small Liaison staff large reliance must be placed on Italian Government to carry out policy outlined in MAT 697 and confirmed by you in TAM 584

Have you any comments.

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LABOR TO ADD FOR INCRD FROM 5# MAXIM WGT SIZE ACCEPTABLE PARCEL
ITALIAN POST OFFICE ALREADY IN DIFFICULTIES IN HANDLING PRESENT ARRIVALS AT NAPLES PD
EXTENSION OF LETTER SERVICES TO NORTH OF ITALY AND RECEIPT OF FOREIGN AND ARMY MILITARY LETTER MAILS FOR NORTH WILL INCREASE STRAIN ON NAPLES PD RECEIPT OF MAILS AT GENOA MIGHT AFFECT POSITION BUT NEED FOR EXCEPTIONAL GIFT SERVICE NOT SO GREAT IN NORTH PD FULL REPORT FOLLOWS PD QUESTION OF CLEARING PRESENT FACILITIES BECAUSE OF REPORTED ABUSES NEEDS FURTHER CONSIDERATION

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CHIEF CONTR
MAY 28 RECD
CC 1756

Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
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Rome, 26 May 1945

Dear Admiral,

I refer to your letter of April 3rd n. 13093/T about the infraction by some insurances companies to the prohibiton of communicating with affiliated agencies and companies which have seats in foreign countries still included on the proscription list of the Allied Governments.

A propos of this much regretted infraction - which it seems, was made by the Riunione Adriatica di Sicurta' only - I can assure you that the Minister for Industry, Commerce and Labor sent circulars to all the insurance Institutes and companies, requiring them strictly to observe the prohibition of communicating with the agencies and companies abroad, as long as it will not be possible to reestablish the free exchange of all correspondence of a commercial nature, and not of limited informations only.

I therefore trust that similar inconveniences will not be open again.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

S. I. Bonomi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
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AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHCEG

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(This is MAT 702)

Conveyance charges Italian civilian external mail subject.

While such mails leave ITALY under Army Post Office arrangements with increasing frequency bags are handled over a long route or Apos to Civil Administration for onward conveyance. Italian Government has no control over routes by which such mails are conveyed and your concurrence is desired to proposal that questions relating to handling or conveyance of such mails and relative costs after they have been handed over to a foreign Civil Postal Administration may be dealt with by Italian Government as they arise. For your information both US and British Army Postal services are mainteining records of Italian mails moved by them upon which Italian Government may be charged at appropriate time.

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AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGEG
HQS ALCOM

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This is MAT 676 also to ALCOM ROME.

Registration facilities Italian civilian mails now permitted to US/UK are being extended of 21 May to all countries to which Italian mail service has been opened and which permit such facilities.

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GHQ FIVE ARMY GROUP GEA ALCOM LOMBARDIA REGION

7183 6 MAY 1945 ROUTINE

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RECOGNIZED THAT INTERNAL CIVIL POSTAL SERVICES IN AREA NORTH OF
ECONOMIC LINE SHOULD GENERALLY BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE AS PRIOR TO
LIBERATION FD

IF AGREED PLEASE SPECIFY ANY PROVINCES WHERE CESSATION SUCH
SERVICES NECESSARY FD

DESIRED TO ESTABLISH QUICKLY POSTGAID AND FORTY GRAM LETTER SERVICE
BETWEEN SOUTH AND NORTH FD

COULD ARRING SUPPLY TRUCKS FOR THESE POSTAL SERVICES LEGHORN PARM
GENOA GEA FORLI PARM VENICE GEA FORLI PARM MILAN GEA CALLING AT
PROVINCIAL CAPITALS ON ROUTES FD

REFER TO GHQ FIVE ARMY GROUP FOR ARG ATTD REC AND ALCOM LOMBARDIA
REGION MILAN FOR SOUTHERN FIGS FD ALCOM SITE ACCMS PARM

ALTERNATE DAYS IN EACH DIRECTION WOULD SUFFICE FD EARLIEST RESUMPTION
CONSIDERED HIGHLY DESIRABLE BOTH ECONOMIC AND MORALE CONSIDERATIONS

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FOR ACTION TO FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP GEA SUGAR CHARLIE ABLE ONCE FIVE ARMY GEA ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT EIGHTH ARMY ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT ZEBRA FORTY (SEE ADDITIONAL RESTRICTION BELOW)

7132 7 MAY 1945 ROUTINE

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECONOMIC POLICY GEA ANY CIVIL POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH SERVICES ALLOWED TO CONTINUE OR REESTABLISHED IN NORTH WILL BE DO AT RATES IN FORCE PRIOR TO THIRD APRIL FD

PARAS TO FOR ACTION FIFTEEN ARMY GROUP GEA SUGAR CHARLIE ABLE ONCE FIVE ARMY ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT EIGHTH ARMY ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT ZEBRA FORTY GEA FOR INFORMATION TO ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENTS VENETIA MARCHE GEA TOSCANA GEA LIGURIA GEA PIEDMONT GEA LOMBARDIA GEA VENEZIE GEA REGIONS GEA ARMY GROUPS FIVE EIGTH ARMY MAIN FOR VENEZIE REGION ADVANCE GEA EIGTH ARMY REAR FOR VENEZIE REGION MAIN FROM ADVON CITY ACCEN PARAS

FASCIST REPUBLICAN STAMPS WILL BE VALID UNTIL ITALIAN GOVERNMENT STAMPS CAN BE DISTRIBUTED FD

LOCAL PRINTING OR OVERPRINTING OF STAMPS WILL BE FORBIDDEN

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AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGBG

ACMAR FOR OCS FOR CCAC INFO AMSSP FOR ECS, HQ COMZONE MAIN ETOUSA, AICOM

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(This is MAT 621)

Resumption Italian postal services is subject.

Reference paragraph 3 of TAM 314 of 8 October you are notified that existing Italian internal civilian mail services are being extended on 9 April to cover the whole of PISA Province, FLORENCE Province as far north as the towns of PRATO and SESTO, and LUCCA and PISTOIA Provinces for the cities of LUCCA and PISTOIA and the areas in their immediate vicinity.

It is proposed that existing external civilian mail services be extended to cover the territory mentioned in the foregoing paragraph on 19 April.

Any correspondence received for parts of FLORENCE, LUCCA, and PISTOIA Provinces not yet open for service will be held at provincial capitals until delivery is possible

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AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGEG

TROOPTIS REPEATED FOR INFORMATION AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC, ALCOM

CONFIDENTIAL.

Reur CEM 506 which is 76795 0A14 of 15 March this is MED 466.

Italian external postal services is subject.

ALLIED COMMISSION feel it would be undesirable to commence printed paper and commercial paper services from UK unless it is also possible to cope with similar services from US and also from ITALY to US and UK. At present considered more important to open first class letter services to liberated territories such as FRANCE and to permit resumption of fact-finding business correspondence in existing services than to commence cheap rate services. Extension of US gift parcel service to all liberated ITALY might also be considered prior claim on any available margin of present limited facilites.

Subject of your CEM 506 is, however, being studied by ALLIED COMMISSION, Italian Posts and Telegraph and Civil Censorship and further report will be furnished. In meantime would be useful to have particulars of types of matter proposed to be sent ITALY by printed paper and commercial paper services and rough estimate of volume of traffic anticipated.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

13059/T

3 April 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

It has been brought to my attention that certain highly-placed officials of insurance companies in Rome are corresponding with insurance offices and companies in foreign countries that are on the proscribed lists of the Allied Governments. Such correspondence has been conducted through the medium of the ordinary postal services, which are liable to Allied censorship, and excerpts made by the censorship authorities disclose use by these same companies of telegraphic and other facilities at the exclusive disposal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The conditions under which my advisers have agreed to the active functioning of the Italian insurance companies, which have been confirmed by a communication from the Allied Governments made known to the Ministry of Industry, Labor and Commerce, have precluded the resumption of such contacts. The only foreign correspondence now permissible is limited commercial correspondence to certain Allied countries under conditions already known to you.

It is a matter for some concern that certain interests are endeavouring to evade restrictions well known to them by facilities of this nature, and I shall be grateful if you will ensure that all the companies are warned that such evasions are regarded most unfavourably by the Allied authorities.

Yours very truly,

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGEG

AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC INFO AMSSO FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF AND HQ COMZONE MAIN ETOUSA *MIDEAST* AICOM ROME

CONFIDENTIAL.

(This is MAT 605)

Notification pursuant to TAM 314 of proposed resumption of 10 April of external Italian civilian mail service for personal post cards and letter up to 40 grams is subject. 4 MAT cables dispatched 29 March give particulars asked for in paragraph 2 of TAM 314. MAT 606 covers FRANCE, MAT 607 BELGIUM, MAT 608 BULGARIA, ROUMANIA, ESTONIA, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, and POLAND, and MAT 609 GREECE

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AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FREEG.

ACWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC REPD FOR INFO: AMSSO FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF AND HQ COMZONE MAIN ETOUSA AFD MEDEAST AND ALCOM ROME.

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This is W T 609.

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of TAM 314 notification is given that it is proposed on 10 April to extend the Italian external civilian mail service to GREECE.

Following particulars by reference to headings in paragraph 2 of TAM 314 are accordingly forwarded:

(A) All liberated Italian Provinces now open for postal services.

(B) GREECE.

(C) GREECE.

(D) Personal postcards and letters up to 40 grammes.

(E) As D above.

(F) As D above.

(G) All outgoing communications from ITALY will be censored by civilcensorship group, ITALY.

(H) ITALY to ATHENS via BRITISH Army Postal channels.

(I) BARI to ATHENS.

(J) Normal Italian.

(K) As for present Italian external service.

(L) 10 April 1945.

(M) Separate arrangements.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner.

28 February 1945.

Ref: 8765/23/EC.

SUBJECT: NAPLES Post Office.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn: G-5 Section.

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1. I refer to my 8765/11/COS of 24 December 1944 and to your reply G-5: 680.3-4 of 10 January 1945.

2. In your letter of 10 January you said that the question of the NAPLES Post Office should be left over until the publication of the instruction on "Coordination of Military and Civilian Requirements for Local Resources". This instruction has still not been issued, but, in any case, in the form in which the Chief Commissioner recommended it should be issued in a LO letter to the CAO on 31 January, the paragraph dealing with derequisitioning was omitted because this subject was covered under the procedure laid down in Appendix "B" to the minutes of the I.C.C. Drafting Committee meeting of 11 January 1945. This Appendix "B", however, does not apply to such premises as the NAPLES Post Office and only has to do with industrial premises.

3. We are, therefore, back to where we started and I would ask you to reconsider my letter of 29 December 1944, para 4 in particular, where I said that it was strongly urged that there should be a definite policy of seeking alternative accommodation for the present Allied occupants.

4. I should be most grateful if you could give this matter your immediate comideration.

For the Chief Commissioner.

W. [illegible]
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Copy to: Communications Sub-Commission
Southern Region
File 4012/EC.
File 544/30.

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Ref: 6765/11/CCS.

24 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Naples Post Office.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters.
Attn: G-5 Section.

1. With reference to your 680.3-4 of 5 December 1944, I cannot agree that the matter should be allowed to rest on the decision given by Q (Maint). Nor can I accept the general ruling laid down in the last paragraph of the Q (Maint) letter. It is precisely this attitude which the Allied Commission has to combat with regard to requisitioning of buildings. You will remember that at the meeting of the Industrial Co-ordination Committee it was stated by one of the Commission's representatives that possession of buildings by military units is regarded as nine-tenths of the law whatever instructions may be issued. Is this not a typical example?

2. I appreciate that the possible future requirements for transit and other accommodation in NAPLES presents a problem to those concerned, but I feel that this does not justify the assumption of an entirely negative attitude towards the release of buildings proper to Italian public services. In particular the final sentence of the letter 607/8/Q(Maint) of 4 December 1944 makes the release of any accomodation dependent on what seems to be a very intangible factor.

3. The Post Office Administration in NAPLES has suffered greatly in the matter of destruction, damage and requisitioning of its premises, and loss of stores and fittings. NAPLES is and will continue to be a key point in the Italian postal system, especially as regards overseas communications, and each Italian province and each newly liberated country which is opened for postal business and every restoration of additional services (such as commercial, financial correspondence, parcel post, registered and insured letters, etc) has its effect on space requirements at NAPLES and constant increases in traffic will certainly take place.

4. In these circumstances, while it is not assumed that the Post Office premises referred to in F.662/C3 of 30 November 1944, can be vacated immediately by the Allied occupants, it is strongly urged that there should be a definite policy of seeking alternative accommodation with a view to restoring to their original use these buildings essential to the rehabilitation of the economic life of the country.

5. May the last para of Q(Maint) letter be withdrawn.

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M. S. LUSH
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff,
for the Chief Commissioner.

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Translation

Department of State

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Rome, 16 December 1944

Dear Admiral, (26)

I received your letter of December 9th, with which you sent me a copy of the letter sent to H. Ex. the President of the Council, about the destination of the steamer 'Abbazia', for a regular liaison service between Naples and Sardinia.

Thanking you for your kind communication, I remain, my dear Admiral,

Truly yours,

s/ R. Prunas

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
R O M E

Cof S Distribution
Chief Commissioner
Communications Sec.

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EWS/dfe

Ref: 8756/47/COS

9 December 1944

Dear Dr. Prunas:

I have been able to inform the Prime Minister today that arrangements have been completed for operation of a ship between the Mainland and Sardinia, beginning 25 December. The ship will make two round trips a month, and this will insure continuance of the mail service, a matter which had given both the Prime Minister and yourself concern.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency don Renato Prunas
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
Rome

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EWS/dfe

9 December 1944

Ref: 8756/46/COS

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In view of the concern expressed by you some time ago as to the possible dislocation of the mail service, following the anticipated removal of Naval vessels running between the Mainland and Sardinia, I believe you will welcome the arrangements which have just been completed. Beginning on or about 25 December the S.S. ABBAZIA will operate between Naples and the Island doing two round trips a month. The capacity of this vessel is about 250 personnel and 1000 tons of cargo.

I am also advising H.E. Dr. Pruneas of this arrangement.

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Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel:

6 December 44.

Ref : 8756/40/COS

SUBJECT : Transportation & Mail Service - to Sardinia.

TO : S.O. to Chief Commissioner.

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1. Reference our memo to you of yesterday it has now been confirmed that the "ABBAZIA" has been allocated to operate a regular ferry service between Naples and Sardinia hoping to commence this new service on 25 Dec. This information from M W T R Med., AFHQ.

Joseph C. Rively, Major
A/Chief Staff Officer,
to the Chief of Staff.

Copy to : Communication Sub-Commission, for C.P.O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref. 8756/38/OOS.

Tel : 451

7 Dec. 1944

SUBJECT : Transportation & Mail Service, - to Sardinia.

TO : v S.C. to Chief Commissioner.

1. The following information has been forwarded by the Liaison Shipping Sub-Commission :

" In reply to your Memorandum of 27th November, ref. 8756/27/OOS on the above subject, I have been informed today by MWTR Med. that it is proposed to allocate the s.s. "ABBAZIA" for the purpose of providing a ferry service Sardinia-Naples, to commence from 25th December next.

This vessel can carry 200 passengers and about 1300 tons of cargo."

2. Shipping Sub-Commission have been instructed to follow for confirmation.

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Chief Staff Offic[illegible]
To the Chief of Staff.

(23) Copy to :

Commun. Sub-Commission for C.P.O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel. 479608

Ref. 8756/27/008

27 November 1944

SUBJECT: Transportation and Mail Service to Sardinia.

TO : Economic Section for Shipping Sub Commission,
Communication Sub Commission for Chief Postal Officer.

1. At the present time civilian mail is being transported to and from Sardinia largely by Italian naval vessels. It is considered likely that naval vessels will be taken off this run in the near future and so far as is known no action has been taken to secure other means of transport as replacement.

2. To prevent a dislocation of the mail service the Chief of Staff directs that exploratory steps be taken to determine what transportation can be secured.

3. It is suggested that the Communication Sub Commission furnish the Shipping Sub Commission through the Economic Section with a statement as to transportation required to maintain a reasonable mail service - this in collaboration with the responsible Italian authorities. With this as a basis the Shipping Sub Commission will be in a position to make application for allocation of the necessary shipping.

4. An early reply is requested.

W. Stopford Lt Col
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Major Quayle
Regional Commissioner, Sardegna.

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Office of Chief of Staff

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26 Oct 44.

Communications Sub-Commission.

A copy of an extract from telegram addressed to REMED, AFHQ, by H.M. Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs on 18 Oct 44, is forwarded for your information.

Chief Staff Officer.
To the Chief of Staff.

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Extract from telegram addressed to Resmad, Caserta, by H.M. Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, on 18.10.44.

The board of Trade announce that by arrangement with Postmaster General they have a general license (SR and O 1944 No.1179) authorising business correspondence with liberated Italy. This step towards resumption or normal business relations with Italy is in accordance with joint statement of the Prime Minister and President Roosevelt that application of Trading with the Enemy Acts should be modified so as to enable business contacts with Italy to be resumed to the benefit of the Italian people. Similar action has been taken in the United States.

2. Banks and other financial institutions may now reply to requests for information from their depositors in liberated Italy. Documents such as birth, death, marriage certificates and wills may be transmitted and British and Italian firms may exchange business information with a view to future resumption of business relationships. The resumption of private trade is not yet permissable. The despatch of powers of attorney and promises is subject to normal procedure under defence (finance) regulations. The postal service is available only to places in certain provinces of Liberated Italy which can be ascertained by enquiry at any Post Office. Correspondence for Italy cannot be registered or insured.

3. Italian owned property in the United Kingdom will continue to be under the control of Trading with the Enemy Department and Custodians of Enemy Property. British subjects resident in Italy who desire to obtain a release of thier property in the United Kingdom should apply to the nearest British Consul.

4. Arrangements have been made for release of British owned property in Italy (immovable and other property) to its original owner or his authorized agent. Applications and verbal communication by persons in Italy should be addressed to the nearest British Consul and by persons in the United Kingdom to Consular Department, Foreign Office. Some prima facie evidence of ownership should be supplied but original documents of title should not be forwarded unless specifically requested.

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Rome, 4 September 1944.

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To the Chief Commissioner

Of the Allied Control Commission

R o m e

The undersigned, employed in the "Istituto Cauzioni e Quiescenza per i Ricevitori Postali e Telegrafici", (Caution Institute for Post-Office Employees), since 1933, take the liberty of submitting to you the enclosed memorandum on the management of this Institute.

They also want to bring to your knowledge the fact that on February 28th, 1944, they were sacked because they had refused to be transferred north and that the new heads of the Institute now refuse to take them back, though they have taken back several employees who were compromised in the past regime.

Trusting your sense fo justice, the undersigned hope that what they are exposing will soon be examined, because a delay in the decision would cause them great inconvenience(they are now without means and must support their families).

Sincerely Yours,

/s/ Dr. Mario Petroni — Via Matteo Boiardo, 12 Rome

Augusto Costa — Via Caldani 332

Edilio Coltellini — Via Piave 15

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M E M O R A N D U M

The "Istituto di Assicurazione e Previdenza per i Postelegrafonici" (Institute of Previdence and Foresight for the Post-Office Employees), transformed in "Istituto di Cauzioni e Quiescenza" for post office employees by the law of October 18th 1942, n. 1407, has had two Presidents.

One, from the foundation of the Institute till 1941, was Senator Roberto De Vito, well known friend and executor of the will of the ex Fascist minister Costanzo Ciano; the other one was the ex-national counsellor, Dr. Arnaldo Fioretti.

It would be too long to explain in detail the deficiencies and failings of President De Vito. It will be enough to mention the thoroughly fascist education given to the children of the employees of the Post-offices, housed in colleges built by the President, without thrift and with plenty of luxury; the management of the food which caused exaggerated expenses reaching nine millions a year. All this is due to the fact that during Senator De Vito's presidency, the management of the colleges was given to Signora Adele Magnani, to whom he showed great favour; serious charges having been brought against her, an inquest was made against this lady. Definitely unfavourable to Sra. Magnani, the results of the inquest were hushed, but the authorities who had ordered the inquest had her removed from the college. Senator De Vito had to submit to this measure, but, to keep Sra. Magnani, he transferred her to a special office that he opened in Rome - Piazza S. Bernardo - giving her the job of "Inspectress General" of the colleges. She had this job as long as De Vito was President, but before leaving, De Vito paid his protegee splendidly.

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This situation brought only one result; disorganization and cheating. The work was badly done or not done at all, the files were badly kept; there was no book-keeping office and no control office.

It must also be noted, that every year, during five months (June 1st to

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October 31st) Director Piacentini left Rome and settled down in the college of Pesaro, leaving the Central Direction to his son-in-law; It must be remembered that for this job which meant nothing but staying in the country and going to shooting parties, Piacentini got two thousand lire monthly, besides his normal salary.

This shocked even the fascist authorities who sacked De Vito at the end of 1941, and appointed Dr. Arnaldo Fioretti President; he could do but little against the Piacentini-Tommasini coalition, for he was trying to save the Institute from being absorbed by the "Istituto di Assistenza e Previdenza per i dipendenti dallo Stato" (Institute of Assistance for people depending from the State), created in January 1942, ie a short time after Fioretti's nomination.

The following episode will give a good idea of the management of our Institute: In 1939, an employee defrauded the Institute of about 60 thousand lire; this was discovered by Tommasini in July 1939, yet this employee was neither denounced nor sacked, he kept the same job, the same functions, he has since then been able to steal about two hundred thousand lire.

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Mr. Fioretti then wrote to Piacentini, deploring that these facts should have been kept from him and asking him to return the documents which he had no right to take.

Piacentini hurriedly took the papers to Mr. Fioretti's house. A denunciation of the whole thing was made to the legal authorities, after further inquiries which brought to light other shady dealings.

Why did comm. Piacentini keep secret facts which caused serious prejudice to

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the Institute? This is what the personnel of the post-offices would like to know.

This is a brief summing up of the past of the Institute.

Now, we must speak about present time.

After the fall of the fascist regime on July 25th 1943, Minister Amoroso of the first Badoglio government, decided to remove Fioretti because he was a national counsellor. The name of Counsellor of State Oliviero Savini-Nicci was suggested for this post, and there is little doubt that the suggestion came from his collegue Senator Roberto De Vito. The proposal was agreed but the decree of nomination was not register by the Court of Accounts because of some irregularity.

The 8th of September and the following well known events prevented Savini-Nicci from taking up his functions, and Fioretti remained as President.

On June 6th, 1944, after the liberation of Rome, Savini-Nicci, taking advantage of the absence of Dr. Fioretti, came with Piacentini installing themselves arbitrarily as President and Director, and started managing the Institute.

Meanwhile, Savini-Nicci did everything he could so that his nomination should be made valid, and it seems that he is being helped by some occult power in spite of the opposition of the representants of the post,telegraph and telephone offices.

Therefore, we ask the authorities not to make this nomination valid, stressing the fact that the representants of the post-telegraph-and-telephone offices are with us, representing the whole staff which expresses displeasure especially about Piacentini; we also stess the fact that the capitals of the Institute are constituted by payments made by the employees of the post, and telegraphs and by the postal and telegrafical collectors, for the aims of the Institute(assistence).

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This for the following reasons:

1) Behind Savini-Nicci stands old President De Vito, a fascist, responsible for the bad management of the Institute especially in what concerned the colleges.

2) Because Savini-Nicci has brought with him Piacentini, who is incapable of being a director, and who is administratively responsible of the irregularities to the disadvantage of the Institute, which took place; besides he

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is very closely associated with Re Vito and praises the fascist regime and its hierarchies, as can be seen from the letter he addressed to the postal and telegraphical collectors in the book called "The Postal Collector" printed in 1938. Piacentini ought also to be epurated because he is Administrator of an Institution which is controlled by the State.

Therefore, we ask the nomination of a Commission of inquest, to find the truth, and the nomination of a Commissioner the ability and impartiality of whom could be trusted.

You might be interested to know that Savini-Nicci is also President of the Commission for the epuration of the personnel of the public safety.

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ROUTINE

AIG 8548

BAG WTH AAI

DSU 1170
16 June 1944

READ BATTHQ AAI ADDRESSED TO WAR FORCE SERVICE RETURN ROUTINE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AREA ON CONTINENT COLON PARAGRAPH IDENTIFYING ONLY UNITS CONCERNED TEXT CAN BE MODIFIED PRIORITY CINCAFHQ AAI FM SO BAG ROUTINE FOR MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE AAI IN ETO R. AAI FROM AIG 8548 FROM ADJUTANT GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY PARAGRAPH ONE REPORT OF MEETING OF SINGAPORE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ON SITUATION ON FIVE JUNE KILOGRAM

ACTION SECRETARY:

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EWS/hjp

DCC 311.1

10 May 1944

Dear General Infante:

With reference to your conversation with Lt. Col. Quin-Smith in regards to the censorship of the personal mail of His Majesty the King of Italy, in principle, censorship is applied to the personal correspondence of all individuals regardless of their rank whether it be high or low. In applying this principle, as a matter of courtesy, the rules are that the personal correspondence of the heads of government and royalty is passed without examination.

Necessary action has been taken in order to prevent a reoccurence of the incident which you reported.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

General Adolfo Infante
Deputy Chief of General Staff
Comando Supremo

cc: Army Sub-Commission

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9 May 1944

Memo for Capt. Slaughter

Re the attached memo from Col. Quin-Smith on the censorship of the personal correspondence of the King of Italy.

(In principle, censorship is applied to the personal correspondence of all individuals regardless of their rank whether it be high or low. In applying this principle, as a matter of courtesy, the personal correspondence of the heads of governments and royalty is passed without examination.) This should have been done in the case of the personal correspondence of the King of Italy.

The officer in question had participated in other indiscretions and was relieved of his post and assigned to duties outside of civil censorship. The censorship referred to in the memo took place in Lecce.

GORDON W McKEAN
O-275,838
MAJOR - CAVALRY

Capt. Slaughter
Prepare note to Gen Infante,
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Memo for: Major MacKean

Please let me have your comments on the attached, prior to submitting it to Captain Stone.

F. J. S.

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8 May 1944

SUBJECT: Note on Statements by Deputy Chief General Staff, Italian Army.

TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner.

General INFANTE at an interview with me today asked that the personal correspondence of the King of ITALY be exempted from censorship. He stated that a certain 2nd Lt. CURATULA has been censoring it and when asked about it, stated that President ROOSEVELT's correspondence is censored so why not the King of ITALY!

As I have no other details concerning this matter I pass it to you in the form I received it. General INFANTE stated that he assumes the censorship took place in RAVELLO.

F. Oliver Smith Lt. Col.

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9 April 1944

In reply refer to:
DCC 311.1

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. James M. Minifie, PWB, Room 202, Singer Bldg., Naples

On page 29 of PWB Report No. 12 dated March 28, on conditions in Liberated Italy, it is stated that postal services in liberated Italy were officially restored on March 20. This date is correct only as to Naples and Avellino provinces. The resumption of internal postal services, including Sicily and Sardinia, (except for the four southern provinces of Apulia where there was no cessation of internal postal services) began in January and was progressively extended. External or international mail services to all but enemy countries and occupied territory were officially opened on February 16, except for Naples and Avellino provinces. Moreover, the list of provinces in your story omitted Bari, Brindisi, and Catanzaro.

This error, while perhaps not important, serves to illustrate the desirability of checking with the appropriate sub-commission of A.C.C., in this case the Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission, releases which emanate in Naples and which are frequently limited to Region III affairs and not to liberated Italy as a whole. I observed a similar inaccuracy in a recent story on food rations.

I am sure you will understand that this letter is written in a spirit of helpfulness and not criticism.

KELSEY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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APO 550, U S Army

Signal Address: IBS for Stubblebine for McLean.

Lt. Umberto Notroni, Hq Allied Armies in Italy. Tel. 50581, Naples.

Lt. Wm H. Morris, Italian Post Office Bldg., Tel. 2040, Salerno

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Captain Stone

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Hq Natousa, dated 13 March 1944.

CONDENSED INFORMATION OF CENSORSHIP

The purpose of military censorship is to prevent useful information coming into the hands of our enemies, and thereby to prevent loss of lives, battles, or even loss of the war. The following rules will be observed:

1. Do not write military information of Army units--their location, strength, materiel, or equipment.
2. Do not write of military installations.
3. Do not write of transportation facilities.
4. Do not write of convoys, their routes, ports (including ports of embarkation and disembarkation), time enroute, naval protection, or war incidents occurring enroute.
5. Do not disclose movements of ships, naval or merchant, troops or aircraft.
6. Do not mention plans and forecasts or ordersfor future orperations, whether known or just your guess.
7. Do not write about the effects of enemy operations.
8. Do not tell of any casualty until released by proper authority (The Adjutant General) or after ninety (90) days and then only by using the full name of the casualty.
9. Do not attempt to formulate or use a code system, cipher, or shorthand, or any other means to conceal the true meaning of your letter. Violation of this regulation will result in severe punishment.
10. Do not give your location in any way except as authorized by proper authority. Be sure nothing you write about discloses a more specific location then the one authorized.
11. Do not mention location of graves.
12. Do not enclose anything in your mail on behalf of local inhabitants.
13. Do not give letters to any persons leaving the theater unless the communication has been passed and stamped by a chief base censor.

CARE IS ALSO NECESSARY IN LETTERS: Do not inclose anything that would violate any of the foregoing rules.

SEE YOUR UNIT CENSOR FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:

1. Films and photographs.
2. Picture postcards.
3. Foreign language letters.
4. Newspapers and clippings.
5. Explosives and inflammables.
6. Sending uncensored communications.
7. Using civil postal service.
8. Cable messages.
9. Mail to and from enemy prisoners of war.
10. Private diaries and memoranda.
11. Use of blue envelopes.

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IF YOU ARE NOT SURE, INQUIRE FROM YOUR UNIT CENSOR BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO MAIL ANYTHING.

"CONSORSHIP OFFICERS WILL RESPECT AND PRESERVE THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF INFORMATION WHICH COMES INTO THEIR POSSESSION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES. THEY WILL NEVER DISCUSS OR DIVULGE ANY SUCH MATTERS EITHER IN PUBLIC OR PRIVATE EXCEPT WHEN THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE REQUIRE. REPORT TO A HIGHER AUTHORITY." (Reference paragraph 21b.

A COPY OF THIS APPENDIX WILL BE KEPT POSTED ON EACH BULLETIN BOARD AND UNIT BULLETIN BOARD

APPENDIX "A"
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

DSB 340
14 MAR 1944

11 March 1944.

Ref/127/41/CA

SUBJECT: Civil Post Office Services.

TO : All Sub-Commissions
Regional Commissioners
SCAO's, 5th & 8th Armies.

The following has been prepared by Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission for the information of all concerned:

SUMMARY
OF
CIVIL POST OFFICE SERVICES
available to the Public (excluding military personnel)
as at 1st March, 1944

(a) Internal

1. MAILS.

Letters and postcards collection and delivery in and between liberated Italy+, Sicily and Sardinia (registered letters, packets and parcels NOT accepted).

Postage Rates (as in operation prior to occupation).

	For delivery in town of posting	For delivery outside town of posting
Postcards	15 centesimi	30 centesimi
Letters (for each 15 gms)	25 "	50 "

Present Maximum Weight Limits for Posting.

In Italy and Sardinia:	90 gms
In Sicily :	210 gms

Postage Stamps to be used.

Italy and Sardinia :	Italian only (AMG stamps may be used later if necessary)
Sicily :	AMG only (special print).

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+ Region II and Salerno Province (Avellino, and part of Naples and Benevento Provinces to be added shortly).

(b) Foreign

(i) Civil. - Between all the territories in which the internal service operates and all Allied and neutral countries other than those occupied by the enemy.

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Postage Rates.

Postcards	:	1.50 lire
Letters	:	Up to 20 gms : 2.50 lire
	:	20-40 gms (maximum weight) 4 lire

Postage Stamps. - As for internal mails.

DETAILED REGULATIONS, INCLUDING CENSORSHIP RESTRICTIONS, ARE ON EXHIBITION IN ALL POST OFFICES.

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Letters and postcards, free of postage, for Prisoners of War in both Allied and Enemy hands.

(iii) International Red Cross Messages.

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The Post Office Current Account banking service is in operation to a limited extent.

for NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel, Cavalry,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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4 MAR 1944

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

JFC/mcr

2 March 1944

In reply
refer to :

SUBJECT : Italian Air Force

TO : Civil Censorship Officer. APO 550 U S Army

1. It is noted that, in Special Instructions No. 3 of 6 Jan 44, a bi-weekly report on the Italian Air Force is to be distributed to local RAF or American Air Corps units.

2. The Italian Air Force is under the command of Air Commodore Foster of the Air Sub-Commission of this Hq. The Air Sub-Commission of ACC would be very interested to receive intercepts from Italian Air Force mail but, so far, have received none.

3. Information regarding the Italian Air Force is of no interest to or concern of local RAF or American Air Corps units.

J. M. COLVILLE
Major, G. S.

Copy to Deputy Chief Commissioner
Air Sub-Commission

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2 March

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1 MAR 1944

JSC/hjp

In reply refer to:
CS/6/2
DCC 311.7

29 February 1944

Subject: Pre-Armistice Italian Censorship

Dear Professor Reale:

It would be appreciated if answers could be obtained to all or some of the questions contained in the attached questionnaire.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Professor Vito Reale
The Under-Secretary of State for the Interior
Italian Government

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DCC 311.7

29 Mar

above mailed 3/1/44 Secret Ltr. forwarded to original.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

JVC/mar

26 February 1944

MEMO TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner,
A C G

1. The censorship representative of the Comando Supremo (S.I.M.) informs me that Marshal Messe wrote to ACC. some ten days ago, protesting against the fact that provincial Allied Censor Control officers are employing directly certain Italian civilians of dubious origin to verify the work of Italian military censors who are often of field ranks.

2. Whereas no objection is raised to censorship supervision and control by Allied officers, the Italian Comando Supremo strongly objects to re-examination by Italian civilians of the work done by Italian officers.

3. Under the directives issued by MSB, AFHQ, the re-examination personnel of the provincial censorship stations is to be employed directly by the Allied Censor Control officer and paid out of AMG/ACC funds. As members of the armed forces or state employees may not accept payment from any other source than the Italian government, this personnel has to be recruited from among ordinary civilian or retired service personnel.

4. This situation was accepted by the Minister of Interior who, in his letter of 18 Dec 43, informed the Prefects of the seven provinces at that time under his jurisdiction.

5. The Minister of Interior did however point out verbally to me that the comparatively very high salaries paid by ACC to this re-examination personnel was the cause of much ill-feeling among the service personnel employed by the Prefects at the same Commissions to do the same type of work. To narrow the discrepancy by raising the salaries of censorship personnel employed by the Italian government, he said, would entail a revision of salaries throughout Italian government services.

6. I would like to suggest that, in order to modify the cause of this ill-feeling, ACC Finance officers be authorised to pay censorship re-examination personnel a maximum of 15% more than the censorship personnel of the Italian government employed at the same Commission.

7. The censorship re-examination personnel employed directly by Censor Control Officers, about which Marshal Messe is said to have written [redacted] are employed after having been approved by Field Security or C.I.C. In practice this personnel is often recruited through the agency of F.S. or

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A.C. officers whose only criterion is that such persons should not have been members of the Fascist Party. No assurance can, of course, be given that such persons may not have been desirous of joining the Fascist Party but were denied the opportunity.

6. In my opinion, the Italian military authorities have good reason to object to the re-examination by civilian personnel of the work done by Italian Army officers.

J. M. COLVILLE
Major G.S.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
(Rear Echelon)

DCV 30
15 FEB 1944

In reply refer
to: PS/16/3

13th February, 1944

Subject: Italian Official Mail.

To: The Mediterranean Air Transport Service,
Cappodocino Airport, Naples.

1. Arrangements exist for the carriage of Italian Government official mail on the M.A.T.S. service from Naples to Bari, Palermo, Algiers, etc.

2. It is required to arrange for the collection of this mail on arrival at the Cappodocino Airport for forwarding to the new seat of the Italian Government at Salerno.

3. Would you be good enough to permit the bearers of this letter to make the necessary local arrangements with your A.L.S. office. The names of the bearers are:-

Lieutenant A.N. Antonio GIGLI (Italian Navy)
Captain RIELLO (Italian Army)

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J. L. Henderson
Colonel,
Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

Copy to: Deputy Chief Commissioner, ACC.

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13 Feb

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE /sk 776

SVC/RELAY NO.

M/C NO : 7/13 19 FEB 1944

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

REF NO: 50619

PREC : PRIORITY

FILED : 121415A FEB

FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED CINC CITE FHGS REF 50165 of 2/11/4 REC'D : 131158A FEB (Svc Rec'd)

TO : FARGO FOR STONE & HEAD, FATIMA FOR HENDERSON & PRODGERS INFO FABLE FOR DUNLOP, IBS FOR AMG FOR POLETTI & CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION, MIDEAST FOR POSTAL FOR PICKERING

Paraphrase by FREEDOM

(It was necessary to service this message - reason for delay)
True sequence of paragraphs has undergone a random arrangement and reestablishing the normal sequence will give you the original message.

1. Combined Chief of Staff have advised that UK and USA have reached agreement relative resumption Italian external postal service. Service should be resumed 16 February simultaneously with all Allied and non-enemy countries. Until additional shipping facilities are available service will be limited to personal communications only.

2. Not necessary to advise Berne before resumption of service. Sufficient if (a) simple notification of opening of service is sent in first mail despatched to such countries for which direct outward mails are made up and (b) postal administration HQ, such countries, are informed that inward mails can be accepted by those routes specified, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by orders issued by CINC.

3. Postmaster Generals of UK and USA will prepare respective press notices which will be released 16 February in London and Washington. Press notices suitable for Italian public will be prepared and issued by ACC on February 16. PWB at AFHQ request that such release be coordinated with PWB representative at Naples before issuance.

4. Combined Chiefs of Staff have recommended that such press release be restricted to simple statement that International Postal Service is being restored to Sardinia, Sicily, and 10 mainland provinces. Announcement should state that until further notice service is restricted to unregistered letters and post cards, not exceeding 40 grams in weight, of a purely personal nature; financial, commercial, or business

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correspondence being prohibited.

5. Allied Control Commission will ensure that Italian postal service disseminates necessary instructions as to type of correspondence permitted, date of resumption, countries with which service will be resumed, and that all inward mails must be routed in accordance with detailed instructions as distributed by Universal Postal Union Convention to the postal administrations or as may be procured by application to the UK or USA post office departments.

6. Since no information received from Combined Chiefs of Staff reference rates, suggest adoption rates of 1.5; 2.5; and 4 Lire as recommended your second course action in FATIMA 2141 of January 25.

7. ING request all censorship representatives be advised.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

11 FEB 1944 SK

SVC/RELAY NO.

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

PREC : PRIORITY

FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED CINC CITE FHMGS

TO : FARGO FOR STONE AND HEAD, FATIMA FOR HENDERSON AND PRODGERS RPTD FABLE FOR DUNLOP, IBS FOR AMG RUT AMG FOR ROGERS AND FOR CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION, MIDEAST FOR POSTAL

M/C NO : 11/11

REF NO: 50165

FILED : 111238A Feb

REC'D : 111711A Feb

Visit to Sardinia relative resumption of external mails by an Officer from your HQ will be necessary. Reference MGS 30474 of January 18 to FABLE. New subject. Paraphrase by FREEDOM. Resumption of Italian external mails effective February 16 has been approved by Combined Chief of Staff, with press notice release the same date. That February 16th date acceptable, Combined Chiefs of Staff is being advised. Further details will follow concerning issuance of press notice in and for Italians by ACC.

File "Postal"

J. D. THERRIEN 1st Lt. Sig. C., Signal Corps,

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Action being taken by FBD

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To: Executive Commissioner
Main Hq ACC, Naples

Request and draft of Tele-Communications and Posts Sub-Commission are approved.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFO 394

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10th February, 1944

In reply refer
to: TPS/11/1

Subject: Postal Services

To : The Deputy Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

In order to ensure that the development of Postal Services shall be on a uniform basis throughout the Italian theatre, it is requested that a directive be issued to all Regions and to AMG 5th and 8th Armies instructing them that any resumption of postal services will be on the lines indicated.

A draft for approval and circulation is attached.

/s/ J. L. Henderson
J. L. Henderson
Colonel,
Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission

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6 Incl

10 Feb

Subject: - Postal Services.

In order that Post services introduced in AMG territory shall be on a uniform basis attention is drawn to the following instructions, which will be followed from the outset whenever Postal Services are reestablished or extended.

1. Introduction.

Postal services will not be introduced without the prior concurrence of Military Security and INC (Censorship); the Allied Control Commission will be advised whenever a service is introduced or extended.

2. Local Services.

When introduced, the service should normally be confined, in the first instance, to a collection and delivery of postcards within the Provincial capital and possibly other large towns. Notices on the lines of the attached specimen should be printed and exhibited in advance of the opening date.

3. Type of Stamps.

Italian stamps will normally be used, but AMG stamps may be used if Italian stamps are not available. Supplies of the AMG type are being sent over from America and under no circumstances should any printing or over-printing be undertaken locally. It will be necessary to ensure that adequate supplies of stamps are available before any service is introduced.

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4. Postage Rates.

The rate of postage for the service indicated in para 2 will be that formally in force i.e. 15 centesimi.

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5. Internal Service.

As soon as possible, and subject again to Security and INC, the local service may be extended within the province. Ordinary letters up to a weight of 90 gms may be included if Security and INC concur. In such an event it will be necessary to amend and amplify the notice relating to the local service.

6. Rates of Postage.

For a service within the province, the rates of postage will be as follows:-

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	for local delivery	for delivery outside the town for posting
Postcards	15 centesimi	30 centesimi
Letters	25 " for each 15 gms	50 " for each 15 gms

(limit in each case 90 gms)

7. Inter-Provincial Service.

If at any time in a forward area it appears that the time is opportune to link up a service within a province with an inter-provincial service, or to afford a service for prisoners of war correspondence, the matter should be brought to the notice of ACC HQ (Telecommunications and Posts Subcommission) before any action is taken.

8. International Posts.

No steps will be taken locally in connection with the introduction of foreign posts. All arrangements will be made and the relative instructions issued by ACC HQ.

9. Transport Contracts.

If, in connection with the introduction of internal mail, it is necessary to fix new contracts with private firms for the conveyance of mails, such contracts should only be placed after full discussion with the Provincial Directorate and should be on short-term basis (say three months), with Post Office option to cancel or renew.

10. Restrictions. 1752

As previously stated, postal service introduced solely under local authority will be confined to the collection and delivery of letters and postcards within the province. Any extension of the service beyond the province, and any proposal to establish additional services such as parcels, insurance, registration and financial transactions (e.g. money

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11. Assistance.

In any case of doubt or uncertainty on Postal matters, the question should be referred to the Allied Control Commission (Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission) who will render all assistance possible, and if desired, will lend a postal officer for consultation.

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AVVISO

RIPRISTINO DEL SERVIZIO POSTALE

A partire da.....verra' ripreso a.....

il servizio postale per la popolazione civile.

(1) Possono essere spedite solo cartoline.

(2) La corrispondenza dovra' essere scritta in lingua inglese od italiana e dovra' portare il nome a l'indirizzo del mittente.

(3) Tutta la corrispondenza sara' soggetta a censura.

(4) Il servizio sara' limitato per ora alla sola citta' di.....
La corrispondenza indirizzata a localita' fuori.....sara' distrutta.

(5) La tassa per le cartoline e' di L. 0.15 ed i francobolli potranno essere acquistati in tutti gli uffici postali dalle ore 8.30 alle 15.30.

(6) La corrispondenza potra' essere imbucata in tutte le cassette per lettere della citta'.

(7) La corrispondenza indirizzata a case, uffici, negozi, ecc. disabitata, verra' trattenuta per 15 giorni presso l,Ufficio Centrale delle Poste, al termine di detto periodo sara' restituita al mittente, qualora nessuno abbia provveduto a ritiraria.

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PS/16/7/24 1st Ind. EMS/hjp

(Rear) HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 394. 10 February 1944.

To: Regional Control and Military Government Section, Main Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

1. The requests in basic communication are concurred in and it is requested that the recommended action be taken.

2. As to paragraph 2, it is suggested that other military organizations, in addition to ACC/AMG, be included.

For the Chief Commissioner:

MILTON M. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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10 Feb

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(Forward Echelon)
APO 394

In reply refer to
PS/16/7/24

8th February, 1944

SUBJECT: Postage Stamps

TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner

1. It is requested that agreement be made with the appropriate military authorities to publish an order placing all the public and functioning portions of civil Post Offices out of bounds to all Allied personnel.

2. It is also requested that a notice be published within the ACC/AMG organizations, pointing out that the collection by Allied personnel of the pilatelic curiosities resulting from the occupation of Italy is appreciably contributing to a shortage of stamps and to the creation of a "Black Market" and reflects discredit on the Allied administration, and that this practice will cease forthwith.

3. There is no civil Post Office service available to Allied personnel, and the above regulation will not restrict any legitimate activity.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

J. L. Henderson,
Colonel
Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission

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OPD
17 FEB

16 Feb 1944

To: Regional Control & Military Government Section, Main Hq ACC, Naples.

Draft of directive referred to in paragraph 4 has been forwarded to your office.

May the attention of Region III be drawn to this matter.

E.W.S.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
(Rear Echelon)

In reply refer
to: PS/16/2

9th February, 1944.

Subject: Postal and Telecommunications Services in Region 3.

To: Deputy Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

1. Your attention is drawn to the arrangements that have been made in the Naples area on both Postal and Telecommunications services, which should not, in the opinion of this Sub-Commission, have been concluded without reference to higher authority, and which, by diverging from the systems in force in the rest of Italy, are causing considerable confusion.

2. Postal.

(a) Stamps. - Italian stamps have been locally overprinted "Governo Militare Alleato" for use within Naples. This action has not been taken elsewhere and has resulted in the creation of philatelic curiosities and a stamp "Black Market" with discredit to the Allied administration, and will cause considerable confusion in the establishment of inter-provincial and foreign mail services.

(b) Rates. - A rate of postage of 50 centesimi on postcards and open letters for local delivery within the Naples area has been authorised. This rate is entirely arbitrary and not in accordance with the rates elsewhere.

3. Telecommunications.

Rates. A new system of charging for telephone service has been authorised within the Naples area. Besides altering the system in force elsewhere, the net result has been a rise in rates of about 300 per cent, creating a very difficult situation for the resumption of centralised control.

4. Conclusion.

Apart from the question of the correctness of the above instructions it seems evident that local actions on such matters is in any case inadvisable and should not have been undertaken without reference.

A general directive on these matters is being issued, which will require amendment or cancellation of the local instructions, but I should be grateful if the attention of Region 3 could be drawn to the subsequent difficulties caused by their actions for their future guidance.

/s/ J. L. Henderson
J. L. Henderson
Colonel
Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE /mip

SVC/RELAY NO. SVC 755 R 203/04

CLASS: RESTRICTED

PREC : ROUTINE

FROM : IBS SEARS FOR POLETTI

TO : FATIMA CITE PRO-5

M/C NO : 26/2

REF NO:

FILED : FEB 040836A

REC'D : FEB 041000A

Lt Alesia at Fergo since 31 January reference your radio Fatima Rear.

Ref 2242

DISTRIBUTION:

2 - AG
1 - Diary
1 - Capt Stone (Draft)

Cable FATIMA 2242 for Reference:

Desire Lt Alesia visit Salerno on or about February 4 for joint discussion with Italian Government Postal representatives FD TO IBS FOR SEARS FOR ROGERS FOR POLETTI AND FROM FATIMA REAR FROM STONE SIGNED MACFARLANE FD Please advise Head Fergo actual date arriving FD Foreign mail service deferred to Feb 15 at earliest according Freedom message 45579 of 31

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4 Feb

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Stone

31 JAN 1944

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30 January 1944

In reply refer to:
PS/16.2
AG 511.1

Subject : Foreign Postage Rates

To : The Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications

1. You will already have received, through your representative, our verbal notification that the postage rates to be applied to the foreign mail service when it commences, will be:

Postcards - 1.50 lire
Letters - 2.50 lire (20 gms) + lire (40 gms)

2. That information is hereby confirmed, but it is necessary to explain that the question of maintaining the rates quoted is under consideration in Washington and London, with regard to the appropriate application of the International Postal Convention in relation to postage rate equivalents.

3. Arrangements are in hand for the supply of approximately 30 million AMG postage stamps, for use in Italy as may be found necessary. Information is being obtained regarding the stocks of Italian stamps which are available in Sicily, and it is understood that you are collecting similar information in respect of the ten provinces concerned in Italy. It is suggested that as soon as this information is available a preliminary plan be agreed upon regarding the disposition of both the AMG and Italian stamps. We have received confirmation that the Italian Government will receive the revenue accruing from the sale of AMG postage stamps.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Vice - President
Communications Section

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DS/J 288
9 MAR 1944

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Censorship Branch
Civil Censorship Section
APO 550, U. S. Army.

15 December 1943.

Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Allied Control Commission
Brindisi, Italy.

My dear Captain Stone:

I am taking advantage of the official communication to which this is attached to include a note from a mutual friend, Roland Davies, with whom I spent some time several weeks ago when back in Washington on a special mission from this theater. I had hoped to present this myself, but must return to AFHQ for a conference so will not have the pleasure of meeting you until later.

One of my officers, Commander A. J. Perrone, Chief of the Cable Sub-section of the Civil Censorship Section, will be in your vicinity in the near future. In connection with his mission, he will call officially. I would appreciate anything you might be able to do for him or for the section. Major Colville, the Censorship Branch Liaison Officer, will introduce him to you.

Sincerely,

DONALD D. HOOVER,
It. Col., General Staff Corps,
Civil Censorship Officer,
(Deputy Chief, Censorship Branch).

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