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From: 12 Feb 44
To :

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105	Ltr T.35.323.CD	14 Nov 46	AFHQ	Destruction of cable and wire

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96	Ltr T.63.184.CS Holland	1 Jul 46	CC	Submtl of ltrs re Naples-Messina Sub Cable
97	Ltr T.63.CS CC	2 Jul 46	Comb Sig Board	Naples-Messina Sub Cable
98	Ltr X 515/1	10 Jul 46	CC	Replyto CC ltr of 2 Jul 46 re Submarine Cables
99	Ltr G5 990.23	25 Jul 46	CC	Permission granted to It Gov't to recover unused portion of Rome-Messina cable
100	LtrT.63.190.CS	30 Jul 46	Min Posts & Tele	Auth'y to recover unused portions of Rome-Messina cable 95
101	Cbl 636 AMG 13 Cps	12 Sep 46	Communicatins	Request 24 hrs service fr Italcable
102	Cbl 4977 Comm S/C	17 Sep 46	AMG 13 Corps	Italcable 24 hr service fr Trieste
103	Cbl 4997 Comm S/C	20 Sep 46	Hq AMG 13 Corps	Query re Italcable service fr Trieste
104	Memo T.92.211.CS	17 Oct 46	CC	Personnel Trieste post office

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85b	Ltr 872558 Min	3 May 46	Comms S/C	Naples - Messina Cable -- Use of by It Govt fr repairs to other cables
86	Cbl 2900 HQ AC	7 May 46	Hayward	Teleg Services Trieste, Vienna, Prague
86a	Ltr T.65.164.CS	9 May 46	AFHQ Comb Board	Naples-Messina Sub Cable -- Use of by It Govt
87	Ltr Key	21 May 46	Stone	AC and Amer Embassy views on Italcable Operations requested
87a	Ltr X.515/1 Bellamy	22 May46	G-5	Naples-Messina Sub Cable
88	Ltr Stone	29 May 46	Key	Answer to ltr of 21 May 46
89	Ltr Stone	29 May 46	Key	Ack of ltr of 28 May 46
90	Ltr X.515/1 Bellamy	10Jun 46	G-5	Naples-Messina Sub Cable - request fr info on other cables mentioned
91	Ltr T.65.176.CS Scudder	11 Jun 46	Sec of State fr P. & T.	Naples-Messina Cable - request fr info on faulty cables mentioned
92	Ltr 873855/1052	17 Jun 46	Comms S/C	Reply to request of 11 Jun 46 fr info re faulty sub cables repair
93	Ltr 872558/1052	21 Jun 46	Comms S/C	Naples-Messina Cable authorization fr raising of requested
94	Ltr T.65.181.CS Holland	25 Jun 46	AFHQ Comb Board	Naples-Messina Sub Cable --presentation of info on; request fr authorization fr raising
95	Ltr X.515/1	28 Jun 46	Comms S/C	Refusal fr authorization to raise Naples-Messina Sub Cable

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78	Cbl C 19140 AFHQ	1 Feb 46	ALCOM	9160KCS not authorized for Itaicbl
78a	Ltr Hamblen	9 Mar 46	HQ ALCOM	Pub Rad & Cbl Commun with Italy
79	Cbl C30714 AFHQ	15 Mar 46	Communications	Susa Fash Modanzicable
80	Memo Scudder	15 Mar 46	Stone	Use of the Horta cable
81	Cbl 1888 Alcom	16 Mar 46	Manning	Teleg Serv Czech-Italy stopped on Allied Instructs.
82	Cbl 1939 HQ Alcom	18 Mar 46	Hayward	Allocation of Trieste-Venice Teleg Channel to Italcbl
83	Ltr Stone	19 Mar 46	Martinato	Booklet
83a	Cbl Caserta	20 Mar 46	Dept of State	Operation of Anzio-Barcelona Cbl
84	Ltr 311.22-16 Hamb.	22 Mar 46	HQ Alcom	Anzio-Barcelona Cable; Inc NOTE VERE
84a	Cbl F 63583 SACMED	26 Mar 46	Alcom Rome	Correction in Cbl 311.22-16
85	Cbl FX 63760 SACM MAT 1012	29 Mar 46	BCS	Telegram services Japan, Korea-Ita
85a	Cbl CAT 9/42	9 Apr 46	Comms S/C	Commun wth USA via Rome, Paris, N.Y.

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65	Ltr T.63.94.CS Schudder	4 Dec 45	Kirk	Operation Anzio-Barcelona cable
66	Cbl 8972 Commun S/C	4 Dec 45	AFHQ	" " " "
67	Cbl 060804z AC LO Pal.	5 Dec 45	Comm S/C	Cable Lampedusa to Mainland broken
68	Cbl 9362 HQ ALCOM	15 Dec 45	CSO L of C	Civil use of Circuits 2102
69	Cbl FX56588 SACMED	17 Dec 45	info OC	Italcable Rome to Moscow
70	Cbl C47386 AFHQ	17 Dec 45	info CC	Italcable on night frequency
71	Ltr F.G.B.	21 Jan 46	CC	Italcbl Regulated by Peace Treaty
71	Cbl 9903 HQ ALCOM	4 Jan 46	CSO L of C	Special Telephone Services
72	Cbl 36 HQ ALCOM	8 Jan 46	AFHQ	Italcable on night frequency
73	Cbl 256 HQ ALCOM	15 Jan 46	AFHQ	Frequencies
74	Cbl 370 HQ ALCOM	18 Jan 46	AFHQ	Rome Milan frequency PD
75	Ltr F.G.B.	21 Jan 46	CC	Italcbl. to be regulated by Peace Treaty
76	Cbl 418 HQ ALCOM	21 Jan 46	AFHQ	Radio frequency allocations PD
77	Ltr Stone	26 Jan 46	Martinato	Appointments of Italcable

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52	Ltr, CSO, MTOUSA	7 Jun 45	Stone	Copy of book "Telecommunications - MTOUSA".
53	F 222.60.CS, Scudder	14 Jun 45	RCs	Postage, telephone & telegraph rates
54	Cbl AFHQ, F-28790	27 Jul 45	AC	Tripolitania-Italy civ cbl svc.
55	Cbl AC Comm, 2701	28 Jul 45	AFHQ	Tripolitania-Italy civ cbl svc.
56	Gen M.Serra	4 Aug 45		2191 Gen. Michele Serra.
57	PS S/C, SD-14011	8 Aug 45	CC	Gen. Michele Serra.
58	Memo, Apostolo	9 Aug 45		Gen. Michele Serra.
59	Memo, Scudder	9 Aug 45		Damage to Italian Telecommunications Plant (excluding radio).
60	SAC (45) 4th Meeting	23 Aug 45	(Min. 2)	Ret of communications to civil use in Italy.
60a	SAC (45) 5th Meeting	6 Sep 45	(Min. 2)	Ret of comms to civil use in Italy.
61	CC 8754, Stearns	10 Sep 45	Comms S/C	Ret of communications to civil use in Italy.
62	LtrT.24.28.CS Scudder	12 Sep 45	Stone	Ret of comms to civil use in Italy. (3 Attachments: Merchant shipping Comm's; Provisions of Comms Facilities for routing of Merchant vessels.)
63	Cbl FX52066 SACMED	6 Nov 45	AC MIDEAST	Italcable now operate to Cairo
64	Cbl P063929 MIDEASR	17 Nov 45	AFHQ	No objection use Italian language cable

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40	Ltr 8759/26/CCS Talbot	28 Dec 44	Comm. S/C	Radio telephone service to US by AC, ACI, Diplomatic Missions, Consuls.
41	Ltr Bonomi 84/XIV/9a	27 Jan 45	Stone	Allies cutting communications wires in Perugia Area.
42	T.31.30.CS, Lush	28 Jan 45	G-5 AFHQ	AC telegraph communications; recommend It State tels be auth handle AC msg traffic incl confidential, etc.
43	T.61.30.CS, Stone	1 Feb 45	Bonomi	Allies cutting communications wires in Perugia Area.
44	Cbl AFHQ, LAC 1032	27 Feb 45	CCS	Telecommunicationsequipment for Italy
45	Ltr, de Sevin 2.046	27 Mar 45	CC	Use of English, French or It in Italy-France official telegrams.
46	It.242.CS, Henderson	3 Apr 45	de Sevin	Use of English, French or It in Italy-France official telegrams.
47	It.242.80.CS, Fiske	14 Apr 45	Min.Fn.Affrs.	Use of English, French, or It to accredited missions abroad; not Bulg, Rumania.
48	Cbl AC Comm, 6002	24 Apr 45	AFHQ	Telegraph svc for civil use Italy-US & UK to open 4 May.
49	Cbl AC Comm, 6293	28 Apr 45	AFHQ	Tel svc Italy-US-UK opens 4 May; request clearance neutral countries via USUK
50	Cbl AFHQ, MAT-663	2 May 45	CCS	Resumption Tripoli-Italy radio svc.
51	Cbl AC Comm, 7534	14 May 45	ACMilan for Scudder.	Advise Italcable offices appointment Martinato as Director Gen-Manager.

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28a	Cbl AFHQ F83195	15 Aug 44	ACC (Henderson)	Request fr Troopers Italian Covernment Cable Traffic
29	Memo Capt Stone A/CC 311.3	18 Aug 44	Admin Sect	Misuse of Signal Priorities Incl 1 - Ltr AFHQ 311.5-1 12 Aug Incl 2 - War Office London 6 Jul Incl 3 - Air Min London 2 Jul Incl 4 - Buckley WX 57883 29 Jun
30	Cbl ACC 1846	18 Aug 44	AFHQ	Ref F83195 15 Aug re Foreign Cable Traffic the reply
31	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 311.2	21 Aug 44	AFHQ G-5	Misuse of Signal Priorities App a - Cripps 3/1B/AS 19 Aug A/CC
32	Memo A/CC 311.2 Stone	22 Aug 44	Comm Sub Comm	Submarine cables: pls take action on ltr CSO AFHQ 19 Aug CSB/12 INCL: as above.
33	Cbl ACC 2253	25 Aug 44	Reg 1	Permission granted AFHQ Ital use Naples Palermo Cagliari Cables
34	Ltr Capt Stone	26 Aug 44	Col Wozencraft	Cable Charges in AFHQ Appa - Ltr Wozencraft 10 Jul A/CC
35	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 500	29 Sep 44	Comm Sub-Com	Repairs & Maintenance Italian post-telegraph-telephone networks
36	Ltr, Comme. Stone A/CC 311.2	2 Nov 44	Comm Sub-Comm.	Disposition of cables of ex-enemy countries.
37	Ltr, Comm. S/C CS/6/17	4 Nov 44	Various	Minutes of Mtg 2 Nov discuss arrangements resumption civil external telegraph facilities.
38	Mtg Comm Office	6 Nov 44		Minutes of 2nd Mtg re resumption civil external telegraph.
39	Col AG6169	6 Nov 44		Resumption civil external telegraph.

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15	Ltr Capt Stone	7 Jun 44	Gen Tully	Question Ital Govt traffic over seized cables App a - Ltr Tully 29 May Stone
16	Ltr AFHQ (Nicholls)	10 Jun 44	HQ ACC	Submarine Cables, M.T.O.
17	Memo Slaughter	14 Jun 44	Comm Sub-Com	Attd for necessary action Incl 1 - Ltr British High Commissioner 3/57/44 13 Jun Stone Incl 2 - Attd incoming telegram fr Algiers to High Commissioner
18	Ltr Henderson Ts/4/8/24	14 Jun 44	Cable & Wireless Ltd, Naples	Italcables Equipment at Malaga transfer to Gibraltar
19	Ltr Capt Stone DCC 311.2	20 Jun 44	AFHQ CSO	Submarine Cables M.T.O. attd correspondence Cables & Wireless Incl 1 - Ltr Henderson TS/4/8/24 14 Jun to Cables & Wireless Naples Incl 2 - Ltr Hampton 16 Jun to Col Henderson with copy of telegram
20	Ltr Tully 100	16 Jun 44	DCC ACC	Suggestions to Washington re Cable Charges
21	Cbl AFHQ F 62511	22 Jun 44	WAGWAR & ACC	Charges Ital Govt For Off traffic over cables presented to ACC
22	Ltr Densmore A/CC 311.2	27 Jun 44	Comm Sect	Italcable apparatus in Spain Incl 1 - Bri High Comm 26 Jun Incl 2 - Cbl Algiers - High Comm
23	Memo DSG A/CC 311.2	1 Jul 44	Comm Sub-Com	Forwarding of ltr re Submarine Cables M.T.O. App a - Ltr Bloodworth 24 Jun ACC
24	Ltr Col Henderson CS/4/8/32	4 Jul 44	Maj Knauer	Italcables Equipment Malaga release of to Cable & Wireless Ltd
25	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 311.2	5 Jul 44	AFHQ C of S	Request allocation to It Govt 1 submarine cable to Sicily & Sardinia
26	Ref Slip LDD A/CC 311.2	8 Jul 44	Comm Sub-Com	Submarine Cables, M.T.O. Incl 1 - Ltr AFHQ CSO CSB/22 4 Jul
27	Cbl ACC 617	17 Jul 44	AAI	Request authorization civil telegraphs in certain provinces
27a	Ltr 12/CSB AFHQ	18 Jul 44	A/CC, ACC	Answer to 311.2 of 5 July. Restoration already in hand.
28		19 Jul 44		Meeting re release cable terminal equipment in Malaga by ICW

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8	Ltr Stone	24 Mar 44	Sr Resident Minister's Office.	Re your ltr 37/150/9 dtd 15 Mar It is our understanding that Rome-Malaga is not to be restored, but that it had been removed & towed to Gib. Will you advise if our understanding is correct?
9	Cbl Fatima Rear 2525	25 Mar 44	Sears & Freedom	Complaints received fr Italian Govt of telegraph traffic being delayed by censor. Specific ref. made to cable fr Bolaglio to Freefest received comenza 11:00 AM Sat. & delivered 10:00 AM Monday because censorship office had been closed. Official traffic not subject to censorship.
10	Directive X/21/21 Maj.Tucker for CSO, A of C.	4 Apr 44	All Concerned	State U/G Cable -Allocation of Circuits and Maintenace. Atena-Reggio-Catania-Palermo.
11	Ltr DCC 311.2 C/6/2/22 Pend./Stone	13 Apr 44	AFHQ CSO	Italian Civil External Cable & Radio Communications. Pls advise policy being followed on resumption of service.
11a	1st Ind to Ltr above No. 11	29 Apr 44	DCC ACC	2 ENCLOSURES: A) Cbl Fat Rear 2584 7 Apr to AFHQ. B) Cbl F30593 11 Apr to Fat Rear
12	Cbl Fatima Rear 2616	13 Apr 44	IBS	Ref ur 9175: permission open external civil telegr. not contemp.
13	Ltr DCC 311.2 Captain Stone	18 Apr 44	AFHQ CSO	Ref our 311.2 of 13 Apr; re It civil external comm. Esp locatic of cable station in Neples.
14	Ltr Capt Stone DCC 311.2	3 Jun 44	AFHQ att; C OF S	Submarine Cable s M.T.O. re transfer Itelcable fr Spain to Gibraltar thru political channels Incl 3 - 37/150/9 12 May Incl 4 - S/8.5/1536 29 May Incl 5 - TS/4/8/8 21 May Incl 6 - DCC 311.2 3 June

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1	Ltr Henderson TS/17/1/23	12 Feb 44	DCC	Italian Govt communications with Sicily & Sardinia, via submarine cable NAPLES-PALERMO-CAGLIARI.
2	Memo Stone	15 Feb 44	Ex. Commissioner	Request and draft of Tele-Communications and Posts SUB-Com are approved. APPENDICES: a. Ltr fr Henderson to Stone (TS/11/1). Transmittal of draft for approval on Telecommunication Service. b. Draft on Telecom. Service.
3	Cbl Fatima 2331	17 Feb 44	Distvo	Italian Govt complains important naval circuit TARANTO-BRINDISI used for telephone & teletype has been cut & used by Allied forces without notice. Can you restore at once?
4	Cbl Fatima 2412	28 Feb 44	Freedom	Ref AG 311-20 of 20 Dec, Subject Italian Govt msg to Madrid. Have you made necessary arrangements with C30 Gib or should this Hq do so?
5	Ltr Stone TS/17/1 DCC 311.7	29 Feb 44	Civil Censorship Section, CB, AFHQ I & C Section.	Re your ltr 29 Jan, restoration of civil com. by cable depends on physical facilities, [illegible] requirements, etc. 2108 APPENDICES: a. Ltr fr Comdr Perrone to Capt Stone inquiring if restoration of civil cables depen on date of restoration or available censorship personnel. (dtd 29 Jan 44)
6	Cbl Freedom 58092	2 Mar 44	Fatima	Re your 2412, Concur. Permission requested C30 Gib. Will advise when reply received. Are you ready to begin transmission.
7	Ltr Br Resident Minister's Office. Mr. Rumbold	16 Mar 44	Political Section ACC	Spanish Govt has requested C & W Ltd 3/ miles deep sea cable. Spanish Govt has been informed C & W Ltd will be granted permission to export 15 miles, on condition Spain agrees to export apparatus fr Vigo-Bilbao stations.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Division LRH/ec

T.35.323.CD 14 November 1946

SUBJECT: Destruction of Cable and Wire

TO : Allied Force Headquarters
Att: G-5

1. Reference is made to your letters 990.24, dated 28 October 1946, 30 September 1946, and 15 October 1946, regarding removal of wires and cable.

2. This matter was brought to the attention of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications on several occasions, with requests for information about steps taken to prevent recurrence.

3. The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications has directed all its agents in charge of maintenance to intensify the patrolling service, although its agents are technicians and are not armed.

4. Also, the Ministry of the Interior and the Command of the Army of the Carabinieri has also been requested to provide additional guards. Agents of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications will check the patrolling of the Ministry of Interior and Army guards.

L.R. Humbert
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L.R.HUMBERT,
Lt.Col.Sig.C.
Director.

Copy:
To the Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission CGLM/jc

T.92.211.CS 17 October 1946

Memo.

SUBJECT: Personnel Trieste Post Office.

TO : Chief Commissioner.

Reference query on attached message 25/VG/581 of 14 Oct.

The present Director of Posts and Telecommunications at Trieste, whilst good at control and arrangement of work in the Venezia Giulia area is not strong in dealing with staff matters.

During recent visit of Venezia Giulia Communications Officer, a scheme was discussed whereby an additional member of the Ministerial staff could act as 'Commissario Straordinario' at the Trieste office. A suitable man was interviewed who would be willing to transfer to Trieste on receipt of necessary authority from AMG Venezia Giulia.

Nothing further has been heard of proposal until receipt of this cable and no details are yet known of other services schemes.

Cly S Maddock Major

for L.R.HUMBERT
Lt.Col.Sig.C.
Director.

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Col Humbert

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TELECOMS HQ AMG VG
HQ ALCOM CITE ACCMN

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Rome gentel telegram 235180 of 4October and signed AURINI demanded we give up Trieste Naples teleg circuit and reduce Trieste Rome circuit from 4 sectors to 2. Later telegram gives us 2 sectors to Naples by means of Rome on Rome Trieste teleg OCT. Must point out that 2 sectors Rome Trieste absolutely insufficient. Delays already abnormal due to breakdowns . Must have 4 sectors Rome and 2 Naples for present . Could not these changes which affect this zone be left over until political situation clearer. New subject AM still awaiting final decision of Scao with regard subject of my recent visit to you. Finance have a scheme for other services as weal as ours and general policy is affected.

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ALCOM CITE ACCMM 20 SEPTEMBER 1946

HQ AMG 13 CORPS TELECOMMS

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ITALCABLE REPORTS TRIESTE ITALCABLE OPERATING TWENTY FOUR HOURS DAILY STOP PLEASE ADVISE THIS OFFICE WHETHER OPERATION IS EFFECTIVE

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COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION

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PAUL COLE
1st Lt, Air Corps
Asst. Adj.

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SEP 17 1946

HQ ALCOM CITE ACCMN

AMG 13 CORPS TELECOMS

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ITALCABLE PROMISES TWENTY FOUR HOUR SERVICE FOR TRIESTE WITHIN FEW DAYS UPON COMPLETION TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS MINISTRY P AND T ARE IN AGREEMENT ABOUT USE OF CIRCUITS STOP NEW TOPIC STOP MINISTRY HAS BEEN CONTACTED ABOUT TRIESTE VIENNA CIRCUITS STOP WILL ADVISE FURTHER ABOUT THIS STOP MINISTRY CONCERNED ABOUT UNRRA PAYMENT FOR THEIR USE OF THE LINE

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COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION

L. R. Humbert, Lt Col

PAUL COLE
1st Lt. Air Corps
Asst. Adjutant

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PRIORITY

TELECOMS AMG 13 CORPS
HQ AFCOM CITE ACCRA

UNCLASSIFIED:

International press here urging for 24 hours Italcable service . At present Italcable circuits are Genoa which ceases at each midnight and Venice which ceases each 2300 hrs. Presshand commerce want all night service. In March Lt Col Miller took up matter with PPTT but was shelved. My Director has been refused by gentel 3 and eye have sent teleg to gentel 3 as follows. " Imperative Trieste Italcable be allowed 24 hors with Venice or Genoa. Genoa cannot give this service alternative is spare channel Mestre Trieste etcetera would remind you this service asked for in March ". Understand there are some friction between PPTT and Italcable and cannot understand why Genoa cannot give us 24 hours service could pressure be brought on PPTT or Rome Italcable whichever is in charge ot alternatively new circuit as above. New subject would you confirm that my monthly report has been received alright this message centre has no record of receiving it on 3 September.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 990.23

25 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Rome - Messina Cable.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
APO 794.

Reference your T.63.03 dated 2 July 1946

There is no objection to the Italian Government's recovering the disused portion of the Rome - Messina Cable; but, they will be informed that this permission is without prejudice to any decision of the Peace Conference as to the title to or disposal of this or any other Italian cable whether the same be in Allied hands or not.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

(s) A. L. Hamblen
A. L. HAMBLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission LRH/vl

30 July 1946.

T.63.190.CS

SUBJECT: Naples-Messina Submarine Cable.

TO : Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.

1. Reference is made to your letters number 872558, dated 3 May 1946 and 21 june 1946, and number 873855 dated 17 June 1946.

2. You are authorised to recover the unused portions of the Roma-Naples-Messina cable. This permission is given, however, without prejudice to any decision of the Peace Conference wbout title to, or disposal of, this or any other Italian cable whether held by Allied Forces or the Italian Government.

L.R. HUMBERT,
Lt.Col., Sig.C.
Director.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

25 July 1946.

G-5: 990.23

SUBJECT: Rome - Messina Cable.

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(s) A. L. Hamblen
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Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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Mr. Jones -

Where it no doubt will be further delayed!

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JUL 13 1946

Combined Signal Board
Allied Force Headquarters

Subject: Submarine Cables

Tele: FREEDOM 48

X 515/1

10 Jul 46.

Chief Commissioner,
AC Italy

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Ref your T.63.CS of 2 Jul.46. 97

1. It cannot be agreed that this matter is a purely technical one, and the questions of policy involved are beyond the scope of this Board.

2. Your letter has therefore been referred to the appropriate staff branch at this HQ.

TELS/BH.

Chairman,
Combined Signal Board.

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T.63.CS

2 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Submarine Cables.

TO : Combined Signal Board, AFHQ.

1. Reference your X.515/1 of 22 June in reply to our T.63.161.CS of 25 June.

2. It is not understood why on 25 June "further consideration" is required to deal with the original request made on behalf of the Italian Government by this Commission on 9 May. Nor is it understood what "political implications", as stated in your X.515/1 of 22 May, are involved in this purely technical request.

3. I must ask that an immediate reply, to which the Italian Government is certainly entitled, be made and I most strongly recommend that approval be granted without further delay.

/s/ SVM

MILTON W. STOKES
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

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T.63.CS

2 July 1946.

SUBJECT: Submarine Cables.

TO : Combined Signal Board, AFHQ.

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

T.63.184.CS

1st July 46

SUBJECT : Submarine Cables - Recovery Messina-Naples-Rome Cable.

TO : The Chief Commissioner.

The attached enclosure consisting of 9 letters is submitted for your attention and any action you may deem necessary.

A. C. Holland.
A.C. HOLLAND
Major, R.Sigs.
O i/c Communications S/C.

Encl.:
Copies of X.515/1 of 28 June 36 — 95
" " T.63.181.CS of 25 June 46 — 94
Translations of 873855/1052 of 17 June 46 — 92
" " 872558/1052 of 21 June 46 — 93
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" " X.515/1 of 10 June 46 — 90
" " X.515/1 of 22 May 46 — 87a
" " T.63.164.CS of 9 May 46 — 86a
Translation of 872558 of 3 May 46 — 85a

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Combined Signal Board
Allied Force Headquarters

Subject: Submarine Cables

Tele: FREEDOM 48
X.515/1
28 June 46

Director, Comms,
Sub-Commission, AC Italy

Ref. your T.63.181.CS. 94

1. The information contained in your letter has been passed to the interested authorities.

2. It is regretted that recovery of the cable can not be authorised without further consideration.

R. BELLAMY, Maj.
f. Secreatry Signal Board.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

T.63.181.CS

25 June 1946

SUBJECT : Submarine Cables.

TO : AFHQ - Combined Signal Board.

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Ref: our T.63.164.CS of 9th May 1946 and your X,515/1 of 22 May 46 and X.515/1 of June 46.

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1. The Italian Government is anxious to recover all or part of the Messina-Naples-Rome submarine cable in order to carry out repairs not only on the small submarine cables in the Tyrrhenian sea but also on the several larger cables which linked the Italian Continent and Sicily, with Sardinia pre-war, and which are still cut.

2. Submarine cable stocks are non-existent at present in Italy and the recovery of non-important pre-war cables to patch-up cables essential to the internal economic and administrative well-being of the Country will have to be carried out.

3. An Italian Cable Ship is almost ready to sail for this assignment and the necessary authorisation is awaited urgently.

A.C. HOLLAND
Major, R. Sigs.
O i/c Komm.S/C.

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Translation by L/Cpl. Ashmore Eric.

From Min. PT.T T. to Comms. S/c.

Subject: Submarine telephone cable Messina-Naples.

Ref. 872558/1052. Date 21 June 1946.

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With letter of same referenc e of 3 May 1946 copy attached we asked you to authorise raising of submarine cable in question in order to utilise the material which is today very scarce.

As the job of repairing it is on the point of being started we should like to know if the raising of the cable can be executed as requested.

Dir Gen

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Translation of inclosure.

Before the war a telegraphic submarine cable was laid by the Italian Gov. between Rome and Messina. During the war this cable was interrupted and it is thought that a stretch of it was utilised for communications between Rome and Naples by the Allies. This Ministry has provided otherwise for communications with Sicily and does not think it will be necessary in future to utilise the cable, but it has very urgent need of submarine cable in order to repair other faulty cables. If you are not interested in this piece of cable it is requested that you authorise the raising o f at least the stretch Naples- Messina. This Min. will thus have at its disposal a material which is very necessary and in short supply. A similar request was kindly granted by you in letter T. 63.71.CS. of 4 Nov 1945 for the cable R. Marina S. Teresa di Gallura-Bonifacio and in your letter T.63.142 CS. of 12 May 1946 for the allied submarine cable to Capri.

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The Minister.

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Translation by 1/Cpl. Ashmore Eric.

To on Min. PP.TT to Comms. S/C.

Subject. Naples-Messina cable.

Ref8 673855/1052. 17 June 1946. In reply to your (?) P.63. 76.38. of 11 June.

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With the cable recovered from the raising of the Naples-Messina line we would like to repair apart from several small cables in the Tyrrhenian, the cables which are still faulty, which join the mainland and Sicily with Sardenia.

As the voyage of the cable-laying ship "Rempino" is to be started in several days time it would be much appreciated if we could have at the earliest moment the authorisation to raise the cable Naples-Messina.

The Minister.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

11 June 1946

T.63.176.CS

SUBJECT : Naples - Messina Cable

TO : Under Secretary of State for P. & T.

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1. With reference to your letter no.872558/1052 of 3 May 1946, the CSO, AFHQ, before releasing the Naples-Messina cable, would like to know which faulty cables you wish to repair with the Naples-Messina cable.

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

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Combined Signal Board
Allied Force Headquarters

SUBJECT : Submarine Cables

Tele : FREEDOM 48
X.515/1
10 June 1946

Director, Communications,
Sub-Commission, AC ITAIT

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Further to X.515/1 of 22 May and your T.63.164.CS of 9 May. 86 a

1. Would you please state what are "the important cables elsewhere" mentioned in your letter which the Italian Government wishes to repair.

R. BELLAMY. Major
Secretary Combined Signal Board

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29 May 1946

My dear Mr. Key:

Thank you for your letter of 28 May 1946 and the recommendations contained therein on the subject of telegraph service in Venezia Giulia.

Sincerely yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Mr. David McK. Key
Charge d'Affaires ad interim
The American Embassy
Via Vittorio Veneto 119
Rome

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29 May 1946

My dear Mr. Kay:

Your letter of May 21, 1946 requests the views of this Commission on the report received from the State Department covering the activities of Italcable in Buenos Aires in connection with radio telegraph service between Argentina and Italy. The activities of Italcable offices in other countries are not normally a concern of this Commission but it is considered very natural that wherever possible Italcable would reactivate its offices throughout the world.

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In view of the report received by the State Department that rates to be applied by Italcable to the Argentina-Italy service were lower than commercial rates presently effective, Italcable was asked for a schedule of rates at present applicable to the service which is given below.

Rates per word from Italy to Argentina

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when and if the French have made the necessary repairs and changes to their cable.

Sincerely yours,

J H Scudder

For ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Mr. David McK. Key
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Sincerely yours,

J H Scudder Col

ELLERY W. STONE
for Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Mr. David McK. Key
Charge d'Affaires a.i.
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Mr. David McK. Key
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Yours sincerely

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral USN
Chief Commissioner

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Charge d'Affaires,
U.S. EMBASSY
ROME

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Sincerely yours,

for ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

J H Scudder

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Combined Signal Board
Allied Force Headquarters

Subject: Submarine Cables

Tele: FREEDOM 48
X.515/1
22 May 1946

Director,
Communications, Sub-Commission,
AC, ITALY

Copy to: G-5 (IRS X515/1 of 14 May refers)

Ref your T.63.164.CS. 86a

1. The political implications of such cable recovery are being examined at these HQs, and no decision has yet been reached.

R. BELLAMY, Maj.
Secretary
Combined Signal Board

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN EMBASSY
Rome, Italy,
May 21, 1946.

Dear Admiral Stone:

In the following paragraph is paraphrased information received by the Embassy from the State Department. You will note that in connection therewith the Department would like to have the views of the Allied Commission and those of the Embassy. We shall appreciate receiving, for transmitting to the Department, any observations you may make in the matter.

"A rumor reported from Buenos Aires is to the effect that the Italcable office there will begin accepting messages for Italy, soliciting business and making deliveries. Actual operations Buenos Aires for direct Italcable radio circuit with Rome will be handled by Argentine post office. According to report rates lower than commercial rates presently effective. Through Rome gateway other European points may be included. There is possibility that to link Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo and Buenos Aires with new circuit the old cable Rio di Janeiro, Montevideo and Buenos Aires may be operated. Views of Allied Commission and Embassy requested."

Sincerely yours,

David Mck. Key
Charge d'Affaires, a. i.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Communications Sub-Commission

T.63.164.CS 9 May 1946

SUBJECT : Naples-Messina Submarine Cable

TO : AFHQ - Combined Signal Board

1. Before the war, a submarine cable joined Rome to Messina.

2. It is thought that part of this cable was used by the Allies to provide Naples-Rome communication.

3. The Italian Government wishes to know wether there are any Allied objections to their recovery of the complete Cable for use elsewhere (chiefly for repairs to important Cables.)

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

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SIXTH U.S. ARMY
CWO, USA, Asst. Adjt.

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COPY OF TRANSLATION
Ref872558 of 3 May 46

FROM : Ministry of P.&. T.

TO : Comms S/c, AC.HQ

Before the war the Italian Goverment laid a cable between Rome and Messina.

During the war the above cable was interrupted and it is believed that a section of it was used for allied communications between Rome and Naples.

As this Ministry has made other arrangements for communications to Sicily, it is thought not to use this cable in futire, but to make use of it to repair other faulty cables.

If this cable is of no interest to your Sub-Commission, you are kindly requested to authorise its removal at leats for the Naples-Messina Section. In such case our Ministry would obtain some very necessary material of which at present there is a great shortage.

Similar request was accepted by your S/C in letter T.63.71.CS of 4 Nov. 45 for the Cable of the R. Navy, S. Teresa di Gallura-Bonifacio and with letter T.63.142.CS of 12 arch 46 for the (Allied) Cpri submarine Cable.

THE MINISTER

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TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

REQUEST THAT ATTACHED COPY OF LETTER BE GIVEN TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER ON HIS RETURN

17/4/46

W. W. Smith
Col. Sy C

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APR 19 RECD

I T A L C A B L E

Servizio Commerciale CAT 9/42 April 9th 1946.

Subject: Communication with U.S.A. via Rome - Paris - New York.

To the Headquarters Allied
Commission
Communications Sub-Commission
R o m e

1. We beg to inform you that effective yesterday April 8, we established a joint cable and wire circuit with the Western Union Telegraph Company, Via Rome-Paris-New York.

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Cable FX63760 dated 29 March 46.
Transfer to folio 127 file CC3755.

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19 March 1946

Dear Ing. Martinato:

I thank you for the copy of your booklet "Rapporto sulla Gestione Commissariale" which you were kind enough to send me.

Very truly yours,

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Ing. Carlo Enrico Martinato
Amministratore Delegato della "Italcable"
ITALCABLE
Roma

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Reference conversation Admiral STONE and Brigadier PARSONS. Last paragraph of AFHQ letter G-5/ 311.22-15 of 22 March will read, "It should be made clear that this decision is without prejudice to the disposal of other Italian cable".

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ITALIAN ADMINISTRATIVE CHANNEL SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED ITALIANS IN
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19 March 1946

Dear Ing. Martinato:

I thank you for the copy of your booklet "Rapporto sulla Gestione Commissariale" which you were kind enough to send me.

Very truly yours,

HILLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Ing. Martinato
Direttore della "Italcable"

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Communications

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Draft(?) of Ltr. dated 26 March, same subject + file (CC-Words)

C-5: 311.22-16

9 March 1946

SUBJECT: Public Radio and Cable Communication with Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Reference your letter of 21 February 1946.

1. The only cable head in which any military interest remains is that at NAPLES. The resumption of business elsewhere by ITALCABLE is not being held up by the military authorities, but by consultations between the Foreign Office and the State Department.

2. The NAPLES cable runs to MALTA and thence to MIDDLE EAST, GIBRALTAR and beyond. The whole of the traffic handled is British and U.S. military and paramilitary. It is manned by a mixed team of eight Cable and Wireless and thirty military operators. The present load is approximately 50,000 groups a day.

3. It is not possible for ITALCABLE to handle this military traffic. The cable is used for the transmission of messages up to a CONFIDENTIAL classification, IN CLEAR, and the additional work of enciphering in order to allow ITALCABLE operation cannot be undertaken.

4. The cable is an essential link in theatre communications and retention is dictated by military necessity.

5. The agreement mentioned in your letter of 21 February was concerned with Public radio telegraph services. The terms of this agreement were fulfilled on 1 October (see this Headquarters letter 311.2/4 dated 28 September and Allied Commission letter C 115.105.CS dated 29 September).

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

CROSS REFS
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Date 14 MAR 1946

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

R/106/140/PRB January 19, 1946.

Daily Digest of Rome Press.

GENERAL

1. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, which met yesterday, discussed only the matter of retirement of State employees belonging to the first five grades. One hundred cases were examined, out of a total of 150, and it was decided that 60 employees should be put on the retired list. The Council will meet again on Sunday in order to study the remaining 50 cases.

2. The National Committee of the Italian Liberal party ended its meetings yesterday by approving the following order of the day: The N.C. of the I.L.P., while awaiting the Congress and the political elections - by which Italy will gain a new order - reaffirms its opinion that compulsory voting is necessary in order to be sure that the Costituente will really be the expression of the free will of the majority of the Italian people, and adds that Italians should have the right to fix the powers and the duration of the Costituente and decide on the institutional problem by a referendum.

3. The representatives of the industrialists and of the C.G.I.L. met yesterday at the Viminale to carry on discussions on the agreement which has been reached except for a few points - on the discharge of workers. It was decided that industrialists could discharge workers starting on the 15th of February.

4. A decree was signed by the Minister of the Treasury by which the indemnity for high cost of living to State employees is increased by 20 per cent effective as from the first of January.

5. It is foreseen that administrative elections in Rome may be held on the 24th of February.

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11. Nenni was yesterday received in London by Spaak. Though the meeting was strictly private, it can however be affirmed, with a fair certainty, reports A.F., that in spite of the good intentions of the numerous good friends that Italy has among the United Nations, her admission will not take place before the next session. A spokesman of the Italian embassy in London will speak to the press on Monday. Attlee, on the other hand, stated that he cannot yet fix an appointment to receive our Italian colleague.

12. ORBIS reports that there is a strong probability that Aldisio may be replaced, as some parties have insistently asked for his discharge.

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13. The Minister of the Interior has addressed a telegram to all the Prefects saying that it is the Govt's desire that the coming communal elections be held in an atmosphere of order and freedom, and that no incidents should occur.

14. The Yugoslav delegate to the U.N.C. officially stated that his country claims a revision of its frontiers with Italy and Germany, in order to be freed from the violence and oppression it had to suffer from Italy.

AFTERNOON PAPERS

CAPITALE

1. Capitale reports that the Allied authorities have denied permission to export Italian trucks to Switzerland.

GIORNALE DELLA SERA

1. The first beats of the U.N.C. orchestra do not make us hope for a very good concert.

2. More disorders take place in the South for the very simple reason, says a.c., that the trains from the North come down empty and go back carrying away all they can.

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SECOLO XX (Independent Rightist)

1. Too many small unimportant political parties are growing up in Italy, complains Lorenzo Gruss.

VOCE REPUBBLICANA (Republican) did not appear.

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MORNING PAPERS

AVANTI (Socialist)

1. The news that France has decided to break all relations with Franco is given under the headline: "An example which should be followed".

2. Secondo Ramella writes on the importance of means of transport in the field of reconstruction.

BUONSENSO (Uomo Qualunque)

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IBTRA STAMPA

1. Tito claims that Italy has no right to express conditions for the resumption of diplomatic relations for she is a defeated country, and he asserts that Italy must acknowledge the tremendous losses caused to Yugoslavia by her forces of occupation. Tito forgets that anti-Fascist Italy was never at war with him and tried to help his partisans, while Fascist Italy was at war with a Yugoslav Govt that had little love for Tito. (Italo Zingarelli)

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MOMENTO

1. M. approves of the unanimity of the parties in deciding that Italy wouldn't take anybody's part if a disagreement arose among the great powers.

POPOLO (Christian Democrat)

1. We are more than willing to give our contribution to a lasting peace, but no opportunity has been given to us, though for months we have been asking for peace and for a peace treaty. However, we shall be brought before a Court including even the representative of the Negus, we shall be included among the satellites of the Axis as if we hadn't fought against them for 20 months. (G. Gonella)

RISORGIMENTO LIBERALE (Liberal)

1. We don't understand Di Vittorio: he advises calm and moderation to the officials, and after praising the effort of the Govt, he suddenly regrets its intransigency, and though he acknowledges the precariousness of our finance, he states that more could have been done. If Di Vittorio is better informed about our budget than Corbino why doesn't he prove to us that we can afford to grant all the officials' request ? Why doesn't Di Vittorio have the courage to tell the officials that the State cannot afford to do more than it does at present. The leaders of the mass parties should understand that our finance and economy are in danger, that the next six months only are assured, that our industries are bleeding themselves to pay people who are doing little or no work, that nowadays the only form of wealth is work. The ruin of the industries will be the ruin of the proletariat. (Alberto Albertini)

TEMPO (Independent) - N.N.

UNITA' (Communist)

1. Sicilian bandits are the enemies of the people and the instrument of its oppressors. (Mario Alicata)

2. Commenting on the sale of surplus war material, U. says that the United States exchange war material of doubful utility for our reconstruction against goods which they have or will purchase in our country. We don't even know how much we shall have to pay for this operation, for we have no idea what the rate of exchange will be when this operation takes place.

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RAPPORTO DELLA GESTIONE COMMISSARIALE

Signori Azionisti,

In seguito alla liberazione di Roma, avvenuta il 4 Giugno 1944, la Vostra Società è rimasta priva di una amministrazione centrale legalmente valida nel territorio italiano liberato. A partire dal 21 Luglio successivo, anche il Direttore Generale è venuto a mancare in seguito al suo repentino allontanamento operato dalle Autorità alleate.

In tali condizioni, aggravate dalle inevitabili difficoltà del momento e dovute all'occupazione militare della zona di Roma, alla mancanza di comunicazioni e di trasporti, alle ripercussioni economiche, sociali e politiche degli avvenimenti allora in corso, la Vostra Società si è trovata in piena crisi, con pericolo grave per la salvezza del suo patrimonio e per il benessere del suo personale.

La Commissione Alleata di Controllo, investita in quell'epoca di pieni poteri di governo nella zona, giudicò necessario e urgente di affidare l'amministrazione della Società ad un Commissario, che fu prescelto fra i funzionari della Società stessa, d'accordo col Governo Italiano.

Il 12 Agosto 1944 sono stato così investito dei necessari poteri e ho iniziato la mia gestione, senza ricevere le consegne da alcun organo preesistente. Uno dei miei primi atti è stato quello di convocare il Collegio dei Sindaci al quale, anche in assenza di precise disposizioni legislative, ho confermato il pieno riconoscimento delle facoltà e prerogative legalmente spettanti a tale Organo che, essendo stato proclamato disciolto dallo pseudo governo fascista repubblicano fin dall'Aprile precedente, non aveva in quel momento uno stato giuridico esattamente noto e definito. Da allora il Collegio Sindacale ha dato il suo valido e apprezzato contributo alla mia gestione, affiancandola in ogni tempo con opera assidua e scrupolosa.

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A partire dal 16 Aprile 1945, alla nomina della Commissione Alleata, che come sapete era nel frattempo impegnativa per il Governo Italiano il quale era subentrato nell'amministrazione del territorio, si è aggiunta la nomina a Commissario governativo, ai sensi del D. L. L. 19 Ottobre 1944, n. 420 per la durata di sei mesi. La gestione commissariale è stata prorogata sino al 31 Dicembre 1945 con decreto del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri in data 1° Ottobre 1945.

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Sarebbe troppo lungo descrivere dettagliatamente il miserevole stato in cui ho trovato, reduce dalla guerra di liberazione, le attività sociali. Basti dire che, mentre le stazioni radioelettriche e l'Ufficio Centrale delle Telecommunicazioni di Roma erano stati occupati dalle Forze Armate alleate, i magazzini e la maggior parte degli uffici della Direzione Generale erano posti sotto sequestro militare. La cassa depauperata per l'assenza di introiti, per le spese dei trasferimenti nell'Italia settentrionale di personale e di impianti, nonchè per le rimesse effettuate colà; il portafoglio dei titoli di proprietà sociale utilizzabili per eventuali operazioni di credito, ridotto a meno di un terzo della sua consistenza alla fine del 1943, sempre a causa di avvenuti trasferimenti al Nord; un sensibile scoperto bancario già in atto; buon numero di ex-dipendenti, già licenziati durante il periodo fascista repubblicano, che reclamavano il diritto a rientrare nella Società dalla quale erano stati separati per non aver accettato il trasferimento, o per drastiche misure di riduzione dei quadri; e infine la massa del personale in forza che guardava ansiosa profilarsi la prospettiva di perdere definitivamente il proprio impiego.

Sorretto dalla fiducia dei dipendenti, affiancato dall'opera entusiasta e validissima di alcuni funzionari, ho intrapreso la ricostruzione dell'Azienda, animato soprattutto da ferma fede nel suo avvenire.

E' stato un lavoro duro e paziente, non sempre purtroppo aiutato da tutti coloro che potevano farlo. Oggi, a sedici mesi dall'inizio, molto cammino è stato fatto ed è con la coscienza del dovere compiuto che mi accingo a deporre nelle Vostre mani il risultato della mia gestione.

Questa avrà termine, a norma del decreto Presidenziale, il prossimo 31 dicembre. In considerazione di ciò, io Vi inviterò fra poco a voler eleggere il Consiglio di Amministrazione al quale effettuerò le consegne della mia gestione.

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Ing. Carlo Enrico Me..
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Ritengo doveroso informarVi più dettagliatamente sugli aspetti principali della situazione, con particolare riguardo ai risultati raggiunti in questi sedici mesi di ricostruzione delle attività sociali.

Impianti

Gli impianti si possono dividere in tre grandi categorie:

1 — *I cavi sottomarini*, com'è noto, sono stati quasi tutti interrotti per atto di guerra fin dal Giugno 1940 e di conseguenza l'attività cablografica della Società, almeno per quanto riguarda l'emisfero settentrionale, è venuta a mancare fin da allora. Più a lungo è continuata l'attività dei cavi del Sud America, ma nel 1943 anche questa è cessata, sempre per interruzione dei cavi.

Oggi non ci è ancora consentito di procedere alle riparazioni dei nostri cavi principali, impresa del resto assai vasta e dispendiosa, anche perchè manca un trattato di pace che definisca la loro situazione. Inoltre alcuni di essi sono ancora utilizzati dagli Alleati. Dopo l'Agosto del 1944 è stato tuttavia riparato il cavo Anzio-Palermo, e in queste ultime settimane, anche il cavo Anzio-Barcellona che permetterà la ripresa del servizio cablografico con la Spagna.

Fra gli impianti a terra, la stazione cablografica relè di Anzio è andata totalmente distrutta e qualche danno si è avuto in Belgio, a La Panne e ad Anversa. Le scorte di cavo sottomarino depositate a La Spezia sono andate purtroppo perdute, mentre mancano ancora notizie di quelle depositate in Inghilterra.

2 — *Le stazioni radioelettriche* in Italia, delle quali quella di Torrenova ha subito ingenti danni per demolizioni tedesche, sono state occupate dalle Forze Armate Alleate poco dopo la liberazione di Roma. Nel Settembre del 1944 ho provveduto a far regolarizzare tale occupazione, anche per tutelare i numerosi materiali in esse contenuti.

In seguito a reiterate richieste, è stato finalmente possibile di ottenere la restituzione delle Stazioni di Torrenova e di Malnome il 1° Aprile 1945, assumendoci contemporaneamente il compito di effettuare per conto di un Ente militare alleato alcuni importanti servizi remunerati.

I piccoli impianti radiotelegrafici esistenti a Milano sono stati razionalmente riorganizzati dopo la liberazione di quella città e vengono da allora utilizzati per un vantaggioso collegamento sussidiario con Roma.

Gli impianti radiotelegrafici che fin dal 1940 erano stati

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installati in Ispagna per costituire una riserva ai cavi sottomarini, hanno continuato a funzionare prevalentemente per il traffico fra la Spagna e le Isole Canarie, finchè il Governo Spagnolo — valendosi di una clausola della temporanea autorizzazione allora accordata — ne ha deciso il riscatto. Il passaggio di proprietà di tali impianti ha avuto luogo il 1° Luglio 1945.

Molto materiale radiotelegrafico era stato trasferito nei primi mesi del 1944 dalla zona di Roma a Bologna e successivamente in altre località dell'Italia settentrionale; esso è stato in buona parte recuperato, purtroppo spesso in condizioni assai cattive. Si è provveduto al trasporto del materiale recuperato a Roma, dove in parte è già rimesso in servizio e per il resto si sta provvedendo alla riparazione.

La stazione radiotelegrafica sussidiaria di Anzio, annessa a quella cablografica, è andata distrutta nell'ottobre 1943 ad opera delle forze armate germaniche.

In seguito ad accordi che è stato possibile prendere con Enti militari alleati, il patrimonio sociale si è recentemente arricchito di alcuni impianti radioelettrici moderni ed efficienti, nonchè di vario materiale di scorta. Grazie a tali impianti, una sostanziale ripresa del servizio è stata possibile fin dallo scorso mese di Ottobre.

3 — *Gli uffici telegrafici* in Italia hanno sofferto complessivamente poco. L'ufficio di Napoli ha avuto la sede demolita da bombe e da mine, ma gli impianti relativi erano stati precauzionalmente trasferiti in un vicino sotterraneo e non hanno subito danni importanti, tanto che oggi l'ufficio lavora a ritmo assai superiore a quello del passato. Altri minori danni sono stati sofferti in Sicilia e altrove.

L'Ufficio Centrale delle Telecomunicazioni di Roma è stato anche esso occupato da Enti militari alleati poco dopo la liberazione della città. Come già accennato per le Stazioni radioelettriche, anche questo ufficio ci è stato restituito il 1° Aprile 1945. Tutti gli uffici in territorio italiano sono attualmente in piena attività.

Il 1° Ottobre scorso abbiamo attivato in via provvisoria un ufficio telegrafico sociale presso il Comando Supremo delle Forze Armate Alleate a Caserta.

Le linee telegrafiche di proprietà sociale in Italia hanno subito danni gravissimi originati dalle operazioni belliche effettuate sul territorio nazionale. La mancanza delle ingenti quantità di materiali occorrenti per il loro ripristino, la situazione dei mezzi di trasporto e le enormi spese di mano d'opera che il ripristino stesso avrebbe richiesto, hanno indotto — al-

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meno per il momento — a rinunciare a qualsiasi ricostruzione. Per tutti i collegamenti fra gli uffici italiani abbiamo perciò preso in affitto, dall'Amministrazione dei telegrafi dello Stato, adatti circuiti telegrafici che si valgono del cavo telefonico nazionale.

Personale

Alla decisione di trasferire gli impianti radioelettrici della Società nell'Italia settentrionale, alla fine del 1943, ha fatto riscontro quella di inviare colà importanti aliquote di personale specializzato. Il grosso del personale, però, è rimasto a Roma, dove la contrazione di ogni attività ha indotto a successivi ed estesi licenziamenti. Una parte del personale licenziato o dimessosi ha, durante il periodo dell'occupazione germanica, svolto opera patriottica clandestina.

Dopo la liberazione di Roma sono subito incominciate le riassunzioni di coloro che erano stati allontanati per aver rifiutato di trasferirsi, nonchè di coloro che, per la loro specializzazione, interessava maggiormente di conservare al servizio della Società. Una parte del personale ha trovato impiego presso Enti alleati.

Il 12 Agosto 1944 vi erano 290 dipendenti a carico della Società nella zona di Roma e altri 127 in servizio presso gli Alleati. Circa questi ultimi ho subito proposto — e dopo lunghe trattative ottenuto — che fossero considerati nuovamente in forza nella Società, retribuiti da essa e distaccati presso gli Alleati dietro rimborso delle relative spese. Ciò aveva lo scopo di assicurare al personale stesso la continuazione delle provvidenze assicurative, previdenziali, ecc. previste dal Contratto Collettivo di Lavoro, e di evitare la dispersione del personale specializzato con le minori conseguenze economiche per l'Azienda. Era poi importantissimo ottenere che fosse la Italcable a fornire il proprio personale, costituendo questo fatto un riconoscimento della capacità dell'Azienda.

Del resto quest'ultima ha dovuto sopportare l'onere di mantenere durante parecchi mesi, senza entrate di traffico, non solo il personale della Direzione Generale, ma anche quello delle Stazioni e degli uffici telegrafici. L'alto fine sociale di non mettere sul lastrico numerose famiglie ha qui trovato armonica realizzazione con lo scopo pratico di non perdere il personale che sarebbe stato indispensabile per la ripresa dell'esercizio.

Questo criterio ha ispirato quella parte ingrata della mia

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gestione, malgrado le difficoltà finanziarie e la preoccupante prospettiva di veder durare assai a lungo una situazione così oscura.

Successive riammissioni, limitate in verità ai casi più meritevoli di attenzione, e sopratutto l'incessante aumento delle retribuzioni hanno imposto oneri sempre maggiori.

Con la ripresa dei servizi, a partire dal 1° Aprile di quest'anno, il personale direttamente utilizzato dalla Società è andato aumentando e nel seguito in più occasioni si è dovuto perfino lamentare scarsezza di alcune categorie di specializzati, malgrado le ricerche effettuate in vario modo. Alla data del 1° corrente, il personale in servizio in Italia ascendeva a 1223 unità.

Questo numero, che è tuttora in aumento, Vi dice l'importanza anche sociale della Vostra Azienda in questo momento.

Sono stati concessi i miglioramenti di retribuzione che la legge o i patti sindacali sono venuti via via determinando per compensare, sia pure parzialmente, il continuo rincaro della vita. Oltre a ciò, varie provvidenze sono state studiate e realizzate per andare incontro, nei limiti del possibile, agli immediati bisogni dei lavoratori.

Il personale, nella sua grande maggioranza, ha superato questa delicata fase della travagliata rinascita nazionale e aziendale con comprensione e spirito di sacrificio, pur risentendo inevitabilmente delle non favorevoli condizioni generali esistenti. Esso ora guarda fiducioso all'avvenire dell'Azienda e al beneficio che gliene potrà derivare.

Traffico

Nell'agosto del 1944 non solo ogni attività sociale era sospesa in tutto il territorio dell'Italia liberata, ma non vi era nemmeno alcuna possibilità di fomentarla a causa di due importanti fattori negativi: il mancato possesso delle installazioni radioelettriche e la scomparsa delle linee telegrafiche. Nell'Italia settentrionale, come poi si è saputo, sopravviveva in quell'epoca una modesta attività che poi ha finito coll'estinguersi completamente.

Le linee telegrafiche di cui disponeva l'Amministrazione statale sono rimaste per lungo tempo insufficienti ai più elementari bisogni dell'Amministrazione stessa, per cui vano è stato ogni sforzo per assicurare alla Vostra Società l'uso di qualche collegamento fra gli Uffici italiani che permettesse almeno la ripresa del servizio dei telegrammi «Lampo».

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Nel gennaio 1945, una richiesta dell'Amministrazione Russa, unitamente alla favorevole circostanza che uno dei nostri trasmettitori radiotelegrafici fin allora usati dagli Alleati si era reso disponibile, ha consentito di realizzare la prima riattivazione di un servizio sociale: il radiocollegamento Roma-Mosca inaugurato il 1° Febbraio.

Poco dopo, le insistenze vivissime esercitate in ogni sede per la ripresa del traffico interno, sul quale si fondavano le migliori speranze per scongiurare la grave crisi economica e finanziaria ormai alle porte, hanno finalmente ottenuto lo scopo di farci assegnare in uso alcuni circuiti telegrafici, dapprima impiegati soltanto per un non remunerativo servizio per la Stampa.

Il 1° Aprile 1945 la Vostra Società ha avuto il riconoscimento cui tutti gli sforzi erano stati diretti, riconoscimento che si è allora concretato: 1) nella riattivazione del servizio « Lampo » nel territorio liberato; 2) nel conferimento di un mandato, da parte del Psychological Warfare Branch (Ente militare alleato per la guerra psicologica), di effettuare per suo conto tutti i servizi di trasmissione e di ricevimento.

Con quella data i servizi del traffico sono così balzati di colpo a piena attività ed è da ascriversi alla cura posta nell'evitare la disgregazione dell'organizzazione preesistente, anzi alla attenzione dedicata a mantenerla, a perfezionarla in ogni possibile modo, se il sopraggiungere repentino di tali compiti e di tali responsabilità ha potuto essere fronteggiato con onore e con generale soddisfazione.

Il superamento della prova ha avuto, com'è naturale, i più benefici effetti perchè ha imposto la Vostra Azienda agli occhi delle Autorità nazionali e straniere, dando una forse inattesa misura delle sue possibilità anche in circostanze tanto difficili.

Successivamente, il Governo italiano ha concordato coi Governi alleati la ripresa del traffico telegrafico internazionale fra l'Italia, gli Stati Uniti e la Gran Bretagna. La presenza in territorio italiano di due Compagnie di telecomunicazione alleate, al seguito delle truppe ed esercenti radiocollegamenti diretti con New York e con Londra, ha reso necessario che il compito della trasmissione e del ricevimento fosse temporaneamente loro affidato. Tuttavia l'Italcable ha avuto l'incarico della raccolta e della distribuzione del traffico in Italia, con adeguato compenso.

Anche questo regime provvisorio ha avuto termine col mese di Settembre e, dal 1° Ottobre, i servizi di trasmissione e di ricevimento sui predetti circuiti radiotelegrafici internazionali sono stati pienamente ripresi dalla Italcable, che ha assunto l'incarico di lavorare anche il traffico militare alleato.

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Nel frattempo, a partire dal Luglio 1945, è stato aperto il servizio radiotelefonico con New York, per le truppe alleate. Lo sviluppo di tale traffico ha richiesto ben presto che il circuito fosse raddoppiato.

Altri circuiti radiotelegrafici diretti sono stati aperti dopo il 1° Ottobre con Buenos Aires, con Rio de Janeiro, con Lima e recentemente con Varsavia. Si sta ora provvedendo alla riattivazione di altri circuiti europei.

Poco dopo la liberazione dell'Italia settentrionale, il servizio dei telegrammi «Lampo» è stato esteso a quegli uffici sociali, anche con l'ausilio del circuito radiotelegrafico Roma-Milano. Questo traffico ha assunto proporzioni rilevantissime, sì da costringere ad un notevole potenziamento di tutti i nostri uffici telegrafici e da rappresentare un fattore economico preponderante in questo momento fra le attività sociali.

Non va però trascurato che, per la Italcable, l'attività fondamentale è quella delle commicazioni telegrafiche e telefoniche internazionali.

E' ancora troppo recente l'attivazione di questi traffici perchè sia possibile riportare statistiche significative, ma si osserva che il volume del traffico internazionale è ancora assai ridotto, rispetto a quello d'anteguerra, soprattutto a causa della scarsa ripresa del commercio estero. E' lecito ritenere che il volume suddetto andrà progressivamente aumentando nel prossimo futuro e, con tale previsione, la Società sta potenziando i suoi mezzi tecnici per far fronte a qualunque esigenza.

Occorrerà però che le tariffe, le quali come sapete sono fissate internazionalmente in franchi-oro, siano convertite in lire italiane ad un cambio assai meglio aderente all'effettivo valore della moneta, altrimenti permarrebbe un grave ed ingiustificato squilibrio fra le entrate di questo traffico e le spese di esercizio.

Situazione finanziaria

Prima del 12 Agosto 1944, in tutta Italia liberata, tanto la Direzione Generale quanto gli Uffici periferici erano già ricorsi al credito per sopperire alle spese di gestione. Esisteva così uno scoperto in maggioranza bancario, di circa 15 milioni e mezzo di lire.

Nei mesi successivi e fino all'attivazione del servizio «Lampo» (Aprile 1944) tale scoperto è andato crescendo con ritmo accelerato per il continuo aumento delle retribuzioni e dei costi in genere, malgrado la più rigida parsimonia esercitata in tutti i settori. Il complesso dei debiti contratti per finanziamenti, per

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fortuna a condizioni assai favorevoli, ha raggiunto nella scorsa primavera un massimo di circa 43 milioni.

Con la ripresa delle entrate di traffico tali debiti sono stati progressivamente ridotti e quindi estinti del tutto. Per contro sono aumentati i debiti verso corrispondenti, compresa l'Amministrazione telegrafica dello Stato.

La gestione nell'Italia settentrionale, che è stata chiusa ed assorbita a partire dal mese di Giugno 1945, ha concluso con una disponibilità di cassa di circa 13 milioni, frutto prevalentemente di realizzi avvenuti per cessioni di materiali. Tale gestione, ancorchè sotto il controllo di un Commissario dello pseudo governo fascista repubblicano, ha avuto il beneficio delle vigili cure di un funzionario competente e devoto alla Società.

Oggi la posizione finanziaria della Società in Italia è soddisfacente sotto ogni rapporto. Il portafoglio titoli emerge dalla grave crisi non solo intatto ma perfino rafforzato in seguito alle recenti sottoscrizioni di Buoni del Tesoro emessi dal Governo Nazionale e alla liberazione di alcune azioni delle quali erano stati versati soltanto i primi 5/10.

Una parte dei nuovi impianti e dei materiali acquistati da Enti e Compagnie Alleati è già stata pagata, in Italia.

Soltanto nei confronti dell'estero, stante il persistere di condizioni avverse e per ora incontrollabili, si ha un incremento dell'ammontare dei debiti per conti di traffico e per le spese causate della conservazione degli impianti, nonchè delle nostre rappresentanze prescritte dalle Convenzioni con i vari Governi.

A questo fabbisogno corrente si aggiunge quello prevedibile per il ripristino dei cavi sottomarini danneggiati e per il primo periodo di riavviamento dell'esercizio sulla rete cablografica, nonchè per il potenziamento degli impianti radioelettrici..

E' augurabile che il Governo italiano vorrà assegnare una parte della disponibilità di divise estere, contro versamento dell'equivalente in lire italiane, per questo fine altissimo di italianità e di prestigio. Qualora, malgrado ogni favorevole proposito, impellenti esigenze in altri settori non consentissero ciò, sarà necessario ricorrere ad un'operazione finanziaria.

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In adempimento degli obblighi stabiliti dalla legislazione vigente sulle gestioni commissariali, ho compilato e comunicato al Ministro delle Poste e Telecomunicazioni il bilancio al 31 Dicembre 1944, che è stato depositato presso il Tribunale di Roma.

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Reputo per me doveroso di sottoporVelo e con tale intento l'ho inserito nell'ordine del giorno. Il bilancio al termine della mia gestione sarà naturalmente compilato più tardi.

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In previsione della ormai prossima scadenza del mio mandato, in virtù dell'art. 12 del D.L.L. 18 Gennaio 1945, n. 7 che stabilisce come la prima assemblea ordinaria convocata dopo l'entrata in vigore del decreto stesso abbia la facoltà di rinnovare il Consiglio di Amministrazione quando anche non fosse scaduto il termine per la cessazione dalla carica dei suoi membri, ho messo all'ordine del giorno la nomina degli amministratori.

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Vi ringrazio dell'attenzione con la quale mi avete seguito in questo rapporto che — forse in deroga alla prassi, ma con il fine di ragguagliarVi il più possibile sulla recente storia e sulla situazione della Vostra Società — ho voluto comunicarVi. Nella imminenza ormai di lasciare la carica e la responsabilità che per sedici mesi ho portato, lasciate ch'io rivolga un ringraziamento alle Autorità, al Collegio Sindacale e ai collaboratori di ogni grado che, in tante gravi occasioni, come nella diuturna fatica, mi sono stati larghi di aiuto e generosi di consenso.

Roma, 12 Dicembre 1945.

Ing. CARLO ENRICO MARTINATO

Novegrafia - Roma - Tel. 45.839

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DEC 180915

PRIORITY

AFHQ

ALCOM FOR AC CSN

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5535 allotted Rome Daum Milan 1 KW causing interference in UK. Request power in use be checked and Italcable instructed to change to night frequency as early in evening as ionospheric condisions permit.

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FILE 2
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FX 56588

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ROUTINE

AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHSIG

US MILMIS MOSCOW

INFO: AICOM

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Desire change 8620 now allocated Italcable Rome to Moscow and Warsaw to 8605 as former not Italian Berne frequency whereas latter is. Furthermore 862o registered Berne by French for St Nazaire shipping and required by them. Request you obtain Russian agreement.

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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CSO L OF C

9362 15 DECEMBER 45 HOUTINE

UNCLASSIFIED PD

REQUEST ALLOCATION TO CIVIL USE OF ANY CIRCUITS IN CABLES LINKING SALERNO CMA MAJORI CMA MINORI CMA ASTRANI CMA AMALFI

PAREN TO CSO L OF C FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACCOM PAREN

NOT NECESSARY FOR MILITARY NEEDS

CC/MSLB

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COMMUNICATIONS S/C

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ROUTINE

MACALLUM ALCOM LO PALERMO 5 DECEMBER 45

RDO NAPLES NZH READS FOR MACALLUM ALCOM LO PALERMO X NXG NOT ADDEE
PASS TO HQ AL COM FOR COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMISSION FOR ACTION

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The telephone cable between Lampedusa and the Mainland has broken somewhere betweeh Linosa and Pantelleria. This is the islands only regularmeans of communications with the outside world. Please may immediate steps be taken to have it repaired . The matter is very necessary and urgent

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IMPORTANT

MIDEAST

ACTION AFOH INFO ALCOM ROME

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FOR FHCEG REF FX 52050 OF 6. NO OBJECTION TO USE OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE IN CABLES BETWEEN ITALY AND ERITREA AND TRIPOLITANIA.FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CABLE AND WIRELESS LONDON OFFICE.QUOTE.ALL NECESSARY AUTHORITY FOR THIS SERVICE RECEIVED AND WE HAVE SUGGESTED RATE BASED ON FOLLOWING ITALY TERMINAL FCS 0 11 LATLY MALTA TRIPOLI CABLE FCS 0 20 TRIPOLI TERMINAL 0 85 TOTAL 0 395.
THIS IS INCREASE ON PREWAR RATE BUT LATTER ON ITALIAN DOMESTIC BASIS.
UNDERSTAND ITALIAN AUTHORUTIES NOW WISH START SERVICE LEAVING IN ABEYANCE DIVISON OF CABLE RATE BETWEEN ITALY AND CABLE AND WIRELESS.
ASSUMING OUR DEBIT FROM ITALY 0 285 PER WORD CONFIRMED APPEARS NO REASON FURTHER DELAY.UNQUOTE.VIEW FOREGOING WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FURTHER COMMENTS.

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NOV 7/1915 A
ROUTINE

AFHQ SIGNED SACMED

ALCOM MIDEAST.

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Further my FX49385 ITALCABLE may now operate to CAIRO on 13430 KCS only. Night frequency still under clearance.

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Casentz

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

RTM/vs

12th September 1945

T.24.28.C3

SUBJECT. : Return of communications to civilian use in Italy.

TO : Chief Commissioner. 61

REF. : Your CC 8754 of September the 10th.

1. The matter arose as follows. AFHQ wished to ensure that unclassified telegrams handed in at certain scheduled ports could be transmitted by the civilian telegraph service to Rome offices within twelve hours. Accordingly, AFHQ asked this Sub-Commission what circuits would be required to ensure this speed of service.

2. A list was submitted which included a Rome-Naples circuit for voice frequency telegraph use, on which this S/C had arranged to instal the necessary equipment. AFHQ refused this circuit and suggested that the Italian Government be asked if it would give up a telephone circuit for telegraph use. This is absurd as the Italian Government is much less satisfied with its present telephone service to Naples than its telegraph service. The Government therefore would not agree voluntarily to the transfer, and AFHQ was informed.

3. This S/C was told yesterday by CSO,1 of C, that a Naples-Rome circuit will now be provided by him for civil VF telegraph use, and this accordingly clears the matter.

4. As regards the other circuits in the list, no statement has been received that the AC request can be met. The fact is that AFHQ desired further information on the type of apparatus to be used on the circuits with a view to determining whether the requests could be met. This information has been sent.

R.H.SCUDDER
Lt.Col.Sig.C.
Director

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Office of the Chief Signal Officer

29th August 1945

Ref. : X881

Subject. : Merchan t Shipping Communications.

To : Communications Sub-Commission
Allied Commission, APO 394, US Army

1. Reference is made to our letter X881 of 19 August 1945.

2. A preliminary examination has already been made out of the additional facilities required by the Italian PTT as listed in your T.24.7.CS of 14th Aug. 45. The additional information requested in para 2 of our X881 of 19 Aug 45 will be required before a more detailed examination can be made.

2. As it is impracticable at this stage, to free a military circuit, between NAPLES and ROME in order to provide an additional four-wire circuit for the PPTT, it is requested that you will approach the Italian Government and ask them to examine the possibility of releasing one of their seven NAPLES-ROME circuits to the PPTT for operation with VF telegraph equipment. It should be pointed out to the Italian Gov that the release of this one circuit will result in a considerable increase in civil telegraph facilities between NAPLES nad ROME.

4. With reference to your comments on the composite ROME -ROME circuits set out in para 4 of your T.24.7.CS of 14 Aug. 1945, it was our uhderstanding that morse signalling had proved satisfactory over these circuits in spite of the known heavy inauction. An alternative single VF telegraph channel can be made available to the PPTT if you so desire.

Major General
Chief Signal Officer

PLA/CMA

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Copy to : CSO L of C Italy
Wire Div

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AILIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Signal Officer

Ref.X.881

19th Augst 45

SUBJECT. : Provision of Communications Facilities for Routing of Merchant Vessels.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission,Allied Commission APO 394,US Army.

1. Reference is made to your letter T.24.7.CS of 14 th August 1945.

2. The requirements for a 4-wire circuit between Naples and Rome as stated in your para 3 is noted.As regards the additional circuits listed in para 4,information is requested as to whether the Italian PT have sufficient apparatus to operate these circuits and what type of apparatus they propose to use.This will enable us to determine what type of circuit will have to be released to the PTT.

3. The additional requi ements will be ex mined by the CSo L of C Italy in conjunction with this Office,with a xixx view to determining whether they can be met.We will advise you of the results of this examination in due course.

Major General
Chief Signal Officer

PLA/GMA

Copy to : CSO L of C Italy
Wire Div,Sig Section.AFHQ(with copy of Ac letter T.24.7.CS)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HTWT/ec

T.24.7.CS 14th August,1945

SUBJECT. : Provision of Communications Facilities for routing of merchant vessels.

TO : Combined Signal Board.AFHQ

REF. : Your 311.9/4 of 27th July 1945.

1. With reference to Major Brandle's discussion with Col Scudder of thi HQ the information required is given below.

2. It is assumed that a service with a maximum period of 12 hours between acceptance and delivery is required and that only the ports listed by you are cocerned.

3. A bottle neck exists between Naples and Rome, affecting all messages having to pass thru' this section. Voice frequency telegraph plant is available,but there is no telephone circuit which can be spared for use.Such a 4 wire circuit is thus required to relieve the telegraph congestion.

4. The service from the east and the west coasts to Rome is slow.To provide the required standard service the following additional circuits are necessary or alternatively the amount of wire needed to construct them.

1	Livorno	-	Firenze
1	Rome	-	Ancona
1	Piombino	-	Grosseto
1	S.Stefano	-	Grosseto
1	Grosseto	-	Rome
1	Spezia	-	Genoa.

The composite Rome-Ancona circuits supplied by CSC L or C have been nearly unworkable from the start due to induction and other trouble,and at least one reliable circuit is required.

H.R.SCUDDER
Lt.Col.Sig.C.
Director

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CC 8734

10 September 1945

Subject: Return of Communications to Civilian Use in Italy

To: Director, Communications Subcommission

The Chief Commissioner requests a report regarding the following extract of para 2 from the Minutes of Supreme Allied Commander's Conference of 6 September 1945.

"2. RETURN OF COMMUNICATIONS TO CIVILIAN USE IN ITALY

(Previous reference SAC (45) 4th Meeting, Minute 2)

LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN stated that he had been informed by the Chief Signal Officer that a reply had been sent to the Communications Sub Commission of the Allied Commission, stating that their request for the release of certain circuits for civilian use throughout ITALY could be met, with the exception of a line between ROME and NAPLES. It had been suggested to the Communications Sub Commission that the Italian Government might be asked to obtain the release from the PTT of one of their seven circuits between those cities so that, by employing improved equipment, additional circuits could thus be made available for civilian traffic.

THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above report."

L. W. STEARNS
Major, AGD
SO to CC

cc: Executive Commissioner

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CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

SAC (45) 5th Meeting 6 September 1945

AFHQ SACMED's CONFERENCE, MINUTES

Para 2. RETURN OF COMMUNICATIONS TO CIVILIAN USE IN ITALY

Ref SAC (45) 4th Meeting Minute 2

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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF SACMED'S CONFERENCE (4th Meeting) held at AFHQ on 23rd August 1945.

MINUTE No.2.

2. RETURN OF COMMUNICATIONS TO CIVILIAN USE IN ITALY.

(Previous reference SAC (45) 3rd Meeting, Minute 2).

MAJOR GENERAL IRWINGER reported that the Chief Signal Officer was pursuing this matter with the Allied Commission. It appeared that it might be possible to use certain land lines jointly for both civilian and military traffic. A measure of approval for such a procedure had been received from the United States War Department and similar approval was being sought from the British War Office. It had not yet been possible, however, to settle details of the financial arrangements which joint use would involve. Meanwhile, the Combined Chiefs of Staff had authorised a relaxation of the previous security regulations, so as to allow ship owners in ITALY and GREECE to forward messages regarding shipping movements through normal commercial channels.

THE DEPUTY SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above report.

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Major Stearns

The Chief Commissioner may be interested to see the attached Summary of damage to Telecomms. (actually prepared at the request of the U.S.S.R. representative)

H. D. Wheller
Lt Col
Commns S/C
9/8/45

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APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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Damage to Italian Telecommunications Plant (excluding radio)

1. Telephone Exchanges

Over 200 lines: 18% destroyed or seriously damaged. (Includes 20,000 line exchange at Naples, and Bologna exchange). About 25% of the rest were slightly damaged.

Under 200 lines: 30% destroyed, or seriously damaged, or removed by Germans. Generally speaking, damage to plant north of Bologna was much less than south of it.

2. Repeater Stations:

Of these, 25% were destroyed or seriously damaged.
10% were completely or almost completely stripped of equipment
Most of the rest were partially stripped.
About 70% of the voice frequency telegraph equipment was removed by Germans from the repeater stations. A considerable proportion of this has been recovered and reinstalled.

3. Underground Cable:

(a) Some 53 kilometers of main trunk cable have been destroyed and 55 kilometers weakened. Although this represents only about 2-3% of the total main cable mileage it is an important figure and represents a large capital outlay in repairs. Moreover, the damage occurs in short lengths representing a serious problem in rebalancing, etc. About 374 new loading pots are required,
(a) Local underground cable has been seriously damaged in very many towns. No estimate has been made of the total damage.

Overhead Plant
It is impossible to give a percentage figure in this case owing to the huge amount of plant concerned, the very large number of pole routes, and the way they cross open country.

It can be stated however that nearly every trunk circuit has been damaged in some way.
Several hundred miles of routes have completely disappeared, and many thousands of poles have been destroyed. It is estimated that several hundred thousand miles of copper or iron wire have disappeared or become scrap.

5. Telegraph plant: The proportion of telegraph instruments destroyed by Germans is probably about 20%. This is an intelligent guess based on the offices inspected and the number destroyed or damaged.

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Demarc to Italian Radio Plant

Information available is given below:

1. R.A.I. (Broadcast Net):

a. Of the 42 medium wave transmitters in Italy, thirteen of them, or 31% have been destroyed. Twelve, or 29% were removed by Germans. Two others were dismantled by them but left in Busto Arsizio.

b. Of the eleven Italian owned medium wave transmitters abroad, the Tripoli plant was destroyed, and there is no news of others.

c. Other home plant such as long wave transmitters, receivers, etc., was generally destroyed or pillaged, while most of the spare equipment was removed from stores.

d. The estimated expenditures on a pre-war valuation to substitute destroyed or removed plant belonging to R.A.I. is about 65,000,000 lire.

2. Italcable Plant:

About 20% of the plant has been destroyed, 13 % taken away by Germans, 38 % shifted by Germans to the North somewhere, and the remaining 28% left in situ.

3. State Telegraph Plant:

Reliable information on this plant is not available owing to the large number of comparatively small transmitters involved and the fact that they belong to the Army, Navy, Air Force, and the civilian Ministries. Many have been removed or destroyed.

The very important station of Coltano, has been destroyed. This acted as a control station for shipping amongst other things.

H.H.SCUDDER
Lt.Colonel,Sig.C.
Director,
Communications B/C.

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9 August 1945

Chief Commissioner--

Commander Apostolo spoke further with Engr. Martinato concerning General Serra. It is Martinato's opinion that Serra's Fascist connections were of such minor importance that they should not prohibit your giving him an appointment.

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Information given by Ing. Martinato on Gen. Michele Serra, former Director General of Italo Radio Co

From a letter found in his personal file it appears that in 1926 he had already Fascist Party membership. Somebody (at Italcable) thinks he was a " Squadrista "; this detail, thought, do not appears in the files.

From 1923 to 1929 he has been with Italcable.

He resigned when he was appointed Director General of Italo Radio, in which post he was controlled by Italcable. He had this post up to the 1st Nov. 1941.

When he left Italo Radio, as a compensation, he was given a place in the Board of Directors of Italcable.

In 1929 he was designated by the Fascist Confederation of Industry for the nomination as National Counsellor. But he never got into the Parliament.

He was not a very bright person. Consequently he always was rather quiet. In the last times (of Fascism) he ~~xxx~~ has been left aside.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/1401I 8 August 1945

SUBJECT : Major General SERRA Michele

TO : Chief Commissioner

1. Enquiries have been made concerning the above named with the following result:

Major General SERRA Michele, son of Ignazio was born on 16 Sept. 1876 at Cagliari.

He started his career as an officer with the rank of 2/Lt. in 1896. He was a Colonel in 1917, and Chief of Staff of the Armoured Corps of Genova.

In 1921 he was promoted Brigadier General and afterwards Major General for his distinguished service in the Italo-Eritrea war.

From 1913 to 1916 he was Military attache' to Belgrade.

From 1929 to the present time he has occupied the dual posts of director general of "ITALORADIO" and advisor to the Industrial Confederation.

There is no record of any political activity to his discredit but he must have been in high favour with the Fascist Government in order to have been able to retain the important position he held from 1929 onwards.

S.J. HARVEY, Maj.
Major,
Security Division.

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Translation

152 Via IV Novembre, Rome

tel 680859

4.7.45

The undersigned, General Michele Serra, former Director General of the Italo Radio Co., is staying in Rome for a few days and would like to pay his respects to Admiral Ellery W. Stone.

I therefore beg you to grant me an appointment at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

s. Gen. M. Serra

Tuesday at 4

trans. e/c

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152- Via 1 Novembre
Roma
tel. 680859

11/7/45

Il sottoscritto generale Michele Serra, già Direttore generale della Soc. Italo Radio, di passaggio a Roma per qualche giorno, desidererebbe presentare all'Ammiraglio W. Alexy Stone.

Le sarebbe grato di volerlo ricevere quanto le sarà possibile.

Con ossequio

Gen. M. Serra

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Gen Staff Signal Sec

AFHQ CITE FHGEG

2701 28 JULY 1945 ROUTINE

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YOUR MESSAGE F28790, Cable and Wireless and Italian Telegraph Administration were unable to reach agreement on division of tolls and Italian Government is dealing with British Government through diplomatic channels.

FADEN TO AFHQ CITE FHGEG FROM WO ALCOM CITE ACCRA FAR EM

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ROUTINE

AMC SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGB

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TRIPOLITANIA-ITALY civil cable service. Please state present position.

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ACTION: Communications
INFO: Chief Commissioner
File 2
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WHG/bs

F 222.60.CS

14th June 1945

Subject: Postage, Telephone and Telegraph Rates.

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To : R.C. Emilia Region (attn Postal Officer)
R.C. Emilia " (" Telecomms Officer)
R.C. Liguria " (" Postal Officer)
R.C. Piemonte " (" Telecomms Officer)
R.C. Lombardia" (" Postal Officer)
R.C. Lombardia" (" Telecomms Officer)
R.C. Venezia " (" Postal Officer)
R.C. Venezia " (" Telecomms Officer)

1. The Decrees governing Postal and Telecommunication Rates in Italy were not amongst those listed in AC/4010/9/L "Economic Decrees" of 30 April 1945 and the relative Special Order published in the supplement to the Gazzetta Ufficiale No. 5 of 28th April 1945. They would, therefore, normally be due for application in Military Government territory, except Venezia Giulia, on the dates on which the Gazzette Ufficiali including the relative implementation orders reached the Prefects of each Province concerned. As the services concerned are interprovincial it would, however, be impracticable to implement the Decrees on different dates and the 1st July 1945 will, therefore, be the date on which the rates laid down in the Decrees become effective, with the exception of the Decree covering Foreign Postage which is already being applied.

2. The Decrees are as follows:-

Subject:		
(a)	Internal Postage Rates	Decree LT No.94 22 March 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 31 March 1945
(b)	Internal Telegraph Rates	Decree LT No.95 22 March 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 31 March 1945
(c)	Telephone Rates (Urban)	Ministerial Decree 26 March 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 31 March 1945
(d)	Telephone Rates (Inter-Urban)	Ministerial Decree No.247, 5 April 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 30 May 1945
(e)	Foreign Postage Rates	Ministerial Decree 31 March 1945 Gazzetta Ufficiale 9 May 1945

3. The Post Office publications in which the above Decrees are detailed are as follows:-

(a), (b) and (c) In Supplement to Bollettino No. 6 of 1945, a supply of which has already been sent to you for distribution to all Post Offices.
(d) Not yet published in a Bollettino.
(e) In Bollettino No. 11 of 1945, copies of which have already been sent to you.

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4. It is important for full publicity to be given to the increases of Postal rates both in the newspapers and on the radio. Publicity should of course be given

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R.C. Lombardia" (" Postal Officer)
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4. It is important for full publicity to be given to the increases of Postal rates both in the newspapers and on the radio. Publicity should of course be given to increases in Telegraph and Telephone Rates, but need is not so great as for Postal Rates. Care will no doubt be taken to ensure that any notices prepared for exhibition to the public concerning the new rates do not contain references to any services which are suspended. The attention of the Post Office staff should be drawn to the fact that the Supplement to Bollettino No. 6 shews the authorised rates for all the normal services, but that this does not imply the resumption of any services not specifically authorised.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE.

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

Copies to:
Chief Commissioner
CA Section (2)
Economic Section (3)
Executive Commissioner
Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

APO 512, U. S. Army
7 June 1945

Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394, U. S. Army.

Dear Admiral Stone:

Forwarded herewith is a copy of "Telecommunications Mediterranean Theater of Operations United States Army", which I thought might be of interest to you. This brochure was prepared specifically for the purpose of affording certain basic information to the members of the Senate Interstate Commerce Commission Sub-Committee, which recently visited the Theater.

Please accept again my sincere thanks for your recent kind hospitality. The luncheon was most enjoyable and I feel that I was most fortunate to be included as one of your guests.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

GEORGE I. BACK,
Colonel, Signal Corps,
Chief Signal Officer.

Incl:
1 copy "Telecommunications Mediterranean Theater of Operations United States Army"

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ALCOM LOMBARDIA 80620

7534 14 MAY 1945 ROUTINE

IN CLEAR FD

ITALGABLE REQUEST YOU NOTIFY ALL ITALGABLE OFFICES IN NORTH ITALY OF APPOINTMENT OF RATTINATO AS DIRECTOR GENERAL AND MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR AUGUST TWELVE FD

PARIS ALCOM LOMBARDIA RECEIVE FOR ECUADOR FROM HQ. ALCOM CITE ACCMS PARIS

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MAY 3/0830B
ROUTINE

AFHQ, SIGNAL ALEXANDER CITE FIGRO

ACTION : MIDBAT, AICOM ROME

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This is MAT 663.

1. MIDBAT and this headquarters agree that resumption of TRIPOLI-ITALY cable telegraph service via MALTA would be desirable. Normal censorship restrictions, following current instructions on similar services, would be applied. Before authorising Italian Government to negotiate terms of contract with Cable and Wireless Limited your approval is requested. Essential terms of concluded contract would be cabled you for your concurrence prior to commencement of service.

2. Instructions desired as to procedure this headquarters should follow generally in requesting authority to open Italian External telecommunications services. If authority has in each case to be obtained generalinstructions along lines of TAM 314 for requisition of external postal services would be helpful.

3. Request reply to para 1 not be delayed pending your consideration of general question put in paragraph 2

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INFO : A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CIVIL CENSORSHIP
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A.F.H.Q.

6293 25 APRIL 45 ROUTINE

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OPENING EXTERNAL TELEGRAPH SERVICES TO AMERICA AND BRITAIN EXPECTED FOUR MAY FD PRESENT SECURITY RELEASES ON THESE SERVICES ONLY COVER ITALY TO AMERICA AND ITS POSSESSIONS AND TO THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH FD

FAILED TO ADD FOR PRESS FROM MS ALGIERS CITE ACCMS FAILED

REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR NEUTRAL AND ALLIED COUNTRIES WHICH CAN BE SERVED THROUGH AMERICA OR BRITAIN FD

TEXT OF TELEGRAMS TO BE SUBJECT TO SAME RESTRICTIONS CEA THAT IS CEA PRIVATE MATTERS OR NOW DASH TRANSACTIONAL COMMERCIAL MATTERS ONLY

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A.F.H.Q.

6002 24th April 45 ROUTINE

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LIKELIHOOD TELEGRAPH SERVICE FOR CIVIL USE BETWEEN ITALY AND UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM WILL OPEN FOUR MAY FD

PAREN AFHQ FOR FROOD FROM ALCON CITE ACORN PAREN

PUBLIC NOTICE EXPECTED VERY SOON FD

GRATEFUL IF REPLY COULD BE GIVEN BY WIRE TO LETTER CHARLIE ONE ONE FIVE FINT ONE THREE ONE DATED ONE SIX APRIL TO AVOID ALTERATION OF AREA OF SERVICE SHORTLY AFTER OPENING

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COMMUNICATIONS S/C.

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IT. 242.80.CS

14 April, 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Government Communications.

TO : Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Reference your Memorandum of 15th March, 1945.

1. The Italian language, as well as French or English is permitted in Italian Government messages in clear to all its duly accredited missions abroad. This includes the Italian mission in France.

2. With regard to Bulgaria and Rumania, the existing language restriction will remain until such time as the present informal representatives of your Government with these countries are replaced by formally accredited missions.

For the Chief Commissioner :

gd. NEF

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Actg. Executive
Commissioner.

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APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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IT.242. .CS

3rd April, 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Telegraph Relations

TO: Major General X. de Sevin
French Representative, Allied Commission

Reference your No. 2.046 dated 27th March, 1945.

So far as this Commission is aware there is no objection to the English, French or Italian languages being used in official telegrams between Italy and France.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APO 394

Rome, 27 Mars 1945

JN/SM no. 2.046

TO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT : Italian Telegraphic Relations.

1. The French Ambassador Monsieur COUVE de MURVILLE would like to know if, in view of the facilities given to the Italian Ambassador in Washington, the Italian Government could be allowed to send to its Representative in Paris telegrams in English, French and Italian.

2. The French Representative would appreciate knowing the views of the Chief Commissioner concerning this matter.

S/ De SEVIN.
X. de SEVIN, Major General
French Representative.

EC DIST 29 March 45

Action : Communications S/C
Info : Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner.

Major Stearns:

See what action is being taken by Communications S/C on this, before putting it up to C.C.

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ROUTINE

APHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE: FHGEC,FHGDS,FBSIG,FHQAE,FHORD.
ACSAF FOR COS FOR CCAC RPTD FOR INFO: CENTRAL DISTRICT UK BASE SECTION (LONDON) FOR CABINET SECRETARIAT RPTD ALCOM ROME.

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Telecommunication equipment for ITALY.

Refer CAL 617 and CAL 867. This is LAC 1032.

1. All supplies necessary to maintain minimum essential tele-communication requirements, excepting for vehicles, are currently being met by the Chief Signal Officer from standard army type equipment. No commercial type equipment is desired as category A supplies.

2. Situation has developed since MGS-184-SIG was submitted 29 June 1944, and the AC has unforeseen requirements not included in this requisition. For example there is a demand for 150 tons of copper wire to provide communications in the ANCONA area, which cannot now be established due to lack of this material. This amount wire available from military stocks, manufactured in the theatre, without jeopardy to military requirements.

3. Request confirmation that CAL 662 may be interpreted as authority for the theatre commander to issue minimum essential standard army telecommunication equipment to the AC is amounts necessary to the prevention of disease and unrest amongst the civil population.

4. If our understanding in para 3 is correct, 150 tons copper wire will be supplied to. If specific authority required for all releases request this be considered requisition MGS-272-SIG with rating 2 and allocated for supply from theatre stocks.

5. Consider procedure in para 3 essential to insure civil

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telecommunication commitment is fulfilled.

6. Reference items 5,6,73,74 of MCS-184-SIC (150 vehicles) approved as standard army equipment in CAL 652. Substitutions are acceptable to include 150 general purpose vehicles, varying from 3/4 ton to 1½ lifting capacity. Specific approval requested in view of supply position. This requirement essential to project and not duplicated in subsequent demands or available from approved vehicle requisitions. Request approval for provision under S/S procedure.

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Info-Action: REQUISITION BR 2
Info: A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
COMMUNICATIONS S/C
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FILE 2
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HHB/epc

1st February, 1945

T.61.30.CS

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

With your letter of January 27th, 1945 No.84/XIV/9a you sent me a copy of a letter addressed by the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications to the Communications Sub-Commission A.C. In his letter the Minister drew attention to a report that Allied Military personnel had, in constructing military lines, failed to conserve existing material and had in fact destroyed lines recently repaired by the Circolo Costruzioni.

The Communications Sub-Commission had already requested a full investigation by the Military authorities but the inquiry is not yet completed. Result of the investigation will be communicated to the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications as soon as available. You may rest assured that every effort will be made to insure that construction of military communication facilities is carried out with the least possible disturbance to civilian plant.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W.STONE
Rear Admiral USNR.
Chief Commissioner

To: H.E. I. Bonomi
President of the Council of Ministers.
Rome.

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cc: COS
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

28 January, 1944

In reply
refer to: T.J.L.JC.28

Subject : Allied Comission Telegraph Communications

To : A.F.H.Q. - G5.

1. The Allied Commission is having increasingly to rely on the civil telegraph service for its domestic communications, as Allied military establishments in the South of Italy are progressively withdrawn.

2. A difficulty has arisen from the security regulations governing messages sent by Allied military offices, with which this Headquarters complies.

3. It is not permitted for any classified message to be sent by civil means; on the other hand, frequently no alternative means exist, while the texts of the messages properly warrant classification.

4. A particular instance is that of the transportation sub-Commission, which for its control of the loading of coastal and schooner shipping requires a daily report from some 30 ports in Southern Italy, Sicily and Sardinia. This report would have to contain names of ships and dates of sailing and by existing regulations must be classified Secret, although of course the movement of this class of vessel is probably of little security importance. In the majority of these ports there is no Allied facility.

5. Similar difficulties have arisen over communications between Regional and Provincial Commissioners.

6. The difficulty has been overcome on communications between this Hqrs and Regional Hqrs by the establishment of Italian Army cipher teams at these places, but it is not thought practicable to extend this arrangement to cover all places with which we may require communications.

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7. It is therefore requested that:

a. Italian State telegraphs be authorized to handle Allied Commission message traffic up to and including Confidential classification.

b. Messages relating to Allied Commission routine consular affairs (including the shipping information referred to in para. 4 above) need not be classified higher than Confidential unless desired by the originator.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

M.S.Lush
Brigadier
Chief of Staff

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section
Consular Section
Communications Sub-Commission
Caserta, A.F.

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CHIEF COMMR

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The President of the Council of Ministers
n. 61/.17/9a

Rome, 27 January 1945

Dear Admiral,

The Minister of Posts and Telecommunications sent the enclosed letter to the Allied Commission, in relation with a very serious incident which took place in the Perugia area, about telegraph and telephone liaisons.

I want to drew your personal attention on this fact which seems very serious to me.

I remain,

Truly yours,

a. I. Bonomi

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See

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
R o m e

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CofS Dist - 29 Jan 45

ACTION: Comms SPC
INFO: CHIEF COMMR
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Translation

Ministry of Communications

Posts and Telecommunications.

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Rome, 17 January 1945

To the Allied Commission
Posts and Telecommunications Sub-Commission
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We have received a report from the Director of the Circolo Costruzioni Telegrafiche e Telefoniche of Foligno, of which we transmit the following passage:

'The interior communications of the Foligno office have been re-established and we have started to repair the Terni office where the general switchboard and the switchboards for the sets are being repaired.

The Foligno Bevagna line which has three wires has been completely repaired.

The repairs to the line which follows the Foligno Perugia railway were begun. This line, which has a double set of posts, has 22 to 25 wires, three of which are of bronze, and had been seriously injured by the bombardments on several places. These injuries could have been repaired in about 8 or 10 weeks of work.

But on the 6th of this months, allied soldiers began to dismantle all the wires of this line, except the two telephone lights which are at the beginning of the set of poles. This dismantling took place without previous noticeto this 'Circolo', and in spite of the Foligno 'SIGNAL OFFICE' having previously authorized the repair works to be started.

The dismantling is being done in such a way that the wires cannot be used again for they are being cut at every pole, and according to a declaration of the C.S.O. the work is already finished.

I tried to obtain from the C.S.O. that only the number of wires strictly necessary to make room for the wires the C.S.O. wanted to establish, should be demolished; in this way the other wires would have remained on the line for civilian uses of this Circolo; I also asked that the demolition should be made by Agents of this Circolo to recuperate the material, but my request wasn't granted.

It seems that the material has been lost.

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Communications are therefore impossible between Perugia-Ponte S. Giovanni-Gaetan-Assisi-S. Maria degli Angeli-Spello and Foligno.

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Other demolitions of the same kind have been made inside Perugia and on the Cerreto di Spoleto-Spoleto line.'

I do not need to stress the importance of these facts, especially in what concerns this Ministry.

As the SIGNAL OFFICE of Foligno had authorized the repair works, we really couldn't expect that the lines which had just been repaired would be demolished.

We feel very badly about the fact that the demolition was made in such a way as makes it impossible for us to use the material again. Considering the present shortage, the fact that the wires have been cut at every pole, that the insulators have been broken, that our agents were not allowed to do the demolition themselves, caused us a serious loss.

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Besides, we cannot understand why our request to demolish only the number of wires strictly necessary to make room for those which the C.S.C. had to put up, wasn't granted; the other wires would have remaindd on the line for civilian uses. Anyhow, we don't want to discuss a question which isn't in our sphere of decision. But it is possible that for superior reasons connected with the state of war, that which was done answers an absolute necessity before which there is nothing to be said.

We do not believe that this was done without strong motives and without keeping in mind our needs and the opportunity not to make worse the situation in which we find ourselves because of the war.

Nevertheless, we hope that the Allied Authorities will keep in mind our needs, and considering what happened, supply us the means to repair what we lost and reestablish the public services which are indispensible for the rehabilitation of national life.

Hoping that your answer will be such as to enable us to resume the hard work we started with trust and tranquillity, we remain,

Truly yours,

The Minister

Cevalotto

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Ref: 8759/27/GS 29 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Radio Telephone Service to United States.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission.

1. Further to this office letter 8759/26/GS of 28 December, I am directed to ask you to include the following two additional names as users of this service.

Mr. Myron Taylor.
The Acting President, Mr. Harold Macmillan.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Copy to: SO to CC.
Political Section.

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Ref: 8759/26/003

28 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Radio Telephone Service to United States.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission.

1. I am directed by the Chief of Staff to inform you the final decision on the persons who would be allowed to use this service.

Advisory Council.

1. The Honorable Alexander Kirk (American)
2. Sir Noel Charles (British)
3. Major General Susloparov (Russian)
4. M. Maurice Couve de Murville (French)
5. M. George Maimaris (Greek)
6. Dr. Josip Smodlaka (Yugoslav)

Diplomatic Missions.

7. Signor Mikhail Koutilev, USSR Ambassador.
8. H. E. Vasco da Cunha, Brazilian Charge d'Affaires.
9. Signor Mario Garza Sanos, Mexican Charge d'Affaires.

Consulates.

10. Georges Carlier, Belgian Consul General.
11. H. E. Vladimir Vanek, Czechoslovak Consul General.
12. H. E. F. W. Gruandijk, Netherlands A/Consul General.
13. Tadeusz Wieruss-Kowalski, Polish Consul General.

Chief Commissioner.
Chief of Staff.
Vice-Presidents.
Chief of Italian Mission, UNRRA.
Director for War Relief, American Red Cross.
Commissioner, British Red Cross.

2. I am instructed to ask you to inform AMG of this decision.

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Office, Chief of Staff.

Copy to: 30 to CC.
Political Section.
Economic Section.
Establishment Section.
Chief of Italian Mission, UNRRA.
Director for War Relief, American Red Cross.
Commissioner, British Red Cross.
Civil Affairs Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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A/CC 311.2

2 November 1944

TO: Communications Sub-Commission

1. The following is quoted from a dispatch received by the U. S. Ambassador:

> "Information is received from the State Department that the entire matter of disposition of cables of ex-enemy countries is a subject of active consideration by the United States Government and that therefore no disposition of such cables can be agreed to by the Department unless its previous consent has been procured."

2. While I am unaware of any plans or discussions regarding the disposition of the Italian cables, I think, for the record, that it would be wise to send a communication to the Commissario to the effect that no negotiations, either of a commercial or internationally political nature, should be entered into by him with respect to the Italian cables without reference to this Commission.

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USN
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Chief of Staff
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SYNOPSIS

Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 500 of 29 Sep 44 to Comm Sub-Com (Henderson).

Repairs & Maintenance of Italian post-telegraph-telephone networks.

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INSTRUCTIONS - Under «Synopsis» make brief entry showing date of communication and from whom received and synopsis sufficient to identify the papers. When these index sheets become numerous under a subject they will be entered on te consolidated index sheet and then destroyed.

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26 August 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Frank H. Wonenraft, U.S.C.
The Combined Chiefs of Staff
Washington 25, D. C.

SUBJECT: Cable Charges in AFHQ (34) APP A

1. Your letter of 10 July, subject as above, is acknowledged.

2. I am in accord with the recommendations set forth in the proposed reports of the Combined Communications Board, forwarded with your letter.

KELLEY W. STORE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Acting Chief Commissioner

Recommend approval
as noted.

C. [illegible]
Comm.

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THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

10 July 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner
Headquarters Allied Control Commission
Naples, Italy

Subject: Cable Charges in AFHQ.

Enclosures: (A) CB/NM 10/2 dated 19 May 44, copy no. 44.

(B) CB/NM 10/3 dated 28 Jun 44, copy no. 16.

1. The enclosures will be of interest to you.

2. We have recently had an opportunity to chat with Colonel Lenzner, and I know that he plans to see you upon his return.

3. I shall be interested in any facts and views you may care to pass along.

FRANK W. ROZENCRANT
Colonel, U.S.A.

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CB/NM 10/3

28 June 1944

COMBINED COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

NON-MILITARY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

CABLE CHARGES IN AFHQ

Note by the Secretaries

1. The following is a paraphrase of a dispatch from AFHQ and addressed to the War Office, AGWAR, the British Joint Communications Board and the Combined Communications Board, and repeated to the Allied Control Commissions:

"A bill for 800 dollars has been received by the Allied Control Commission in Italy from Cable and Wireless, Ltd. for traffic handled for the Italian Government Foreign Office by Cable and Wireless. Since the Italian Government formerly owned the cables over which some of this traffic was sent and also an account of critical financial difficulties of transferring credits, the holding of such charges in a suspense account until settlement of the close of hostilities is proposed."

2. Copies of the original dispatch are available at the Secretariat.

3. The above is sent to the members of the committee for

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2. Copies of the original dispatch are available at the Secretariat.

3. The above is sent to the members of the committee for information in their current study of the subject problem. The action copy of the dispatch was sent elsewhere than to the C.C.B.

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E. B. BRIDGMAN

Secretaries, Combined
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19 May 1944

COMBINED COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

NON-MILITARY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

CABLE CHARGES IN AFHQ

Note by the Secretaries

The attached proposed report is submitted by the U.S. members for the consideration of the Combined Non-Military Facilities Committee at its next meeting.

B. P. CHARLES

E. B. BRIDGMAN

Secretaries, Combined
Non-Military Facilities
Committee

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ENCLOSURE

SEIZED SUBMARINE CABLES
AND
ALLOCATION OF COMMERCIAL CHARGES FOR MESSAGES FROM A COMBINED HEADQUARTERS (CABLE CHARGES IN AFHQ)

Proposed Report of the Combined Communications Board

THE PROBLEM

1. To establish principles to govern:

a. Charges for transmission of Allied Military traffic over circuits utilizing seized1/ submarine cables; and

b. Allocation of commercial charges for messages originated by a combined staff section of a combined headquarters.

2. Consideration of the ultimate disposition of seized submarine cables necessarily arises in connection with specific questions asked by the Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ (Appendix "A") and covered in this report by proposed statements of principles of general application.

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM

3. Allied military operations have necessitated, and will continue to require, seizure of submarine cables belonging to other than United States and British interests.

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4. Utilization of seized submarine cables involves generally one or more of the following:

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b. Physical connection to other than seized cables to

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3. Allied military operations have necessitated, and will continue to require, seizure of submarine cables belonging to other than United States and British interests.

4. Utilization of seized submarine cables involves generally one or more of the following:

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b. Physical connection to other than seized cables to establish new circuits.

1/ For purposes of this report, "seized" submarine cables are those which do not belong to the United States, the British Empire, or their nationals, but are taken over by United States or British military forces, and operated by United States or British military forces or nationals.

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c. Rebuilding, repairing and re-equipping terminal huts and operating rooms.

d. Repair, extension and construction of connecting land lines.

e. Furnishing of equipment from military or civil sources.

f. Provision for operating and maintenance personnel from military or civil sources.

5. MILITARY CABLES: In some instances, seized cables are used in establishing circuits which are equipped, operated and maintained by the Services with little or no assistance from commercial agencies. Traffic over these circuits is primarily of an official military and government character which traffic is transmitted free of charge.

6. COMMERCIAL CABLES: Seized cables are used also in establishing circuits which are turned over to commercial agencies for operation. Where necessary the Services assist such commercial agencies by supplying equipment, maintenance personnel and cable operators. Traffic over these circuits includes ordinary commercial messages as well as those of an official military and government character. In the absence of special agreement, full tariff rates are charged for transmission of Allied military traffic.

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7. The CSO, AFHQ, recommends, in substance:

a. That no charges be made for traffic over military cables, and that no payments be made for commercial assistance in their operation; and

b. That military traffic passed over commercial cables be paid for at the full tariff rate, irrespective of the fact that:

(1) The cable itself may be in whole or in part seized and not the property of the commercial company.

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(2) The Services may provide part of the equipment, maintenance and operating personnel, and connecting land lines.

c. That charges for transmission by commercial submarine cables of traffic originated by a combined staff section at a combined headquarters, and not chargeable to a particular nation, be allocated upon the basis of the volume of traffic which can be identified as to charge.

8. While policies of nations differ in methods of fixing rates for submarine cable traffic, charges ordinarily provide a reasonable return upon investment, after deduction of fixed and variable operating costs.

CONCLUSIONS

9. Ultimate disposition of seized submarine cables should be decided at the peace table after the cessation of hostilities.

10. No charges should be made for Allied Government traffic between points where the circuit connecting such points is provided, in whole or in part, by seized submarine cable.

11. Moneys collected for commercial traffic over circuits utilizing seized submarine cables should be held to be divided between the Allied Governments of the theater involved as interests may appear.

12. Out of pocket expenses incurred by commercial companies [illegible] operation of circuits utilizing seized submarine cables

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12. Out of pocket expenses incurred by commercial companies in the operation of circuits utilizing seized submarine cables should be paid currently by the Allied Government users. In addition to payment for out of pocket expenses, such commercial companies should be compensated for operating services rendered in amounts to be determined after cessation of hostilities.

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13. A combined headquarters is an equal responsibility of the governments concerned. The cost for messages originated by a combined staff section of a combined headquarters should be divided equally by the governments involved.

RECOMMENDATIONS

14. It is recommended that the Combined Chiefs of Staff:

a. Promulgate a statement of general principles in conformity with the conclusions set forth in pars. 9 to 13 inclusive of this report.

b. Advise the Commander in Chief, Mediterranean Theater of Operations of the adoption of such general principles.

15. Proposed letters of implementation are Appendix "B" and Appendix "C" hereto, and the appropriate British authorities should be notified.

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APPENDIX "A"

Letters of 16 March 1944, from CSO, AFHQ, to C.C.B. and B.J.C.B. as corrected by letter of 17 April 1944, from the Secretary, Combined Signal Board, AFHQ, to C.C.B. and B.J.C.B., reads as follows:

(To be prepared by the Secretaries from CB/NM 10/D and CB/NM 10/1.)

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(To be prepared by the Secretaries from CP/NM 10/1
and CB/NM 10/1.)

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APPENDIX "B"

MEMORANDUM FOR: (War and Navy Departments)

Subject: Seized Submarine Cables and Allocation of Commercial Charges for Messages from a Combined Headquarters

Enclosures: (A) Copy letter 16 Mar 44 from CSO, AFHQ to C.C.B. and B.J.C.B.

(B) Copy letter 17 Apr 44 from Secy CSB, AFHQ to C.C.B. and B.J.C.B.

1. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have considered specific questions raised by the Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ in enclosures (A) and (B) and have agreed to the following statement of general principles to govern seized submarine cables and the allocation of commercial charges for messages originated by a combined staff section of a combined headquarters:

a. Ultimate disposition of seized submarine cables should be decided at the peace table after the cessation of hostilities.

b. No charges should be made for Allied Government traffic between points where the circuit connecting such points is provided, in whole or in part, by seized submarine cable.

c. Moneys collected by commercial companies for commercial traffic over circuits utilizing seized submarine cables should be held to be divided between the Allied Governments of the theater involved as interests may appear.

d. Out of pocket expenses incurred by commercial companies in the operation of circuits utilizing seized submarine

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(B) Copy letter [illegible] Apr 44 from Secy C.S.B., AFHQ
to C.C.B. and B.J.C.B.

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c. Moneys collected by commercial companies for commercial traffic over circuits utilizing seized submarine cables should be held to be divided between the Allied Governments of the theater involved as interests may appear.

d. Out of pocket expenses incurred by commercial companies in the operation of circuits utilizing seized submarine cables should be paid currently by the Allied Government users. In addition to payment for out of pocket expenses, such commercial companies should be compensated for operating services rendered in amounts to be determined after cessation of hostilities.

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1. A combined headquarters is an equal responsibility of the governments concerned. The cost for messages originated by a combined staff section of a combined headquarters should be divided equally by the governments involved.

2. For purposes of these agreed principles, "seized" submarine cables are those which do not belong to the United States, the British Empire, or their nationals, but are taken over by the United States or British military forces, and operated by United States or British military forces or nationals.

3. In answer to enclosures (A) and (B) the Commander in Chief, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, is being advised of the adoption of the foregoing general statement of principles.

4. This information is forwarded for appropriate action by the _____ Department. A similar letter is being addressed to the _____ Department, and the appropriate British agencies are being notified.

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the British Empire, or their [illegible], [illegible] are [illegible] the United States or British military forces, and operated by United States or British military forces or nationals.

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APPENDIX "C"

MEMORANDUM FOR: Commander in Chief, Mediterranean Theater of Operations

Subject: Seized Submarine Cables and Allocation of Commercial Charges for Messages from a Combined Headquarters (Cable Charges in AFHQ)

References: (a) Letter 16 Mar 44 from CSO, AFHQ to C.C.B. and B.J.C.B.

(b) Letter 17 Apr 44 from Secy CXB, AFHQ to C.C.B. and B.J.C.B.

Enclosure: (A) Cpy Letter __ May 44 from U.S.Secy, Combined Chiefs of Staff to Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations Division, War Department General Staff

1. Enclosure (A) sets forth a general statement of principles adopted by the Combined Chiefs of Staff to govern seized submarine cables and allocation of commercial charges for messages from a combined headquarters, which are applicable to the specific questions raised in references (a) and (b) above.

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(b) Letter 17 Apr 44 from Secy CXB, AFHQ to C.C.S. and B.J.C.B.

Enclosure: (A) Cpy letter __ May 44 from U.S.Secy, Combined Chiefs of Staff to Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations Division, War Department General Staff

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COMMS SUB-COMMISSION

PAY FOR CIRCOLO TAKEN UP WITH GOVERNMENT PARIS REGION ONE FOR TREVELYAN FROM ACC FROM HENDERSON SIGNED STONE PARIS PERMISSION GIVEN BY A F H Q FOR ITALIAN USE NAPLES PALERMO CAGLIARI CABLES PD GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN NOTIFIED AND HAS TELEGRAPHED INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICES CONCERNED.

This matter was handled from Cairo Sta
A Tele action complete DOC & A/C action

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

A/CC 311.2

Submarine Cables

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22 Aug 4

Communications Sub-Commission

1. Reference is made to attached letter from CSO, AFHQ, dtd 19 August, subject as above.

2. Request that your Sub-Commission take appropriate action.

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1 Incl-
as in para 1 above.

22 Aug

SM 915

DISPATCHED
Hq ACC · Secy Gen.
Date · Time 22 Aug 1730
Via Hodge
Illinois

Stone.

Fwd Dispatch

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311.2 Telegrams

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Acting Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

Ref: CSB/12 A 2290 19 August 1944

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HQ ACC, APO 394
Secty Gen.
Rec'd 24 Aug 1735
By PER

SUBJECT: Submarine Cables.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.
(For: Acting Chief Commissioner.)

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1. Reference is made to your letter A/CC 311.2 of 5 July 1944, and our reply of 18 July 1944.

2. Military operation of the CAGLIARI-PALERMO and NAPLES-PALERMO submarine cables will cease on 20 August 1944. G-2, AFHQ, have ruled that there is no objection to the return of these cables to the Italian authorities, provided the Allied Control Commission maintain close supervision of the traffic passed.

3. It is therefore requested that you set up the arrangements by which this supervision can be effected.

4. Operation of these cables must be undertaken using Italian equipment and personnel. In the case of the Naples terminal, it will be necessary for the Italian authorities to provide a new landline between the cable house at Posillipo and their cable office. The present landline between Posillipo and HQ., PBS, is still required for Allied Military use. At the Palermo terminal, it will be necessary for the Allied Military authorities to maintain close supervision of the cable house at Mondello, until measures have been taken by this Headquarters to safeguard the security of the NAPLES-MALTA cable which passes through the cable house.

Major General,
Chief Signal Officer.

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Copies to:
HQ., PBS (for SIGO).
HQ., Allied Garrison Sardinia (for SIGO).
U.S. Navy, Palermo.
C.S.O., L of C, Italy.
56 Area, C.M.F. (for CSO)

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A/CC 311.2

21 August 1944

SUBJECT: Misuse of Signal Priorities

TO : Allied Force Headquarters
(Att: G-5 Section)

29 Incl 1

1. With reference to your G-5 311.5-1 dated 12 August 1944, the misuse of signal priorities indicated is regretted. Captain Buckley, the officer concerned, was at the time acting as personal assistant to Air Commodore Lord Stansgate. He is not now at this headquarters and further investigation will have to be made. The necessary disciplinary action will be taken on the facts revealed to prevent a recurrence of this action.

2. Action has been taken to prevent future acceptance by the Signal Office of signals not properly authorized.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Admiral Ike

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Hq ACC Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date-Time 21 Aug 1545
Via Hq
Initials WRR.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

3/1B/AS

19 Aug 44.

SUBJECT : Misuse of Signals Priorities.

TO : CSO, Acting Chief Commissioner.

(29)

Reference your inter-office memo A/CC 311.2 dated 18 Aug 44.

1 Attached is a draft reply to letter of G-5 Section, AFHQ ref G-5 311.5-1.

2 A further explanation of the conduct of Capt Buckley in this matter is being called for.

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RRC/gal

APP A

R.R. CRIPPS Col
for A/Hd Adm Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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ELLERY W. STONE,
Capt USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

Ext 608
RRC/gal

Draft prepared in Admin. Sec by R. R. Biggs

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AFHQ SGD CINC
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21 AUG 1944

REQUEST FROM TROOPERS ON ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CABLE TRAFFIC. (1) WHAT CODES ARE USED (2) ARE THEY DEPOSITED WITH ALLIES (3) ARE CERTIFIED CLEAR TEXTS SUBMITTED WITH ENCIPHERED MESSAGES (4) ARE THESE CLEAR TEXTS VERIFIED (5) DOES CENSORSHIP KEEP COPY (6) WHAT DISPOSITION OF COPIES ARE MADE. REPORT FULLY ON CHANGES IN PROCEDURE FROM EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM 46

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

Hq ACC · Sec'y Gen.
DISPATCHED
Date · Time 18 Aug. 1615
Via Msgr.
Initials DRC

A/CC 311.2

18 August 4

Misuse of Signal Priorities

Administrative Section

1. Reference to attached:

a. Letter G-5, 311.5-1, AFHQ, 12 Aug 44, "Misuse of Signal Priorities".

b. Listed inclosures to above reference.

2. Request appropriate reply be prepared for my signature.

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Stone.

4 Incls-
as in para 1a & 1b above.

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ALLIED FORCE HEAD.UARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 311.5-1

12 August 1944

SUBJECT: Misuse of Signal Priorities

TO : Brigadier Maurice S. Lush
Executive Commissioner
Hq., Allied Control Commission
APO 394.

1. I inclose copies of

a. War Office letter 32/Sigs/32(Sigs 7(a)) dated 6 July 1944,

b. Air Ministry letter Tels 4/S.310 dated 2 July 1944, and

c. Copy of MOST IMMEDIATE message WX 57883 dated 29 June 1944 from Captain Buckley, ACC Rear.

2. The above appears to show a serious case of misuse of Signals priorities. The text of the message is of a personal nature and the classification of MOST IMMEDIATE is intended solely for occasions of vital urgency to the war effort as a whole. The use of this classification is limited to General Officers Commanding-in-Chief, and in their absence, their immediate representatives. (ACI 2213 of 1941 refers.)

3. The Chief Administrative Officer, General Clark, has asked for inquiries to be made and an early report. Please let me have this as early as possible.

C E Lenin-Harris

C. E. LENIN-HARRIS
Colonel
Deputy Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

Incls:
(3) as above

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Extn. 1429

THE WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1
6 July 1944.

32/Sigs/32(Sigs.7.(a)).

Memorandum for:-

Chief Signal Officer,
A.F.H.Q.,
Algiers
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The attached copy of Air Ministry letter Tel s.4/S.310 of 2nd July, 1944, with enclosure, is forwarded for such action as you may consider desirable.

The War Office supports the views expressed by the Air Ministry, particularly those relating to the abuse of the priority "Most Immediate".

(Signed) - - - - - - - - - -

Brigadier,
for Major-General,
Director of Signals.

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AIR MINISTRY
LONDON, S.W.1

Tels.4/S 310

2nd July, 1944

Sir,

I am directed to refer to A.F.H.Q. North Africa signal T.O.O. 2030B/29, copy attached under serial number WX.57883, and to forward this signal as an example of the misuse of signals priorities, incorrect method of address, and the wrong selection of cypher used.

2. From the text of this signal it would appear to constitute an abuse of the priority "most immediate".

3. The signal is addressed to Air Ministry Whitehall but is encyphered in a one-time pad in which Air Ministry Whitehall is not of the family, consequently the cyphor had to be identified and passed to Air Ministry Special Cypher Office for action.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd).
Air Commodore,
Director of Telecommunications.

Director of Signals(Sigs.7),
War Office,
London.

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CYPHER MESSAGE

To:- Air Ministry, Whitehall

From:- Captain Buckley ACC Rear

WX.57883.
(Recd. AMCS. June 29th 1944).

MOST IMMEDIATE. URGENT

Signed Stone 29th 1420B Number Nill. Please inform Lady Stansgate Blunt House Oxted Surrey, Telephone No. Oxted 711 repeat 711. Lord Stansgate left for England.

Time of Receipt 2030/29.

Copies to:

Duty Officer Whitehall (Action 2 copies)
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MEETING HELD 19th July 1944.

Present: Chairman — Colonel J.L. Henderson, Director, Communications Sub-Commission.
Lt. Colonel M.J. Grossman, Legal Sub-Commission.
Major H.H. Scudder, Communications Sub-Commission.
H.E. F. Cerabona, Minister of Communications.
H.E. M. Fano, Under Secretary of State for Posts & Telegraphs.
Mr. C. Kiais, Cables and Wireless.
Mr. L. Timms, Cables and Wireless.
Dr. G. Spinelli, Italcable.
Ing. G. Sannio, Italcable.

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11 AUG 1944

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1. Term - 6 months after cessation of hostilities between the United Nations and Germany.

2. Responsibility for transport of equipment from Malaga and delivery to Cables and Wireless in Gibraltar to be Italcables. Diplomatic action required for such movement to be taken by the Allied Authorities.

3. An agreed detailed list of equipment involved will be established by Italcables and Cable and Wireless by 24th July 1944, at the latest. Cable and Wireless will arrange for a trip to Anzio with representative of Italcable to explore possibility of equipment available there. It was pointed out that no equipment could be removed from Italy which might be needed for future Allied requirements.

4. Cables and Wireless would be responsible for the return of equipment to Malaga in same condition as received subject to normal wear and tear, and would replace any irrepairably damaged or destroyed equipment rather than make financial compensation.

5. Italcable and Cables and Wireless to agree on value of equipment.

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cc. Communications SC

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ADVANCE ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

CSB/AVB

Ref. 12/CSB

18 July 1944

Subject: Submarine Cables.

To: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.
(For: Acting Chief Commissioner).

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1. = Reference is made to your letter A/CC 311.2 of 5 July 1944.

2. = The restoration of the Fiumicino=Terranova cable circuit is already in hand. When this circuit is in operation it is intended to cease military operation of the Naples=Palermo, Anzio=Maddalena and Palermo=Cagliari cables. Subject to G-2 concurrence, these cables will be returned to the Italian Government to operate using their own equipment.

3. = It is not intended to repair the Anzio-Palermo cable, which is broken in several places.

4. = Your para. 4 is not entirely understood as the Italian Government have been authorised to file official messages through the ACC ever since the inception of the Naples=Palermo=Cagliari cable circuits. The total volume of traffic passed on this circuit has never exceeded twenty-five percent of the available capacity. It would appear, therefore, that the present cable links between Italy, Sicily and Sardinia have been adequate for all Allied and Italian official traffic.

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L.B. NICHOLLS
Major General
Chief Signal Officer.

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19 JUL 1944

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17 July 44

AUTHORIZATION REQUESTED RESUMPTION OF CIVIL TELEGRAPHS TO AND WITHIN PROVINCES OF BENEVENTO CAMPOBASSO LITTORIA FROSINONE ROME CMA ALREADY PERMITTED CIVIL MAILS PD AAI FOR OGI FROM AGO FROM HENDERSON SIGNED STONE PD ALSO FOGGIA CHIETI AQUILA PESCARA TERAMO CMA WHEN AUTHORISED CIVIL MAILS

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

REFERENCE SLIP

Date 8 July 1944

Files A/CC 311.2

SUBJECT: Submarine Cables, M.T.O.

FROM: Acting Chief Commissioner

TO

	Administrative Section	War Materials Disposal Sub-Comm.
	Economic Section	Public Relations Branch
	Political Section	Secretary General
	Regional Control and Military Government Section	Chief Staff Officer
	Air Sub-Commission	
	Army Sub-Commission	
V	Communications Sub-Commission	
	Navy Sub-Commission	
FOR:		
	Acknowledgement	Information and Retention
V	Appropriate Action	Dispatch
	Investigation and Report	File
	Remarks/Recommendation	
	Information and Return	

REMARKS: See Ltr. CSB/22 AFHQ OCSigO 4 July attached

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A/cc 311.2
8 Jul 44

Initials ~~Chief Staff Officers~~ FAN

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

4 July 1944

Ref: CSE/22

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- 8 JUL 1944

SUBJECT: Submarine Cables, M.T.O.

TO : Allied Control Commission. (For: Deputy Chief Commissioner).

(23) Incl 1

(19) 1. Reference is made to our letter of 21 June 1944 and your DCO 311.2 dated 20 June 1944.

2. Cable and Wireless Divisional Manager for the Mediterranean area has advised that his Head Office has instructed their representative in Naples to resume negotiations with the Commissioner for Telecables on a lease basis.

Major General,
Chief Signal Officer.

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4 Jul 44

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5 July 1944

A/CS 311.2

6 JUL 1944

SUBJECT: Submarine Cables

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512
(For: Chief Signal Officer)

1. It is requested that consideration be given to the allocation to the Italian Government of one exclusive submarine cable from the mainland to each of the two islands of Sicily and Sardinia.

2. The present situation regarding these cables is believed to be as follows:

Serial #	From	To	Situation
1.	Italy (Piombino)	Sicily (Messina)	Broken; understand repair not being considered.
2.	"	Sardinia (Terranova)	Telephone cable providing two telephone circuits and one telegraph; restoration in hand.
3.	"	Sardinia (Golfo Aranci)	Telegraph cable; restoration in hand.
4.	Italy (Anzio)	Sicily (Palermo)	Broken; understand repair being undertaken.
5.	"	Sardinia (Maddelena)	Working teletype.
6.	Italy (Naples)	Sicily (Palermo)	Working teletype.
7.	Sicily (Palermo)	Sardinia (Cagliari)	Working teletype.

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3. When cables numbered 2 and 3 are in working order, it would appear possible to free either cables 4 and 5 for the Italian Government (AAI letter 2720 X 1, dated 24 June, suggests that these should not be used for military purpose), or, alternatively, cables 6 and 7.

4. The Italian Government is very badly placed regarding telegraphic communications with the islands of Sicily and Sardinia. It has

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no communication with Sardinia, not even radio, and its communications with Sicily by land lines is overloaded. When the six cables (Nos. 2 - 7) are working, it would seem that two might well be spared from military use.

SLOEY R. SAME
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

cc: Communications Sub-Commission

(Draft prepared by JLH - Comms S/C)

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6 JUL 1944

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

4th July, 1944.

In reply
refer to: 05/4/3/32

Subject : Italcables Equipment, Malaga.

To : Major G.W. Kraner (A),
A.C.C. Signals, Naples.

1. A meeting will take place between A.C.C., Cable and Wireless, Italcables and the Italian Government to settle details of the proposed lease of Italcable equipment at Malaga to Cable and Wireless Ltd.

2. The meeting will be held at the A.C.C. HQs, Provincia Building, Naples at 1400 hours 12 July, 1944.

3. Please arrange to attend, and to notify the Manager, Cable and Wireless, Naples.

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

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Copy to: Col.L.D.Denmore/ HQs A.C.C. (re file 311.2).
J/C M.C.Hopkins, Political Section, A.C.C. (re Resmin cable No.94 - AFHQ (Resmin) have been notified by cable)
Minister of Communications (confirming telephone arrangements)

JLH/epc

HEADQUARTERS
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Secretary General

SUBJECT: Attached letter, 24 June 44. from CSC AFHQ, Subject "Submarine Cables, M.T.O."

FILE No. A/CC 311.2

TO: Communications Sub-Commission

1 July 1944

The Personal Aide to the Acting Chief Commissioner has directed that the attached communication be transmitted to you.

Sgt Shenfield

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

DSM 1468
1 JUL 1944

24 June 1944

SUBJECT: Submarine Cables, M.T.O.

TO : Allied Control Commission.
(For: Deputy Chief Commissioner).

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1. Reference is made to your letter DCC 311.2 dated 20 June 1944.

2. This matter has been referred to Cable and Wireless Divisional Manager for the Mediterranean area. He is in communication with his Head Office with a view to their reconsideration of the terms of the proposed lease.

/s/ H. Bloodworth, Col

for Major General,
Chief Signal Officer.

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Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner

A/CC 311.2

Italcable apparatus in Spain

Communications Section, Rear Hq ACC 27 June 4

1. References (both attached): 27 JUN 1944

a. Letter, Office of the British High Commissioner in Italy, to J/C M.C. Hopkins, 26 June 1944.

b. Incoming telegram No. 94, from Resmin, Algiers, June 9, 1944.

2. I am sure that something was done on attached, nevertheless will you prepare reply for the Office of the British High Commissioner. Thanks.

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, Sig C
PA to A/CC

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27 Jun 44

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COPY

OFFICE OF THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER
IN ITALY
Via Agostino de Pretis, NAPLES.

J/C M.C. Hopkins

On 13th June Mr. Halford sent a copy of the enclosed Algiers telegram to Admiral Stone. Algiers have now telegraphed asking if the Control Commission is yet in a position to give the information asked for in that telegram.

Would you pass the word therefore to the appropriate section of the Commission?

(Signature illegible)

26th June, 1944

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26 June 44

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COPY

INCOMING TELEGRAM

From: Resmin, Algiers. Des: 19.50 10.6.44
To: High Commissioner, Naples. Rec: 09.00 11.6.44

CODE Tel. No. 94 (9.6.44)

Please pass the following to Captain Stone, Deputy Chief Commissioner.

Begins:
Reference your memorandum DCC 311.2 June 3rd about Italcable apparatus in Spain.

We should be grateful for information as to place and date of proposed meeting between Cables and Wireless and Italcable. Negotiations between the two companies have hitherto been conducted in Madrid.

Ends:

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TROOPERS, ACWAR, BRITISH JOINT COMMUNICATIONS BOARD AND COMBINED COMMUNICATIONS BOARD RPTD ACC

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27 JUN 1944

CABLE AND WIRELESS HAVE RECENTLY PRESENTED TO ACC IN ITALY A BILL FOR 800 REPEAT 800 DOLLARS COVERING TRAFFIC HANDLED FOR ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOREIGN OFFICE. IN AS MUCH AS SOME OF THIS TRAFFIC WAS PASSED OVER CABLES FORMERLY BELONGING TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND DUE TO THE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES OF TRANSFERRING CREDITS AT THIS TIME IT IS SUGGESTED THAT SUCH CHARGES BE HELD IN A SUSPENSE ACCOUNT TO BE SETTLED AT THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

USW 1330

21 JUN 1944

CSB/LRE
A.P.O. 512, U. S. Army
16 June 1944

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SUBJECT: Cable Charges.

TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

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1. Reference is made to your letter of 7 June 1944.

2. Col. Lenzner who is leaving for Washington shortly will take your suggestions regarding cable charges with him.

T. J. TULLY
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Deputy Chief Signal Officer

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Copy to Col Lenzner

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DCC 311.2

20 June 1944

SUBJECT: Submarine Cables M.T.O.

20 JUN 1944

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512
(For: C.S.O.)

1. Reference your letter from the office of the Chairman of the Combined Signal Board dated 10 June 1944 (no reference number).

2. Please see attached copies of correspondence with Cables & Wireless.

3. The Italian Government does not wish to change its views, as expressed in Incl #4 to my letter DCC 311.2 dated 3 June 1944.

4. It will therefore be seen that an impasse has been reached.

5. It is the view of this Commission that the Italian Government is correct and reasonable in its attitude in the matter, and if the transfer of equipment is required, Cables & Wireless Ltd. should be directed by the C.C.S. to proceed with arrangements on a lease basis.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

2 Incls:
Incl 1 - Ltr, Communications S/C ACC TS/4/8/24, 14 June 44
Incl 2 - Ltr, C & W, 16th June 44 with copy of telegram

cc: Communications Sub-Com

DCC 311.2
20 Jun 44

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

In reply refer
to: TS/4/8/24.

14th June 1944.

SUBJECT: Italcables Equipment at Malaga.

TO : The Manager, Cables and Wireless Ltd., Naples.

1. As explained to you verbally, it is required to know whether your organization is prepared to proceed with arrangements to lease the Italcable apparatus at Malaga and transfer it to Gibraltar, on the basis of the Italian Government's proposals.

2. It is understood that you have now received the necessary directions from your head office and I should be grateful if you would notify this office whether you wish us to arrange a meeting with the Commissioner for Italcables, which would only be likely to lead to definite results if your instructions are in general agreement with the proposals of the Italian Government already known to you.

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

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(19) Incl I

14 Jun 44
TS/4/8/24

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CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED

NAPLES BRANCH

16th June, 1944

To: Colonel J. L. Henderson, Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Subject: Italcables Equipment at Malaga.

1. Receipt of your letter, 15/4/8/24, dated 14th June, 1944, is acknowledged.

2. Direction regarding the basis of negotiation have been received from our Head Office, and a copy of the signal is attached for your information.

3. As the basis of the Italian Government's proposals is that the Italcable apparatus should be leased; and as our Head Office state that they are not interested in a lease but are prepared to buy outright; it would seem unlikely at present that a meeting with the Commissioner for Italcables would lead to definite results.

4. I would be grateful therefore if you would be good enough to convey to the Italian Government our reasons for declining their offer to lease this apparatus and to ask if they would be prepared to re-consider the subject on the basis of outright purchase.

/s/ R. C. Hampton
Manager,
C.&W. Ltd., Naples.

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CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED

SERVICE TELEGRAM

10/ 6/44 1800

XBGV 337 DM MEDIT HAMPTON 56 FIL - JHX FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR 1/11 FOR HAMPTON QUOTE YOUR F/T VIEW RISK LOSS BREAKAGE CAUSED PRESENT PRECARIOUS SHIPPING FACILITIES AND POSSIBILITY APPARATUS BEING SPLIT UP AND DISTRIBUTED ELSEWHERE MAKE DUE RETURN NOT INTERESTED LEASE BUT PREPARED BUY OUTRIGHT ON BASIS COD GIBRALTAR X LEAVE YOU NEGOTIATE THESE LINES UNQUOTE ENDS.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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DSU 1206
18 JUN 1944
14 June 1944

In reply refer
to: Ts/4/8/24

Subject: Italcables Equipment at Malaga.

To: The Manager, Cable and Wireless Ltd, Naples.

1. As explained to you verbally, it is required to know whether your organization is prepared to proceed with arrangements to lease the Italcable apparatus at Malaga and transfer it to Gibraltar, on the basis of the Italian Government's proposals.

2. It is understood that you have now received the necessary directions from your head office and I should grateful if you would notify this office whether you wish us to arrange a meeting with the Commissioner for Italcables, which would only be likely to lead to definite results if your instructions are in general agreement with the proposals of the Italian Government already known to you.

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

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see Ltr FJS
of 14 June

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14 Jun 44

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5-17 June 1944

14 June 1944

To: Communications Sub-Commission

Attached herewith for necessary action is copy of note from British High Commissioner to Captain Stone transmitting copy of incoming telegram from Algiers to British High Commissioner in Naples.

FRANK J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, A.G.D.
Deputy Secretary General

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see #14
14 June 44

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OFFICE OF THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN ITALY,
Via Agostino de Pretis,
NAPLES.

(3/57/44) 13th June 1944.

Dear Ellery,

I enclose a copy of a cable dated June 9th which I have received from the Resident Minister at Algiers.

Yours ever,

Aubrey Halford

Captain E. Stone, U.S.N.R.,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
NAPLES.

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17 Incl I
(3/57/44)
13 June 44

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Copy of incoming telegram from Algiers to High Commissioner, Naples. (9.6.44)

CODE

Reference your memorandum DCC 311.2 June 3rd about Italcable apparatus in Spain.

We should be grateful for information as to place and date of proposed meeting between Cables and Wireless and Italcable. Negotiations between the two companies have hitherto been conducted in Madrid.

Ends:

(17) Incl II

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Captain Stone
Copy of this
given to Col
Henderson
13 June
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chairman
Combined Signal Board

10 June 1944

15 JUN 1944

SUBJECT : Submarine Cables, M.T.O.

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

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1. Reference is made to your letter DCC 311.2 of 3 June, and enclosures.

2. The Combined Signal Board, AFHQ, have requested Cable and Wireless Limited to provide the personnel and equipment to operate the terminals of the Anzio-Gibraltar cable. This circuit, therefore, will be classed as commercially operated. As it is desired to pass Confidential and Restricted Allied Military traffic in the clear on this circuit, security considerations will not permit the utilisation of Italcable personnel for its operation.

3. The Anzio-Maddalena cable, which is already in operation, and the Anzio-Palermo cable, which will be restored in due course, will be operated and maintained by Allied Military personnel.

4. The question of the proposed lease of equipment by the Italcable Company to Cable & Wireless Ltd. was originally put forward by the latter with the complete approval of the British Joint Communications Board. The lease of this equipment will greatly contribute to the efficiency of the operation of the Rome-Gibraltar cable outlet. This outlet will be of vital importance to us when the Headquarters of the Allied Armies in Italy moves to the Rome area. The Combined Signal Board is, therefore, in full accord with the proposed lease.

311.2

for L. B. NICHOLLS
Major General,
Chairman,
Combined Signal Board, AFHQ.

Copies to:
British Resident Minister, Algiers.
Divisional Manager, Cable & Wireless Ltd., Algiers.

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7 June 1944

Brigadier General T. J. Tully, U. S. Army
Deputy Chief Signal Officer
AFHQ, APO 512

DSM/236
7 JUN 1944

My dear General:

Thank you for your letter of 29th May; the lines of policy of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, outlined in paragraph 2 of your letter appear quite satisfactory so far as Allied Governments are concerned.

There is just one point that might receive consideration, and that is the question of Italian Government traffic over seized cables. We have received a bill (for about eight hundred dollars) from the Gibraltar office of Cables and Wireless for Italian Government Foreign Office traffic, which we have passed to the local office of Cables and Wireless for them to collect from the Italian Government.

Apart from the financial difficulties of transferring credits in present circumstances, it is perhaps questionable whether a commercial company is justified in charging for services part of which are being carried out over seized Italian cables, for which some compensation may be claimed by the Italians at a later date. It would seem preferable that these charges should be held in a suspense account to be settled together with other claims after the cessation of hostilities.

If you agree with this, perhaps you would raise this minor point and recommend that the term "and co-belligerent" be added to "Allied" in para 2 b of your letter.

Very sincerely,

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ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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APO 512 - U. S. ARMY
29 May 1944

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Capt. Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Hq. Allied Control Commission,
APO 394, U. S. Army.

My dear Stone:

1. Just returned here from the States the other day and have your letters of 22 April and 3 May 1944 in front of me. For your information, both of these letters were received by me while in Washington and they have been presented to General Stoner and Colonel Wozencraft for their information in connection with the consideration of the problem presented to the Combined Communications Board by General Nicholls' letter of 16 March.

2. When I left Washington, the 16 March letter had been the subject of some conferences in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer and they were preparing essentially to;

a. Recommend that ultimate disposition of all seized cables should be decided at the peace table after the cessation of hostilities.

b. That no charge be made for Allied Government traffic over seized cables operated by the services.

c. No charges should be made for Allied Government traffic over seized submarine cables operated by commercial cable companies. Out of pocket expense borne by the commercial cable companies incident to the operation of these cables should be paid by the Allied Governments.

d. Moneys collected by commercial companies for commercial traffic over seized cables should be held divided between the Allied Governments of the theater involved as interests may appear.

e. Cost of traffic originating at a combined headquarters and transmitted by commercial facilities should be divided equally between the governments involved.

3. The question of the rates for Allied Government traffic is to be taken up as a separate problem, with the action being initiated in Washington.

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Capt. Stone

29 May 44

4. I hope to be in Naples towards the end of this week or early next week and will try to contact you.

Yours truly,

T. J. TULLY,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army
Deputy Chief Signal Officer.

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DCC 311.2

3 June 1944

SUBJECT: Submarine Cables, M.T.O.

DSC 311
3 JUN 1944

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512
(Attention: Chief Signal Officer)

1. Certain correspondence on the matter of transfer of Italcable apparatus from Spain to Gibraltar has been in progress through political channels.

2. It is understood that the submarine cable system in the M.T.O. is under the direction of AFHQ vide AFHQ Signal Instruction No. 104 dated 10 February 1944.

3. In order to avoid any action being taken that is not in full accord with the plans of the combined Signal Board, copies of the correspondence are enclosed as Inclosures #1 - #6.

4. We should be grateful for information on the policy that is going to be adopted on the Italcable submarine cable circuits from Rome; in particular, whether these cables will be classed as military or commercially operated, and, if the latter, whether it is the intention to utilize the personnel of Italcable on the operating of the circuits.

5. In the meantime we are proceeding with the arrangements for a meeting between Cables & Wireless and Italcables in Naples, and the subsequent drafting of a cablegram from the Italian Government to the Italian Embassy in Madrid, on the assumption that the proposed lease of equipment is in accordance with the policy of the Combined Signal Board.

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MILLERY W. STONE
Captain, USN
Deputy Chief Commissioner

6 Incls:
Incl 1 - Ltr, British Resident Minister, 37/150/9, 16 March 1944
Incl 2 - Ltr, DCC ACC, 24 Mar 44
Incl 3 - Ltr, British Resident Minister, 37/150/9, 12 May 1944
Incl 4 - Ltr, Italian Ministry of Comm. No. 6/8.5/1[illegible], 29 May 1944
Incl 5 - Ltr, Comm S/C ACC, TS/4/8/8, 21 May 44
Incl 6 - Ltr, DCC ACC, DCC 311.2, 3 June 44

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DCC 311.2
3 June 44

Draft prepared by JCH Comm. S/C

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

37/150/9

To: Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

From: Resident Minister's Office.

Subject: Proposed purchase of Italcable apparatus in Spain by Messrs. Cables & Wireless Ltd.

Reference: Your note of March 24th.

We have made enquiries about the Rome-Malaga Cable and have now been informed that the intention is not to restore it in its original state but to divert it from Malaga to Gibraltar. The terminal equipment now at Malaga is apparently essential for the working of the cable wh di-verted. As it will be the only direct cable outlet from the Itali mainland to the Atlantic, we have been asked again to express the hope that you will be able to take the matter up with the Italian Government and do whatever may be possible to persuade them to issue the necessary instructions to the Italian Embassy in Madrid to enable the sale of the apparatus in question to Messrs. Cables and Wireless to take place.

A.R.

12th April, 1944

Copy to: M.C.S. Civil Affairs.) with memo under reference.

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COPY

Ministry of Communications

No. S/8.5/1536

Salerno, 29 May, 1944

Subject: Italian Cable Apparatus at Malaga

Referring to conference of my Under-Secretary, His Excellency Mario Pano, with the Director of the Telecommunications Sub-Commission of the A.C.C., and to the letter of the A.C.C. dated 21st May, the Italian Government - while desiring to assist in every way the Allied war effort cannot with propriety insist that Italcable Company should sell the terminal equipment of its Malaga station to Cable and Wireless, Ltd. It is prepared, however, to instruct Italcable to lease the equipment in question to Cables and Wireless for the period of the war and six months thereafter.

The Commissioner for Italcable is situated in Naples and it is suggested that the nearest representative of Cables & Wireless be sent to Naples to negotiate the terms of the lease with the Commissioner.

After the terms of a lease have been agreed upon and approved by this Ministry, appropriate instructions can then be sent to the Royal Italian Ambassador at Madrid.

/s/ Francesco Cerabona
THE MINISTER

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29 May 44

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3 June 1944

DCC 311.2

SUBJECT: Italcable Apparatus in Spain

TO : The British Resident Minister, Algiers

DSH 120
3 JUN 1944

1. Reference your letter 37/150/9 dated 12 May 1944. The Italian Government has been approached on the subject, and their reply is attached. Arrangements for a meeting between Cables & Wireless and Italcables are being made.

2. The whole policy on the operation of submarine cables in the Mediterranean theater of operations is controlled by AFHQ, and is laid down in AFHQ Signal Instruction No. 104 dated 10 February 1944.

3. It is not clear from the correspondence whether the Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ, is aware of the prospective lease of equipment, or whether such lease is in full accord with the plans of the Combined Signal Board.

4. Copies of all the relative correspondence are therefore being sent to the CSO, AFHQ, and it is requested that further action on the matter should be referred to his office.

KILLERY N. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

1 Incl:
Ltr, Ministry of Communications,
No. S/C.5/1536, 29 May 1944 → See Incl 4

cc: Communications Sub-Commission

(Draft prepared by Lt. Comms S/C)

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DSJ 223
18 APR 1944

In reply refer to:
GCC 311.2
CS/6/3/1

18 April 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Civil External Communications

TO : A.F.H.Q. (attention: G.S.O.)

1. Further to this Headquarter's letter GCC 311.2 dated 13 April 1944, when the matter of opening external communications with Italy is being considered, it is thought that the question of the location of the commercial cable terminal should be reviewed.

2. At present, the commercial cable terminal (Cables & Wireless operated duplex-multiplex cable) is located in the F.B.I. Signal Office. The radio terminals of both Cables & Wireless to U.K., and R.C.A. to U.S., are located in adjacent rooms in a civilian building, several blocks away from the F.B.I. office, and the cable and radio censors' office is being established on the same floor of this building.

3. The location of the commercial cable terminal within a military occupied building will lead to considerable operating difficulties when civil cable communication is permitted. There will be difficulties over establishment of civil censorship (for which civilians will probably be employed), over access by civilians to the office, over the flow of messengers in and out of the building, etc.; the normal diversion of traffic between the alternative outlets required for efficient utilisation of traffic capacity and for security reasons will also be difficult to arrange.

4. The necessity to ensure, as far as is possible in a theatre of war, that the various competing carriers can obtain access to the commercial traffic also requires to be kept in mind. If the cable terminal remains in the F.B.I. building, it is thought that, owing to the difficulties outlined in para 3 above, little commercial traffic will be fixed with this outlet. This will result in confining the traffic over U.S. carriers to the R.C.A.C. radio circuit. On the other hand, if the cable terminal is rendered accessible to civil use, cables will be routed at Gibraltar to the Azores, and so reach the Western Union and Commercial Cable companies, and the route will be available for return traffic by these carriers.

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5. It is not thought that removal of the cable terminal from P.B.A. will have any adverse effect in the handling of the present traffic. Little use is made of the cable for military traffic, for which the military outlets appear to be adequate and to provide within themselves sufficient alternatives in case of temporary failures. Press messages, which constitute the bulk of the present cable traffic, originate in the Press Correspondents' office in the same building as the radio terminals, where also is located the Field Press Censorship.

6. It is therefore recommended that, when the resumption of external civil cable and radio communications receive favourable consideration, the cable terminal should be moved to the commercial carriers building.

ALBERT R. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

cc: AAI for AG, Sigs (Col. Nalson)
AAI for CSC
FBI for JD
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, SIGNAL SECTION, APO 512, U. S. ARMY, 29 April 1944.

TO: Deputy Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. Basic communication has been referred to G-2, IMO and MCS at this headquarters for policy decision and the statements contained in our F30693 have been reaffirmed. It is not believed that opening of Italian external communications by cable and radio is desirable at this time and there is, therefore, no intention to sanction them.

2. Circuits referred to in basic letter were opened primarily for the purpose of handling official Allied press, SCM and similar types of traffic other than Italian commercial.

R. W. MINCKLER
Colonel, Signal Corps
Actg Chief Signal Officer

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DSJ 222 JLH/hjp
13 APR 1944

In reply refer to:
DCC 311.2
C/6/2/22

13 April 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Civil External Cable and Radio Communications

TO : A.F.H.Q. (Attention: Chief Signal Officer)

1. Reference this HQ cable No. 2584 of 7 April, and your reply F 30593 dated 11 April (copies attached for reference).

2. The question was raised because the transfer of the Cable and Radio Censorship Section from Palermo to Naples was ordered, and officers have arrived in Naples, which led us to assume that the early resumption of civil external telecommunication facilities was contemplated.

3. It was also known that permission had been given for the commercial cable and radio companies to begin operation on the cables from Naples and Brindisi, and to install and operate radio services from Naples to the United States and United Kingdom, and that these channels are in effective operation, and in a position to accept civil traffic in addition to Press.

4. As however cable F 30593 dated 11 April states that the resumption of civil external telecommunications is not in early prospect, the policy that is being followed is not clear to this Commission; in order to clarify the situation, a statement on the subject would be welcomed.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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HILERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

2 Incls:
As in para 1 above

cc: Telecom & Posts Subcom

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REQUEST ADVICE WHEN EXTERNAL TELEGRAPHS ON COMMERCIAL RADIO AND CABLE CIRCUITS LIKELY TO BE PERMITTED PAREN TO FREEDOM FOR CSO AND JTC FROM FATIMA REAR FROM HENDERSON SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN AND THAT RESTRICTIONS WILL BE PLACED ON TYPE OF TRAFFIC

AUTHENTICATED:

E. J. CHIOCCA
CWO, USA
Asst Adj

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

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FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED CINC CITZ FRSIG

TO : FATIMA REAR Recur 2584 April 7

M/C NO: 48/11

REF NO: F30593

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REC'D: APR 121300B
Via ACC Courier

Present plans do not contemplate granting permission for sending external messages on commercial circuits in the immediate future. If this policy is changed specific restrictions will be formulated.

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10 APR 1944

Subject:- State U/G Cable - Allocation of Circuits and Maintenance. ATENA - REGGIO - CATANIA - PALERMO.

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4 Apr 44

1. It has been agreed to provide A.C.C. (Italian Govt.) with the following circuits in the State U/G Cable :-

NAPLES - SALERNO	-	6
SALERNO - BARI	-	6
SALERNO - SICILY	-	3
SALERNO - REGGIO	-	3

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5 APR 1944

2. The NAPLES - SALERNO and SALERNO - BARI circuits have all been provided. In addition there are now working two Harmonica (Italian teleprinter) circuits NAPLES - SALERNO.

3. The SALERNO - SICILY and SALERNO - REGGIO circuits, all 4-wire, are to be provided when the rehabilitation of the State U/G Cable between ATENA and CATANIA is completed, which is expected within the next four weeks.

(a) In this section of the cable the following 4-wire military circuits are to be provided. These circuits are apart from military circuits within SICILY or between SICILY and REGGIO, whose provision is controlled by C.S.O. 1 District :

NAPLES L.D. - REGGIO
NAPLES L.D. - CATANIA
NAPLES L.D. - PALERMO
CROTONE RAF - CATANIA No.1 (working)
CROTONE RAF - CATANIA No.2 (working)
CAP VATTICANO (VIBO) RAF - CATANIA (2-wire) (working)

One 4-wire speaker circuit NAPLES - REGGIO will be provided.

(b) Altogether when the ATENA - REGGIO section is completed there will be a minimum of 10 through 4-wire circuits for which it is proposed to provide equipment.

3 Military (extended into SICILY)
6 A.C.C. (3 extended into SICILY).
1 Speaker
10 Total.

Eventually there may be one music (radio) pair.

(c) In addition, equipment will be left in place for a certain number of intermediate 2-wire circuits. None of these are required at present for military use. They will be set up by the Italian Govt. (ACC) as required for their own purposes.

(d) Upon completion of rehabilitation full control of the circuit allocation excepting the above mentioned military circuits, and maintenance responsibility between ATENA and REGGIO will pass to the Italian State organisation, with the reservation that, should circumstances require, any or all circuits may be taken back for military purposes.

(e) The Italian State Administration organisation will be responsible for overall operational maintenance. For U/G cable repair and maintenance O.C. U/G Cable Coy will arrange to organise and make available to the State Administration sufficient

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addition there are now working two Hammerica (Italian teleprinter) circuits NAPLES - SALERNO.

3. The SALERNO - SICILY and SALERNO - REGGIO circuits, all 4-wire, are to be provided when the rehabilitation of the State U/G Cable between ATENA and CATANIA is completed, which is expected within the next four weeks.

(a) In this section of the cable the following 4-wire military circuits are to be provided. These circuits are apart from military circuits within SICILY or between SICILY and REGGIO, whose provision is controlled by C.S.O. 1 District :

NAPLES L.D. - REGGIO
NAPLES L.D. - CATANIA
NAPLES L.D. - PALERMO
CROTONE RAF - CATANIA No.1 (working)
CROTONE RAF - CATANIA No.2 (working)
CAP VATTICANO (VIBO) RAF - CATANIA (2-wire) (working)

One 4-wire speaker circuit NAPLES - REGGIO will be provided.

(b) Altogether when the ATENA - REGGIO section is completed there will be a minimum of 10 through 4-wire circuits for which it is proposed to provide equipment.

3 Military (extended into SICILY)
6 A.C.C. (3 extended into SICILY).
1 Speaker
10 Total.

Eventually there may be one music (radio) pair.

(c) In addition, equipment will be left in place for a certain number of intermediate 2-wire circuits. None of these are required at present for military use. They will be set up by the Italian Govt. (ACC) as required for their own purposes.

(d) Upon completion of rehabilitation full control of the circuit allocation excepting the above mentioned military circuits, and maintenance responsibility between ATENA and REGGIO will pass to the Italian State organisation, with the reservation that, should circumstances require, any or all circuits may be taken back for military purposes.

(e) The Italian State Administration organisation will be responsible for overall operational maintenance. For U/G cable repair and maintenance O.C. U/G Cable Coy will arrange to organise and make available to the State Administration sufficient SIRTI technical personnel and jointing crews. This personnel will be under direct operational control of the State Administration, though the organisation and the individuals may be varied as military necessities require.

(f) Within SICILY and SICILY to REGGIO circuit allocation is controlled by C.S.O. 1 District.

INITIAL ALLOCATION ATENA - REGGIO.

4. Upon completion of the repair, equipment and cable pairs will be available to provide the circuits below and which it is proposed to set up at once.

ALLIED FORCES:

1 4-wire NAPLES - CATANIA Trunks.
1 4-wire NAPLES - PALERMO (I.B.S.)

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1-4 wire- Naples - Reggio (Movements Switchboard)
2-4 wire- Catania- Catanzaro (U.G.) - Crotone (O.H.) (RAF) (working)
1-2 wire- Catania- Vibo (U.G.) - Cap Vaticano (O.H.) (RAF) (working)

ITALIAN ARMY:

1-2 wire- Cosenza - Catanzaro. (working)
1-2 wire- Catanzaro-Reggio. (working)
1-2 wire- Catanzaro-Vibo. (working)
1-2 wire- Vibo -- Palmi. (working)
1-2 wire- Palmi -- Reggio. (working)

A.C.C. & CIVIL:

1-4 wire- Salerno - Palermo.
1-4 wire- Salerno - Catania.
1-4 wire- Salerno - Messina.
1-4 wire- Salerno - reggio.
1-2 wire- Salerno - Cosenza.
1-2 wire- Salerno - Catanzaro.
1-2 wire- Cosenza - Castrovillari.
1-2 wire- Potenza - Catanzaro.
1-2 wire- Cosenza - Reggio.
1-2 wire- Catanzaro-Reggio.
1-2 wire- Potenza - Lagonegro. (unrepeated)

SPEAKER CIRCUITS:

1-4 wire- Naples - Reggio.
Between all adjacent stations.

(a) Insofar as the Italian Army and ACC Civil circuits are concerned it is understood that the above circuits are as discussed and agreed between representatives of the Italian State Telephone Administration, the Italian Government and ACC. However the terminations may be changed in the ATENA-REGGIO Section by the Italian Administration, within the availibility of the equipment left in place when the Italian administration takes over as provided above.

(b) Within Sicily and Sicily to Reggio any changes in circuit allocation or terminations will be controlled by CSC 1 DISTRICT.

Note: Full control over the NAPLES-SALERNO-ATENA-BARI cable is retained by CSC L of C Italy.

5. It will be noted from the above list that initially there is a total of only 8 through 4 wire circuits from Atena to Reggio. This is because there is only one 8 circuit military repeater at CASTRO VILLARI. Ultimately it is proposed to install 12 civil type 4-wire repeaters and 5 2-wire repeaters with associated equipment from Sicily, thereby releasing the 8 circuit military repeater.

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6. A music circuit between NAPLES and PALERMO, or intermediate points can be provided on completion of the cable repair if the following equipment is provided:-

1 Music Repeater for CASTROVILLARI (to be replaced later by civil apparatus from CALTANISETTA.)
1 Music Repeater for VIBO
1 Music Repeater for MILLI MARINA
1 Music Repeater for CALTANISETTA

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(a) P.W.B. are understood to be obtaining suitable music repeaters from the U.S. and in the meantime are providing Tp 7 repeaters which will be installed by O.C. Underground Cable Coy.

(i) It is hoped that it will be possible, at a later date, to repair one repeater for VIBO from the damaged civil repeaters at VIBO and MILLI MARINA.

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24 March 1944

To: British Resident Minister's Office, Algiers

From: Deputy Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission

Subject: Proposed purchase of Italcable apparatus in Spain by Messrs. Cables and Wireless Ltd.

Reference your letter 37/150/9 of 16th March to Political Section, Allied Control Commission, paragraph 3 of the reference letter states "The Italian 'artificial line boxes' are the only ones available for working the Rome-Malaga cables as soon as they are restored..." It is our understanding that the Rome-Malaga cables are not to be restored but have been removed from Malaga and towed by Messrs. Cables & Wireless Ltd. to Gibraltar.

Will you kindly advise if our understanding is correct, since it is not desired to make representations to the Italian Government in this matter which might give the impression that the Rome-Malaga circuits are to be restored if in fact this is not the case.

WILLIAM W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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To: Polit

From: Bri

Subject:

Capt. Pearson.

Mr. Caccia would like you please to show the attached to Capt. Stone, who he thinks will want to deal with it. No doubt Capt. Stone will [redacted] informed of action taken so that he can reply to the Minister's Office and Civil Affairs.

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Wireless to export 15 miles of cable on the conditions proposed by the Company, namely that they should in return be given permission to export Creed and Duplex apparatus belonging to their Vigo and Bilbao stations which is now useless because of an interruption of cables.

2. The Spanish Government have been informed that the question of the remaining 15 miles of cable is under consideration. The position is that the Company would agree to supply these 15 miles in return for export permits covering the apparatus belonging to the Malaga station of Italcable which Messrs. Cable & Wireless are anxious to purchase from Italcable. Messrs. Cable & Wireless representative in Madrid has discussed this proposed purchase with the Italcable representative there, who says however that he requires instructions from the Italian Ambassador.

3. The Italian "artificial line boxes" are the only ones available for working the Rome-Malaga cables as soon as they are restored, and the matter is, therefore, of direct interest to all the United Nations. We should be grateful if you would take the matter up with the Italian Government and do anything you can to secure their agreement for the sale and the issue of the necessary instructions to the Italian Ambassador in Madrid.

A. Rumbold

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16th March, 1944.

Copies to: M.G.3.
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29 February 1944

In reply refer to:
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DCC 311.7

SUBJECT: Censorship of Civilian Communications

TO : Civil Censorship Section of Censorship Branch, AFHQ I & C Section, APO 530, U. S. Army
(Attention: A. J. Perrone, Commander, USNR)

1. This is in reference to your letter of 29 January in which inquiry was made as to whether the restoration of civil communications by cable depends on:

(a) Arbitrary date of restoration of services?

(b) Availability of skilled cable censorship personnel?

2. There are a number of factors involved, each of which have a bearing upon the restoration of civil communications by cable. The availability of physical facilities, military requirements, release of facilities for civil use, the availability of censorship personnel, and compliance with security requirements such as the operation of facilities by Allied personnel.

3. It would therefore seem that the restoration of civil communications does not depend completely on either one or the other of the situations presented.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

cc: Telecos & Posts
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1545 hrs
11 Feb

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Censorship Branch
Civil Censorship Section
APO 550, U. S. Army

29 January 1944.

Dear Captain Stone:

On Monday of this week I left Palermo for Naples for the principal purpose of paying you my long delayed visit, and to obtain some information for the cable censorship phase of Civil Censorship. I was unable to reach Naples due to weather and other conditions and after four days was forced to return to Palermo without reaching you.

Upon my return, however, I find a letter (reference TS/6/3) from Colonel J. L. Henderson to Major Colville containing some of the information called for in a memorandum which Colonel Hoover left on his recent visit. I hasten to express my appreciation for the information furnished.

The information contained in Colonel Henderson's letter clears up a number of the questions in our minds, and enables us to plan more specifically for censorship of civilian cable communications. One query, however, was not answered, perhaps intentionally due to lack of information. Inquiry was made as to whether the restoration of civil communications by cable depended on:

1. Arbitrary date of restoration of services?
2. Availability of skilled cable censorship personnel?

The Cable Subsection of Civil Censorship has been assigned nine Naval officers and twelve enlisted men. The officers have not yet arrived but are expected daily. Although both officer and enlisted personnel have been trained in various phases of U. S. Cable Censorship, they will require some indoctrination to familiarize themselves with changes in technique made necessary by conditions in this area. Censorship stations must be set up at gateways. It was thought desirable, therefore, to have some indication as to the time element in order to prepare for cable censorship in Italy.

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When conditions permit, I still hope to go to Naples and make my long delayed visit to discuss with you generally the subject of restoration of facilities and censorship of civil telecommunications. I hope this will not be unduly delayed. In the meantime, if some indication can be given as to the unanswered query, it will be extremely helpful to us.

Very truly yours,

A. J. Perrone,
Commander, USNR,
Chief, Cable Subsection.

Captain E. J. Stone, USNR,
Chairman, Telecommunications Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394, U. S. Army.

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Captain Stone

Attached is a draft of Lt Col Mullen's letter -

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To: Executive Commissioner
Main Hq ACC, Naples

Request and draft of Tele-Communications and Posts Sub-Commission are approved.

E.W.S.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

JLH/TJJ

9th February, 1944

In reply refer
to: TS/11/1

Subject: Telecommunications Services.

To : The Deputy Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

In order to ensure that the development of Telecommunication 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 telecommunication 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.

311.2 Reports

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Subject:- Telecommunication Services.

1. General. In order that Telecommunications services shall be introduced on a uniform basis, attention is drawn to the following instructions.

2. Relations with Military.

The essential telecommunications requirements for government and administration of the territory will be represented to the Chief Signal Officer of the area concerned, normally through a Communications Board under his chairmanship. As the military interest in areas decrease general authority should be obtained from the C.S.O. for work to be carried out and services restored on as wide a basis as possible without reference for each separate installation. Undue restrictions on facilities likely to result in inefficient governmental control will be represented to this Headquarters.

3. Restoration of Services.

Telecommunications services will normally be best restored in the following order:-

(a) local telephone services

(b) telegraph services between main centres

(c) Inter-urban telephone service

At each stage prior permission to work on routes and to restore services will be obtained from the military signals, military security and censorship branches concerned, to ensure that military communications will not be hampered and that adequate censorship arrangements are available.

Permission to use the services will be given firstly to government authorities. Civilian use of a local telephone service will be permitted when acceptable to the military authorities concerned; civilian use of telegraph services will normally be permitted wherever censorship

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4. Equipment and Material.

The release of major quantities of telecommunication equipment and material is controlled by the military authorities.

Within the territories administered by the Italian Government, the Under Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts controls the issues of all stores from Italian depots, civil or military, but their release is subject to authorisation by HQ ACMF, except that minor quantities of stores for maintenance purposes on existing circuits and stores obtained by recovery from damaged or secondary routes are available without prior authorisation.

In areas not under the Italian Government, stores are controlled directly by military authorities.

Lists of major quantities of stores required for rehabilitation are submitted to this Headquarters by the Italian Government together with a project outlining the proposed circuit provision. Telecommunication officers may assist in the preparation of such projects and be prepared to represent the case to this Headquarters or to the military authorities as required; in areas not under Italian Government control such projects and stores lists will be prepared by the Telecommunication officer on the RDAO's staff.

5. Labour.

(a) Civilian workmen will not be employed outside their normal civil organisation except in exceptional circumstances.

(b) No work by civil organisations will be ordered in areas under military control without prior consent of the CSO concerned.

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6. Finance.

(a) Telephone and Telegraph Rates. - Systems of payment for telecommunication facilities which existed at the time of the Allied invasion of Italy will remain unchanged, both in the manner and in the extent of the payments, unless and until advice to the contrary be issued by this Headquarters.

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(b) Systems of Financial Control. - Encouragement, and assistance where possible, should be given to the controlling officers of the Italian telecommunications staffs whether civil servants or employed by the consessionary companies, in regard to the restoration where absent of system of financial check of the operations of their local branches.

(c) Financing of Concessionary Companies. - The following explanation is given to enable RCAC's to answer local enquiries on the subject.

Cash financing which may be required by these companies, as a result of their present reduction in revenue, will be handled by advance or subsidy from the Italian Government through the Ministry of Communications.

For work done by a concessionary company for the Allied Forces, the company will send its account to the Allied Headquarters for whom the work has been done. It will be checked there and if it represents the true position, a certificate will be given to the Italian Government that the work, for which payment is claimed, has been done. The Italian Government will be left to decide the extent of the payment for the services stated and to make such payments if and as they wish.

7. Reports.

Supply of Information to HQ. - Each month a report should be sent to this Headquarters stating any changes in the provision or cessation of facilities, or important changes in conditions, since the last report. Such information should cover the position at exchanges and repeater stations, the restoration of cessation of long-distance telegraph or telephone circuits, any considerable changes in the extent of the use of Italian telecommunications labour, the acquisition of transport for use by

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Supply of Information to HQ. - Each month a report should be sent to this Headquarters stating any changes in the provision or cessation of facilities, or important changes in conditions, since the last report. Such information should cover the position at exchanges and repeater stations, the restoration of cessation of long-distance telegraph or telephone circuits, any considerable changes in the extent of the use of Italian telecommunications labour, the acquisition of transport for use by the Italian telecommunications staff, important salvage results, etc.

General information should also be supplied of military switching centres and their connection with the civil system; details of numbers of circuits are not required. It is necessary that this headquarters should have knowledge of the complete telephone exchange arrangements in any important exchange area.

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12th February, 1944

In reply refer
to: TS/17/1/23

Subject: Italian Government Communications with SICILY and SARDINIA.

To: Deputy Chief Commissioner.

1. It has been arranged for urgent Italian Government traffic to be dealt with on the submarine cables from NAPLES to PALERMO and PALERMO - CAGLIARI, which are operated by Allied personnel.

2. Messages will be handed in to the Adjutant General's office at the PROVINCIA BUILDING, NAPLES, by an Italian Government courier.

3. Would you instruct the A.G. department to give such messages the formal authorisation of A.C.C. and to pass them to P.B.S. for transmission. No censorship is required on Italian Government traffic within their own territory.

4. It has been agreed with P.B.S. that they will handle this traffic and will deliver to the A.C.C. offices in PALERMO or CAGLIARI for their transmission to the correct Italian bureau.

J. L. Henderson
Colonel,
Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

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