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36	S/8/4/30258, Ministry P&T	17 Jan 45	P&T, AC	It Govt agrees reopening svc 1/2/45.
37	Ltr, Scudder	18 Jan 45	Livengood	It Govt agrees reopening svc 2/1/45.
38	S/13/30817, Ministry P&T	12 Feb 45	P&T, AC	Request resumption now be carried out using Italcable facilities.
39	C.115.112.CS, Stone	17 Feb 45	AFHQ G-5	Recommend resumption now be carried out using Italcable facilities.
40	Ltr, US Embassy	17 Feb 45	Stone	US approves US-It traffic with assurance to It matter will be reconsidered not later than 6 mos after Europe war.
41	Ltr, Quayle	17 Feb 45	US Embassy	Thanks for letter of 17 Feb.
42	Ltr, Quayle	17 Feb 45	Comm.S/C	US approves US-Rome traffic,...
43	Text of Agreement	24 Apr 45		USG-UKG-IG agreement on opening of public telegraph service.
44	Text of Agreement	24 Apr 45		USG-IG <u>rate</u> agreement for opening of public telegraph service.
45	CS.115, Stone	25 Apr 45	G-5 AFHQ	USG-UKG-IG sign agreement on opening of public telegraph service.
46	Cbl AC Com, 6272	27 Apr 45	AFHQ Adj	For US Press: USG-UKG-IG reach agreement on opening of public tele service
47	Cbl AFHQ, MAT-691	17 May 45	CCS	Agree use of facilities for remittance
48	Cbl AFHQ, MAT-697	18 May 45	CCS	Resumption commercial-financial comms
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23	Ltr 6/17/CS - Stone	2 Dec 44	Kirk-Charles	Present position is awkward. Can you help us with pressure?
24	Ltr, Kirk	5 Dec 44	Stone	Final US State Dept proposals.
25	Ltr C.116.90.CS - Stone	6 Dec 44	Kirk-Charles	Italcable claim share in tolls for paid msgs passed over Italcable cables.
26	Ltr C.116/CS - Henderson	6 Dec 44	U/Secy for PP.TT.	Final US State Dept proposals - Be- lieve C&W will be quite similar.
27	Ltr Fano, S/8.4/4337	6 Dec 44	AC	Ital Govt cannot agree to proposals but will accept certain ones.
28	Ltr Henderson C.115.1.CS	8 Dec 44	CC	Ital Govt cannot agree to proposals but will accept certain ones.
28a	Cbl SECSTATE	17 Dec 44	Kirk	6915 RCAC-FCC-Dept don't agree to It claim US & UK hold view Italcable can have no claim to transmission tolls share. Why does AC support Italian view? Encl is cbl from State Dept, for your action re Ital Govt counter proposals Recommend Am.-Br. companies be asked to accept Ital Govt proposal. Further Ital Govt proposals, views. AC ensures Ital Govts claims are ful- ly/fairly represented; their claims have support of AC & AFHQ. Further Ital Govt proposals/views. Cbl 17 Dec delivered. Ital proposals being modified, you will get cy direct
29	Ltr Noel Charles	18 Dec 44	Stone	
29a	Ltr Livengood (US Rep)	18 Dec 44	Stone	
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3	Ltr CS/6/17	4 Nov 44	Dist	Minutes of mtg held 2 Nov on re- opening of civil extern communica.
4	Cbl AFHQ F 49132	6 Nov 44	AC	No POW communications allowed.
5	Cbl AC 6109 CS	6 Nov 44	AFHQ	Require decision on revenue
6		7 Nov 44		Minutes of meeting held 6 Nov 44
7	Ltr AFHQ G-5	7 Nov 44	AC	Corrections to ltr of 3 Nov 44
8	Cbl AFHQ F 49754	8 Nov 44	AC	Rates to be charged & traffic
9	Cbl AFHQ MAT 396	10 Nov 44	AGWAR for CCS	Rate clarification needed
10	Ltr AFHQ G-5	11 Nov 44	Hq AC Comm S/C	Attempting to get rate cleared up
11	Memo US Rep ACI	11 Nov 44	Stone	State Dept cbl on rates charged
12	Cbl AC 6361	12 Nov 44	AFHQ	Pers of State Dept cbl of 11 Nov
13	Memo US Rep ACI	15 Nov 44	Stone	State Dept cbl enclosed, rates
14	Ltr Comm S/C	16 Nov 44	USecS for PP.TT	External retelegraphs, enclosures
15	Memo Kirk	18 Nov 44	Stone	State Dept cbl enclosed, rates.
16	Cbl AC 6750	20 Nov 44	AFHQ	Resume of rate problem. Pls act.
17	Cbl AFHQ MAT 415	21 Nov 44	AGWAR for CCS	Summary of rate problem, pls act
18	Ltr AFHQ G-5	22 Nov 44	AC	Encl: MAT 415 on rate problem.
19	Ltr Comm S/C	22 Nov 44	Dist	Minutes of mtg 19 Nov, rates
20	Cbl AC 7067	25 Nov 44	AFHQ	Ref MAT 415, 600 msgs waiting.
21	Cbl AFHQ F 58406	26 Nov 44	AC	MAT 415 now before CCS, reply to be expected soon.

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3 September 1946.

Dear Dr. Cappa:

Replying to your letter of 14 August requesting permission to engage in international broadcasting, the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater, has granted permission for the Italian Government to engage in international broadcasting, using facilities and frequencies already authorized.

The power of the transmitters, however, will not be increased beyond 10 Kw. without prior approval. If such increase is desired, applications for such increase should be forwarded via this office.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLEERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Paolo Cappa,
Undersecretary of State to the Presidency
of the Council of Ministers,
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

5. June 1946.

Ref: 8746/156/EC.

SUBJECT: Release of Long Distance Telecomm Facilities.

TO : G-5 Section, AFHQ.

Reference is made to your letter of 17 May 46, Ref: G-5:900.34.

1. As pointed out in your letter it is necessary that the Italians do everything possible to rehabilitate and utilize to the maximum the telecommunications facilities and the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications has been continually reminded of this by this Commission. The Communications Sub-Commission has given all possible advice and assistance to the civil authorities and from an overall standpoint it is believed that a reasonably good job has been done by the Italians. There are, of course, individual cases where more energetic action or more foresight on the part of the Ministry would have resulted in additional telecommunications facilities being available for civilian use but as far as main trunk lines are concerned the Italians have made a really commendable effort in view of the difficulties with which they were faced.

2. It is fully appreciated by all concerned that rehabilitation as carried out by the Allied Military could not result in a complete restoration of pre-war facilities and as brought out in our letter of 22 March 46, the Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ, has always shown a keen appreciation of civilian needs and has cooperated closely in releasing circuits as soon as military necessity permitted. There is no intention on the part of the Italians to pretend that military necessity is not a paramount consideration but there is a feeling, which is shared by this Commission, that the term military necessity is possibly being interpreted somewhat more broadly than is really necessitated by present conditions.

3. We believe that it is a fact that regulations concerning use of long distance telephone facilities by all members of the Armed Forces are more liberal than those existing in the USA or Great Britain and it is further believed that this use could be curtailed without in any way impairing military efficiency.

4. Taking into account the fact that Italy has to bear the occupational costs of the Allied armies, the cost element of civil communication facilities used by the Allied Military could become an important factor. When it is considered that monthly bills rendered to the Italian Government by the Concessionary Telephone Company in Rome covering civilian facilities used by RAC alone amount to about 4 million lire, it will be seen that this factor is not an insignificant one.

5. It is recommended that consideration be given to limitation of use of long distance telephone facilities and that present drive to reduce facilities used by Allied Military be continued.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.Copy to: Communications
Sub-Commission.

3 June 1946

My dear Mr. Halford:

Thank you for your letter file 30/39/46
and the recommendations contained therein on the
subject of telegraphic service in Venezia Giulia.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Mr. A. S. Halford
The British Embassy
Rome

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3 June 1946

My dear Mr. Halford:

Thank you for your letter file ^{9 May 1946} 30/39/46 (64)
and the recommendations contained therein on the
subject of telegraphic service in Venezia Giulia.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Mr. A. S. Halford
The British Embassy
Rome

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29 May 1946

My dear Mr. Key:

Thank you for your letter of 28 May 1946 64a
and the recommendations contained therein on the
subject of telegraph service in Venezia Giulia.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

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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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN EMBASSY

ROME, May 28, 1946

My dear Admiral Stone:

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Reference is made to the Acting Chief Commissioner's communication to the American and British Embassies dated April 23 (T.92.194.65) on the subject of Venezia Giulia telegraph service.

In view of the economic aspects of the case, it is believed that this might properly constitute a question to be referred to the Joint Economic Committee at Trieste for consideration and settlement.

In the event that the Committee's efforts to solve the problem prove fruitless, it is then believed that the issue should be referred to the American and British diplomatic missions in Belgrade for representation to the Yugoslav Government. An Allied commitment would appear to be involved and the position reportedly adopted by the Yugoslav Government would appear to violate the spirit of the Belgrade Agreement of June 1945.

Sincerely yours,

David McK. Key
David McK. Key
Charge d'Affaires ad interim

Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

cc - British Embassy,
Rome.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

30/39/146.

9th May, 1946.

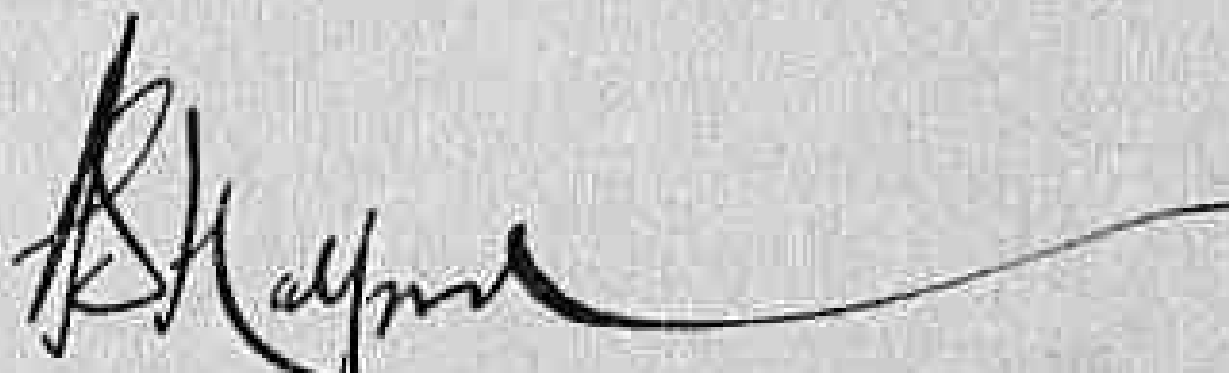
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My dear Admiral,

I have seen the Acting Chief Commissioner's letter No. T.92.194.03 of the 23rd April regarding the restoration of direct telegraphic communication between Yugoslavia and Italy and Zones A and B of Venezia Giulia.

2. I do not believe that at present any satisfactory results would be obtained by raising this matter through diplomatic channels in Belgrade and in these circumstances I suggest that the Allied Commission should continue to keep up pressure on Doctor Smolaka in Rome.

3. I am sending a copy of this letter to the United States Charge d'Affaires.



For the Ambassador

Chief Commissioner,	
Allied Commission,	
Rome.	
Chief of Staff	
Chief of Communications	
Chief of Police	
Chief of Customs	
Chief of Finance	
Chief of Health	
Chief of Education	
Chief of Culture	
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Chief of Recreation	
Chief of Social Services	
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Communications Sub-Commission HTWM/ee

MEMO FOR THE ACTING CHIEF
COMMISSIONER

23 April 1946

1. Attached is a resume of a case started by the Italian Prime Minister.
2. It is requested that the attached letters to the Prime Minister and to the two Embassies be signed by the Acting Chief Commissioner.

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

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CASE OF ZONE B - ITALY TELEGRAPH RATESRESUME OF CASE

1. 4 Jan: Letter from Prime Minister to Adm. Stone requesting direct telegraph connections between Zone B, Venezia Giulia and rest of Italy, but objecting to a proposal by the Yugoslavs to charge at the foreign instead of the internal rates. The Prime Minister in fact does not want to agree to anything which will be virtually an acknowledgement of Jugoslavia's rights to Zone B.
2. 21 Jan: Passed by Adm. Stone to this S/C for action.
3. 22 Jan: Letter sent to Yugoslav delegation by this S/C asking for direct links between Zone B and the bulk of Italy, and for charges to be assessed at rates similar to those between Zone A and the bulk of Italy. (which are the normal Italian internal rates).

The Telecomms Officer meanwhile, made arrangements with the Yugoslavs for a service Zone A to Jugoslavia; including provision of the direct circuits, which could also be used for service between all parts of Italy and Jugoslavia.

4. 20 Feb: Lt. Col. Millar visited Trieste to observe the arrangements made. Technical connections were completed in Feb., and negotiations on charges between Italy and Jugoslavia were proceeding between the Govts. Col. Millar was informed by AMG Venezia Giulia that the Italian Govt. had sent acceptance to the Yugoslavs for telegraph rates between Italy and Jugoslavia, this having been observed in a telegram passing through Trieste.

5. 8 April: It appeared however that the Italian Govt. has made no mention of Zone B, from a letter received on 8 April from the Govt. which said that the question of the rates between Zone B and Italy had not been settled. It was checked that Rome office had been told not to accept telegrams for Fiume.

6. A telegram sent to AMG Venezia Giulia elicited the answer that so far as could be found out, the Yugoslavs would accept telegrams for Italy (except Zone A) only at international rates.

7. It is accordingly proposed that Brigadier Lush should sign letters to the Prime Minister and to the Embassies on the lines of the attached drafts.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

23 April 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

With reference to your letter of 4 January from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to Admiral Stone regarding telegraph service between Zone B Venezia Giulia and the rest of Italy, service is now open between Zones A and B with direct connections, at rates comparable to Italian inland rates.

As regards service between Zone B and the bulk of Italy, it has not been possible to obtain a reply from the Yugoslav authorities to the Allied Commission's suggestion that rates of the order of the Italian inland rates should be adopted.

Accordingly an endeavour is being made to have the matter raised with the Yugoslav Government by the American and British Embassies.

Yours very truly,

Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner

Dott. Alcide De Gasperi
President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government.

ROME

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23 April 1946

Refer to: T.92.124.C3

SUBJECT: Telegraph Service Venezia Giulia

TO : British Embassy, Rome.

U.S. Embassy, Rome.

1. The attached letter (marked 1) was received in January by Admiral Stone from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (signed by the Prime Minister). A reminder has since been received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. Direct communication has been established between Jugoslavia, Zone B, Zone A, and Italy. The point now at issue concerns the charges for telegrams between Italian administered Italy and Zone B Venezia Giulia (Jugoslav administered).

3. The Yugoslav Govt. wishes to charge at the rates fixed for foreign telegrams between Jugoslavia and Italy. As Zone B is still Italian territory, the rates should be those for wholly internal Italian traffic. There are very considerable differences between the foreign and inland rates.

4. Letter n°. 2 attached was sent by this HQ to the Yugoslav delegation but no reply has been received. A reminder has recently been sent.

5. The service has not been started, owing to the rates question.

6. You may wish to consider giving some assistance to the Italian Government by raising the matter with the Yugoslavs.

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Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner.

Enclosures: Letters 1, 2.

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Il Ministro degli Affari Esteri

rough translation

no 5/32

Rome, January 4th, 1945

Dear Admiral Stone,

The International Union of Telecommunications of Rome has informed the proper Italian Authorities that the Yugoslav Telegraph Administration intends to submit the exchange of telegrams between the Venezia Giulia zone occupied by the Yugoslav Armed Forces and the remaining Italian Territory to the same rates and conditions now regulating telegrams between Italy and Yugoslavia.

The telegraph traffic between Italy and Yugoslavia, which was reopened on December 5th, 1942, is routed via London-Belgrade. On the above subject I wish to draw your attention to the fact that, as it has been reported, there exists the possibility of technically re-establishing direct telegraph communications between zones "A" and "B". Therefore, in accordance also with the agreements signed in Belgrade, it does not seem possible on the part of Italy to accept the imposition of a thoroughly unjustified burden which would fall upon the citizens of a zone, which is still a part of the Italian National Territory, wishing to communicate by telegraph with Zone "A" or with the rest of the Italian territory.

I trust you will give your earnest attention to the above considerations with a view to promoting - through proper agreement between the competent Authorities concerned - the reestablishment of direct telegraph communications between the zone "B" of the Venezia Giulia and the remaining Italian territory.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Very sincerely yours

(Sgd) DE CASERIS

Admiral Henry W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission

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The International Union of Telecommunications of Geneva has informed the proper Italian Authorities that the Yugoslav Telegraph Administration intends to submit the exchange of telegrams between the Venezia Giulia zone controlled by the Yugoslav Armed Forces and the remaining Italian Territory to the same rates and conditions now regulating telegrams between Italy and Yugoslavia.

The telegraph traffic between Italy and Yugoslavia, which was reopened on December 5th, 1945, is routed via London-Belgrade. On the above subject I wish to draw your attention to the fact that, as it has been reported, there exists the possibility of technically re-establishing direct telegraph communication between zones "A" and "B". Therefore, in accordance also with the agreement signed in Belgrade, it does not seem possible on the part of Italy to accept the imposition of a thoroughly unjustified burden which would fall upon the citizens of a zone, which is still a part of the Italian National Territory, violating its commitments by telegraph with zone "A" or with the rest of the Italian territory.

I trust you will give your earnest attention to the above considerations with a view to promoting - through proper agreements between the competent authorities concerned - the reestablishment of direct telegraph communications between the zone "B" of the Venezia Giulia and the remaining Italian territory.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Very sincerely yours

(sigd) CB 2157/211

Admiral Wilfrid M. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
R O M E

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

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Roma, 4 gennaio 1946

Caro Ammiraglio,

dall'Unione Internazionale delle Telecomunicazioni in Berna è stato fatto conoscere che l'Amministrazione telegrafica jugoslava intende sottoporre lo scambio dei telegrammi fra le località della Venezia Giulia occupate dalle Forze armate jugoslave ed il rimanente territorio italiano alle stesse tasse ed alle stesse condizioni vigenti per i telegrammi scambiati fra l'Italia e la Jugoslavia.

Per il servizio telegrafico fra l'Italia e la Jugoslavia, ripristinato il 6 dicembre u.s., il traffico viene istradato via Londra e Belgrado.

In merito a quanto precede vorrei attirare la Sua cortese attenzione sul fatto che, a quanto risulta, possibilità tecniche per il ripristino di comunicazioni telegrafiche dirette fra la zona A e la zona B esistono, e che, ai sensi anche dei noti accordi firmati a Belgrado non sembra che da parte italiana si possa accettare l'imposizione di un onere del tutto ingiustificato per i cittadini di una zona che fa tuttora parte del territorio nazionale che desiderino comunicare telegraficamente con la zona A o con il rimanente territorio italiano.

Confido che Ella vorrà esaminare con benevolo interesse le considerazioni di cui sopra, in vista di accertare

Ammiraglio Ellery W. STONE USNR
Commissario Capo Commissione Alleata

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re l'opportunità di promuovere attraverso accordi fra gli Organi competenti lo stabilimento di comunicazioni telegrafiche dirette fra la zona B della Venezia Giulia ed il restante territorio italiano.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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F.222.11.CS

22 January, 1945

SUBJECT: Telegraph Service - Venezia Giulia

TO : Mr. Niko Jaksa,
Secretary of the Yugoslav Delegation
Advisory Council for Italy.

1. It is understood that your Government intends to submit the exchange of telegrams between the zone of Venezia Giulia (Zone B) administered by your Armed Forces and the territory administered by AMG, Italy or by the Italian Government, to the same rates and conditions as regulate telegrams at present between Yugoslavia and Italy.

2. This is understandable with the present circuitous routing of telegraph traffic from Yugoslavia to Italy via London.

3. It would be easily possible however to provide direct links between your Zone and the AMG Zone of Venezia Giulia, thus greatly cheapening costs by the provision of a direct service.

4. It would therefore be very much appreciated if your Government would make a concession to the inhabitants of Venezia Giulia by the provision of direct links, and by a consequent reduction in charges between your zone and AMG and Italian administered territory to the level of those about to be introduced between the AMG Zone of Venezia Giulia and Italian administered territory.

5. It is felt by the A.M.G. Telecomms Officer in Venezia Giulia that your Governments efficient representatives in Venezia Giulia would have no difficulty in making such

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rates profitable on a direct service.

6. Samples of the proposed rates are given below.
A full schedule will be sent to you if you decide to
utilize these rates.

- (a) Ordinary private telegrams with a minimum
of eight words 2 lire per word
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of eight words 6 lire per word

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

Copy to: Chief Commissioner

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20 April 1946.

Ref: 8756/110/20.

SUBJECT: Release of Long Distance
Telecommunications Facilities.

TO: G-5 Section, AFHQ.

Reference is made to your letter G-5: 338.8-2 dated
8 April 1946.

1. It is true that the analysis contained in para 3 (d) of our letter 8756/131/20 dated 22 March 1946 included a few circuits provided by carrier equipment and this was necessary in order to present a fair picture since circuits provided by carrier equipment were not exclusively military but were in part used by civilians or were common user control circuits.

2. The bulk of such circuits are not provided by military carrier equipment but by Italian civilian equipment used by the military. The Italians have available equipment to substitute any Allied Military telephone carrier equipment now in use and it is therefore felt that the analysis presented by us is correct. The argument that carrier equipment was not used by the Italians before the war is not sound since the number of circuits available at that time was such that no need existed for any large application of carrier. If such need had existed the Italians were fully prepared to use carrier.

3. The large proportion of long distance circuits in use by the Allied Military is becoming a subject of press comment and it is felt that an even closer check than in the past on the necessity of retaining all military circuits now in use is required.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Acting Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: Communications Section, AFHQ

A.F.O. 382

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 383.8-2

8 April 1946

SUBJECT: Release of Long Distance Tele-communications
Facilities.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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

cc G-3 AFHQ
CSO

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HQ AIRCOM CITE ACCORD PARCEN

12 APRIL 1946

AMC VERMEXIA STULIA FOR HAYWARD

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UNCLASSIFIED

JUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVE SAYS TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
JUGOSLAVIA AND ZONE ABLE CAN BE STARTED SOON AS FAVOURABLE
REPLY FROM YOU TO THEM IS UNDERSTOOD THIS SERVICE WAS WORKING IS
PLEASE INFORM BY RETURN

8755/c.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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A.L. HAMBLIN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

cc G-3 AFHQ
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Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

cc G-3 AFHQ
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AFO 394

Office of the Chief Commissioner

Ref: 8756/131/EC

22 Mar 46

SUBJECT: Release of Long Distance
Telecommunication Facilities

TO : G-5 AFHQ

/s/ Carr

Brigadier

Executive Commissioner

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HAYWARD AMG 13 CORIS
HQ ALCOM CITEACMN

UNCLASSIFIED:

1. REFERENCE F 222. 25 AM INFORMED BY TELVE THAT THEY AND OTHER COMPANIES NOT IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH SUGGESTED TARIFFS BUT NEGOTIATIONS GOING ON AND SHOULD FINISH SOON I HAVE BEEN PROMISED COMPLETE PARTICS 24 HOURS AFTER AGREEMENT IS REACHED. ALL METERS INSTALLED READY FOR IMPLEMENTING. 600
2. REFERENCE IGMA 1928 AND LETTER T92. 150 ONLY HUGHES TELEGRAPH SETS AVAILABLE FOR CANNIBALISING AND MATERIAL ASKED FOR IS ASSUMED TO BE AVAILABLE IN ROME VIDE. INFORMATION SENT TO US. TELG ENGINEER HAS ALREADY DONE CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CANNIBALISING BUT WOULD PREFER TO HAVE ROME REFUSAL TO OUR LATED REQUESTS BEFORE PROCEEDING AND FURTHER. AM GOING MILAN AGAIN ABOUT 25 MARCH WITH TELVE REP TO INSPECT EQUIPMENT SEMI PURCHASED BY HOLLAND. FINAL ARRANGEMENTS RE PAYMENT NOT YET MADE WITH CFO A PROX COST 7 AND 1/2 MILLION. AMG CAN ARRANGE RAIL AND ROAD TRANSPORT.
3. REFERENCE 1999 ITALCABLE HERE SPEAKING ITALCABLE ROME
4. PLEZZO. HAVE INSPECTED THIS STATION AND EVERYTHING SATISFACTORY. WELL LOOKED AFTER BY UDINI ANDINOR DAMMI I HAVE INCLUDED STATION IN MY 6 MONTHS REQUIREMENTS, FOR OIL ETC AND AM SPEAKING DAMMI ABOUT IMMEDIATE NEEDS WHICH ARE NOT IMPORTANT. ALL SPARE EQUIPMENT IS ASSOCIATED WITH SEA RE CIRCUITS AND NOTHING SURPLUS. HAVE ARRANGED WITH LOCAL UNIT COMDR IN CASE OF SABOTAGE. THIS WAS DONE BEFORE BUT NEW UNIT KNEW NOTHING. COMPLETE REPORT BY LETTER

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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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ARMED DUTY AUSTRIA ITALY

20 March 1946

HQ AD AUSTRIA FOR BANNING

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UNDERSTAND TELEPHONE SERVICE ITALY AUSTRIA
HELD UP AD AUSTRIA HAS NOT ADVISED USE OF ITALIAN
LANGUAGE IS PLEASE CLARIFY POSITION RE COMMISSION
USE OF ITALIAN ESSENTIAL

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PRIORITY

COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION

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RE ALBON SITE AGONY PARK

10 MARCH 1946

AND VENETIA CIVILIA FOR MAYARD

1928

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REFERENCE YOUR SCHEDULED MATERIAL FOR VENETIA CIVILIA JULY 1946 TO
CONSIDER TELEGRAPH RE BIRTH-RETE SHOULD BE CLOSELY CHECKED AS
PRIOR TELEGRAPH ROOMS HAVE CONSIDERABLY MORE APPARATUS THAN
MOST TOWNS WEST OF ITALY PD. CAN SUCH APPARATUS NOT BE
CAREFULLY TO SUPPLY MANY OF PARTS PD. NOT CONSIDERED JUSTIFIED
SINCE ITALIAN GOVT FOR STATE SPARES AND MADE COXS PROBABLY
EXPENSIVE

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COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION

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IMPORTANT

TELECOM OFFICER AND 13 CORPS

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FINANCE AND TRANSPORTATION

UNCLASSIFIED:

Ref your signal 1614 ^{6 MAR} and your RB 414.7/0 of 7 February.

- 1./Direct negotiations now in progress with indicated suppliers from ME via telecon Officer in Milan who is obtaining information as to availability, location, supplier and cost. Presume this Finance Division will meet the cost either by paying suppliers direct or arranging loan to telephone company in this area.
2. Will arrange with this transport Division for transportation of all items except Poles which eye suggest should come by rail to Trieste.
3. Am not clear if P and T have given definite orders to various circles in North Italy for release to ME of items enumerated in their list with covering letter S/15.3/50079 if so may eye be notified when items are ready for collection.

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AFHQ C IN MIDEAST HQ EAST AFRICA COMMAND, INFO: ALCOM ROME BWS
WASHINGTON - FOR C 5 CIVIL AFFAIRS

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Reference MEMO P 47 644/CS dated 8 February 46 not to
all. GPO will in future deal direct in all matters relating
to postal and telegraphic services with Italian civil postal
administration also be as responsible for ex Italian Colonies.
Inform all concerned.

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MAR 13 RECD

MAR 7 RECD

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Ref: 5767/35/EE

6 March 1946.

Dear Dr. Frunze,

In reply to your letter under reference 5/244 dated 25 58 February I enclose a copy of our letter dated 2nd February addressed to the Under-Secretary of State for Posts and Telegraphs from which you will see that it has now been possible to arrange to re-establish the telephone and telegraph circuits between Zone 'B' of Venezia Giulia and the rest of Italy.

Yours very truly,

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Don Renato Frunze
Secretary General,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Italian Government
ROME.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

AFD 394

COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION

C.115.183.CS

23 February 146

SUBJECT: TAT Service Venezia Giulia Zone B

TO : Under-Secretary of State for PP. & TT. ROME

1. Arrangement have been made with representatives of Zone B Venezia Giulia to open up the rest of Italy the Trieste-Fiume telephone and telegraph circuits. It has also been arranged for Fiume to act as alternative routing to Lubiana for through traffic Italy- Jugoslavia.
2. Prepared telegrams are not yet accepted for Zone B
3. Authorities in Lubiana have also informed us that Belgrade is in agreement that telephone service through Lubiana for Zone B Venezia Giulia and presumably to Jugoslavia also can be extended to Italy. It is suggested that you communicate with Belgrade and obtain confirmation and make necessary arrangements for opening services.
4. Please inform us of any arrangements concluded.

Copy for SCAO 13 Corps
ATTN: Maj. Hayward

H.H. SCUDDER,
COL. SIG. C.
Director.

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6 March

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HQ AMG XIII CORPS FOR ECONOMICS

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 SLANT CHARLIE OF SEVEN FEBRUARY ONE NINE FOUR SIX PD

PARA ONE PD NECESSARY FOR US TO KNOW WHETHER YOU WILL NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH PETER
 AND TARE ADMINISTRATION OR WITH INDICATED SUPPLIERS FOR PURCHASE OF SUBJECT
 COMMUNICATION MATERIALS OF ABOVE REFERENCES PD ALSO FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS THEREFORE
 PD

PARA TWO PD AS PETER AND TARE ADMINISTRATION INFORMS US IT HAS NOT REPEAT NOT
 SUFFICIENT TRANSPORT FOR TRANSPORTATION OF THIS MATERIAL CMA WE ASSUME YOU WILL
 ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION PD IS THIS ASSUMPTION CORRECT PD

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ECONOMIC SECTION

JAMES M. ARENSBERG
 1st Lt., Inf.
 Div. Supply Operations V-G/U

G.J. LEONE
 CWO, USA
 ASST. ADJUTANT

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C O P Y

Rough translation

5/244

Rome, February 25th, 1946

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The Minister for Posts and Telecommunications having renewed their pressing request, I should be grateful to you if you would let me know how the matter is progressing. Copy of the abovementioned letter is enclosed herewith.

Believe me, dear General Lush,

Encl.

Very cordially yours,

(sgd) R. PRUNAS

Brigadier M.S. LUSH

Executive Commissioner

Allied Commission

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ROME

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ATT: Maj. Hayward

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COL. SIG. C.
Director.

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23 FEBRUARY 1946

AGARIT VINDA FOR MANNING POST OFFICE BRANCH

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REFER YOUR MESSAGE ITEM HAN TARE ROGER TWO TWO LINE PD ITALIAN
ADMINISTRATION AIMS BY AUTHORIZED TO OPEN COMMUNICATIONS BUT
CIRCUITS ONLY RECENTLY MADE AVAILABLE PD ITALIANS HAVE TELEGRAPHED
AUSTRIAN ADMINISTRATION THAT THEY ARE READY TO OPEN SERVICES

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COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION

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FEB 22 1700

IMPORTANT

HAYWARD AMG 13 CORPS
HQ ALCOM CITE ACCMN.

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HAVE ARRANGED WITH ZONE B REPRESENTATIVES TO OPEN UP TO REST OF ITALY THE TRIEST FIUME TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CIRCUITS. ALL TELEG TRAFFIC PREVIOUSLY PASSED BY POSTAL MEANS (SEE MY 20 SEPTEMBER REPORT ON A MEETING WITH ZONE B REPS) NOW TO GO BY WIRE. ALSO ARRANGED FOR FIUME TO ACT AS ALTERNATIVE ROUTING TO LUBIANA FOR ITALY JUGOSLAV TRAFFIC. THE EXCEPTION IS STILL TAKEN TO PREPAID TELEGRAMS FROM ITALY TO ZONE B

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ACTION: COMMUNICATIONS

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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22FEB0900
IMPORTANT

HAYWARD HQ AMB 13 CORPS
E. ALCON CITE ADGMB

UNCLASSIFIED.

HAVE SUGGESTED TO LUBIABA THAT WE EXTEND OUR TELEPHONE SERVICE TO INCLUDE ITALY.
TODAY AM INFORMED BY LUBIABA THAT BELGRADE ARE WILLING TO COOPERATE. PERHAPS
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT COULD ARRANGE WITH BELGRADE.

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FEB 20 0930

ROUTINE

ACABRETT VIENNA MANNING POST OFFICE BRANCH
ALCOM JOMME SCUDDER

UNCLASSIFIED:

- EX 1. ANXIOUS TO REOPEN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY.
2. UNDERSTAND THIS REQUIRES YOUR APPROVAL.
3. CAN YOU EXPEDITE.

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ACTION: COMMS S/C 2

INND: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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HQ ALCON SITE ALCON PARK

12 FEBRUARY 1946

SOAS 12 CARRS FOR HAYWARD

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UNCLASSIFIED

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATING WITH JAPANESE ENTERTAINMENT
TELEVISION PARKED PD YOU WILL BE INFORMED THAT AGREED PD
YOUR TWENTY FIVE VICTOR GEORGE BROWN NAME KITHES

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HAYWARD AMG 13 CORPS
HQ ALCOM CITE ACCMN

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Further my 29 stroke VG stroke 61. No objection by censor group
to resumption of telegraph and telephone with Austria.

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ACTION : COMMUNICATION
INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 311.22-16

5 February 1946

SUBJECT: Public Radio and Cable Communications with Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1945. ? Reference your letter, subject as above, dated 25 January, (52)

1. The AFHQ policy with regard to cable-operation from this country is that cable-heads will be handed over to ITALIAN operation as soon as they cease to be required for military purposes. In fact, all cable-heads except those at NAPLES and ROME have been handed over, or have ceased to be operated by Cable and Wireless Limited.

2. The question of the withdrawal of cable and wireless personnel from the ROME-GIBRALTAR cable terminal is still under consideration by the Foreign Office.

3. You will have seen this Headquarters letter X 515/1 dated 26 January on the subject of the ROME-BARCELONA cable.

4. The NAPLES station is still handling military traffic, and it is not considered likely that it will be practicable to hand over to ITALCABLE for several months.

5. All outstanding points with regard to cable operation in Italy, are under consideration by Foreign Office.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

F. G. A. PARSONS
Brigadier,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Director
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy
Chief Clerk
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Date ~~19~~ 2 FEB 1946

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ROUTINE

HAYWARD AND 13 CORPS
HQ ALCOM CITE ACCOM

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REFERENCE C115 153 OF 26 JANUARY IMPORTANT THAT AT LEAST 1 TELEPHONE AND 1 TELE-
GRAPH CIRCUIT ALLOTTED TRIESTE WHEN AUSTRIAN CIRCUITS ARE RELEASED FOR CIVIL USE.
TRADE AND FAMILY TIES AUSTRIA AND TRIESTE EXPECTED TO BE RESUMED WHEN RESTRICTIONS
RAISED NECESSITATING MORE CIRCUITS LATER. 13 CORPS HAVE NO OBJECTION. CENSOR
STATE LACK OF STAFF FOR BOTH COUNTRIES MENTIONED SPEAKING TO MAJOR CHAMPION ON 4
FEBRUARY

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INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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ROUTINE

INFO: APMG SIGNED SACRED
AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR CCS FOR CCAC
CABINET OFFICES WHITEHALL FOR EUS ALCOM ROSE

SECRET.

REUR TAM 702.

THIS IS MAT 954.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS FROM ITALY.

1. TO AUSTRIA. INFORMATION FROM FOUR POWER COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION INDICATE NON-TRANSACTIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORIZED BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND ITALY. HAVE ACCEPTED TO MEAN THAT PROVISIONS OF MAT 958 AND TAM 731 NOW APPLY TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS. ARRANGEMENTS FOR OPENING SERVICES FROM ITALY AUTHORIZED.
2. TO JAPAN. ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION NOTIFIED OF CONDITIONS FOR TELEGRAPHIC AND TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION BETWEEN JAPAN AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES. REQUEST NOTIFICATION WHETHER SUCH SERVICES ARE AUTHORIZED BETWEEN ITALY AND JAPAN AND IF SO UNDER WHAT LIMITATIONS.

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INFO ACTION: COMMUNICATIONS

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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8758/2

25 January 1946

SUBJECT: Public Radio and Cable Communications with Italy

TO : G-5, AFHQ

1. In accordance with the provisions of agreement dated April 24, 1945, covering opening of public telegraph service with Italy (sent to you with our letter of April 25, 1945), Italcable took over on October 1, 1945, operation of radio terminals in Italy which had been operated up until that date by RCA Communications, Inc. and Cable and Wireless Limited. This action was pursuant to the policy of permitting Italcable to resume operation of its pre-war communication facilities as soon as military necessity permitted and was in line with the action already taken in permitting operation by Italcable of a Rome-Moscow radiotelegraph service.

2. Operation of communication facilities in Italy by RCA Communications, Inc. and Cable and Wireless Limited was undertaken at the request of the Allied military authorities and was considered as a matter of military necessity. With the turn-over of radio terminals to operation by Italcable, the only remnant of operational activity in Italy by the two foreign companies involved is the operation of submarine cable terminals by Cable and Wireless Limited. It is difficult to justify continuance of such activity on the grounds of military necessity when hostilities in Europe ceased over eight months ago and world hostilities over four months ago.

3. The continued presence in Italy of Cable and Wireless Limited cable teams is becoming the subject of newspaper attack and it is strongly recommended that the same procedure be applied to operation of cable terminals as has already been applied to radio terminals and that Italcable be permitted to resume its pre-war position.

4. If it be argued that submarine cables and cable terminals are captured enemy equipment, it is pointed out that control and operation of such facilities as are in question only took place after Italy's surrender and recognition as a cobelligerent and that there seems to be no more reason for holding such facilities for operation by Allied organizations than in the case of railroad and other communication facilities.

15/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief CommissionerCopies to: US Political Advisor, AFHQ
British Resident Minister, AFHQ
United States Ambassador, Rome
British Ambassador, Rome

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Rome, January 4th 1946

Dear Admiral Stone,

The international Union of Telecommunications of Bern has informed the proper Italian Authorities that the Yugoslav Telegraph Administration intends to submit the exchange of telegrams between the Venezia Giulia zone occupied by the Yugoslav Armed Forces and the remaining Italian Territory to the same rates and conditions now regulating telegrams between Italy and Yugoslavia.

The telegraph traffic between Italy and Yugoslavia, which was reopened on December 6th, 1945, is routed via London-Belgrade. On the above subject I wish to draw your attention to the fact that, as it has been reported, there exists the possibility of technically re-establishing direct telegraph communications between zones "A" and "B". Therefore, in accordance also with the agreements signed in Belgrade, it does not seem possible on the part of Italy to accept the imposition of a thoroughly unjustified burden which would fall upon the citizens of a zone, which is still a part of the Italian National territory, wishing to communicate by telegraph with Zone "A" or with the rest of the Italian territory.

I trust you will give your earnest attention to the above considerations with a view to promoting - through proper agreements between the competent Authorities concerned - the reestablishment of direct telegraph communications between the zone "B" of the Venezia Giulia and the remaining Italian territory.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Very sincerely yours

(sgd) DE GAETI

Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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14 JANUARY 1946

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REFERENCE YOUR FOX MAY FIVE EIGHT THREE NINE TWO OF ELEVEN
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AUSTRIA GERRY

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COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION

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APO

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Communications Sub-Commission

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F.222.11.CS

22 January, 1946

SUBJECT: Telegraph Service - Venezia Giulia

TO : Mr. Niko Jaksic,
Secretary of the Yugoslav Delegation
Advisory Council for Italy

1. It is understood that your Government intends to submit the exchange of telegrams between the zone of Venezia Giulia (Zone B) administered by your Armed Forces and the territory administered by AMG, Italy or by the Italian Government, to the same rates and conditions as regulate telegrams at present between Yugoslavia and Italy.
2. This is understandable with the present circuitous routing of telegraph traffic from Yugoslavia to Italy via London.
3. It would be easily possible however to provide direct links between your Zone and the AMG Zone of Venezia Giulia, thus greatly cheapening costs by the provision of a direct service.
4. It would therefore be very much appreciated if your Government would make a concession to the inhabitants of Venezia Giulia by the provision of direct links, and by a consequent reduction in charges between your zone and AMG and Italian administered territory to the level of those about to be introduced between the AMG Zone of Venezia Giulia and Italian administered territory.
5. It is felt by the A.M.G. Telecomms Officer in Venezia Giulia that your Government's efficient representatives in Venezia Giulia would have no difficulty in

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making such rates profitable on a direct service.

6. Samples of the proposed rates are given below.
A full schedule will be sent to you if you decide to
utilize these rates.

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| (a) Ordinary private telegrams with a minimum of eight words | 2 lire per word |
| (b) Urgent private telegrams with a minimum of eight words | 6 lire per word |

H.H. SCUDER,
Col. Sig. C.
Director.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.

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IL MINISTRO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

rough translation

n° 5/32

Rome, January 4th, 1946

Dear Admiral Stone,

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I trust you will give your earnest attention to the above considerations with a view to promoting - through proper agreements between the competent Authorities concerned - the reestablishment of direct telegraph communications between the Zone "B" of the Venezia Giulia and the remaining Italian territory.

Believe me, dear Admiral Stone,

Yours sincerely

DE GASPERI

Admiral Ellery W. STONE
Chief Commissioner
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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

Roma, 4 Gennaio 1946

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Caro Ammiraglio,

Dall'Unione Internazionale delle Telecomunicazioni in Berna è stato fatto conoscere che l'Amministrazione telegrafica jugoslava intende sottoporre lo scambio dei telegrammi fra le località della Venezia Giulia occupate dalle Forze armate Jugoslave ed il rimanente territorio italiano alle stesse tasse ed alle stesse condizioni vigenti per i telegrammi scambiati fra l'Italia e la Jugoslavia.

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In merito a quanto precede vorrei attirare la Sua cortese attenzione sul fatto che, a quanto risulta, possibilità tecniche per il ripristino di comunicazioni telegrafiche dirette tra la zona A e la zona B esistono, e che, ai sensi anche dei noti accordi firmati a Belgrado non sembra che da parte italiana si possa accettare l'imposizione di un onere del tutto ingiustificato per i cittadini di una zona che fa tuttora parte del territorio nazionale che desiderino comunicare telegraficamente con la zona A o con il rimanente territorio italiano.

Confido che Ella vorrà esaminare con benevolo interesse le considerazioni di cui sopra, in vista di accertare l'opportunità di promuovere attraverso accordi fra gli Organi competenti lo stabilimento di comunicazioni telegrafiche dirette fra la Zona B della Venezia Giulia ed il restante territorio italiano.

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AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGEG

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BRITISH CHIEF OF STAFF. ALCOM

INFO: CABINET OFFICES WHITEHAL FOR

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This is MAT 958.

Understood that foreign mail service, limited to con-transactional communications, shortly to commence from AUSTRIA.

Under termes of TAM 593 and TAM 702 (no) mail service yet allowed from ITALY to AUSTRIA.

Request authority to commence reciprocal non-transactional service to AUSTRIA as soon as service from AUSTRIA becomes operative.

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INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE RHGEG
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1. Following is repeat of TAM 702.

Additional postal and telecommunications services limited to non-transactional communication, approved between ITALY and all formerly Japanese territory, except JAPAN and for the time being FORMOSA, MANCHURIA, and KOREA.

Services to be put into effect will be a matter of coordination between civilian agencies of countries concerned depending on their ability to handle. Military is relieved of responsibility to implement any such civilian commitment.

Non-enemy world now interpreted as whole world except GERMANY, AUSTRIA, JAPAN, and for the time being FORMOSA, MANCHURIA and KOREA.

2. You will note that provisions of TAM 696 are modified to the extent that non-enemy territories formerly occupied by Japanese are limited to non-transactional communications.
3. The Italian Government should be informed of foregoing.

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2 June 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your letter of June 1, which enclosed a copy of General Information Document No. 17, prepared by the Telecommunications Division of the Department of State, concerning the memorandum agreement recently negotiated regarding radio-telegraph communications between Italy, the United States and the United Kingdom.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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* Letter was passed to
Col. Scudder, Communications S/c,
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ROUTINE

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THE THREE ONE FOUR PAPER NOW APPLICABLE ALSO TO TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATIONS
 PAPER CONSIDERED UNBOLY RESTRICTIVE IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES PD
 APPLICATION IS MADE FOR GENERAL PERMISSION TO RESUME CIVIL POSTAL
 AND TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATIONS ON A RESTRICTED TO PRIVATE MATTERS
 EXCEPT WHERE COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENCE IS AUTHORIZED ON A RETURN
 ITALY AND ALL ALLIED AND NEUTRAL COUNTRIES AS AND WHEN PRACTICABLE PD
 NOTIFICATIONS TO BE EFFECTED THROUGH NORMAL INTERNATIONAL CHANNELS PD
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 ALTERNATIVE IS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICALLY EVERY COUNTRY
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Resumption commercial and financial communications from ITALY. Pending establishment proper Italian control over external assets, this HQ so far authorized only non-transactional business and support remittance communications from ITALY to U.S. and British Empire. However, despite repeated recommendations since last Autumn, Italian Government has still not issued decree recognizing the statutory and proclaimed lists, although as recently as 7 May Ministry of Treasury assured AC this would be done as soon as possible. In recent weeks there have been numerous requests to permit resumption of non-transactional communications from ITALY to countries additional to US and British Empire which this HQ has refused on grounds of Italian failure so far to meet the minimum requirements laid down in TAM 320 and TAM 420 as prerequisite to resumption this traffic. Confirmation requested that cited policy still holds; also advise as to whether additional representations should be made to Italian Government to bring its economic controls into line with those of rest of liberated Europe and US/UK Governments.

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(Refer TAM 549/this is MAT 691)

Agree immediate use of telecommunication facilities to handle remittance instructions from U.S. to Banco di NAPOLI, Banco di SICILIA and Banca D'ITALIA. Italian Government has now established licensing system for external transactional communications and as soon as it issues general license for personal remittance communications by above three banks, their use of telecommunication facilities to U.S. for this purpose will be authorized. At same time, reference MAT 638, all remittance traffic from ITALY to U.S will be switched over to civilian postal channels. Similar action your end including discontinuance temporary APO numbers of the three banks requested upon receipt of notification that Italian general license has been issued

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27 APRIL 1945

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REQUEST PRIORITY TRANSMISSION FOLLOWING UNPARAPHRASED TEXT TO WASHINGTON PD
OWING SUBSEQUENT PUBLICATION CMA USE OF ONE TIME PAD CONSIDERED DESIRABLE PD
PAREN AFHQ FOR ADJUTANT FROM ALCOM SIGNED STONE PAREN

MESSAGE BEGINS PD

TO STATE DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON FOR ATTENTION DE WOLF FROM ALLIED COMMISSION ITALY
FROM STONE PD

FOLLOWING TEXT FOR PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN AGREED PD

PROPOSE RELEASE IN ROME TWO FOUR HOURS AFTER RECEIPT YOUR APPROVAL OR IN ANY CASE
FIRST MAY PD

TELEGRAPH APPROVAL TO AMERICAN EMBASSY ROME FOR LIVENGOD PD

QUOTE PD

AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE DELEGATIONS
REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN CONFERRING IN
ROME THAT A PUBLIC TELEGRAPH SERVICE SHALL BE OPENED BETWEEN ITALY ON THE ONE HAND
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SHEET 2

COLLECTION AND DELIVERY WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF ITALCABLE AND THE EXTERNAL SERVICE
WILL BE CONDUCTED BY ROGER CHARLIE ABLE AND CABLE AND WIRELESS WHILE MILITARY NECESSITY
REQUIRES THE PRESENCE OF THESE COMPANIES IN ITALY PD
THE SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE INITIALLY TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ITS
POSSESSIONS AND TO THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS PD
TRAFFIC WILL BE LIMITED INITIALLY TO PRIVATE TELEGRAMS AND CMA EXCEPT FOR BUSINESS
FIRMS AND BANKS HAVING TREASURY LICENCES CMA TO BUSINESS TELEGRAMS CONTAINING SIMPLE
ENQUIRIES AND EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION PD
TELEGRAMS MUST BE IN PLAIN LANGUAGE AND MUST BE IN EITHER THE ITALIAN CMA ENGLISH
CMA FRENCH CMA SPANISH OR PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE PD
THE SERVICE WILL BE OPENED ON FRIDAY CMA MAY FOURTH UNQUOTE PD
MESSAGE ENDS

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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25 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Public Radio and Cable Communication with Italy.

To : G-5, A.F.R.C. (13)

1. On 24 April an agreement was signed between the Italian Government on the one hand and the governments of the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the other hand providing for the resumption of public radio telegraphic communication between Italy on the one hand and the United States of America and beyond and the United Kingdom and beyond on the other hand. Initially, the service will be conducted by A.C.A. Communications, Inc., and Cable and Wireless Limited, with Italcable collecting and delivering messages in Italy on behalf of the Italian Government. As soon as military necessity no longer requires A.C.A. Communications and Cable and Wireless to handle Allied military traffic in Italy, the operation of the Italian terminals of these circuits will be taken over by Italcable as the nominee of the Government of Italy, subject to Italcable making satisfactory provision for handling any remaining Allied Military traffic.

2. Provision has also been made for the future resumption of cable traffic, subject to certain conditions.

3. A separate rate agreement was made between the United States and Italy providing for a reduction in the pre-war rates with the United States. Service with Great Britain will be established at pre-war rates.

4. Final negotiations were conducted through this office on 23 April and the agreements were signed at the offices of the Commission the following day.

5. Copies of both agreements are attached hereto.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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by hand of Admiral
STONE, 26 April 45.

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cc: Executive Commissioner
Communications Sub-Commission

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RATE AGREEMENT FOR THE OPENING OF PUBLIC TELEGRAPH
SERVICE BETWEEN ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES

Rate agreement entered into between the delegations appointed on behalf of the governments of the United States of America and Italy to discuss the opening of public telegraph service:

1. The basic rate for Public telegraph traffic, as public telegraph traffic is defined in the agreement of even date herewith between representatives of the United States, United Kingdom and Italy, from the first zone of the United States to all points in Italy shall be 20 U.S. cents per full rate word and the basic rate for such traffic from all points in Italy to the first zone of the United States shall be gold francs 1.04 per full rate word.

2. The rates per word for all other classifications of such Public traffic shall be in the proportion established by the International Telegraph Regulations, Cairo 1936 revision.

3. The rates for ordinary press traffic collected or delivered within Italy by the PTT or Italcable shall be 5 cents per word from the first zone of the U.S. to all points in Italy and gold francs 0.15 from all points in Italy to the first zone of the U.S.

4. The Italian government shall establish a currency equivalent for the collection of charges for such Public telegraph traffic in Italy of 33 lire equals one gold franc.

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6. The entire amount of the radio circuit proportion of the tolls shall accrue to RCA Communications, Inc. as long as it operates a radio

station in Italy.

7. This rate agreement shall remain in effect as long as RCA Communications, Inc. operates the Italian end of the radio circuit to the United States for carrying public telegraph messages.

Done in Rome, in duplicate, this 24th day of April 1945.

For the Delegation of Italy:

/s/ CERVOLLO

For the Delegation of the United States:

/s/ OTTENMAN

/s/ WAKEFIELD

/s/ ST. CLAIR

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For the Delegation of Italy:

/S/ GENOLOT

For the Delegation of the United States:

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AGREEMENT ON OPENING OF
PUBLIC TELEGRAPH SERVICE
BETWEEN ITALY ON THE ONE HAND
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THE OTHER

Whereas RCA Communications, Inc. and Cable and Wireless Limited are operating radio stations in Italy for the maintenance of direct radio service from Italy to the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, respectively, at the request of the military authorities of those Governments and will continue to operate such service so long as there is a military necessity therefor, the Delegations appointed on behalf of the Governments of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Italy to discuss the opening of public telegraph service between Italy on the one hand and the United States of America and the United Kingdom on the other agree as follows:

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Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater.

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(3) During the same period, the Government of Italy or the entity designated by it shall be entitled to receive a terminal charge in respect of collection and delivery of public telegrams.

(4) When military necessity no longer requires RCA Communications, Inc. and Cable and Wireless Limited to handle military traffic including telegrams sent by the Troops and military press from Italy to the United States of America and the United Kingdom, the two companies will simultaneously relinquish to the Government of Italy or such entity as it may designate operation of the Italian terminals of the radiotelegraph services on those routes. This will, of course, be dependent on the designated Italian entity making satisfactory provision for any residual military requirements of the United States of America and the United Kingdom. When the two companies so relinquish operation of the Italian terminals, they shall be entitled to remove any or all facilities installed by them except buildings or improvements on buildings.

(5) The opening of public radiotelegraph service as described in the foregoing paragraphs shall come into operation as regards the respective countries as soon as agreement has been reached on the rates between Italy and those countries.

(6) If not in conflict with military requirements, public telegrams between Italy on the one hand and the United States of America and beyond and the United Kingdom and beyond on the other may also be routed via submarine cables (under the terms of paragraph 1 above) at the same rates as those fixed for the radiotelegraph service, such routing to commence after approval by the appropriate United States and United Kingdom authorities, respectively; the above to leave without prejudice in every sense the question of ownership of such cables.

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(7) For the purpose of this agreement, public telegraph service shall be considered to mean all telegraph traffic other than messages filed direct with the companies and originated by the United States and United Kingdom governmental, including military, authorities, members of the Allied Armed Forces and press correspondents duly accredited to the Allied military authorities in Italy.

Done at...

Done at Rome in triplicate this 24th day of April, 1945.

For the Delegation of Italy:

/s/ CECILOTTI

For the Delegation of the
United Kingdom of Great
Britain and Northern Ireland:

/s/ BARRENT

For the Delegation of the
United States of America:

/s/ OTTELMAN

/s/ WAREFIELD

/s/ ST. CLAIR

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United Kingdom and Northern Ireland:

/S/ GARRETT

For the Delegation of the
United States of America:

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/S/ WAREFIELD

/S/ ST. CLAIR

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JAG/hjp

17 February 1945

SUBJECT: Radio-telegraphic service between Rome and the U.S.
TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Hq A.C.

The attached correspondence has been just received from the U.S. Embassy and I am instructed by the Chief Commissioner to pass it to you for such action as you may consider necessary.

/s/ J. A. Quayle
J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CG

1 Incl:
Ltr fr Mr. Livengood
dtd 17 Feb 45

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17 February 1945

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Dear Mr. Livengood:

I am instructed by Admiral Stone to thank you for your letter of February 17th on the subject of radio-telegraphic service between Rome and the United States. The matter is receiving the Admiral's attention.

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Sincerely,

15/J. A. Quayle
J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CG

Mr. Charles A. Livengood
Counselor for Economic Affairs
Embassy of the United States of America
Rome

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Dear Mr. Livengood:

I am instructed by Admiral Stone to thank you for your letter of February 17th on the subject of radio-telegraphic service between Rome and the United States. The matter is receiving the Admiral's attention.

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Sincerely,

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J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

Mr. Charles A. Livengood
Counselor for Economic Affairs
Embassy of the United States of America
Rome

cc: Ex. Comm'r.
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C O P Y

URGENT & PERSONAL.

Rome, Italy
February 17, 1945.

Dear Admiral Stone:

With reference to my letter of January 10, 1945 transmitting a paraphrase of a telegram from the State Department in Washington approving under specified conditions the commencement of limited radio-telegraphic service between Rome and the United States, I have now received from the Department a further telegram dated February 14, 1945 containing a message for communication to the Italian authorities approving the immediate commencement of the service in question under the conditions referred to above, with the exception that the Italian Government may be given the assurance that not later than six months after the termination of European hostilities the present agreement with respect to the operating rights of RCAC in Italy will be the subject of reconsideration.

Enclosed is a copy of an Aide Memoire which, in pursuance of the Department's telegram just cited, I am presenting today to the Italian Foreign Office.

Sincerely yours,
For the Ambassador:

/s/ Charles A. Livengood
Charles A. Livengood
Counselor for Economic Affairs.

Enclosure:
As stated.

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

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A I D F M E M O I R E

In a telegram dated January 9, 1945, the United States Department of State at Washington, referring to the proposed reopening of radio-telegraph service between the United States and Italy, instructed the United States Embassy in Rome in the following sense:

The beginning of limited service between Rome and the United States under the rates which the Federal Communications Commission previously proposed is approved by the Department, which also approves Italy's taking of the agreed-to terminal charges. This is subject to the understanding that radio tolls will not be further participated in by Italy. The immediate beginning of service by RCAC on this basis is approved by the Department.

Supplementing the instruction contained in the Department's telegram of January 9, 1945 just cited, the Embassy has now received a further telegram from the Department dated February 14, 1945 to the following effect:

Approval is given to the commencement at once of limited service between Rome and the United States under the terms indicated in the Department's telegram of January 9, 1945, with the exception that the Italian Government may be given the assurance that not later than six months after the termination of European hostilities the present agreement with respect to the operating rights of RCAC in Italy will be the subject of reconsideration.

R o m e, February 17, 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

C.115.112.CS

17 February, 1945

SUBJECT: Radio - Telegraph Service to the U.S. and U.K.
TO: A.F.H.Q. G-5 ✓

1. The attached translation of a letter from the Italian Government is forwarded.

2. The action requested is strongly recommended by this Commission, as a step towards the reestablishment of normal economic life in this country.

3. It is confirmed that adequate and suitable equipment is now available to the Italian concessionary company.

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR.
Chief Commissioner

COPY

Incl: Letter from the Italian Government - 12 Feb 45
Copy to: U.S. Embassy, ROME
British Embassy, ROME

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TO: ALLIED COMMISSION
Communications
Sub-Commission

MINISTRY OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS
Ref: S/13/30817

R O M E

12 February 1945

Subject: Radio-telegraph Service to U.S. and U.K.

1. The Allied Commission is aware that re-establishment of radiotelegraph services between Italy and U.S. and U.K. has been formally authorized by the competent Allied authorities here and in the U.S.A. and Great Britain, and that in fact the opening of service was expected to take place 15 Nov. 1944.

2. Difficulty has been experienced in reaching agreement over the terms of the concessions to be granted by the Italian Government to the American and British agencies which, already functioning in Italy for purposes of the war, were considered at the time of the proposal to be the only available operating agencies.

3. Since the time of the original proposal made to the Italian Government, the more normal process of employing the regular Italian agency has become feasible. Italcable, which holds the concession rights for the operation of international communications from Italy, is now in a position to resume operations, due to the release of suitable equipment from requisition by Allied authorities.

4. The policy of permitting Italcable to operate such communications has already received the approval of Allied authorities both here and in America, as shown by the authority given to open the Rome-Moscow radio-telegraph channel and the Rome-New York radio-telephone channel, using Italcable equipment and personnel.

5. It is therefore requested that the U.S. and U.K. Governments be approached for permission to proceed with negotiations for activating the radio-telegraph service with these countries, using Italcable facilities in this country. No doubt the Allied military authorities will be glad not to have the civilian traffic load placed on their agencies, which were of course not brought here for such a purpose and which could only provide a provisional solution.

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IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STAMPA

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489081 Ext: 333

18th January, 1945

My Dear Mr. Livengood,

Substance of the telegram attached to
your letter of January 10th was transmitted to the Ministry
of Posts and Telecommunications. Reply has now been received
and copy together with translation is inclosed herewith.

For the Chief Commissioner:

H. H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel S.C.
D/Director.

Incls: Two letters

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Copy for Chief Commissioner

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Translation by Solan

17th January, 1945

Prot. no. 8/3/4/30258

Subject: International telegraph traffic.

To : Allied Commission - Posts and Telecomms.
Sub-Commission - ASO 394 -

(34) 11776 (35)

We have received your letter dated 11th January, with an attached telegram sent us by the State Department Washington, in answer to our previous letter no. 4623, dated 21st December, and on the same matter we point out that:

(1) The State Department, taking into account the difference in the tariffs referred in Para 1 of our letter, has accepted our proposal to open as soon as possible telegraph traffic only between the City of Rome and U.S. Such proposal therefore can meet our agreement without any condition, hoping to regularize as soon as possible the tariff question, also for the remaining territory of Liberated Italy.

(2) As far as para 2 of our letter is concerned, the State Department do not refer to anything of what we have said. But we think that such Department has valued the right importance of the willing, even if temporary, grant of the Italian Government; and that they have only on these basis, communicated their favourable approval, to open without delay on the said bases, the telegraph service.

If it is so, we would be pleased to have given our contribution to reach an agreement, so that we could be granted to open the very much desired service; and we beg you to forward to the Department of Washington our favourable advice on the opening of the above, on the 1st February 1945.

We would be grateful, to you, if we could have a kind note of reply from you.

See (31) Il Ministro.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489031 Ext: 333

In reply
refer to:

C. 115.04.03

11th January, 1945

Subject: International Telegraph Traffic

To

: H.E. The Under-Secretary of State for F.F.T.

1. Inclosed is substance of a telegram received from the State Department in Washington in reply to a message transmitting the contents of your letter of December 21st, 1944. *— all telegram except last para.*
2. No reply has as yet been received ~~as yet~~ from the foreign office in London.

ALL EXCEPT LAST PARA
WAS TRANSMITTED

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Incl: Substance of a telegram

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11th January, 1945

In reply
refer to: C.115.04.05

Subject: International Telegraph Traffic

To: H.E. The Under-Secretary of State for P.F.T.

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WAS TRANSMITTED

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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Incl: Substance of a telegram

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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AMERICAN EMBASSY

PERSONAL

Rome, January 10, 1945.

Dear Admiral Stone:

With reference to my letter of December 18, 1944, regarding rates for the radio-telegraph service between Italy and the United States and to the letter on that subject addressed by the Minister of Communication under date of December 21, 1944 to the Allied Commission, I am enclosing a paraphrase of a telegram received today from the State Department in Washington in response to a telegram sent by me reporting the points set forth in the Minister's letter. (27a) (32a)

I trust that you will cause the necessary steps to be taken with a view to obtaining prompt action on the part of the Italian authorities for the reopening of the service in question on the basis set forth in the Department's telegram. (40)

Sincerely yours,

L. Kerk.

Enclosure: (34)

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

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Enclosure No. 1.

January 10, 1945.

With regard to your communication of the 23rd November, the Department has consulted with the Federal Communications Commission and RCA.

As regards statements in the matter of equalizing rates, this is a subject for Federal Communications Commission to decide upon and the latter does not find it possible to change its decision at this time. Therefore, the beginning of limited service between Rome and the United States under the rates which the Federal Communications Commission previously proposed is approved by the Department, which also approves Italy's taking of the agreed-to terminal charges. This is subject to the understanding that radio tolls will not be further participated in by Italy. The immediate beginning of service by RCAC on this basis is approved by the Department.

You are instructed to bring the foregoing immediately to the attention of the appropriate Italian authorities and AC and to let the Department know at once when the service may begin.

For your information no commitment can be made at the present either by the Department or RCAC with regard to future

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You are instructed to bring the foregoing immediately to the attention of the appropriate Italian authorities and AC and to let the Department know at once when the service may begin.

For your information no commitment can be made at the present either by the Department or RCA with regard to future concessions in the post-war period referred to in your communication.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

23rd December 1944.

T.115.CS.

My Dear Mr. Livengood,

Copy of the telegram attached to your letter of December 18th, 1944 has been delivered to the Minister of Communications.

The reply received from the Minister of Communications was discussed at the meeting held December 21st with representatives of the Ministry and Lt. Colonel Scudder at which you and Mr. Nosworthy were present. As a result of discussions at this meeting the Italian Government proposals are being clarified and somewhat modified. In order to save time a copy of the amended proposal is being sent by the Ministry of Communications directly to you and to Mr. Nosworthy.

If this proposal is not acceptable to the U.S. and British Governments we would appreciate definite advice to the effect that it is desired by both Governments that the Italian Government be instructed to inaugurate service on the basis of proposals already put forward by the British and United States Governments.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR.
Chief Commissioner.

Mr. Charles A. Livengood
Advisory Council for Italy, Rome.

Copy to: Mr. R. L. Nosworthy
British Embassy, Rome.

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Omaggio
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in Roma

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

Rome, Dec. 21st., 1944.

To: Allied Commission
 Posts and Tele communications - Sub-Commission . Rome
 American Embassy . Attn. Mr. C. Livengood. Rome
 English Embassy. Attn. Mr. L. Nosworthy
 copy to : Foreign Office . Rome.

Subject: International telegraph traffic.

With further reference to letter S/C.4/4367 of 19 December 1944 and further to the meeting held at the Allied Commission with Mr. Charles Livengood of the U.S. Embassy, Mr. R. L. Nosworthy of the British Embassy, Lt. Col. H. H. Scudder of the Communications Sub-Commission and H. E. the Undersecretary of State for P.P.T.T. Mr. Fano, we agree to the following proposals:

1. As already put forth in our previous letter, we agree on the terminal charges concerning the international telegraph communications referred to, but we stress the fact that, in our opinion, the rates to be applied should be equal both for incoming and outgoing communications; recognizing for incoming communications the division in two zones, admitted for the outgoing ones.

In order to avoid differences in incoming and outgoing rates, in case an agreement were not reached, it would be advisable to limit for the time being the transmission and the acceptance of cables to the city of Rome, for which the problem does not exist.

2. As far as the participation of the Italian State in the transmission tolls is concerned, the Italian Govt. has examined the problem with a view to finding a provisional solution of the matter:

given that for operational necessities the Allied Military Authorities have arranged that the R.C.A. and the C. & W. Companies send to Italy their own personnel and equipment to ensure the international communications of the operating armies with their Govt. and Countries;

given that, according to the terms of the armistice these Companies have been authorized to make use of, for said military purposes, radio equipment, sub-marine cables and apparatus, property of the State, as well as of private concessionary Companies;

given that the Italian Govt., in view of the political and social importance of the restoration of private telegraph communications between the Italian population and the United Nations, is desirous of facilitating in every way restoration of such communications;

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T.115.CS

21 December 1944

My dear Sir Noel:

So far as I am aware, the Italian Government has the same rights as any other to decline to accept the terms under which any form of commercial activity can be resumed in their country. No agreement has yet been reached on the resumption of commercial radio or cablegrams and the service has never started; the U.S. authorities have declined to open service up to the 20 December on their own terms, although no reply has been received from the British authorities on this point.

The Communications Subcommittee has been acting throughout in complete accord with my instructions; I have been present at most of the discussions and have approved all the correspondence from this Commission. At the final meeting which Mr. Livengood and Mr. Nosworthy attended I was not present, but I am informed that the attitude of the Communications Subcommittee was that they were merely present to pass the views of the Allied Governments to the Italian Government representative and obtain his reply. This reply is not made by Dr. Fano personally but is the considered reply of the Italian Ministries concerned, including the Finance and Foreign Office.

There has never been any suggestion that the functions of Italcable should be completely discontinued, although they are temporarily prevented by military circumstances from the operation of their cables and radio stations. It was intended that all international traffic should pass through the offices of Italcable in both directions with the object of simplifying the return to pre-war routine under which Italcable operated the external cable and radio terminals and also the major internal domestic circuits. It may be noted that permission has been given for the Italcable Company to resume operation of the Moscow radio circuit.

This Commission considers it its duty to ensure that Italian Government claims are fully and fairly represented. In no case have the arguments for an Italian share in the transmission tolls been initiated by this Commission, but we should not feel justified in failing to place their claims before the Allied Governments, nor in bringing pressure on the Italian Government to accept a settlement of a commercial matter in which they do not feel that they are being justly treated. The views of the British Government are fully understood. The views of the Italian Government are that in protection of Italian rights and interests they must claim a share of the transmission tolls, even if it only amounts to a token payment of ten percent. This is partly to claim continued ownership

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T.115.CS, to British Ambassador, 21 Dec 44 (cont'd):

of the cables, equipment, radio stations, buildings, etc; and partly to maintain their rights to grant concessions to commercial exploitation in their own country. These rights are not met by the Allied proposal. Only recently has an offer to pay rental been made by the British company (in the first instance it was specifically refused) and this does not necessarily mean any payment to Italcable as the installations can be made in any building. Nor are the rights of the Italian Government recognised in respect of the grant of commercial concessions in their own country; Italcable holds the Italian Government concession on all commercial external traffic from Italy and the Italian Government consider this concession within their powers to grant. Their claim for a share in the transmission tolls is largely for this right to be acknowledged, while recognising that military circumstances now require the actual operating to be done by Allied companies. Their statements of their case has also the support of A.F.R.Q. as shown in the copy of cable enclosed. (30)

The implications in your letter that the Communications Subcommittee is following a policy at variance with that laid down by me, or that it is doing anything other than present the Allied and Italian cases to the respective Governments, are not at all accurate and can only be the result of some misunderstanding which I trust that this letter will serve to clarify. (29)

Subsequent to this correspondence, the Italian Government has presented a further statement, a copy of the translation of which is enclosed. (31)

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Sir Noel Charles, Rt., K.C.M.G.
British Ambassador
84 Via Venti Settembre
Rome

cc: Communications Subcom.
Chief of Staff
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Incls: Copy of cable
Copy of translation of letter

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Rome, Dec. 19th, 1944.

Ministry of Communications

To 1. Allied Commission
 Posts and Telecommunications
 Sub-Commission ROME
 2. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs ROME

Subject: International telegraph traffic.

28a (27)
 Further to our letter No.S/8.4/4337, dated 6-12-1944 and with reference to the communication dated 17-12-1944 of the State Dept. in Washington D.C. we wish to inform you that the Italian Govt. has again examined the problem referred to and that with the desire of restoring international telegraph traffic with the United Nations, presents the following proposals:

1. As already put forth in our previous letter, we agree on the terminal charges concerning the international telegraph communications referred to, but we stress the fact that, in our opinion, the rates to be applied should be equal both for incoming and outgoing communications; recognizing for incoming communications the division in two zones, admitted for the outgoing ones.

In order to avoid differences in incoming and outgoing rates, in case an agreement were not reached, it would be advisable to limit for the time being the transmission and the acceptance of cables to the city of Rome, for which the problem does not exist.

2. As far as the participation of the Italian State in the transmission tolls is concerned, the Italian Govt. has examined the problem with a view to finding a provisional solution of the matter:

given that for operational necessities the Allied Military Authorities have arranged that the R.C.A. and the C. & W. Companies send to Italy their own personnel and equipment to ensure the international communications of the operating armies with their Govt. and Countries;

given that, according to the terms of the armistice these Companies have been authorized to make use of, for said military purposes, radio equipment, sub-marine cables and apparatus, property of the State as well as of private concessionary Companies;

given that the Italian Govt., in view of the political and social importance of the restoration of private telegraph communications between the Italian population and the United Nations, is desirous of facilitating in every way restoration of such communications;

given that the Italian State desires within the limits of its capabilities to contribute to the war effort of the United Nations;

given that the above-mentioned extraordinary circumstances and the importance of the service to be restored, are such as to justify an exceptional arrangement, even tho not strictly in accordance with legislative requirements and international agreements;

cc: Technical Chamber - (32) 32a

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The Italian Govt. grants to the R.C.A. and to the C. & W. the rights to extend the use of radio stations, sub-marine cables and all equipment existing in Italy for use in connection with international telegraph traffic, to the transmission of paid telegrams as long as hostilities continue on the Italian territory.

The above-mentioned concession, however, is made with the definite understanding that as soon as the whole of Italian territory is liberated this concession will automatically cease and as of that date the rights of the Italian Govt. in connection with telecommunications, the international agreements in force and the rights anyhow previously recognized, will be considered to have been unprejudiced.

3. As far as the messages in abeyance with the ~~Italian~~ cable and the Govt. offices, and the consequent political situation, we have to stress upon the urgent necessity of taking an immediate and definite decision of the matter (not later than the 25 inst.)

We trust that you will entirely accept the above proposals, which in our opinion proves the complete comprehension of the Italian Govt. of the importance of the situation.

The Minister;

Signed, Cevolotto.

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A.F.H.Q.
OUTGOING MESSAGE

ROUTINE

TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR CCB FOR COAG

FOR INFO : CENTRAL DISTRICT UK BASE SECTION (LONDON) FOR
BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF AND HQ COLZONE MAIN
(ETCUSA)

REF NO : FX 55730

SIGNED : WILSON CITE: FBRMG

LAT 415

Reference LAT 396 of 10 November.

Resumption Italian civil radio and cable traffic with U.S.
and UK is subject.1. Disagreement concerning allocation revenues is delaying
resumption traffic.

2. Situation summarized below:

(A) Cable and wireless rate basis agreed as prewar
gold franc rate at 35 lire to gold franc. R.C.A. rate structure
apparently agreed to by FSC on provisional basis and opening of
service feasible.(B) Italian Government proposal for division of
revenues:1. Terminal charges credited as usual to
British, American and Italian Governments or agencies. No disagree-
ment on this.2. Pending agreement on division of transmission
tolls. Incoming traffic tolls to be kept by British or American
Government or agencies, outgoing traffic tolls to be kept by Italian
Government or deposited in local bank nominated by British or
American Companies, in blocked account. As recommended by this
Headquarters, local expenses incurred by British or American
Companies, resulting from this service, would be paid out of this
account.3. Cable and Wireless do not agree to temporary
withholding from it of any portion of transit tolls and not willing
to offer any rental for facilities. Company concedes settlement
can be considered provisional and open to final adjudication.

cc: Neil Charles - (32)

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4. R.C.A. does not agree to provisional withholding from it any portion of transit tolls nor concedes possible Italian right to share of toll revenue as long as R.C.A. is in Italy on Allied Military authority. Company admits possibility of claim if R.C.A. were to establish permanent office. Company prepared to pay rental for physical facilities used for this service.

5. Representative Italian Government presenting proposals paras 3 and 4 to his Government but doubtful of acceptance.

6. Basic Italian Government stand is that, on behalf Italian cables and radio, Government must insist on right to share in commercial traffic transmission tolls for use of buildings, equipment cables and other facilities, and to compensate for infringement of concessionary rights for which Italian Government is paid by Italian Companies.

7. It is view both Allied Commission and this Headquarters that attempts at this time to enforce settlement of commercial questions on behalf British and American Communications Companies would be considered by Italian Government as not in accord with our current political Italian policy as understood by that Government.

8. Italian Government proposal is considered reasonable and deposit of radio and cable transit tolls in blocked account pending final agreement on division is considered fair provisional solution.

9. It is recommended that the British and American Companies be ~~taken~~_{asked} to accept the Italian Government proposal.

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C O P Y

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Rome, December 18th, 1944

URGENT

PERSONAL

Dear Admiral Stone:

(24)
With reference to my letter of December 5th, 1944 transmitting a proposal set forth in a telegram received from the State Department, Washington, regarding rates for the radio-telegraph circuit between Italy and the United States in the handling of (28) a Italian civilian traffic, I now enclose the pertinent portions of a telegram which I have received from the Department today in response to a telegram which I transmitted on December 7th, 1944 reporting the contents of the letter with regard to the above-mentioned proposal which under date of December 6th, 1944 was addressed to the Allied Commission by the Italian Ministry of Communications. I (27) trust that you will cause the necessary steps to be taken in the light of the views expressed by the Department.

Sincerely Yours,

for the American Representative
on the Advisory Council for Italy:

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/s/ Charles A/Livengood

Inclosure:

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

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Office of the Chief Commissioner

Transmission Tolls

CC 8755

19 Dec

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Colonel Henderson, Communications Subcommission

1. Attached is a letter received from the British Ambassador on the subject of transmission tolls.
2. The Chief Commissioner will be at Caserta all of today but wishes you to prepare a reply for his signature against his return early tomorrow morning.

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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cc: CefS

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British Embassy,

ROME.

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18th December, 1944.

My dear Admiral

You will have been following the controversy between R.C.A. and Cable & Wireless on one side and Italcable on the other on the subject of the division of revenues accruing on the telegraphic traffic with the United States and the United Kingdom. A memorandum (16) on the subject was sent by the Allied Commission to A.F.H.Q. on the 20th November, and you wrote me on the 2nd December. (23) Putting it very briefly the position is that, while there is no dispute as to the allocation of the Italian terminal rates nor of the delivery charges, the Italian Government have claimed a proportion of the transmission tolls and, moreover, have been holding up the transmission of commercial telegrams to the United States and the United Kingdom pending a settlement of the issue.

On receipt of your letter of the 2nd December, I telegraphed to the Foreign Office. Correspondence has been passing between London and Washington and, on the 5th December, I received my instructions. The American and British Companies were prepared to accept a solution on lines which had been proposed by the State Department, namely, that the terminal charges and a rental for the physical facilities be paid to the Italian Government (23) that the Italians be excluded from any share in the transmission tolls. This solution was acceptable also to His Majesty's Government and I was to bring it at once, in conjunction with my American colleague, to the attention of the Allied Commission and the appropriate Italian authorities.

Rear-Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.,

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Chief Commissioner,

Allied Commission,

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with a view to obtain concurrence and an early commencement of transmission of the telegrams.

The American Ambassador had received similar instructions and, on the 7th December, a meeting was held at the Commission, attended by Colonel Henderson and Colonel Scudder as representing the Commission, Dr. Fano, the Under-Secretary of Posts & Telegraphs as representing the Italian Government, and Mr. Livengood and Mr. Nosworthy as representing the two Embassies. The meeting produced little or no useful result. Dr. Fano reduced his claim on the transmission tolls from 30% to 10%. Beyond this he would not move. Moreover, he insisted that, in the absence of agreement, the Italian Government would be compelled by a certain date to give public notice through the Press and the Radio of the suspension of the commercial telegraphic facilities to the United States and the United Kingdom, and the most that could be obtained from him was the postponement of this date from the 15th to the 20th December. Throughout the meeting Colonel Henderson and Colonel Scudder supported these claims of the Italian Government.

A report of the discussion was telegraphed to London together with a translation of the memorandum that Dr. Fano had brought to the meeting. I have now received an urgent reply from London:-

"His Majesty's Government do not understand why the Italian Government is able to obstruct the re-opening of commercial services on terms considered reasonable by the British and United States Governments and acceptable to the British and American Companies who are operating at the instance of the military authorities. The Italian Cable Company is prevented, by the decision of the Allied authorities, from operating at present and it can therefore have no claim to any part of the transmission tolls either direct or through the Italian Government."

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I am required to report urgently the reasons why your representatives on the Communications Sub-Commission support the Italian view. I feel sure that your instructions to that Sub-Commission will have been to follow the instructions of His Majesty's and the United States Governments.

I am required further to report why and to what extent the office of Italcable is functioning. Reference to the office of Italcable was made in the third paragraph of Dr. Fano's memorandum. It is the understanding of His Majesty's Government that the Italian State Administration would accept and deliver telegrams. In any event, it is their definite view that neither the Administration nor Italcable would be entitled to share the transmission tolls for these services, as their recompense would be from terminal charges regarding which there is no dispute.

I am

yours very sincerely

Robert Charles

PERTINENT PORTIONS OF A COMMUNICATION

DATED DECEMBER 17, 1944, FROM THE

STATE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON.

1. Your *telegram in regard to tolls for the radio-telegraph circuit between Rome and the United States has been discussed by the Department with RCAC and the Federal Communications Commission.

2. Both RCAC and FCC concur in Department's decision as set forth in its **telegram of December 4. You may so inform Allied Commission and Italian Government at once. British Foreign Office has been informed through Embassy, Washington. You may inform Allied Commission and Italian Government that Italian participation in tolls is not (repeat not) in conformity with existing precedents. Department has carefully examined this phase of matter and finds that in several other instances in which United States agencies are operating foreign end of a circuit, the foreign government concerned does not participate in the tolls but receives instead a terminal tax and in appropriate cases rental for physical facilities. You may also inform Italian Government that differential in rates between Italy and the United States was not created by RCAC but resulted from Federal Communications Commission's

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**Containing a proposal regarding rates for radio-telegraph circuit between Italy and the United States in the handling of Italian civilian traffic.

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determination of what rates are to apply in both directions. RCAC must of course meet the conditions conditions contained in its license. This requirement would apply to any American carrier.

3. You will also inform Italian Government that while RCAC would be willing to handle traffic already accepted and to be accepted by the Italian Government Radio and Cable Offices to December 20 without prejudice Italian claim for participation in radio tolls as well as without prejudice to Department's position to contrary, it is believed a further embarrassing situation would develop within United States if addressees of such traffic could not make telegraphic replies because of present lack of outbound service. Furthermore, publication of service subject to termination December 20 or any other particular date would cause further embarrassment.

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In reply
refer to: C.115.1.CS

Subject : Memo.

To : Chief Commissioner

1. The attached letter was presented by the Under-Secretary of State for PP.TT. to a meeting held in my office 7th December, at which Mr. Livengood of United States Embassy and Mr. Nosworthy of British Embassy were present.

2. Each took a copy of the letter and undertook to transmit the contents to their respective Governments.

Tel: 489081
Ext: 400

8th December, 1944

J.L. Henderson

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

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Translation by SELAN

Ref. S/8.4/4357

Rome, 6th December, 1944

Subject : International Telegraph Traffic. (26)

In reply to letter No. C.116/CS dated 6/12/1944, we point out the following:

1) We cannot understand what reason the R.C.A. has alleged for insisting on a different tariff of the international telegraph traffic in the two senses, incoming and outgoing.

For equity, logic and for an obvious question of principle, could be very well supported the point that the two communications from and to Italy should have the same tariff.

But, if the American authorities would consider necessary in any way to insist on that point, the Italian Government would agree, but unwillingly to this proposal.

2) Concerning the absolute decision of excluding the Italian Government from any participation to radio rates in both ways, we consider it as contrary to any previous international agreement in force, and to any regulation of right and we confirm that the Italian Government cannot in any way give their approval on the matter. We perfectly agree on the reduction to the minimum of the requested quantity of such ^{quota} and notwithstanding our previous proposal of 30%, we could reduce our request to the ridiculous quota of 10%, if the question of principle could be acknowledged.

3. Concerning the messages still lying, at the Italcable or at the Government offices, we think that it would be unpleasant and difficult to return all the telegrams and refund the money to the senders: so that, if transmission would not be considered as a prejudice in regard ~~to~~ the definite conclusion of the above question, we would propose to forward them on any condition, including also those proposed by the English and American Companies mentioned in our letter.

ON
The above condition that, after such consignment and payment and transmission, the Italian Government be authorized to issue, by the 20th December (if no agreement is set up for that date), an official note, by newspapers and radio, in order to communicate the interruption of the service, owing to insurmountable difficulties. 270

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Under-Secretary of State for PP.TT.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

No. S/B.4/4337 di prot.

Roma, 6 dicembre, 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLIATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission

R O M A

o, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DEGLI ESTERI R O M AAL MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI R O M A

-Cabinetto -

OGGETTO: - Traffico telegrafico internazionale

In esito alla lettera No. C.116/GS in data 6-12-44, rileviamo quanto segue:

1. non riusciamo a renderci conto della ragione che può avere portato l'R.O.A.C. ad insistere sopra una differente tariffazione del traffico telegrafico internazionale nei due sensi, in arrivo ed in partenza.
Per equità, logicità e questione ovvia di principio, ci parrebbe assai difendibile la tesi che le due comunicazioni da e per l'Italia dovessero avere uguale tariffa. Qualora però su tale punto le Autorità Americane ritenessero di insistere in modo inderogabile, il Governo Italiano aderirebbe per quanto a malincuore, alla proposta inoltrata.
2. Per quanto ci riferisce invece alla esclusione assoluta di riconoscere al Governo Italiano alcuna partecipazione alle quote radio in ambedue le direzioni, riteniamo che ciò sia in antitesi con qualsiasi precedente accordo internazionale vigente e con ogni norma di diritto e confermiamo che il Governo Italiano non può comunque dare in merito il proprio benestare.
D'accordissimo invece a limitare al minimo la richiesta entità di tale aliquota che, proposta nella nostra lettera precedente nella misura del 30%, saremmo anche disposti a ridurre alla ridicola percentuale del 10% purché la questione di principio fosse riconosciuta.
3. Per quanto si riferisce ai messaggi ancora in sospeso esistenti presso l'Italcable o gli Uffici Governativi, riteniamo

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che sarebbe quanto mai increscioso e complesso dover restituire tutti i telegrammi e i conseguenti versamenti ai singoli mittenti, talche', a condizione che tale trasmissione non costituisca pregiudiziale alcuna per la soluzione definitiva del problema di cui sopra, saremo per proporre la trasmissione a qualsiasi condizione, comprese quelle proposte dalle Ditte Anglo-Americane interessate con la lettera a cui si risponde.

20/ Quanto sopra pare' nell'intesa che conseguentemente a tale consegna, versamento e trasmissione, il Governo Italiano dovrebbe essere autorizzato a trasmettere entro il giorno ~~25~~ dicembre (qualora entro tale data non fosse raggiunto un accordo consensuale), un comunicato ufficiale a mezzo stampa e radio per dare notizie dell'avvenuta sospensione del servizio per insormontabili difficoltà di esercizio.

IL SOTTOSCRITTO IL STATO
P.to Fano

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel. 489081 - Ext. 333

In reply
refer to: C.116/CS

6th December, 1944.

Subject: International Telegraph Traffic.

To: The Under Secretary of State for PP.TT. 24

1. Enclosed herewith copy of telegram received from the United States Embassy in Rome giving final proposal covering civilian telegraph traffic with the United States.
2. It will be noted that proposed rates only allow one terminal charge for all incoming traffic to Italy, while agreeing to some terminal charges for outgoing traffic.
3. While Cable and Wireless position is not yet definitely known, it is presumed that it will not differ widely from that given in the attached telegram except that rates will presumably be those already agreed to by Cable and Wireless.
4. It will be appreciated if you could inform us as to the Italian Government reply to this latest proposal and the action you propose taking with reference to messages now being held by Italcable.

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
A P O 394

6th December, 1944

In reply
refer to: C.116.90.CS

Subject : External Telegraph Communications from Italy

To : Sir Noel Charles
Mr. Alexander Kirk

1. The Italian Government has presented a claim made by the Italcables to a share in the tolls for paid telegraph messages passed over Italcable cables.
2. This claim has been forwarded to A.F.H.Q. for consideration.
3. As the matter may subsequently be of interest to your offices, a copy of the correspondence is enclosed for your information.

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

December 5, 1944

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Dear Commodore Stone:

With reference to my letter of November 18, 1944, I have just received a telegram from the State Department at Washington setting forth the Department's proposal regarding rates for the radio-telegraph circuit between Italy and the United States in the handling of civilian traffic. The Department states that this proposal, which is quoted in the enclosed memorandum, has been drawn up after consultation with the Federal Communications Commission and RCA with a view to arriving at a definite and coordinated position concerning the rates in question. The British Foreign Office, the Department adds, has been consulted through the Embassy in Washington, and while not committing itself regarding specific rates, is in provisional agreement with the general principles involving receipt by Italy of terminal charges and rental for physical facilities as well as Italian exclusion from any share in transmission tolls. The views of Cable and Wireless are not known.

Stating that on the basis of items 1 to 6 (see enclosed memorandum) RCAC is prepared to inaugurate the circuit immediately, the Department instructs me to bring the foregoing information at once to the attention of the Allied Commission and appropriate Italian authorities and to make every effort to obtain concurrence and early commencement of transmissions. I hope that you will cause steps to be taken to expedite the matter.

Sincerely yours,

A. M. H.

Enclosure:

1/ As stated

Commodore Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
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M E M O R A N D U M.

PROPOSAL REGARDING RATES FOR

RADIO-TELEGRAPH CIRCUIT BETWEEN

ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE

HANDLING OF ITALIAN CIVILIAN TRAFFIC.

- 1) That there will apply for all traffic from United States first zone to Italy the unified rate of 15 cents per word for full rate and code and that the Italian terminal charge will be 4 cents per word for full rate and code; 3 cents per word for LC and 2 cents per word for NLT and Government.
- 2) The rate of 15 cents per word for full rate and code traffic will apply for traffic Rome to zone one, United States; and RCAC will be paid for transatlantic handling 11 cents per word for full rate and code, 9 cents for LC and 5-1/2 cents per word NLT and Government.
- 3) The rate will be 19 cents for full rate and code for traffic originating in points ^{outside} Rome destined to zone one, United States; and RCAC will be paid, handling 11 cents per word for full rate and code, 9 cents for LC.
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- 5) RCAC to pay reasonable rental of Italian physical facilities.
- 6) There to be no participation by Italy in tolls in either direction for radio circuit itself which Italy does not operate.

December 5, 1944.

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2 December 1944

SUBJECT: External Telegraph Communications from Italy

TO : Mr. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles

1. With reference to the AFM telegram, copy attached, with the substance of which it is understood you have been acquainted through your diplomatic channels, it is recommended that action be initiated by your offices to hasten the decision on the subject.

2. The present position is awkward and must result in a most difficult situation if left for much longer.

Telegraph service to the U.S. and U.K. was declared open by public notice on 15th November and has not been closed; at the moment about a thousand telegrams are awaiting transmission and it is now becoming generally known that the messages are not being forwarded. Either the services must be opened very soon or a public notice must be issued stating that service has not been opened and arrangements made for cancellation of the messages and return of the money accepted for their transmission.

3. In view of the above, it is suggested that a communication be sent from your offices to the State Department, Washington, and the Foreign Office, London, respectively, substantially in the following form:

"PROPOSED THAT PUBLIC NOTICE BE ISSUED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CANCELLED TELEGRAPH SERVICE TO U.S. AND U.K. DURING QUESTION OF DIVISION OF TOLLS SETTLED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT."

HENRY W. STONE
Commodore, USN
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489081 Ext: 400

29th November, 1944

In reply
refer to: 6/17/68/CS

Subject : International Telegraph Traffic.

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

1. The enclosed copy of a letter from the Under-Secretary of State for Posts and Telegraphs is forwarded for consideration.
2. It would seem that a directive is required from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, based on consideration and recommendations of the Combined Communications Board.

By command of the Chief Commissioner:

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Incl: Letter from the U.S. of S. for PP.TT.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SEGRETERIA

November 20th, 1944

TO: ALLIED COMMISSION

Prot. No. 8/13/3925

Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission

Subject : Rights on International Telegraph Traffic.

1. I am sending you under the same cover a letter from the Italcable applying for the payment of the cable and radio tolls for the transmission of all paid private messages both military and civilians transmitted or received on the circuits since the occupation of Italy by the Allied Forces.

2. The undersigned fully acknowledges the justice of the Italcable's applications which he had not personally presented on the part of the Ministry owing to the fact that he has always felt and still feels that the operations of the Italcable's means of communication must be considered among the items which undoubtedly will be one of the assets of the settlement which will be made on the re-establishment of the normal conditions existing before the outbreak of the war.

3. For the same reason the Italian Administration had not until now considered it necessary to point out their right to the payment of the terminal taxes on the incoming and the outgoing traffic. In calling your attention to the claims of the Italcable Company I consider it advisable to make know that the Italian Administration is thoroughly convinced that all paid messages exchanged by Allied Authorities in Italy entail a right to the corresponding credit on the terminal taxes to the Italian Administration themselves.

An acknowledgement will oblige.

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE

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Direzione Generale I T A L C A B L E

November 18th, 1944

Commissario

Ris. 29

To: Allied Commission
Communications Sub-
Commission

ROME

Subject : SUBMARINE CABLES

With reference to letter CS/17/1/101 dated November 3rd from the Communications Sub-Commission, this Company wishes to make the following statements:

a) Italcable confirms its full and intact proprietorship of all Italcable submarine telegraph cables, and reserves all rights and privileges for their operation;

b) Italcable reserves itself the right to claim against any other temporary user or operating Company the tolls for paid telegraphs messages however transmitted over the above cables or parts thereof.

It is requested that the above statements, which are made with the consent of the Ministry of Communications, be noted by the Allied Commission and that an acknowledgement be favoured.

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Reur 7067 of 25 November.

Information received today from CCS that MAT 415 has been referred to FOREIGN OFFICE and STATE DEPARTMENT and that reply will be made directly by FOREIGN OFFICE and STATE DEPARTMENT. Substance of your signal has been passed to CCS to stress urgency and inform them of Italian Government suggestion.

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APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED MESSAGES NOT ADMITTING TRANSMISSION TO UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM DUE TO REFUSAL UNITED STATES AND BRITISH COMPANIES TO ACCEPT TRAFFIC PENDING DECISION DISPOSITION OF TOLLS COLLECTED IN ITALY PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS MADE URGENT REPRESENTATIONS TO THIS COMMISSION THAT TWO WAY SERVICE BE OPENED AT ONCE AND TO FACILITATE THIS HAS OFFERED TO PLACE AT DISPOSAL ALLIED COMMISSION ALL TOLL CHARGES COLLECTED IN ITALY PENDING RESOLUTION OF DIVISION OF TOLLS CONTROVERSY PD
PAGE TWO FROM ALCON HQ FROM STONE PAPER

REQUEST THAT RECOMMENDATION BE URGENTLY TRANSMITTED TO CHARLIE CHARLIE SUGAR THAT COMMERCIAL COMPANIES BE INSTRUCTED TO ACCEPT AND PASS TRAFFIC BOTH DIRECTIONS IMMEDIATELY ON BASIS YOUR MAT FOUR ONE FIVE MODIFIED AS ABOVE

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489081 Ext: 400

22nd November, 1945

In reply
refer to: 6/17/50/CS

Subject : Resumption of External Traffic Facilities

To : Mr. G.T. Edwards, Cable and Wireless.
Mr. T.D. Meola, R.C.A. Communications.
The Under-Secretary of State for P.P.T.
Dr. C. Martinato, Italcables.

1. Copies of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 19th November, are forwarded herewith.

2. Subsequent to this meeting, there have been the following communications made:

- a. From R.C.A., stating that they were only prepared to regard the settlement as being without prejudice if R.C.A. remains within Italy as a permanent operating company.
- b. From the Italian Government, stating that they were not prepared to accept the R.C.A. or C. & W. proposals.
- c. To A.F.M.Q. and the American and British Members of the Advisory Council from the Allied Commission, stating the position reached.

J.E. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner. ✓

(19) Incl: Minutes of Meeting.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

21st November, 1944

Minutes of the Fourth Meeting Held in the Office of the
Communications Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, on the
19th November, 1944, to Discuss Arrangements for the
Resumption of Civil Aerial Telegraph Facilities.

Present: Commodore E. V. Stone	Chief Commissioner
Colonel J. L. Henderson	Communications Sub-Commission
L. T. Col. H. H. Scudder	_____
Mr. G. T. Edwards	Cable and Wireless
Mr. T. D. Hoole	R.C.A. Communications
Dr. E. Fano	Ministry of Communications
Comm. Osti	_____
Dr. Martinato	Telecables

Colonel J. L. Henderson presided.

Colonel Henderson stated that some correspondence had taken place since the last meeting which required discussion, in the hope that agreement could be reached on outstanding points. Both Allied communication companies had forwarded instructions from their Head Offices that Article 4 as drafted at the last meeting was unacceptable. Their replies had been passed to the Italian Government who had re-stated and amplified their proposal. This had been resubmitted to the Allied companies, who had replied with objections and further proposals.

Commodore Stone queried the statement in the Italian Government's proposal that settlement should wait till after the war.

Dr. Fano said that this was not in fact the intention of his Government and agreed that the proposal should read 'until definite agreement is reached as soon as possible'.

Mr. Hoole and Mr. Edwards confirmed that this had in fact caused

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no difficulty as the phrase had not been included in their statements to their Head Offices.

Commander Stone queried the term 'transit tolls' being used in the sense of the toll charged between operating terminals.

Mr. Paola said that the R.C.A. term was 'radio toll'.

Mr. Edwards said that the C.A.W. term was 'toll'.

It was agreed that no confusion had been caused, everybody having understood what was meant, but that the use of the expression 'transit toll' (which has another meaning) should be avoided.

Colonel Henderson then proposed to deal with the situation with the companies separately. Starting with R.C.A., he said that he had proposed to the Italian Government on R.C.A.'s behalf that they were prepared to offer reasonable rental for the physical facilities used by them for this service, but that they did not admit any right of Italcables to any share of the radio tolls nor were they prepared to admit of any part being temporarily withheld from them.

Dr. Fano said that he would put this proposal before his Government, but they would certainly require agreement from R.C.A. that the settlement was to be regarded as provisional and that the Italcables had a right to a claim.

Mr. Paola said that he would represent this to his Head Office for a further statement.

Colonel Henderson then asked Mr. Edwards whether he was correct in having placed before the Italian Government the C.A.W. offer that while they could offer no rental for the facilities nor agree to any part of the toll being withheld from their company, they were prepared to concede the Italian right to claim a share.

Mr. Edwards confirmed that this was the position, and said that while his Company did not consider the Italians had any right to any share, he regarded the question as a matter to be settled between Governments and beyond his scope.

Colonel Henderson then asked Dr. Fano if he would be prepared to place the C.A.W. proposal before his Government.

Dr. Fano said that he would do so, although he had already been instructed to reject this offer.

Dr. Martignat offered the suggestion that, as it was only the Italcable share of the tolls that was in question, the offer should be made to Cable and Wireless that all toll revenues should be paid to Cable and Wireless except the amount in dispute.

Lt. Col. Boddier supported this suggestion.

Colonel Henderson said that he thought that this offer would only delay the issue. While it was true that the amount in dispute only formed a part of the total revenues, it was exactly this part that was in question, and that withholding this part would meet the same objections from Cable and Wireless.

Mr. Edwards said that his Company would not be at all likely to accept this offer.

After discussion it was agreed to take no action on the suggestion.

Colonel Henderson then produced a scale of tariff charges proposed

by the Italian Government for the communications with America via R.C.A., based on the P.C.C. rate structure and incorporating a second zone for Italy.

Mr. Spola pointed out that the proposed tariff was not in accord with the P.C.C. rate structure as figures had been taken from a wrong column.

Mr. Fano then pointed out that if the correct column was taken, it meant that the U.S. second zone charges were different from what had been thought, and that the Italian second zone charges would have to be revised.

Colonel Henderson withdrew the tariff table and said that he would produce another on behalf of the Italian Government, for agreement by R.C.A. and Italcables.

The meeting then closed.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 311.22-16

22 November 1944

SUBJECT: Resumption of Italian cable and radio traffic

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394

Reference your 6750 of 20 November, herewith for information copy of
MC OUT 5555 of 21 November.

(17) For the ASST. CHIEF OF STAFF, G-5

/s/ T. B. Jackman
Lt. Colonel.

Incl:

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TO FOR ACTION: ACWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC

FOR INFO : CENTRAL DISTRICT UK BASE SECTION (LONDON) FOR BRITISH CHIEFS
OF STAFF AND HQ COMZONE MAIN (ETOUISA)

REF NO : EX 55730

SIGNED : WILSON

CITE: FHREG

MAT 415

Reference MAT 396 of 10 November.

Resumption Italian civil radio and cable traffic with U.S. and U.K. is subject.

1. Disagreement concerning allocation revenues is delaying resumption traffic.

2. Situation summarized below.

(A) Cable and wireless rate basis agreed as prewar gold franc rate at 33 lire to gold franc. RCA rate structure apparently agreed to by FCC on provisional basis and opening of service feasible.

(B) Italian Government proposal for division of revenues:

1. Terminal charges credited as usual to British, American, and Italian Governments or agencies. No disagreement on this.

2. Pending agreement on division of transmission tolls, incoming traffic tolls to be kept by British or American Government (A.P.) agencies, outgoing traffic tolls to be kept by Italian Government or deposited in local bank nominated by British or American Companies, in blocked account. As recommended by this Headquarters, local expenses incurred by British or American Companies, resulting from this service, would be paid out of this account.

3. Cable and wireless do not agree to temporary withholding from it of any portion of transit tolls and not willing to offer any rental for facilities. Company concedes settlement can be considered provisional and open to final adjudication.

4. RCA does not agree to provisional withholding from it of any portion of transit tolls nor concedes possible Italian right to

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3. Cable and wireless do not agree to temporary withholding from it of any portion of transit tolls and not willing to offer any rental for facilities. Company concedes settlement can be considered provisional and open to final adjudication.

4. RCA does not agree to provisional withholding from it of any portion of transit tolls nor concedes possible Italian right to share of toll revenue as long as RCA is in ITALY on Allied Military authority. Company admits possibility of claim if RCA were to establish permanent office. Company prepared to pay rental for physical facilities used for this service.

5. Representative Italian Government presenting proposals paras 3 and 4 to his Government but doubtful of acceptance.

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MAT 415 Continued: ---

6. Basis Italian Government stand is that, on behalf Italian cables and radio, Government must insist on right to share in commercial traffic transmission tolls for use of buildings, equipment, cables, and other facilities, and to compensate for infringement of concessionary rights for which Italian Government is paid by Italian Companies.

7. It is view both Allied Commission and this Headquarters that attempts at this time to enforce settlement of commercial questions on behalf British and American Communication Companies would be considered by Italian Government as not in accord with our current political Italian policy as understood by that Government.

8. Italian Government proposal is considered reasonable and deposit of radio and cable transit tolls in blocked account pending final agreement on division is considered fair provisional solution.

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ALL PROBLEMS REGARDING RESUMPTION ITALIAN CIVIL RADIO AND CABLEGRAM TRAFFIC WITH UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM STILL NOT RESOLVED PD SITUATION BRIEFLY AS FOLLOWS PD PARA ONE PD RATE QUESTION SETTLED WITH CABLE AND WIRELESS ON BASIS PREWAR GOLD FRANC RATES AT THREE THREE LIRE TO GOLD FRANC PD NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR WITH ROGER CHARLIE ABLE ON FOR CHARLIE CHARLIE PROPOSED RATE STRUCTURE CMA BUT PROVISIONAL BASIS AGREED AND OPENING OF SERVICE FEASIBLE PD PARA TWO PD DIVISION OF REVENUES PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSED THAT PAREN ONE PAREN TERMINAL CHARGES BE CREDITED TO AMERICAN BRITISH AND ITALIAN AGENCIES OR GOVERNMENTS AS USUAL PD THERE IS NO DISAGREEMENT ON THIS POINT PD PAREN TWO PAREN PENDING AGREEMENT ON DIVISION OF TOLLS ~~WHA~~ FOR RADIO OR CABLE TRANSMISSION CMA THE TOLLS FROM INCOMING TRAFFIC TO BE RETAINED BY AMERICAN OR BRITISH AGENCIES OR GOVERNMENTS CMA THE TOLLS FROM OUTGOING TRAFFIC TO BE RETAINED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ²³³⁰ PLACED IN BLOCKED ACCOUNT IN LOCAL BANK NOMINATED BY AMERICAN OR BRITISH COMPANIES PD AS RECOMMENDED BY AFHQ CMA LOCAL EXPENSES INCURRED BY AMERICAN

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PARA SIX PD IT APPEARS TO THIS COMMISSION THAT ATTEMPTS AT THIS ²⁰⁰⁹ TO ENFORCE ANY SETTLEMENT ON COMMERCIAL QUESTIONS ON BEHALF OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH COMMUNICATION COMPANIES CMA WHICH ENTERED ITALY UNDER THE ARMISTICE TERMS FOR HANDLING ALLIED GOVERNMENT TRAFFIC ONLY CMA WOULD BE VIEWED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AS AN ARBITRARY EXERCISE OF CONTROL POWERS UNDER ARMISTICE AND NOT IN ACCORD WITH WHAT THEY UNDERSTAND TO

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BE OUR CURRENT POLITICAL POLICY TOWARDS ITALY PD PARA SEVEN PD THIS
COMMISSION CONSIDERS THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL IS NOT
UNREASONABLE AND THAT CMA PENDING FINAL AGREEMENT ON DIVISION OF RADIO
AND CABLE TOLLS CMA DEPOSITION OF THESE REVENUES IN BLOCKED ACCOUNT
IS FAIR PROVISIONAL SOLUTION PD THIS PROPOSAL ALSO ACCORDS WITH YOUR
ADVICE IN FOX FOUR NINE SEVEN THREE FOUR PD PARA EIGHT PD THEREFORE
REQUEST THAT ABOVE BE TRANSMITTED TO CHARLIE CHARLIE SUGAR WITH
RECOMMENDATION THAT ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL BE AUTHORIZED AND
AMERICAN AND BRITISH AGENCIES BE ASKED TO ACCEPT PD PARA NINE PD COPIES
OF THIS MESSAGE HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO AMERICAN AND BRITISH MEMBERS
ADVISORY COUNCIL

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 439081 Ext: 555

20th November, 1944

In reply
refer to: 6/17/44/CS

Subject : Resumption Italian Civil Radio and Cablegram Traffic
with U.S. and U.K.

To : A.F.H.Q.

✓ (SENT AS TELEGRAM)

All problems regarding resumption Italian civil radio and cablegram traffic with U.S. and U.K. still not resolved. Situation briefly as follows:

1. Rate question; settled with Cable and Wireless on basis pre-war gold franc rates at 33 lire to gold franc. Not entirely clear with R.C.A. on F.C.C. proposed rate structure, but provisional basis agreed and opening of service feasible.
2. Division of revenues: Italian Government proposed that
 - a. terminal charges be credited to American, British and Italian agencies or Governments as usual. There is no disagreement on this point.
 - b. Pending agreement on division of tolls, ^{for} Radio or Cable transmission, the tolls from incoming traffic to be retained by American or British agencies or Governments, the tolls from outgoing traffic to be retained by Italian Government or placed in blocked account in local bank nominated by American or British companies. As recommended by A.F.H.Q., local expenses incurred by American or British companies as a result of this service would be paid out forthwith.
3. R.C.A. will not agree to any part of tolls being provisionally held back from them nor concede possible Italian right to any claim of share of toll revenue while R.C.A. here on Allied Military authority though they admit possibility of claim if R.C.A. were to establish permanent office. R.C.A. are prepared to pay rental for use of physical facilities used for this service. Italian Government representative presenting proposal to his Government but doubtful of acceptance.

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4. Cable and Wireless will not agree to any part of tolls being temporarily held back from them and are not prepared to offer any rental for facilities. They concede that settlement can be regarded as provisional and open to final adjudication. Italian Government representative presenting proposal to his Government but doubtful of acceptance.

5. Italian Government stand is taken on basis that, on behalf of Italcables and Italcable, they must claim right to share in transmission tolls on commercial traffic for use of buildings, equipment, cables and other physical facilities and as compensation for infringement of concessionary rights for which Italian companies pay Italian Government.

6. It appears to this Commission that attempts at this stage to enforce any settlement on commercial questions on behalf of American and British communications Companies, which entered Italy under the Armistice terms for handling Allied Government traffic only, would be viewed by the Italian Government as an arbitrary exercise of control powers under Armistice and not in accord with what they understand to be our current political policy towards Italy.

7. This Commission considers that Italian Government proposal is not unreasonable and that, pending final agreement on division of Radio and Cable tolls, deposition of the revenues in blocked account is fair provisional solution. This proposal also accords with your advice in F 49734.

8. Therefore request that above be transmitted to C.C.S. with recommendation that Italian Government proposal be authorised and American and British agencies be asked to accept.

9. Copies of this message have been delivered to American and British members advisory council.

For the Chief Commissioner:

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR.
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: Hon. Alexander Kirk, American Representative on Advisory Council.
Sir Noel Charles, British Representative on Advisory Council.

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Rome, November 18, 1944

URGENT

Dear Commodore Stone: (13)

1/ With reference to my memorandum transmitted to you under date of November 15, 1944, enclosing a copy of a telegram from the Department of State at Washington, quoting a communication with respect to rates on the radio - telegraph circuit between the United States and Italy, I am enclosing in paraphrase a subsequent telegram just received from the Department in this general connection.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander Kirk

Enclosure:

1/ As stated

Commodore Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM FROM
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DATED NOVEMBER 17, 1944

The Federal Communications Commission's letter of November 14 which the Department quoted in its telegram no. 430* of the 14th of November constituted the specific authority referred to by you in your telegram of November 15.** Headquarters R.C.A. New York moreover, has been further advised of same schedule by F.C.C. It is requested that this be made very clear by you to the representative of R.C.A. and that you insist on the starting of the service.

R.C.A. has been requested by F.C.C. that the latter be supplied with a table of similar nature to that supplied to you in telegram 430 from the Department which would be shown the conception of the Italian Government regarding the rates to Rome and to points beyond that city from the first U. S. zone; also regarding rates to first U. S. zone from Rome and points beyond it (four tables). Also advice is requested as to the proposed Italian participation in the rates proposed by them. When the Commission receives such tables, clarification desired by the R.C.A. representative and referred to in your telegram** of the 15th of November will be considered by the Commission.

*The telegram referred to here was quoted in enclosure to the memorandum for Commodore Ellery Stone from the United States Representative on the Advisory Council for Italy, delivered on November 15, 1944.

**The telegram referred to here reported that the R.C.A. manager in Rome was not prepared to transmit messages which were coming into his office until specific authority from F.C.C. was received by him, and until clarification was received regarding rate structure, and particularly as regards terminal charges.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489081 Ext: 400

16th November, 1944.

In reply
refer to: 6/17/24/CS.

Subject : External Telegram

To : The Under Secret

1. Copies of letter
the reply sent on your behalf
I have since been notified that
Wireless is unchanged and the
make.

2. Copy of a telegram from R.C.A. is attached at
Enclosure 2. Apart from the unsettled question of the charges
for Italy outside Rome, this means that R.C.A. also require
all charges other than the Italian terminal toll to be paid
to them.

3. May I have your comment on 2. as soon as possible
please. You will appreciate that unless you agree that these
amounts are to be paid to the Allied operating agencies,
service to both countries must close.

4. Your attention is drawn to the point that Cable
and Wireless require this settlement to be on a permanent
basis.

For Chief Commissioner.

*I am awaiting the Station
Supt. reply. Dr. Taro is going
to discuss with the P.M.*

16 Nov.

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J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel
Director.

Incl: 1. C.&W. letter and reply.
2. R.C.A. telegram.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 459081 Ext: 555

15th November, 1944

In reply
refer to: 4/21/96/CS

Subject : Resumption of Italian Civil Telegraph Facilities
to U.K.

To : The Divisional Manager, Cable and Wireless
Limited, Mediterranean.

1. Reference your L.217 dated 14th November, it is regretted that the proposed provisional disposal of the transit charge on outgoing telegrams passed via Cable and Wireless is not acceptable to your company.

2. The Italian Government has been approached in regard to para. 2 of your letter and is not prepared to reach a permanent agreement at the present juncture which would contain as part of the agreement a clause that the Italian Company should not receive any part of the revenue other than Terminal charges.

3. You will appreciate that if both sides hold to their statements, service cannot be opened until the rights of the Italian Government and the Italian Company are finally determined.

4. On behalf of the Italian Government, I have to request whether your Company will make any alternative proposal which would enable a service to commence on a provisional basis. If the objection is to the revenue being held by the Italian Government, possible agreement might be reached if it were to be held by a nominated bank in a blocked account. It is unlikely that any proposal which placed all revenue other than the Italian terminal charge at the disposal of your Company would be acceptable to the Italian authorities.

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J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director.

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C O P Y

Cable and Wireless Limited
Office of the Divisional Manager Mediterranean

November 14th, 1944

Ref: L. 217

Sir,

RESUMPTION OF ITALIAN CIVILIAN TELEGRAPH FACILITIES.

With reference to Article 4 of the proposed Traffic Agreement between the British and American Companies on the one hand and the Italian Company on the other hand, the text of which reads as follows:

"The tariff charges in Italy shall be collected by the Italian Government. Of these, the terminal charges may be disposed of by them to the Italian Company and to the State Posts and Telegraphs services in accordance with their agreements with the Italian Company. The transit charge shall be available to the American and British Companies, only to the extent necessary to meet their local operating expenses incurred as a result of this service. The balance of the transit charges shall be held by the Italian Government without prejudice to any future settlement.

The revenues collected outside Italy shall be held by the Authorities concerned (Allied Government departments or operating Agencies) without prejudice to any future settlement.

The foregoing two paragraphs of Article 4 remain effective only until a directive is obtained from A.F.H.Q. and agreed upon by the Governments and Companies involved".

I have to inform you that my Company considers this totally unsatisfactory and holds the view that the opening of the service should be postponed until a permanent arrangement is reached which does not provide for the Italian Company retaining revenue other than their Terminal Charges.

I wish further to inform you that my Company maintains that any question of the future Italian ownership of their pre-war cables is for the Peace Treaty to determine and points out the absurdity of contemplating payment at this stage to the Italian Company, when any chance of reparation in cash or kind, for the extreme damage both strategic and financial done to British cables is extremely nebulous.

I am, Sir,
Yours truly,

/s/ Edwards

Divisional Manager,
Mediterranean.

Col. J. L. Henderson,
Communications Sub-Committee,
Allied Commission

11 Nov '44

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RETURN ALL TRAFFIC TO ITALCABLE PENDING THEIR AGREEMENT
TO THE FOLLOWING (1) THAT FOR ALL TRAFFIC FROM US TO
ITALY ITALCABLE WILL RECEIVE 4 CENTS FOR FULL RATE AND
ODE 3 CENTS FOR LC AND 2 CENTS FOR HLT AND GOVT STOP
(2) FOR TRAFFIC ITALY TO US ZONE 1 ITALCABLE WILL PAY
US 11 CENTS FOR FULL RATE AND ODE 5 CENTS FOR LC AND
5-1/2 CENTS FOR HLT AND GOVT STOP FOR OTHER US ZONES
ESTABLISHED PAYOUTS WOULD BE ADDED TO THESE AMOUNTS STOP
THIS WILL LEAVE 4 CENTS.

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

15 November 1944

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMODORE ELLERY W. STONE

With reference to the Memorandum from the United States Representative on the Advisory Council for Italy addressed to you under date of 11 November 1944, transmitting in paraphrase a communication received by the Department of State at Washington from the Federal Communications Commission with respect to rates on the radio-telegraph circuit between the United States and Italy, there is enclosed a copy of a telegram just received from the Department quoting a further communication from the Commission on that subject.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT
OF STATE

15 November 1944

With further reference to rates on radiotelegraph circuit between the US and Italy there are quoted hereunder pertinent portions of letter of November 14 from Federal Communications Commission.

*The Commission today considered the contents of the message transmitted to the Department of State from Mr. Kirk in Rome Italy advising that the Italian Government has made the proposal on a provisional basis to open the service at the rates proposed by this Commission provided it may collect an additional charge of four cents per word for all points in Italy other than Rome with proportional reductions for other classifications. The Commission understands that this proposal would provide rates for messages from all points in Italy other than Rome to Zone 1 on the USA as follows: full rate and code dollars .19 deferred .15 night letter .095 government plain language and code .095. The Commission further understands that the rates from Rome to the 1st Zone in the US will be as follows: full rate and code dollars .15 deferred .12 night letter .075 government plain language and code .075. In order that the service may be immediately instituted the Commission is prepared to permit RACA to put into effect the foregoing inbound rates on a provisional basis. You are further advised that the Commission adheres to the following outbound rates from Zone 1 in the US to all of Italy: full rate and code dollars .15 deferred .12 night letter .075 government plain language and code .075. It is assumed that out of the foregoing inbound and outbound rates the Italian Administration will receive uniform payouts of dollars .04 for full rate and code dollars .03 for deferred and dollars .02 for night letter and government messages."

You may advise all interested authorities of the foregoing.

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RESTRICTED AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE OF ADVISORY COUNCIL HAS STATED THAT
 FOR CHARLIE CHARLIE SUBJECT TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ORIGINAL PROPOSALS
 AND HAS REQUESTED US TO SECURE ITALIAN GOVT CONCURRENCE IN RATES SET
 FORTH IN ROGER CHARLIE AILE CHARLIE LICENSE FOR NAPLES AND ROME
 COMMUNICATIONS PD

PAGE THREE FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM ALCOM FROM HENDERSON SIGNED STONE PAGE
 ITALIAN GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO AGREE TO OPENING OF SERVICE ON PROVISIONAL
 BASIS OF FOX CHARLIE CHARLIE RATES ORA SUBJECT TO ADDITION OF FOUR
 CENTS FOR ALL AREAS OF ITALY OUTSIDE ROME CITY PD THIS ACCORDS WITH RATE
 PATTERN FOR AMERICA BY WHICH MINIMUM OF FOUR CENTS IS ADDED OUTSIDE
 NEW YORK CITY PAREN AND A FEW OTHER LOCAL AREAS PAREN PD THIS RATE IS
 FOR BASIC ORDINARY TELEGRAMS AND IS SUBJECT TO PROPORTIONATE REDUCTION
 ON DEFERRED OR LETTER TELEGRAMS PD ADVISE EARLIEST IF US AUTHORITIES
 WILL AGREE ON THIS BASIS

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11 November 1944

A communication received from the Federal Communications Commission by the State Department is given (in paraphrase) below:

The Federal Communications Commission has been informed that the handling of commercial and personal telegrams between the United States and Italy will be resumed, effective November 15, 1944. By the Italian Government or by Italcable will be performed the service of pick-up and delivery in Italy beyond the terminal of RCA Inc. in Rome.

The Commission has been advised by RCAC that over the objections of RCAC it was agreed at a recent meeting in Rome of representatives of the Italian Government, Italcable, Cable & Wireless, RCAC and Allied Commission that the rates (proposed) to be charged would be the rates which prior to the war were in effect; further that the proposal to establish the prewar rates was concurred in by the Allied Commission.

It will be recalled that when RCAC was authorized by the Commission to communicate with Italy, it required that there be established a basic unified ordinary plain language and code rate of fifteen cents per word, a deferred rate of twelve cents per word, and letter and Government rate of seven and one-half cents per word. The rates before the war were 27 cents per word from Italy to New York, ordinary full rate word from New York to Italy and 46 cents per word from Italy to New York. For the other classifications, the rates were in accordance with those specified by the International Telegraph Regulations.

It is the firm opinion of the Commission that the basis upon which service to and from Italy should be re-established should be the unified rates prescribed as a condition to the RCAC license. When like attempts were made to depart from the principle of such a rate structure in the case of the Radio-France-RCAC circuit, it was vigorously insisted that this rate pattern be the one followed. As a result of that instance, the rate pattern, with respect to traffic to and from France, is now in effect.

The Department is therefore urged by the Commission to request the representatives in Italy of this Government to insist upon the maintenance, for the traffic between the United States and Italy, of the existing RCAC rate pattern.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TEJ/LMP/rns

11 November 1944

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FILE: G-5/383.8

SUBJECT: Resumption Civil External Telegraph.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394,
(Attention: Communications Sub-Commission).

1. Reference is made to your cable message No. 6109 of 6 November and our reply F 49754 of 8 November, both on above subject.

2. There is attached hereto copy of MAT 396, dated 10 November, which was dispatched in effort to secure clarification of the rate problem which was reported to this Headquarters via telephone conversation, Col. Souder - Capt. Pumphrey, on 9 November.

3. As indicated in para 1 of our message F 49754 of 6 November, it is regarded that the matter of rates to be charged is one for settlement between Cable and Wireless and RCA, on the one hand, and the Italian Government on the other hand. It will be appreciated that the type of rate structure adopted is immaterial to this Headquarters. In the case of RCA it is understood that the rates supplied by the Company are subject to approval of the Federal Communications Commission.

4. You will be notified immediately of reply of CCC to proposal that, if FCC concurs, RCA be authorized to utilize the pre-war rates as interim arrangement pending final agreement as to rate basis between RCA, FCC, and the Italian Government.

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


T. E. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel

1 Encl.
As above.

cc Combined Signals Board.

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TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC

FOR INFO : CENTRAL DISTRICT UK BASE SECTION (LONDON) FOR BRITISH CHIEFS
OF STAFF AND HQ COMZCNE MAIN (ETOUSLA)

REF NO : FX 50626

SIGNED : WILSON

CITE: FHCBG

MAT 396

Reference TAM 345 and MAT 388

Resumption of public cable and radio communications from
liberated ITALY is subject.

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rates at 33 lire to franc adopted. These are only rates presently available
in ITALY. RCA rates, however, are on different basis and RCA under instruction
from Federal Communications Commission not to add Italian terminal charge to
their rates.

2. In order that traffic may begin from here about 15 November
it is proposed that, if FCC concurs, RCA be authorized to utilize the pre-war
rates as interim measure pending final agreement between RCA, FCC, and Italian
Government as to rate basis.

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MR MACMILLAN
US POLAD
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OF STAFF AND HQ COMZONE MAIN (ETOUSA)

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MR MACMILLAN
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Resumption civil external telegraph. Ref your 6109 of 6 Nov 44.

Para 1. Rates to be charged: RCA and cable and wireless should supply Italian administration immediately with rates for transit toll and distant terminal charge. Both entitled to furnish their existing rate rates which need not be identical as to amount or basis. Italian Government should set Italian terminal charge and domestic landline rate.

Para 2. Problem of appropriate basis of revenue allocation will be referred to CCS. Pending their decision, recommend that total amount of Italian terminal charge and landline toll be made available to Italian Government. RCA and C and F should be authorized to draw upon remainder of charges collected to extent necessary to cover local expenses, without prejudice to final agreement as to their share of the charges collected.

Para 3. Traffic should begin on 15 November in accordance with above arrangements.

Para 4. The terms under which RCA and C and F may transfer their share of lira revenues into dollars or sterling will have to be proposed to us by the CCS.

Para 5. We shall delay referring these matters to the CCS until receiving further comment from you. In accord with: Combined Signals.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 311.22-16

7 November 1944

SUBJECT: Resumption of Telegraph Facilities for Civilians.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to AG letter 311.22/177 GBI-0 of 3 Nov published at the instance of G-2 (CC) without co-ordination with G-5.

2. It has been agreed by G-2 (CC) and G-2 (CI) that the facilities for private and family cable messages should be limited to those provinces to and out of which financial and commercial cables are to be allowed. It has also been agreed that paragraph 3 of the letter is out of date and that the phrase in paragraph 5 as to charges needs rectification.

3. It is proposed to publish a new letter but in the meantime it is requested that you will work on the letter as amended in light of the above.

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

T. D. JACKMAN
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Minutes of the second Meeting Held in the Office of
the Communications Sub-Commission, Allied Commission,
on 6th November, 1944, to Discuss Arrangements for
the Resumption of Civil External Telegraph Facilities.

Present: Colonel J.L. Henderson	Communications Sub-Com.
Lt. Col. H.K. Sudder	Communications Sub-Com.
Major R. E. Allman	Civil Censorship
Lieut. R.D. Amati	Civil Censorship
Mr. G.T. Edwards	Cable and Wireless
Mr. T.D. Meola	R.C.A. Communications
Dr. M. Fano	Ministry of Communications
Comm. Dotti	Ministry of Communications
Sig. Mareucci	Ministry of Communications
Dr. Martinate	Italcables
Sig. Piccoli	Italcables
Sig. Spasiano	Italcables

Colonel J.L. Henderson presided.

Copies of the minutes of the First Meeting held on 2nd November 1944, were distributed to all present and Colonel Henderson asked for any criticism thereof. Mr. Edwards asked that the following insertion be made after the last paragraph on page 4 of the minutes: "Mr. Edwards stated also that balances accruing in gold francs would be credited in gold equivalent, namely 3.061 gold francs to the dollar, 4.03 dollars to the pound. As the Italian Administration had no means of doing this, he had applied to British Military authorities to accept the balances regularly and credit cable and wireless in sterling in London. He stated that the R.C.A. were able to credit dollars in New York through U.S. Military authorities in Italy". It was then agreed that the minutes, with the above addition, be taken as passed.

The Operating Agencies presented a draft Traffic Agreement. This had been drawn up by Italcable and discussed at a meeting of the operating agencies, but was not agreed in all respects. The Draft Agreement was then discussed in detail.

The Preamble. Mr. Moala objected to the implications in the preamble that Italcable had the right to assume the eventual validity of the proposed agreements. He stated that his New York Office would not accept such a statement being included in the agreement. Colonel Henderson said that the Allied Commission was also not in a position to accept this statement without the consent of the Allied Governments.

It was agreed that the preamble should be amended to avoid these criticisms.

Article 3. Mr. Moala said that R.C.A. had not agreed to the tariffs being resumed on a gold franc basis. It was agreed that a further statement by R.C.A., who were understood to be representing the matter to the F.C.C., was required.

Article 4. A lengthy discussion took place on the matter of the division of revenues. In the end it was agreed that, pending final agreement, there were two alternatives possible on a provisional basis: (1) income to be divided into toll and terminal tolls, the first to be credited to the Allied operating agency, the second to be at the disposal of the Italian Government, or (2) income to be held by the Italian Government and divided subsequently according to later agreement.

The first proposal was advocated by the Allied operating agencies (Mr. Moala and Mr. Edwards), on the grounds that the bulk of the transmission expenses were made by these agencies. Mr. Moala stated that the R.C.A. used a negligible amount of Italcable facilities, and that he could not admit on behalf of R.C.A. that Italcable had any right to any part of the toll charges.

Mr. Edwards said that although G. & W. used Italcable cables and some Italcable equipment, this might have to be considered against the losses incurred by G. & W. as the result of Italian actions during the war; on behalf of G. & W. he was not prepared to admit the right of Italcable to any part of the toll charges.

The second proposal was advocated by the Italian Government and Italcable. Dr. Barban to outlined his reasons, which he wished to present later in the form of a memorandum. He claimed the right of Italcables to a proportion of the toll income, partly because use was being made of Italcable facilities, partly because the company's concessionary monopoly rights were being used, and partly because as a practical point a source of cash income was necessary to meet the expenses of Italcables incurred in maintaining the staff required eventually to operate the services. He pointed out that the settlement might well be delayed until after the conclusion of hostilities; during the whole of this time under the other proposal the Italcable would not be in receipt of any share of the toll income. He remarked that leaving the toll income with the Italian Government, although it would always be available for refund in accordance with any later agreement, would in fact provide immediate liquid cash. Dr. Fano supported this view.

Colonel Henderson said that the two proposals could not be reconciled and that he would represent the matter for advice by the Allied authorities. He said that in any case either method of division would be purely provisional.

Article 5. Mr. Scott objected to the second part of this article. After discussion it was agreed that the following should be substituted: "The question of compensation for the use of Italcable facilities (to include concessionary rights), including retroactive settlement, will be made the subject of separate negotiations".

Article 6. The re-definition was agreed. It was pointed out that neutral Governments traffic should now be routed via Italcables and no longer direct into the Allied operating agencies. It was agreed that this would be effected by notification by the Allied Commission to the parties concerned. It was also agreed that the following statement be added: "All classes of Allied traffic at present being handled by the Allied operating agencies are not affected in any way by anything in the terms of this agreement". 2209

Article 7. It was agreed to substitute the word "Civil" for "Military".

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Article 13. It is agreed to insert the word "and" after the
the contracting parties after the word "agreed" in the
proposed text.

The proposed articles and the enclosure were agreed.

The meeting then closed.

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APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

4th November, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/6/17/

Subject : Civil Cable - or Radio-grams.

To : Distribution Below.

The minutes of the meeting held at the Allied
Commission on the 2nd November, 1944, are enclosed.

Telephone : 489081
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J. L. Henderson
J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director

TO: The Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission. ✓
Lt. Col. L. P. Reeves, R.A.A.C. Signals.
Civil Censorship Group
The Under-Secretary of State for PP. TT.
Cable and Wireless Ltd. Rome.
R.C.A. Communications Inc., Rome
Italcables, Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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4 November 1944

Minutes of Meeting Held in Office of Communications Sub-
Commission, Allied Commission, on 2nd November, 1944, to
Discuss Arrangements for Resumption of Civil External
Telegraph Facilities.

Present: Commodore E. W. Stone	Acting Chief Commissioner
Colonel J. L. Henderson	Communications Sub-Com.
Lt. Col. H. H. Scudder	_____**_____
Lt. Col. L. P. Reeves	R.A.A.C. Signals
Major R. N. Allman	Civil Censorship
Lieut. R. D. Arnott	_____**_____
Mr. C. Nias	Cable and Wireless
Mr. G. T. Edwards	_____**_____
Mr. T. D. Meola	R.C.A. Communications
Mr. J. E. Stock	_____**_____
Dr. M. Fano	Ministry of Communications
Comma. Osti	_____**_____
Sig. Marcucci	_____**_____
Dr. Martinato	Italcable
Sig. Piccoli	_____**_____
Sig. Spasiano	_____**_____

Colonel J. L. Henderson presided.

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Col. Henderson stated that permission had been received for the resumption of civil telegraph facilities for personal telegrams by cable or radio from Italy to the United States and United Kingdom and their possessions (less those in enemy occupation), and that the proposed opening date was 15th November, 1944. He said that there were three points to be covered by this meeting in which the Allied Commission was directly interested; (1) to see that a system was agreed upon between the agencies and departments concerned that would permit the opening of the communications by the date proposed; (2) to see that any difficulties that arose by reason of the Allied occupation were dealt with, and (3) to ensure censorship control. The other points that would arise such as rates, method of handling etc., were not the concern of the Allied Commission, except to try and get agreement reached.

Commodore Stone said that the Allied Commission had the further interest that they wanted to ensure that any temporary arrangements now made did not prejudice any future claim of Italcables to enter the field which they occupied before the war or to regain control of the circuits which they previously controlled.

Col. Henderson pointed out that this was in fact being borne in mind, and that the method of operation put up for discussion was the one proposed by Italcable themselves, and was based on the idea that the system could without difficulty revert to pre-war arrangements. Italcable was being brought into the operating routine with this object in view.

Commodore Stone replied that he was not sure that the proposal submitted by Italcable would adequately cover them in that respect. He suggested that paragraph 2 of the proposed agreement should be amended so as to emphasize this point of view, and in particular that the words 'the existing' should be deleted.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Italcable proposals, suitably amended to ensure that any temporary arrangements now made would in no way prejudice their future position, were acceptable as a basis for the operating routine.

Commodore Stone then raised the question of routing. He pointed out that if all U.S. traffic were routed by R.C.A. and U.K. and British Empire traffic by Cable and Wireless, this would have the effect firstly of denying any American cable company from participating in the U.S. traffic, as R.C.A. is a radio operating company only, and secondly of denying to R.C.A. any traffic, to India for example, to which they have a service.

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Col. Henderson said that he did not think that there was any intention to bar the use of cable circuits to the U.S. but this aspect did not appear to have received consideration. Owing to the urgency of the matter he suggested that the proposed routing should be adopted as a purely provisional solution so as to avoid any necessity to delay the opening of service, and that the matter should be raised with the necessary authorities.

Commodore Stone raised the question of following sender's routing instructions i.e., the sender should specify R.C.A. or Cable and Wireless and this specification would be followed. This would be following pre-war practice in other countries.

Mr. Meola pointed out that the proposed routing was only a temporary measure and was Italcable's own proposal. There was in fact nothing in the agreement that said that messages for U.S. could not go by cable via Gibraltar (C. & W.) and the Azores, and so reach American cable companies. As representing the only American operating company, Mr. Meola also made an objection to being excluded from British Empire traffic, and agreed with Commodore Stone that the sender might be permitted to specify the routing.

Col. Henderson said that he was not in favour of senders being permitted to specify routing as this would result in competition for business which might not be in accord with the policy desired by the Allied authorities.

After discussion it was agreed that, unless other division of traffic were agreed upon previous to 15 November, service would be opened on that date on the basis of U.S. and U.S. possessions via R.C.A., U.K. and British Empire via Cable and Wireless. The communication companies will include their recommendations on routing in a report to be rendered to the Communications Sub-Commission by Monday 6th, November 1944.

Mr. Meola raised the question of the type of traffic. He pointed out that in present circumstances in this theatre the traffic will have the lowest priority; he was not in favour of charging full rates for traffic that could not get first class service.

After discussion, it was agreed that LC and MLT/ELT traffic only would be accepted, LC traffic having priority over MLT/ELT traffic only.

Dr. Fano asked whether service to and from Italian Prisoners of War in the U.S. and British Empire would be permitted. 2202

Col. Henderson said that in his opinion such service could not be considered to be automatically included, as communications with P.O.W. fall into a special category. The question would however be raised by the Sub-Commission with the authorities concerned.

Col. Henderson raised the question of censorship with the object of deciding the points at which censorship would be effected and settling the accommodation problems involved.

Considerable discussion took place as to the advantages and disadvantages of effecting censorship at the radio terminals and cable heads, or at the accepting offices at Italcables.

No final decision was reached, but it was confirmed that suitable accommodation could be made available at any of the requisite places. The matter was left to Civil Censorship to make a final study and decision, Col. Henderson stating that he would be responsible that satisfactory arrangements were made.

Lt. Col. Scudder pointed out that Naples was an important gateway for communications into Italy and that it was very undesirable for all external communications to be bottlenecked through Rome. He wished to be assured that there were no difficulties in making use of these facilities.

After discussion it was agreed by all the agencies concerned, including censorship, that there was no difficulty and that Naples would be fully used as a communication gateway.

Col. Henderson raised the question of rates to be charged. He said that while the actual rates were not of direct interest to the Allied Commission, it was our concern to see that agreement was reached.

After statements had been made by Dr. Martinato, Dr. Fano, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Meola it appeared that the Italian Government, Italcables and Cable and Wireless were all in favor of restoration of the pre-war rates in gold francs and pre-war division into operating revenues and terminal revenues, while the R.C.A. had instructions to use the present rates in force for American forces.

It was agreed that Mr. Meola should represent the situation to his offices in U.S. and that the matter should be discussed again on his receipt of further instructions. 2201

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Lt. Col. Scudder then pointed out that there were many details of handling, operating and accounting, which did not concern the Allied Commission but which required arrangements to be concluded between the agencies concerned.

It was agreed that a meeting would be held between the agencies concerned and a report given to the Communications Sub-Commission by Monday 6th November 1944.

Col. Henderson then summed up the outstanding points that at the moment prevented immediate opening of service. These were: (1) rates to be charged (2) operating details (3) censorship arrangements. He said that he hoped these would all be clear by Monday 6th, November 1944, and emphasized that it was essential to reach agreement as the service would certainly be required to open on the stated date, and that this could be expected to be announced in America within 48 hours.

The meeting then closed.

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ARE COMMUNICATIONS TO PRISONERS OF WAR PERMITTED QUERY

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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3 November 1944

SUBJECT: Cable Facilities for Italian Civilians

TO : Chief Commissioner, The Allied Commission

1. Foreign telegraph facilities will be available to the civilian population of ITALY on 15 November 1944, pursuant to the provisions herein.

2. Service will be limited to private and family messages between Italian provinces where external postal services have been restored and points in Great Britain and the British Empire, and the United States and United States overseas possessions except those areas occupied by the enemy.

3. No telegrams concerning financial or trade subjects will be permitted.

4. All messages will be censored 100% at the Rome and Naples gateways.

5. Service will include both cablegrams and radiograms. Charges will be in accordance with the regularly published international tariffs.

By Command of General WILSON;

/s/

A. B. KING
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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