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SERIAL NUMBER	FROM--	DATE	TO--	SYNOPSIS
27	Ltr F.D. Meola	10 Apr 44	Captain Stone	Ref memo of 3 Apr to Gen Tully. Thank you very much. Herewith some of our headaches re having to make duplicates for censorship O's.
28	Ltr Captain Stone	16 Apr 44	Mr. Meola	Ref urs of 10 Apr: I will see to it that efforts are made to combat the proposed nuisance.
29	Ltr AFHQ CSE Capt. Engler	17 Apr 44	Captain Stone	All hands agree senders CM. Last hurdle is AAI - can you help? Next problem will be commercial telegrams etc.
30	Ltr Capt Stone	22 Apr 44	Capt Engler AFHQ	Ref yours of 17 Apr: Suggestions for procedure in getting resumption of commercial traffic.
31	Ltr Capt Engler Signal Corps AFHQ	24 Apr 44	DCC ACC	Ref ltr 17 Apr AAI concur permitting Senders Composition Messages for American troops in Italy
32 32a	Ltr Capt Engler HQ ACC Office Memo No. 4	3 May 44 4 May 44	Capt Stone See Dist SCM Radio Service	Senders Composition Messages for US troops & att'd American civilians became available for Italian Mainland on 1 May Sicily to be included in few days
33	Ltr Capt Stone	10 May 44	Capt Engler	Thanks for above ltr re obtaining SCM's for US troops & att'd American civilians
34	Ltr Capt Engler	9 May 44	DCC ACC	Washington authorities designate RCA operate fr Rome Area

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SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
21	Ltr Brig. Tully	22 Mar 44	Capt Stone	Re your ltr Mar 9, desirability of additional facilities for Rome has been emphasized to Washington. Choice of carrier left to CCB. Rome-Gib cbl will be operated by Cbl & Wireless. Capt. Engler leaving tomorrow for Italy will see you.
22	Cbl Freedom PR2334 AFINC	24 Mar 44	Palma - Stone Filpot - Dickson	Re your 2390, Security objects (G-2, C. I.) to American SCM fr Gateway in Italy. IHC approval not now possible. Br service not the same, as gateway not in Italy.
23	Ltr Capt Stone	3 Apr 44	Col. Tully	Thanks for your ltr 22 Mar. I am delighted to learn of your well deserved promotion. Have learned fr Capt Engler of your coming to Naples shortly. Will then discuss SCM.
24	Memo Stone	3 Apr 44	Brig. Tully	Capt Engler shares my views in that RCA should be permitted to carry SCM. Have received ltr fr IHC file CCB/554-1. If instead of searching for excuses, time be spent in doing something positive, it would result in the correcting a discriminatory practice. Fact is that Br personnel is permitted SCM while it is denied to Americans. I am prepared to file official request for Naval & Army personnel of this Org, if necessary to meet technical objection.
25	Ltr Gen. Tully	3 Apr 44	Captain Stone	Ref EWS Memo of 9 Mar 44: AG Postal Section already circulating draft, acceptance appears certain. May be extended to Sicily & Sard.
26	Ltr Gen. Tully	8 Apr 44	Captain Stone	Re Commercial facilities in Rome, ref EWS of 9 March & Tully of 22 Mar; adequate facilities seem assured. Equipment already here.

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10	Ltr Mr. MacIn RCA	4 Feb 44	Capt Stone	Have contacted AG & Col Hahn re RFM Hqs. Necessary machinery being set up.
11	Ltr Stone	12 Feb 44	Mr. MacIn	At your convenience would appreciate discussion of operations with you.
12	Ltr Stone	23 Feb 44	Col. Tully	Re your ltr 4 Feb, I should be delighted to see you at Naples or Salerno.
12a	Ltr Col. Tully	23 Feb 44	Captain Stone: Re RCA, Major Sou- dier, R-M-Gib ca- ble, etc.	Re your ltr 31 Jan Subject Com- munication between Italy-UK-USA. Should be grateful if you inquire action taken on my proposal to re-establish direct radio circuits by ITALO Radio.
13	Cbl Fatima 2379 Colville	24 Feb 44	IRS & Freedom	Mr RCA Naples requires copy of restrictions & Reg covering exter- nal traffic. Will censorship per- mit SCM for American Forces in Italy?
14	Cbl Fatima 2390 Stone	25 Feb 44	Freedom - IRS	Re Our 2379 Since US personnel is permitted the use of ltr tel- egrams as per GNO 682, strongly urged same privilege be extended American personnel.
15	Ltr AGC	25 Feb 44	Director Telecom. & Postal Sub-Com.	RCA & Cables & Wireless have offices in Naples.
16	Ltr AFM Col Tully	27 Feb 44	Capt Stone	Re your ltr 29 Feb, I have sent Msg to CCB, Washington & BJCE, London inquiring action on your recommendation.
17	Cbl Fatima 2448 Stone	8 Mar 44	Freedom - IRS	Re my 2390, request early answer as promised by Hoover.
18	Cbl Fatima Rear Stone 2489	18 Mar 44	Freedom	Re my 2390 & 2448, still await reply on subject SCM.
19	Cbl AFM 65953	19 Mar 44	Fatima Rear	No trace cbl 2390 re you 2489. Ltr dtd 18 sent giving full details
20	Ltr AFM CCB/554-1 Col. Hoover	19 Mar 44	Capt Stone	SCM Service for U.S. Troops in Italy. Censorship position, Org for carrying out policy, etc.
17a	Captain Stone	9 Mar 44	Col Tully	Ref ltr Tully 23 & 29 Feb.
17b	Cbl Freedom 63489	12 Mar 44	Capt. Stone	Ref Stone ltr of 9 Mar. Will reply soon.

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1	Ltr Stone	17 Oct 43	CEO - AFHQ	Italian Radio Requirements. Plan for communication facilities at Rome.
2	Ltr Gen Nicholls	27 Oct 43	Col. Maxwell, AMG	Co-firm conversation & transmit correspondence: ENCLOSURE: 1. Cbl fr AGWAR to Troopers Fatima dtd 23 Oct 43. 2. Cbl fr AGWAR to Gen. Eisenhower dtd 20 Oct 43. 3. Cbl fr PWIC to AGWAR dtd 23 Oct 43.
3	Ltr Gen Nicholls Ref 676.3	27 Oct 43	Br Joint Communication Board & U. S. CCB	Italian Radio Requirements. Incl is ltr fr Capt Stone with proposal of the AMG.
4	Ltr Col. Tully	29 Oct 43	Capt Stone	Re you ltr 21 Oct. Your LFM msg was sent out same day received. Instructions issued for immediate shipment of typewriter. Photographic coverage is important. Get pictures now & settle question of censorship in Algiers. Your ltr re means of installing radio stations in Italy well received by all & being considered by higher-ups.
5	GRO 682	17 Dec 43	Who it May Concern	Telegram Service for Expeditionary Forces Br. Postal & telegraph. Reg. & facilities.
6	Ltr Stone	27 Jan 44	Col. Tully	Re my proposal in ltr 17 Oct 43, can you tell me what disposition was made of this ltr.
7	Ltr Col. Tully	28 Jan 44	Mr. T. D. Meola Mgr RCA	Re your ltr 24 Jan, I have notified AG MATCUSA you are prepared to handle 1000 PM Msgs a day. Instructions being sent under separate cover. Have discussed with Gen Stoner in Washington radio transmission of photos.
8	Ltr Col. Tully	31 Jan 44	Capt Stone	Re your ltr 27 Jan, matter was considered by CCB AFHQ & passed to Br Joint Com. Board & CCB. to date no info has been received.
9	Ltr Mr. Meola RCA	3 Feb 44	Col. Tully	Re your ltrs 28 & 29 Jan. Operations began at 0001 Hrs Feb 1. At preliminary tests transmitted to NY 240 WPM. Have had high speed circuit 22 Hrs a day since beginning. (Cont'd)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Secretary
Combined Signal Board

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15 MAY 1944

AFPO 512, U. S. Army
9 May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Communications.

TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

1. We are informed that the Washington authorities have designated RCA Communications, Inc., to operate from the Rome area. Mr. Meola is making the necessary equipment and personnel arrangements.

Ludwig R. Engler
LUDWIG R. ENGLER
Capt., Signal Corps,
Secretary,
Combined Signal Board, AFHQ.

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10 May 1944

Captain Ludwig R. Angler, S.C.
Secretary, Combined Signal Board
Allied Force Headquarters
AFG 512

Dear Captain Angler:

Thank you for your letter of May 3rd and particularly for all your help in getting SCL's approved for U.S. troops and attached American civilians.

With reference to pickup and delivery arrangements by the Italian P.T.T. on the one hand and Cables & Wireless on the other, I do not think it will be necessary to enter into any contractual arrangements between P.T.T. and the commercial companies. This is because terminal and transit charges are fixed by the Convention, as stated in my letter of 3 May, so that the only details left to be worked out are the physical ones of transfer points and operating routines.

I am of the opinion that it would be unwise to initiate discussions on these relatively simple matters at this time so long as the question of resumption of external electrical communications is still hanging fire. If we should approach the Italians now on pickup and delivery arrangements, they will either feel that we are about ready to initiate external service or if not, we will only stir them up to increased demands for it.

When AFHQ is nearer to a favorable decision on this matter, it will be a simple matter at that time to work out the details with the Ministry of Communications.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

cc: Communications Sub-Com.

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4 May 1944

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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1. The following information in regards to SCM Radio Service to the United States from Italy is extracted from PBS Circular Number 52 dated 30 April 1944, and NAWOZSA Circular 31, 3 April 1944, for the information and guidance of all concerned.

2. Effective 1 May 1944, sender's composition radio service to United States, via RCA station, Naples are inaugurated for U.S. Military and naval personnel in Italy, including U.S. civilians attached to U.S. Armed Forces. This service is already available from U.S. to Italy. Sender's composition messages (SCM) will be restricted to night letter telegram (NLT), and will be filled with unit key censors in the same manner as NLT.

3. Rules for counting words and General information governing sender's composition messages; (SCM)

- a. Every word written by sender for transmission is counted and charged for. This includes the address and signature.
- b. The signature must contain the first name or initial and last name.
- c. The City and State in the address will count as a single word if grouped together; for example:

San Francisco Cal - 1 word
New Orleans La - 1 word.
d. Expressions like stor, comma, and period when written out, count as one word.

- e. Every isolated character, letter or figure and every sign of punctuation, apostrophe, hyphen or fraction bar, transmitted at the request of the sender is counted as one word.

- f. Recognized abbreviations; such as, FBI, COE or POB are single words.
- g. Words of over fifteen letters or figure groups of over five digits count as two characterable words; for example:

Transcontinental - 11 letters - (2 words)
678291 - (2 words)

- h. Running words or parts thereof together in the text or address are known as evasions and will not reduce the word count; for example:

ALIBEST - (2 words)

- i. The indicator NLT (Night Letter) must appear as the first word of the address and is charged for.
- j. An address written:

1. NLT MARY E. JONES, counts as (4 words).
2. NLT MRS MARY E. JONES

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 - d. Expressions like stop, comma, and period when written out, count as one word.
 - e. Every isolated character, letter or figure and every sign of punctuation, apostrophe, hyphen or fraction bar, transmitted at the request of the sender is counted as one word.
 - f. Recognized abbreviations; such as, F2E, CDE or POB are single words.
 - g. Words of over fifteen letters or figure groups of over five digits count as two chargeable words; for example:

Transcontinental - 15 letters - (2 words)
678201 - (2 words)
 - h. Running words or parts thereof together in the text or address are known as omissions and will not reduce the word count; for example:

ALBERT - (2 words)

 - i. The indicator NLT (Night Letter) must appear as the first word of the address and is charged for.
 - j. An address written:

1. NLT Mary E. Jones, counts as (4 words).
2. NLT Mrs Mary E. Jones (5 words).
3. NLT Mary Jones (3 words).

 An example of a complete address follows:

NLT Mary Jones 225 West 70th Street
New York City NY - (6 words).
 - k. Here is an example of how a message would be counted:

NLT MARY JONES 45 RIVER STREET RICHMOND VA
SALE OF HOUSE APPROVED MARY TO HER MOTHER WILL ALL MY LOVE DEAR

JOHN E DOE

The foregoing totals 23 chargeable words. As this does not exceed the minimum of 25 words, the charge for the above would be \$2.50, which is what an NLT would cost to Virginia.

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4. NAME, ADDRESS, TEXT AND SIGNATURE WILL BE PERMITTED TO INSURE CORRECT TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGE.

5. All other existing regulations and instructions contrary to the provisions herein are voided. Censorship regulations governing the use of cable and radio service conform generally with those applicable to postal communications. Circular Number 32, HQ. MATOUCA, CS, (US Military Censorship Regulations), referring primarily to postal censorship, remains in effect and will be applied in conjunction with these regulations.

6. Address. Cables will be directed to normal, clear addresses. Code or registered addresses will not be used. Abbreviated addresses or addresses not readily understood may subject the cable to delay. If the message is addressed to other than an individual, it may be held while the reliability of the firm or group addressed is established.

7. Signature. All messages must be signed. The signature will be the normal signature of the sender and must include last name and initials, last name, middle initial and first name; or full name. Nothing else may be shown. Rank, serial number, unit or organization, and IPC number will not be included in the signature nor shown elsewhere in the message text.

8. Subject and Language. Ordinary cable service is covered by these regulations is authorized in order to facilitate the transaction of urgent personal business, family affairs, greetings not sufficiently covered by MATI texts, and other personal matters. The following special types of messages for which other facilities are provided are specifically excluded from this service:

- a. Official business
- b. Press dispatches or other matter intended for publication
- c. Money transfers
- d. Orders for flowers, emery, or other merchandise

Ordinary cables will be in English, unless specific authorization to use some other language is obtained from the Chief Base Censor of the Base Censorship Detachment through which the cable is cleared. They will be in plain language. Commercial, private, or other codes will not be used. Use of any phrasing, abbreviations or expressions, the meaning of which is not entirely clear, may subject the message to delay or suppression.

9. Prohibited Statements;

- a. The sender must assume that his cable will be intercepted by the enemy. Information transmitted in this manner becomes more quickly available to enemy agents than that sent in any other way. Valuable intelligence can sometimes be obtained by the study of large numbers of messages, each of which is innocent in itself. For these reasons, the sender must be particularly alert to preserve security in personal cables and these are subject to restrictions in addition to those placed on postal communications.
- b. Matter forbidden in ordinary letters is also forbidden in ordinary cables. (See paragraph 100, Circular #32, HQ. MATOUCA, CS).
- c. Conditional statements as listed in paragraph 104, Circular

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8. Subject and Language. Ordinary cable service as covered by these regulations is authorized in order to facilitate the transmission of urgent personal business, family affairs, greetings not sufficiently covered by IIM texts, and other personal matters. The following special types of messages for which other facilities are provided are specifically excluded from this service:

- a. Official business
- b. Press dispatches or other matter intended for publication
- c. Money transfers
- d. Orders for flowers, candy, or other merchandise

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- b. "Conditional Statements" as listed in paragraph 10 e, Circular Number 22, HQ, MATCUSA, cs, are prohibited in ordinary cables. The following are also prohibited in ordinary cables:

- (1) Any reference to location of sender or other military personnel. (For example: the expression "I am in North Africa", although permitted in letters, is prohibited in cables. A statement such as, "Have seen Uncle Jean", may reveal location if addressee can be assumed to know location of persons mentioned.)

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- (2) Designation or location of a unit, branch, arm or service, or any installation of the United States Armed Forces and related agencies or those of its allies. This applies to units outside, as well as within, this theater, except as may be required in addresses to military personnel.
- (3) Notification of safe arrival in any form.
- (4) Any reference to movement. (For example, such statements as: "I hope to see you soon", or "I'm leaving this station", are prohibited.)
- (5) Movement or prospective movement of any high government official.

By command of Lieutenant General WILSON MACFARLANE:

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E. L. CLOUGH,
Lt Col, AGD,
Executive Officer.

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By command of Lieutenant General MASON MOPARLINE:

E. L. CLOUGH,
Lt Col, AGD,
Executive Officer.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 Office of the Secretary
 Combined Signal Board

APO 512, U S ARMY
 3 May 1944

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

Dear Capt. Stone:

Sender's Composition Messages for U. S. troops and attached American civilians became available for the Italian mainland on 1 May. Sicily will be included within a few days by using the military cable from Palermo to Naples, as is already being done on EFM traffic. As soon as the cable facilities from Cagliari are improved we will endeavor to add Sardinia.

With reference to your letter of 22 April, as you know, the G-2 people have rejected further civilian external Italian traffic. The subject will however, undoubtedly be raised again shortly.

I concur wholeheartedly with your statement that pickup and delivery service had best be left with the Italian P.T.T. Italcable was not in my mind. The point I sought to raise was that RCA and Cable and Wireless should enter into some contractual arrangement for this service as they are not able to render it themselves. And it ought to be done before commercial traffic is authorized, as the division of tolls, the physical handling and the bookkeeping must be worked out. If authorization were a present reality for example, there would be a hell of a mess to determine who would handle and collect for what.

General Tully should be back before long, and in the meantime I'll keep you posted on any developments.

Ludwig R. Engler
 LUDWIG R. ENGLER
 Capt., Signal Corps,
 Secretary,
 Combined Signal Board, AFHQ.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Secretary
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AFO 512, U. S. Army
24 April 1944

SUBJECT: Senders Composition Messages.

TO : Deputy Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, AFO 394.

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1. Reference my letter of 17 April, the AMI have concurred in permitting Senders Composition Messages for American troops in Italy. Understand that instructions have been issued to PSC by this headquarters to start the service.

2. In the last sentence of my letter I also asked if commercial messages to and from Italy were contemplated. I have since learned that you asked the same question in a message and letter of 15 April, DOCS 4.2, and that the decision is up to G-2. Accordingly will you kindly disregard my query.

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LUDWIG R. BOGNER
Captain, Signal Corps,
Secretary,
Combined Signal Board, AFHQ.

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22 April 1944

Capt. Ludwig R. Engler, S.C.
Secretary
Combined Signal Board, AFHQ

Dear Captain Engler:

Thank you for your letter of 17 April; I am very glad to learn of the moves that are being made in the subject of cable and radio traffic of all classes from Italy. A word has been put in from here with AAI and no opposition need be expected from there on SCM's for American troops.

After SCM's are provided for, the next step seems to be civil personal cables and radiograms. There is likely to be difficulty over civil commercial traffic, as this is not yet permitted over the external mail service, which is strictly confined to private personal letters. The matter is therefore one of broad policy, and this will be raised by this headquarters; on the other hand, introduction of personal telegrams is merely an extension to an existing approved service and only depends on traffic capacity being available.

The delivery and pick-up of external traffic will, I think, best be left in the hands of the Italian Posts and Telegraphs. It is not considered that it is an appropriate time to attempt to resuscitate the Ital-Cables internal service; it would involve allocation to them of exclusive internal wire circuits already in extremely short supply, over which they would pass only the external traffic, and that only as a competing agency with the Government, since Ital-Cables have as yet no cable or radio outlets of their own.

The resumption of internal telegraphs over the Government system has been authorized up to the line of postal services. This at the moment includes: Naples Province (including Naples City, up to the line of the rear Army boundary (practically, the River Volturno) and Avellino province, and the whole of the ten provinces under Government control on the mainland, and all of Sicily. There is no service to Sardinia (or Corsica), but the permission to use the Cagliari-Palermo cable for civil traffic which you anticipate will be of assistance, though these traffic transfers between civil and military offices do not work very expeditiously. There is at the moment a bottleneck bet-

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ween Naples and Salerno for civil telegraphs, but steps are being taken to clear this.

The question of the permission to resume external cable and radio traffic has already been raised with AFHQ in my letter DGC 311.2 dated 13 April, to which a reply is awaited.

MILBY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Secretary
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DSM 599
22 APR 1944

APO 512, U S ARMY
17 April 1944

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

Dear Captain Stone:

All hands at AFHQ have agreed on Sender's Composition Messages for American Troops in Italy and Sicily. G-2, AG Postal, INC and Signals have all concurred, even as we anticipated.

A message has been sent by INC to AAI, asking for their concurrence. This is the last hurdle. Although no opposition is expected, you might care to give us an assistance in that quarter in order to clinch it. In the event their assent is forthcoming promptly, the service should be available around the first of the month.

I've arranged for the military cable from Palermo to Naples to be used to provide an outlet for Sicily as well. As soon as installation of teletypes on the Cagliari to Palermo cable is completed the addition of Sardinia will take place.

After SCMs are safely provided for, our next problem will be commercial telegrams from civilian individuals and firms in Italy. Neither RCA nor Cable and Wireless are able to effect delivery and pickup service throughout Allied Occupied Italy. It is therefore obvious that we should recognize some Italian domestic telegraph agency with whom they could enter into contractual arrangement.

Could you say whether the Italian PTT is competent to function as a domestic telegraph company, and whether steps towards authorizing them to handle traffic have been taken. We are also interested in knowing whether the opening of Italy to commercial messages is presently contemplated.

With very kindest regards.

Respectfully,

Ludwig B. Engler
LUDWIG B. ENGLER
Captain, Signal Corps,
Secretary,
Combined Signal Board, AFHQ.

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16 April 1944

Mr. T. D. Meola, Manager
R.C.A. Communications, Inc.
c/o P.B.S. Signals
Naples

Dear Mr. Meola:

Thank you for your letter of April 10th. Since it was written, I understand that Colonel Henderson of our Telecommunications Sub-Commission, who will be responsible for the operations of the censorship officers, has been in touch with your organization and Cables & Wireless. You can count on it that I will see that censorship here operates as it does with the cable and radio companies in New York where, as I recall, companies successfully resisted the request that they be compelled to make copies of all messages.

Sincerely,

ELMER W. STONE 9612
Captain, USMC
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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16 Apr

R. C. A. COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

A RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA SERVICE



APC 782, Postmaster, N.Y.



T. D. MEOLA
MANAGER

April 10, 1944

Ellery W. Stone,
Captain, USNR,
Deputy Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.

Dear Captain Stone:

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for your letter of April 3rd to Brigadier General T. J. Tully. I was glad to see your views so clearly and definitely stated.

If "Information, News and Censorship" persists in some of the demands their officer representative informal indicated would be made of us, SCM's are doomed from the start. We have neither the staff, equipment or space to provide them with two carbon copies of every filed message. I shall feel obligated to fight that demand if it is actually made. I hope that you feel as strongly about the matter as I do and will assist me.

With our limited staff we have rendered a truly good EFM service. No EFM stays in our office more than 12 hours before transmission. Our incoming EFM's are increasing in volume and very few if any bear a filing date more than 24 hours old. This service was maintained during Easter week when we handled 16,640 outgoing and 7,179 incoming EFM's, in addition to 1,242 received SCM's and our regular press load. It seems that this efficiency is to be destroyed if INC has their way. I've been advised that when they establish their office here all our EFM's will also have to be looked at despite the fact that they are censored by the unit commanders and bear censors stamps. This "looking at" will have to be done during the eight or so hours that their limited staff will permit them to be open. You can well imagine the confusion and delays that will result when EFM's and SCM's have to pile up for inspection. We operate 24 hours per day.

I hope that all of the above is some junior officer's misunderstanding because I feel we are rendering a real service which I should like to see continued.

Once again, thanks for your letter and for listening to my troubles.

Sincerely yours,

T. D. Meola

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Col. Henderson
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

DSH 525
12 APR 1944

APO 512, U. S. Army
8 April 1944

SUBJECT: Commercial Facilities for Rome.

TO : Capt. Ellory W. Stone, USNR, HQ. Allied Control Commission,
APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 9 March 1944 and my reply of 22 March 1944.
2. A message has been received from Washington stating that the FCC has been asked to designate the American carrier to operate from Rome. They confirm that the U.S. equipment is already in Italy and that the British are making similar arrangements.
3. Adequate commercial facilities at Rome therefore appear assured.

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

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Office of the Chief Signal Officer

DSH 518
11 APR 1944

AFO 512, U. S. Army
8 April 1944

SUBJECT: Senders Composition Messages.

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

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 3 April 1944. ←
2. The A.G. Postal Section is presently circulating the proposed draft for Senders Composition Messages for concurrence of the interested parties. Their views have been solicited in advance by the Secretary of the Combined Signal Board, AFHQ, and approval therefore appears certain. No difficulty is anticipated with the Communications Censorship Branch, whose letter we have noted.
3. Arrangements are even being made to extend the service to Sardinia and Sicily by improving and making available the military cables to those islands. Every measure is being taken to expedite the preliminaries, and results may be expected before the end of the month.

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

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3 April 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier General T. J. Kelly, U S Army

Captain Engler telephoned me while he was here and I find that he shares my view that RCA should be permitted to carry senders' composition messages as I have recommended. I have received, however, a most surprising letter from IAC dated 19 March, file No. OCS/554-1. If as much time and ingenuity were spent in doing something positive for American troops instead of mustering specious arguments in defense of the present situation, we might accomplish something toward correcting a state of affairs, the result of which--regardless of intent--is discriminatory against American personnel.

The fact is that British troops may send SCM's from Italy even to the U.S., whereas American troops and Naval personnel are denied this privilege. To argue that the British troops really do not enjoy this privilege because their messages transit Cairo is as specious as to argue that Americans do not have air mail service to the U.S. merely because their letters may transit Dakar and Natal. I know of no reason why SCM's can not be censored and sent over the RCA circuit, or the Mackay circuit from Algiers if censorship could be better applied at the latter point. The RCA circuit is carrying such traffic east bound. But at least such privileges should be extended to our American forces and the traffic should be carried by American companies. Moreover, I submit that if something is not done to correct this situation, it is likely to become the subject of the liveliest inquiry in Washington.

IAC states that there is no official request at hand. I am prepared to file one on behalf of the Army and Naval personnel of this Commission if this is necessary to meet that technical objection and I am sure that there are other commands equally anxious to see American troops have this privilege.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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3 April 1944

Brigadier General P. J. Tully, U S Army
Deputy Chief Signal Officer
AFHQ, AFU 512

My dear General:

Thank you for your letter of March 22 which, contrary to the usual, good ADLS service, did not reach me until March 30.

I was delighted to learn of your promotion and want to send you my warmest congratulations on this well deserved recognition.

I had planned to write you on the subject of SMC's but have learned from Captain Angler that you are to be in Naples shortly. I will discuss this question with you at that time.

Again let me say how glad I am that you have made your stars.

Very sincerely,

HARRY E. STONE
Captain, USMC
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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Via Br Signals

Security objection expressed informally by G-2 (C I) to despatch of American
 senders composition telegrams from Gateway in Italy rear paraphrase 2390 dated
 23 March. Censorship approval not now possible. See letter OGB/154-1 dated
 19 March to Stone. British AMISON service not analogous as Gateway is not
 in Italy.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

APC 512, U. S. Army
22 March 1944

Capt. E. W. Stone, USNR,
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394, U. S. Army.

My dear Stone:

1. Thank you for your letter of March 9, 1944, and the replies to my queries which it contained.
2. The desirability of additional British and American commercial facilities to operate from Rome has been emphasized in recent communications to Washington. They have been informed that RCA have duplicate equipment located at Naples which could be made available at Rome. The ultimate decision as to the choice of the American carrier has, however, been left to the Combined Communications Board, Washington.
3. The Rome-Gibraltar cable will be Cable and Wireless operated and probably available to civil traffic insofar as censorship regulations permit.
4. Capt. Engler, the American Secretary of the Combined Signal Board, AFHQ, will leave tomorrow morning for a brief visit in Italy. I have instructed him to drop in to see you.

Yours truly,

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Communications Censorship Branch
APO 512

19 March 1944

CCB/554-1

SUBJECT : SCM Service for U.S. Troops in Italy.

TO : Capt. Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
H.Q. Allied Control Commission,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. This is written in order to clarify the censorship position with respect to extension of Sender's Composition Message services to American troops in Italy and opening of a radio gateway in Naples for this traffic. Your signal No. 2390, dated 25 Feb 44, referred to in a letter of 16 March from Commander Perrone, is not found in our files and check with AFHQ Message Center does not reveal any record of its receipt here. Any specific queries in this signal are therefore not before us, but an attempt will be made to clear up any possible misunderstanding.

2. This Branch's concern in any personal cable or radio services for U.S. troops is that it is responsible for Communications Censorship policy in this theater, both as regards troops and as regards civilians under military control or jurisdiction. The operational organization for carrying out the policy established by the Branch as regards personal communications from U.S. personnel is Censorship Section, NATCUSA. Censorship policy is coordinated with security policy formulated by C.I., G-2, AFHQ, through which plans for communications within the theater are cleared from a security point of view.

3. Authorization of a new service requires:

- a. Initiation of a formal proposal, to be circulated for concurrence of agencies concerned. Such proposals, for troops communications, are usually originated from the standpoint of morale and welfare and generally are initiated by G-1 or by AG Postal.
- b. The provision of the necessary facilities, responsibility for which is usually assigned to Signals or AG Postal Section or both.
- c. Establishment of a security policy by G-2, which normally requires censorship of all personal communications.
- d. Implementing of security policy by censorship policy, set by Communications Censorship Branch, establishing regulations, procedures, and other requisite arrangements.

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19 March

e. Provision of operational censorship by Censorship Section, NATCUSA.

4. It will be seen that all these steps are closely inter-related. Routing and other physical arrangements require co-ordination with the necessities of security. Censorship concurrence involves on one hand the possibility of meeting all responsibilities imposed on it by G-2 policy on the maintenance of security, and on the other hand the possibility and date of adequate operations by Censorship Section.

5. In the case of SCM's from troops in Italy, no formal proposal has yet reached this Branch (or G-2). The initiation of such a proposal does not properly come from this Branch. Its concurrence is conditional on security policy. Inquiry to C.I., G-2, AFHQ, on this date, was answered by the statement that no security policy has been formally requested or given. Thus the time has not been reached when Communications Censorship Branch can give concurrence to any plan that may be in process of formulation.

6. It is understood, quite informally, that the sending of SCM's by troops in Italy may be approved from a security point of view if arrangements for 100% censorship under suitable regulations can be made and if messages are put on the cable or air in North Africa. It seems improbable that approval will be given for use of Naples as a gateway for this service. It is emphasized that decision on this point does not rest with this Branch. If that gateway is approved for SCM's by C.I., G-2, this Branch will do everything possible to hasten censorship arrangements and will concur on this basis.

7. The situation regarding British troops in Italy, mentioned in Commander Perrone's account of his conversation with you, is somewhat anomalous and is not comparable with a proposal for sending SCM's from American troops through Naples. It is our understanding that these messages are sent by postal means to Cairo and there transmitted by electrical means. If this is correct, this does not represent a cable or radio service from Italy, but from Egypt, which is far from the battle zone and where base cable censorship is in full operation. Also, all these messages are unit censored, which will not be possible for SCM's from U.S. troops because of unavoidable technical differences in routing and payment. The censorship problems involved are further complicated by the fact that the opening of a gateway in Italy for either U.S. or British troops will undoubtedly be followed by pressure for the extension of this service to both. We are prepared to deal with all such problems as they arise, and this is not given as a reason, in itself, for refusing concurrence in any given plan, but only to explain that the issues involved are broad and require careful study and co-ordination.

8. It is hoped that these explanations will fully clarify our position and that you will be assured of our desire to facilitate services in every way consistent with the responsibility delegated to us by the Theater Commander.

9. Censorship is prepared to handle any SCM traffic which would result from approval of this type of service.



DONALD D. HOOVER,
Lieutenant Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief, Communications Censorship Branch.

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Col. Henderson
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE /sk

MAR 1944

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SVC/RELAY NO.

M/C NO :

CLASS: RESTRICTED

REF NO: 66953

PREC : ROUTINE

FILED : 192031A MAR

FROM : AFHQ COMMUNICATIONS CENSORSHIP BRANCH INC
 SIGNED CINC CITE PHINC

REC'D : 201522A MAR
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TO : FATIMA REAR FOR ACTION

vis ACC Courier

No trace cable 2390 dated 25 February reference MG Sail 2489. Cite PHINC IN letter dated 18 sent giving full details.

See 8/5/44

Reference cable 2390 from Fatima dtd 25 Feb.

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Fatimas 2379 dated 24 Feb is reference. Since British personnel is permitted to send letter telegrams pursuant AFHQ General Routine Order number 682 dated 17 December 43 strongly urge same privilege be extended American personnel in Italy making use of RCA Naples circuit. TO FREEDOM FOR SCOTT BAILEY REPT IRS FOR CIVIL CENSORSHIP FROM FATIMA FROM STONE SIGNED MACFARLANE. Added reason is RCA already carrying such night letter telegrams from USA to American personnel on mainland.

Reference cable 2379 of 24 Feb from Fatima:

Manager Radio Corporation America at Naples requires copy of restrictions and regulations at present governing external traffic (TO IRS FOR CIVIL CENSORSHIP REPT FREEDOM FOR SCOTT BAILEY, INC FROM FATIMA FROM SCOTVILLE SIGNED MACFARLANE). Will censorship permit senders composition messages for American Forces *10/4/44*

Reference cable 2489: *- date?*

Reference by 2390 of 25 February and 248 of 8 March, (TO FREEDOM FOR CSO AND IRS FOR SCOTT BAILEY AND HOOVER FROM FATIMA REAR FROM STONE SIGNED MACFARLANE) still await reply on subject senders composition cables.

Reference cable 2443 dtd 8 March from Fatima:

Reference by 2390 dated 25 February. (TO FREEDOM FOR SCOTT BAILEY REPT IRS FOR HOOVER FROM FATIMA REAR FROM STONE SIGNED MACFARLANE) Request early answer as promised by Hoover.

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REPLY ON SUBJECT SENDERS COMPOSITION CABLES

AUTHENTICATED:

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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REF NO: 63489

PREC: ROUTINE

FILED: MAR 122120A

FROM: TULLY

REC'D: MAR 130830A

TO: ACC FOR CAPT STONE

Paraphrase of Freedom's Message

Am in receipt your letter of 9 March. Will reply in a few days.

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9 March 1944

Colonel T. J. Tully, S.C.
Deputy Chief Signal Officer
Office of the C.S.O.
AFHQ, APO 512

Dear Tully:

Thank you for your letter of February 29th. Our respective letters of the 23rd of course crossed. I am replying seriatim to the various questions in your letter of 23 February.

2 a. It is definitely my feeling that it is necessary to have "another" commercial radio station in Rome, if by "another" you mean in addition to Naples. This is not only because of immediate traffic conditions, but because Rome is the natural communication center of the country. We should also be extending senders' composition privileges to American troops in Italy which privilege is accorded to British troops in this theatre. This traffic logically should go over the present RCA Naples circuit. I do not think it is important who originates the request for additional facilities in Rome since it must, in any case, be finally approved by your section at AFHQ before going forward. In any case, a request was made by me last Fall and supported by your office.

2 b. If the present Board of War Communications policy not to permit competing radio circuits to a country in a military theatre is to continue, it looks as though the additional American station for Rome would have to be RCA since it is now the company operating in Naples. Moreover, I do not think Mackay's former junior position in Italy warrants it having the monopoly on communications with Rome. That is why I think my original suggestion of last Fall was fair to both American interests. If my plan is not adopted, another alternative would be to permit Mackay to take over the Naples operation and give Rome to RCA, if, as I assume, the Washington policy will not permit both RCA and Mackay each to operate their own stations in Rome.

2 c. Yes. At the moment, as previously mentioned, I am trying to secure permission for Meola to handle senders' composition messages (MLTs) west bound, the same as he is handling them east bound from the U.S.A.

3. I assume that the Rome-Malaga-Cib cable will be restricted to military and official traffic. Or is it your plan before long to permit the resumption of civil traffic as is now permitted via the inter-

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national posts?

4. Your assumption is correct.

5. I concur in the policy which you and General Micholls have agreed on. Although a very able officer, Colonel Millar, unfortunately, has had no experience in the international cable and radio field. However, it has not seemed to me that C & W's commercial interests in this theatre have been neglected.

6. General MacFarlane has agreed to Major Scudder as Col. Henderson's Deputy to balance nationality in the Telecommunications & Posts Sub-Commission. Since I was made Vice President and more recently Deputy Chief Commissioner, and with the transfer of many American officers to other theatres, the Telecommunications & Posts Sub-Commission is heavily overbalanced in favor of the British. I do not mean to imply at all that this is by design, but it is in fact a situation which all agree should be corrected. Accordingly, formal request for Major Scudder will go forward as you suggest.

Next time you are here, please be sure to see me as there are many things to be discussed which can best be done orally. I can always be available in Naples although most of my time is spent in Salerno, since as Deputy Chief Commissioner, most of my present contacts are with the Italian Government which is seated here.

Sincerely,

Captain, USMR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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FATIMA

URGENT 2100 123

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REFERENCE BY THE WIRE LINE ZERO DATED TWO FIVE FEBRUARY PD POWER TO FIVE
FOR SCOTT BILBY 2100 123 PD POWER FROM FATIMA 123 FROM STONE STONE
MAGNITUDE POWER REQUEST EARLY ANSWER AS PROMISED BY POWER

AUTHENTICATED:

ELERY R. STONE
Captain, USMC
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

APO 512, U S Army
29 February 1944

Capt. Ellery W. Stone, USNR,
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

Dear Stone:

Pursuant to the request contained in your letter of 23 February 1944, I have today sent a message to the Combined Communications Board, Washington, and the British Joint Communications Board, London, inquiring concerning action on the recommendation that direct radio circuits be reestablished by ITALO Radio. I will advise you as soon as a reply is received.

In connection with the question of additional commercial facilities, your letter was written prior to receipt by you of my letter of 23 February requesting your views.

Yours truly,


T. J. TULLY
Colonel, Signal Corps,
Deputy Chief Signal Officer.

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29 Feb

HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telecommunications & Postal Sub-Commission

25 February 1944

SUBJECT: R. C. A. and CABLES & WIRELESS

TO: Director, Telecommunications & Postal Sub-Commissions

1. These two firms have offices and instrument rooms at 8 San Felipe 2nd. Floor, in the same building as the PRO of AFHQ. so that the whole set up can work as a team. (The office is some two hundred yards lower down the road from the Provincia Building)
2. RCA work to New York. They have two transmit ams and three wave lengths. They handle EFM's, Press messages, US Govt. traffic both ways and "senders composition" from US to this theatre. Their rates are controlled by the PRO in the usual peacetime way. The service opened on Feb. 1st. and is controlled by PRO for AFHQ. Press messages are passed through PRO., the US Govt. messages are received and dispatched to the appropriate Dept, and all other communications are handled through 2nd. Base Post Office. A Broadcast to New York is being transmitted on the 29th inst.
3. Cables and Wireless are in much the same position except that they are controlled through CBO L. of C. for AFHQ. They have one 3KW Transmitter which it is hoped to bring into service at 0200 hrs. Feb 26th in addition to their telegraph equipment they have a picture transmitter and Rect. The two top men are Robinson and Tims.
4. Any further specific details requested can be easily obtained.

/s/ W. J. Bentlett (P)
/t/ W. J. BENTLETT
Lt. Colonel.

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SINCE BRITISH PERSONNEL IS PERMITTED TO SEND LETTER TELEGRAMS PURSUANT
 AFHQ GENERAL ROUTINE ORDER NUMBER SIX EIGHT TWO DATE ONE SEVEN DECEMBER

FOUR THREE STRONGLY URGE SAME PRIVILEGE BE EXTENDED AMERICAN PERSONNEL
 IN ITALY MAKING USE OF RCA MAPLES CIRCUIT PD TO FREEDOM/HPTD IRS FOR
 FOR SCOTT BAILEY

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE FROM FATIMA FROM STONE SIGNED MAGAULANS PD ADDED REASON
 IS RCA ALREADY CARRYING SUCH NIGHT LETTER TELEGRAMS FROM USA TO AMERICAN
 PERSONNEL ON MAINLAND

AUTHENTICATED:

WILLY H. STONE
 Captain, USAR
 Deputy Chief Commissioner

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24 Feb

MANAGER RADIO CORPORATION AMERICA AT NAPLES REQUIRES COPY OF RESTRICTIONS
AND REGULATIONS AT PRESENT GOVERNING EXTERNAL TRAFFIC PAREN TO IBS CIVIL
CENSORSHIP RPTD FREEDOM FOR SCOTT BAILEY CMA INC FROM FATIMA FROM COLVILLE
SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN PD WILL CENSORSHIP PERMIT SENDERS COMPOSITION
MESSAGES FOR AMERICAN FORCES IN ITALY QUERY

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 Office of the Chief Signal Officer

APO 512, U. S. Army

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23 February 1944

Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR
 Headquarters Allied Control Commission
 APO 394, U. S. Army

My dear Stone:

1. I just made a very fast trip to Naples on a special mission and had hoped that I would have a chance to see you. However, I had only two days there, and between visits to ACMF, Fifth Army, and PBS, plus the special AFHQ problem that I was trying to solve, I found that I did not have an opportunity even to get in touch with you by phone.

2. During my trip I had hoped to discuss with you the following points:

a. Do you feel that it will be necessary to have another commercial radio station in Rome from the commercial standpoint? (Insofar as I know, the British do not plan a second station for the Rome area at this time.) Radio facilities from the Rome area are likely to be somewhat overloaded during the initial months. A great deal will depend on how quickly the Italian Government moves in to the Rome area as this will undoubtedly create a considerable flow of additional traffic both for the Press and possibly for the Italian Government in its operations. I feel that it certainly will not hurt if we provide additional facilities so that such traffic can be taken care of promptly. On the other hand, if this matter is considered, I believed that the problem should be presented to both the U.S. and British commercial agencies in your area at the same time, or at least both sides should be considered in order that they may have a simultaneous start on the project. The question also comes up as to whether or not the military or the civil should present the request for the additional stations. I bring these matters to your attention in order that you might consider them and advise us as to your personal reactions to the problem.

b. If in your opinion an additional station should be operated in the Rome area, do you feel that it should be operated by

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RCA, or some other company on the U.S. side? (It is assumed that it will be a C & W station in case the British decide to open a second one).

c. Are you in contact with the manager of the RCA station in Naples, insofar as his commercial problems are concerned?

yes 3. I believe that you understand that at present the plan is to rehabilitate the Rome-Malaga-Gib cable as soon as possible after the occupation of Rome. This will be a C & W operation.

yes 4. Colonel Henderson was over here recently and presented the question of communications for the Italian State. We tried to take care of this by putting the cable in service between Naples, Palermo, and Cagliari. I assume that Henderson and Reynolds have worked out the details of this means of taking care of the Italian State traffic. These cables are now working.

5. In a recent letter from Mr. Meola of RCA, he requested information as to the regulations for such commercial stations. I explained to him that we are interested only in the control of his station to insure military security and that it is available for use as a military Signal agency when and if required. As to all of his commercial elements, I suggested to him that he contact you. General Nicholls and myself have both tried to take the position that we want these commercial agencies, that is, RCA and C&W, both radio and cables, to be fully available and in operation as soon as possible in the various areas, because they do afford a means of relieving pressure on our military circuits. Beyond that, we hope to keep clear of the commercial angle and feel that it is up to you and Col. Millar, together with the U.S. and British civil representatives to take care of any commercial angles.

6. I will be prepared to release Major Scudder to you within the next two weeks. I suggest that you make a formal request for his services in about one week. He has done an excellent job for us here, and was requested for assignment to UK about ten days ago, but we told them that he was definitely intended to work with you in the very near future.

7. I would appreciate a note from you along the lines indicated above, and in the meantime will make a point to be sure to see you on my next run to Italy.

Yours truly,

T. J. Tully
 T. J. TULLY,
 Colonel, Signal Corps,
 Deputy Chief Signal Officer.

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23 February 1944

Colonel T. J. Tully, S.C.
Deputy Chief Signal Officer
AFHQ

My dear Tully:

This is in reply to your letter of 31 January on the subject of radio communication between Italy, the United States, and the United Kingdom. I should be grateful if you would telegraph the appropriate Communication Boards to determine what action has been taken on the recommendation hitherto made for the reestablishment of direct radio circuits by IFALC Radio.

While I agree that the facilities presently contemplated for Naples are adequate for the present, your attention is invited to your telegram to AGNAR #3189/1098 dated 23 October 1943, in which it is stated that the Naples facilities of REAC and C & W will be quite inadequate for the whole of Italy.

Very sincerely yours,

EMERY F. STONE
Captain, USAR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

Copy furnished: Tel-COM
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Mr. T. D. Neola, Manager
R.C.A. Communications, Inc.,
c/o Signal Officer
FAIRBANKS

Dear Mr. Neola:

In reply to your letter of February 4, my address is c/o Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, Palace of Justice, Salerno.

On Mondays, I am always at the Headquarters of the Commission at the Provincia Building, Naples, between 1100 and 1600.

I should be delighted to see you at any time, either in Naples or Salerno.

Very sincerely yours,

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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R. C. A. COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

A RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA SERVICE



Italy



T. D. MEOLA
MANAGER

February 4, 1944

Captain Ellery Stone,
U.S. Navy,
Allied Control Commission

Dear Sir:

At your convenience, I would appreciate knowing where and when I may discuss our operations with you.

Very truly yours,

T. D. Meola
Manager

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Italy

February 5, 1944

T. J. Tully,
Colonel, Signal Corps,
Deputy Chief Signal Officer,
AFHQ APO #512

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your letters of January 28th and 29th. The letter of the 28th has not yet reached me but I read Col. Lenzner's copy.

We started operations at 0001 hours February 1st, 1944. I would like to give you a brief report of our service to date.

During preliminary tests on January 31st we transmitted to New York at 240 WPM single and were copied there. Since inaugurating our service we have had a high speed circuit for about 22 hours each day with speeds varying from 100 to 300 WPM single. Our difficult period is from 1000 to 1300 hours. During these two hours we have trouble both ways. When the signals again become audible we reach high speed in from five to fifteen minutes. On February 1st we handled 10,681 word groups and on the 2nd we reached 19,527. Today premises to be about the same. This load keeps us occupied for approximately one third of our operating day.

I have contacted the Adjutant General and Col. Bahr, of the Army Postal Service in regard to WPM messages. The necessary machinery is being set up to enable us to handle this type of traffic shortly. Col. Lenzner has suggested that I see General Moran with a view towards opening up sender's composition messages to our armed forces in Italy. Such messages could be sent in the form of night letters at a cost of \$1.58 for 25 words to New York. The collection and censoring machinery could be the same as for WPM's. At any rate, it was suggested that I discuss this matter with General Moran. I would appreciate your views on the subject.

Your letter of instruction places our operation under the regulations and restrictions of INC. I have tried to ascertain what these restrictions and regulations are but to date have been unsuccessful. Lt. Col. Bomar, of FRO, has addressed a communication to Col. McChrystal requesting information on the subject. If these regulations exist in printed form I would appreciate a copy.

I have been unable to contact Captain Stone, U.S. Navy as yet. As soon as I do will discuss with him the purely commercial angles.

Perhaps it is too early to re-open the question of additional frequencies but indications are that we will have an appreciable gain

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Col. T. J. Tully, Signal Corps

press load at about the same times that the frequencies will be required for program work. With additional frequencies we could operate two channels and make it unnecessary to stop on transmissions for programs or pictures. Your re-consideration of this matter would be appreciated.

In a few days we will be ready to test our program facilities and probably be ready for commercial programs in about one week. Our photo equipment will not be delivered by the manufacturer for another month. After delivery it will probably be another six weeks to two months before it reaches us. Under the circumstances the chances of getting started on pictures does not look too bright for some time yet. Be assured, however, that we will establish picture service as soon as possible.

Referring to the last paragraph of your letter of the 28th January, I wish to say that without the co-operation of the U.S. Army Signal Corps we could not have installed our station as promptly as we did. This co-operation is sincerely appreciated by myself and the officials of R.C.A. Communications.

If I can be of service to you at any time or if our facilities can serve the U.S. Army, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

R. E. J.
[Signature]
 Manager

R.C.A. Communications, Inc.

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Copies to:
 CSO, ACOMF
 Capt. Stone, U.S. Navy
 Col. Lenzner
 CSO, Washington, D.C.
 Signal Officer, PBS
 Signal Officer, L of C

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 Office of the Chief Signal Officer

APC 512, U.S. Army
 31 January 1944

Ref: 676.3

Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR
 HQ, Allied Control Commission
 APC 394, U. S. Army.

My dear Stone:

Reference is made to your letter of 27 January 1944 concerning your proposal that communication agencies in U.S.A. and U.K., which operated direct radio circuits with Italy before the war, should assist in the reestablishment of such circuits by the shipment of spare transmitters to Italy for transfer to ITALO Radio.

This matter was considered by the Combined Signal Board, AFHQ, on 26 October 1943, and forwarded to the British Joint Communications Board, London, and the Combined Communications Board, Washington, on 29 October 1943, with a copy of the letter of transmittal to you.

To date we have received no information concerning action taken by either the British Joint Communications Board or the Combined Communications Board, although we were informed about two months ago that the matter was under consideration by the latter agency. I will be glad to advise you when we receive further information in the matter.

Under the present policy of the Joint Chiefs of Staff concerning the establishment of radio stations in occupied countries for communication with the U.S., the RCAC station has been constructed at Naples. This, together with the Cable and Wireless radio station which is to be established in that city for communication with the U.K., appears to meet the present requirements in Italy for commercial radio facilities. Of course further consideration will be given to the matter if and when the need for additional commercial circuits arises.

Sincerely yours,

T. J. Tully
 T. J. TULLY
 Colonel, Signal Corps
 Deputy Chief Signal Officer.

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28 January 1944

Mr. T. D. Meola, Manager
S.C.A. Communications, Inc.,
c/o Signal Officer
FAIRBANKS

My dear Meola:

1. I have your letter of January 24 relative to your progress in getting the RCA station on the air.
2. I have notified the Adjutant General, NATOUSA here that you will be prepared to handle approximately two thousand EFM messages per day initially, beginning on or about February 1. I have asked him to have his representative in NAPLES contact you to arrange necessary details as to how this service can best be used for the benefit of our troops in Italy. The detailed arrangement as to payment for such messages will of course be a matter to be handled between your Company and the Adjutant General. As to local distribution, this again is something that is handled normally through U. S. Mail service and therefore will be coordinated by the Adjutant General.
3. Instructions covering the operation of your station in the area of operations in Italy are being sent you under separate cover. In the absence of other instructions you will comply with the directives issued to you by the CSO, ACMF, who is the direct representative of the CSO, AFHQ in Italy. Insofar as the purely commercial angles are concerned, your point of coordination should be through Captain Stone, U. S. Navy, the Signal representative of the Allied Control Commission.
4. I have discussed with General Stoner in Washington the question of radio transmission of photos. I explained to him that until such time as signal facilities permit the transmission of photos from that area by radio to the U.S., that Colonel Gillette, the Signal Photo Officer with Fifth Army, would be authorized to transmit over your station. I feel that his requirements will never exceed 5 or 6 photos per day, maximum. I would appreciate it if you would coordinate this matter with Colonel Gillette and of course the billing will be at the regular prescribed government rate or at such rate as may be determined by the RCA of the War Department.
5. I appreciate your accomplishment in getting your station installed promptly, and I am sure that it will contribute materially to the over-all efficiency of our Signal Communications to the States from the Italian area.

Yours truly,

Copies to:

CSO, ACMF
Capt. Stone, Allied Control Commission
Colonel Lenzner, FAIRBANKS
CSO, Washington, D.C.
Signal Officer, PBS
Signal Officer, 1 of C

T. J. TULLY
Colonel, Signal Corps
Deputy Chief Signal Officer

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27 January 1944

Colonel T. J. Tully, SC
Office of Chief Signal Officer
AFHQ

My dear Tully:

You will recall my proposal of last Fall that those communication agencies in USA and UK, which operated direct radio circuits with Italy before the war, should assist in the reestablishment of such circuits by the shipment of spare transmitters to Italy for transfer to ITALO Radio. The proposal, I believe, was favorably considered by the Combined Signal Board and was subsequently forwarded either to GCS or to the Ministry of War and the War Department, but I have not been advised of the action taken there. Can you let me know what disposition was made of this matter and whether it is the intention of your office to provide for radio circuits as well as the cable facilities which have been the subject of correspondence between us?

MILLY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Acting Chief of Staff

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682 POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH REGULATIONS AND FACILITIES

Extract from GPO 682 of 17 December 1943

" Telegram Service.

41. The EFM and Letter Telegram services described below operate only in C.M.F.

42. Expeditionary Force Messages (EFM).
The EFM service is restricted to standard texts, a list of which may be consulted at any Army Post Office. The service is available to UK, the greater part of the British Empire, but NOT to EIRE, USA, or HM Ships and Forces. Up to three standard texts may be included in one telegram. The charge is 2/6 per telegram, except in the case of telegrams addressed to ICELAND or FAROE ISLANDS, in which case the charge is 3/- per telegram.

43. Letter Telegrams may be sent to the greater part of the British Empire and to certain other countries, including EIRE and USA. The maximum number of words permissible is 25. The charge varies according to the country of destination and in the case of UK is 8/4 for 25 words or less. A prefix (DLP or ELP), the address, text and name of sender are chargeable.

44. Concession and Compassionate Telegrams may be sent from the R.M.F. and C.M.F. in accordance with the provisions of GPO 61/43."

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

TJF/bp
29 October 1943

Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR
AFHQ, APO #512

My dear Stone:

1. Received your letter of 21 October, 4 days ago, and took immediate action on the following:

a. Your EFM message was sent out some day received.

b. Instructions were issued for the release and immediate shipment for Signal Corps typewriter from SOS at ONAW. Copy of message should have reached you by this time. Another copy attached.

2. The typewriter we are sending you is not exactly what you wanted, but it's the best we could dig up on short notice. For some inexplicable reason the G-4 section does not feel that they should order out a regular quartermaster's commercial typewriter for the particular group with which you are serving. We may get this straightened out later.

3. The question of photographic coverage is highly important as you can readily realize. Now is the time to get the pictures for historical as well as current news requirements. Full censorship of such coverage is now in effect for all pictures taken in this theater since they all pass through this point on their way home. The policy should be, get the pictures now and settle the question of censorship in Algiers.

4. We have received your letter reference the means of installing radio stations in Italy. It has struck a highly responsive note on the part of all of us here. The matter has already been presented to the Combined Signal board where it was very favorably received. It is being sent on for consideration of the higher ups. You probably will get more specific information on this point from the CSO. This whole problem of more powerful radio stations, both for Italian propaganda and commercial use, is in the process of study here at the moment and I will not attempt to give you answers at this time.

5. For your information the CSO will probably get out another letter today, asking for answers to questions relative to communication facilities throughout Italy, as well as certain points in connection with Italian

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military organizations. This is a preliminary to the possibility of your being returned here for a few days to give us information and advice on the whole communication problem as it pertains to Italy.

Yours truly,

T. J. TULLY
Colonel, Signal Corps
Deputy Chief Signal Officer

Pan note:

"PS. The advance agent for Naples RCA station, Mr. Nicola has just arrived."

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chairman
Combined Signal Board
AFHQ

REF: 676.3

27 October 1943

SUBJECT: Italian Radio Requirements.

TO : British Joint Communications Board.
U. S. CCB

1. Enclosed herewith is copy of letter from Captain Ellery W. Stone, USNR, which contains the proposals of the Allied Military Mission, Italy, mentioned in AFHQ message #3139/1098 of 23 October 1943.
2. Supplementing the letter Captain Stone advised this Headquarters as follows:

"Intent of paragraph 3 my letter 17 October was that 3 transmitters would be used to reestablish the 2 circuits to USA and the circuit to UNITED KINGDOM operated by Italo radio pre-war. If 2 circuits to USA are approved, suggest division of tolls between Italo radio and UNITED STATES carriers be made identical for both routes.

"Regarding division of west bound radio traffic between both USA routes suggest that senders in ITALY be allowed to designate route, unrouted west bound radio traffic to be divide according to formula ordered by Federal Communications Commission 27 September 1943 for east bound European traffic substituting in such formula last 12 months of operation for year 1942."

3. The Combined Signal Board, AFHQ, has considered this matter and agrees with the views expressed by Captain Stone. The Board feels that the same principles should be applied to commercial or civil traffic by cable. Will you please deal with the matter and arrange for the supply of the requisite transmitters of your own agreement.

L. B. NICHOLLS
Major General,
Chairman, CCB, AFHQ.

Copy to:

Capt. Ellery W. Stone, USNR.

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By hand of British Officer

Colonel Maxwell, AMQ

1. Further to our conversations of today, I enclose the correspondence as promised, as you may desire to make copies:

- A. Letter from Capt. Ellery Stone to GSO, AFHQ
- B. Message from AMAR Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- C. My reply to B above.
- D. My Draft reply to GCH Washington, RJCH London.

2. In message B it will be noted that Press Wireless wants to establish circuit New York Naples to handle all classes of traffic. RCA are already here and intended for that purpose. There is no mention of US-Rome circuit. May I have your remarks? Please return.

L. B. NICHOLS
Major General,
Chairman, GSO, AFHQ

GSO Branch
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NAPLES WIRELESS INSTALLATIONS COMPLETELY DESTROYED X NCAC ARE ALREADY PROVIDING RADIO TELEGRAPH CIRCUIT TO HANDLE TRAFFIC BETWEEN NAPLES AND USA X CANS ARE ALSO PROVIDING RECIPROCAL SERVICE NAPLES TO LONDON X IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THESE INSTALLATIONS WILL NOT RPT NOT BE WORKING FOR AT LEAST TWO MONTHS OR UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THIS HQ MOVES X YOUR FOUR EIGHT TWO OCTOBER TWENTY X IT IS FELT THAT THESE TWO OUTLETS FOR PRESS AND CIVIL TRAFFIC FOR WHOLE OF ITALY WILL BE QUITE INADEQUATE X TO AGWAR FOR JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF GMA RPTD TROOPERS FOR RJOB AND FATIMA FOR INFORMATION SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FUSIG X ALLIED MILITARY MISSION ITALY HAVE PUT FORWARD CERTAIN PROPOSALS THAT USA AND UK AGENCIES WITH WHICH ITALO RADIO MAINTAINED CIRCUITS PRE WAR SHOULD SEND TO ITALY FOURTEENTH TRANSMITTERS ON NOT RPT NOT LESS THAN TWENTY KW X THESE FOR SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER TO ITALO RADIO X FULL REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED AFTER MEETING COMBING ~~GENERAL~~ BOARD

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EMIL LINZNER, Colonel

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ROUTINE

FROM ASWAR, FROM JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
TO GENERAL EISENHOWER FREEDOM ALGIERS
REF NO THIS MESSAGE: 482 Oct 20, 1943

Press wireless proposes establishment radio telegraph circuit to handle all classes of traffic between its NEW YORK station and NAPLES station of ITALIAN Government administration of posts and telegraphs. Press wireless further desires to send its own apparatus and personnel to operate the NAPLES end of circuit if proposal concerning ITALIAN Government station is not feasible or acceptable. Communications Board requests your views at this time as to desirability of circuit purely from communications standpoint and if you regard circuit as desirable will submit to Civil Affairs Division War Department the question of desirability of ITALIAN Government station operation in NAPLES.

ACTION: SIGNALS

INFORMATION: AG RECORDS

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TO AGMAR

NO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT RADIO STATION EXISTS IN NAPLES X TO AGMAR FOR
 JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE PASIG REFERENCE YOUR FOUR
 EIGHT TWO OF TWENTY OCTOBER X ADDITIONAL STATION NOT ESSENTIAL AS
 REQUIRED BY POLICY IN YOUR FIVE FIVE NIGHT OF TWENTY-ONE AUGUST X
 ANTICIPATE RCAC STATION HERETOFORE AUTHORIZED WILL X BY COMMERCIAL
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Coordinated with

Radio Div OK by Maj. Page[PRO NOT AGREED]Civ. Affairs Mr. Wailes--does
not know of need for 2.Signal Center OK by Col. Nelson

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Col. Phillips
 is preparing memo to PRO
 views--Feels that Press
 Wireless should be approved,
 one of stations to be moved
 to Rome.

New msg 23 October written by CSO.

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ALLIED MILITARY MISSION
APO 512

17 October 1943

TO : Chief Signal Officer, Allied Force Headquarters.

FROM : Captain Elery W. Stone, USNR, Allied Military Mission, Italy.

SUBJECT: Italian Radio Requirements.

1. In planning for communication facilities at Rome when the Italian Government and this Mission (or the Allied Commission) shall have been established in Rome, it seems prudent to assume that the enemy will have demolished the main radio transmitting stations of the Italian Navy and of Italo Radio near Rome. The latter company before the war operated high-power, efficient commercial circuits with Radio Corporation of America and Mackay Radio and Telegraph Company in the United States. Italo Radio has been merged with Italcable in an enterprise similar to Cables and Wireless.

2. While it is true that the Italian Government, the Armistice Commission and Allied Military Forces will have the use of the Italcable facilities to the U.S.A. and U.K. and to other points reached by the Italian cables directly and through joint cable routes, it is believed that the heavy communication requirements for international service at Rome will require the early replacement of the Italo Radio facilities, assuming their destruction.

3. In order to provide replacement transmitters at the earliest time possible, it is recommended that each of the U.S. and U.K. agencies with which Italo Radio maintained circuits before the war, i.e., Radio Corporation of America, Mackay Radio and Telegraph Company and Cables and Wireless Ltd., be requested by the Combined Chiefs of Staff to ship to Italy forthwith for subsequent transfer to Italo Radio one complete radio telegraph transmitter of not less than 20 kw antenna output. In order that these transmitters may be made available as quickly as possible, they should be supplied, if need be, from the spare facilities of the companies in question, since there will not be time to manufacture new transmitters.

4. The transfer of these transmitters to Italo Radio could be financed by one or more of the following methods:

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- a. Out of traffic balances accruing to Italo Radio from the operation of the circuits in question, over a five to ten year period.
 - b. Out of traffic balances accruing to Italcable in the handling of U. S. and U. K. cable traffic, over a similar period.
 - c. Out of War Insurance Funds of the Italian Government to be advanced against, if necessary, by A.M.F.A.
 - d. Through lend-lease, repayment to be made under a., b. or both.
5. Since the merged Italo Radio and Italcable Company should receive substantial revenues from the employment of its facilities by Allied Military and Civil agencies and the Press, there seems no reason for considering the supplying of such equipment on other than a paid or self-financed basis. The sales prices could be established on a basis of net book cost plus a fixed percentage profit, not to exceed 5%.
6. Consideration may also be given to requesting American Telephone and Telegraph Company similarly to furnish a radio telephone transmitter complete with secrecy equipment, to restore the former radio-telephone circuit between Rome and the U. S.
7. It is assumed that consideration will also be given by the appropriate agency of A.F.M.C. to the furnishing of at least one high-power broadcast transmitter for Rome to replace existing broadcasting facilities, assuming their destruction.

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(s) Ellery W. Stone
ELLEERY W. STONE

Copy to:

15 th Army Group
Military Government Section, AFHQ.

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35) FREEDOM 50145	CINC	10 Feb	Gen MacF	Pl report on effect of King's abdication upon personnel of It Army, Navy & Air Force.
36) ???	Mr. Caccia	11 Feb	Gen Wilson	Memo; Present declared policy of Badoglio is to continue until Rome only.
37) CC/G/44	Gen MacF	11 Feb	CINC	Feds Sforza's tels to Wash, London Moscow & discussion of pol Sitn.
38) FARGO 896	Col. Fiske	11 Feb	Regions & FREEDOM	Reorganization of AMG Regions
39) CC/P/48	Gen MacF	12 Feb	Gen Alexander	Reports as requested in (35).
40) CC/G/54	Gen MacF	13 Feb	Lord Stansgate	OK to circulate long & short terms to heads of subcoms.
41) FREEDOM 51059	CINC (Reinhardt & Makin)	13 Feb	Gen MacF (Reber & Caccia)	B'cast to Romans the authorities they must obey before our entry.
42) CC/G/51	Gen MacF	13 Feb	ATHQ	Bad put on spot by our OK'ing criticism of King, etc.
43)	Badoglio	14 Feb	Gen MacF	Fwds ltr fr lawyer about Taranto.
44) Radio comm by hand.	Gen MacF	15 Feb	Gen Alexander	Re (35) Reaction of It. Forces to abdication of King.
45) CC/P/59	Gen MacF	16 Feb	Badoglio	Acks receipt of 43.
46) CC/P/61	Gen MacF	16 Feb	Gen Wilson	Fwds copy of Taranto lawyer's ltr & discusses gagging & present impasse in relation to King.
47) CC/G/65	Gen MacF	17 Feb	Maj Fielden	Replies to (32) Pl see that my name is never publicly linked to Ita political activities.
48) CC/G/66	Gen MacF	17 Feb	Brig Lush	Bad wants info about arrest of Questore at Taranto. & Capt Russo et al at Bari. Pl inquire.
49) FARGO 1037	Gen MacF	17 Feb	FREEDOM	K & Q at Ravello. King says his abdication wd have had effect on Italy. Wants to enter Rome early. Object to adverse publicity. Blames Sforza, etc, for his unpopularity.
50) FARGO 1038	Gen MacF	17 Feb	HQ ACMF	Bad says that Crn Prince should be allowed to be attached to V or 8 Army Staff. Wants to appoint Corps Comdr for Sicily. Wants to act against King's critics.

INSTRUCTIONS.—When papers on a subject become numerous they will be numbered serially and brief entries made on this form.

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