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TO July 1944
CATALOGUE.

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To. P.R.O

1. See. 25a of file and serial No. 8.
2. Will you please state the requirements of Military Comms and draft a letter for reply.
3. If it is desired to meet the thinking writer in any way and a conference is required, this section will be pleased to make the necessary arrangement for you, if letter will state a suitable date or dates.

R. S. Cripps
C.O. 20th

20 May 44.

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To. P.R.O

See 26a) 9/6/1

This arrived with I took the minute to the above.

20 May 44.

R. S. Cripps
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Letter from Col. J. P. Hayden dated 22 May 44

Col. Cripps.

I attach the notes written by Lt. Col. Hayden (Officer in charge of Trans & Radio Comms, 20th) I agree with his and think it is the right reply. Will you convey it to the Minister?

22 May 44

L. R. Cripps
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To. S.C.C.

① Please see draft of 28, made at request of A.B.P. and

3. If it is desired to meet the Ministry's wishes in any way and a response is required, this section will be planned to meet the necessary appointments for you, if you will. Pick a suitable date or dates.

R.D. Cripps
Ch. O. Adm. Sec.

20 May 44

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To: P.R.O.

See 264) 2/61

This arrived after I wrote the minute 26/5/44

20 May 44

R.D. Cripps
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Letter from Col. J.P. Hayden dated 22 May 44

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To: S.C.C.

① Please see draft of 28, make it report of the A.B.P. and Chief Press Censor. see 27a.

② If draft is approved may the like please be forwarded to Minister of India.

24 May 44

R.D. Cripps
Ch. O. Adm. Sec.

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Establishment Branch

11 July 1944.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION)

NUMBER

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AMENDMENT NO. 1

LOCAL MAIL

1. Unclassified mail intended for local civilian addressees will be delivered through civilian mail channels.
2. Such mail will be put through the normal message center channels and will be delivered to the Central Post Office by Dispatch Rider.
3. No postage is required, and the mail will not be subject to censorship.
4. This mail should be addressed on the face of the envelope, and regulation US or British WD envelopes should be used.

E. L. CLOUGH,
Colonel, AGD,
Executive Officer.

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In reply refer to:
ACC/12A/INT
DCC 000.7

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26 MAY 1944

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Dear Sig. Aldisio:

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While operations are in progress the need for security is paramount and it is regarded as important that the necessary steps be taken immediately to ensure that the arrangements outlined in our letter (ACC/63/Int) of 18 April 1944 will be observed.

ALLERY W. STONE
Captain, USAR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency Signor Aldisio
Minister of the Interior
Italian Government

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25 May 1944

To: Col. Cripps, Administrative Section

I made a re draft of the letter. Note I identified the letters rather than to refer to them as "memorandum".

There is one point that I am not clear on. I can not find letter N. 10/808/st of 12 May mentioned in Minister Aldisio's letter of 16 May (26 B). I wonder if that letter changes the situation any?

Do you mind to check the draft and tell me about the May 12th letter, please.

L. D. Densmore

L. D. DENSMORE
Colonel, S.C.
FA to LCC

To. CR DENSMORE.

① Draft OK.

② Have not seen nor can I turn the

letter ref: 10/808/st. of 12 May. 464

③ Will ask L.O. to secure a copy

R. H. Cripps
R.H.C.

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DCC 000.7

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His Excellency Signor Aldisio
Minister of the Interior
Italian Government

MILLY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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DRAFT

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In reply refer to:
ACC/124/INT
DCC 000.7

24 May 44.

Dear Sig. Aldisio:

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In reference to your letter 10-837/1t dated 16 May 44. APB and the Chief Press Censor have considered the matter further in the light of your requests.

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ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNH
Deputy Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency Signor Aldisio
Minister of the Interior
Italian Government.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Information and Censorship Section
Press & Radio Censorship Branch, ITALY
Advanced Press Headquarters
C.M.F.

FAC/R/2

22 May 1944

Dear Fielden,

I suggest that a reply somewhat on the following lines should be sent to the memorandum from the Ministry of the Interior dated May 17th:

"It is pointed out that the memorandum of April 18th covers specifically articles etc. dealing with Military operations and matters connected with military security.

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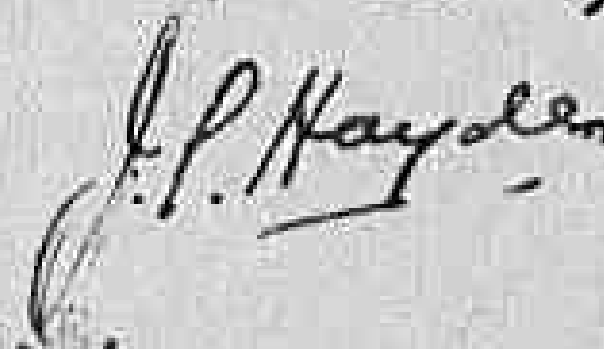
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Yours sincerely,



Major J. Fielden,

D.F.R. A.O.2.

cc. Lt. Col. V.E. Scott Bailey, C.B.E.

20 MAY 1944

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SMB/hjp

DSM 297
20 MAY 1944

19 May 1944

ACC/L2A/TST
DCC OCG.7

Subject: Military Censorship

Dear Sig. Aldisio:

Upon the request of the Press and Radio Censorship Branch, IMC, AFRA, through the officer-in-charge, Press and Radio Censorship, Italy, this Commission requests that the following clauses be added to Censorship regulations issued by the Italian Ministry of Interior by letter No. 74/St of 26 January 1944:

"PROGNOSTICATIONS."

1. No mention must be made of Allied or Italian preparations for future operations.
2. No speculation or prognostication whatsoever may be published on future operations, nor on the outcome of operations at present in course.
3. No discussion is permitted of the intentions of neither the Allies or the enemy.
4. These clauses (1, 2 and 3 above) do not affect the instructions laid down in the paragraph entitled "NOTIZIE DA FONTI ESTERNE."

Will Your Excellency kindly convey to the appropriate Departments of your Government the addition of these clauses for embodiment in the standing instructions for Italian Military Press Censors.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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His Excellency Signor Aldisio
Minister of the Interior
Italian Government

cc: Lt. Col. J. L. Hayden, Chief Press
Censor, Naples
P.R.O., Main Hq ACC
Interior Sub-Commission ✓



MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO

N. 10-837/lt-

Risposta alla lettera N. _____

del _____

OGGETTO

Censura militare. =

Salerno, 16 maggio 1944

Sir Ellery Stone

Capt. U.S.N.R.

Deputy Chief Commission

H.Q. A.C.C.

APO 394

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Con riferimento alla lettera A.C.C.12a/Int. O.C.C. 0007 del 14 c.m. ho il piacere di comunicare che lo argomento ha già formato oggetto di corrispondenza fra la Sezione Amministrativa dell'A.C.C. e questo Ministero.

Evidentemente la nostra lettera n.10/808/St. del 12 corrente, con la quale si rispondeva alla ACC/12/A Int. del 18 aprile 1944, si sarà incrociata con la sua ultima per cui questo Ministero resta ora in attesa di un cortese riscontro.

Comunque per quanto riguarda il comunicato, cui si riferisce la nota, si comunica che è stato trasmesso come d'uso al P.W.B., organo alleato controllato da codesta Commissione.

IL MINISTRO 459

S. Aldis

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TRANSLATION

Ministry of the Interior

File No. 10-837/lt

Salerno, 16 May 1944

Subject: Military Censorship

To: Sir Ellery W. Stone
Capt. U. S. N. R.
Deputy Chief Commissioner,
Hq. A.C.C.
APO 394.

In reference to letter ACC 12a/Int. OCC 0007 of the 14th of this month, I am pleased to communicate that the Administrative Section of the ACC and this Ministry have already exchanged letters on the subject.

Evidently our letter No. 10/808/St of the 12th of this month, which was sent in reply to letter ACC/12/A Int. of 18th April 1944, must have crossed with your last letter, and this Ministry awaits your courteous reply to it.

At any rate, the communique to which the note refers has been transmitted, as usual, to the P.W.B., and Allied body under the control of the Commission.

The Minister

/s/ S. Aldisio.

Translation No. 486/Pfc. Bonanni/19-5-44/ajp.

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May 20

Translating no 4777 - Italian - 18.5.44 - Rome - (25P)

19 MAY 1944

Ministry of the Interior

Bologna, 17th May, 1944

File no. ACC/12/A/Int.

To the Rt. Hon. Viscount
Stansgate - Administrative
Section - A.C.C., Palermo.

Subject: Military censorship

P.22

In reference to the letter ACC/12 A/Int of
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that I have studied ^{very carefully} the proposals which
you made to His Royal Excellency.

R.E. Reale

This Ministry has reason to present the

following considerations in regards:

(a) A regular series of military censorship is
effected with care and foresight on all political
reviews by the Allied censors, in accordance
with agreements previously concluded with the ^{Italian} Allied
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transmissions, the news section of which, ~~is~~
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(b) The suggested dispatch of texts to the ⁴⁵⁷ Office of Naples by the various newspaper-offices and the return of the censored copies would require such a delay, as a result of the serious difficulties of communication ^{existing} at present, that the news would lose its value as a source of information, because ^{smaller} superfluous out-dated by later

2) events; ○

(c) The Allied ~~forces~~ censors at present controlling the Italian press and radio, receive I believe, every day the same instructions referred to in paragraph no. 3 of the letter of 18th April. This double control would obviously cause serious obstacles to the efficiency of the press in Italy ~~for~~ which I consider is already sufficiently guaranteed as regards the Allies.

(d) As regards the particular news correspondence the press would easily be ^{adapting to} ~~conflict with~~ since it is ^{it is} ~~therefore~~ of a specific nature.

The Undersecretary of State,
(Nicola Salerno).



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Ministero dell'Interno

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Prot. N. ACC/12/A/Int. Allegati.....

OGGETTO Censura militare

Tipo A. DUOMARCONNA - SALERNO

In riferimento alla Lettera ACC/12/A/Int. del 3 maggio 1944 sull'argomento in oggetto segnato, Le comunico che ho studiato con molta attenzione le proposte da Lei trasmesse a S.E. Reale.

Questo Ministero invero ha ragione di presentare le seguenti considerazioni:

- a) un regolare servizio di censura militare viene effettuato preventivamente e oculatamente su tutti i periodici politici da parte di censori Alleati in ottemperanza agli accordi, a suo tempo conclusi, con le Autorità Alleate. Lo stesso può dirsi per le trasmissioni radio il cui notiziario italiano, veramente esiguo, è sottoposto ad un severo controllo da parte delle Autorità Alleate;
- b) La suggerita trasmissione dei testi all'Ufficio Censura di Napoli da parte delle diverse redazioni ed il ritorno delle copie censurate avverrebbe in un periodo di tempo che, date le gravi difficoltà di comunicazione attuali, farebbe perdere l'attualità delle notizie che si vogliono diffondere, poiché esse sarebbero superate dagli eventi e quindi perderebbero tutto il loro valore informativo;
- c) I censori Alleati attualmente preposti al controllo della stampa e della radio italiana ricevono -io credo- giorno per giorno le stesse istruzioni alle quali si fa cenno nel paragrafo n. 3 della lettera 18 aprile sicché questo duplicato costituirebbe un evidente intralcio all'efficienza della stampa in Italia per la quale ritengo già vi siano sufficienti garanzie nei riguardi degli Alleati.
- d) In quanto poi alle particolari corrispondenze di guerra si potrebbe senz'altro aderire a quanto proposto, data la loro specifica natura.

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO
(Nicola Salerno)

N. Salerno

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Salerno, 17 maggio 1944
19 MAY 1944

Atto Rt. Hon The Viscount
STANSFORD - Administrative
Section - Allied Control Commission
-Salerno-

Risposta al f.° del
Div. Sez. N.

P. 22.

DSH 287
14 May 1944

WKS/hjp

In reply refer to:
ACC/12A/INT
DCC 000.7

14 May 1944

Dear Sig. Aldisio:

P. 18A

In letter reference ACC/12A/INT dated 18 April 1944, addressed to the Minister of the Interior, it was requested that any Italian war communiques, press releases, etc., should be submitted to the Field Press Censors, Naples.

On 8 May 1944, the attached communique on the return from the front of the Minister of War was telephoned direct by the Ufficio Stampa to the office of Motizie Nazionali Unite, Psychological Warfare branch, Singer Building, Naples.

Fortunately the communique was quite innocent, and no harm was done. The method of announcing it, however, constituted a violation of the request made in my letter of 18 April, and might have led to serious breaches of military security.

I shall be glad to hear in due course from Your Excellency that the necessary measures have been taken to prevent any recurrence of such incidents.

ELERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

Encl.

His Excellency Signor Aldisio
Minister of the Interior
Italian Government

cc: P.R.C., A.C.C.
Lt. Col. J. L. Hayden, Chief Press Censor, 8 Via San Felice, Naples
Interior Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

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IL MINISTRO DELLA GUERRA FRA I COMBATTENTI ITALIANI

DSN 287
14 MAG 1944

SEDE DEL GOVERNO ITALIANO, 8 Maggio (NNU) --- Nei giorni scorsi il Ministro della Guerra si e' recato fra le truppe dislocate nel settore italiano.

Il suo primo pensiero e' stato per i feriti nelle recenti brillanti azioni. In due ospedali da campo egli si e' indugiato al capezzale di ognuno di essi, si e' interessato delle loro gesta e condizioni di famiglia ed ha avuto espressioni di elogio e di affettuoso conforto.

Nella sede del Comando del "Corpo Italiano di Liberazione" il Ministro ha ricevuto successivamente i maggiorei dei centri abitati compresi nella zona di operazioni. Egli ha portato ad essi il saluto del Governo Nazionale ed ha espresso l'affettuosa solidarieta' per coloro che dalla barbarie tedesca piu' hanno avuto a soffrire. A tangibile pegno di questa solidarieta' egli ha fatto delle elargizioni di denaro e viveri.

Indi in un'atmosfera di vibrante tensione patriottica e di suggestiva cornice di austerita' militare, il Ministro della Guerra - anche a nome del Capo di Stato Maggiore Generale - ha proceduto alla consegna di numerose decorazioni al valore. Egli ha rivolto agli intervenuti, fra cui notavansi rappresentanze alleate e civili, fiere parole di compiacimento per i prodigi che i nostri combattenti hanno compiuto ed ha formulato i piu' fervidi auguri per quelli che certamente sapranno ancora compiere in un prossimo domani.

Dopo un cordiale rancio, consumato con i comandanti le varie unita', il Ministro ha chiuso la sua terza giornata recandosi fin sulle posizioni avanzate, dove ha sostato a lungo tra fanti, artiglieri, alpini, bersaglieri, i quali hanno dimostrato tutti indistintamente di possedere un magnifico spirito combattivo ed una fermissima fede nella vittoria.

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(dall'Ufficio Stampa
Min. Interni)

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TRANSLATION NO. 551 - Pfc. Bonanni -

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

PRESS OFFICE

File No. 10/808

To: Rt. Hon. Viscount

Stansgate

Administrative Section

A.C.C.- SALERNO -

Subject: Military Censorship.

In reference to letter ACC/2B/ Int. of May 3, 1944 on the subject, I wish to inform you that I have studied the proposals made by you to His Excellency Reale with a great deal of attention.

This Ministry is indeed quite right in submitting the following observations:

a) A regular military censorship will be effected, prior to their publication, on political periodicals by Allied Censors in compliance with the agreements reached at one time with the Allied Authorities.

The same can be said of radio broadcasts. Of these the Italian news communiques, which are really scanty, are submitted to a strict control on the part of the Allied Censorship Authorities.

b) The suggested transmission of the texts to the Censorship Office in Naples by the various publishers and the return of the censored copies would take such a period of time, due to difficulties of transport, that the news would become out-dated by new events, thus losing their information value.

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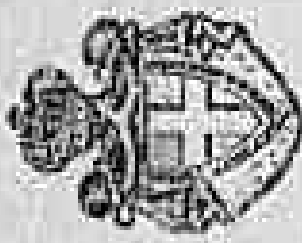
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d) As regards the special war correspondence we could unquestionably follow what has been proposed, on account of its specific nature.

The Subsecretary of State
a/ Nicola Salerno

Admin Sec.
Incl. 10/10/10



TRANSITION #551

Salerno, L. I. Maggio

Ministero dell'Interno.

Al 20:23. Mon. Viscount

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION - Salerno

Divisions... Statia. Leg.

Prot. No. 808 Allegati.

Risposta al f.º del.

Diez. *Leys* N.

OGGETTO: Censura militare

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Divisione Stampa Seg.

Prot. N° 10/808 Allegati

OGGETTO Censura militare

Proposta al f.° del

Dir. Seg. N.

In riferimento alla lettera ACC/AB/Int. del 5 maggio 1944 sull'argomento in oggetto segnato, Le comunico che ho studiato con molta attenzione le proposte da Lei trasmesse a S.M. Reale.

Questo Ministero ha invero ragione in presentare le seguenti considerazioni:

a) un regolare servizio di censura militare viene effettuato preventivamente e costantemente su tutti i periodici politici da parte di censori Alleati in ottemperanza agli accordi, a suo tempo conclusi, con le Autorità Alleate. Lo stesso può dirsi per le trasmissioni radio il cui notiziario italiano, veramente esiguo, è sottoposto ad un severo controllo da parte delle Autorità di Censura Alleate.

b) La suggerita trasmissione dei testi all'Ufficio Censura di Napoli da parte delle diverse relazioni ed il ritorno delle copie censurate avverrebbero in un periodo di tempo, che, date le gravi difficoltà di comunicazione attuali, farebbe perdere l'attualità delle notizie che si vogliono diffondere, poiché sarebbero superate dagli eventi e quindi perderebbero tutto il loro valore informativo;

c) I censori Alleati attualmente preposti al controllo della stampa della radio italiana ricevono - io credo - giorno per giorno le stesse istruzioni alle quali si fa cenno nel paragrafo n. 3 della lettera 18 aprile sicché questo duplicato costituirebbe un evidente intralcio all'efficienza della stampa in Italia per la quale io credo già vi siano sufficienti garanzie per gli Alleati.

d) In quanto poi alle particolari corrispondenze di guerra si potrebbe senz'altro aderire a quanto, proposto data la loro specifica natura.

IL SOLO SEGRETERARIO DI STATO
f/to Nicola Salerno

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*Political Section**AKC**315**(23)*D R A F T

REAR HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 APO 394
 ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

Ref:
 SUBJECT: Military Censorship.

TO : His Excellency *Liam Aldis*
 The Minister of the Interior.

14 May 1944.

1. In my letter of 18 April 1944, addressed to the Minister of the Interior, it was requested that any Italian war communiques, press releases etc should be submitted to the Field Press Censors, Naples.
2. On 8 May 1944 the attached communique on the return from the Front of the Minister of War was telephoned direct by the Ufficio Stampa to the office of Notizie Nazioni Unite, Psychological Warfare Branch, Singer Building, Naples.
3. Fortunately the communique was quite innocent, and no harm was done. The method of announcing it, however, constituted a flagrant violation of the request made in my letter of 18 April, and might have led to serious breaches of military security.

(C) I shall be glad to hear in due course from your Excellency that the necessary measures have been taken to prevent any recurrence of such incidents.

(Sgd)

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 Chief Press Censor.*

*Ellen [illegible]***451**

*[from: Lt Col J.L. HAYDEN
 Chief Press Censor
 P.R.O. 8 Vic San Felice Naples.]*

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 of P.R.O. [illegible]*

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IL MINISTRO DELLA GUERRA TRA I COMBATTENTI ITALIANI

SEDE DEL GOVERNO ITALIANO, 8 MAGGIO (NNU) --- Nei giorni scorsi il Ministro della Guerra si è recato fra le truppe dislocate nel settore italiano.

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(dall'Ufficio Stampa
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

AGC/63/Int.

18 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Military Censorship.

TO : His Excellency, Dr Reale, Minister of the Interior.
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2. In order to avoid any possible breaches of security and to assist Italian censorship and protect the interests of military operations, it is requested that any Italian war communiques, war correspondents' despatches, press releases (comunicati stampa) or articles, by whomever written, dealing with military operations or with matters in any way connected with military security (war equipment, installations, units, movements or locations of troops, vessels, or high-ranking officers or state officials, war damage or repairs etc), be submitted to the following Allied Military Censorship authorities for approval:-

Field Press Censors,
c/o Public Relations, AFHQ,
8 Via San Felice,
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3. The above military censors are responsible for the material of all war correspondents (or photographers) of whatever nationality accredited to the Allied Forces in Italy. They are in constant touch with the C-in-C's Intelligence Staff, with AFHQ, London and Washington. They receive day to day guidance regarding what may or not be released for broadcasting or publication.
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Press and Radio Censorship Branch
(I.N.C. A.F.H.Q.)
Office of Press Censor Liaison Officer
c/o D.R.L.S. 94 Sub-Area, C.M.F.

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5 May 1944. ✓

SUBJECT:- Article "L'ORA H" : "IL CORRIERE" of 3 May 1944.

TO:- Chief Press Censor Liaison Officer,
NAPLES

Reference telephonic conversation of afternoon 4 May.

1. Period prior to message: as above.

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b. It was noted that in para commencing "Nel Mediterraneo..." reference was made to a radio communication. When I asked about this, I was informed that it was from B.B.C. Another editor (Capt. Greco, I believe) added "E' roba vecchia" (It is old stuff), and that all the information had already been transmitted by radio. The customary veiled resentment was exhibited when I queried the article.

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d. It was assumed that the article "L'ORA H" had undergone the same procedure before being sent to "IL CORRIERE".

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II. Period after telephone message of 4 May 1944.

- a. I interviewed Major Bolla at about 1700 hours 4 May. He informed me that the article was not written by Marshal Badoglio but by a high-ranking Staff Officer. I asked the name which surprised him very much and he replied that the article came from the General Staff and inferred that he did not know the author. I tactfully but firmly insisted on knowing the name as only the printed proofs had been

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submitted to the Press Censors. He promised to find out and let me know. Just at that moment Prof. Annunziato walked in and I could see that he was displeased at my insistence, on which I told him that I should not have been misinformed in his presence on evening of 2 April. He said nothing, then mentioned incertusly that he had reprimanded Palmerini for mentioning Marshal Badoglio. It was quite obvious he did not want me to know the real name, because he honestly believes it is not my business.

b. On reminding Major Bolla of his statement as per para 1.c., he remarked that he referred to Government communiqués only and not to articles by individuals; also that the article in question had been sent to "IL CORRIERE" the previous day. I pointed out that I understood it had been sent on 2 May.

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III. Telephone conversation of today 5 May, 44.

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b. I met a Colonel Rossi during the a/m interview, and understand he is now attached to the USMI. He appeared to understand the situation that has now arisen better than Major Bolla, and is less

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loquacious, but also Colonel Rossi did not see the point of our request for the name of the Author of the article. He expressed his willingness to collaborate but left it to Major Bolla to deal with the matter under review.

IV. General.

- a. There is no doubt whatsoever that censorship of the Government organ "IL CORRIERE" is to some extent resented. The It. Press Censor confirmed to me, in confidence, that it was claimed that this newspaper should not be subject to Censorship. He also told me, in the strictest confidence, that the first five issues or so of "IL CORRIERE" had not been censored.
- b. He was told that I was too exigent in asking name of Authors of articles and in demanding to know the source of news etc. He is always pleased when I take a firm attitude, as he deprecated the fixed notion that Censorship rules should be relaxed merely because the "CORRIERE" is a Government paper.
- c. In a general way, there is no lack of harmony between the USMI people and "IL CORRIERE" staff and myself, but with them all the newspaper comes first and security second.

(Signed): John W. Guthrie Squair
Captain - I.C.
Press Censor Liaison Officer.

6 May 44 - 0900 hrs.

P.S. Ref. para II.e I was assured late last night by another editor from the USMI that the news item in Not. No 208 is correct, and that it is separate from the Radio Athens item of same date. Major Bolla did not, however, give me a copy of the flimsy of the former nor mention it. There is no news yet from Major Bolla.

(Signed): J.W.G.S.
Capt.

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Secondo notizie diramate da Radio Londra i giornali neutrali appaiono con titoli a caratteri cubitali riguardanti l'apertura del secondo fronte, che sembra imminente.- La stampa tedesca parlando dello stesso argomento dice che le fortificazioni "Vello Atlantico" sarebbero state rafforzate con armi di tutti i calibri in parte provenienti dal materiale bellico catturato sul fronte orientale.- Sembra frattanto che sulle coste del nord-Africa in Sardegna ed in Corsica gli anglo-americani abbiano raccolto uomini e mezzi in grande quantità.- In un giornale per le truppe, il Generale Bradley ha parlato della prossima invasione.- Egli ha detto che le truppe d'invasione prenderanno parte al più grande spettacolo del mondo.- A Berlino si è commentata questa dichiarazione mettendo in rilievo il cinismo delle parole con le quali il Generale annuncia alle truppe le prossime azioni di guerra.-

PROGNOSTICATIONS.

1. as per draft.
2. as per draft.
3. as per draft.

X 4. These clauses do not affect the instructions laid
down in the paragraph entitled "NOTIZIE DA FONTI ESTERE".

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

SUBJECT: Military Censorship.

10 May 1944.

TO: His Excellency *Agostino Aldisio*
The Minister of the Interior.

The Ministry of Interior letter No 74/50
1. Further to His Excellency Vito Reale's letter of 6 January 1944, regarding the establishment of a system of Italian Military Press Censorship, it is requested that the following clauses be added: ~~to the paragraph entitled "Vario" in the above-mentioned letter.~~
PROGNOSTICATIONS.

1. ~~xxx~~ No mention must be made of Allied or Italian preparations for future operations.
2. ~~xxx~~ No speculation or prognostication whatsoever may be published on future operations, nor on the outcome of operations at present in course.
3. ~~xxxx~~ No discussion is permitted of the intentions of either the Allies or the enemy.

2. Will your Excellency kindly convey to the appropriate Departments of your Government the addition of these clauses for embodiment in the standing instructions for Italian Military Press Censors.

Prepared by:

Agostino of Dec.

Sec. Dec. 0007.

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[From: Lt. Col. J. L. Haydon
Chief Press Censor
P.R.O., 8 Via San Felice NAPLES]

Capt S. S. H. H.

Refers to above letter.

MINI ERO DELL'INTERNO

N° 74/St

Lecce 26 Gennaio 1944.-

Oggetto: Censura Preventiva sulla Stampa

ALLE LL. EE.

A seguito di accordi intercorsi con la Commissione Militare di Controllo, sono state stabilite le norme da osservare e fare osservare rigorosamente per la Censura Preventiva di pubblicazioni autorizzate e da autorizzare di periodici e quotidiani, ovunque esse vengano stampate.-

Dette norme riguardano l'assunzione di personale, la competenza degli Uffici di Censura e la procedura da seguirsi per la Censura stessa.-

PERSONALE.- Le Ecc. i Prefetti, che avranno alla diretta dipendenza gli Uffici di Censura, saranno tenuti responsabili di tutte le eventuali infrazioni ed inosservanze alle direttive stabilite dal ramo Censura dell'A.F.H.Q.

Il personale italiano (Censori) per poter essere assunti in servizio dovrà ottenere il preventivo nulla osta dei funzionari di polizia alleata e del S.C.A.O. addetti alla Prefettura.-

PROCEDURA PER LA CENSURA.- Premesso che nessuna delle pubblicazioni di cui sopra sarà consentita se non autorizzata tramite Prefetture, Ministero Interno, d'accordo con l'A.P.B. (Commissione Alleata per le Pubblicazioni), gli editori ed i direttori responsabili saranno tenuti a far pervenire, a tempo opportuno agli Uffici Italiani di Censura, le bozze di stampa in doppio esemplare.-

Qualora nulla vi sia da osservare, una copia delle bozze di stampa verrà restituita alla tipografia e l'altra trattenuta dall'Ufficio di Censura.-

In caso di soppressione e modifiche di articoli, periodici; frasi disegni, ecc., dovrà procedersi alla depennazione in modo chiaro e preciso a mezzo di matita blu.-

In entrambi i casi predetti (nulla da rilevare o depennazione per censura) sulla copia di bozza di stampa che verrà restituita alla tipografia dovrà esservi apposto il timbro dell'Ufficio di Censura e la firma del censore che ha proceduto alla verifica.-

Eseguita la stampa, una copia delle pubblicazioni, ai fini del controllo, dovrà essere inviata, a cura dell'Ufficio Censura, col mezzo più rapido alla Censura Alleata più vicina.-

SANZIONI.- I Censori, gli editori ed i direttori responsabili delle pubblicazioni, in caso di inosservanza alle norme di censura saranno puniti secondo provvedimenti che verranno emanati dall'A.P.B.-

Inoltre è fatto rigoroso e tassativo divieto di pubblicare

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notizie su argomenti di cui appresso, a meno che le pubblicazioni stesse non siano state autorizzate da "permessi ufficiali" e da "comunicati" degli alleati.--

QUESTIONI MILITARI.--

1. Nessun riferimento dovrà essere fatto alle forze, composizione, disposizione, situazione e movimento di truppe, personale e materiale militare.--
2. Nessuna informazione concernente quantità, situazione e distribuzione di armi e munizioni.--

QUESTIONI NAVALI.--

1. Nessuna informazione tecnica riguardanti navi alleate militari, mercantile ed attrezzature navali.--
2. Nessuna informazione su perdite e danni o attacchi di alcuna nave alleata militare, mercantile e di attrezzature navali.--
3. Nessuna menzione di nomi o di movimenti di navi.--
4. Nessuna menzione di mine e campi di mine.--

QUESTIONI AEREE.--

1. Nessuna informazione riguardante la situazione, la forza, la composizione ed i movimenti del personale e materiale aeronautico e nessuna descrizione dettagliata di attrezzature tecniche.--
2. Nessuna informazione riguardante i metodi di attacco e di difesa di alcun tipo di aeroplano alleato, nè dettagli sui sistemi delle squadriglie da caccia e sui sistemi di ricognizione.--
3. Nessuna informazione riguardante i segnali, i metodi e gli emblemi di riconoscimento di aeroplani e di navi di superficie, modi di trasmettere le informazioni e movimenti aerei del nemico.--
4. Nessuna informazione circa incidenti ed apparecchi ed al personale.--
5. Nessuna informazione circa manifesti lanciati da apparecchi nemici.--

INCURSIONI AEREE.--

1. Non dovrà farsi menzione di allarmi.--
2. E' permesso solo un'indicazione generale della località dell'incursione.--
3. Nessuna informazione sui metodi di difesa.--
4. Nulla dovrà essere pubblicato sui danni sofferti in alcuna incursione aerea nè dovrà essere pubblicato alcun avviso funebre di uccisioni di civili nelle incursioni aeree.-- Le pubblicazioni del genere potranno essere fatte secondo le seguenti norme:
 - a) L'annuncio non deve portare una data precisa ma solo il mese per esempio -in agosto- e non "il 24 agosto".--
 - b) La persona o le persone decedute devono essere indicate come viventi (residenti in un certo paese o città o nel quartiere di una grande città, omettendosi l'indirizzo esatto dell'ubicazione della abitazione.--
 - c) E' consentito pubblicare che la morte è avvenuta a causa di

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azione aerea nemica.-

COMMERCO E RIFORNIMENTI.-

1. Nessuna informazione deve darsi riguardo le località, l'ubicazione dei magazzini e il trasporto di provviste e di materiale di guerra.-
2. Nessuna informazione riguardante la costruzione di nuove fabbriche e centrali elettriche e l'estensione a nuove zone di nuove centrali elettriche, costruzioni e linee elettriche.-

PRIGIONIERI DI GUERRA.-

1. Nessuna informazione sui prigionieri di guerra.-

SPIE.-

1. Nessuna informazione sugli agenti nemici e sulla 5a Colonna.-

VARIE.-

1. Non dovrà farsi alcuna menzione di Ufficiali alleati di grado elevato e di civili alleati importanti presenti a cerimonie ufficiali, ecc.,
2. Nessuna informazione sulla interruzione dei mezzi di trasporto.-
3. Nessuna informazione su di un eccezionale traffico stradale e sulla situazione di ponti e strade nuove.-
4. Nulle dovrà pubblicarsi di spiacevole per la causa alleata e che danneggi le buone relazioni tra gli Alleati e tra gli Alleati e le nazioni neutrali.-
5. Nessuna lettera che inviti membri delle forze alleate e comunicare con sconosciuti.-
6. Nessuna pubblicità personale di sconosciuti.-

NOTIZIE DA FONTI ESTERE.-

1. Si possono pubblicare notizie provenienti da fonti ~~esterne~~ estere purchè la fonte sia chiaramente indicata sia al principio che alla fine del testo dell'articolo.-
2. Brani e riferimenti a tale notizia nel testo degli articoli composti sul posto dovranno portare l'indicazione della fonte da cui sono stati presi.-

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
APO 394

ACC/12A/Int

3 May 1944

SUBJECT: Military Censorship

TO : His Excellency, Signor Aldisio, Minister of Interior

Your Excellency,

1. I shall be glad to know if you have yet had an opportunity of considering the letter I wrote Your Excellency's predecessor with regard to the above subject, on 18th April 1944.

2. I appreciate that you have been exceedingly busy since taking office but in order to dispose of this matter, I shall be pleased to hear from you as mentioned in the last paragraph of my letter, and to know that all necessary arrangements have now been made.

(Sgd) S.

The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Stanagate
Vice President, Administrative Section

Further reminder see P. 24. on 14/5

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
(Establishments Branch)

19 April 1944

SUBJECT: U. S. Military Censorship Regulations.

TO : All Directors of Sub-Commissions and Chiefs of Staff Sections

1. Herewith Circular No. 51, NATOUSA, dated 9 April 1944, subject as above.

2. It is requested that you explain this circular to all American officers and civilians under your jurisdiction. This in conformity with Para. 1b of the circular.

E. L. Clough
E. L. CLOUGH,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Executive Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
AMC 534

CIRCULAR)

9 April 1944

NUMBER 51)

US MILITARY CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS -- CABLES AND RADIOGRAMS1. General Provisions

a. Foreword. -- This circular is based on Training Circular Number 15, War Department, 16 February 1943 (Military Censorship). All other existing regulations and instructions contrary to the provisions herein are rescinded. Censorship regulations governing the use of cable and radio services conform generally with those applicable to postal communications. Circular Number 32, this headquarters, cc, (US Military Censorship Regulations), referring primarily to postal censorship, remains in effect and will be applied in conjunction with these regulations.

b. Instructions. -- This circular furnishes regulations for the conduct of United States Military censorship of cable and radio messages and for instruction therein. Each organization and detachment commander will explain fully the provisions of this circular to all officers, civilians under military jurisdiction, and enlisted men of his unit within forty-eight (48) hours after receipt thereof. The personal responsibility and special security requirements involved in sender's composition messages (ordinary cables) will be emphasized. (See paragraphs 2 a (3) and 2 d (1).)

c. Responsibility and Jurisdiction. -- Responsibility and jurisdiction are, as for military censorship in general, defined in paragraphs 3 and 4, Circular Number 32, this headquarters, cc.

d. Definitions

- (1) Cable. In this circular, the word "cable" signifies a personal message transmitted from this theater to a point outside the theater by electrical means, whether by submarine cable or by wireless. Radiograms are specifically included. Telegrams from one point to another, both within this theater, are specifically excluded.
- (2) Ordinary cable. A cable written in the sender's own words.
- (3) Sender's Composition Message or SCM. The same as "ordinary cable".
- (4) Expeditionary Force Message or EFM. A cable written in fixed form with numerical designation of set phrases in a published list.

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2. Instructions, Ordinary Cables (SGN)a. General

- (1) Designation of personnel permitted to send ordinary cables, or sender's composition messages, and places to which these may be addressed will be as specified in instructions issued separately from this headquarters.
- (2) Ordinary cables in areas where these have been specifically authorized may be handed in at any local civilian telegraph or cable office. The sender will identify himself to the telegraph clerk and will enter on the form his regular army postal address, including serial number, with no additional information as to locality. The army postal address is for purposes of record and tracing only, and will not be incorporated in the text or signature sent.
- (3) Ordinary cables will not be unit censored, but will be subject to base censorship. Any message contravening these regulations will be stopped. Permission to send messages without unit censorship emphasizes personal responsibility and senders are warned to study these regulations carefully and to adhere to them strictly.

b. Form

- (1) 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.
- (2) 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 AFO number will not be included in the signature nor shown elsewhere in the message text.

c. Subject and Language

- (1) Ordinary cable service as covered by these regulations is authorized in order to facilitate the transaction of urgent personal business, family affairs, greetings not sufficiently covered by LFM 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.

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- (c) Money transfers
 - (d) Orders for flowers, candy, or other merchandise
- (2) 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.
- d. Prohibited Statements
- (1) 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.
 - (2) Matter forbidden in ordinary letters is also forbidden in ordinary cables. (See paragraph 10b, Circular Number 32, this headquarters, cs).
 - (3) "Conditional Statements" as listed in paragraph 10 a, Circular Number 32, this headquarters, cs, are prohibited in ordinary cables.
 - (4) The following are also prohibited in ordinary cables:
 - (a) 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.)
 - (b) 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.
 - (c) Notification of safe arrival in any form.
 - (d) Any reference to movement. (For example, such statements as: "Hope to see you soon", or "Am leaving this station" are prohibited.)
 - (e) Movement or prospective movement of any high government official.

3. Expeditionary Force Messages (EFM)

- a. General. -- Basic instructions for dispatch and censorship of EFM's are given in Circular Number 2, this headquarters, cs, (EFM Service) as amended 486

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Instructions are summarized in part and in brief in the present circular from the point of view of censorship, only, as it affects senders and unit EFM censors. This summary is not to be construed as rescinding any existing regulations.

b. Form and Contents

- (1) Addresses to which EFM's are directed will be normal and clear and will conform generally to the requirements in paragraph 2 b (1) above.
- (2) The normal signature will be used, without grade, unit, arm or service or army serial number and will consist of the last name and two initials; last name, middle initial and first name; or full name.
- (3) Any reference to the country or place of origin, APO number, or military organization will be omitted from the message form. Unit designation will be entered by the unit EFM censor on form NAP 1001, but will not be entered on the message form. The sender's code cable address, the six letter code word equivalent to the APO number, will be entered in the space provided on the message form. (If the sender does not know his code cable address, this will be supplied by the unit EFM censor).
- (4) The code word, name of sender, and name and address of addressee must be completely printed in block letters. All entries on the message form must be clear and legible.
- (5) The message will consist of one, two or three of the numbers corresponding to the texts appearing on the reverse side of the message forms approved for use by United States Forces. Text numbers in use by British Forces or others, but not appearing on the US message form will not be used.

c. Channels and Unit EFM Censorship

- (1) EFM's will be filed with designated unit EFM censors. They will not be filed by senders or by unit censors at local civil post or telegraph offices. (Note difference in sending an EFM and in sending an SCM. See paragraph 2 a (2).)
- (2) Unit EFM censors will scrutinize message forms for compliance with the provisions of paragraph 3 b above. Messages found to be improperly prepared will be corrected or returned to sender. Messages found to be in proper form will be listed on Form NAP 1001, and forwarded, with Form NAP 1001, to a designated Central EFM Station, as official mail.
- (3) Other duties that are, or may be, required of unit EFM censors by existing regulations or by order of EFM officers include collection of charges, affixing of EFM stamps to forms, making of EFM allotments, and similar duties. Such duties are necessary for the operations of the service but are not censorship. They are in addition to, not a part of, censorship policy and regulations.

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- (4) Unit EFM censors will provide information on SCM services and co-
sorship and may assist personnel in their units to prepare SCM's
but will not accept them for filing or dispatch.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

DAVID G. BARR
Major General, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ H. V. Roberts
H. V. ROBERTS
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
APO 394

ACC/63/Int

SUBJECT: Military Censorship

TO : RC & AD Section

18 April 1944

1. Reference letter from Major Fielden dated 14 April, and enclosure.
I attach copy of letter which has been sent to the Minister of the Interior.

TAN GATE

V. P., Admin Section

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

acc/63/Int

19 April 1944

SUBJECT: Military Censorship.

TO : His Excellency, Mr. Kenle, Minister of the Interior.

Your Excellency:

- 1 Will your Excellency kindly convey to the appropriate Departments of your Government the arrangements for the censorship of military information of which particulars are given in the following paragraphs.
- 2 In order to avoid any possible breaches of security and to assist Italian censorship and protect the interests of military operations, it is requested that any Italian war communiques, war correspondents' dispatches, press releases (communicati stampa) or articles, by whomever written, deal-ings with military operations or with matters in any way connected with military security (war equipment, installations, units, movements or locations of troops, vessels, or high-ranking officers or state officials, war damage or repairs etc), be submitted to the following Allied Military Censorship authorities for approval;

Field Press Censors
c/o Public Relations, AFHQ.
8 Via San Felice,
Naples.

- 3 The above military censors are responsible for the material of all war correspondents (or photographers) of whatever nationality accredited to the Allied forces in Italy. They are in constant touch with the G-2's Intel-ligence Staff, with AFHQ, London and Washington. They receive day to day guid-ance regarding what may or may not be released for broadcasting or publication.
- 4 All matter should be submitted in duplicate, one copy of which is retained by the Field Press Censors. The same treatment will, of course, be accorded to Italian Government submission as to all other matter submitted to Field Press Censors, for broadcast or publication in the press of the British Empire or the United States of America.
- 5 I shall be glad to hear from your Excellency in due course that all necessary steps have been taken to ensure that these arrangements will be observed.

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SUBJECT: Military Censorship.

TO : His Excellency, Mr. Reale, Minister of the Interior.

Your Excellency:

- 1 All your Excellency kindly convey to the appropriate Departments of your Government the arrangements for the censorship of military information of which particulars are given in the following paragraphs.
- 2 In order to avoid any possible breaches of security and to assist Italian censorship and protect the interests of military operations, it is requested that any Italian war communiques, war correspondents' dispatches, press releases (communicati stampa) or articles, by whatever written, dealing with military operations or with matters in any way connected with military security (war equipment, installations, units, movements or locations of troops, vessels, or high-ranking officers or state officials, war damage or repairs etc), be submitted to the following Allied Military Censorship authorities for approval.

Field Press Censors
c/o Public Relations, AMHQ.
8 Via San Felice,
MILAN.

- 3 The above military censors are responsible for the material of all war correspondents (or photographers) of whatever nationality accredited to the Allied Forces in Italy. They are in constant touch with the G-2's Intelligence Staff, with AMHQ, London and Washington. They receive day to day guidance regarding what may or may not be released for broadcasting or publication.
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- 5 I shall be glad to hear from your Excellency in due course that all necessary steps have been taken to ensure that these arrangements will be observed.

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The Rt. Hon. The Viscount STANSBURY

FOR NOEL MARION MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

Reminder sent 3/5. see P. 22
" " 14/5 see P. 24
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION
APO 394

15 April 1944

ACC/63/Int

SUBJECT: Military Censorship

TO : His Excellency, Dr. Roale, Minister of the Interior

Your Excellency:

1. I shall be glad to have your assistance in securing the observance of the arrangements made for the Censorship of information regarding military matters which it is proposed to publish in Italian newspapers and other publications.

2. In order that the position may be made clear to all concerned and to prevent any misunderstanding of the implications of military censorship or unintentional breach thereof, I am enclosing a memorandum which contains the procedure which should be followed prior to the publication of the kind of information mentioned therein.

3. I shall be glad if Your Excellency will kindly convey the contents of the Memorandum to the appropriate Departments of your Government and in due course let me have your assurance that all necessary steps will be taken to effect compliance.

The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Stansgate

for NOEL LESON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

1 Will your Excellency kindly convey to the appropriate Departments of your Government the ~~subject~~ ^{contents} arrangements ~~for the agreement of~~ ^{for the agreement of} ~~for the agreement of~~ ^{for the agreement of} 432 information of which particulars are given in the following paragraph.

5 I shall be glad to hear from your Excellency ^{in due course} ~~that~~ ^{that} all ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~arrangements~~ ^{arrangements} will be observed.

Censorship and Military Security

1. In order to avoid any possible breaches of security and to assist Italian censorship and protect the interests of military operations, it is requested that any Italian war communiques, war correspondents' dispatches, press releases (communicati stampa) or articles, by whomsoever written, dealing with military operations or with matters in any way connected with military security (war equipment, installations, units, movements or locations of troops, vessels, of high-ranking officers or state officials, war damage or repairs etc), be submitted to the following Allied Military Censorship authorities for approval:

Field Press Censors
c/o Public Relations, AFHQ,
8 Via San Felice,
NAPLES.

2. The above military censors are responsible for the material of all war correspondents (or photographers) of whatever nationality accredited to the Allied Forces in Italy. They are in constant touch with the G-in-C's Intelligence Staff, with AFHQ, London and Washington. They receive day to day guidance regarding what may or may not be released for broadcasting or publication.

3. All matter should be submitted in duplicate, one copy of which is retained by the Field Press Censors. The same treatment will, of course, be accorded to Italian Government submissions as to all other matter submitted to Field Press Censors, for broadcast or publication in the Press of the British Empire or the United States of America.

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

63/17

PRB 6.

14 April 1944.

Subject: Censorship.

To: Lt Col R.R. Cripps, Interior Sub-Commission.

Following our conversation I forward herewith the draft of instructions regarding military censorship approved by the CC. Will you kindly transmit it to the Italian Government?

Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public
Relations.

*Copy to HQ - use
as desired*

*Handed by Legation
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15/4/44*

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRB 6.

11 April 1944.

Subject: Censorship.

HQ ACG, APO 394

Sec'y Gen.

Rec'd 11 Apr 1944

By AB

To: Chief Commissioner.

Through Secretary General

Lt Col Scott Baily would like to have the attached transmitted to the Italian Government. It is, I think, very desirable to draw the Italian Government's attention to this point, since there is a tendency for the newly-licensed papers to ignore or misunderstand the implications of military censorship. If you approve this draft it could either go to the Italian Government over your signature or be transmitted to them by the Interior Sub-Commission. The letter would be conveyed to the APB at its next meeting (17 April) but it is not strictly speaking a matter for APB decision and I would like it to have your approval at once.

Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Director of Public Relations.

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To Maj. Fielden
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Approved.

*The document must
be signed for me.*

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Report of the Field Press Censor

Draft for Chief Commissioner's approval.

1. In order to avoid any possible breaches of security and to assist Italian censorship and protect the interests of military operations, it is requested that any Italian war communiqués, war correspondents' dispatches, press releases (communication stamps) or articles, by whomever written, dealing with military operations or with matters in any way connected with military security (war equipment, installations, units, movements or locations of troops, vessels, of high-ranking officers or state officials, war damage or repairs etc), be submitted to the following Allied Military Censorship authorities for approval:

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3. All matter should be submitted in duplicate, one copy of which is retained by the Field Press Censors. The same treatment will, of course, be accorded to Italian Government submissions as to all other matter submitted to Field Press Censors for broadcast or publication in the Press of the British Empire or the United States of America.

Copy to: Major Haydon (Chief Field Press Censor)
Lt Col Scott Baily, INC Section, AFHQ.

C O P Y

Civil Censorship Section

Allied Force Hq(ING)

Station: Catania
Record No. 100

From: MASSARINI, Franco
A.G.I.O. (Az. Generale Ital.
Petrolio)
Porto Torres, (Sassari Pr. Sardinia)

To: GIANNETTI, Alfredo
R. Intendenza di Finanze
Siracusa, Sicily

Date of communications or postmark if letter is undated: Type mail Language

8 January 1944

Ordinary Surface Italian

Station allocation

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COMMENT

FOILED FASCIST PLOT AT SASSARI

"... The authorities, particularly the civil ones, always leave much to be desired, beginning with the PREFECT (presumably of SASSARI) who I believe is trying to string along at the same time with our government and the pseudo-government of the phantom Mussolini... We had some Fascist elements who lost their seats; they were attempting some kind of coup d'etat or other, but they were caught and we hope they will be shot soon..."

Examiner: Ita; Can. Catania

Reviewer: HFS

Examination Date: Catania,
29 January 1944

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Civil Censorship Section

Allied Force HQ(INC)

Station Cosenza
Record No. 94From: COZZO, Giuseppe
Lappano
Cosenza - ItalyTo: QUESTORE DI COSENZA
COSENZA * ITALYDate of communication or
postmark if letter is un-
dated

Type mail

Language

11 January 1944

Ordinary
Surface

Italian

Station allocation

AMG CAPO

COMMENT

FASCIST PLOTTERS IN LAPPANO, COSENZA

"I pray that you will see to it that a band of local fascists be eliminated. Almost every night in the home of Dr. Scarpelli they get together and organize fascist propaganda, they are the following.

1. CIPPARRONE, Emilio, nephew of the Communal secretary. Squadrista and Federal Inspector previously employed by the Bank of Italy. He is now at Lappano.
2. SCARPELLI, Pietro, Political Fascist Secretary for 14 years, for 5 years pensioned and still he is employed as secretary to the Communal Secretary.
3. CARRAVETTA, Michele, Fascist authority and was Podesta for 12 years.
4. SCARPELLI, Emanuel, retired doctor, although he continued his practice until the fall of Fascism.
5. SCARPELLI, Luigi, son of the Commercial Secretary, employed by the Calabro Lucane Railroad. Vice Political Secretary until the fall of Fascism.

It is necessary for agents of Public Security to break up this band of dangerous and damaging persons for the good of the population of this present government."

NOTE: This letter was opened at the request of AMG police as the Carabinieri and the Questore are suspected of harboring Black Marketeers and Party Members.

Examiner: ACCO Cosenza

Reviewer H.I.J.

Examination Date: 17 January 1944

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Civil Censorship Section

Allied Force HQ (INFO)

Station: Matera
Record No. 93

From 2. SINDACO DI GRASSANI
1. BIANCA DI LENGE
3. MARESCIALLO DEI CARABINIERI RR.
GRASSANI
Grassani (Matera, Italy)

To: 1. SINDACO DI TOLVE
2. SINDACO DI DIRIGLIANO

Date of communications or postmark if letter in un- dated:	Type mail	Language
25 January 1944	Ordinary Surface	Italian

Previous relevant records	Station allocation
Matera 76	10 Matera CCS - Palermo ACCO Files

COMMENT

COMMUNITY OF GRASSANI ASKS THAT FASCIST LEADER BE HELD

In these two letters they are asking if in these communes to where the letters are addressed (Tolve and Cirigliano) there is to be found a notorious Fascist leader, Rocco REVELLI who is being sought for capture. "We ask that he be turned over to the authorities concerned." The two letters are signed as coming from the Sindaco of Grassani and the Maresciallo of the Carabinieri of Grassani.

Examination date:
30 January 44

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Allied Force HQ(THO)

Civil Censorship Section

Station: Catania
Record No. 92From: GROSSO, M
GRAMMICHALE (Atania Pr., Sicily)To: CONSTANTINO, Francesco
Via Ventini, 154
CATANIA (Sicily)Date of communication or
postmark if letter is un-
dated

Type mail

Language

22 January 1944

Ordinary
Surface

Italian

Station allocation

FCS

COMMENT

ABUSES BY FASCISTS STILL IN OFFICE

" . . . Here the bulk of the members of the society anxiously await a complete change at the City Hall because the fascist abuses are still continuing . . . "

" . . . Tell your uncle Roberto (first name) not to forget our City Hall, because the Fascist abuses are many . . . "

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Examiner Italian Censor
Catania

Reviewer: H.F.S.

Examination Date: 29 Jan 1944
Catania

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ALLIED FORCE HQ., (I.N.C.)

CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

STATION Bari
RECORD No. 41

From:

Soldier
NENOCCHI, Adorato
Military Hospital
Palo del Colle
Bari

To:

Soldier
SCOCCHETTI, Luigi
Alpine Battalion
Nardo
Lecce

Give place of Postmark where there is no address

Date of communication or postmark
if letter is un-dated

20 December 1943

Type mail

Ordinary
Surprise

Reg. No.

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Language

Italian

Previously
censored by

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Enclosures

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Previous relevant records

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Origin

Italian censorship X

Re-examination unit

Station allocation

GLM (Italian)
War Coordination
Section

C.C.S. Allocation

1-Gen. Br. INC
1-ACC
1-AMC, AGM
1-Med. Sec. AFHQ
1-A.C.-S. 3-2, Wash
1-Red Cross, AFHQ
1-I.C. London
1-Files

Disposal of original
communication

Held
Excised
Photographed
Sent with
comment to:

Passed
Condensed
Return
to sender

COMMENT

INADEQUATE MEDICINE FOR SICK SOLDIER

"I cannot get well because of the scarcity
of medicine, therefore I am always in the same
position. One tightens his belt to the limits
imagine..."

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Date
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Italian censorship			
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COMMENT

INADEQUATE MEDICINE FOR SICK SOLDIER

"I cannot get well because of the scarcity of medicine, therefore I am always in the same position. One tightens his belt to the limit imagine..."

Adm. Sec.
Circ. 12/40
1-Red. Sec. AFHQ
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Italian Censorship
Pari
EXAMINER
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COMMENT

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"See if you can find an war matches, in fact matches of any kind. Here the speculators are eating from 1-15 live a box for war matches. Yesterday I had to spend 10 lire for a box of war matches."

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP SECTION

Station Matera
Record No. 56From: PETRUZZELLI, Giuseppe
Via Cappelluti, 25
MateraTo: MINISTER of INTERIOR
BRINDISIDate of communication or
postmark if letter is un-
dated,
24/12/43Type mail :
Ordinary
SurfaceLanguage:
Italian

Origin

Italian censorship .X.

COMMENT

DENUNCIATION OF A FASCIST

Mr. Petruzzelli states that Dr. D. GALLITELLI was the founder of Fascism and first Fascist Mayor at Bernalda, in the Province of Matera. He helped to organize and convince people of the Commune to become Fascists and has remained with Fascist ideas ever since.

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Administrative Section

ACC/014.2/AS.

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