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NAVAL, MORSE RADIO INTERCEPTION, BARI  
FEB. - MAY 1944



Black Sheet No. 2.

# 5.

May 16. 10 Communications Sent Com

(a) File passed to you for perusal, with particular reference to

March 10.

(b) You were undoubtedly on requested plan.

(c) It seems that a decision has to be arrived at as to what of the two claims is to be taken up and in the success. You may deem it necessary to put the matter before the P.C.C.

*W. R. D. Burroughs*

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Domestic per cutting press.

The only past history known to this commission not originally included in the file, has now been inserted at 6 (a). Indian Government has from this that it has been well known that the Indian Government has been getting a Press service from sign-stand news intercepts and that this has been officially authorized by the Commission and continuing (and down for its operation).

It is only material for the Indian Government to require the intercept service to be established as the seat of government, and the P.W.B. offer a supply news is not considered a satisfactory alternative, owing to the delay. The P.W.B. statement that the acquisition of the equipment would enable them to give a better service than the Indian Government offers is ignored and irrelevant. The remaining aspect (possible intercept of Allied cipher traffic).



Aug 17,

D.C.C.

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Information for routing please

The only post having known to the one commission not regularly included in the file, has now been included at 6101. It will be seen from this that it has been well known that the Italian Government has been getting a Press Service from high speed news intercepts and that this has been officially authorized by the Commission and continuing and even for its operation.

It is only reasonable for the Italian Government to require the intercept service to be established as the seat of Government, and the P.W.B. offer to supply news is not considered a satisfactory alternative, owing to the delay. The P.W.B. statement that the acquisition of the equipment would enable them to give a better service to the Italian Government appears idealistic and unrealistic in any sense. The security aspect (possible intercept of Allied cipher messages) has already been covered. The importance of intercept of enemy high speed news, by the P.W.B., is not known.

*V. J. [Signature]*



Minute sheet No. 1.

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Date

May 12 For investigation, report draft reply L.

May 9. Legal. Please see attached correspondence. Before State the matter up with Min. of Int. as requested by letter. May from Warsaw S.C. will you advise whether the apparatus can legally be acquired by requisition or by "request" as contemplated by para 3. The nature of my approach to the Minister obviously depends on this.

11. 10. 1945. S. S. P. P. L. C. Director. Int. Sec. Sec.

May 9<sup>c</sup> Int. (3) The transmitter can not only be requisitioned but under the Armistice terms the Italian Govt are bound to make it available to the Allied C in C.

T.R. Lippington  
C. L. O. C. A.

May 15. V-P. Admin. Sec. (4). Please see docs on file and Minutes (13) above.

2. Ministry's letter 3A indicates that the Italian Govt 8438 wants the set moved from Bari to use at Salerno.

3. Long decision is required on following:  
(i) In view of Ministry's answer to para 3 of letter 1 is App. to take this matter further on behalf of P.W.S.

If the  
(a) is the removal of the set to Salerno to be forbidden.  
(b) is the set to be moved to Bari.



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6-1. Admin in Sec.

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(i) In view of Ministry's answer to para 3 of letter 19 Apr. to take this that the further on behalf of Ph.D.

It is the removal of the set to Salerno to be forbidden.  
(a) is the set to be requisitioned or otherwise  
(b) is the set to be requisitioned or otherwise  
acquired under the Amnistia terms and if  
so by whom and when. (The High Commission  
kindly consider if Allied interests have a  
stronger claim to the use of the set than  
that expressed for us on behalf of Govt in  
Ministry's letter.

(ii) Action by the Sub. Comm. to take any further  
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action by the Sub. Comm. to take any further



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REMARKS

From Commodore E.S. Navy, Deputy Chief, Naval Sub-Commission,  
 Toronto 1 May 44, re. above and asking whether the equipment is  
 actually required by the M.N. of Int. to such an extent that it could  
 not be requisitioned. If not Ministry of Marine will be requested  
 to deliver custody to Psychological Warfare Board, Bari outpost.

To M.O.I. 10 May outlining contents of above and suggested that  
 the most convenient course would be for the two Departments (It. and  
 Allied) to arrange for custody of the apparatus to be delivered to  
 P.W.B. Bari Outpost.

Asking to hear from M.O.I. and asked that no transfer take place  
 pending settlement of the above matter.

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25 MAY

20 1944

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HHS/LJP

In reply refer to:  
CS/2/1  
SEC 31.23

25 May 1944.

Subject: Italian High-Speed Morse Intercept Station

His Excellency Avv. Francesco Cossiga, Minister of Communications, Salerno  
His Excellency Avv. Salvatore Aldisio, Minister of Interior, Salerno  
Chief, Psychological Warfare Branch (Italy), Naples

Agreement has been reached with the Italian Government and the F.B.I. that the Italian high-speed Morse intercept unit at present at Bari shall be transferred to Naples.

The Italian Government is hereby authorized to effect this transfer whenever convenient. Arrangements will be made by this Commission to assist in the transportation from Bari on request by the Italian Government.

The Italian Government are arranging to send a technical officer to the F.B.I. Naples, to settle the siting and installation of the station, and arrange the accommodation of the staff.

The transfer is being made on the understanding that the F.B.I. will make arrangements for the prompt delivery to the Italian authorities at Salerno of a sufficient number of copies of the news. It may be found possible to utilize existing courier services or it may be necessary to institute a special service in order to ensure prompt and regular delivery; the F.B.I. is requested to submit a proposal for the organization of this service to this Commission for agreement.

It is requested that this Commission be kept informed on the progress of the transfer.

HENRY M. STONE  
Captain, USMC  
Deputy Chief Commissioner 3436

cc: Navy Sub-Commission (Ref. A 6-2 ACC dated 16 May)  
Interior Sub-Commission (Ref. ACC/3/Int dated 16 May)  
Under-Secretary of State for PP.TI., Italian Government  
Communications Sub-Commission (2 copies)



File No.  
A6-2/AUC

Serial ( 252 )

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION  
Navy House, Tarento, Italy

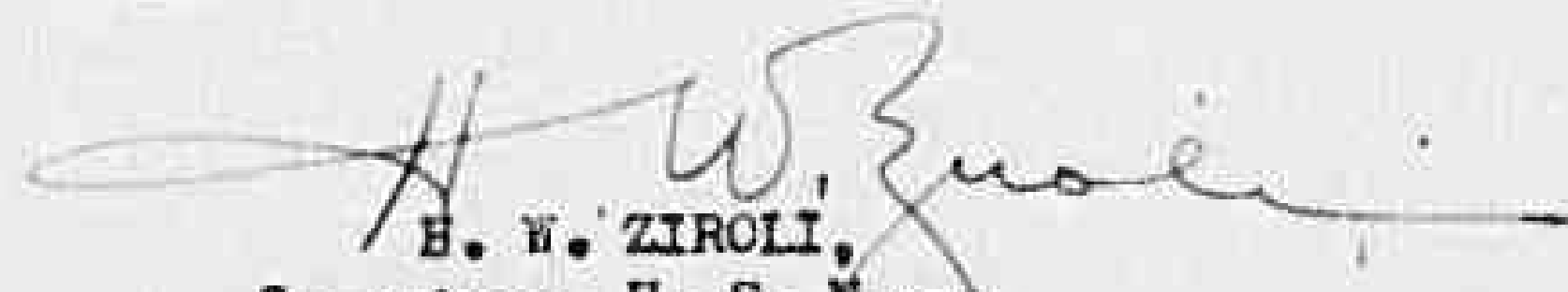
27 MAY 1944  
21 May 1944.

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From: Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.  
To : Interior Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.  
Subject: Morse Radio Interception Unit at Bari, Italy.  
Reference: (a) NSC ACC ltr. Serial 216 of 16 May 1944 to ISC ACC.  
(b) NSC ACC 1st and Serial 152 to PWB/PWE Bari Outpost ltr.  
of 21 April to FOTALI.  
Enclosure: (A) PWB/PWE Bari Outpost ltr. PCA/1128 of 20 May 1944  
to NSC.

1. Reference (a) forwarded an alternate proposal of the Italian Office of Press and Propaganda regarding the supply of a radio telegraph interceptor set to PWB, Bari Outpost.

2. Enclosure (A) indicates that the substitute unit is satisfactorily installed at PWB, Bari Outpost and that no further action is necessary in regard to reference (b).

  
H. W. ZIROLLI,  
Commodore, U. S. Navy,  
for Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C.



PWB Bari Outpost

20th May, 1944.

To: Commodore H. W. Zirolli,  
U. S. Navy,  
A. C. C. Naval Sub-Commission,  
Navy House, Toronto.

from: Colonel P. C. Anderson,  
Chief, PWB Bari Outpost.

MORSE RADIO INTERCEPTION UNIT

I have received a copy of your memorandum of May 16th addressed to Interior Sub-Commission, A.C.C. and hereby agree to the terms of the proposal outlined in your Enclosure (A).

The unit is already being operated on these terms, which are wholly satisfactory, and I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you for all the trouble you have taken in this matter. The unit is of the greatest value to our work, and we greatly appreciate your help in obtaining it for us.

/s/ P. C. ANDERSON

Lt.-Col.

PCA/1128

ENCLOSURE (A).

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A6-2/ACC

Serial: ( 216 )

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION  
Navy House, Tarento, Italy

23 MAY 1944

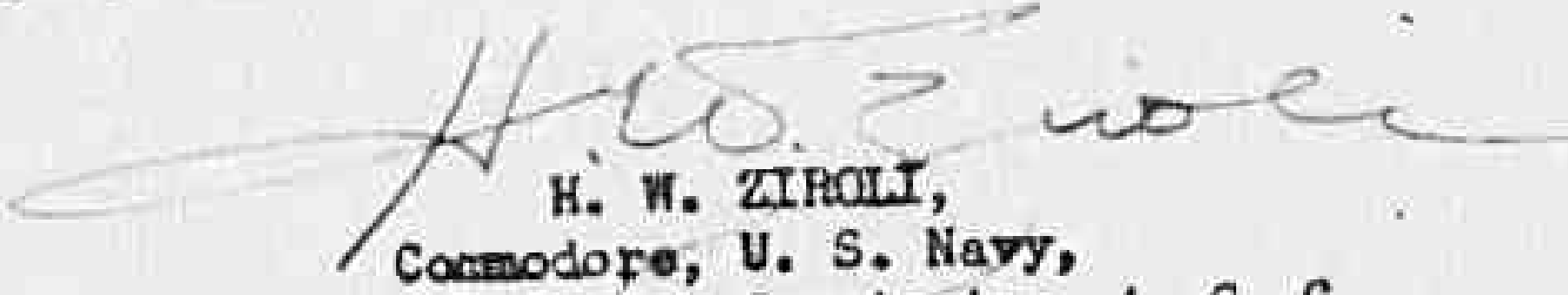
16 May 1944.

From: Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.  
To : Interior Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.  
Subject: Morse Radio Interception Unit at Bari, Italy.  
Reference: (a) Nav Sub-Com, ACC ltr. End. of 1 May 1944 to PWB/PWE  
Bari Outpost ltr. of 21 April 1944 to F.O.T.A.L.I.  
Enclosure: (A) Copy of Minister of Marine (Office of Press Propaganda)  
ltr. of 10 May 1944.

1. Reference (a) requested the Interior Sub-Commission to determine the extent to which subject equipment is required by the Minister of Interior.

2. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for information and contains an alternate proposal of the Italian Office of Press and Propaganda regarding the supply of a radio telegraph interceptor set to PWB, Bari Outpost.

3. By copy of this letter PWB, Bari Outpost is requested to notify the Naval and Interior Sub-Commissions by dispatch as to the acceptability of the alternate proposal.

  
H. W. ZIROLI,  
Commodore, U. S. Navy,  
for Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A. C. C.

Copy to: (with Enc.)  
PWB/PWE Bari Outpost  
Commodore Palmer, DSC  
Member, Nav-Sub-Com, ACC, Salerno.



20th May, 1944.

Captain STONE.

1. I have spoken to Mr. Minifie and Mr. Edmann.
2. Mr. Edmann says that the statement in Encl. 5 to Mr. Fano's letter is incorrect. He has never expressed any wish for the equipment to be moved to Salerno.
3. He would be glad if it could be moved to Naples, but other than Naples, prefers Bari to any other site.
4. The advantages of Naples as a site are:-
  - (a) Naples is an important P.W.B. station, Salerno is not.
  - (b) It has a private P.W.B. teletype service to Bari, and a good courier service to Salerno, supplemented by a teletype service available to P.W.B. though not exclusive.
  - (c) There is an Italian liaison officer with the P.W.B. at Naples for press work.
  - (d) It will give A.C.C. (particularly the Political Section) and other military HQs better service at Naples.
  - (e) It will give Allied newspapers better service.
  - (f) It will give the more important Italian newspapers better service.
5. The Naples site has the disadvantage of giving the Italian Government slower service, and of siting the equipment outside Government territory.
6. On balance, Naples is recommended.
7. It may well turn out that technical limitations will prove decisive - the very high-speed reception required cannot be guaranteed anywhere.

CALLED ON DR. FANO

22/5 9.00 PM WILL LET ME

KNOW AFTER CONSULTING

MINISTER OF INTERIOR NNS.

  
 J. L. Henderson  
 Colonel.

Director, Communications Sub-Commission.



TRANSLATION

10 May, 1944.

ROYAL NAVY  
MINISTRY OF MARINE  
CABINET

OFFICE OF PRESS AND PROPAGANDA

TO H.Q.A.P. - P.W.B.  
per PROF. E. PICARD  
Via Niccolo dell'Area 22  
Bari.

COPY TO Commodore H.W. ZIROLI  
Navy House, Taranto.

Subject: INSTALLATION OF HIGH SPEED INTERCEPTOR.

As a result of orders of the Italian Ministry of Marine and my memorandum of 8 May, and successive verbal understandings, the following has been decided:

1. The Italian Navy will deliver for use, as long as is necessary, one of its radiotelegraph interceptor sets for high speed work, with all connecting installations, to P.W.B. News and Press Section (U.W.N.) Bari.

2. With the set will be transferred to the P.W.B. the specialized military personnel for the operation of the set. These are:

|                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Chief Radioman, 3rd category | FINIZZI, Luigi - Chief of Station |
| 2nd cl. "                    | PENSO, Giorgio - Operator.        |
| 2nd cl. "                    | VINCIGUERRA, E. - Operator.       |
| 2nd cl. "                    | D'INCERCCO, A. - Operator.        |
| 2nd Cl. "                    | CAVALLARO, G. - Operator.         |

3. Personnel will remain under the Italian Navy for administration and discipline and under the P.W.B. in regard to their utilization in service is concerned.

The P.W.B. is requested to apply to the Italian Naval Command in Bari (Marina Bari) whenever necessary regarding questions of discipline or administration of personnel arise.

No special compensation must be paid the personnel for the service they are performing.

The P.W.B. will provide lodging. Subsistence will be provided for by Marina Bari.

4. Possible future repairs to material, spare parts, etc., will be provided by technical sections of the Italian Ministry of Marine.

CHIEF OF PRESS OFFICE

(Sgd.) F. GAROFALO. 3431

ENCLOSURE (A).



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20 May 1944

SUBJECT: Radio Interception (Monitoring) Unit, Bari.

TO : Col. Henderson, Communications Sub-Commission

## References:

(a) Interior Sub-Commission, folder  
ACC/34/INT.(b) Memo dated 18 May with five inclosures  
from the Undersecretary of State for P & T.

1. Reference (b) provides additional facts.
2. I agree with your views, Minute #6 of folder  
ACC/34/INT.
3. Will you please take charge of this matter,  
contact PWB and determine whether or not arrangements  
can be made whereby the equipment can be turned back  
to the Italian Government.
4. It would now appear that the only parties in-  
volved are PWB and the Italian Government.
5. Attention is directed to the significance of  
Inclosure #5 of Fano's letter of 18 May.

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*Captain Stone said that  
Mr Minifie of PWB  
Nablers is the man to contact.*

*Dennison*

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ELBERT W. STONE  
Captain, USMC  
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

Ministry of Communications  
Directorate General of  
Posts and Telegraph.

Salerno 18 May 1944

Subject: Bari Monitoring Station  
To: Allied Control Commission

Following the conference between our Undersecretary, H. E. Dr. Pano, and your Colonel Densmore, we consider it appertune to sum up the true development of the facts relative to the projected transfer of the Bari Monitoring Station to Salerno, (transfer desired by Marshal Badoglio and the Italian Government).

Several months ago this station passed from the Ministry of the Navy to the control of the Press Bureau of the Ministry of the Interior. With the transfer to Salerno of the seat of the Italian government and of the Press Bureau, there arose the question of the advisability of transferring the monitoring station as well, since it furnished valuable news information for the Italian radio's special news broadcasts as well as for those of PWB.

On 26 April, the Cabinet of the Navy gave permission for the transfer of the radio station from Bari to Salerno (Enclosure No. 1). The Press Bureau therefore made arrangements for the transfer and requested clearance from the Italian Ministry of the Navy, and Commander Garofalo Chief of the Navy Press Bureau, sent a telegram to Major Bolla, Chief of the Government Press Bureau, asking that a date be fixed for the transfer in question (Enclosure 2.). On 4 May Major Bolla wired that the place where the radio station was to be located was not yet ready and that he would at some later time set the date for the transfer (Enclosure 3).

Nevertheless on 8 May (Enclosure 4), Commander Garofalo communicated that following a request made by the Naval Sub-Commission, ACC, the monitoring equipment already installed at Bari had been dismantled and consigned in part to PWB at Bari.

It is obvious that in this matter everyone acted independently and with a deplorable lack of coordination.

The Ministry of the Navy granted permission believing that the Ministries of Interior and Communications concurred.

The Bari PWB apparently acted in this matter without consulting the Naples PWB, seeing that on 13 May Mr. Edmann of the Naples PWB, in the course of a meeting held at the Ministry of the Interior, expressed a desire that the Radio station, which is capable of receiving regularly the morse broadcasts from Washington, be installed in Salerno as soon as possible (Enclosure 5).

There is only one thing to be done in this matter:

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The monitoring station in question should be installed as soon as possible in such a way as to render the most profitable service both to the Press Bureau and to PWB (in Bari and in Naples).

Provided:

-That the station is Italian and that it is logical that it be installed so as to provide the Chief of the Italian Government with the most up-to-date information.

-That the Press Bureau at Salerno is provided with a teletype circuit connecting it with the Naples PWB, and that news monitored at Salerno can then be transmitted immediately to Naples.

-That Naples is similarly provided with a circuit to Bari and that the same news can be expeditiously transmitted to Bari.

We see no reason why it should not be unanimously agreed to install the station in question at Salerno with a more cordial arrangement for the exchange of monitored material and with the renewed undertaking (quite superfluous) not to record Allied cipher messages.

As every delay in the activation of such a program delays the full utilization of the radio station in question, we would be most grateful if by mutual agreement some definite action could be taken.

The Undersecretary of State

/s/ Mario Fano

Trans-Sgt. Shenfield/ajp.

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ENCLOSURE NO. 1

TRANSLATION

Ministry of the Navy  
Press Bureau.

File No. 2948

26 April 1944

Subject: Transfer of Monitoring Radio Station R. T.

To: Ministry of Interior, Press Bureau,  
Bari.

Reference 355/SG of 21-4-44.

The Cabinet of the Navy has given its consent to the transfer of  
the Radio Monitoring Station of Bari.

By order of the Secretary of the Navy Press Bureau:

/s/ Illegible.

Trans/DSG/ajp.

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TRANSLATION

ENCLOSURE NO. 2

TELEGRAM

NOTE FOR MAJOR BOLLA, CHIEF OF THE PRESS BUREAU,  
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR,  
SALERNO.

REQUEST INFORMATION AS TO WHEN POSSIBLE TRANSFER RADIO MONITORING  
STATION FROM BARI TO SALERNO PD REQUEST YOU OBTAIN TRANSFER STENOGRAPHER  
CHIUMARULO PD THANKS AND GREETINGS

/s/ Commander Garofalo.

Trans/DSG-ajp.



ENCLOSURE NO. 3

TRANSLATION

## T E L E G R A M

FROM: Ministry of Interior, Press Bureau, Salerno.

TO : Commander Garofalo, Naval Command, Taranto.

REFERRING NOTE OF 26 APRIL BEG TO BE EXCUSED FOR OMISSION REDISCOUNT DUE TO  
REORGANIZATION OFFICE PD AS SOON AS QUARTERS ARE FOUND WILL ADVISE DATE DEPARTURE  
RADIO MONITORING STATION PD

/s/ MAJOR BOLLA

SALERNO 4 May 1944.

Trans/DSC-/ajp.

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TRANSLATION

ENCLOSURE NO. 4 7E

Royal Navy,  
Ministry of the Navy,  
Cabinet,  
Bureau of Press and Propaganda.

File No. 2349

8 May 1944

Subject: Radio Monitoring Station of Bari

To: Press Bureau, Ministry of Interior, Salerno, and  
for Information to Press Bureau Section, Bari.

Reference to 355/SG dtd 21 Apr 1944 from your Bari office.

Following request of the Navy-Sub-Commission, ACC, and disposition of the Cabinet of the Navy the radio monitoring equipment installed in Bari under the care of this office has been dismantled and part of it has been ceded for the use of PWB of Bari.

Chief of Press Bureau,

F. Garofalo

c.c. Chief of the Section, Dr. A. Ferris

The Director, Maj. Nino Bolla.

Trans/DSG-/ajp.

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TRANSLATION

ENCLOSURE NO. 5

Naples 15 May 1944

H. E. Undersecretary Fano, and for information to  
H. E. Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs,  
Salerno.

During the course of the meeting of the 13th inst in Salerno, Mr Edmann expressed desire that the Radio Monitoring Station which has been functioning in Bari (I understand at present already dismantled) and which is capable of receiving morse transmission from Washington, be quickly installed at Salerno.

This is for the purpose of renewing the reception of the American State Department Bulletin, which has proved to be most useful, even to us.

Mr. Edmann has inquired if he may count upon a prompt resumption of the above mentioned service.

I shall, therefore, be grateful for your kind confirmation.

/s/ Renato della Chiesa.

Trans/DSG-ajp.

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TRANSLATION

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Ministry of Interior

24 March, 1944

Ref. No. 309

Subject: Press Interception.

To : Headquarters, A.C.C.

Dear Commander Stone.

Answer to letter of 18 March, 1944.

I can assure you that instructions have been sent, through our Press Division, to the Signal Naval Office of Bari, regarding the request you made.

My best greetings

Signed: Prof. Vitto Reale

Captain Ellery W. Stone,  
U.S.N.R.  
Deputy Chief Commissioner

Trans/Fsc. Bonanni/ ajp

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EWS/ajp

16 March, 1944

In reply refer to  
DOC 311.23

Subject: Press Interception.

Dear Professor Reale:

It has come to our notice that high-speed Morse radio reception recording equipment is being installed to Bari to serve Ufficio Stampa. This equipment is being installed by Italian Naval Signals Intelligence personnel especially assigned from Taranto Naval Base.

There is no objection to the Italian authorities establishing a service for recording wireless clear traffic for their information service.

You are requested however to ensure that Allied cipher traffic is not recorded, and it would therefore be appreciated if you would kindly issue the necessary instructions to the reception stations concerned.

Yours very truly,

Ellery W. Stone.  
Captain, U.S.N.R.  
Deputy Chief Commissioner

cc: Telecomms & Posts.  
Sub-Comm.

His Excellency Professor Vitto Reale  
The Under-Secretary of State for the Interior  
Italian Government.

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JLH/tjj

To: The Executive Commissioner. 62  
From: Telecommunications and Posts sub-commission, Rear HQ, AGC.  
Subject: High-speed Morse Reception Recording Equipment.  
Reference: Ts/19/1 : 16th March, 1944.

1. A copy of the enclosed letter has been made for my file. 6D
2. There is of course no objection whatever to the Italian authorities establishing a service for recovering wireless high-speed clear traffic for their information service. 6B
3. They should, I think, receive instructions that they are not to record Allied cipher traffic, as this might form a basis at some future date for breaking the cipher. As there is no means of our checking this, the instruction should be passed through their own official channels.
4. If you concur, I will have the necessary caution sent to the Italian government department concerned.

J. L. Henderson  
Colonel,  
Director, Telecommunications and Posts sub-commission.

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C O P Y

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION  
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH

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To: G. Egman, C. Popmiller, Lt. Col. Boyall,  
Colonel Munro.

24th February, 1944

From: Peter Rhodes.

When I was last in Bari, Mr. Annunziata reported that high-speed Morse reception recording equipment was being installed, enabling PWB HQ to serve Ufficio Stampa. Mr. Egman and myself visited the premises in the company of Mr. Annunziata, talking briefly with the men who were establishing the new reception unit.

The unit was composed entirely of Naval Signalling Intelligence Corps who had been specially assigned from Taranto Naval Base to work with Ufficio Stampa. They were installing two complete high-speed Morse recording units and although no definite assignment had yet been given, they said they would be monitoring press high-speed transmissions.

Questioning revealed that this unit, during war time, had the assignment of tapping all high-speed press clear Morse and press transmissions from Cairo and Middle East to London and a variety of other similar channels operating from London, Moscow and Algiers, etc.

It may be assumed that the primary job of the present unit will be to monitor all high-speed clear Morse and press copy out of Italy, perhaps with the object of keeping the Ministry concerned fully informed of all press correspondence reports and reactions regarding Italian political situation. It may also be assumed that other high-speed clear Morse channels and other Allied channels will be watched for the same purpose. It is noteworthy that no press agency at this stage of the war, this being used exclusively for inter-office traffic, prior to final censorship and release of all stories in each country. It may be of interest to see how that unit develops in this work. Mr. Annunziata should be of help.

Peter Rhodes  
News and Monitoring, Italy.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
INTERIOR SUB-COMMISSION  
A.C.C. 194

74 (2)  
10th May, 1944.

400/54/INT.

SUBJECT: Morse Radio Interception Unit at Bari.

TO : His Excellency, The Minister of Interior.

Your Excellency,

1. I have been asked to communicate with you regarding the above apparatus which was installed by the Ministry of Marine for the Press Office of your Ministry.

2. I understand that the Press Office are considering the transfer of the set from Bari to Salerno but that the experts are of opinion that such a move and the conditions under which this extremely delicate apparatus could be used locally might well result in damage to it.

3. The Psychological Warfare Board (P.W.B.) are anxious that this apparatus should remain at Bari and are desirous of using it for purposes which will be of mutual benefit both to the Board and to the Italian Government.

4. In these circumstances I am to enquire if the equipment is actually required by your Ministry to such an extent that it should not be requisitioned.

5. The Naval Sub-Commission of A.C.C. have already been in touch with Capitano Garofalo, Capo Ufficio Stampa della Regia Marina who is acquainted with the position as outlined above and I believe he also favours the retention of the set at Bari. I would therefore suggest that the most convenient course would be for these two Departments to arrange for custody of the apparatus to be delivered to the P.W.B. Bari Outpost.

6. I shall be glad to hear from you and in the meantime I shall be grateful if your Excellency will arrange that no transfer shall take place pending settlement of the above matters between us.

R. R. Temple, Capt  
for

A.C.C. SPIRIT,  
Lt. Colonel,  
Director,  
Interior Sub-Commission.

400/54/INT.

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Delivered 10/5/44



ACC/AG-2

Serial: (152)

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION  
Navy House, Tarento, Italy

1 May 1944.

FIRST REVISION to  
FM/PR Bari Outpost  
ltr. of 21 April 1944  
to F.C.T.A.I.

From: Naval Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission.  
To: Interior Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Morse Radio Interception Unit at Bari, Italy.

Enclosure: (A) Copy Naval Sub Commission ltr. Serial 133 of 21 April 1944.  
(B) Original Chief Press Officer R.M. memo undated, received 30 April 1944 w/c translation.

1. Forwarded.

2. As indicated in Enclosure (A) the requisitioning of the Morse Radio Interception Unit at Bari, Italy requested in the basic letter has been discussed with Captain Garofalo, Chief of the Press Office of the Italian Navy.

3. Enclosure (B) indicates that the radio unit at Bari is operated by the Italian Navy for the Ministry of Interior and that the Navy has no requirement for the unit. It is requested that the matter be investigated to determine whether the equipment is actually required by the Ministry of Interior to such an extent that it should not be requisitioned. If not the Ministry of Marine will be requested by this office to deliver custody of the radio units to the Psychological Warfare Board, Bari Outpost.

4. The return of this correspondence is requested.

*H. W. Ziegler*  
H. W. ZIEGLER,  
Commodore, U. S. Navy,  
Deputy Chief, Naval Sub Commission, ACC.

Copy to:  
P.W.B. Bari Outpost w/c Encls.  
Commodore Palmer w/c Encls.

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## ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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Serial: (123)

COMMODORE H. W. STROLL, U. S. NAVY  
UNITED STATES NAVY MEMBER

24 April, 1944.

Capitano di Vascello Franco Garofalo, R.M.,  
Gabinetto,  
Capo Ufficio Stampa Della Reggia Marina,  
PALAZZO REALE,  
Taranto.

Sir:

The Naval Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission  
has been advised that the Italian Navy is operating at 19, Via  
Nicoli dell'Arce, Bari, Italy, a high-speed Morse Radio Interception  
Unit.

It is requested that you confer with me at your earliest  
convenience with reference to purpose for the unit is operated in  
order that I may be advised as to status of the equipment.

H. W. STROLL,  
Commodore, U. S. Navy,  
Deputy Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, ACC.

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ENCLOSURE (A).

SECRET

per l'ufficio

UFFICIO STAMPA DELLA REGIA MARINA

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DEPUTY CHIEF, Naval

UFFICIO STAMPA DELLA REGIA MARINA

COMMISSIONER A.C.O.

Il giorno 10-11-1941, ore 14, si è svolta la riunione

convergenza di ieri, 20, 1941.

1°) L'ordine di lavoro per il 1941 si richiama del capo delle

uffici stampa del ministero degli Interni, questo Ufficio intere-

se e competentemente per l'installazione e

dei gli uffici interpellati per il servizio delle notizie stampa.

Alcuni di essi, per la loro sede in telegrafica, ad un'intersezione

in occasione (1941) - 1941 - 1941.

con la spesa venne stabilito anche il personale destinato al-

la condotta dell'ufficio.

2°) Nel febbraio 1941, l'ufficio stampa, la stazione interse-

zione venne concessa all'ufficio stampa di tutti non previsti accor-

di tutti in merito alla questione di dipendenti e per

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mente sapponiamo che l'ufficio stampa fosse regolarmente autorizzato ad usare la stazione per la ricerca di notizie esterne e per la loro diffusione.

3.) Accidentalmente l'ufficio stampa del ministero degli interni, trascurando a Berlino, ha richiesto a questo ufficio il trasferimento delle macchine antiaeree della base a Berlino. In seguito a questa richiesta non è stato ancora risposto ufficialmente perché a mio parere che la distruzione a Berlino non permetterebbe più di esercitare la volta sorveglianza tecnica e disciplinare e potrebbe provocare danni ad un delicato ufficio di difficile approvigionamento.

4.) In concreto, pertanto, che l'ufficio stampa della difesa berlinese non soltanto non utilizza il servizio in argomento, ma ne, allo stato delle cose, interessa che esso continui a funzionare.

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toei a Salerno, ha richiesto a questo Ufficio di essere  
 messo in contatto con i dirigenti di Bari e Salerno. In merito a questa richiesta  
 non è stato ancora risposto all'istante perché a mio parere che  
 la situazione a Salerno non permetterebbe più di esercitare le  
 funzioni di sorveglianza tecnica e disciplinare e potrebbe provocare danni alla  
 sicurezza.

Un saluto a tutti e un cordiale benvenuto.

4-] La consegna, pertanto, che l'Ufficio stampa della Regia Aeronautica non  
 soltanto non utilizzi il servizio in argomento, ma che, allo stato del-  
 la cosa, interesse che essa continui a funzionare.

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## MEMORANDUM

From: Captain F. Garofalo, R. M.  
Chief of Press Office of the R.M.

To: Commodore F. ZIRONE, USN  
Deputy Chief, Naval Sub-  
Commission, A.S.C.

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Referring to your letter AB-2/NSC Serial 123 of 26 April and to our conversation of the 26th -

(1) During December, 1943, on request of the Chief of the Press Office, Ministry of Interior, this office interested the competent authorities of the Ministry of Marine in the installation at Bari of some interceptors for press news. Some of these were of common telegraphic type, but one was a high speed Morse R.I. Unit. With these sets personnel were prepared for operating the plant.

(2) In February this year, installations completed, the interception station was turned over to the Press Office of Bari with a precise understanding, in writing, regarding questions of operation of the station and use of the news intercepted. It was particularly specified that the Navy "would assume no responsibility for news intercepted and published". It was naturally presumed that the Press Office would be properly authorized to use the station for picking up news and its broadcast.

(3) Recently the Press Office of the Ministry of Interior, transferred to Salerno, requested this office to transfer the interception sets from Bari to Salerno. To this request an official reply has not yet been given as it is my belief that the arrangements at Salerno do not permit the desired technical and disciplinary surveillance which might result in damaging a delicate and difficult situation.

(4) I confirm, however, that the Press Office of the Royal Navy neither uses the services of the station in question, nor in the present circumstances has any interest in its continued operation.

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ENCLOSURE (2)

U R G E N T.

21st April, 1944.

TO: P.O.T.A.L.I.,

(For attention Staff Signals Officer,  
Navy House,  
Taranto. )

FROM: Lieut.-Col. P.O. Anderson,  
PWB/PWE Bari Outpost.

Morse radio interception unit.

The Italian Navy is operating at 19, via Nicolo dall'Arca, 2nd floor, a high-speed Morse radio interception unit. Commandante Garofalo, the head of the Ufficio Stampa della Reggia Marina at Taranto, recently informed me that this unit operates under his orders. It is the same equipment which, prior to the capitulation, was used to intercept Allied coded signals for the purpose of breaking them.

The equipment consists of one high-speed Morse recorder and amplifying unit and four receivers, one of which is used and specially suited for use on the high-speed recorder. The equipment has been ordered to be removed to Salerno, but the operators are dallying in the hope that we will requisition it before the removal takes place.

The equipment is presently used to intercept press copy in transit between correspondents and the news agency offices. Over these same channels coded messages are frequently sent and automatically received by the operators, whether or not they are trying to take them. High speed Morse is also used by Army signals for the transmission of operational messages and it is quite possible for this unit to monitor such messages. We submit that such equipment, however it is being used, should not be in the hands of a non-Allied agency. Moreover, if it is actually being used only to receive Allied press copy, it is duplicating a function of P.W.B.

The acquisition of this equipment by P.W.B. would enable us not only to provide the Italian government and Italian press with a better news service, but it would also enable us to improve our Balkan

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intelligence by monitoring German high-speed Morse transmissions which our operators cannot take manually, and to receive such other useful material as the American State Department bulletin which is a valuable news service in itself.

In return for this equipment we could agree to provide the Italian Navy with all legitimate news it is now receiving via this channel.

It is strongly recommended that the unit be requisitioned intact in its present quarters for the use of this organization, and I should be most grateful if you could have the matter taken up urgently.

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Lieut.-Colonel  
Chief of PWB/PWE Bari Outpost.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION  
Navy House, Toronto, Italy

1 May 1944.

FIRST INTERVIEW to  
NSC/AB-2 Bari Outpost  
Ltr. of 22 April 1944  
to P.O.T.S.I.I.

From: Naval Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission.  
To: Interior Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission.  
Subject: Marine Radio Interception Unit at Bari, Italy.  
Enclosure: (A) Copy Naval Sub Commission Ltr. Serial 123 of 24 April 1944.  
(B) Original Chief Press Officer N.M. memo undated, received 30 April 1944, w/o translation.

1. Forwarded.

2. As indicated in Enclosure (A) the requisitioning of the Marine Radio Interception Unit at Bari, Italy requested in the basic letter has been discussed with Captain Garofalo, Chief of the Press Office of the Italian Navy.

3. Enclosure (B) indicates that the radio unit at Bari is operated by the Italian Navy for the Ministry of Interior and that the Navy has no requirement for the unit. It is requested that the matter be investigated to determine whether the equipment is actually required by the Ministry of Interior to such an extent that it should not be requisitioned. If not the Ministry of Marine will be requested by this office to deliver sections of the radio units to the Psychological Warfare Board, Bari Outpost.

4. The return of this correspondence is requested.

M. W. SIMS,  
Commodore, U. S. Navy,  
Deputy Chief, Naval Sub Commission, NSC.

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P.O.T. Bari Outpost w/o trans.  
Commodore Palmer w/o trans.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION  
Navy House, Tientsin, N.Y.

1 May 1944.

ITALY INTEREST  
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From: Naval Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission,  
Navy House, Tientsin, N.Y.  
Subject: Naval Radio Interception Unit at Bari, Italy.  
Enclosure: (1) Copy Naval Sub Commission Rep. Serial 100/14-2 of 24 April 1944.  
(2) Original Chief Press Officer (C.O.) memo dated, received  
24 April 1944 w/o translation.

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Marine will be requested by this office to deliver notice of the radio unit  
to the requisitioning office Bari, Italy subject.

4. The return of this correspondence is requested.

W. H. HALL,  
Commander, U. S. Navy,  
Navy House, Tientsin, N.Y.

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## ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

COMMODORE H. W. SINGLI, U. S. NAVY  
UNITED STATES NAVY HONORARY

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## MEMORANDUM

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Chief of Press Office of the R.N.

For: Commodore H. W. KIRRI, USN  
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ENCLOSURE (3)

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