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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: F 75749
Date/Time of Origin: DEC 282039

Message Centre No: C/5732
Date Time Recd: DEC 290845
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGEC

TO : AICOM

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ACTION

SECRET.

Information now received from ACMAR and TROOPERS that cable and radio messages cannot be accepted in Italian due to lack of qualified translators. Therefore only English and French permitted at present.

Director	
D/Director	
Chief Telecoms	
Chief Postal	
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Chief Clerk	

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Date 29 DIC 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
29 DEC 1944
A. F. C.

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Col. Trudden —
Pls handle urgently
RWS
cc

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URGENT

PERSONAL

Rome, January 10, 1945.

Dear Admiral Stone:

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

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

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure:

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

CAL:td

Enclosure No. 1

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January 10, 1945.

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

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

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

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

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

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Gentlemen:

In the memorandum of agreement signed to-day by the United States and United Kingdom delegations on the Mediterranean cable situation, it is provided that subject to the views of the Combined Chiefs of Staff the United States Army will have assigned to it for its exclusive use and control, one channel in each direction in the Horta - Rome Cable.

Since the effect of this provision will, owing to the inadequate cable facilities between Fiumicino and Rome, result in a reduction of the capacity of the Horta - Rome cable, it is our understanding that this provision will not take effect until the necessary improvements have been effected in the cable facilities between Fiumicino and Rome or until two months after the date of signature of the agreement whichever is the earlier.

It is understood that you will use your good offices with the United States element of A.F.H.Q. with the object enlisting their interest and support in securing the necessary priorities and equipment, and we for our part will similarly represent to the Theatre Commander the desirability of effecting these improvements at the earliest possible opportunity.

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It is our understanding that the U.S. army authorities would wish Cable and Wireless Ltd. to operate the channel on their behalf, and we assume that the channel will accordingly terminate in the office of Cable and Wireless Ltd. in Rome. It is further our understanding that you will use your good offices with the U.S. Army authorities in order to obtain the maximum degree of flexibility in the transmission of messages of interest to both Governments. In particular endeavours will be made to arrange that when the U.S. channel

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is not being used for U.S. military traffic, the circuit may be used for other traffic and may be disconnected at Gibraltar and Horta so as to provide the operating company with a circuit which may be used for such traffic as is available at those points. It is of course understood that every endeavour will be made to operate the British circuit at its fullest capacity.

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The Delegations appointed on behalf of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland respectively, to discuss the Mediterranean cable situation including charges for Government traffic passing over cables in that area, desiring to place on record the conclusions which they have reached in these discussions, have drawn up the following memorandum of agreement:-

1. No agreements concerning temporary disposition or possession, or control of seized Italian cables, pending permanent disposition thereof, shall in any way bind, obligate or accrue to the advantage of either of the governments or any Nationals of either of them, insofar as permanent disposition of such cables is concerned. It is the intent of the governments that any such agreement shall be in effect only until the ownership and control of the seized Italian cables has been disposed of either at the Peace Table or by other mutual agreement, whichever shall be the sooner.

2. Subject to the provisions of Paragraph 1, and to the approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, the seized Italian cable running from Horta to Gibraltar and thence direct to Fiumicino and thence by land line to the cable head in Rome shall be considered separately from the other cables in the Mediterranean and disposed of in the following manner:

a. The United States Army will have assigned to it for its exclusive use and control, one channel in each direction,

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a. The United States Army will have assigned to it for its exclusive use and control, one channel in each direction, in the Horta Rome cable which cable will be divided into two channels in each direction for this purpose, and traffic flowing over this channel shall be carried without charge, except as provided for under paragraph 2(c) below.

b. The remaining channel in each direction in the cable will be operated by the Government of the United Kingdom or its/

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its [illegible]mir[illegible], Cable and Wireless Limi[illegible].

c. In the event that the United States Army requests the Government of the United Kingdom or its nominee, Cable and Wireless Ltd., to perform certain operation and maintenance services on the channel referred to in paragraph 2a, the Government of the U.K. will pay to Cable and Wireless Ltd. its out-of-pocket expenses therefor and record such payments as Reciprocal Aid to the U.S. Government. Out-of-pocket expenses shall include a fair proportion of maintenance costs and shall not include rental for the cable or return on cable value.

d. All traffic between the United States First Zone and points beyond such First Zone on the one hand and Italy and points beyond Italy on the other hand flowing over the Horta Rome cable, other than traffic flowing in the exclusive United States Army channel, shall be carried on said cable at the pre-war rates for this route or at such lower rates as may be agreed.

3. The Government of the U.K. advises that, for the duration of the war it may nominate Cable and Wireless Ltd. to operate seized Italian cables. Cable and Wireless Ltd. will pay a rental for these cables, other than the Horta-Rome cable for which special arrangements are made in paragraph 2 above, to the Govt. of the U.K. and all such rentals shall be accounted for in a separate account. The disposition of the monies repre- by said separate account unless determined earlier by agreement shall be determined at the same time and place as the permanent disposition of the cables themselves. Of the proportion of these rentals that may be deemed to be due to the United States Govt. such element as represents the estimated proportion of military to total traffic (this proportion being agreed for the purpose of this agreement as 75%) shall be debited by the U.S. Govt. as

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4. It is understood that the Governments contemplate a conference at the earliest reasonable date to consider among other things the question of charges for Government telegrams transmitted over cables of their respective Nationals. Pending such conference, the Government of the United Kingdom will/

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will undertake to arrange for a rate for United States Government terminal traffic between points in the Western Mediterranean which is equal to the rates which Cable and Wireless Limited charge the Government of the United Kingdom for their terminal traffic between the same points. For the purposes of this agreement, the Western Mediterranean area is defined as that portion of the Mediterranean area lying west of the 16th degree East Longitude. Except as specifically provided concerning traffic over the Horta Rome Cable, terminal traffic within the Western Mediterranean area shall be charged for by Cable and Wireless Limited at its regular rates.

5. Charges levied by Cable and Wireless Limited in respect of United States Military traffic, originating in the entire Mediterranean Area shall be paid for by the Government of the United Kingdom and recorded as Reciprocal Aid to the United States Government. All charges for "Private Wires" leased by the United States Army from Cable and Wireless Limited in the entire Mediterranean Area and the charges referred to in Paragraph 2c shall be included in the charges provided for in the preceding sentence of this Paragraph 5. All non-military United States Government traffic shall be paid for by the Government Department concerned direct to Cable and Wireless Limited.

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6. In the event that it is impossible for any reason to determine which of the parties to this agreement should be billed, the bills shall be divided equally between the United States and United Kingdom Governments.

7. The provisions relating to charges for United States Government traffic shall be retro-active as follows:

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7. The provisions relating to charges for United States Government traffic shall be retro-active as follows:

a. As of 15th August, 1944 for the Horta Rome Cable.

b. The provisions of Paragraph 2a shall not be retro-active and accrued charges for United States Army traffic over the Horta Rome Cable shall be included in the provisions of Paragraph 7a hereof.

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c. As of 8th November, 1942, for any and all unpaid charges accrued for services to the United States Government between points in the Western Mediterranean Area as herein defined.

Done at London in duplicate this 15th day of March 1945.

For the United States Delegation:

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For the United Kingdom Delegation:

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission JLH/epc

16th April, 1945

C.115.131.CS

SUBJECT: Area Open to Civil External Telegrams

TO: A.F.H.Q.,
Attn: G-5

Reference your NAT 398 and F 60226.

1. It is suggested that a different system of restriction on external cablegrams from forward zones be considered.

2. At present, internal telegraph traffic is permitted up to the northern boundaries of the provinces of PESARO and AREZZO, thence along the line of the R. ARNO through the province of FIRENZE, then along the northern boundaries of SIENA and GROSSETO.

External telegraph traffic is permitted only up to the northern boundaries of TERAMO, RIETI and VITERBO provinces, and is excluded from the provinces of FOGGIA and TARANTO.

3. It is evident that the restriction on external traffic only imposes a delay of a few hours on an organised relay system; on the other hand it penalises the innocent inhabitants of the area between the two boundaries who are unable to arrange any relay.

4. It is therefore suggested that external telegraph traffic be permitted from any point open to domestic telegraph service, but that a 24-hour delay be imposed by censorship on all telegrams originating outside Italian Government territory (and from the province of FOGGIA, if still considered necessary).

5. This proposal offers no difficulty in implementation, and is a common security measure; it is noted that it is the routine being followed in SHAEF territory for different zones in France, Belgium, etc., according to their circular notices. It will also avoid continuous changes in boundary lines as security considerations change.

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J.L.HENDERSON, Colonel
Director, Communications

Copy to: Civil Censorship.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission JJH/cpc

C.115. .CS 14th April, 1945

SUBJECT: Telegrams of American Express Company

TO: The Combined Signal Board,
A.F.H.Q.

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Reference your letter of 11th April, 1945.

1. We do not feel that we can authorise any particular civil concern in Italian Government territory to send private or commercial telegrams outside Italy until the service is generally opened with the agreement of the Italian Government.

2. If the concern is acting as an agent for the Allied Forces it can of course be authorised by A.F.H.Q. to utilise military communications without reference to this Commission or the Italian Government.

3. If the concern is acting in the interests of the Italian Government application can be made by that Government for the communications to be included in official traffic now authorised.

4. As there is no indication that communications of the American Express Company (an Italian firm) fall into any such special category, it is not proposed to permit their communications until generally open with the concurrence of the Italian Government, unless directed to the contrary.

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J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to: A.F.H.Q., G-2 (Ref CCB/1100/353)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
COMBINED SIGNAL BOARD

11 APRIL 1945

SUBJECT; USE OF RCA FACILITIES BY AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY.

TO ; ALLIED COMMISSION (ATT'N: COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION).

1. A REQUEST HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY THROUGH RCA COMMUNICATIONS, INC., FOR PERMISSION TO FILE TELEGRAPH MESSAGES BETWEEN ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES.

2. G-2 AND G-5, AFHQ, HAVE CONCURRED. WOULD YOU PLEASE MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO EFFECTUATE THIS CONCURRENCE.

LUDWIG R. ENGLER
MAJOR, SIGNAL CORPS,
SECRETARY,
COMBINED SIGNAL BOARD.

COPY TO: RCA (ROME).

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Director
A/Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
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Chief Clerk

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AMERICANA ESPRESSA

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY

SOCIETA ANONIMA ITALIANA
PAID UP CAPITAL L. 2500000

OFFICES OF THE AMERICAN EXPRESS ORGANISATION

AMSTERDAM
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ATHENS
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BERLIN
BOMBAY
BRUSSELS
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CALCUTTA
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COLOMBO
COPENHAGEN
DUBLIN
EDINBURGH
FLORENCE
GENEVA
GENOA
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HAGUE, THE
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AMMINISTRATORE DELEGATO

PIAZZA DI SPAGNA
ROME

Rome, April 12th. 1945

To: A.C.
Communications Sub-Commission,
ROME

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY

1.- In view of the fact that it would help us very much in our banking business if we could, when the necessity arises, exchange cable messages with our parent company: The American Express Co. Inc., New York, we hereby apply for the necessary authority.

2.- We hope our request may be granted at the earliest moment possible, as we have some urgent information which we are anxious to relay to New York in the very near future.

Thanking you in anticipation for your kind attention to this matter.

AMERICANA ESPRESSA S.A.I.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
APO 512, US Army

RNW/eml

CCB/1100/ 353

9 April 1945

SUBJECT: Use of RCA facilities by American Express Company.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394, U. S. Army.
(Att: Director Communications Sub-Commission)

1. The American Express Company has been authorized to file their traffic in connection with remittance business between Italy and the United States directly with RCA Communications, INC.

2. Messages passing through the Rome Cable head will be submitted to CCG cable censors for censorship prior to transmission.

For the A C of S, G-2:

Thomas H. Finn

THOMAS H. FINN,
Lt Col, GSC,
G-2 (C) Section.

Director
D/Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
H Q Coms O.
Asst Chief Postal
Censorship
Chief Clerk

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Date 12 APR 1945

Present: C. B. O.
Brig. Bond
Broadhurst
Tingley
Edwards
Sargent
Wedell
King
Brig. Gibbs
Stuart
Henderson-
Col Sims

Radio Telegraph Service U S A.

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Col Sims stated that they could allocate to U.S. daytime frequencies only - and that limit to U.S. presented even further difficulties

Much discussion

50 % available capacity RCA

70 % available capacity Cable & Wireless

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Mr. King stated that Halcable had no control over personnel short of transport=

PWB will require additional 4 offshores for Telegraph broadcast

to Austria= they are available

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Short of transport=

PWB will require additional 4 operators for telegraph broadcast to Austria = they are available

RCA has 38 total 12 operators = would require them for 3 to 6 months after closing down of military - based on commercial traffic

C & W 42 operators 5 technical assistants would be available as soon as military closes down -

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Secretary
Combined Signal Board

5 April 1945

Ref: 311.9/4

Meeting to be held at HQ. Allied Commission, (Col. Henderson's office) in Rome at 10 A.M. Thursday, 12 April 1945 on the subject of the re-opening of ITALCABLE radio facilities with special reference to their personnel requirements inasmuch as the employees hired out to RCA and Cable and Wireless are concerned.

AGENDA

1. What are the present plans for the opening of additional radio links by ITALCABLE?

2. What are ITALCABLE's essential personnel requirements in connection with the operation of (a) their present circuits, (b) circuits they hope to re-open in the immediate future and (c) circuits that they hope to re-open as part of a long term plan?

3. Bearing in mind that AFHQ will require a guarantee that ITALCABLE will not withdraw any of their employees from RCA and Cable and Wireless without due notice, the length of which is acceptable to all parties, to AFHQ and the two commercial carriers, what are the methods proposed for dealing with ITALCABLE's personnel requirements?

4. Can RCA and Cable and Wireless make suitable arrangements to permit the release of ITALCABLE personnel provided adequate notice of withdrawal is given?

5. What repercussions are likely to arise if the re-opening of ITALCABLE circuits is postponed solely on account of the personnel problem?

LUDWIG R. ENGLER
Major, Signal Corps

A. V. BRANDLE
Capt., R. Signals
Joint Secretaries.

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not prepared to discuss any other proposal
but RCA -
but are prepared to discuss rates =

Propose to set out limits of handling by RCA

Proposal was set forth -

Explained by Otterman

Fano held firm to terms for concession.

Otterman prepared preamble setting forth conclusions
which prompted using RCA as sole agency -

Otterman asked if Italians agreed that in interests
of efficiency initial cessation of hostilities RCA
should be sole agency for US

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Fano asked if US traffic could not be routed

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Proposal was set forth -

Explained by Mr Herman

Jane held firm to term for concession.

Mr Herman prepared preamble setting forth conditions

which prompted using RCA as sole agency -

Mr Herman asked if Italians agreed that in interests

of efficiency united cessation of hostilities RCA

should be sole agency for US

1319 :

Jane asked if US traffic could not be routed

via Moscow - this pained the Commrs.

Jane then said that best solution seemed to be

that if in interests of efficiency one transmitting agency

only then RCA should act as agent for Ital cable

Jane then put forward that RCA continue to handle military

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and good cable commercial - is just a military -

Atherton said he had no authority (was not reference to Washington) of going beyond slight conversation. He did not of course know what attitude was in Washington now but only what it was 2 months ago. He felt however that if proposals was just up to Washington answer would be in negative. Was discussion trying to sell idea of Government to study from that term must be set. Jaw still holds firm that if not a question of concession by Italian Government then why raise question - Please when just in his 2 talks with about states you where he said did not invoke Italian

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Attaché was in Washington some but only what it was
2 months ago. He felt however that if proposals
was just up in Washington sooner would be in
negative. Sure Chairman trying to sell idea of
Communist to study Tass still holds firm that term must be set.
If not a question of cooperation by Italian Government
Italy why raise question - Pleased when just in his
2 talks with Attaché not invalid Italian

Attaman said he had no objection to
consulting Washington but he did not think there
had been any change - he was willing to send a
telegram to Washington - although he had sent one
from Paris to ascertain that he be informed

of any change and that we have such informati
had been received - Montinato asked if Ackerman
would send such a telegram stating that Italian -
consignments etc -

Woodward then spoke on rates -
1.40 Gold francs.
H 6 lira per word is very high and ranked like
it as a reduction - have proposed 1.04 gold frs.
per word which is same as U.K.
1 gold fc - 19.3 cents now

Woodman realized that European Govts were in a difficult
and would offer no objection to rate of -
1 gold fc = 33 lire
but would like to see rate of 1.04 gold frs for
full rate agreed to with standard ~~Italy~~ International
reservation for other classes of traffic -

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Secretary
Combined Signal Board

Ref: 311.9

8 April 1945

SUBJECT: Commercial Status of Military Carriers.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Allied Commission,
(Att'n: Lt.Col. H.H. Scudder).

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2. Enclosed is a copy of the basic document from the Joint Chiefs of Staff on this subject.

LUDWIG R. ENGLER
Major, Signal Corps,
Secretary,
Combined Signal Board.

Encl: Ltr AG676.3(19 Aug 43)OB-S-E.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

AG 676.3 (19 Aug 43)OB-S-E

KIS/mer 2B-939 Pentagon
21 Aug 1943

SUBJECT: Facilities for Press and Other Commercial Communications Between the United States and Occupied Territories. (JCS 437)

TO: The Commander-in-Chief,
Southwest Pacific Area;
The Commanding Generals,
European Theater of Operations:
North African Theater of Operations;
U.S. Army Forces in China, Burma and India, Rear Echelon;
U.S. Army Forces in the Middle East;
U.S. Army Forces in Central Africa;
U.S. Army Forces, South Atlantic;
Western Defense Command;
Caribbean Defense Command;
Alaska Defense Command.

1. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have agreed to the following policy for the expeditious handling of press and other commercial communications traffic between the U.S. and such countries as U.S. Forces (either alone or in combination with Allied Nations) may occupy or take under protective status.

2. The text of the policy agreed upon by the Joint Chiefs of Staff is as follows:

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'b. It is desirable that such radio stations have facilities for transmitting broadcast programs to the United States for broadcasting over U.S. networks.

'c. In order to reduce to the minimum the amount of radio apparatus, shipping space, and personnel, all United States commercial company radio apparatus installed in occupied countries should be capable of being disassembled and transported to, and reassembled in, another location when it is no longer needed in its original location. Each station should have its own independent power supply in duplicate.

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'd. The number of U.S. commercial radio stations in any theater sho uld be limited to those deemed essential by U.S. military authority because:

(1) Each circuit withdraws from military use one set of operating frequencies.
(2) The supply of radio apparatus is critical.
(3) Installation of stations requires military participation to obtain priorities for equipment, furnishing shipping space, and transportation of personnel, all of which must be kept to the minimum and under military control.

'e. United States military authority should have control of the location and types of apparatus installed and operated; the number, qualifications and location of personnel employed; the points to which service shall be offered; and the types of service which shall be offered. Stations should be required to operate only upon frequencies assigned or approved by military authority.'

3. All such requests for the establishment of commercial communications facilities in enemy occupied territories initiated by U.S. Army Forces under your jurisdiction will be processed through the War Department for final action by the Joint Communications Board, Washington.

By order of the Secretary of War:

J. A. ULIO,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Secretary
Combined Signal Board

Ref: 311.9

8 April 1945

SUBJECT: Commercial Status of Military Carriers.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.
(Att'n: Lt.Col. H.H. Scudder).

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The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

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21 Aug 1943

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TO: The Commander-in-Chief,
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Ministry of Foreign Affairs
The General Secretary.

Rome, 16th March 1945.

Ref. No.03675/27.

Radio Telegraph

Dear Kirk,

I confirm that I have forwarded, as arranged, the memorandum to the Ministero Poste e delle Telecomunicazioni concerning the re-activation of the wireless-telegraph service between Italy and the United States of America, and to have insisted for a satisfactory solution of the question.

The abovementioned Ministry has now replied as follows:-

" 1 - This Ministry has received communication from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the two memorandums, delivered by hand, respectively from the Counsellor of the British Embassy and from the Counsellor of the American Embassy, with which both the Allied Governments signify their consent for the immediate re-activation of the wireless-telegraph service on the understanding that the concession made to the Italian Government as regards this would be subject to further consideration within six months from the cessation of hostilities in Europe.

" 2 - This Ministry, holding that the conditions set out in our letter No.8/4623 of the 21st December 1944 constitutes a concession by the Italian Government, it is considered logical to give the same concession a well established term and not only affirm that it must be subject to further consideration. We would desire that it be, from now, agreed that within the said term the international telegraph communications with the Allied Nations be again examined, independently from the abovementioned agreements.

" 3 - Considering that, after the date on which our above letter was written and signed, to the Italcable have been returned the technical means requisitioned before by the Allied Military Authorities; means by which were established the wireless-telegraph connection with Russia and the radiotelephone service with New York, the Italian Government believes that it would be most desirable to be able to resume the wireless-telegraph service in question using the same means; this would, therefore, probably avoid any discussion whatever on this matter and allow, analagous to that as established for Russia, the activation of the wireless-telegraph service in accordance with the pre-existing international rules.

" 4 - Having set out the above, this Ministry has already approached the Allied Commission(Posts and Telecommunications Sub-Commission) and is now awaiting to hear of the decision that they will reach on the subject.

At the present I, therefore believe that nothing else can be done but await the answer of the competent Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission.

Accept, dear Kirk, together with my high sense of consideration, my most cordial greetings.

(Sgd.)R. Prunas.

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
Il Segretario Generale

03675/27

Roma, 16 marzo 1945.

Caro Kirk:

Le confermo di aver trasmesso a suo tempo al Ministero delle Poste e Telecomunicazioni il Pro-Memoria in merito alla riattivazione del servizio radiotelegrafico fra l'Italia e gli Stati Uniti d'America e di aver insistito presso il medesimo per una soddisfacente soluzione della questione.

Il predetto Ministero ha ora fatto presente sull'argomento quanto segue:

"1. Questo Ministero ha avuto comunicazione da codesto dei due Pro-Memoria consegnati brevi mano rispettivamente dal Consigliere dell'Ambasciata Britannica e dal Consigliere dell'Ambasciata Americana, con i quali entrambi i Governi Alleati esprimono il loro consenso alla immediata riattivazione del servizio radiotelegrafico nell'intesa che la concessione fatta al Governo Italiano al riguardo sarebbe soggetta ad ulteriore considerazione entro sei mesi dalla cessazione delle ostilità in Europa.

"2. Ritenendo questo Ministero che le condizioni esposte nella nostra lettera n. S/4623 in data 21 dicembre 1944 costituiscono una concessione del Governo Italiano, si ritiene logico dare alla concessione stessa un termine ben stabilito e non affermare soltanto che essa dovrà essere soggetta ad ulteriore considerazione. Desidereremmo cioè fosse fin d'ora consensualmente concordato doversi entro il termine stesso riprendersi in esame le comunicazioni telegrafiche internazionali con le Nazioni Alleate, indipendetemente dagli accordi sopra citati.

"3.

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"3. Considerato che, successivamente alla data in cui la nostra lettera suindicata è compilata e sottoscritta, sono stati restituiti alla Italcable i mezzi tecnici prima requisiti dalle Autorità Militari Alleate, mezzi con i quali si è già ristabilito il collegamento radiotelegrafico con la Russia e quello radiotelefonico con New York, il Governo Italiano ritiene che sarebbe quanto mai desiderabile poter riprendere il servizio radiotelegrafico in oggetto impiegando gli stessi mezzi; cosa che potrebbe evitare ogni e qualsiasi discussione al riguardo, e permettere analogamente a quanto già stabilito per la Russia l'attivazione del servizio radiotelegrafico secondo le norme internazionali preesistenti.

"4. Premesso quanto sopra questo Ministero ha già interessato della questione la Commissione Alleata (Posts and Telecommunication Sub-Commission) ed è in attesa di conoscere la decisione che la suddetta Commissione prenderà in merito".

Allo stato delle cose quindi mi sembra che non resta che attendere la risposta della competente Sottocommissione della Commissione Alleata.

La prego, caro Kirk, di gradire insieme ai sensi della mia più alta considerazione i miei più cordiali saluti.

(fto) R. Prunas

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

28 March 1945

Ref: 675.3/12

RCA Communications, Inc.,
APO 396, U. S. Army.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter of 15 March 1945 on the subject of Banco di Napoli messages.

The concurrence of G-2(C.C.), G-2(C.I.) and G-5, AFHQ, having been obtained, you are hereby authorised to accept and deliver traffic from and to the Banco di Napoli subject to such traffic being passed by the civil censor. Similar authorisation is also given in respect of the Banco d'Italia and the Banco di Sicilia and their traffic may be handled without further reference to this office.

For the Chief Signal Officer:

/s/ A. W. Brundle
Capt., R. Signals,
Secretary,
Combined Signal Board,
AFHQ.

cc: G-2(C.C.), AFHQ.
G-2(C.I.), AFHQ
G-5, AFHQ.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HHS/epc

C.115.123.CS 24th March, 1945

SUBJECT: Radio Telegraph Service to U.S. and U.K.

TO: A.F.H.Q.

1. Reference is made to our letters of February 17th reference C.115.112.CS and February 27th, reference C.115.118.CS with which were forwarded to you proposals from the Italian Government concerning permission for Italcable to operate radio telegraph service with the United States and United Kingdom.

2. The return of the Italian Financial Mission from the United States has accentuated the demand for resumption of radio telegraph service between Italy and the United States and it is requested that every effort be made to obtain a prompt answer to the proposals submitted to you.

3. As stated in our letter of 17th February, 1945 the resumption of Italcable radio telegraph service to the United States and United Kingdom is strongly recommended by this Commission as a step towards the re-establishment of normal economic life in this country.

For the Chief Commissioner:

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM

March 20, 1945

Re: Telecommunications Mission, London

Department of State bulletin No. 67 dated March 19, 1945, received today, contains the following:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS DISCUSSIONS: The discussions by telecommunications representatives of the Governments of the United Kingdom and the United States assisted by representatives of cable company which have been held in London and which dealt with the facilitation of the exchange of official communications both military and civil in the Mediterranean areas incident to the war have been concluded and a satisfactory agreement has been reached on the points at issue.

As a result of that agreement, 13 1/2 cents a word for Government plain language messages and 8 1/2 cents a word for Government code messages will be established from New York to Rome and rates of 8 pence and 5 pence per word respectively will be established for messages in these classifications from Rome to New York.

CC: Communications S/C, AC.
RCA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HHS/epc

C.115.121.CS 18th March, 1945

SUBJECT: Radio Telegraph Service with U.K. and U.S.A.

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

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1. Reference is made to your letter of 15th March 1945 No.S/13/31504. 112-2
It is believed that your reference should be to your letter of 12th February, 1945 No.S/13/30817 and not to yours of 2nd March, No.S/13/31250 as the latter was addressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with a copy to this Sub-Commission for information only.

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2. The proposal contained in your letter of 12th February, 1945 was submitted to the interested authorities and we have requested that a reply be hastened.

3. We shall inform you just as soon as a reply is received.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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Translation by C. Gaggiardi.

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Ref. No.S/13/31504. 15th March 1945.

SUBJECT:- Radio telegraph service with the United Kingdom, Dominions and United States of America.

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We refer to our letter No.S/13/31259 of the 2nd inst. and kindly ask you to re-consider the request made in that same letter so as to obtain, in the limits of possibility, the speedy authorization to restart, through the Italcable, the radio telegraph service with the United Kingdom, the United States and British Dominions.

The derequisition of many installations of the Italcable and the already accomplished actuation of the radio telegraph service with America, gives us hope of a favourable acceptance of our request which is ever more justified in as much, news received from France, conveys to us that in that Country also the services have restarted to normally work again, through the french installations under pre-war rules and regulations.

The Financial Commission QUINTIERI - MATTIOLI has voiced how great is the desire of the American people and, ever more, that of the Italians in America to be able to correspond with us, so much so, that the request herein formulated is of urgent and contingent character.

We thank you in anticipation for what you will be able to obtain as regards same.

Il Ministro
(M. Cevolotto)

Director
D/Director
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MINISTERO POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO
SEGRETERIA

Prot. N° S/13/31504

Risposta al foglio N.

del

Allegati

Roma, 15 marzo 1945

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission - ROMA -
e, per conoscenza:
Al MINISTERO DEGLI ESTERI - ROMA -

OGGETTO: Servizio radio-telegrafico con il Regno Unito, i Domini e gli Stati Uniti d'America.-

Facciamo riferimento alla nostra lettera n.S/13/31250 in data 2 marzo per pregare cotesta Commissione di riprendere in esame la richiesta presentata con la lettera stessa, onde ottenere, nei limiti del possibile, la sollecita autorizzazione a riprendere, a mezzo della Italcable, il servizio radiotelegrafico con gli Stati Uniti e i Domini Britannici.

La derequisizione avvenuta di numerosi impianti della Italcable e la già compiuta attivazione del servizio radiotelefonico con l'America, ci dovrebbe far sperare nel favorevole accoglimento della nostra richiesta che è tanto più giustificata in quanto, notizie pervenuteci dalla Francia, ci riferiscono che anche in tale Nazione, i servizi hanno ripreso normalmente a funzionare a mezzo degli impianti francesi, con le norme e le modalità in atto prima della guerra.

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Vi ringraziamo anticipatamente di quanto potrete ottenere

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IL MINISTRO
(M. Cevolotto)

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Posts and Telecommunications Ministry

Undersecretary of State

No. S.13. 31250

Rome, 2 March 1945

Sent by Cl. to WNS at

TO: Ministry for Foreign Affairs - R o m e

Allied Commission - Posts and Telecommunicarions S/C -

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Subject : Radio-Telegraphic Service between the U.K., the Dominions and the U.S.A.

1. This Ministry has been informed by the Allied Commission with regard to the two memoranda transmitted, one by the Counsellor of the British Embassy and the other by the Counsellor of the American Embassy. By these memoranda the Allied Governments express their assent for the immediate re-establishement of the radio-Telegraph Service, taking into consideration that the concession granted by the Italian Government will be submitted for further examination within six months after the cessation of hostilities in Europe.

2. Since this Ministry deems that the conditions set forth in its letter No.S/4623, dated 21st December 1944, represent a concession from the Italian Government, it is logical to give to this concession a clearly definite term, without saying that it will only be submitted for further examination. In other words this Ministry desires that it now be reciprocally agreed that within a fixed term the International Telegraph Communications with the Allied Nations will be re-examined, independent of the above mentioned agreements.

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3. Considering that since the day in which our above-mentioned letter was written and signed, the technical installations previously requisitioned by the Allied Authorities were returned to Italcable, and that with these installations has been re-established the radio-telegraphi Service with Russia and the radio-telephone service with New-York, the Italian Government deems it highly desirable to be able to re-assume the ~~above mentioned~~ radio-telegraph Service, with said installations; this would prevent any discussion on the question and would allow -similarly as has been already established for Russia- to re-assume radio-telegraph Service according to the pre-existing international agreements.

4. Since this Ministry has already forwarded on this question a definite statement to the Allied Commission, it deems opportune -rather than accepting the conditions specified in the memoranda mentioned at ~~point~~ paragraph 4 of the present letter- to wait, either for the acceptance of our proposals as they were laid down in their original form, or for the desired favorable answer on the re-establishment of the Service with Italian means.

We should be very thankful if this Ministry would inform the two interested Embassies and also our Embassies in New-York and London of the contents of this letter.

The Minister

Signed Cevolotto.

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MINISTERO POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO
SEGRETERIA

Roma 2 marzo 1945

Prot N° S/13/31250

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AL MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
- Gabinetto - ROMA

e, p.c. ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts And Telecommunications
Sub-Commission ROMA

OGGETTO: **Servizio radiotelegrafico con il Regno Unito, i Domini e gli Stati Uniti d'America.-**

1. - Questo Ministero ha avuto comunicazione da codesto dei due promemoria consegnati brevi manu rispettivamente del Consigliere dell'Ambasciata Britannica e del Consigliere della Ambasciata Americana, con i quali entrambi i Governi Alleati esprimono il loro consenso alla immediata riattivazione del servizio radiotelegrafico nell'intesa che la concessione fatta dal Governo Italiano al riguardo sarebbe soggetta ad ulteriore considerazione entro sei mesi dalla cessazione delle ostilità in Europa.

2. - Ritenendo questo Ministero che le condizioni esposte nella nostra lettera n.S/4623 in data 21 dicembre 1944 costituiscono una concessione del Governo Italiano, si ritiene logico dare alla concessione stessa un termine ben stabilito e non affermare soltanto che essa dovrà essere soggetta ad ulteriore considerazione. Desidereremmo cioé fosse fin d'ora consensualmente concordato doversi entro il termine stesso riprendersi in esame le comunicazioni telegrafiche internazionali con le Nazioni Alleate, indipendentemente dagli accordi sopra citati.

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OGGETTO: Servizio radiotelegrafico con il Regno Unito, i Domini e gli Stati Uniti d'America.-

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2. - Ritenendo questo Ministero che le condizioni esposte nella nostra lettera n.S/4623 in data 21 dicembre 1944 costituiscono una concessione del Governo Italiano, si ritiene logico dare alla concessione stessa un termine ben stabilito e non affermare soltanto che essa dovrà essere soggetta ad ulteriore considerazione. Desidereremmo cioé fosse fin d'ora consensualmente concordato doversi entro il termine stesso riprendersi in esame le comunicazioni telegrafiche internazionali con le Nazioni Alleate, indipendentemente dagli accordi sopra citati.

3. - Considerato che, successivamente alla data in cui la nostra lettera suindicata é stata compilata e sottoscritta, sono stati restituiti alla Italcable i mezzi tecnici prima requisiti dalle Autorità Alleate, mezzi con i quali si é già ristabilito il collegamento radiotelegrafico con la Russia e quello radiotelefonico con New York, il Governo Italiano ri -

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tiene che sarebbe quanto mai desiderabile poter riprendere il servizio radiotelegrafico in oggetto impiegando gli stessi mezzi; cosa che potrebbe evitare ogni e qualsiasi discussione al riguardo, e permettere analogamente a quanto già stabilito per la Russia l'attivazione del servizio radiotelegrafico secondo le norme internazionali preesistenti.

4. Premesso che in merito a quanto sopra questo Ministero ha già inoltrato precisa motivata richiesta alla Commissione Alleata, si ritiene opportuno piuttosto di accettare le condizioni esposte nei promemoria di cui al primo comma della presente lettera, di attendere o l'accettazione delle nostre proposte così come redatte nella loro forma primitiva o la risposta che speriamo affermativa, alla riattivazione del servizio con mezzi italiani.

Saremo vivamente grati a codesto Ministero se di quanto sopra vorrà dare cortese notizia alle due Ambasciate interessate informandone possibilmente anche le nostre Ambasciate a New-York e Londra.

IL MINISTRO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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R.115.118.CS

27th February, 1945

SUBJECT: Radio - Telegraph Service to the United States

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

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

2. There is no objection by this Commission to the proposal, if it is consistent with the policy of the United States Government as laid down by the F.C.C.

3. The proposal is a development of the one forwarded to you under this office letter C.115.118.CS dated 17th February, 1945 to which letter S/13/30817 was attached.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to: U.S.Embassy, Rome.

Incl: Translation of letter S/13/31082 dated 23rd February, 1945.

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TRANSLATION BY SELAN

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TO:

Allied Commission
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission

Ref. S/13/31082

Rome 23rd February, 45.

Subject: New York Radio Link.

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1) We herewith enclose a request of the Italcable Company to obtain permission to re-establish a radio-telegraph link with the Mackay Radio and Telegraph Co., in addition to the radio telegraph link with the R.C.A.

2) The request is without any doubt fully justified, as independently from what we have pointed out in our letter No. S/13/30817, the question of the reactivation of the radio telegraph communications with New York is now of the greatest importance.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR POSTS AND TELECOMMS.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO
ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI
SEGRETERIA

Roma 6 23 Febbraio 1945

N° S/13/21082

Risposta al N. _____

OGGETTO: Collegamento radio con New York

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub - Commission

R O M A

1°) Si rimette compiegata una domanda della Società Italcable intesa ad ottenere la concessione di poter ristabilire un collegamento radiotelegrafico con la Mackey Radio and Telegraph Co, in ausilio al collegamento radiotelegrafico con la R.C.A.

2°) La richiesta ha indubbiamente motivi precisi di fondatezza tali, che indipendentemente da quanto prospettato nella lettera di questo Sottosegretariato n°S/13/30817, la questione della riattivazione delle comunicazioni radiotelegrafiche New York è di assoluta indiscutibile attualità.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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ITALCABLE

SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

SOCIETA PER AZIONI CAPITALE L. 175.000.000

SEDE IN ROMA

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DIREZIONE GENERALE

REPARTO Segreteria

DIR. Ris. N° 44

ROMA February 22nd, 1945

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE 0-1184

To: Allied Commission H.Q.
Communications Sub-Commission
ROME

ITALCABLE- Radio link with New York

1. Owing to unknown circumstances it has been impossible yesterday to contact New York on the radio-telephone circuit at the time appointed for the trials. Whereas we could receive New York A.T.T. transmission normally, it was stated from the other side that our carrier was not detected at all. Every possible check at this end showed that our transmission was OK, as regards both power and frequency, neverthless all attempts to establish contact have failed during the time available for the test.

2. This incident has brought into light the extreme desirability of having a permanent wireless telegraph connection enabling both parties to exchange quick service messages any time the telephone circuit undergoes failures or disturbances of any kind.

3. It is also for this reason that in the past we found it necessary to establish a radio-telegraph circuit to Mackey Radio and Telegraph Co. New York, which Company was able to pass over to A T T service our notes with the required speed. The circuit with Mackay Radio was open on June 14th 1940 and then interrupted at the outbreak of hostilities.

4. As ~~On consideration that~~ we are shortly to receive back at least two radio telegraphic transmitters of ours and therefore will have the necessary facilities available, we ask hereby for permission to re-establish the above permanent telegraph circuit with Mackay Radio New York as soon as possible.

Should our request meet your favour, we would appreciate an early confirmation, even provisional, in order to carry out some technical preparations which will be necessary in connection with the transmission frequency of our transmitters.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO ITALCABLE

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Communications Sub-Commission
ROME

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CEM.vm.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: M49081 Ext: 333

9th January, 1945

In reply refer to: C.115.106.CS

Subject : International Telegraph Traffic

To : H.E. The Under-Secretary of State for FF.TT.

This is to confirm telephone conversation with you to the effect that for when civilian telegraph service with U.S.A. and U.K. is commenced the only languages permitted will be English and French.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

17th February, 1945.

850/17/45.C.D.

To: Col. J.L. Henderson,
Communications Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
ROME.

From: Mr. R.L. Nosworthy,
Minister (Commercial),
British Embassy,
ROME.

Subject: Cable traffic between
Italy and the U.K.

I enclose copy of a letter which I have addressed to-day to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I understand that a communication on similar lines is being made to the Ministry by the American Embassy.

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British Embassy,

ROME.

COPY.

17th February, 1945.

860/15/45.C.D.

Dear Dr. Prunas,

You will be aware of the correspondence which has passed between the Ministry of Communications and the Allied Commission regarding the cable traffic between Italy and the United Kingdom. Meetings were held at the Commission at which His Excellency Dr. Fenoi was present, and on the 19th December the Ministry addressed a letter to the Commission setting forth their proposals.

The Commission transmitted a copy of the Ministry's letter to this Embassy and I telegraphed a translation to London. I have now received a reply from the Foreing Office. They agree that the service should be resumed on the basis that the Italian Authorities receive the terminal charges and a rental for the physical facilities afforded but do not participate in the transmission tolls. The Ministry of Communications, however, in the last sub-paragraph of paragraph 2 of their letter to the Allied Commission, had proposed that the arrangements with the R.C.A. and the Cable & Wireless Companies should be subject to the understanding that within a period to be determined in advance (which the Italian Government proposed should be not more than six months) from the cessation of hostilities in Europe, these arrangements would automatically cease.

I am instructed to inform you that His Majesty's Government are unable to give any undertaking /on

His Excellency
Doctor Renato Prunas,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Palazzo Chigi,
ROME.

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on those lines at this time, but that they are prepared to give their assurance that the existing arrangements will be reconsidered within six months after the cessation of hostilities in Europe.

(sgd) R.L. MOSWORTHY.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

JAQ/hjp (113)

17 February 1945

SUBJECT: Radio-telegraphic service between Rome and the U.S.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Hq A.C.

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

J. A. Quayle

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

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

Director
D/Director
Chief Services
Chief Board
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Asst Chief Postal 1237
Censorship
Chief Sloth

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FILE C.115
B/Fwd.
Date 18/2/45.

JAQ/bjp

17 February 1945

Dear Mr. Livengood:

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

Sincerely,

/s/ J. A. Quayle
J. A. QUAYLE
Major, F. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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

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Rome, Italy
February 17, 1945.

URGENT & PERSONAL.

Dear Admiral Stone:

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

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

Sincerely yours,
For the Ambassador:

Charles A. Livengood

Charles A. Livengood
Counselor for Economic Affairs.

Enclosure:
As stated.

Admiral Ellery W. Stone,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
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A I D E M E M O I R E.

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

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

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

Approval

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

Rome, February 17, 1945.

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C.115.112.08 17 February, 1956

SUBJECT: Radio - Telegraph Service to the U.S. and U.K.

TO: A.F.M.O. G-5

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

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

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

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR.
Chief Commissioner

Encl: Letter from the Italian Government

Copy to: U.S. Embassy, ROME
British Embassy, ROME

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SEGRETERIA

(1122)

Roma 12 Feb. 1945

Prot. N° S/13/30817

Risposta al foglio N. _____

del _____

Allegati _____

To: ALLIED COMMISSION
Communications
Sub-Commission
R O M E

OGGETTO: Telegraph services to U.S. and U. .K.

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

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

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

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

5.-It is therefore requested that the U.S. and U.K. Governments be approached for permission to proceed with negotiations for activating the radio-telegraph service with these countries, using Italcable facilities in this country. No doubt the Allied Military Authorities will be glad not to have the civilian ~~load~~ traffic load

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AFH SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGMG

AGAIN FOR CINCSOUTH FOR CCAC REPEATED FOR INFORMATION TO AMSEMB FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF AND HQ CINCSOUTH MAIN STAFF AND HQ ALCOM

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

CONFIDENTIAL. (Refer TAM 396 of 21 December this is MET 505).

Certification of requests for foreign exchange made by Italian missions is subject.

1. Recommend simplification of certification procedure for use of dollars in AF accounts. Follows. Procedure for use sterling will be dealt with in answer to CINCSOUTH 16 of 6 January.

2. Propose simultaneous notification U. S. Treasury and Correspondent Bank by AC radio circuit via State Department. This channel now being used by AFA NAPLES. Such advices would contain specific AF account to be debited, amount and purpose of payment, and additional notice to Treasury that AC and Ministry of Treasury have approved debit. Confirmation notice from Italian bank to U.S. Correspondent Bank would follow by mail sent through APO channel via AC until civilian mails involve less delay.

3. In instances where delay in transmission is unimportant, propose that original notification to correspondent bank be sent by Italian bank via AC through APO channel. AC would forward notice to U. S. Treasury as above via this Headquarters and WAR DEPARTMENT.

4. Reference your paragraph 2. As long as civilian channels are inadequate

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and AC must play indispensable role in communications, consider that instructions to Italian banks should continue to be given through AC.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489051 Ext: 333

C-115/CS

18th January, 1945

My Dear Mr. Livengood,

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

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

Incls: Two letters

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Prot.no.S/8/4/30 Date

Director
Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
Asst. Chief Postal
Consul
Chief Clerk

17th January, 1945.

Subject : International telegraph traffic.

To : Allied Commission - Posts and Telecomms Sub-Commission - APO 394 -

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

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

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

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

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

Il Ministro.

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DELLE POSTE E DELLE TELECOMUNICAZIONI

~~DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI~~

Prot. n°S/8/4/30258 Roma 17 gennaio 1945

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts And Telecommunications Sub Commission

R O M A

OGGETTO: Traffico telegrafico internazionale.-

Abbiamo ricevuto la vostra lettera in data 11 gennaio con allegato il telegramma trasmessoci dal Dipartimento di Stato di Washington in risposta alla nostra precedente n.4623 in data 21 dicembre ed in merito al contenuto dello stesso rileviamo:

1. - Il Dipartimento di Stato rendendosi conto della disparità tariffaria esposta nel comma primo della nostra lettera ha accettato la nostra proposta di aprire in un primo tempo il traffico telegrafico solamente tra la città di Roma e gli Stati Uniti. Tale proposta non può quindi che trovare il nostro accordo più incondizionato nella fiduciosa speranza di poter regolarizzare al più presto la questione tariffaria anche per il rimanente territorio dell'Italia Liberata.

2. - Per quanto riguarda il comma secondo della nostra lettera, il Dipartimento di Stato non fà cenno alcuno a quanto da noi esposto. Abbiamo ragione di ritenere però che detto Dipartimento abbia valutato nella sua giusta portata la spontanea, se pur temporanea, concessione del Governo Italiano e abbia, appunto in base alla stessa, comunicata la sua favorevole disposizione ad aprire senz'altro su tali basi il servizio telegrafico.

Se così é, saremo ben lieti di avere contribuito a raggiungere l'accordo atto a consentirci l'apertura del servizio tanto da noi desiderato e vi pregheremmo di comunicare al Dipartimento di Washinton il nostro parere favorevole per l'apertura dello stesso a decorrere dal I° febbraio p.v.

Vi saremmo grati di un cortese cenno di assenso al riguardo.

IL MINISTRO

Director
D/Director

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S.Army
COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

11 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Newspaper Clipping.

TO : Hq. Allied Commission
(attn: Director Communications, Sub-Commission
AC. APO 394).

For your information.

John A. BRIDGEMAN
Maj. AUS.
Communications Officer.

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From the newspaper "Il Domani d'Italia" 10th Jan. 1945.

THE TELEGRAPH SERVICE WITH THE STATES AND ENGLAND WILL NOT BE REACTIVATED

Since the last November, it appeared, that the Allied Government was willing to approve the telegraph service between Italy, the British Empire and the States.

Sure that this service would have been approved,. the Italian Government since the 15th of November gave orders to start to accept the telegrams to be sent to the States.

Afterwards the Italian Government could not accept the conditions offered by the Allies for many reasons and tried to make new proposals to the Allied Government since the 21rst of December, they have had no answer. Also if this service would have been approved, Washington established that telegrams written in Italian could not be transmitted, so the Ministry of the Post Office and Telecommunication decided that from today all the telegrams, that have been already accepted for the States and for England must go back to the senders.

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TELEGRAPH SERVICE TO AMERICA AND ENGLAND.

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Further to such authorization, several meetings have taken place between the Italian Government and the Allied Commission on one side, and the concerned Companies on the other, with a view to settle the technical and economical terms of the service.

It being considered certain that an agreement could be entered into, which, according to our Government should have been on the basis of terms in force before the war, the acceptance of telegrams to the United Nations had been arranged, effective from 15th November 1944. But, as the conditions that the Italian Government was afterwards requested to submit to, appeared to go against pre-constituted rights; the above Government did not deem it possible to accept them.

Consequently, since Nov. 17, the Italian Government proposed to the Allied Authorities to reimburce for the telegrams accepted during the first two days, and to issue at the same time an official statement on the impossibility of re-opening the service in question. But the proposal was not complied with by request of the Allied Authorities who deem it still possible to reach an early agreement for commencement of the service.

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The Government expresses also the hope that it will be possible to re-commence with the kind cooperation of the Allies, communications with the Anglo-Saxon world, accepted with great satisfaction by the Italian people.

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DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

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Roma, 10 gennaio 1945

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Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
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ROMA

All' AMBASCIATA AMERICANA
(alla particolare attenzione Mr.C.LIVENGOOD)
All' AMBASCIATA INGLESE
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per conoscenza:
Al MINISTERO DEGLI ESTERI ROMA

OGGETTO: Traffico telegrafico Internazionale.-

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Nel trasmettere il comunicato stesso, questo Ministero non può che confermare la speranza di potere al più presto raggiungere l'accordo necessario per attivare quel servizio telegrafico che tanto sarebbe gradito al pubblico italiano.

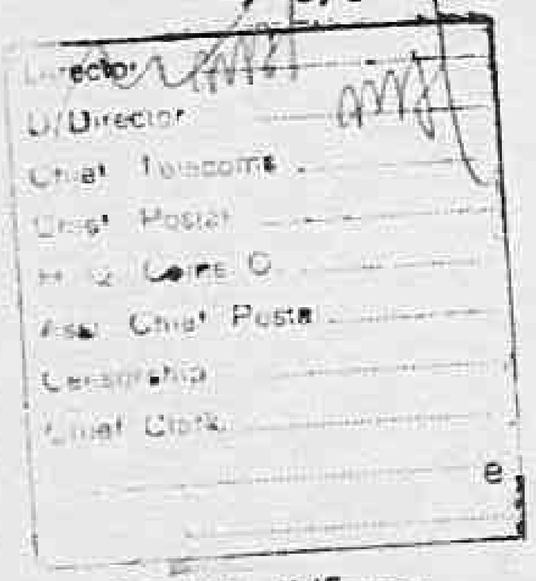
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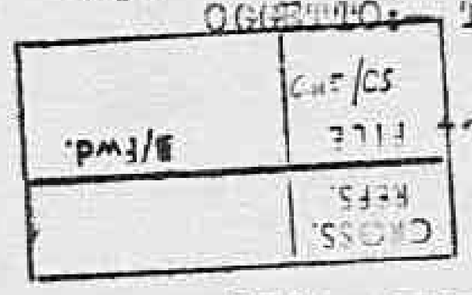
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Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DELLE POSTE E DELLE TELECOMUNICAZIONI

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SERVIZIO TELEGRAFICO CON L'AMERICA E L'INGHILTERRA

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SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SEGRETERIA

Prot. N° S/84/30100

Risposta al foglio N. _____

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Roma, 9 gennaio 1945

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission

ROMA

OGGETTO: Servizio telegrafico con l'America e l'Inghilterra.-

Come da vostra richiesta, si rimetta copia del comunicato per la Stampa riguardante il servizio telegrafico con l'America e l'Inghilterra.

d'ordine
DEL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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11th January, 1945

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Memo. for Chief Commissioner.

1. A decision has been given by ADWAR and TROOPERS that the ITALIAN language cannot be used in the civil messages that will be passed to the U.S. and U.K. when service is open from Italy, due to the lack of qualified censorship interpreters. This has been a final ruling after the strongest representations by AFHQ on our behalf and also personally by Comdr. Perrone and Lt.Col. McKean of Civil Censorship when visiting the U.S.recently.

2. It seems that we should make another effort to get this decision reversed. It appears to be based on the consideration that the precedent so established would open the door to the use of many other languages, rather than on any difficulty in covering the Italian language. Despite this consideration, I still feel that on a direct service between two states, at least the mother tongues of both countries should be allowed and that any resulting difficulties must be faced.

3. Restating the claim through the same channels would be unlikely to have any good effect; if you approve, it seems that an approach through the Embassies would be more likely to give some result. A draft letter for your consideration is attached.

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

Incl: One draft

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D R A F T

Office of the Chief Commissioner

Allied Commissioner

To: The American Ambassador to Italy

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Your representations to the Governments of the United States and of Great Britain are therefore requested in support of this request. I should be obliged if this office could be informed in due course of the result.

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral U.S.N.R.
Chief Commissioner

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

11th January, 1945

In reply refer to: C.115.104.CS

Subject : International Telegraph Traffic

To : H.E.The Under-Secretary of State for FF.TT.

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1. Inclosed is substance of a telegram received from the State Department in Washington in reply to a message transmitting the contents of your letter of December 21st, 1944.

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J.L.HENDERSON
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Incl: Substance of a telegram

Original delivered by hand by Lt Col Sandle 11/1/45

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Enclosure No. 1.

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January 10, 1945.

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

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

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

23rd December 1944.

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My Dear Mr.Livengood,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

FILE

Rome, Dec. 21st., 1944. 402

To: Allied Commission
Posts and Tele communications - Sub-Commission . Rome

American Embassy . Attn. Mr. C. Livergood. Rome

English Embassy. Attn. Mr. L. Noswortly

copy to : Foreign Office . Rome.

Copy sent to Allied Commission E3/12

Subject: International telegraph traffic.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The above concession however is granted with the definite understanding that within a period to be determined (which the Italian Govt. suggests as not later than six months) after cessation of hostilities in Europe, the concession will automatically be cancelled and as of that date the rights of the Italian Govt. in telecommunications matters, existing international agreements and any concession already granted by the Italian Govt. will be considered not to have been prejudiced by the above-mentioned concession.

3. As far as the messages in abeyance with the Italcable and the Govt. offices and the consequent political situation, we have to stress upon the urgent necessity of taking an immediate and definite decision on the matter.

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

THE MINISTER

Signed : Cevolotto.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

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Prot. N° S/8-4/4023

Risposta al foglio N. _____

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OGGETTO: _____

Traffico telegrafico internazionale.-

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Roma, 21 dicembre 1944

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Posts and Telecommunications
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Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

In translation
see copy attached to letter
to
Sig. Mortel Clarke

n.S/8.4/4367

Roma, 19 dicembre 1944

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
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Lt Col. Scudder — Discuss with Col. H. CC 1184
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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

Rome, December 18, 1944

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Dear Admiral Stone:

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

Sincerely yours,

For the American Representative
on the Advisory Council for Italy:

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Charles A. Livengood

Enclosure.

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

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PERTINENT PORTIONS OF A COMMUNICATION DATED DECEMBER 17, 1944, FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON.

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

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

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

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21 December 1944

My dear Sir Noel:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

cc: Communications Subcom.
Chief of Staff
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A.F.H.Q.
OUTGOING MESSAGE

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ROUTINE

TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC

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

REF NO : FX 55730

SIGNED : WILSON CITE: FHGEG

MAT 415

Reference MAT 396 of 10 November.

Resumption Italian civil radio and cable treffic with U. S. and UK is subject.

1. Disagreement concerning allocation revenues is delaying resumption traffic.

2. Situation summarized below:

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

(B) Italian Government proposal for division of revenues:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. It is recommended that the British and American Companies be asked to accept the Italian Government proposal.

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Rome, ... 19th, 1946.

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Ministry of Communications

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

Subject: International telegraph traffic.

Further to our letter No.3/3.4/4337. dated 6-12-1944 and with reference to the communication dated 17-12-1944 of the State Dept. in Washington D.C. we wish to inform you that the Italian Govt. has again examined the problem referred to and that with the desire of restoring international telegraph traffic with the United Nations, presents the following proposals:

1. As already put forth in our previous letter, we agree on the terminal charges concerning the international telegraph communications reffered to, but we stress the fact that, in our opinion, the rates to be applied should be equal both for incoming and outgoing communications; recognizing for incoming communications the division in two zones, admitted for the outgoing ones.
In order to avoid differences in incoming and outgoing rates, in case an agreement were not reached, it would be advisable to limit for the time being the transmission and the acceptance of cables to the city of Rome. for which the problem does not exist.

2. As far as the participation of the Italian State in the transmission tolls is concerned, the Italian Govt. has examined the problem with a view to finding a provisional solution of the matter:
given that for operational necessities the Allied Military Authorities have arranged that the R.C.A. and the C. & W. Companies send to Italy their own personnel and equipment to ensure the international communications of the operating armies with their Govt. and Countries;
given that, according to the terms of the armistice these Companies have been authorized to make use of, for said military purposes, radio equipment, sub-marine cables and appuretus, property of the State as well as of private concessionary Companies;
given that the Italian Govt., in view of the political and social importance of the restoration of private telegraph communications between the Italian population and the United Nations, is desirous of facilitating in every way restoration of such communications;
given that the Italian State desires within the limits of its capabilities to contribute to the war effort of the United Nations;
given that the above-mentioned extraordinary circumstances and the importance of the service to be restored, are such as to justify an exceptional arrangement, even tho not strictly in accordance with legislative requirements and international agreements;

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

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

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

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

The Minister,

Signed, Cevolotto.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: Office of the Chief Commissioner

FILE No. CC 8755

SUBJECT: Transmission Tolls

19 Dec 194 4

TO: Colonel Henderson, Communications Subcommission

1. Attached is a letter received from the British Ambassador on the subject of transmission tolls.

2. The Chief Commissioner will be at Caserta all of today but wishes you to prepare a reply for his signature against his return early tomorrow morning.

J. A. Quayle

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

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British Embassy,

ROME.

433/22/44

18 December, 1944.

My Dear Admiral:

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

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

The American Ambassador had received similar instructions and, on the 7th December, a meeting was held at the Commission, attended by Colonel Henderson and Colonel Scudder as representing the Commission, Dr. Fano, the Under-Secretary of Posts & Telegraphs as representing the Italian Government, and Mr. Livengood and Mr. Nosworthy as representing the two Embassies. The meeting produced little or no useful result. Dr. Fano reduced his claim on the transmission tolls from 30% to 10%. Beyond this

/he would

Rear-Admiral Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R.
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
ROME

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he would not move. Moreover, he insisted that, in the absence of agreement, the Italian Government would be compelled by a certain date to give public notice through the Press and the Radio of the suspension of the commercial telegraphic facilities to the United States and the United Kingdom, and the most that could be obtained from him was the postponement of this date from the 15th to the 20th December. Throughout the meeting Colonel Henderson and Colonel Scudder supported these claims of the Italian Government.

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

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

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

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

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Yours very sincerely

NOEL CHARLES

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

n° S/8.4/4337 di prot.

Roma, 6 dicembre 1944

Director
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Chief, Telecoms
Chief, Postal
H. Q., Coms. O.
Asst. Chief Postal
Censorship
Chief Clerk

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FILE C.115/CS
B/Fwd
Date 10/12/44

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission ROMA

e, per conoscenza:
Al MINISTERO DEGLI ESTERI ROMA
Al MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
- Gabinetto - ROMA

OGGETTO:- Traffico telegrafico internazionale.

In esito alla lettera n. C.116/CS in data 6-12-44, rileviamo quanto segue:

1° - non riusciamo a renderci conto della ragione che può avere portato l'R.C.A.C. ad insistere sopra una differente tariffazione del traffico telegrafico internazionale nei due sensi, in arrivo e in partenza.

Per equità, logicità e questione ovvia di principio, ci parrebbe assai difendibile la tesi che le due comunicazioni da e per l'Italia dovessero avere uguale tariffa. Qualora però su tale punto le Autorità Americane ritenessero di insistere in modo inderogabile, il Governo Italiano aderirebbe per quanto a malincuore, alla proposta inoltrata.

2° - Per quanto si riferisce invece alla esclusione assoluta di riconoscere al Governo Italiano alcuna partecipazione alle quote radio in ambedue le direzioni, riteniamo che ciò sia in antitesi con qualsiasi precedente accordo internazionale vigente e con ogni norma di diritto e confermiamo che il Governo Italiano non può comunque dare in merito il proprio benestare.

D'accordissimo invece a limitare al minimo la richiesta entità di tale aliquota che, proposta nella nostra lettera precedente nella misura del 30%, saremmo anche disposti a ri-

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Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission R O M A

e, per conoscenza:
Al MINISTERO DEGLI ESTERI R O M A
Al MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
- Gabinetto - R O M A

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OGGETTO:- Traffico telegrafico internazionale. 78

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3º - Per quanto si riferisce ai messaggi ancora in sospeso esistenti presso l'Italcable o gli Uffici Governativi, riteniamo che

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

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

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

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
Direzione Generale delle Poste e delle Telegrafi

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No. 8/8.4/4337 di prot. Roma, 6 dicembre, 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission ROMA

e, per conoscenza:
AL MINISTERO DEGLI ESTERI ROMA
AL MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
-Gabinetto - ROMA

OGGETTO: - Traffico telegrafico internazionale

In esito alla lettera No. C.116/03 in data 6-12-944, rileviamo quanto segue:

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F.to Fano

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In reply
refer to: C.115.1.C8

Subject : Memo.

To : Chief Commissioner

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

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

Tel: 49061
Ext: 400

8th December, 1944

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel:Holborn 4881 Ext:400

7th December, 1944

In reply refer to: C.115.96.CS

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Subject : External Telegraphs.

To : The Manager, Italcables.

Reference your 7703 dated 6 December, 1944

1. The list of provinces given in my letter of 1st December, 1944 is correct and has been notified to the Italian Government and the Allied operating companies and Allied Control Commission.

2. Please revise your list accordingly.

3. The area is actually that included in Italian Government administration at the present date, except Foggia and Taranto provinces which are excluded for military reasons.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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ITALCABLE

SERVIZI CABLEGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI - CAPITALE L. 175.000.000

SEDE IN ROMA

DIREZIONE GENERALE

REPARTO Esercizio

RIF. 7768

ROMA 6/12/1944

VIA CALABRIA 46-48 CASELLA POSTALE D-184

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The Headquarters
Allied Commission Communications
Sub-Commission
ROME

for knowledge to : The Manager
of Cable and Wireless
ROME

The Manager of
R.C.A. Communications
ROME

Subject : External Telegraphs.

In reply to your letter dated Dec. 1st ref. C.116,81.CS, we do not find in your list concerning Italian provinces open to civil external telegraph traffic, those of Foggia, Tarante, Ascoli Picene, Macerata and Terni.

Their inclusion in the authorised area was signalled by ourselves to the C. & W. and R.C.A. Companies by our letters of 17/11, 25/11 and 28/11 further to the Italian Administration circulars N° 425180 of 23/10, 1336 of 23/11 and 1341 of 25/11.

According to our list the provinces admitted are now therefore :

Aquila, Ascoli Picene, Avellino, Bari, Benevente, Brindisi, Campobasso, Catanzaro, Chieti, Cosenza, Foggia, Frosinone, Lecce, Littoria, Macerata, Matera, Naples, Pescara, Potenza, Reggio Calabria, Rieti, Rome, Salerno, Tarante, Teramo, Terni, Viterbo, and all provinces of Sicily and Sardinia.

Yours truly,

ITALCABLE
SERVIZI CABLEGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI
IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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Yours truly,

vc : 81

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IL CONSIGLIERE
DIRETTORE GENERALE

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 383.8 5 December 1944

SUBJECT: External Civil Mails.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference your P.15.296/CS of 2 Dec the point raised in paragraph 4 of your P8/16 15.271 of November 15 was raised with CCS in MAT 420 (copy attached). No reply however has yet been received.

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

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

Incl:
as above

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ROUTINE

TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC

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

REF NO: FX-57689

SIGNED: WILSON, CITE FHGEG

MAT 420

Following on MAT 407 and referring to TAM 353 answers to the outstanding questions are

(1) Languages approved are English, French and Italian;

(2) No commercial codes have so far been approved;

(3) There is no objection to reply paid cables in both direction.

I do not / think this is a final approval, as there are questions to be decided.

With regard to Brazilian troop messages it is pointed out that these are a military communications as distinct from a civilian communications matter.

With reference to MAT 394 agreeing to accept commercial and business communications up to 2 pounds 3 ounces (1 kilogram) request that it be ensured that this weight will be applicable to such correspondence only and that private persons will not be allowed under the guise of such communications to send articles and goods to ITALY. In this connection it is emphasised that the limited parcel post agreed to in MAT 380 represents all that the Italian Government can cope with at the moment in the way of private parcels.

COORD WITH: G-2 (C.C.)

AUTH: N F SEAGRAVE, MAJOR

ORIGINATOR: G-5

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7295 29th NOV 44 ROUTINE

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REQUEST REPLY TO SIX SIX ZERO THREE HQ.

PAREN AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM ALCOM FROM HENDERSON SIGNED STONE PAREN

DATED ONE SEVEN NOVEMBER

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Communications Sub-Commission

489081 Ext: 312

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

In reply
refer to: C.116/03

6th December, 1944.

Subject: International Telegraph Traffic.

To: The Under Secretary of State for FP.TT.

1. Enclosed herewith copy of telegram received from the United States Embassy in Rome giving final proposal covering civilian telegraph traffic with the United States.

2. It will be noted that proposed rates only allow one terminal charge for all incoming traffic to Italy, while agreeing to zone terminal charges for outgoing traffic.

3. While Cable and Wireless position is not yet definitely known, it is presumed that it will not differ widely from that given in the attached telegram except that rates will presumably be those already agreed to by Cable and Wireless.

4. It will be appreciated if you could inform us as to the Italian Government reply to this latest proposal and the action you propose taking with reference to messages now being held by Italcable.

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J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel. AB9081 - Ext. 333

In reply
refer to: C.116/33

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J. L. HUMBRACH
Colonel,
Director.

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C O P Y

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE

ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

5 December, 1944.

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PERSONAL

Dear Commodore Stone:

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

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

Sincerely yours

A. KIRK.

Enclosure
1/ As stated

Commodore Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

MEMORANDUM.

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PROPOSAL REGARDING RATES FOR

RADIO-TELEGRAPH CIRCUIT BETWEEN

ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE

HANDLING OF ITALIAN CIVILIAN TRAFFIC

1) That there will apply for all traffic from United States first zone to Italy the unified rate of 15 cents per word for full rate and code and that the Italian terminal charge will be 4 cents per word for full rate and code; 3 cents per word for LC and 2 cents per word for NLT and Government.

2) The rate of 15 cents per word for full rate and code traffic will apply for traffic Rome to zone one, United States; and RCAC will be paid for transatlantic handling 11 cents per word for full rate and code, 9 cents for LC and 5-1/2 cents per word NLT and Government. 1839

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PERSONAL

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Enclosure
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MEMORANDUM.

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JLH/apc

6th December, 1944

In reply refer to: C.116.90.CS

Subject : External Telegraph Communications from Italy.

To : Mr. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles

1. The Italian Government has presented a claim made by Italcables to a share in the tolls for paid telegraph messages passed over Italcable cables.

2. This claim has been forwarded to A.F.H.Q. for consideration.

3. As the matter may subsequently be of interest to your offices, a copy of the correspondence is enclosed for your information.

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, U.S.N.R.
Chief Commissioner

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SUBJECT: External Telegraph Communications from Italy

TO : Mr. Alexander Kirk
Sir Noel Charles

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

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

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

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

"PROPOSED THAT PUBLIC NOTICE BE ISSUED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CANCELLING TELEGRAPH SERVICE TO U.S. AND U.K. UNLESS QUESTION OF DIVISION OF TOLLS SETTLED BY FOUR DECEMBER."

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ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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TO : HQ AFHQ

FROM: AFHQ Signed AGO

No. F-52406 dated 26 Nov 44

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Your 7067 of 25 Nov.

Information received today from CCS that MAT A15 has been referred to FOREIGN OFFICE and STATE DEPARTMENT and that reply will be made directly by FOREIGN OFFICE and STATE DEPARTMENT. Substance of your signal has been passed to CCS to stress urgency and inform them of Italian Government suggestion.

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JIH/epc

In reply refer to: C.116.58.CB

Subject : Memo.

To : Civil Censorship

1. Statement in final para of CCB/1100/591 is quite incorrect - a little better co-ordination seems to be required - partly by me.

2. The situation is explained in attached copies of telegrams.

Tel: 489081
Ext: 400

5th December, 1944

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

Incls: Copy of TAM 345 - paras 2a and b
Copy of MAT 388
Copy of 6603
Copy of F 60226
Copy of C.116.81.CB

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
APO 512, U. S. Army

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CCB/1100/591 20 Oct 1944.

SUBJECT: Opening of External Telegraph Facilities for Italian Civilians.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
Att: Director Communications Sub-Commission,
APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. The opening of limited external telegraph facilities for Italian civilians has been agreed to by the War Department, Washington, D.C., and the War Office, London.

2. Pending further confirmation from this Headquarters, a tentative opening date of 15 November 1944 has been proposed. It is considered that there will be sufficient time in the meantime for the CCG Cable and Radio Censorship Subsection of your Sub-Commission to make adequate arrangements to handle the traffic.

3. This is to advise you in advance that the facilities will be confined to private and family messages to Great Britain and the British Empire and the United States and U.S. Possessions overseas less any areas occupied by the enemy. All messages are to be 100% censored at the gateways - Rome and Naples - no traffic concerning commercial or trade subjects will be permitted. Facilities will include both cablegrams and radiograms and will operate only for those provinces where external postal services have been restored.

For the A.C. of S., G-2:

/s/ Thomas H. FINN
THOMAS H. FINN
Lt. Col., Infantry,
Communications Censorship.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

COMMUNICATIONS

Originator's Reference: F 61035
Date/Time of Origin: DEC 011510A

Message Centre No: C/2487
Date Time Rec'd: DEC 011937A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGEG

TO ALCOM

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Reply to your 6603 of 17 November was contained in our 60226 of 29 November.

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Info - Chief Commissioner
File (2)
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D/Director	
Chief. Telecoms	
Chief. Postal	
H. Q., Coms. O.	
Asst. Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

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FILE C5/6/17 B/Fwd

Date 2/12/44

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

1st December, 1944

In reply refer to: C.116.81.CS

Subject : External Telegraphs

To : The Under-Secretary of State for PP.TT.
The Manager of Cable and Wireless, Rome.
The Manager of R.C.A. Communications, Rome.
The Manager of Italcables, Rome.

1. Permission has been received for the provinces of RIETI and LITTORIA to be included in the area open to civil external telegraphs, when open.

2. The provinces permitted are now therefore:

AQUILA, AVELLINO, BARI, BENEVENTO, BRINDISI, CAMPOBASSO, CATANZARO, CHIETI, COSENZA, FROSINONE, LECCE, LITTORIA, MATERA, NAPLES, PESCARA, POTENZA, REGGIO (CALABRIA), RIETI, ROME, SALERNO, TERAMO, VITERBO,
All provinces of SICILY and SARDINIA.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
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INCOMING MESSAGE

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Commercial

Originator's Reference: F 60226

Date/Time of Origin: NOV 291630

Message Centre No: C/2374

Date Time Recd: NOV 301833

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQEG

TO : AICOM

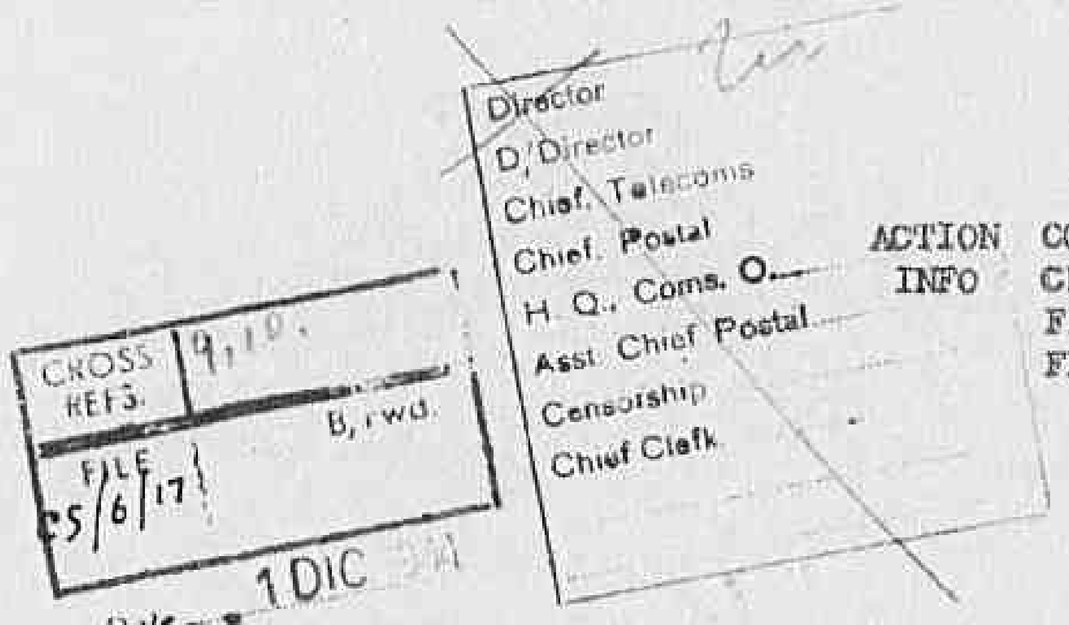
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(Reur 6603 of 17 November)

Authorisation has been received to include Provinces of RIETI and LITTORIA as desired by you

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Translation of telegram.

FOLLOWING OUR PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS, WE INFORM YOU THAT YESTERDAY THERE REMAINED AT OUR ROME CENTRAL OFFICE 64 TELEGRAMS FOR ABROAD (51 FOR U.S. AND 13 FOR U.K.) BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT ACCEPTED BY THE R.C.A. AND C.W. COMPANIES.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TELEGRAMS, UP TO YESTERDAY (TELEGRAMS ACCEPTED, AND NOT SENT FORWARD) IS OF 537.

WE ASK FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

ITALCABLE

Phoned to Montreal
23rd Nov. at 12:00 P.M.

Director
D'Director
Chief, Telecoms
Chief, Postal
H. Q., Coms. O.
Asst Chief Postal
Censorship
Chief Clerk

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Also yesterday 20th, the traffic accepted by our receiving offices, and arrived through state lines remained, because the R.C.A. and C.W. companies have not accepted it. At our Rome central office are therefore lying all the telegrams for abroad accepted from 15th up to 20th, for a total amount of 360 telegrams for the R.C.A. and 142 for the C.W.

We askd for instructions on the matter.

ITALCABLE

Phoned ANSWER TO MARTINATO
22nd Nov 1944 at 15:00 pm
(To wait a couple of days)
ALBERTI

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel:489081 Ext:555

29th November, 1944

In reply
refer to: 6/17/ /CS

Subject : International Telegraph Traffic.

To : H.E.The Under-Secretary of State for FF.TT.

1. Reference is made to your letter of November 28th, 1944 Prot. S/13/4139.

2. The case has been investigated and is an isolated one. Cable and Wireless is not accepting traffic until outstanding points are cleared and the message in question should never have been delivered. There was no intention on anyones part to depart in any way from the procedure agreed upon for the handling of such traffic when service is opened.

3. Cable and Wireless attention has been called to the rate of exchange used which is not that agreed upon for this traffic.

4. It is suggested that when service is opened Cable and Wireless consider reply as a service message in so far as sum is insufficient to cover agreed tariff charge.

J.L.HENDERSON
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel:489061 Ext:333

29th November, 1944

In reply refer to: 6/17/HHS/cs

Subject : International Civilian Telegraph Traffic.

To : Cable and Wireless, I.N.A. Building, Rome

1. Confirming telephone conversation, Inclosed is a copy of telegram which was received by a civilian in Rome. The first knowledge Italcable had of the message was when the recipient presented the reply paid coupon and they immediately reported the matter to the Italian Post Office which in turn reported it to us.

2. According to your telephoned report, message was passed by you to military censor and passed by him to R.A.A.C. message center which delivered it to addressee.

3. It is understood that the No.28 does not indicate delivery of 28 messages of this class.

4. The rate of exchange used for reply coupon is the pre-war one and not the one agreed upon for this class of traffic. It is suggested that when service is opened Cable and Wireless consider reply as a service message in so far as sum is insufficient to cover agreed tariff charge.

5. Althou' this message is supposedly an isolated case a similar instance occurred a short time ago in the case of a reply paid telegram which was delivered to an addressee in Florence.

6. It would appear that greater care is called for both in Cable and Wireless and censorship at Rome.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel, GSC
Director, ICD

Copy to:
Signal Officer R.A.A.C.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SEGRETERIA

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Roma, 28 novembre 1954

Prot. N° S/13/4139 -

Risposta al foglio N. _____

del _____

Allegati _____

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission

ROMA

OGGETTO: Traffico telegrafico Internazionale

ace: 69.
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I T A L C A B L E

Reparto Commerciale Cat. 2/45 Roma 27 novembre 1944

Prot. n.7469 URGENTE

MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

R O M A

e per conoscenza all'Ing. A.Osti
Gabinetto di S.E. il Sottosegretario alle
Poste e Telecomunicazioni

Traffico Telegrafico internazionale

Il 25 corrente é stato presentato ai nostri sportelli a Roma un buono di risposta pagata emesso dalla Compagnia Cable and Wireless il giorno 23 (copia allegata). A richiesta del nostro impiegato, il possessore di detto buono ha esibito l'originale del telegramma ricevuto (copia allegata).

Da quanto sopra; abbiamo appreso che i telegrammi in arrivo via Cable and Wiriless, anche se diretti a civili italiani, vengono regolarmente recapitati, e poiché il telegramma di cui sopra porta il numero 28, si presume che non si tratti di un caso isolato.

Non sappiamo se il recapito sia stato effettuato direttamente dalla Cable and Wiriless, oppure per tramite della Commissione Alleata; comunque, é indubbio che il fatto, che gli Alleati abbiano recapitato direttamente il traffico, passando sopra a tutti gli accordi in corso, costituisce una circostanza veramente grave.

D'altra parte, dobbiamo rendere noto che da chiari sintomi rilevati dai nostri impiegati addetti all'accettazione dei telegrammi, risulta che il pubblico comincia a dubitare della regolarità del servizio; pertanto, proponiamo che tutto il traffico finora accettato dagli uffici italiani venga da noi consegnato alla Commissione Alleata, la quale procederà, se lo ritiene opportuno, a far inoltrare i telegrammi per una delle due vie disponibili: in questo modo non occorrerà nessun accordo tra la Italcable e la R.C.A. e la Cable and Wireless, in quanto non si verificherà alcuno scambio diretto tra noi e le predette Compagnie. Al riguardo, confermiamo che metteremmo a disposizione della Commissione Alleata l'intiero importo dei tele-

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Da quanto sopra; abbiamo appreso che i telegrammi in arrivo via Cable and Wiriless, anche se diretti a civili italiani, vengono regolarmente recapitati, e poiché il telegramma di cui sopra porta il numero 28, si presume che non si tratti di un caso isolato.

Non sappiamo se il recapito sia stato effettuato direttamente dalla Cable and Wiriless, oppure per tramite della Commissione Alleata; comunque, é indubbio che il fatto, che gli Alleati abbiano recapitato direttamente il traffico, passando sopra a tutti gli accordi in corso, costituisce una circostanza veramente grave.

D'altra parte, dobbiamo rendere noto che da chiari sintomi rilevati dai nostri impiegati addetti all'accettazione dei telegrammi, risulta che il pubblico comincia a dubitare della regolarità del servizio; pertanto, proponiamo che tutto il traffico finora accettato dagli uffici italiani venga da noi consegnato alla Commissione Alleata, la quale procederà, se lo ritiene opportuno, a far inoltrare i telegrammi per una delle due vie disponibili: in questo modo non occorrerà nessun accordo tra la Italcable e la R.C.A. e la Cable and Wireless, in quanto non si verificherà alcuno scambio diretto tra noi e le predette Compagnie. Al riguardo, confermiamo che metteremmo a disposizione della Commissione Alleata l'intiero importo dei telegrammi da noi accettati.

Con l'occasione, richiamiamo l'attenzione di codesto Ministero su quanto segue:

1. - Il telegramma in questione proviene da New York ed é giunto via Cable and Wiriless, la quale ha emesso il buono di R.P. La risposta dovrebbe essere invece istradata via R.C.A. per la nota ripartizione concordata tra l'Amministrazione Italiana e le Compagnie

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2. - Il telegramma originale indica l'importo della risposta pagata in Frs.oro 6,75 corrispondenti, al cambio ufficiale, a lire 222,75. D'altra parte, il buono di risposta pagata indica lo stesso importo in £.0.5.5 corrispondenti (come dice il buono stesso) a lire 108,00 La ragione di questa cospicua differenza risiede evidentemente nel cambio fittizio di £.0.0.9 1/2 per Frs.oro che la Gran Bretagna usava anteguerra e che mantiene tuttora, nonostante l'esplicito diniego fatto dal rappresentante della Cable and Wiriless in piena seduta presso la Commissione Alleata, quando fu da noi appositamente interpellato

Come conseguenza paradossale sì ha che il destinatario del telegramma primitivo non ha più a disposizione un importo sufficente per la risposta (minimo di un telegramma lettera l.187,50, di un differito lire 144,00), a causa soltanto del cambio inglese del Frs.oro.

Restiamo in attesa di sollecite istruzioni circa l'inoltro del traffico giacente.

IL COMMISSARIO
F/to: Martinato

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO
ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI
SEGRETERIA

N° S/13/4172

Risposta al N.

Roma, 29 novembre 194

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission
(all'attenzione del Conte ALBERTI)

ROMA

OGGETTO: Trasmissione copia telegramma.-

A seguito del foglio n.S/13/4139 in data 28 novembre e come da richiesta telefonica, si rimette copia del telegramma da unirsi alla comunicazione fatta dall'Italcable.

D'ordine

IL SEGRETARIO PARTICOLARE
(Col.A.Bosco)

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COPIA

GIV/BT/12 23/1505 DELIVERY N. 28

NEWYORK 576 25 22 1239

NLT RP6.75 ROMANI MARIA 158 VIALE REGINA MARGHERITA ROMA= ✓

TELEGRAPH ADRESS BROTHERS STOP ANSWER IF YOU RECEIVED MONEY LOVE=

ANGELA CALABI 322 CENTRALPARKWEST NEWYORK NY

(su modulo Cable and Wireless Limited, con timbro e data del 23 nov.1944)

COPIA DI BUONO RISPOSTA PAGATA

576/23 DLVRY 28

HANDED IN AT NEWYORK

ON THE NOV 22ND 1944

ADDRESSED TO ROMANI MARIA ROMA

ADMISSIBLE TO THE VALUE OF 5/5D STERLING

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CALABI LINA

322 CENTRAL PARK WEST NEWYORKCITY

(su modulo Cable and Wireless Limited)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

C/1952

TO: HQ ALCOM

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N67/26

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED

CLASSIFICATION:

REFERENCE No: F58406

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: NOV 26/1409 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE FHGEG

ACTION

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Reur 7067 of 25 November.

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

HEADQUARTERS 26 NOV 1944 C.

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Translation by Selan.

Rome, 22nd November 1944.

Ref. S/8.4/3996

Subject: International Telegraph Traffic.

To : A.C. Posts and Telecommunications Sub-Commission. AFO 394.

With regard to the question, our Ministry with letter no. S/8.4/3932 dated 20th November expressed the opinion that the proposal of the Italian Government (see our previous letter) had to be deemed obvious, plain and acceptable: therefore it was not deemed possible to not consider it.

Re-examining now the matter, in order to find if possible, a solution, acceptable by both the parties:-

Given that the R.C.A. declared to be disposed to pay to the Italcable the rent for the premises used for the transmissions, for which a charge of payment is requested-

Given that the C.W. admitted that any agreement on the matter is only temporary;

Given that also the Italian Government must realize that, being the telegraph traffic carried out (though with Italian means) by the concerned Companies, directly by their own personnel, such Companies have right to the adequate payment:

Agreed that the proposed agreement must not be considered as a prejudice with regard to the future agreements, which could be taken on the carrying out of this traffic-

We propose

to quickly activate the above traffic, with condition that:

a) the Italian Government accept the rates pointed out by the R.C.A. and the C.W., as from previous agreements.

b) the terminal rates be charged to whom it is due;

c) the rates concerning the radio-traffic, and the conversations of transit, be divided among the Italcable, R.C.A., and C.W. Comapnies, according to the pre-war modalities concerning the per-cent rates.

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d) the Italcable pay to the R.C.A. and C.W. the 70% of the due share according to para c), as re-imbursement of the working expenses.

e) be fixed a three-months equalisation (or every month, according to the wishes of the concerned Companies) of the debit and credit of the Companies, with immediate payment of the due ammont.

The above proposal shows that the point of the condition discussion is not to keep off, for the telegraph traffic, seems higher than those which were existimed right but only to agree together on the matter, on bases which could not hurt the international regulations in force, and which could not prejudicate any future position of international right on the matter.

If that, according to what was referred to us, is also the willing of the Allies, we think you will agree on our proposal.

Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI
SEGRETERIA

Roma li 22 novembre 1944 - XXII

Prot. N° S/8.4/3996

Risposta al foglio N.

del

Allegati

OGGETTO: Traffico telegrafico internazionale.

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission R O M A

e per conoscenza:

Al MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

Al MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
Gabinetto R O M A

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premesso d'altra parte che anche il Governo Italiano non può a meno di riconoscere che, essendo il traffico telegrafico svolto (se pur con mezzi italiani) dalle Compagnie interessate direttamente con proprio personale, spetta alle stesse l'adeguato compenso;

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in un prossimo futuro

si propone

di attivare subito tale traffico nell'intesa che:

a) il Governo Italiano accetti senz'altro le tariffe proposte sia dalla R.C.A. che dalla C. & W. di cui ai raggiunti precedenti accordi;

b) le tasse terminali siano accreditate a chi di spettanza;

c) le tasse relative alla tariffa radio o alle conversazioni di transito, vengano divise tra le Società Italcable, R.C.A. e C. & W. secondo le modalità e percentuali in uso anteguerra;

d) l'Italcable riconosca senz'altro alla R.C.A. e C. & W. il 70% della quota ad essa spettante secondo il comma c), a titolo rimborso spese di esercizio;

e) sia stabilito l'impegno di conguaglio trimestrale o mensile (a volontà delle Compagnie interessate) del dare e avere delle Compagnie con immediato versamento del saldo contabile con seguente.

La proposta in parola dà a divedere che la sorta discussione non è basata sul desiderio deprecabile di trattenere sul traffico telegrafico in questione somme superiori a quelle che si ritiene equo riconoscerci, ma soltanto di raggiungere l'accordo, su basi che non intacchino le convenzioni internazionali vigenti e che non siano tali da pregiudicare ogni impostazione avvenire del diritto internazionale al riguardo.

Se questo, secondo quanto ci viene riferito, è anche il desiderio degli Alleati, riteniamo che la nostra proposta non potrà a meno di essere considerata accettabile.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

C/1550

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TO: A C OSTA AND T C SUBCOMMISSION ROMA

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 32/22

FROM: ROMA

CLASSIFICATION:

REFERENCE No:

PRECEDENCE:

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN:

OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

ACTION

4/1 SEGUITO TELEGRAMMA 289180 SEDICI CORRENTE COMUNICASI CHE DITTE COMMERCIALI ITALIANE SONO ORA AUTORIZZATE A CORRISPONDERE CON DITTEREGNO UNITO GRAN GRETAGNA ET STATI UNITI AMERICA PER QUESTIONI INERENTI FUTURA RIPRESA RELAZIONI AFFARI ET INFORMAZIONI SCAMBI COMMERCIALI ALT AGGIUNGASI LETTI CHIARIMENTI AD APPENDICE MANIFESTO DI CUI ULTIMA PARTE TELEGRAMMA SOPRACITATO ALT DIREZIONI CONFERMINO MEZZO POSTA CHE DIPOSIZIONI CIRCA SERVIZI ATTUALMENTE IN ATTO ET RELATIVE CONDIZIONI ET MODALITA SIANO STATE PORTATE CONOSCENZA PUBBLICO ET CHE MANIFESTI SIANO STATI DEBITAMENTE AGGIORNATI A SCANSO SEVERI PROVVEDIMENTI -

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REFERENCE YOUR MAT FOUR ONE FIVE PD

APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED MESSAGES NOW AWAITING TRANSMISSION TO UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM DUE TO REFUSAL UNITED STATES AND BRITISH COMPANII TO ACCEPT TRAFFIC PENDING DECISION DISPOSITION OF TOLLS COLLECTED IN ITALY FD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS MADE URGENT REPRESENTATIONS TO THIS COMMISSION THAT TWO WAY SERVICE BE OPENED AT ONCE AND TO FACILITATE THIS HAS OFFERED TO PLACE AT DISPOSAL ALLIED COMMISSION ALL TOLL CHARGES COLLECTED IN ITALY PENDING SOLUTION OF DIVISION OF TOLLS CONTROVERSY FD

PAREN AFHQ FROM ALCOM HQ FROM STONE PAREN

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel:489061 Ext:400

25th November, 1944

In reply refer to: 6/17/57/CS

Subject : Telegraph Service to United States and United Kingdom.

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

Reference your S/S.4/4006 dated 23 November, 1944.

The offer made is welcomed, and urgent representations have already been made, requesting the opening of service in both directions with both the United States and United Kingdom, on the basis that income from outgoing telegrams is held at the disposal of this Commission pending agreement.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel
Director.

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TRANSLATION BY ANGELA SACCO.

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TO:
ALLIED COMMISSION
POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

Ref. : S/84/4006

Subject. : Traffic rates for the traffic between Italy and the United Nations.

Reference is made to the last but one para of letter S/84/3847 dated 17th inst., and to the verbal instructions received by this Commission not to interrupt the acceptance of the traffic in question.

We notify you that untill 21st inst. 537 messages were lying in the Italcable Offices, some of which were accepted from the 15th inst.

Since the off icial announcement on the re-opening of the service, the interruption of messages (which does not dependent on superior causes) and which cannot be justified before the claims of the senders, is to be greately regretted.

It is therefore deemed op portune to immediately re-open the traffic because such delay is contrary to any economic agreement on the matter.

This Administration put at disposal of the Allied Commission the whole income corresponding to the telegrams accepted and still delayed, if they fail to be forwarded owing to economic reasons.

The above independently from the opportunity already pointed out , of notifying as soon as possible the interruption of suchntraffic, if the possibility of an agreement is not yet foreseen.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR POSTS AND TT.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SEGRETERIA

Roma li 23 novembre 1944 - XXII

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Prot. N° S/8.4/4046

Risposta al foglio N. _____

del _____

Allegati _____

OGGETTO: Traffico a pagamento fra l'Italia e le Nazioni Unite.

→ Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission ROMA

e per conoscenza:

Al MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

Al MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
Gabinetto ROMA

Con riferimento al penultimo capoverso della lettera S/8.4.-3847 del 17 corrente e alle istruzioni verbali ricevute da codesta Commissione di non sospendere l'accettazione del traffico in argomento, si fa presente che a tutto il 21 corrente erano giacenti presso gli Uffici della Italcable ben 537 messaggi, alcuni dei quali accettati fin dal 15 corrente.

Poichè dato l'annunzio ufficiale dell'apertura del servizio, l'arresto dei messaggi (non dovuto a causa di forza maggiore), non giustificabile difronte ai reclami dei mittenti, è certamente grave e deprecabile, si riterrebbe opportuno dare al traffico stesso corso immediato nelle more di qualsiasi accordo economico al riguardo.

Questa Amministrazione mette senz'altro a disposizione di codesta Commissione Alleata l'intero incasso corrispondente ai telegrammi accettati e tuttora giacenti, per il caso che il mancato inoltro degli stessi fosse stato dettato da preoccupazioni in proposito.

Quanto sopra indipendentemente dalla segnalata opportunità di rendere nota al più presto la cessazione di tale traffico qualora

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Prot. N° S/8.4./3848

Risposta al foglio N.

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Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission ROMA

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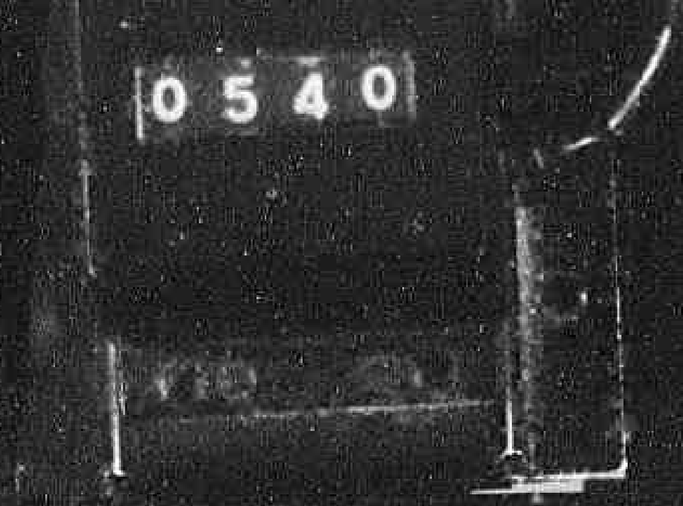
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TO: AC POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SC, ALCON

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 30/25

FROM: SOTTOSEGRETARIO STATO FANO

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REFERENCE No:

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN:

OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

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APO 512

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24 NOV 1944

G-5: 311.22-16 22 November 1944

SUBJECT: Resumption of Italian cable and radio traffic

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

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

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

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

Incl:
as above.

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TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC

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

REF NO : FX 55730

SIGNED : WILSON CITE: FHGEG

MAT 415

Reference MAT 396 of 10 November,

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

1. Disagreement concerning allocation revenues is delaying resumption traffic.

2. Situation summarized below.

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

(B) Italian Government proposal for division of revenues:

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

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

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service, would be paid out of this account.

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. It is recommended that the British and American Companies be asked to accept the Italian Government proposal.

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

21st November, 1944

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

Subject : External Telegraph Traffic.

To : The Commissary, Italcables Rome.

Reference your letter of 17th November, 1944.

1. The Diplomatic and Consular representatives of Neutral countries are permitted communications with their own Governments on official matters.

2. As notified in our letter to those neutral representatives messages should be filed with your office and passed to H.C.A. or Cable and Wireless for passage through censorship and transmission.

3. On this class of traffic, Italian, French, English, Spanish and Portugese is permitted.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director.

Copy to: Civil Censorship

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ITALCABLE

SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOTELEFONICI

SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI - CAPITALE L. 175.000.000

SEDE IN ROMA

REPARTO COMMERCIALE CAT 2/45

Rome, November 17th 1944

SUBJECT: External Telegraphic Traffic
Representatives Neutral Countries.

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Headquarters Allied Commission,
APO 394,
Communications Sub-Commission,

ROME.

Further to our letter Nr. 7141 of the 13th inst.

We have been informed by the Argentine Embassy that they have received news from you that they should now file their tele - grams with our Offices.

The Argentine Embassy claims that when they filed their messages with Cable and Wireless, they were allowed to address the telegrams directly to their Government at Buenos Aires.

Since the authorization granted to our Company only covers the telegraphic traffic destined to the United States, Great Britain and Dominions, please advise whether it is in order for us to accept also telegrams from the Representatives of neutral countries destined to their respective Governments and, in the affirmative, whether said Representatives are entitled to use their own language when tele - graphing.

ITALCABLE
IL COMMISSARIO

Director
D. Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
H. Q. Coms.
Asst Chief Postal
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Chief Clerk

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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7 November 1944

Minutes of the Second Meeting Held in the Office of the Communications Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, on 6th November, 1944, to Discuss Arrangements for the Resumption of Civil External Telegraph Facilities.

Present:	Colonel J.L. Henderson	Communications Sub-Com.
	Lt.Col. H.M. Scudder	Communications Sub-Com.
	Major R. F. Allman	Civil Censorship
	Lieut. R.D. Arnott	Civil Censorship
	Mr. G.T. Edwards	Cable and Wireless
	Mr. T.D. Roole	R.C.A. Communications
	Dr. M. Fano	Ministry of Communications
	Cont. Osti	Ministry of Communications
	Sig. Marcucci	Ministry of Communications
	Dr. Martinuzzi	Telecables
	Sig. Piccoli	Italcables
	Sig. Speciano	Italcables

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Colonel J.L. Henderson presided.

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

Preamble. Mr. Hall objected to the implications in the preamble that Italcable had the right to assume the eventual validity of the pre-war agreements. It stated that his New York Office would not accept such a statement being included in the agreement. Colonel Henderson said that the Allied Commission was also not in a position to accept until it had the consent of the Allied Governments.

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

Article 3. Mr. Hall said that R.C.A. had not agreed to the tonnage being expressed on a Gold Franc basis. It was agreed that a further statement by R.C.A. was to be understood to be representing the matter to the F.C.C. who required.

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

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

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

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7 November 1944

Minutes of the Second Meeting held in the Office of the Communications Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, on 6th November, 1944, to Discuss Arrangements for the Resumption of Civil External Telegraph Facilities.

Present:	Colonel J.L. Henderson	Communications Sub-Com.
	Lt.Col. R.F. Scudder	Civil Censorship
	Major H. E. Allman	Civil Censorship
	Lieut. F.D. Arnott	Cable and Wireless
	Mr. A.T. Edwards	R.C.A. Communications
	Mr. T.D. Meola	Ministry of Communications
	Dr. M. Fano	Ministry of Communications
	Cav. Osti	Ministry of Communications
	Sig. Marcucci	Italcable
	Dr. Mercanto	Italcable
	Sig. Piccola	Italcable
	Sig. Speziano	Italcable

Colonel J.L. Henderson presided.

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

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

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

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

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

Article 7. It was agreed to substitute the word 'civil' for 'military'.

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Article 13. It was agreed to insert the words "when agreed by the contracting parties" after the word "agreement" in the present text.

The remaining articles and the annexes were agreed.

The meeting then closed.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 89051 Ext: 400

22nd November, 1944

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

Subject : Resumption of External Traffic Facilities

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

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

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

a. From R.C.A., stating that they were only prepared to regard the settlement as being without prejudice if R.C.A. remains within Italy as a permanent operating company.

b. From the Italian Government, stating that they were not prepared to accept the R.C.A. or C.& W. proposals.

c. To A.F.H.Q. and the American and British Members of the Advisory Council from the Allied Commission, stating the position reached.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director.

Copy to: Chief Commissioner.

Incl: Minutes of Meeting.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

21st November, 1944

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

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

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Colonel J.L.Henderson presided.

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

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

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

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

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

Commodore Stone queried the term 'transit tolls' being used in the sense of the toll charged between operating terminals.
Mr.Meola said that the R.C.A. term was 'radio toll'.
Mr. Edwards said that the C.& W. term was 'toll'.
It was agreed that no confusion had been caused, everybody having understood what was meant, but that the use of the expression 'transit toll(which has another meaning) should be avoided.

Colonel Henderson then proposed to deal with the situation with the companies separately. Starting with R.C.A., he said that he had proposed to the Italian Government on R.C.A.'s behalf that they were prepared to offer reasonable rental for the physical facilities used by them for this service, but that they did not admit any right of Italcables to any share of the radio tolls nor were they prepared to admit of any part being temporarily withheld from them.
Dr.Fano said that he would put this proposal before his Government, but they would certainly require agreement from R.C.A. that the settlement was to be regarded as provisional and that the Italcables had a right to a claim.
Mr. Meola said that he would represent this to his Head Office for a further statement.

Colonel Henderson then asked Mr Edwards whether he was correct in having placed before the Italian Government the C.& W. offer that while they would offer no rental for the facilities nor agree to any part of the toll being withheld from their company, they were prepared to concede the Italian right to claim a share.
Mr.Edwards confirmed that this was the position, and said that while his Company did not consider the Italians had any right to any share, he regarded the question as a matter to be settled between Governments and beyond his scope.
Colonel Henderson then asked Dr.Fano if he would be prepared to place the C.& W. proposal before his Government.
Dr.Fano said that he would do so, although he had already been instructed to reject this offer.

Dr. Martinato offered the suggestion that, as it was only the Italcable share of the tolls that was in question, the offer should be made to Cable and Wireless that all toll revenues should be paid to Cable and Wireless except the amount in dispute.
Lt.Col.Scudder supported this suggestion.
Colonel Henderson said that he thought that this offer would only delay the issue. While it was true that the amounts in dispute only formed a part of the total revenues, it was exactly this part that was in question, and that withholding this part would meet the same objections from Cable and Wireless.
Mr.Edwards said that his Company would not be at all likely to accept this offer.
After discussion it was agreed to take no action on the suggestion.

Colonel Henderson then produced a scale of tariff charges proposed

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

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

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

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

The meeting then closed.

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COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY
Gen.Dir. for P. T. T.

Rome, November 20th 1944.

To : - Allied Commission
Posts and Telecommunications S/C.

- Foreign Ministry

- Communications Ministry - Cabinet

ROME

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Subject : International Telegraph - Traffic

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Following our letter N.S/8.4/3847 dated 17th ult., and with reference to the meeting as well as to the subsequent communications of the 19th ult., we have to state the following:

1) The R.C.A. has informed us to be ready to start the service in question, provided the Italian Government admit in principle their agreement that the Italians have not to be paid a quota of the radio tariffs, but only the terminal charges, plus a reasonable rent (to the Italcable or to the Italian Government) for the use of those preparations,

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belonging to the Italcable or to the Italian Government, that will be used by the R.C.A. for the exercise of the Italian civil traffic.

It has also been agreed that this admission should not constitute a prejudice against the claim of the Italian Government, on behalf of the Italcable, to participate in the radio tariffs as indemnity to the Italcable for their rights as grantee, nor any prejudice for the R.C.A., in case it should remain permanently in Italy.

From the above-mentioned proposals follow the considerations that on one side there are not recognized the Italian rights to a just participation in the radio tariffs belonging to her by international agreements, on the other side there exist even the possibility of the R.C.A. remaining in Italy after the war. Moreover the Italian Government deems not to be in the position of accepting such proposals and maintains on the subject the point of view already clearly expressed with the above-mentioned.

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2) As for the Communications with the British Empire at the same meeting has been stated the following:

"The Cable Wireless and the General Post Office do not intend to pay any rent; but - provided the transmission rates by cable and radio be entirely paid to the C. & W. - they are ready to recognize the Italian Government and the Italcable as entitled to claim an indemnity for the use of their installations and for their grantee rights".

At the same meeting the Cable & Wireless notified their intention of starting the service, provided the Italian Government would bound itself to pay to the C. & W. the entire amount of all charges collected with such traffic (excluding outgoing terminal charges only), such payment would however not constitute a permanent engagement for the Italian Government, but be subject to re-examination in the future.

On this subject the Italian Government point out that, having excluded that the agreement should have a permanent character, and having admitted that

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it could be re-examined, the proposal forwarded with the previous communication, dated 17th November, seems to be more than sufficient to protect the rights and claims of the two British Companies interested in the matter.

3) We quite agree instead on the request of modifying our letter, dated 17th November, where it deals with the temporary character of the proposed terms: not until the end of the war, but until a bilateral agreement is reached, such agreement we hope to reach as soon as possible.

4) On the rate of terminal charges the Italian Government wanted to fix them at 4 L. for the City of Rome and 4 L. for the remaining Italian territory, but we have been requested to reduce the second part to 3 L. We consider however the terminal charges of the second American zone are of 4 cents, exactly corresponding to our first request. And, altough we are ready to start the service, also before America declares to collect such extracharges for the zone outside of Rome, we hope however that an agreement will be reached as soon as possible also on this point in order to unify the tariffs.

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We do not think it necessary to stress the political importance connected by the Italian Government to the re-establishment of the telegraphic service with the United Nations, we are also ready to start again any deal that would seem advisable and opportune, we point out however the necessity of taking a definite decision on this question as soon as possible: the Italian population has been mailing and paying for five days a great amount of telegrams directed to the United Nations, but these telegrams are sent back by the R.C.A. and by C. & W. to the central offices of the Italcable, where they still lay without the possibility of informing the interested senders.

Consequently, if an immediate modification of the respective position is not foreseen, this Ministry would consider the opportunity of sending out a notice on the suspension of the telegraph service.

The Undersecretary of State
Signed Fano

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

S/8.4/ 3932

Roma, 20 novembre 1944

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications -Sub Commission
R O M A

e p.c. :
al MINISTERO degli ESTERI
al MINISTERO delle COMUNICAZIONI -Gabinetto -
R O M A

OGGETTO : Traffico telegrafico internazionale .

Facciamo seguito alla nostra lettera n.S/8.4/3847 in data 17 c.m. e riferimento alla riunione e conseguenti comunicazioni del I9 c.m.,per rendere noto in merito al problema di cui all'oggetto quanto segue :

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Esaminate le proposte suddette e considerato, che, mentre da un lato viene misconosciuto il diritto all'Italia alla giusta compartecipazione delle tasse radio ad essa spettanti, (per convenzio-

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DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

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" La Cable and Wireless ed il General Post Office pur non intendendo pagare alcun canone di affitto, sono pronti ad ammettere (nel caso che le quote di trasmissione, cavi e radio vengano versate integralmente alla C.&.W.) che il Governo Italiano e la Italcable possano pretendere un compenso per l'uso dei mezzi materiali della Italcable e del Governo Italiano e dei diritti di Concessionaria " .

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Il Governo Italiano rileva a questo proposito che escluso il carattere permanente all'accordo richiesto, ammesso che tale accordo può essere suscettibile di trattative e di riesame, la proposta presentata nella lettera precedente in data 17 novembre sarebbe più che sufficiente a tutelare i diritti e le pretese dei due Enti dell'Impero Britannico interessati al riguardo .

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Qualora per-tanto non fosse prevedibile una immediata modifica delle reciproche posizioni di diritto, questo Ministero riterrebbe opportuno fosse diramato un comunicato circa la sospensione del servizio in parola.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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Col. Henderson

R. C. A. COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

A RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA SERVICE

T. D. PIROLA
MANAGER

HILLS NEWYORK MEOLA ROME

OUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO ACC PROPOSAL QUOTE
THE FOREGOING TO BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE CLAIM OF ITALGOVT
ETC UNQUOTE COULD BE INTERPRETED THAT WE AGREE IN PRINCIPLE BUT
NOT TO THE AMOUNT OF THEIR PARTICIPATION STOP AS LONG AS WE REMAIN
THE OPERATING AGENCY FOR AN INTERIM PERIOD ONLY WE CANNOT AGREE
THAT WE ARE NOT WITHOUT PREJUDICE AGAINST THEIR CLAIM AND IN THESE
CIRCUMSTANCES FOR US TO ACCEPT THE RESERVATION WOULD MISLEAD THE
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WE REMAIN IN ITALY ON A PERMANENT BASIS IT WOULD BE MORE REASONABLE
TO EXPECT US TO PAY A FRANCISE TAX OR PRIVILEGE TAX WHICH COULD BE
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WHICH WILL REFLECT SOLE COMPENSATION TO ITALCABLE IN RESPECT TO ITS
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Rec'd. 1130 hrs 21.11.46.

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R. C. A. COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

A RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA SERVICE

T. D. PIEOLA
MANAGER

November 21, 1944

Col. J. L. Henderson, Director
Communications Sub-commission,
Allied Commission,
Rome Italy.

Dear Sir:

I have the following from our New York Office:

"OUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE HANDLING OF ITALIAN CIVILIAN TRAFFIC HAVE BEEN MADE EXPLICITLY CLEAR AND WE HAVE ADOPTED A MOST REASONABLE ATTITUDE IN ATTEMPTING TO INAUGURATE THE SERVICE. THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR YOU TO CONTINUE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THE QUESTION OF ITALCABLE PARTICIPATION IN RADIO TOLLS. CHIEF OF THLA COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION OF STATE DEPARTMENT HERE DOES SUPPORT THE STAND WE HAVE TAKEN. AFTER NOTIFYING MR KIRK AND ITALCABLE PLEASE LEAVE THE SUBJECT IN OBEYANCE.

Very truly yours,

T. D. Pieola
Manager

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 45901 Ext:555

20th November, 1944

In reply refer to: 6/17/42/CS

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

To : A.F.H.Q.

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

1. Rate question; settled with Cable and Wireless on basis pre-war gold franc rates at 35 lire to gold franc. Not entirely clear with R.C.A. on F.C.C. proposed rate structure, but provisional basis agreed and opening of service feasible.

2. Division of revenues: Italian Government proposed that

a. terminal charges be credited to American, British and Italian agencies or Governments as usual. There is no disagreement on this point.

b. Pending agreement on division of tolls for Radio or Cable transmission, the tolls from incoming traffic to be retained by American or British agencies or Governments, the tolls from outgoing traffic to be retained by Italian Government or placed in Blocked account in local bank nominated by American or British companies. As recommended by A.F.H.Q., local expenses incurred by American or British companies as a result of this service would be paid out forthwith.

3. R.C.A. will not agree to any part of tolls being provisionally held back from them nor concede possible Italian right to any claim of share of toll revenue while R.C.A. here on Allied Military authority though they admit possibility of claim if R.C.A. were to establish permanent office. R.C.A. are prepared to pay rental for use of physical facilities used for this service. Italian Government representative presenting proposal to his Government but doubtful of acceptance.

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

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

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

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

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

9. Copies of this message have been delivered to American and British members Advisory Council.

For the Chief Commissioner:

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR.
Chief Commissioner

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Telephone 469081 : Extension 400

16th November, 194.

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

Subject: External Civil Communications.

To: AFHQ (attention G-5).

Reference your G-5: 383.8 dated 16th November and CCS/1102 dated 15th November attached thereto. The following comments are made (referring to the paragraphs in the CCB letter):-

Paras 1, 2, 3. Noted, no comment.

Para 4. English, French and Italian should be permitted. Authority INC CCB 12-6 dated 22.6.44, forwarded under G-5 memo 000.73-2 dated 25.6.44.

Para 5. No commercial codes have been approved to date.
"Reply-paid" messages should be admitted in both directions.

For the Chief Commissioner.

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to: Civil Censorship Group(with copy of correspondence).

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 383.8

16 November 1944

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SUBJECT: Communication - Italian Civilian Cables.

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

1. Attached is a copy of TAM 353 together with a copy of Informal Routing Slip CGR-1102 of 15 November.

2. Your comments are requested as a matter of urgency.

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

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

Incls:
as above.

HEADQUARTERS
1 Bond Street

CROSS Ref's.

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Date 16 NOV. 1944

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Chief, Telecoms
Chief, Postal
H. Q. Coms.
Asst. Chief Postal
Censorship
Chief Clerk

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15 Nov 44

Italian Civilian Cables.

1. G-2 (CC) G-5 15-11-44 1. Pursuant to telephone conversation (Lt.Col. Jackman/Maj. Winter), herewith are our suggestions reference TAM 353.

2. Reference para. 2 — Cable and radio censors to be advised that messages transitting U.S. and U.K. and destined for areas to which service is not authorised will not be acted upon by censorships in U.S. and U.K. Censors at Italian terminals will have to cancel all such messages, incoming and outgoing. Terminal messages from U.S. and U.K. through Italian terminals for areas to which service is not authorised will be cancelled by censorships in U.S. and U.K.

3. Reference para. 4 — A.C. can disregard as this is military traffic and has no relationship to civilian telegraphic traffic to and from Italy.

4. Reference para. 5 — Request advice of A.C. as to what, if any, language requirements have been established. We have left this point open at suggestion of Combined Signal Board to be settled according to languages that communications companies could handle. In external posts all languages are permitted. (NOTE: Question of U.S. cable censorship not being able to handle Italian language traffic will have to be taken up with CCS.)

5. Reference paras. 6 and 7 — Request of A.C. information and/or comments upon which we can base a decision.

For the A.C. of S., G-2:

THOMAS H. FINN,
Lt. Col., G.S.C.,
G-2 (CC) Section.

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AFHQ MESSAGE CENTER

AFSC N 757/14

WAR
FILED: 132258
RECD : 140854A

INCOMING MESSAGE

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ROUTINE

Due 38 43
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FROM: AGWAR FROM CCS

TO : AFHQ FOR WILSON INFO UK BASE SECTION FOR BCS, COMMUNICATION ZONE

REF NUMBER THIS MESSAGE: W 62077, 13 November 1944

HEADQUARTERS
14 NOV 1944
A. C.

For FHCMG.

Cite CCAC.

TAM 353.

Censorship of cable messages to ITALY.

Deletion of 6 provinces listed in para A of MAT 388 noted. Advise when further Italian territory is opened.

Arrangement proposed in para 3 of TAM 345 must be modified since UK cable censorship advises it is unable to cancel cable-radio traffic transiting UK from points outside US and UK to ITALY. US cable censorship therefore will not undertake cancellation. All cable-radio traffic both ways between ITALY and points other than US and UK must be cancelled in ITALY. US and UK censorships will however indicate in their announcements concerning ITALY that the restrictions applied by AFHQ limit traffic to ITALY-US, ITALY-UK terminal points; Expectation is that Communications Companies will circulate this information and will shortly refuse to accept traffic at points outside US-UK terminals.

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AFSC W 757/14, REF NBR W 62077, 13 November 1944

Unless advised to the contrary, US, UK will resume cable and radio communications with ITALY on 15 November and will assume that you can operate effectively under the arrangement as modified above.

No change in proposal by US and UK cable censorships to cancel terminal messages to ITALY from US-UK which messages constitute terminal relays of messages received from areas with which direct communication not yet approved.

Understood here that Brazilian E.F.M. and S.E.M. press messages approved by AFHQ between ITALY and BRAZIL and constitute an exception to limitation of public cable-radio traffic to US and UK (para 2-C of TAM 345).

Advise what languages are approved for use by public. Unofficial information here is that English, French, and Italian approved by AFHQ. US cable censorship advises it is unable at this time to handle Italian language traffic terminal between ITALY and US. Any such received in either direction by US cable censorship will be cancelled. Suggest appropriate publicity your end. UK will advise seperately on this question.

Advise what commercial codes are approved for public use, in cable-radio messages, if any.

Advise if "reply paid" cable-radio messages to ITALY are approved.

MAZ 388 Ref No. FX 47803 is MC OUT 752 3/11/44 G-5
TAM 345 Ref No. WX 55842 is MC IN 1458 2/11/44 G-5

ACTION: G-5

INFO: SGS, US POLAD, FIU ADV (E), C/S MTO, CAO, IS & FS, G-2, MR MACMILLAN, FWB, PRO, AG RECORDS, G-4, FIAC DIR, IRC, SIGNALS

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CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED
OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL MANAGER MEDITERRANEAN

TEL. 51594

C/O 15 BASE A. P. O.
C. M. F.

L. 222.

November 18th. 1944.

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

Dear Sir,

With reference to your 6/17/31/CS dated 18th November, neither my Company nor the British General Post Office can agree to the proposal contained in Para 2.

They have, however, made an alternative proposal as requested in your letter 4/21/96/CS dated 15th November, Para 4, which is contained in my letter L221 of todays date.

Yours truly,

L. Henderson

Deputy Divisional Manager,
Mediterranean.

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R. C. A. COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

A RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA SERVICE

APO 782 U.S.Army

T. D. MEOLA
MANAGER

November 18, 1944

Col. J. L. Henderson, Director,
Communications Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
Rome, Italy

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 18th and to Dr. Fano's letter of the 17th, I have just received the following communication from Mr. T. H. Mitchell, our Vice President and General Manager, which I have been asked to deliver personally :-

"WITH RESPECT TO THE CLAIM OF ITALCABLE THAT THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RADIO TOLLS FROM A SERVICE IN WHICH THEY PERFORM NO FUNCTION, AND THEIR PROPOSAL THAT, PENDING AN AGREEMENT AS TO THE AMOUNT OF THEIR PARTICIPATION, THE RADIO TOLLS BE DEPOSITED IN ESCROW IN A BANK OF OUR SELECTION, WE REGRET WE CANNOT EXTEND OUR SERVICES TO THE HANDLING OF CIVILIAN TRAFFIC UNDER SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS. RCA COMMUNICATIONS, INC. IS OPERATING IN ITALY AT THE REQUEST OF ALLIED MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND THEREFORE WE HAVE NO REASON TO EXPECT THAT OUR PRESENT OPERATION OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION FROM ITALY WILL BE CONTINUED ON A PERMANENT BASIS AND THEREFORE THE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE ENTERED INTO FOR THE HANDLING OF CIVILIAN TRAFFIC COVER A TEMPORARY SITUATION PENDING WITHDRAWAL OF RCA COMMUNICATIONS AND THE REINSTATEMENT OF ITALCABLE AS THE OPERATING INTERNATIONAL CARRIER. WE ARE WILLING TO PAY A REASONABLE RENTAL FOR THE USE OF SUCH OF ITALCABLE FACILITIES AS WE EMPLOY IN THE HANDLING OF ANY CIVILIAN TRAFFIC. IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXPLANATION OF OUR POSITION AND OUR AGREEMENT WITH YOU THAT THE INAUGURATION OF THE SERVICE WILL BRING ADVANTAGES TO THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN ITALY AND THE ALLIED COUNTRIES WE SINCERELY URGE YOU TO GIVE THIS MATTER YOUR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

SIGNED T. H. MITCHELL, VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER."

Very truly yours,

T. D. Meola

cc: Mr. Livingood
Dr. Fano
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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

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Rome, November 18, 1944

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Sincerely yours,

A. Kirk

Alexander Kirk

Enclosure:

1/ As stated

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Commodore Ellery W. Stone,

Chief Commissioner,

Allied Commission,

Rome.

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PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM FROM

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DATED NOVEMBER 17, 1944

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CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED
OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL MANAGER MEDITERRANEAN

TEL. 51594

C/O 15 BASE A. P. O.
C. M. F.

L.221.

November. 17th. 1944.

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

Dear Sir,

With reference to Para.4 of your letter 4/31/96/CS dated 15th November, in which you make a request to my Company on behalf of the Italian Government for an alternative proposal which will enable a service to open, on a provisional basis, will you kindly inform the Italian Government that we understand their claim in regard to the use now made of some of their cables. The claim made, however, is only part of the problem. The cables in question were taken as a normal act of war and if the present use can give rise to just claim for rental, it is necessary to consider other acts of war which have caused grave injury to our interests. The question is one to be settled between Governments.

My Company could not accept the stipulation proposed because it would prejudice it's own and it's Government's claims in regard to other matters.

We have no real financial interest in opening the circuit but it is desirable to open the service for the use of the public in both Countries. From the foregoing, it will be appreciated that we think we are being asked to make the opening of a service dependent on a political question which has no bearing upon it.

As regards a means of opening the service on a provisional basis, my Company and the General Post Office would like the Italian Government to say if they are prepared to make a 'provisional arrangement' under which the revenue, less Italian terminal charges, will be paid to the Companies, altho' they cannot agree to this as a permanent arrangement.

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Yours truly,

G. Y. Redman

Deputy Divisional Manager,
Mediterranean.

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R. C. A. COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

A RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA SERVICE

APO 782 C/O Postmaster NY.

T. D. NEOLA
MANAGER

November 18, 1944.

Colonel J.L. Henderson,
Communications sub-commission,
Allied Contro Commission,

R o m e - Italy -

Dear Sir :

This will acknowledge our telephone conversation of yesterday evening, in which you informed me that the Italian Government definately will not agree to the third stipulation of our service message A97/Nov.15th.

Since you did not comment on the other stipulations of our message, are we to understand that we now have full agreement with the Italian Government on all other points covered by the message?

Reverting to stipulation #3, I am authorized to enter into an agreement to pay Italcables a fair rental on a monthly basis for the use of such of their facilities as we may employ in the handling of italian civilian traffic. It will be remembered we are operating in Italy at the request of Allied Military Authorities who, as far as we know, have not yet recognized Italcables as an operating international carrier. While we are sympathetic with their desire to reenter the field of international communications, until they actually and in fact do so, we cannot recognize any rights they may claim to participate in the radio tolls accruing from a service in which they perform no function.

As long as they maintain their position we are unable to extend our services to the handling of civilian traffic.

For your convenience we enclose a copy of our service message A97/15th.

Very truly yours

T. D. Neola
.....
Manager.

Enc.

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R. C. A. COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

APO 782 C/O POSTMASTER NY.

November 18, 1944.

C o p y.

SERVICE MESSAGE A97 of November 15, 1944.

Return all traffic to Italcable pending their agreement to the following (1) that for all traffic from the US to Italy Italcables will receive four cents for full rate and code, three cents for LC, and two cents for full rate and code, stop (2) for traffic Italy to the US zone 1 Italcables will pay us eleven cents full rate and code, nine cents for LC, and five and one half cents for NLT and Govt stop other US zones established payouts would be added to these amounts stop this will leave four cents, etc, to Italcables for traffic originating in Rome and eight cents, etc, for traffic originating beyond Rome stop (3) Italcables is not to participate in radio tolls and net amount due either party is to be settled on a monthly basis stop the dollar amounts stated above will be settled in the equivalent of local currency.

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

18th November, 1944

In reply refer to: 6/17/31/CS

Subject : External Telegraph Service.

To : The Manager, Cable and Wireless, Rome.

1. The formal reply of the Italian Government to your letter L.217 of 14th November is attached.

2. The proposal made therein, to deposit the transit toll income with a bank nominated by this or your office, was conveyed to you in my letter of 15th November.

3. Your telephone conversation of 16th November, informed me that your Company was not prepared to accept such a proposal. I should be obliged if you would forward a written confirmation.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel
Director.

Incl: Letter from Italian Government.

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

18th November, 1944

In reply refer to: CS/6/17/30

Subject : External Telegraph Service.

To : The Manager, R.C.A.Communications, Rome.

1. Confirming our telephone conversation, I forward herewith the reply of the Italian Government to your cable A 97 from New York.

2. In short, the Italian Government is willing to deposit the transit toll income into a bank nominated by us or you, but is not prepared to pay these sums to your company.

3. I should be obliged if you would let me have a final decision from your Head Office as soon as possible.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel
Director.

Incl: Letter from Italian Government.

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
Gen.Dir. for P. T. T.

Rome, 17 November 1944.

To : 1) Allied Commission - P.T.T. S/C
2) Foreign Office
3) Ministry of Communications, Cabinet

As you are aware the Allied Governments authorized the restoration of the telegraph service between Italy and the British Empire, as well as the United States and their possessions. Following this authorization, several meetings have taken place between representatives of the Italian Government and the A.C. on one side, and the concerned Companies on the other (R.C.A., Cable and Wireless and Italcable) for the purpose of setting forth the technical and economical terms of the service.

Owing to the impossibility of entering into a definite agreement on the matter (which agreement, according to the point of view of our Government, should have been based on the pre-war terms, in compliance with the present international agreements) it was agreed to credit the concerned parts with the terminal charges to which they were entitled to. It was agreed that transit charges had to be witheld undivided by the Companies that had to collect them, awaiting the definite decision that would have to be taken on the matter after the war.

It has been now notified that the commencement of the telegraph service depends on a complete and permanent renouncement

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by the Italian Government of the entire transit charges. The Italian Government will only be entitled to collect terminal charges for outgoing telegrams, whilst transit charges should be directly paid respectively to R.C.A.,C and W.

The Italian Government states again its agreement leaving in abeyance to the end of the war the sums equivalent to these rates and to pay them into a bank accepted either by the Allied Commission or by the interested Companies, on condition that the service may start without any prejudice to the decision taken in due course. In any case the Italian Government is not in a position to authorize the commencement of this service by giving up all its rights on the matter, particularly since the Companies want us to accept their proposals on a permanent and definite basis.

In view of this situation we are sorry to point out that if the interested Companies do not without their requests, the Italian Government will be compelled to arrange the immediate suspension of the service.

We are sure that the Allied Commission will understand the seriousness of the problem, and we trust that it will take whatever action possible to avoid the suspension of the service, which will bring definite advantages to the political and economical relations between Italy and the Allied Countries.

We are awaiting a prompt answer on the subject.

The Undersecretary of State
Signed Fano

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

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Prot.n.S/8.4/3847

Roma, 17 novembre 1944

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications Sub Commission
R O M A

e p.c. : al MINISTERO degli ESTERI
al MINISTERO delle COMUNICAZIONI -Gabinetto -
R O M A

OGGETTO : Servizio telegrafico estero

Come è noto il Governo Alleato ha a suo tempo concessa la riapertura del servizio telegrafico fra l'Italia e l'Impero Britannico, Stati Uniti e loro possedimenti .

A seguito di tale concessione sono intercorse numerose trattative tra il Governo Italiano e la Commissione Alleata da un lato e le Compagnie interessate dall'altro (R.C.A, Cable and Wireless, Italcable) allo scopo di stabilire le modalità tecniche ed economiche di tale servizio .

Nell'impossibilità di raggiungere un accordo definitivo in merito (che, secondo il nostro Governo, avrebbe dovuto basarsi sulle modalità in vigore prima della guerra, in conformità alle convenzioni internazionali vigenti) si era proposto di accreditare le parti interessate delle aliquote terminali di rispettiva spettanza, convenendo che la tassa di transito fosse trattenuta indivisa dagli Enti che provvedevano all'incasso delle medesime, in attesa di quella definitiva risoluzione al riguardo che avrebbe dovuto prendersi alla cessazione dello stato di guerra, lasciando cioè impregiudicate ogni questione di diritto da ambo le parti .

Viene ora comunicato che l'inizio del servizio telegrafico è subordinato alla rinuncia integrale e permanente da parte del Governo italiano dell'intera tariffa di transito, al quale viene solo riconosciuto il diritto di trattenere per i telegrammi in partenza dal proprio territorio la sola tassa terminale di partenza. La tassa di transito dovrebbe secondo tali richieste essere direttamente

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Il Governo Italiano conferma di essere disposto a trattenere in sospeso, (sino alla cessazione dello stato di guerra ed alle conseguenti deliberazioni al riguardo), le somme corrispondenti a tali aliquote, o di versarle ad una banca di gradimento della Commissione Alleata o ~~di fiducia~~ di gradimento delle Compagnie interessate, purchè il servizio possa avere inizio senza pregiudizio alcuno delle deliberazioni che potranno essere a suo tempo assunte . Non può però certamente autorizzare che l'inizio di tale servizio abbia luogo con la spontanea rinunzia di ogni suoi diritto al riguardo (rinunzia che secondo quanto comunicatoci, le Compagnie pretendono sia da noi accettata con carattere definitivo e permanente) .

In tale incresciosa situazione siamo dolenti di dover comunicare che qualora non si trovasse il modo di far recedere le Compagnie interessate dalle loro richieste, il Governo italiano si troverebbe nella dolorosa necessità di dover disporre l'immediata cessazione del servizio .

Siamo sicuri della perfetta comprensione da parte di cotesta Commissione Alleata circa la gravità del problema sopra citato e siamo anche fiduciosi che essa vorrà interporre i suoi buoni uffici allo scopo di evitare la sospensione di un servizio, che ha indubbi ed evidenti vantaggi nei riguardi dei rapporti politici ed economici fra l'Italia ed i Paesi Alleati .

Restiamo in attesa di cortesi urgenti comunicazioni al riguardo.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489061 Ext: 400

16th November, 1944

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

Subject : External Telegraphs.

To : The Under-Secretary of State for FF.TT.

1. Copies of letters from Cable and Wireless and the reply sent on your behalf are attached at Enclosure 1. I have since been notified that the attitude of Cable and Wireless is unchanged and they have no other proposal to make.

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

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

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

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel
Director.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489061 Ext: 555

15th November, 1944

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

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

To : The Divisional Manager, Cable and Wireless Limited, Mediterranean. W 30

1. Reference your L.217 dated 11th November. It is regretted that the proposed provisional disposal of the transit charge on outgoing telegrams passed via Cable and Wireless is not acceptable to your company.

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

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

4. On behalf of the Italian Government, I have to request whether your Company will make any alternative proposal which would enable a service to commence on a provisional basis. If the objection is to the revenue being held by the Italian Government, possibly agreement might be reached if it were to be held by a nominated bank in a blocked account. It is unlikely that any proposal which placed all revenue other than the Italian terminal charge at the disposal of your Company would be acceptable to the Italian authorities. W 35

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director. W 32
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CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED
OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL MANAGER MEDITERRANEAN

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TEL. 51594

C/O 15 BASE A. P. O.
C. M. F.

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Ref: L.217.

November. 14th. 1944.

Sir,

RESUMPTION OF ITALIAN CIVILIAN TELEGRAPH FACILITIES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Translation by Petrignani Rinaldo.

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Rome, 13th November 1944.

N. S/13/3720.

Subject : Telegraph traffic to the United Nations.

To : Allied Commission - Posts and Telecomms.
Sub-Commission - Rome.

1. In compliance with agreements entered into between the Italian Government and the Allied Powers, on date 15th inst., the inter-national telegraph service will be restored between Italy and U.K., the British Empire, the U.S. and their possediments.

2. Only admitted traffic are: private traffic on familiar and commercial matters; statal traffic to the neutral Countries.

3. The transmission and reception service in Italy, in any way whatsoever it is being affected, is requested from: Cable and Wireless, for the UK, theBritish Empire and their possediments. R.C.A. for the U.S. and their possediments.

4. The Exchange of traffic with afore said Companies will be taken over by the Italcable in Rome, following arrangements already made.

In respect of the aceeptance and delivery service the same regulations, in force now with upon Company, will be followed. It will be borne on mind that traffic with the Cable and Wireless will be considered Via Italcable, and the one with R.C.A. via Italo-Radio.

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Rates for traffic passed on by the Cable and Wireless (traffic UK and British Empire) will be as from bids by the said Company, of which bids you passes a copy. They are in gold francs and changed into italian lire on the basis of L.33 each gold franc.

Share of terminal rates in connection with traffic with the Cable and Wireless Company will be effected as set forth in para 7 of Convention reached with the Italcable Company on 6th August 1935.

6. Rates for traffic passed on by the R.C.A. (United States and their possediments) are as from scheme compiled by the R.C.A., which scheme you already have. They are changed

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into Italian Lire on a basis of L. 100 each dollar.

On these rates a terminal tax has been fixed as follows:

for ordinary word	$. 0,04 (4cents)
for each word in plus	$. 0,03 (3 ")
for " parola lettera"	$. 0,02 (2 ")

These rates will be adopted only for Rome City. For all the other offices in Italy, they will be increased by a charge equal to the terminal tax - this as on indemnity to further passing on to the telegraph Italian lines.

Share of terminal tax will be effected as from regulations provided for in para 13 of Convention 6th Agust 1935 with the Italo Radio Company.

The Under Secretary of State.

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Chief, Postal
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DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Nr. S/13/3720 di prot.

ROMA, 13 Novembre 1944

Alla SOCIETA' ITALCABLE — ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission — ROMA

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le Nazioni Unite.

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Per il servizio di accettazione, di recapito vale quanto disposto dalle Convenzioni vigenti con codesta Società, tenando conto che il traffico scambiato con la Cable and Wireless sarà considerato via Italcable e quello con la R.C.A. via Italo-radio.

5° - Le tariffe da applicarsi nelle relazioni con la Cable and Wireless (traffico con il Regno Unito e l'Impero Britannico) sono

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quelle presentate dalla predetta Compagnia, copia delle quali è già in possesso di Codesta Società, espresse in franchi oro e tradotte in lire italiane al cambio di £. 33 per franco oro.

La ripartizione delle tasse terminali relativamente al traffico scambiato con la Cable and Wireless sarà effettuata a norma dell'articolo 7 della Convenzione 6 agosto 1935 con la Società Italcable.

6° - Le tariffe per il traffico scambiato con la R.C.A. (Stati Uniti e loro possedimenti) sono quelle di cui al prospetto compilato dalla R.C.A. già in possesso dell'Italcable, tradotte in lire italiane, al cambio di lire 100 per dollaro. Su tali tariffe viene riconosciuta una tassa terminale nella seguente misura:

per parola	ordinaria	$ 0,04 (4 cents)
"	differita	$ 0,03 (3 cents)
"	lettera	$ 0,02 (2 cents).

Tali tariffe valgono per la città di Roma; per tutti gli altri uffici in Italia esse dabbono essere aumentate di una quota pari alla tassa terminale quale compenso per l'ulteriore inoltro telegrafico su linee italiane.

La ripartizione della tassa terminale verrà effettuata secondo le norme previste all'art. 13 della Convenzione 6 agosto 1935 con la Società Italo Radio.-

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE ON R C A RATES PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AGREE WITH QUOTED RATES FROM ITALY AND SERVICE HAS STARTED ON THESE RATES PD NOT CLEAR AS TO DISPOSAL OF CHARGE FOR ZONE OUTSIDE ROME PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CONSIDER IN INTRODUCING THIS RATE STRUCTURE THAT ITALY ENTITLED TO TWO ZONES PD PREPARED TO REDUCE ITALIAN SECOND ZONE ORDINARY CHARGE FROM FOUR TO THREE CENTS PAREN TWO AND HALF ON DEFERRED AND ONE AND HALF ON LETTER TELEGRAMS PAREN SO AS TO BRING EXACTLY INTO LINE WITH AMERICAN SECOND ZONE CHARGES CMA BUT CONSIDER THAT THIS ZONE CHARGE SHOULD BE ADDED AT BOTH ENDS AND BE AT DISPOSAL OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FROM INBOUND AND OUTBOUND TRAFFIC

Afsward
Pa Jan

Sent to A. C. I. (Lr Liverpool) for 1747 transmittal to U. S.
Copy Sent to R.C.A. (Lr Meola).

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Telegram Received from Department of State

November 15, 1944

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You may advise all interested authorities of the foregoing.

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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMODORE ELLERY STONE

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

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
FOREIGN	DOMESTIC
FULL RATE	FULL RATE
CDE	DAY LETTER
URGENT	SERIAL SERVICE
DEFERRED	NIGHT MESSAGE
RADIO LETTER	NIGHT LETTER

RCA

RADIOGRAM

R.C.A. COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

A RADIO CORPORATION OF AMERICA SERVICE

TO ALL THE WORLD — BETWEEN IMPORTANT U. S. CITIES — TO SHIPS AT SEA

DIRECT

NO.	CASH OR CHG.
26	
NUMBER OF WORDS	
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Send the following Radiogram "Via RCA" subject to terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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RECEIVED NOV 15 TH 1944

WNL/FG

A97 NEWYORK C MEOLA ROME 157 15 1212 P1/100

RETURN ALL TRAFFIC TO ITALCABLE PENDING THEIR AGREEMENT TO THE FOLLOWING (1) THAT FOR ALL TRAFFIC FROM US TO ITALY ITALCABLE WILL RECEIVE 4 CENTS FOR FULL RATE AND CDE 3 CENTS FOR LC AND 2 CENTS FOR NLT AND GOVT STOP (2) FOR TRAFFIC ITALY TO US ZONE 1 ITALCABLE WILL PAY US 11 CENTS FOR FULL RATE AND CDE 9 CENTS FOR LC AND 5-1/2 CENTS FOR NLT AND GOVT STOP FOR OTHER US ZONES ESTABLISHED PAYOUTS WOULD BE ADDED TO THESE AMOUNTS STOP THIS WILL LEAVE 4 CENTS

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338 Carondelet Street — New Orleans — Phone: Raymond 9911

FULL-RATE MESSAGE UNLESS MARKED OTHERWISE

Sender's Name and Address
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489051 Ext: 400

16th November, 1944

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

Subject : External Telegraph Traffic.

To : The Commissary, Italcables.

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Reference your letter COMMERCIALE CAT 2/45 dated November 13th, 1944.

1. List of Neutral Government Embassies, etc.

Legation of AFGHANISTAN, Via Nomentana,120 - Tel. 80698.
Embassy of ARGENTINE, Piazza dell'Esquilino, 2 Tel- 40508.
Legation of IRELAND, Grande Albergo, Via delle Terme - Tel. 40141.
Legation of PORTUGAL,Corso del Rinascimento, 11 - Tel.53869.
Legation of SWEDEN, Viale Michele Bianchi, 120a - Tel. 81073,81373.
Embassy of SPAIN, Via delle Botteghe Oscure,32 - Tel. 561051.
Legation of SWITZERLAND, Via Barnaba Oriani, 61 - Tel. 872401.
Spanish Ambassador to the Holy See, Piazza di Spagna - Tel.61266.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel
Director.

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Headquarters Allied Commission
CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP
CABLE AND RADIO SUBSECTION
APO 394, U. S. Army

15 November 1944.

Neutral Government Embassies and Legations in Rome are as follows:

Legation of AFGHANISTAN, Via Nomentana, 120 - Tel. 80898
Embassy of ARGENTINE, Piazza dell'Esquilino, 2 -Tel. 40808
Legation of IRELAND, Grande Albergo, Via delle Terme - Tel. 40141
Legation of PORTUGAL, Corso del Rinascimento, 11 - Tel. 53869
Embassy of SWEDEN, Viale Michele Bianchi, 129a - Tel. 81073, 81373
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Spanish Ambassador to the Holy See, Piazza di Spagna - Tel. 61266.

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SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI

SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI - CAPITALE L. 175.000.000

SEDE IN ROMA

ROMA, November 13th 1944

VIA CALABRIA 46 I-II-III CASELLA POSTALE N. 9811

DIREZIONE GENERALE

REPARTO COMMERCIALE CAT 2/45 7141

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FILE CS/6/17

Date 13 NOV 1944

Director
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Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
H. Q. Coms. O.
Asst. Chief Postal
Censorship
Chief Clerk

SUBJECT: External Telegraphic Traffic
Representatives Neutral Countries.

Headquarters Allied Commission,
APO 394,
Communications Sub-Commission,
ROME.

Your communication CS/6/17 of the 7th inst. on hand and contents noted.

For our guidance, we beg you to supply us with a list of the neutral countries which representatives are admitted to file their telegrams with our Offices rather than via Cable and Wireless, so that we may issue in due course the necessary instructions to our depending Offices.

ITALCABLE
SERVIZI CABLOGRAFICI RADIOTELEGRAFICI E RADIOELETTRICI
IL COMMISSARIO

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TBJ/LMP/rps

11 November 1944

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FILE: G-5/383.8

SUBJECT: Resumption Civil External Telegraph.

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

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

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

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

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

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

T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel, AC

1 Encl.
As above.

cc Combined Signals Board.

HEADQUARTERS 13 NOV 1944

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TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC

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

REF NO : FX 50626

SIGNED : WILSON CITE: FHGEG

MAT 396 9 see 57-2

Reference TAM 345 and MAT 388 10

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

1. Rate clarification required before traffic from ITALY can begin. Italian administration and cable and wireless want pre-war gold franc rates at 33 lire to franc adopted. These are only rates presently available in ITALY. RCA rates, however, are on different basis and RCA under instruction from Federal Communications Commission not to add Italian terminal charge to their rates.

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

ORIGINATOR: G-5 AUTH: N. F. SEAGRAVE, MAJOR

INFO : SGS COORD WITH: COMB SIG BD
MR MACMILLAN
DS POLAD HQ CZ
FIN AD (B) JS & PS
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TBJ/as

7 November 1944

G-5: 311.22-16

SUBJECT: Resumption of Telegraph Facilities for Civilians.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

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

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

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

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

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

3 November 1944

AG 311.22/177 GNI-O

SUBJECT: Cable Facilities for Italian Civilians

TO : Chief Commissioner, The Allied Commission V(Z)(13-14)

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

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

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

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

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

By command of General WILSON:

A. R. KING,
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General

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5 NOV 1944
A. C. C.

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This is to be signed, as being incorrect. Tom

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RECEIVED AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE ON ADVISORY COUNCIL HAS STATED THAT FOX CHARLIE CHARLIS OBJECT TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ORIGINAL PROPOSALS AND HAS REQUESTED US TO SECURE ITALIAN GOVT CONCURRENCE IN RATES SET FORTH IN PROPER CHARLIE ABLE CHARLIE LICENSE FOR NAPLES AND ROME COMMUNICATIONS FD

PAREN AFHQ FOR CLOSE FIVE FROM ALCOM FROM HENDERSON SIGNED STONE PAREN

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

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

FOR COMMODORE ELLERY STONE

Nov. 11, 1944.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

7th November, 1944

In reply refer to: CS/6/171

Subject : External Telegraphic Traffic Representatives Neutral Countries.

To : Political Section.

1. Due to the opening on November 16th, 1944 of civilian telegraph service between Italy and the U.S. and British Empire, Italcable will resume its proper role of collecting and distributing agent for foreign civilian telegraph traffic.

2. Will you please inform representatives of neutral countries that as of Nov. 16th,1944 they should file their telegrams with Italcable rather than with Cables and Wireless.

3. Representatives of Allied Nations will continue to file as in the past.

J.L.HENDERSON
COLONEL
DIRECTOR

Tel: 489081
Ext: 333

Copy to: Cable and Wireless
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Answer to your query F49132 is in the negative.

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TO: ALLIED COMMISSION FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND FINANCE

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REDUPTTON CIVIL EXTERNAL TELEGRAPH. REF YOUR 6109 OF 6 NOV. 44.

PARA 1. RATES TO BE CHARGED: RCA AND CABLE AND WIRELESS SHOULD SUPPLY ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION IMMEDIATELY WITH RATES FOR TRANSIT TOLL AND DISTANT TERMINAL CHARGE. BOTH ENTITLED TO FURNISH THEIR EXISTING RATE RATES WHICH NEED NOT BE IDENTICAL AS TO AMOUNT OR BASIS. ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD SET ITALIAN TERMINAL CHARGE AND DOMESTIC LANDLINE RATE.

PARA 2. PROBLEM OF APPROPRIATE BASIS OF REVENUE ALLOCATION WILL BE REFERRED TO COS. PENDING THEIR DECISION, RECOMMEND THAT TOTAL AMOUNT OF ITALIAN TERMINAL CHARGE AND LANDLINE TOLL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT. RCA AND C AND W SHOULD BE AUTHORISED TO DRAW UPON REMAINDER OF CHARGES COLLECTED TO EXTENT NECESSARY TO COVER LOCAL EXPENSES, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO FINAL AGREEMENT AS TO THEIR SHARE OF THE CHARGES COLLECTED.

PARA 3. TRAFFIC SHOULD BEGIN ON 15 NOVEMBER IN ACCORDANCE WITH ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS.

PARA 4. THE TERMS UNDER WHICH RCA AND C AND W MAY TRANSFER THEIR SHARE OF LIRA REVENUES INTO DOLLARS OR STERLING WILL HAVE TO BE ADVISED TO US BY THE COS.

PARA 5. WE SHALL DELAY REFERRING THESE MATTERS TO THE COS UNTIL RECEIVING FURTHER COMMENT FROM YOU. IN ACCORD WITH: COMBINED SIGNALS.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

4th November, 194

In reply
refer to: CS/6/17/

Subject : Civil Cable - or Radio-grams.

To : Distribution Below.

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

Telephone : 459081
Extension : 400

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel
Director

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APC 512 TBJ/jw

G-5: 311.1-7 4 November 1944

SUBJECT: Resumption of Commercial and Financial Correspondence to and from liberated Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

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1. Reference G-5: 311.1-7 of 3 November and subsequent telephone conversations with Col. Henderson.

2. Attached for information is copy of MAT 388 despatched last night.

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

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

Incl:
Cable MC CUT 752,
3 Nov 44, Ref.No. FX-47808,
copy No. 4.

HEADQUARTERS
Director
D/Director
Chief, Telecoms
Chief, Postal
H.Q. Coms. Z.
Asst. Chief Postal, Z.
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G-5 Section
APO 512

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3 November 1944

URGENT

G-5: 311.1-7

SUBJECT: Resumption of Commercial and Financial Correspondence to and from Liberated Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Att'n: Col. Henderson)

1. Reference G-5: 311.1-7 of 2 November.

2. Attached is copy of TAM 345 received this morning and on which Col. Jackman has already spoken to Col. Henderson.

3. It is requested that your comments be given most urgently on the matter.

T. B. JACKMAN
Lieut. Colonel.

Incl:
Cy TAM 345

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Date 3/11/44

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TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC

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

REF NO: FX-47808

SIGNED: WILSON CITE: AFHQ : FREEDOM

This is MAT-308.

Approve proposals as in CAN-345 subject to following:

Telegram

A. Deletion from list of Provinces in your paragraph 2 D of ASCOLI, CAMPOBASSO, MACERATA, TERAMO, FOGGIA and TARANTO. First 4 Provinces named are in operational zone from security view point, special circumstances in FOGGIA Province render it necessary to exclude this from the list and in case of TARANTO Province necessary to withhold approval at moment while technical details being checked.

B. While no objection to immediate announcement of intention to open service cannot accept traffic until 15 November and request this date be announced as first date on which traffic may be sent. Interim period necessary to complete arrangements here for transmission between international and internal carriers including the fixing of rates.

ORIGINATOR: G-5 AUTH: H P SPAULDING, MAJOR

INFORMATION: G-2, EGS, G-4, USPOLAD, FISC DIR, FIN ATT (3), PWB, IMC, C/S MTO, PRO, ISLPS, SIGNALS, G-2, **, RECORDS

COORD WITH: US POLAD, BRIT POLAD MIN, G-2 (CC), G-2 (CO), COMBINED SIGS BOARD

Chief Clerk

MR MACMILLAN

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ROUTINE

FROM: AGWAR FROM CCS

TO: AFHQ WILSON, INFORMATION UK BASE SECTION FOR ECS AND TO COMZONE

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: WX-55842, 2 November 1944

For FHGEG.

Cite CCAC.

TAM 345.

Resumption of public cable and radio communications with liberated ITALY.

1. Since the UNITED STATES Treasury Department has lifted the restriction against the direct or indirect transmission of communications of a financial commercial or business character between UNITED STATES and liberated ITALY which are contained in Treasury General Ruling Number 11, issued under the trading with the Enemy Act and since UK departments have taken similar action, it is proposed to permit the resumption of public cable and radio communications between liberated ITALY on the 1 hand and UNITED STATES and and UK on the other.

2. Subject to your approval the following conditions will apply:

A. Services will be resumed at 2400 hours on 5 November.

B. Traffic may be accepted for the Italian provinces and possessions of: ASCOLI AQUILA

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NAPLES
POTENZA
ROME
TARANTO
TERNI
SICILY
BARI (DELLE PUGLIE)
BRINDISI
CATANZARO
COZENZA
FROSINONE
LECCE
MATERA
PESCARA
REGGIO (DI CALABRIA)
SALERNO
TERAMO
VITERBO
SARDINIA

C. Traffic may be accepted to and from the BRITISH EMPIRE and the UNITED STATES, it's territories and possessions less any areas of either in enemy occupation.

D. Publicity will be given stressing that although traffic will be accepted of a commercial financial or business nature, it will be subject to existing controls of UNITED STATES and UK. For example, financial and commercial transactions in which persons in ITALY have interest and outgoing communications which in effect are transactions or instructions to effect transactions (such as powers of attorney, proxies, payment orders, etc.) would continue to require license.

3. The foregoing applies only to terminal messages between ITALY on the 1 hand and the UNITED STATES and BRITISH EMPIRE on the other hand. Precaution should be exercised to prevent these services from being used for intermediary communications with areas to which direct communications have not yet been approved. Unless you advise to the contrary, cable messages through the UNITED STATES and UK to ITALY which are intermediary communication areas with which direct communications have not yet been approved will be cancelled to sender by UNITED STATES and UK censorship instead of being suppressed and condemned. The same procedure should be followed by censorship in ITALY with respect to messages emanating from ITALY which are intermediary to areas with which direct communications have not yet been approved. Should any intermediary communications be passed inadvertently into ITALY by UNITED STATES and UK censorship then Italian censorship should cancel it back.

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4. If the conditions of this proposal are unsatisfactory, it is requested you indicate what would be acceptable to you.

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ON SUBJECT OF PERMISSION TO OPEN ITALIAN CIVILIAN TELEGRAPHS CMA

PAREN AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM AC FROM HENDERSON SIGNED STONE PAREN

ARE COMMUNICATIONS TO PRISONERSOF WAR PERMITTED QUERY

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

31st October, 1944

In reply refer to: CS/2/9/10

Subject : Inauguration of Civilian Telegraph Service To U.S. and U.K.

To : H.E.The Under-Secretary of State for PP.TT.
Signal Officer, R.A.A.C.
R.C.A. Communications, Rome.
Cable and Wireless Rome
Italcable
Civil Censorship Group

1. Reference is made to letter from combined signal board dated Oct. 29th, 1944 (addressed to Cable and Wireless and R.C.A. with copy to A.C.)authorising exchange of Italian civilian telegrams between Italy and the British Empire and the United States.

2. In order to make arrangements to implement this service on the date set (Nov.15,1944) you are invited to attend a conference which will be held at 1600 hrs Nov.2, 1944 in the conference room 3rd floor, Allied Commission HQs Bldg.,Via Veneto.

3. Agenda proposed is as follows:

a. Discussion of Italcable Memo (copy inclosed).
b. Classes of messages i.e. Urgent, Night letter, etc.)
c. Allocation of space Rome and Naples.
d. Censorship arrangements

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

2 Inles:
#1 Letter combined signal board
#2 Memo Italcable.

Copy to: H.E.The Under-Secretary of State for PP.TT.
Signal Officer R.A.A.C.
R.C.A. Rome (Less incl.#1)
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Civil Censorship Group
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Secretary
Combined Signal Board

APO 512, U. S. Army
27 October 1944

SUBJECT: Civilian External Traffic to and from Italy.

TO : Divisional Manager, Mod. Cable & Wireless Ltd., Naples

RCA Communications, Inc., Rome.

1. Authorization has been received from the proper authorities in London, Washington and AFHQ, permitting the exchange of Italian civilian telegraph messages between Italy on the one hand and the British Empire and the United States plus its possessions on the other hand, minus territories in enemy occupation.

2. Traffic may be sent by radio unless specifically marked "PTL" by the censor. All messages are to be 100 percent censored, and to be limited to exchanges of a personal and family nature. No messages relating to commercial or trade subjects are permitted.

3. It is desired that you coordinate with the Italian authorities, through the Allied Control Commission, and the censors, to complete the physical arrangements for pickup and delivery service to and from the Italian domestic facilities. These details should be completed by November 15, 1944 in order that the service commence as of that date.

4. This office should be advised on the details of these physical arrangements for the information of G-2.

Director
D/Director
Cont. Services
Chief Postal
Rad. Coms.
Asst. Postal
Cont. Cable
Cont. Clerk

For the Chief Signal Officer:

LUDWIG R. ZEILER,
Captain, Signal Corps,
Secretary,
Combined Signal Board.

Copy to: G-2 (CC)
Allied Control Commission.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SEGRETERIA

li 24 OTT. 1944 - 194

Protoc. N° S/84/3257

Risposta al foglio N°

del

Allegati

Alla Commissione Alleata di Controllo. Posts and Telecommunications, Sub-Commission

R O M A

OGGETTO: Riattivazione del servizio telegrafico civile tra l'Italia e il Regno Unito e gli Stati Uniti.

sent via the Pole

1.- A seguito del foglio n° 1427/H3 del 22/10/1944, in risposta alla lettera CS/2/9/2 del 16/10/1944 si rimette un promemoria riguardante la ripresa del servizio telegrafico internazionale.

2.- Scopo fondamentale del promemoria è la ripresa dell'attività dell'Italcable - che, per convenzione contrattuale in vigore, è di fatto l'organo tecnico amministrativo del Governo Italiano per il traffico telegrafico internazionale - .

3.- Detto promemoria risponde pertanto alle stesse direttive della circolare CS/11/1/5/80, intese al graduale ripristino della normalità nel funzionamento dei mezzi di telecomunicazione a disposizione di questo Ministero.

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October 23rd, 1944

RESUMPTION OF INTERNATIONAL TELEGRAPH SERVICE

Foreword

The resumption of international telegraph service for the Italian public would be limited, at first, to the relations with the U.S.A. and Great Britain.

The transmission and reception of said traffic in Italy would be performed, temporarily, by the R.C.A. and by C. & W. respectively.

Service performance

Before the Armistice the Italian Telegraph Administration was connected with foreign Countries by:

- direct land line circuits to the neighbouring States, or through the neighbouring States;

- the systems belonging to authorized Companies, who were granted the privilege to operate certain submarine cable terminals or certain wireless telegraph stations.

The agreements established with the Italcable Company and with the Italo Radio Company (this one incorporated with the first Company in 1941) engaged the Italian Administration to forward to the same Companies:

- all traffic routed via Italcable and via Italo Radio;

- all unrouted traffic addressed to those Countries which were served by Italcable's submarine cables on Italo Radio's radio circuits.

The international traffic, the resumption of which is now visualized, is therefore included in the traffic to be forwarded to the Italcable Company.

Proposal

With the object to proceed to the reopening of the international telegraph service, following the normal mechanism as defined and laid down in detail by the existing Agreements, it is considered to be necessary and sufficient to authorise Italcable to resume its former activity with respect to the Administration and the Public, by collecting and concentrating the traffic in the Italcable Central Office in Rome.

The Allied Companies, R.C.A. and C.& W., who will materially perform the transmission and the reception of traffic, using the existing plants belonging

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to Italcable, do not become as a consequence new Concessionaires of a public service, but are to be considered as temporary Contractors for part of the service the Concession of which has been granted to Italcable.

The details of the exchange of traffic between Italcable and the two foreign Companies may be covered by private agreements between the parties concerned, such agreements to be drafted in accordance with Governmental instructions and to be submitted to the Italian Administration for approval.

The agreements would cover mainly:

a) traffic conditions: exchange of incoming and outgoing telegrams, service hours, serial numbers, special services as defined by the International Telegraph Convention and annexe Regulations;

b) accounting questions: traffic accounts, subdivision of rates, payment of bills.

The only novelties, with respect to the similar agreements already in existance between the Italcable and the two foreign Companies concerned, would practically refer only to the division of rates; this being rendered necessary by the new situation in force of which the ideal boundary between the Italcable and the Companies' field of action instead of remaining at a point somewhere between Rome and London (or New York), would be temporarily displaced to another point inside the Italian territory, between the Italcable Central Office and the R.C.A. or C. & W. Offices in Rome.

It is believed that this solution, besides reducing to a minimum every alteration, by maintaining as well as possible the "statu quo antes" will allow the future returning to normality without any difficulty or special study.

Remarks

We do not yet know what rates will be established for telegrams addressed to U.S.A. and Great Britain. It is however remarked that the above proposed solution allows to dispense with any problem in connection with international money transfers, because the basic rate can be fixed in Lire and all settlements can be carried out in Italian currency, in Rome.

Even if the present Allied occupation of Italcable's Central Office, Via della Mercede 96, should continue, the Company will be able to install a temporary Office in the room which is still available on the ground floor Piazza S. Silvestro, close to the State Administration Telegraph Office.

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It is believed that all international traffic will be subject to Allied Censorship as well as to Italian Administration revision. For this last operation it is suggested that, in accordance with previous practice, an Italian Administration Functionary be detached to our Central Office.

Italcable would proceed to collection and delivery of traffic by means of its Telegraph Offices in the liberated territory; all traffic being always circulated through the Rome Central Office, as usual.

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Translation by Petrignani

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Rome, 19th ~~September~~ October 44.

Ref. no. S/8.5./3163

TO THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION

Subject: Restoration of radio telephone service between Italy and the U.S.A.

Referring to your letter no. CS/2/9/3/ dated 16th October, contents of which have been appreciated. A memorandum compiled by this Ministry in agreement with the Italcable Company regarding the matter is herewith enclosed.

We will discuss verbally with you on the various points in the memorandum to be resolved, and we will point out any further action to be taken for the services in question referred to in your letter.

Meanwhile we thank you for your collaboration and your concern displayed in extending more every day our telecommunications services.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE.

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Director
Director
Chief, Telecoms
Chief, Postal
Dep. Q.. Coms.
Asst. Chief Postal
Censorship
Chief Clerk

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Date 21/10/44

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FOR THE REACTIVATION OF SERVICE OF THE ITALCABLE COMPANY.

Company
Special Activity. In normal times, it can be divided into four great sections:

1) Internal telegraph traffic (telegr. " Lampo ", and special communications).
2) Radio telephone international traffic (conversations and transmission of radio programs).
3) Radio telegraph international traffic.
4) Cable interhational traffic.

These activities were interrupted for the following reasons:

1) Internal traffic: as the Allied Occupation was extended, the connection lines between the ~~social~~ Offices in Italy were interrupted, and were not afterwards handed back to the Company.
2) Radio-telephone traffic: interrupted as war was declared to the respective Countries.
3) Radio-telegraph-telephone traffic: it was suspended with all the correspondents as soon as a state of war existed between Italy and the respective Countries.
4) Cable traffic: interrupted the days after June the 10th, 44, the submarine cable having been cut.

The reactivation of the above activities can commence in each sector independently from the others. The remaining equipment, saved from the nazi-fascist seizures and the war damages, enable us the reactivate the radio telegraph and radio telephone traffic immediately. Reactivation instead of the telegraph and cable traffic depends on the repairing of lines and connection cables.

General Problems referring to the reactivation of service in all sectors of the ~~social~~ Company activity are the following:

- Allied Occupation of the equipment, briefly, the radio-telegraph transmitter (Torrenuova) and receiver (Malnome) stations and the central Office (Via della Mercede, Rome). For having the service recommenced, the Company must have the ~~extensions~~ INSTALLATIONS handed back.
- Means of transportation, which were all dispersed and are at the moment necessary more than ever for transportation of the personnel to the two radio telegraph stations and for movement of stores. A supply of two trucks and one automobile, to the exclusive service of the Company, is deemed sufficient for meeting the most essential requirements.
- Electric power. the present irregular distribution of

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electric power would no doubt be a serious hinderance for a high standard of efficiency of the service. For the radio-transmitter station and for the Central Office in Rome, some spare generators in substitution of the ones whci have been destroyed, are deemed necessary.

The situation will be made known in detail with further reports, which are at present being compiled and will be about restoration of the ~~social~~ service in each one of the above station separately. As a first information in general, a resuming list is herewith enclosed.
It is however pointed out that the equipments saved from destruction are such as to allow restoration in all sectors, even with a few limitations as far as the number of connections to be activated are concerned. Our store spares, in spite of all dispersions, seizures, and damaged occurred to the store-houses, put us in a position to commence the service. Periodical supplies should be in any case granted - for some stores a supply from abroad is required.
The Company has the necessary personnel, only on condition that the Allies will hand back all or a part of the ~~social~~ personnel, they ~~that~~ at present keep working with the ~~extensions~~ of the Company, according to the sectors of the service. INSTALLATIONS
As far as its relations with the foreign correspondents are concerned, the Comoany ~~will not be~~, until the international position will not be settled, of a mind of reaching particular agreements on rates and accounting. These agreements will be previously approved by the Ministry.

Traffic to Spain.

By means of the Ministry of the "Affari Esteri", we have been informed that the Spanish Government, availing itself of a clause of agreements settled in 1941, made up its mind to purchase the radio-telegraph extensions installed by the Italcable at Barcellona, and at Las Palmas (Canarie Islands) for carrying out the service, while the submarine cables are interrupted. This decision is probably in connection with the cessation of the radio service to Rome, after the month of June, 44. The Company asks the Italian Government for support, so that the Spanish Government may delay the purchase until the restoration of the cable will take place. The radio telegraph extensions of the Italcable at Barcellona would be counted on for restoring the first telegraph connection to Spain, as soon as the ~~social extensions~~ of Rome will return to the Comapny's control. company installation,

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Anzio-Malaga cable.

This submarine cable, lately being a part of the cable communications system to North America was cut in June 1940. After the occupation of Rome, we are informed that the English " Cable and Wireless "

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Company has made use of it in laying down a submarine cable Fiumicino-Gibraltar, at present controlled by the same Company.

The Italcable Company is not in a position to acknowledge this abnormal situation, at least as far as the removal of the landing-place is concerned, for the following reasons:

- Validity of Convention with Spain, which might be rendered invalid. Seriuos damages would hance occurred to the system of ~~social~~ Company cable communications.
- Validity of agreements with the American Companies "Western Union" and "Commercial Cable" as far as traffic to North America is concerned. The said agreements provide for the intermediate landing in Spain. On the other hand it is believed that an intermediate landing at Gibraltar, namely out of the Italcable area, would not be accepted by the above American Companies. It is therefore necessary to have the cable traffic restored, that the "Cables and Wireless" Company may re-establish the cable in question to its previous position.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO
ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI
SEGRETERIA

Roma, 19 ottobre 1944/XXII

N° S/8.5/3163

Risposta al N.

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Posts And Telecommunications
Sub-Commission
R O M A

OGGETTO: Riapertura del servizio radio telefonico fra l'Italia e U.S.A.-

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In esito alla vostra lettera n.CS/2/9/3 in data 16 corr. vi ringraziamo di quanto con la stessa ci comunicate e vi alleghiamo per ora un pro-memoria compilato al riguardo da questo Ministero in accordo con la Società Italcable.

Ci riserviamo di trattare con voi verbalmente in merito, per risolvere le varie questioni nel pro-memoria esposto e per segnalarvi le ulteriori modalità da attuarsi per i servizi di cui all'oggetto e di cui la vostra lettera fa cenno.

Per lo intanto vi ringraziamo della vostra collaborazione e per l'interessamento da voi prestato alla sempre maggiore diffusione dei nostri servizi di telecomunicazioni.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

All.1 pro-memoria

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PER LA RIPRESA DEL SERVIZIO DELLA SOCIETA' ITALCABLE 3.2

L'attività sociale in tempi normali può essere suddivisa in quattro grandi settori:

I°) Traffico telegrafico interno (telegr. "Lampo" e incarichi speciali)

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3°) Traffico radiotelegrafonico : Sospeso coi vari corrispondenti all'atto dello stabilirsi dello stato di guerra coi rispettivi Paesi.

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- Energia elettrica, la cui attuale incertezza e irregolarità di fornitura costituirebbe un grave pregiudizio per la bontà del servizio. Per la stazione radiotrasmittente e per l'ufficio ./.

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Centrale di Roma, si ritiene necessaria la provvista di gruppi elettrogeni di riserva in sostituzione di quelli andati distrutti.

La situazione verrà esposta in dettaglio in rapporti aggiuntivi, attualmente in preparazione che tratteranno separatamente la ripresa del servizio sociale in ciascuno dei settori anzidetti. E' allegata una tabella riassuntiva per una prima informazione di massima.

Si rileva comunque che gli impianti salvati dalla distruzione consentono la ripresa in tutti i settori, sia pure con qualche limitazione contingente per quanto riguarda il numero dei collegamenti da riallacciare. Le nostre scorte di materiali di esercizio, benché ridotte per dispersioni, sottrazioni e danneggiamenti ai magazzini, consentono di far fronte all'inizio del servizio. Rifornimenti periodici dovranno tuttavia essere assicurati : per alcuni materiali é indispensabile la fornitura dall'estero.

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Questo cavo sottomarino, già facente parte del sistema di comunicazioni cablografiche dirette col Nord America, é stato tagliato nel giugno 1940. Dopo l'occupazione di Roma, risulta che la Compagnia inglese "Cables and Wireless" lo ha utilizzato per costituire un cavo sottomarino Fiumicino-Gibilterra, attualmente esercito dalla Compagnia stessa.

Tale situazione anormale non può, almeno per quanto riguarda

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lo spostamento dell'approdo da Malaga a Gibilterra, essere riconosciuta dalla Italcable, fra l'altro per i seguenti motivi:

- Validità della Convenzione con la Spagna, che potrebbe essere infirmata con gravissimo pregiudizio per tutto il complesso delle comunicazioni cablografiche sociali.
- Validità degli accordi con le Compagnie Americane "Western Union" e "Commercial Cable" per quanto riguarda lo scambio di traffico col Nord America, accordi che contemplano l'approdo intermedio in Spagna. D'altra parte si ha ragione di ritenere che l'approdo intermedio a Gibilterra, cioé fuori dell'ambito Italcable, non sarebbe accettato dalle suddette Compagnie Americane.

La ripresa del servizio cablografico, pertanto, impone che la Compagnia "Cables and Wireless" provveda a ristabilire lo statu quo nei riguardi di questo cavo.

IL COMMISSARIO
F/to: Martinato

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In reply to : CS/2/9/2 dated 16 October 44.

Subject : Reactivation of civil telegraph traffic between Italy - Great Britain and United States.

To : Allied Control Commission - Posts and Telecomms. Sub-Commission. - Rome -

1. We notify receipt of the above mentioned letter. We thank you for your communication and interest on the reactivation of the civil telegraph service between Italy and Great Britain and between Italy and United States.

2. Our Under Secretary's Office has already been in touch with Italcable for the examination of some technical administrative and economical questions, concerning the service.

3. Therefore we will briefly inform you as soon as possible of the result of such examination.

The Under Secretary of State for PP. and TT.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone [illegible] Ext. 331

16th October, 1944

In reply refer to: CS/2/9/2

Subject : Resumption of Civilian Telegraph Service from Italy to U.K. and U.S.

To : The Under-Secretary of State for F.A.T.

1. As you have already been informed, there is a strong probability that authority will be given sometime in November for the resumption of telegraph service (Cable and Radio) from Italy to the U.K. and U.S. for civilian traffic. The same limitation of messages to personal and family matters would apply in the first instance as now governs Postal Services.

2. Altho' authority for inauguration of this service has not yet been given, it is considered advisable that agreement should be reached as soon as possible as to details of rates, division of charges, pick up and delivery services, etc.

3. It would be appreciated therefore if you would arrange for discussion of the details associated with resumption of service with Cables and Wireless, R.C.A. and Italcable.

4. The question of payment due Italcable for use of its equipment also needs to be settled.

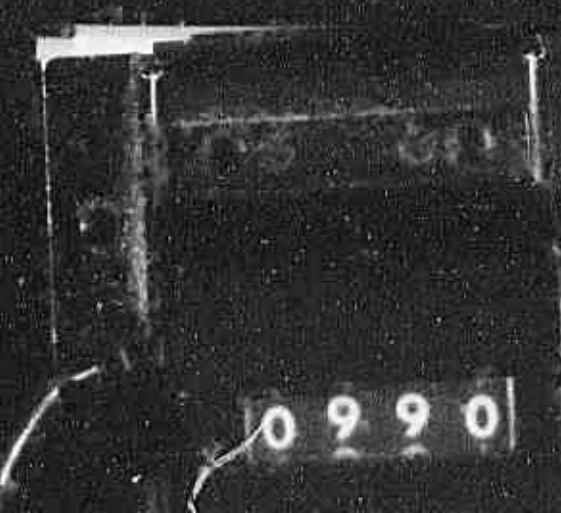
5. Final draft of agreement reached should be sent to this Sub-Commission for submission to higher authority.

6. This Sub-Commission is of course ready to render any assistance required.

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

Copy to: R.C.A.
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