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HEAD ARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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13th June, 1945

SUBJECT: Distribution of News in North Italy (excluding
Venezia Giulia) by Private News Agencies

TO: P.W.B.
Att: Mr. J.N.King
Chief P.W.B. Communications

1. Reference is made to your letter of June 10, 1945.
2. The co-operation of P.W.B. in this question is very much appreciated and makes possible compliance with the wishes of the Supreme Commander.
3. In order that there be no unpleasant surprises, it is felt that A.F.H.Q. had best be approached now for agreement to re-allocate, when relinquished by P.W.B., frequencies now used in the service which it is proposed will be operated by Italcable. Re-allocation should be to Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications for use by Italcable.
4. Request for such agreement would appear to be best presented to A.F.H.Q. by P.W.B. and it would be appreciated if you would write along these lines to A.F.H.Q. sending a copy of your letter to this Sub-Commission.

H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig. C.
Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
INFORMATION AND CENSORSHIP SECTION
PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH
ITALIAN THEATRE HEADQUARTERS
P.W.B. UNIT No. 12 U.S.A.P.O. 512

June 10, 1945

Lt. Col. Scudder,
Communications Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
R O M E.

At a meeting, June 8th, in the Commissions offices, PWB was asked whether Communications facilities now being used by PWB could be made available to Ital-cable until Ital-cable's own equipment is installed.

I am authorized to state that PWB agrees that Ital-cable may use any of this equipment necessary to begin commercial news channels in Italy. Financial arrangements, if any, should be made between Ital-cable and Mr. Straley, PWB Administrative Officer.

The frequencies currently used by PWB will be released to AFHQ, with the recommendation that they be re-assigned to Ital-cable.

The equipment involved is located in Rome, Florence, Bologna, Venice, Milan, Genoa and Turin. The change-over can be made without interruption in service at any time it is directed.

Mr. Barnes,
Mr. Straley,
Mr. Bancroft.

Joseph N. King
Joseph N. King,
Chief, PWB Communications.

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TRANSLATED BY SELAN.

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SUBJECT: Rome-Florence communications.

to:
Allied Commission
posts and Telecommunications Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Re. the extension of the known Chiusi-Florence cotts, it is understood that Maj. AVRE will interest the concerned Circolo of Firenze.

THE MANAGER GENERAL:

Director _____
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 Asst Chief Postal _____
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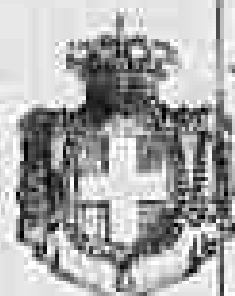
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Ripetuto f. N. G. 253.C.S.
il 26 s.m.-

Director	Comunicazioni Roma-Firenze.-
D/Director	
Chief Telecoms	
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Asst Chief Postal	FIRENZE
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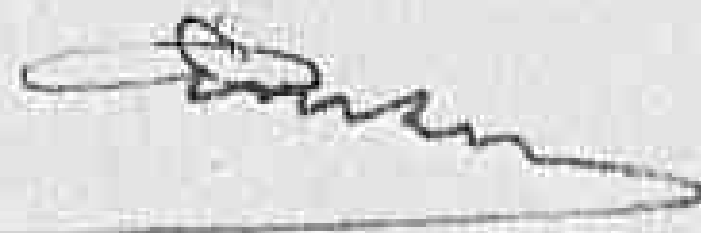
Con riferimento a quanto fatto presen-
te al n.4 del foglio sopra distinto, si as-
sicura che il Circolo di Roma, salvo impre-
visti, terminerà un doppino telefonico in
bronzo tra Roma e Chiusi entro il c.m.; su-
bito dopo verrà proseguito il lavoro per
la riattivazione di altri due doppini oltre
un certo numero di telegrafici,--sulla stes-
sa arteria. Per quanto riguarda il prolunga-
mento dei circuiti in questione da Chiusi a

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*Spoke to
Rushmore
by phone
he will pass
to Rome and
and get a
pair of
end June.*

Firenze, si ritiene che sarà cura del Sig.
Maggiore AYRE di interessare il competente
Circolo di Firenze.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE



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F. QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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10th June 1945.

SUBJECT: Minutes of Meeting.

TO : Chief Commissioner. Allied Commission.
Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

1. Transmitted herewith copy of minutes of Technical Committee appointed to Study Communications Facilities for Private News Agencies.

2. Upon receipt of report from FWD as to availability of Radio Equipment (see para 6 of minutes) a second meeting will be called and final report rendered to you.

H.H. SCUDDER,
Lt. Colonel, Sig. C.
Director.

Enclosure: 1. Copy of Minutes.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

Communications Sub-Commission

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9th June, 1945

Minutes of the First Meeting of Technical Committee, Appointed
to Study Communications Facilities for Private News Agencies
Held in the Allied Commission, Friday June 8th, 1945.

Present: Chairman Lt. Col. R. H. Soudier, Communications S/C. A.C.
Lt. Col. L. P. Reeves Signal Officer, R.A.A.C.
Mr. Stewart Brown P.R.O., A.C.
Major D. O. Landon, I.N.C., A.F.H.Q.
Major John Colville, I.N.C., A.F.H.Q.
Mr. J. King, P.W.B.

In addition to the above Committee members there had also been invited to attend.

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1 Radio Receiver, property of C.W.I.

Rome 1 Transmitter, property of P.W.B. operating on 6483 Kcs.

1 Transmitter, property of P.W.B. operating on 1556 Kcs.

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Rome - 1 Transmitter property of Italcable operating on 6275 Kcs.

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Venice - 1 Transmitter property of P.W.B. operating on 6465 Kcs

1 Receiver property O.W.I.

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6. Mr. King agreed to report by Monday June 11th as to whether it could be arranged for P.W.B. and O.W.I. to loan equipment now used to Italcable until such time as Italcable could install equipment of its own. Italcable is reported to have suitable equipment in the North and a company representative is at present making an inspection trip to inventory the equipment and arrange for its transport and installation as required.

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9. It was agreed by all present that as P.W.B. had been able to distribute news without wire facilities there was no reason why private news agencies could not do the same if given the same radio facilities as used by P.W.B.
10. Dr. Fano stated that terms and conditions of the services would be as already agreed for telegraph and telephone services in Italian Government territory but as the employment of radio was contemplated his Ministry would arrange for necessary agreement among the Government, Carrier and Private News agencies.

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11. As distribution of news to R.A.I. for radio broadcasting, arrangements now in force could be extended to include the North. Dr. Fano stated he would take this up with R.A.I. to insure that arrangements were made.

12. Major Landon agreed that satisfactory arrangements could be made to censor press traffic as long as censor points were limited to those places now used by P.W.B. namely: Milan, Rome, and Venice.

13. It was agreed by all present that as of July 1st, 1945 adequate facilities would be available for dissemination of news by private news agencies to Northern Italy (Venezia Giulia excepted) provided radio equipment and frequencies now employed by P.W.B. for this service were made available to the Italian authorities.

14. The meeting adjourned to meet again at the call of the chairman.

Copies to all present plus:

one copy to Chief Commissioner & one to Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Communications Sub-Commission

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G.253.84.CS

7th June 1945.

SUBJECT: Private News Agencies.

TO : The Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.

Reference our letter No.G.253.81.CS dated 7th
June 1945.

1. Subsequent to this office letter, AFHQ altered the turn over date to 0001 hours, June 19th for distribution of News in the provinces of Leghorn, Pisa, Florence and Pistoia is June 19th instead of June 18th.

H.H.SCUDDER,
Lt.Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

20a/PRB

7 June 1944

SUBJECT : Entry of Private News Agencies into the Provinces of
Leghorn, Pisa, Florence and Pistoia.

TO : Associated Press
United Press
International News Service
Reuters
Ansa
SI
Orbis
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1. Reference is to our 20/PRB of 4 June on the above subject.
2. Subsequent to this notice AFHQ altered the turn-over date to 0001 hours, June 19th. You are therefor advised that the date your agency can begin distributing news in the provinces of Leghorn, Pisa, Florence and Pistoia is June 19th instead of June 18th.

Director
D/Director
Chief Encoms
Chief Postal
H & Com O
Asst Chief Postal
Censorship
Copy for info

*SGT - I WANT TO DR. FARM ON THIS
PLEASE WRITE LETTER
INFORMING HIM OF
CHANGED DATE*

G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Civil Affairs Section
Communications Sub-Commission
Political Advisors - British and American
Major Anderson, American Embassy
Mr. M. Stewart, British Embassy
Major F. Weidman, G-5 Section, AFHQ
Mr. George Edman, P.W.B., Milan
Mr. Radford, P.W.B., Rome
Mr. G. Bancroft, P.W.B. Rome
Miss Vining, P.W.B. Rome.

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Date 7 JUL 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

HHS/epc

G.253.81.CS

7th June, 1945

SUBJECT: Private News Agencies

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

1. Further to our letter of May 26th, G.253.77.CS on the subject of distribution of news in Toscana by Private News Agencies, it has now been officially established that June 18th, 1945 will be the date on which P.W.B. will turn over to private agencies the responsibility for future distribution of news in the provinces of Florence, Leghorn, Pisa and Pistoia.

2. As previously stated to you communication facilities are believed to be adequate and the details of handling traffic so as to insure impartial service to all are to be arranged by you to-gether with the Under-Secretary of State for Press etc.

H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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Stewart Brown
C. STEWART BROWN,

TO : Associated Press
United Press
International News Service
Reuters
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SI
Orbis
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1. On May 25 a meeting was held with the above listed agencies and IWB to discuss the date on which P.W.B. would cease the distribution of news in the provinces of Leghorn, Pisa, Florence and Pistoia and the private news agencies, Allied and Italian, would begin distribution of news in these provinces.
2. At that time the date for the return of these provinces to the jurisdiction of the Italian Government had not been definitely set. The date for the transfer has now been established for 0001 hours, June 18th. In accordance with our agreement June 18 will be the date on which P.W.B. will turn over to private agencies the responsibility for future distribution of news in these provinces. Private agencies can therefore begin servicing papers in these provinces as of the above date. In order to prevent any confusion or interruption in the service P.W.B. has agreed to continue its service for two days after the transfer or until June 20th.
3. This is to be considered an official notification that your agency can start distributing news in the above provinces on June 18th. The information contained in this letter must be considered confidential until it is announced by the Allied Commission.

G. Stewart Brown
G. STEWART BROWN,
Director,
Public Relations Branch.

Copy for info:

Chief Commissioner
Executive Commissioner
Civil Affairs Section
Communications Sub-Commission
Political Advisors - British and American
Major Undersea, American Embassy
Mr. M. Stewart, British Embassy
Major P. Weidman, G-5 Section, ANHQ
Mr. George Edman, P.W.B., Milan
Mr. Radford, P.W.B. Rome
Mr. G. Bancroft, P.W.B. Rome
Miss Vining, P.W.B. Rome.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Distribution of News to Private Agencies

TO: Col. A.C.W. Hobson, I.N.C., A.F.H.Q., ADW, Rome.
Mr. Stewart Brown, P.R.O., A.C.
Lt. Col. L.F. Reeves, Signal Officer, B.A.A.G., Rome.
Lt. Col. H.H. Scudder, Communications Sub-Commission, A.C. ✓
Mr. J. King, P.W.B., Rome.

1. By order of the Supreme Allied Commander, A.F.H.Q., a technical Sub-Committee will meet to investigate at what juncture and by what means the distribution of news to newspapers and radio stations by private news agencies, both foreign and Italian, should be extended throughout liberated Italy, except Venezia Giulia.

2. The above named representatives have been appointed members of the committee and are requested to be present at the first meeting 11.00 hours Friday June 8th in Room 34, 4th Floor, A.C. Headquarters.

3. Lt. Col. H.H. Scudder will be chairman of the Committee.

15/ LT. COL. HOBSON, A.S.H.R.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Communications Sub-Commission

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26th May, 1945

G.253. .CS

SUBJECT: Civilian Press Agencies

TO : H.E. The Under-Secretary of State for PP.TT.

1. In view of the imminent return of additional provinces to Italian Government control, a meeting was held on May 23rd by the PRO of this HQrs. at which were present representatives of the private news agencies.

2. At this meeting it was stated that P.W.B. was anxious to shut down its services in Tuscany and it was agreed that subject to Tuscany having been returned to Italian Government control P.W.B. would cease its press services in that territory as of June 10th, 1945 continuing however concurrently with the private press agencies until June 12th, 1945. If territory has not been returned to Italian Government control by that date P.W.B. will continue its services until date of turn over.

3. It was agreed that communications facilities among Rome, Florence, Pisa, Pistoia, Prato etc., would be available to provide adequate, even tho' limited, service to the private news agencies and that the news agencies would inform the Under-Secretary for Press, etc., of their estimated requirements. He in turn is to consult with you as to necessary arrangements.

4. It is of utmost importance that work be hastened on the Circolo route Rome-Florence, in order to provide additional telephone channels Rome-Florence.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel, 993
Director.

Copy to:
P.R.O., A.C. HQRS.

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Communications Sub-Commission

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17th May, 1945

SUBJECT: Taxes of Press Telegrams at Bari

TO: P.W.B.
Italian Theatre, Rome

Reference attached, would you please inform this
office of the situation in respect of the accounts mentioned.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Incl: One translation of letter.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi
ISPETTORATO GENERALE TRAFFICO TELEGRAFICO RADIOTELEGR.Servizio _____ Div. I _____ Sez. _____
Prot. N° 606738/3250/41
Risposta al f. N° _____
del _____

Roma, 14 MAG 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED
COMMISSION SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394OGGETTO: Tasse telegrammi di
"Stampa" a BariURGENTE

L'Ufficio "PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE BRANCH", di Bari, nei mesi di ottobre, novembre, dicembre 1944 e gennaio, febbraio, marzo del corrente anno, ha spedito, dall'Ufficio telegrafico di Bari telegrammi contenenti notizie di Stampa, destinate ai giornali della Capitale. Le Autorità del detto Ufficio richiesero che il pagamento delle relative tasse fosse differito alla fine di ogni mese.

Dalla Direzione Provinciale P.T. di Bari fu accordato tale pagamento differito.

Senonchè ora la Direzione anzidetta ha riferito che, malgrado le sollecitazioni rivolte all'Ufficio interessato, quest'ultimo non ha ancora provveduto al pagamento delle tasse in questione.

Si prega cotesta On. Commissione di volersi interessare affinché quanto prima sia saldato il debito di cui

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sopra. I relativi conti sono stati regolarmente rimessi,
dalla detta Direzione, all'Ufficio "Psychological Warfare
Branch,, di Bari.

Si ringrazia.

IL MINISTRO

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Director	
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Chief, Incoms	
Chief, Post	
Chief, Coms	○
Chief, Radio	
Chief, Cable	

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Date 15 MAR 1945

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Ref: 606738/3250/11

SUBJECT: Taxes of Press telegrams at Bari.

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The Bari P.W.B. Office during the months of October, November, December 1944 and January, February, March of this year, has sent from the Bari telegraph office telegrams bringing Press news for the news papers of the Capital. The Authorities of such office requested that the payment of the respective taxes be delayed until the end of each month.

The proposal was agreed upon by the P.T. Bari Provincial Direction.

But now the above Direction has informed us that notwithstanding they have urged for payment of the taxes in question this request has not been complied with.

Will you kindly take an interest so that the said debt will be payed as soon as possible. The respective accounts have been regularly sent by the aforementioned Direction, to the Bari P.W.B. Office.

Thanks.

The Minister of PP.TT.

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16 MAR 1945

TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
del 5 Aprile 1945

N° Telegr.	N° Parole	Destinazione	Ritardo Tof - Xasn	Notes
21	4932	NAPOLI	67'	
18	4212	PALERMO	62'	
18	4208	BARI	108'	Via GLL
18	4208	REGGIO CAL.	108'	" "
18	4226	COSENZA	107'	" "
18	4208	CATANZARO	107'	" "
10	2486	CAGLIARI	183'	" "

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TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
del 4 Aprile 1945

N° teleg.	N° parole	Destinazione	Rit. lo Tof - Xasn	Note
9	3668	NAPOLI	48'	
7	2843	PALERMO	49'	
8	3122	BARI	68'	Via GLL
7	2837	REGGIO CAL.	38'	" "
7	2837	COSENZA	72'	" "
7	2837	CATANZARO	69'	" "
10	3694	CAGLIARI	248'	" "

andamento:
0805/0900 Nulli per corrente fissa in arrivo - Amplificatrice avvisata.

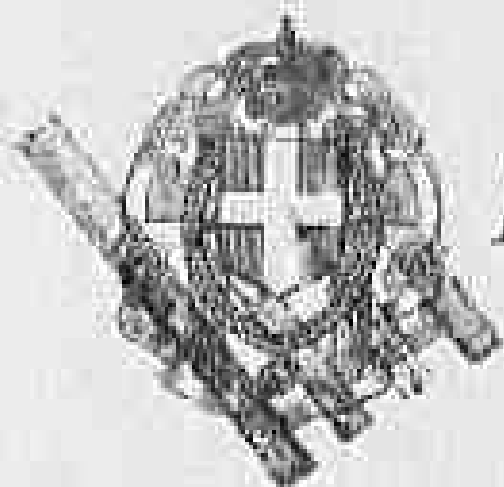
TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
del 3 Aprile 1945

N° teleg.	N° parole	Destinazione	Ri rdo Tof - Xmsn	Note
7	3458	NAPOLI	44'	
6	2896	PALERMO	48'	
6	2865	BARI	65'	Via GLL
6	2865	REGGIO CAL.	63'	" "
6	2971	COSENZA	67'	" "
6	2970	CATANZARO	70'	" "
4	1926	CAGLIARI	101'	" "

Andamento :

0914/0946 Nulli in trasmissione - Napoli riceve correnti invertite.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi
ISPETTORATO GENERALE TRAFFICO T R T

Servizio *Div. I* *Sez. I*

Prot. N° 606442/2400 *2 N°*

Risposta al f. N. G. 253.54. CS

del 22 marzo 1945

Roma. 9 APR 1945

Headquarters Allied Commission
Communications sub.-Commission

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OGGETTO: Telegrammi delle Agenzie di Stampa

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- 1- Si fa riferimento alla lettera sopra distinta.
- 2- E' esatto che talora telegrammi delle Agenzie di stampa da Roma per Cagliari siano state consegnati con ritardi fino a 4, 5 e più ore.
- 3- La causa di detti ritardi non è da attribuirsi a negligenze del personale, come è risultato da accertamenti eseguiti presso i tre uffici telegrafici interessati di Roma, Sassari, Cagliari, ma alle condizioni di particolare difficoltà in cui deve svolgersi il servizio tra la Sardegna ed il continente sulla comunicazione in infracustica attiva fra Roma e Sassari.
4. Ben raramente, infatti, la comunicazione suddetta risponde alle esigenze del servizio, dal punto di vista tecnico, per l'intera giornata, e vi sono spesso non brevi periodi, anche di parecchie ore, in cui la linea risulta impraticabile e richiede lunghi e difficoltosi regolaggi ed esperimenti. Specialmente nel mese di marzo scorso, il funzionamento della comunicazione di cui si

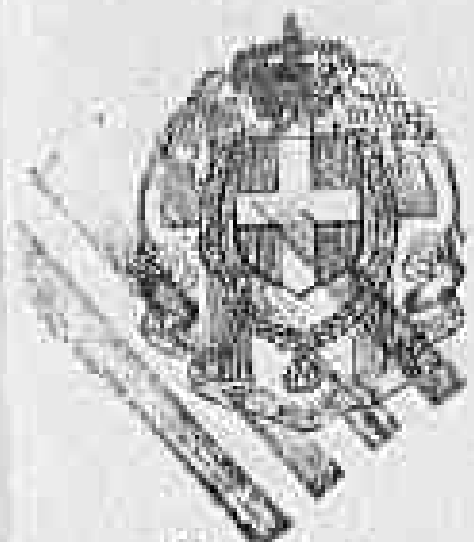
tratta ha lasciato spesso a desiderare.

5. Anche quando la linea è buona, o almeno praticabile, non consente la trasmissione in automatico a grande velocità, ma a velocità piuttosto ridotta, specialmente nel senso Sassari-Roma, e questo è un serio ostacolo alla rapidità del servizio, considerando anche che la corrispondenza sulla comunicazione in infracustica si svolge fra Roma e Sassari alternativamente, e non in duplice.

6. La trasmissione dei telegrammi di stampa delle agenzie, sebbene ne sia curata la maggiore sollecitudine possibile, e' sempre tuttavia subordinata all'inoltro della corrispondenza di carattere più importante ed urgente, ed in modo particolare dei telegrammi dell'A.C. che sono numerosi, lunghi, e da collazionarsi integralmente perchè cifrati.

7. Per tutte le suddette ragioni e tenendo conto del tempo necessario perchè un telegramma relativamente lungo sia perforato a Creed, trasmesso a non grande velocità a Sassari con l'automatico Wheatstone, tradotto a Sassari, ritrasmesso da Sassari a Cagliari (o a San Gavino e da S.Gavino a Cagliari) sembra che debbano attribuirsi esclusivamente a cause di forza maggiore i ritardi lamentati, che non sono d'altronde la regola, ma l'eccezione, in

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi 70-2

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del _____

OGGETTO: 2° Foglio

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quanto che molti dei telegrammi stampa risultano inoltrati con relativa sollecitudine.

8. Non si è tuttavia mancato di rinnovare agli uffici le più vive raccomandazioni perchè sia particolarmente sorvegliato il rapido corso dei telegrammi di stampa per Cagliari.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
dal 30 Marzo 1945

N° teleg. N° Parole Destinazione Tof - Xmsn

N° teleg.	N° Parole	Destinazione	Tof - Xmsn	Via	GLL
22	5474	NAPOLI	21'		
21	4989	PALERMO	20'		
22	5303	BARI	107'	"	"
21	4987	REGGIO CAL.	117'	"	"
22	5007	COSENZA	102'	"	"
21	4989	CATANZARO	1 20'	"	"
21	4976	CAGLIARI	170'	"	"

Andamento:

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TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
del 31 Marzo 1945

N° teleg.	N° pagine	Destinazione	Ritardo Tot - Xmen	Note
11	3986	NAPOLI	36'	
10	3468	PALESTINA	30'	
10	3537	BARI	58'	Via GLL
10	3537	REGGIO CAL.	86'	" "
10	3534	COSENZA	126'	" "
10	3517	CATANZARO	62'	" "
6	2299	CAGLIARI	163'	" "

Andamento :

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TRAFFICO DI STAMPA INTERNO
del 1° aprile 1945

N° teleg.	N° parole	Destinazione	Ri do Tof - Xmsn	Note
10	2916	NAPOLI	16'	
10	2916	PALERMO	8'	
10	2907	BARI	15'	
10	2907	REGGIO CAL.	13'	via GLL
10	2916	COSENZA	19'	" "
10	2907	CATANZARO	15'	" "
8	2320	CAGLIARI	44'	" "

andamento:

0020/0057 Esperimenti con Uffici Siciliani.



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TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
del 2 Aprile 1945

N° teleg.	N° parol	Destinazione	Rit. lo Tof - Xmen
8	2861	NAPOLI	95'
8	2861	PALERMO	87'
8	2861	BARI	66'
8	2853	REGGIO CAL.	97'
8	2862	COSENZA	84'
8	2853	CATANZARO	85'

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Note
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Via GLL

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andamento :

0800/1040 Esperimenti per trasmissione diretta con Uffici Siciliani.



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TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
del 29 Marzo 1945

N° teleg.	N° parole	Destinazione	Ritard Tel - Xmas	Note	
12	4105	NAPOLI	37'	161	
11	3680	PALERMO	35'		
11	3679	BARI	88'	Via	GLL
11	3679	REGGIO CAL.	97'	"	"
11	3689	COSENZA	96'	"	"
11	3679	CATANZARO	95'	"	"
4	2018	CAGLIARI	131'	"	"

Andamento:

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TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA

1 28 Marzo 1945

N° teleg.	N° parel.	Destinazione	Tc. Viterbo - Xmas	Note
24	6182	NAPOLI	83'	160
23	5742	PALERMO	78'	
23	5727	BARI	120'	Via GLL
23	5708	REGGIO CAL.	119'	" "
23	5743	COSENZA	120'	" "
23	5704	CATANZARO	120'	" "
1	254	CAGLIARI	110'	" "

Andamento:

1200/1230 nulli per mancanza forza motrice a Napoli.

TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
del 27 Marzo 1945

N° Telegr.	N° Parole	Destinazione	Tef	Ritardo - Anon	Note
12	4015	NAPOLI	25'		sem. v. p. d.
11	3562	PALERMO	15'		
12	3985	BARI	65'		Via GLL
11	3575	REGGIO CAL.	63'		" "
11	3584	COSENZA	74'		" "
11	3575	CATANZARO	61'		" "
6	1937	SAGLIARI	104'		" "

Andamento:

0122/0142 } Napoli nullo in ricevimento per correnti linea invertite.
0830/0950 }

1440/1500 Nulli in ricevimento per corrente fissa in arrivo.

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TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
del 26 Marzo 1945

N° Teleg.	N° Parole	Destinazione	Ritardo Tot - Xmsn	Note
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1	459	Napoli	27'	
4	1790	Bari	171'	Via GLL

Andamento:

1715/1750 Napoli non riceve per correnti linea invertita 77 Tfc ku

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TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
nel 23 Marzo 1945

N° Telegr.	N° Parole	Destinazione	Ritar		Note
			Tef	Emen	
7	1997	NAPOLI	67'		Via G11 " " " " " "
6	1586	PALERMO	72'		
7	1996	BARI	65'		
6	1594	COSENZA	55'		
6	1592	REGGIO CAL.	50'		
6	1592	CATANZARO	68'		

Andamento:

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TRAFFIC DI STAMPA INTERNO
del 22 Marzo 1945

N° Telegr.	N° Parele	Destinazione	Ritardo Tof - Xmen	Note
13	5099	NAPOLI	54'	
11	4429	PALERMO	27'	
13	5302	BARI	69'	VIA GLL
11	4593	REGGIO CAL.	118'	" "
11	4577	COSENZA	69'	" "
11	4598	CATANZARO	86'	" "
5	2015	CAGLIARI	131'	" "

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Andamento:

0945/1050 nulli per corrente fissa in arrivo - avvisata Amplificatrice.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 39th
Communications Sub-Commission

HHS/rm

C.253.4.09.

22nd March 1945.

SUBJECT: Press Agency Telegrams.

TO : H.E. The Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.

1. Reports show that it is taking from 4 to 5½ hours for press telegrams to reach Cagliari from Rome. This is not very satisfactory.

2. Can an investigation please be made to try and insure speedier service.

J.L.HENDERSON,
Colonel,
Director.

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TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
del 20 Marzo 1945

N° teleg.	N° parole	Destinazione	Ritardo		Note
			Tof	Xman	
17	4925	Napoli	30'		
16	4462	Palermo	20'		
17	5299	Bari	116'		Via GI
16	4462	Reggio Cal.	153'		" "
16	4473	Cosenza	130'		" "
16	4473	Catanzaro	100'		" "
9	2915	Cagliari	338'	5 ³⁴	" "

Andamento:

0935/1020 () Nulli per cattivo ricevimento Napoli e correnti linee invertite -
 1050/1110 ()
 2330/2347 () Amplificatrice informata.

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TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
del 17 Marzo 1945

N° teleg.	N° parole	Destinazione	Ritardo		Note
			Tof	Xmas	
14	4531	Napoli	14'		
13	4115	Palermo	8'		
13	4119	Bari	38'		Via GI
13	4121	Reggio Cal.	98'		" "
13	4135	Cosenza	132'	2 hrs 13'	" "
1	67	Cagliari	210'	3 1/2 hrs	" "
13	4128	Catanzaro	104'	1 hr 44'	" "

Andamento:

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TRAFFICO INTERNO DI TAMPA
del 18 Marzo 1945

N° teleg.	N° parole	Destinazione	Ritardo		Note
			Tof	Xmsn	
5	2124	Napoli	47'		
4	1125	"	245' 6		per interruzione deviati via G11 e poi ritrasmes- si direttamente.
5	2124	Palermo	46'		
4	1125	"	355' 7		per interruzione deviati via G11 e poi ritrasmessi direttamente.
9	3249	Bari	89'		Via G11
9	3249	Reggio Cal.	76'		" "
9	3257	Cosenza	84'		" "
9	3258	Catanzaro	94'		" "

Andamento:

0010/0030 Regolaggi per cattivo ricevimento di Napoli.

1210/1605 Linea isolata- Amplificatrice informo: Canale 9 questo provvederà per sostituzione.

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TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
del 19 Marzo 1945

N° teleg.	N° parole	Destinazione	Ritardo		Note
			Tof	Xman	
1	410	Napoli	45'		
2	688	Bari	87'		Via GLL

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2000/2120 Linea isolata - avvertita terminale.
2120/2220 Regolaggi per cattivo ricevimento di Napoli.

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TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
del 16 Marzo 1945

N° Telegr.	N° Parole	Destinazione	Ritardi		Note
			Tof	Xmasn	
13	3298	Napoli	68'		
12	2880	Palermo	48'		
13	3163	Bari	113'		Via G11
6	1418	Reggio Cal.	103'		"
6	1423	Catanzaro	150'		"
6	1423	Cosenza	115'		"

Andamento :

0505/0755 Nulli per cattivo ricevimento di Napoli -Informate Amplificatrice.

1541/1550 Nulli per mancanza batterie.

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TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA

del 15 Marzo 1945

N° teleg.	N° parole	destinazione	Ritardo Tof - Xman	
6	1183	Napoli	20'	
1	430	Napoli	175'	Deviato G11
6	1178	Palermo	25'	
5	1126	Bari	47'	Via G11

Andamento:

0930/1225 Nulli per cattivo ricevimento Napoli - Ripetuto intervento dell'Amplificatrice per regolaggi.

TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
del 14 Marzo 1945

N° Telegr.	N° Parole	Destinazione	Ritardo Tof - Xmsn
9	2682	Napoli	40'
6	1666	Palermo	25'
7	1950	Bari	43'

Andamento :

0838/0920 nulli in trasmissione per cattivo ricevimento di Napoli.

TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
del 13 Marzo 1945

N° teleg.	N° Parole	Destinazione	Ritardo Tof - Xmsn
13	4626	N a p o l i	49'
10	3401	P a l e r m o	25'
11	3788	B a r i	52'

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Andamento :

0918/1003 nulli canale guasto - sostituito dall'amplificatrice.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO 394
 Communications Sub-Commission

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G.253.44.08

14th March, 1945

SUBJECT: Private News Agency Telegraph Traffic
 TO: Executive Commissioner.

1. The Chief Commissioner has requested that he be informed of telegraph traffic filed by private news agencies since withdrawal of I.R.S. from the press field in Italian Government Territory on March 5th, 1945.

2. Such traffic has been as follows:

Date	Number of Messages	Number of Words	Destination
March 5	1	419	Naples
" 6	1	457	Naples
" 7	2	425	Naples
" 8	1	410	Naples
" 9	1	421	Naples
" 10	1	467	Naples
" 11	0	0	
" 12	17	4351	Naples
	16	4467	Palermo
	16	4402	Bari

* G.W.I. started sending approximately 4000 words a day to Naples, Palermo, and Bari.

3. Sender of daily message from 5-10 March was United Press. Some traffic has been cleared by telephone.

4. A.N.S.A. has set up offices in Naples, Bari and Palermo and is reported to be receiving news by radio. A.N.S.A. has complained to the Under-Secretary for P.T. that the rate of 10 centesimi per word for press telegrams is beyond the means of Italian newspapers.

5. It is of interest to note that Italcable's total revenue from this traffic (to be divided among four offices) amounts for the period under review to \$ 163.19.

J.L.HENDERSON
 Colonel,
 Director.

TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
del 10 Marzo 1945

N° Telegr.	N° Parole	Destinazione	Ritardo Tof - Xmsn
1	467	N n p o l i	27'

del 11 Marzo 1945

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A n d a m e n t o :

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Translation by Selan.

REF. : S/85/4784.

Rome 17th January 1945

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

Subject : Concession for use of radio receiver sets.

In reply to letter no. R.121.51 CS, dated 29th December 44, we inform you that we wrote to day to the Reuter Agency a letter, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

As soon as we receive an adequate reply from that Agency, we will immediately provide to grant the requested concession.

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Ref. : 645.115 T.7740

In reply to letter no. 478082 dated 27/12/1944

SUBJECT. : Concession for use of radio receiver sets.

With reference to letter dated 27th December of your Agency, we inform you that, in order to regularize the request expressed in the above-mentioned letter, it is necessary to forward to our Ministry a demand on paper with 8 lire stamps.

The conditions on which the concession is granted, are reported in the attached draft, which needs to be typed in two copies, of which one on legal paper with 8 lire stamps, and the other one with 6 lire stamps, to be transmitted to our Ministry, together with the request.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Telecoms	
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DRAFT OF CONDICTION FOR INSTALLATION AND USE OF A RECEIVER
RADIO-ELECTRIC STATION FOR PRESS SERVICES.

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The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, which in this draft will be briefly indicated as "PT Administration" grants to the Reuter News Agency, situated in Rome, via Ludovico no. 16, legally represented by her reporter in Rome, Mr. Cecil Sprigge, who will be briefly indicated as "concessionary", authorization, for the installation and the operation of a radio-electric receiver set, to be used for receiving and issuing to the Press the radio-telegraph transmissions, important from such point of view, carried out from the Reuter Agency's general residence in London, on the conditions specified as follows:

PARA I

The installation will result of a full radio receiving system, comprehending a radio-receiver set, an amplifier and a teletypewriter.

PARA II

The concession can not be granted to anybody else, without previous authorization of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.

PARA III

The concessionary agent will fully and without conditions obey the regulations in force, what ever they are, concerning the radio-communications, and also the others, which may be issued afterwards. He will be in any case responsible, for his actions, and of his dependent personnel in his relations with the State and with ~~XXX~~ other persons.

PARA IIII

The concessionary acknowledges to the Post and Telecommunications Ministry the right to carry out inspections in the radio-telegraph station with his own personnel, for technical verifications, or concerning the traffic.

PARA V

The concession can be suspended, or annulled by the Posts and Telecommunications Ministry without any indemnity if the Agency transgresses any of the conditions mentioned in the draft; or for public and military needs, or in other cases foreseen by the regulations in force, without any prejudice to the penal sanctions, if the above facts could be considered crimes.

The above Administration can also order, for the said needs, the requisition of the installations.

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PARA VI

THE CONCESSIONARY will book every day in a special in-book the notes concerning the work and the quantity of received traffic.

Such book shall be put at disposal of the PT Administration, further to our request, for opportune verifications.

PARA VII

This concession is in force with effect from to-day, and will be in force till 31st December 1945, and it is understood that it will be considered renewed, every year, and for a maximum period of 9 years - unless if one of the two parties gives notice, for opportune verifications, at least two months before the falling due.

PARA VIII

The concessionary will pay for the first year to the PT Administration an anticipated sum of 50,000 L. lire.

Such sum will be in the next years adapted to the real importance and to the development of the services carried out by the concessionary, according to the judgment of the PT Administration, against which no objection can be made.

The concessionary will also give a caution of 50,000 Lire.

PARA IX

This draft will be registered at concessionary's expenses.

THE MINISTER OF PP.TT.



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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSGREGIARIO DI STATO ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SEGREGERIA

Prot. N°S/8.5/4724

Risposta al foglio N.

del

Allegati

OGGETTO: Concessione per l'uso diapparecchi radiriceventi.ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and telecommunications
Sub-CommissionR O M A
- - -

Roma, 17 gennaio 1945.

In esito alla lettera n.R.121.21.CS in data 29 dicembre 44, si comunica di aver scritto in data odierna all'Agencia REUTER la lettera allegata in copia.

Non appena avremo ricevuto dall'Agencia interessata risposta adeguata, provvederemo immediatamente alla concessione richiesta della stessa.

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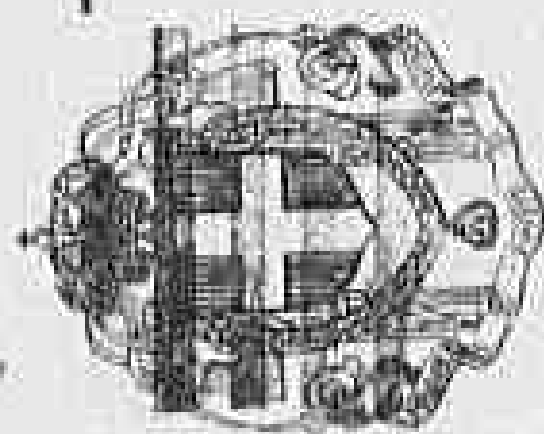
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Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

ISPETTORATO TRATTICO TELEGRAFICO RT.

Divisione 2^a - Sezione 2^a

Prot. n. 645115 T/7740 -
Risp. al f. n. 478082
del 27-12-1944
All. n. I

Alla Spett. REUTER NEWS AGENCY
Via Ludovico il Moro 16 ROMA

OGGETTO: Concessione per l'uso di apparecchi radiorecipienti.

Con riferimento alla lettera in data 27 dicembre di codesta spett. Agenzia, si comunica che per regolarizzare la richiesta espressa nella lettera sopracitata, occorre far pervenire a questo Ministero la domanda in carta bollata da lire otto.

Le condizioni alle quali la concessione potrà essere accordata sono esposte nell'unito schema di atto che dovrà essere riprodotto in due copie, di cui una in carta legale da lire otto, e una da lire sei, da rimettersi a questo Ministero insieme con l'istanza.

Con osservanza.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

F. M.

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ATTO DI CONCESSIONE PER L'IMPIANTO E L'USO DI UNA STAZIONE
RADIOELETTICA RICEVENTE PER SERVIZI GIORNALISTICI

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Il Ministero delle Poste e delle Telecomunicazioni, che nel presente atto sarà indicato per brevità "l'Amministrazione P.T." concede alla "Reuter News Agency", site in Roma, via Lu-dovisi No 16, legalmente rappresentata dal proprio corrispondente da Roma sig. Cecil Sprigge, che per brevità sarà indicata dalla parola "concessionario", l'autorizzazione per l'impianto e l'esercizio di una stazione radioelettrica ricevente da utilizzarsi per la ricezione e per la distribuzione alla stampa delle trasmissioni radiotelegrafiche di interesse giornalistico effettuate dalla sede centrale di Londra della predetta Agenzia Reuter, alle condizioni qui di sotto specificate.

Art. I

L'impianto consisterà in un complesso radiorecente sistema Hell, costituito da un apparecchio radiorecente, da un amplificatore e da un apparecchio telescrittore.

Art. 2

La concessione non potrà essere ceduta ad altri senza espressa autorizzazione del Ministero delle Poste e delle Telecomunicazioni.

Art. 3

Il concessionario osserverà pienamente ed incondizionatamente le norme di qualsiasi specie vigenti in materia di radiocomunicazioni, nonché quelle che venissero eventualmente emanate in seguito e sarà in ogni caso responsabile dell'operato suo e dei suoi dipendenti nei rapporti con lo Stato e con i terzi.

Art. 4

Il concessionario riconosce al Ministero delle Poste e delle

nel presente atto sarà indicato per brevità "l'Amministrazione P.T." concede alla "Reuter News Agency", sita in Roma, via Lu- dovici No 16, legalmente rappresentata dal proprio corrisponden- te da Roma sig. Cecil Sprigge, che per brevità sarà indicata dal- la parola "concessionario", l'autorizzazione per l'impianto e l'esercizio di una stazione radioelettrica ricevente da utiliz- zarsi per la ricezione e per la distribuzione alla stampa delle trasmissioni radiotelegrafiche di interesse giornalistico effet- tuate dalla sede centrale di Londra della predetta Agenzia Reuter, alle condizioni qui di sotto specificate.

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Art.4

Il concessionario riconosce al Ministero delle Poste e delle Telecomunicazioni il diritto di fare ispezionare la stazione radiotelegrafica dai propri funzionari per verifiche sia tecni- che, sia inerenti al traffico.

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Art. 5

La concessione potrà essere sospesa o revocata dal Ministero delle Poste e delle Telecomunicazioni senza alcun compenso, sia in caso di inadempienza da parte dell'Agenzia di qualcuna delle condizioni contenute nel presente atto, sia per esigenze di ordine pubblico o militare, sia negli altri casi previsti dalle disposizioni in vigore, senza pregiudizio dell'applicazione di sanzioni penali, qualora si tratti di fatti costituenti reato.

L'Amministrazione predetta potrà anche disporre per le esigenze anzidette la requisizione degli impianti.

Art. 6

Il concessionario prenderà giorno per giorno in apposito registro le annotazioni relative all'andamento del lavoro ed alla entità del traffico ricevuto. Detto registro dovrà essere messo a disposizione dell'Amministrazione P.T., a richiesta, per eventuali accertamenti.

Art. 7

La presente concessione decorre dalla sua data, sarà valida fino al 31 dicembre 1945, e s'intende rinnovata tacitamente anno per anno - e per un massimo di nove anni - salvo disdetta di una delle parti, da darsi almeno due mesi prima della scadenza.

Art. 8

Il concessionario pagherà all'Amministrazione P.T. per il primo anno il canone anticipato di lire cinquantamila (L.50.000).

Detto canone dovrà essere per gli anni successivi adeguato alla effettiva importanza ed allo sviluppo dei servizi disimpegnati dal concessionario, a giudizio insindacabile dell'Amministrazione P.T.

Inoltre il concessionario stesso effettuerà un deposito cau-

L'Amministrazione predetta potrà anche disporre per le esigenze anzidette la requisizione degli impianti.

Il concessionario prenderà giorno per giorno in apposito registro le annotazioni relative all'andamento del lavoro ed alla entità del traffico ricevuto. Detto registro dovrà essere messo a disposizione dell'Amministrazione P.T., a richiesta, per eventuali accertamenti.

La presente concessione decorre dalla sua data, sarà valida fino al 31 dicembre 1945, e s'intende rinnovata tacitamente anno per anno - e per un massimo di nove anni - salvo disdetta di una delle parti, da darsi almeno due mesi prima della scadenza.

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Inoltre il concessionario stesso effettuerà un deposito cauzionale di lire cinquantamila (L.50.000).

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Art.9

Il presente atto sarà registrato al fisco a spese del concessionario.

Roma 11

per la Reuter news Agency

Il Ministro delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni

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

29th December, 1944

In reply
refer to: R.121.21.CS

Subject : Reuters Service

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

1. Further to our letter of 24th December, 1944, there is inclosed application from Reuters for license to operate a Radio receiving station at Via Ludovisi 16, Rome.

2. It would be appreciated if favorable reply could be made to this request.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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REUTERS

85 FLEET STREET LONDON

ROME - OFFICE:

VIA LUDOVISI 16

TEL. 478082

Col. Studdier

Allied Commission

December 27, 1944.

Dear Sir,

Further to our recent conversation concerning a licence to receive, at the above address, our news service broadcast by radio from London, I am enclosing an application addressed to the Minister of Communications.

I shall be most grateful if you would kindly forward our request to the proper quarters and give it your full support.

Yours faithfully,

E. C. Aguilan

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REUTERS

85 FLEET STREET LONDON

ROME - OFFICE:

VIA LUDOVISI 16

TEL. 478082

Roma, 27 Dicembre 1944

A S.E. L'AVV. ON. MARIO CEVOLOTTO
Ministro delle Poste e Telecomunicazioni
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Eccellenza,

La Commissione Alleata è in procinto di accordare alle diverse Agenzie di Notizie il permesso di distribuire i loro servizi di informazione alla stampa dell'Italia liberata. Desideriamo pertanto inoltrare recolare domanda affinché ci sia concesso di ricevere il servizio di notizie Reuter che viene trasmesso col Sistema Hell dalla nostra centrale di Londra.

Nostro intendimento è di organizzare tale ricezione servendoci di un apparecchio radio ricevente e di un apparecchio Hell.

In attesa di una vostra risposta favorevole vi preghiamo di accogliere i nostri saluti rispettosi.

Reuter New Agency
E.C. Aguilar
Direttore del Servizio Tecnico di Londra

Reuter News Agency
Cecil Spriggs
Corrispondente da Roma

E.C. Aguilar

Cecil Spriggs

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 469081 Ext: 333

24th December, 1944

In reply
refer to: R.121.16.03

Subject: Reuters Service

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

1. The representative of Reuters has approached this Sub-Commission with reference as to how to proceed to obtain a permit for operation of a receiving station in Rome for reception of Reuters service.

2. We have informed Reuters representative that a permit from the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications is necessary for operation of such a receiving station and that he should make application to the Ministry.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
del 12 Marzo 1945

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17	48510	Napoli	110'
16	4467	Palermo	119'
16	4402	Bari	89'
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Andamento:

1345/1440 } Stentati per cattivo ricevimento Napoli, con intervento amplificatrici.
1915/2355 }

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TRAFFICO INTERNO DI S O A M P A
del 9 Marzo 1945

N° Telegr.

N° parole

Destinazione

Ritardo
Tof - Xmas

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PRIVATE
PRESS
AGENCIES

TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
del 7 Marzo 1945

N° Telegr.	N° parole	Destinazione	Ritardo Tof - Xmsn
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2	425	Napoli	27'
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Andamento :

1310/1354 Interrotti per corto circuito e fusione valvole al pannello di Roma-Stato.

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Private Pass
Exercises

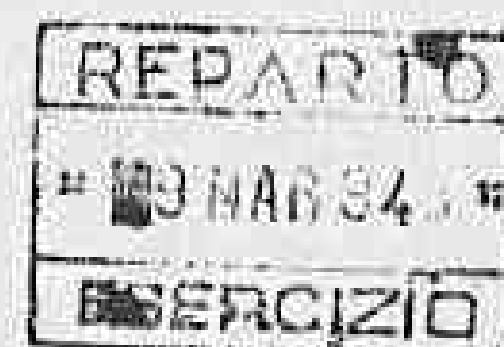
TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA
dell' 8 Marzo 1945

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N° Telegr.	N° parole	Destinazione	Ritardo	
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TRAFFICO INTERNO DI STAMPA

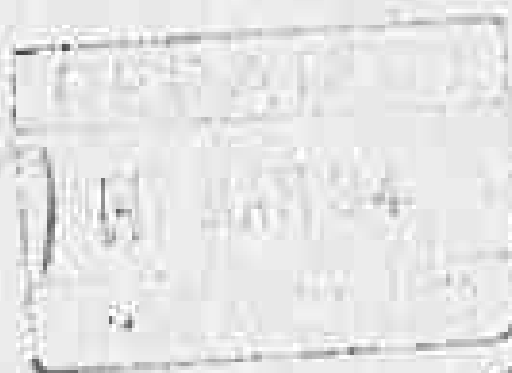
6 Marzo 1945

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1	457	Napoli	35'
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Andamento :

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TRAFFICO INTERNO DI CATANIA
del 5 Marzo 1945

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N° Telegr.	N° parole	Destinazione	Ritardo Tof - Xman
1	419	Napoli	125'

Andamento :

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° dell'Azienda. Napoli comunica essere stato contemporaneamente interrotto anche con Catania, per evidenti difficoltà stazione amplificatrice Azienda di Napoli.

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TRANSLATION BY SELAN.

To:
Ministry of Communications.
and for information to:
Allied Commission-Communications
Sub-Commission

Following received instructions our
Company is ready to activate the distribution
service of the Press traffic in our Offices of
Rome, Naples, Catania, Messina, Palermo. Paren.
Since that the material for the installation of
teleprinters in Catania has not yet arrived, a
temporary activation between Naples and Catania
with Baudot equipment, has been ordered. Paren.
Considering that the Rome-Naples and Rome-Bari
lines have not yet been released, we beg you to
inform us, whether we must start to accept the
traffic, passing it to the local State Offices, or
procrastinate the opening of the service. Paren.

ITALCABLE GENERAL DIRECTION.

Director	<i>mt</i>
D/Director	
Chief, Telecoms	
Chief, Postal	
H. Q., Comm. O.	
Asst. Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

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Date 28/2/45

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ITALCABLE GENERAL DIRECTION.

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COMPAGNIA ITALIANA DI CAVI TELEFONICI
RADIOTELEGRAFICI E TELEFONICI SOTTOMARINI
Società per azioni - Capitale 175.000.000
Sede in Roma

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TELEGRAMMA-ESPRESSO DI SERVIZIO

DESTINATARIO	DESTINAZIONE	DATA			
		GIORNO	M.E.S.E.	ANNO	ORE E MINUTI
Ministero Poste e Telecomunicazioni	ROMA	28	2	1945	

TESTO:

- p.c. Commissione Alleata - Sottocommissione Telecomunicazioni
p.c. Sottosegretariato Stampa, Informazioni e Turismo, Roma
p.c. Ing. Arrigo Osti - Gabinetto S.E. Sottosegretario Poste e Telecomunicazioni

In ottemperanza istruzioni ricevute questa Società pronta attivare servizio distribuzione traffico stampa nei propri Uffici di Roma Napoli Catania Messina Palermo punto Poiché materiale per impianto telescriventi Catania non ancora giunto destinazione est stata pre imposta attivazione provvisoria Bandet fra Napoli ed Catania punto In considerazione mancante consegna linee Roma Napoli ed Roma Bari preghiamo istruirci se debbiano iniziare occorrenza traffico passandole ai locali Uffici statali sat se debbiano intendere preordinata inaugurazione servizio punto Direzione Generale Italcable.

ITALCABLE
SOCIETÀ PER AZIONI - CAPITALE 175.000.000

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28 FEB 1945
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ITALCABLE
COMPAGNIA ITALIANA DEI CAVI TELEGRAFICI
TELEGRAMMA-ESPRESSO DI SERVIZIO
Commissione All. a - Sottocommissione
Telecomunicazioni

URGENTE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 394
Communications Sub-Commission

HHS/epc

G.253. .CS

1st March, 1945

SUBJECT: News Distribution by Private Agencies

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

1. Inclosed copy of our letter to H.E.The Under-Secretary of State for P.T.

2. Inclosed is a copy of Minutes of Meeting held February 25th, 1945 for your files and also additional copies for distribution to the Italian agencies. It would be very much appreciated if you would arrange for such distribution.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Incl: Copies of Minutes of Meeting for:

1. Ansa
2. Orbis
3. B.I.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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G.253. .CS

1st March, 1945

SUBJECT: News Distribution by Private News Agencies
TO: H.E. The Under-Secretary of State for P.T.

1. Inclosed copy of Minutes of Meeting held Feb. 26th, 1945 to discuss final arrangements for distribution of news service.

2. Copy of these Minutes are being sent to H.E. The Under-Secretary of State for Press requesting that he arrange for distribution of copies to Italian Press Agencies. All other parties present have received copies.

3. The arrangement for details of implementation of the service, issuance of identification cards to news agencies and arrangements with Field Press Censorship are responsibilities which it is assumed will be undertaken by you and the Under-Secretary for Press.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Incl: Copy of Minutes of Meeting on Private News Agencies. 963

Orig delivered by hand to Mr. Fano
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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1st March, 1945

Minutes of the Fourth Meeting held in the Allied Commission
on Wednesday February 22nd, 1945 to discuss final agree-
ments for news distribution by private agencies.

Present:

Mr. Stewart Brown Public Relation Officer, A.C.

Lt. Col. J. L. Hayden I.N.C.

Lt. Col. H. H. Squader, Communications Sub-Commission A.C.

Major J. C. Condon, R.A.A.C.

Mr. George Egan, P.W.A.

Representatives of:

Associated Press

United Press

International News

Exchange Telegraph

Reuters

Ansa

Orbis

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A. 2

Mr. Stewart Brown presided and opened the meeting by reading the A.F.H.C. communication authorising as of March 1st, 1945 distribution of news in Italian Government territory by private news agencies.

From the discussion which ensued it was established that complete withdrawal of P.W.A. present service on March 1st was somewhat precipitate. It was therefore agreed:

a. that P.W.A. would continue its present service until midnight March 4th, 1945. Mr Brown will make a written report to P.W.A. to this effect

Present: Mr. Stewart Brown Public Relation Officer, A.C.
 Lt. Col. J. L. Hayden I.N.C.
 Lt. Col. H. H. Scudder, Communications Sub-Commission A.C.
 Major J. G. Condon, R.A.S.C.
 Mr. George Edman, F.W.I.

Representatives of:

Associated Press
 United Press
 International News
 Exchange Telegraph
 Reuters
 Ansa
 Orbis
 S.I.
 R.A.I.
 Italcable
 Azienda di Stato

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Mr. Stewart Brown presided and opened the meeting by reading the A.F.H.S. communication authorising as of March 1st, 1945 distribution of news in Italian Government territory by private news agencies.

From the discussion which ensued it was established that complete withdrawal of F.W.I. present service on March 1st was somewhat precipitate. It was therefore agreed:

a. that F.W.I. would continue its present service until midnight March 4th, 1945. Mr Brown will make a written request to F.W.I. to this effect

b. Communication facilities for news distribution will be available from March 1st and any news agency wishing to use such facilities may do so without awaiting F.W.I.'s withdrawal of its service.

H. H. SCUDDER
 Lt. Colonel,
 Secretary.

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REPORT

SUBJECT: Distribution of Press by Private News Agencies

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

1. Reference Minutes of the 37th Meeting of the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (Political), para. 4, the following report is submitted for transmission to A.F.H.Q.
2. This Sub-Committee is satisfied that:
 - a. distribution of press by private news agencies can commence 1st March, 1945
 - b. transmission by land telegraph to Naples, Bari, Catania and Palermo from Rome will be speedy and reliable. Italcable are operating the circuits to Naples, Catania and Palermo from the outset and will be operating the circuit to Bari shortly.
 - c. the transmission by land telegraph to minor towns in Southern Italy, Sicily and Sardinia will be adequate but not so fast or reliable. The transmission to places other than those in 2 b. will be carried out by the Posts and Telegraphs Department.
 - d. land telephone facilities from Rome to Naples, Bari, Catania and Palermo will only be available for Press agencies between the hours of 10 P.M. and 8.30 A.M. during which time they will be adequate.
 - e. terms and conditions of the telegraph and telephone services available for the purpose have been agreed by the Under-Secretary of Press and the News Agencies and are fair and reasonable and designed to prevent any monopoly by any particular agency. The details of the conditions are attached to the Minutes of the Second Meeting; the tariff at present will be 10 words for 1 lire (subject to revision only with a general revision of the telegraph tariff) which is a very low charge; monopoly is prevented by messages being limited to 500 words and the order of transmission being the order of presentation except that a second telegram of one agency will be transmitted after the first telegram of any other agency handed in within 15 minutes of the time of acceptance of the first telegram.
 - f. satisfactory arrangements have been made for the supply of news from news agencies to R.A.I. for radio broadcasting. From 1st March, R.A.I. will buy news from any private press agency that wishes to sell, and will also be supplied free with news items by O.W.I. and M.O.I. which do not overlap with agency news items. The terms of agreements between R.A.I. and the agencies are stated to be satisfactory to all interested parties.

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2. satisfactory arrangements to deal with the censoring of the press traffic at a proper speed by the Field Press Censorship have been guaranteed by I.N.C., A.F.H.Q.

3. The substitution of the existing P.W.B. radio morse newscasts has not yet been arranged. It is doubtful if this service is required by the private news agencies, and there are technical difficulties owing to the Italian authorities not having a suitable transmitter. The matter is being pursued further but is of comparatively little importance and will not prevent the P.W.B. news service being discontinued.

4. A copy of the minutes of the two meetings of this Sub-Committee is attached. The difficulties referred to in para. 2 of the Second Meeting have since been resolved.

Incl: Copy of 1st and 2nd Meeting.

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To: Executive Commissioner:

1. In order to complete this file, a copy of minutes of the First Meeting of the Technical Sub-Committee has been inserted at 22 A.

2. To obtain approval of this Sub-Committee to the report to A.F.H.Q. it is proposed to convene a Third Meeting with agenda stated at 35.

Can the C.C.'s approval please be obtained.

Tel: 489031
Ext: 400

17th February, 1945

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

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SUBJECT: Distribution of Press

TO: Chief Commissioner, ALCOM.
Mr. G. Edman, P.W.B., Italy
Col. Hobson, I.N.C. A.F.H.Q.
Mr. Brown, P.R.O. Alcom.
Lt. Col. Reeves, Signal Officer R.A.A.C.
Col. Henderson, Communications Sub-Commission, Alcom.

1. A report is required to be made to A.F.H.Q. on progress.
2. A draft report is attached for consideration by the Committee.
3. Meeting will be held in the Chief Commissioner's Office at hours on..... February, 1945 to consider this draft.

H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel,
Secretary.

DRAFT REPORT

SUBJECT: Distribution of Press by Private News Agencies

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

1. Reference Minutes of the 37th Meeting of the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference (Political), para. 4, the following report is submitted for transmission to A.F.H.C.

2. This Sub-Committee is satisfied that:

- a. Distribution of press by private news agencies can commence 1st March, 1945
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- e. terms and conditions of the telegraph and telephone services available for the purpose have been agreed by the Under-Secretary of Press and the News Agencies and are fair and reasonable and designed to prevent any monopoly by any particular agency.

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- f. satisfactory arrangements have been made for the supply of news from news agencies to R.A.I. for radio broadcasting
- g. satisfactory arrangements are ready for censorship.

3. The substitution of the existing P.W.B. radio morse newscasts has not yet been arranged. It is doubtful if this service is required by the private news agencies, and there are technical difficulties owing to the Italian authorities not having a suitable transmitter. The matter is being pursued further, but is of comparatively little importance and will not prevent the P.W.B. news service being discontinued.

4. A copy of the minutes of the two meetings this Sub-Committee is attached. The difficulties referred to in para. 2 of the Second Meeting have since been resolved.

Incl: Copy of 1st and 2nd Meeting.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 394

10th February 1945.

Minutes of the SECOND MEETING, held in the Allied Commission on Friday 9th February, 1945, to discuss the arrangements to be made to provide communication facilities for Press agencies.

Present: Colonel J.L. HENDERSON Communications Sub-Commission Allied Commission

Lt. Colonel H.H. SCUDDER Communications Sub-Commission Allied Commission.

Major Lionel FIELDEN Public Relations Officer, Allied Commission.

Colonel HIBSON I.M.C., A.F.M.C.

Lt. Colonel L.F. REEVES Signal Officer, R.A.A.C.

Dr. E. FANO Italian Government.

Dr. MARTINATO Italcables.

Colonel J.L. Henderson presided.

Colonel Henderson stated that the meeting had been called to bring members up to-date with developments to date and to solve any remaining difficulties in the take over of Press distribution by the Italian Government.

He said that the following were the chief developments:

- (a) the Italian Government had agreed that the facilities now at their disposal, though scanty, were adequate for them to carry out the service.
- (b) the Italian Government had arranged for the transmission of Press traffic by the combined use of the facilities of Italcables and the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.
- (c) the tariffs and conditions of service had been established.
- (d) the P.W.S. had notified the Commission that they wished to transfer the responsibility at the end of February.

He asked for any difficulties that would prevent opening of service.

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Dr. Martinato said he had three problems, space, transport and personnel.

- a. On space, after discussion, it was agreed that Lt.-Col. Reeves should ensure that adequate space was derequisitioned for the purpose.
- b. On transport, it was decided that the requirement of Italcable to move certain stores and personnel to Catania would have to be met by the use of existing civil facilities and that the Allied authorities could not assist. Dr. Fano and Dr. Martinato agreed that this difficulty could be solved.
- a. On personnel, Dr. Martinato said that he needed certain mechanics at present used by P.W.B., about 2 of the 12 so employed. Mr. Kagan said that this could probably be arranged. It was decided that Dr. Martinato should again see Mr. King of P.W.B., and if there were still difficulties over release of these men that he should refer the matter to Lt.-Col. Scudder who would take it up with P.W.B.

Dr. Fano raised the question of censorship.
Col. Robson stated that the necessity for immediate censorship of Press traffic was appreciated and that his office would be responsible for suitable arrangements.

Lt.-Col. Scudder raised the question of distribution of Press by radio. He pointed out that P.W.B. had facilities for newscasts both by ordinary radio broadcasting from R.A.I. (Radio Rome) and by radio morse transmissions. Agreement had been reached for the supply of news to RAI by Press agencies; there remained however the replacement of the P.W.B. radio morse service.

Dr. Martinato stated that Italcable had no suitable transmitter; the present service was carried out on GSI equipment.

Mr. Egan stated that if necessary it might be possible to come to some arrangement under which the GSI transmitter was lent for this use.

After discussion it was agreed that it was firstly necessary to find out whether an appreciable number of papers were using this service and would be prepared to pay for its continuance.

Dr. Martinato undertook to investigate how many papers in Italian Government territory were using the service.

Mr. Egan suggested that agencies might wish to continue the service even if newspapers were not willing to pay for it.

Dr. Fano undertook to request the Under Secretary of State for Press to ascertain the views of the Press agencies, with the idea of their making a collective payment for the service.

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Colonel Handerson then said that apart from the radio morse newscasts, which were relatively unimportant and presented some difficulties, there appeared to be no serious difficulty in the way of opening service. This was agreed and the meeting closed.

A copy of the conditions of the Press distribution service is attached.

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HANDLING OF PRESS TRAFFICPREMISE -

Press Agencies to start activity forming subject of the following rules, must obtain from the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications a regular concession for the establishment and use of receiving radioelectric apparatus in connection with press services.

The following rules concern exclusively press messages sent by the Head Offices of the Agencies in question, which messages contain news to appear in the newspapers.

All other messages addressed to the Agencies by their own correspondents are subject to regular press rates.

1) ADMISSION TO THE SERVICE -

The Under-Secretary to Press Information and Touring will issue a written authorization to all Press Agencies. The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, on presentation of the aforesaid written authorization, will deliver one or more identification cards to the Manager of each Press Agency. This latter card will enable the Agency to hand in its press messages without prepayment of the relative telegraph charges.

The Government or Italcable Offices which accept the telegrams in question will arrange for the collection of a certain sum as a deposit for the telegrams accepted in current account, according to the disposals of Art. 50 of the "Instructions on the telegraph service".

2) ACCEPTANCE OF TELEGRAMS -

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Messages shall be handed in at the Italcable windows in the Italian cities served by the Company's Offices, and at the Telegraph Government Offices in the other cities.

Senders are bound to show to the accepting clerk the card issued by the Telegraph Administration mentioned at para. 1), as well as any other personal identification card. The accepting clerk will note at foot of the form both the number of the card issued by the Administration and the particulars of the sender's identification card.

Messages are accepted during all day long.

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When the accepting Offices are closed, messages shall be handed in at the transmission room, which will follow the same accepting rules as stated above.

At present, no telephone acceptance is admitted; acceptance by teletype will be admitted if and when the Agencies will connect themselves with the Telegraph Offices.

A receipt showing the time of filing and the acceptance number of the telegram will be given to the sender by the accepting clerk.

The counting and charging of the words will be made afterwards by the accepting Office before the transmission of the message.

Text shall not exceed 500 words for each message.

3) TRANSMISSION -

The order of transmission is subject to the order of presentation of the telegrams at the telegraph counter.

In an Agency hands in more messages simultaneously, such messages shall be numbered as follows: first, second, third, etc.

In case of congestion of traffic, the second telegram of the first Agency will be transmitted after the first telegram handed in by other Agency within 15 minutes from the time of acceptance of the first telegram, and so on.

4) DELIVERY -

Every telegram will be delivered by messenger as early as possible, or withdrawn by the addressed who, if and when possible, will be informed by telephone that there are telegrams in abeyance for them.

5) RATES AND ACCOUNTING -

The tariff is established in one half of the regular press rate. This reduction is granted until 6 months after the end of the war.

The settlement of the accounts will be carried out in accordance with the ruling disposals covering messages filed in current account.

6) DELAYS AND REFUNDS -

The acceptance and transmission of telegrams is made at sender's risk. Anyhow, cost of any message will be refunded to the sender, provided the delay exceeds 8 hours from the time of filing and is such not to consent the use of the news contained in the message.

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References

None required. All items provided.

Admiral Stans read the directive given at the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference on 30th December, 1944, under which this Committee had been convened. It was:

*2082 6117-4501, 6117-4501 6117-4501:

- (a) Directed that private news agencies be permitted to sell news direct to the newspapers of each on and after 15th January 1946, and that the Chief Commissioner, Allied Communications, be informed of the private news agencies.

(b) Appointed a technical sub-committee consisting

Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission -
Cairo

Directly, 1944

Unit 140

Chief Signal Officer, 1905

or their representatives, to investigate at what juncture and by what means the distribution of news to newspapers and radio stations by private news agencies, both foreign and Italian, should be extended throughout the remainder of liberated Italy, and to report their recommendations to AFHQ.

- (c) Directed that the technical sub-committee appointed under (b) above, in carrying out their investigation, have particular regard to the safeguards required to prevent the establishment of a monopolistic information news agency in Italy.

It is pointed out that although certain agencies had agreed to deal with a co-operative agency known as AFHQ, other agencies were not prepared to do so. It was a particular duty of this Committee to ensure that no monopoly was established by this co-operative agency so far as communications facilities were concerned.

From statements by Mr. Langer, Lt. Col. Weaver and Colonel Henderson it appeared that the present facilities utilized by I.S.S. fall into two categories:

- A. line telegraph facilities - provided through the Allied military teleprinter network, by I.S.S. having connections on the military teleprinter switchboards and using the Allied junction circuits at times when military traffic permitted.
- B. radio broadcast facilities - provided partly by the use by I.S.S. of requisitioned and requisitioned Italian equipment, and partly by I.S.S. equipment. Some radio receivers were on loan by I.S.S. to provincial newspapers for the reception of these broadcasts, many others possessed their own receiving equipment.

On line telegraph facilities.

Lt. Col. Weaver stated that the requisitioning by I.S.S. of a few hours use of some military channels would not enable any full circuits to be released from military use; the pressure of military traffic would immediately absorb any freed time.

Col. Edwards states that although Italian Government circuits were very costly the situation was slowly improving. There was a possibility that circuits could be made available; possibly it would be preferable to restore the Italian domestic service in part, with this press service as one object.

Admiral Horn said that it was obviously impossible, with the very limited facilities, to make time lines available to all agencies, and that therefore the next step of preventing any monopoly would be to have a common carrier; this might be the Department of Post and Telegraphs or Italian Radio. The latter would give the advantages of better and more experienced service, and would be less liable to interference.

It was agreed that

- a. private news agencies should not have use of Allied military facilities; if for any reason they did were permitted the question of rates would have to be settled, as free service to private agencies could not be given.
- b. a common carrier, preferably commercial (Italian), open to all agencies, could be the best means of providing the facilities.

on radio facilities.

Mr. Adams stated that R.C.D. were using more transmitters on short and medium waves and dictation-speed transmitters. Most of the radio equipment was requisitioned from Italian, requisitioned partly by U.S.A. forces, partly by Italian requisitioned from other Italian sources. He was prepared to replace the requisitioned equipment used by R.C.D. on the new services for the territory administered by the Italian Government, and would assist in transferring the R.C.D. items that had been put in to requisition this equipment, probably on a sale basis.

Lt. Col. Reeves stated that all Italian radio equipment and accommodations in Rome Area was requisitioned by the Allied military authorities and under his control. The equipment was turned over to operation by the military, by R.C.D., U.S.A., etc. as required. When released from Allied use, equipment and accommodation etc. would be restored to Italian and placed under supervision of the Allied Commission; until that time no civilian operation could be permitted. It was stated that when some personnel in the Italian stations, apparently introduced by R.C.D., and Lt. Col. Reeves took exception to this. Mr. Adams said that he had no knowledge of this and could rectify the position.

Admiral Stone said that instructions had been issued by the U.S.C., A.F.M.C. for the return to Italy of such equipment etc. as could be released by F.B.I. on the charge of system of distribution of arms. He asked what progress was being made.

Colonel Henderson stated that his sub-committee was assisting at the transfer and that the first meeting with the representatives of U.S.C., A.F.M.C., Italy, and the Italian Government was being held tomorrow (10 Jan.) following this, it would be possible to state what facilities would become available.

Admiral Stone said that it would be necessary to ensure that the rates charged by Italy were not excessive, particularly if they were an exclusive carrier. This would be a matter of Italian Government regulations.

PIRACY AT SEA

Mr. Jones pointed out the danger of piracy at sea, and in particular of U.S.C. was proceeding for use in regional military Government territory. He was in favor of the Italian Government taking measures to prevent such piracy, and suggested establishment of the proper supply of offshore.

Admiral Stone said that corresponding action would be taken in National Military Government territory in respect of piracy of the seas distributed by private agencies in Italian Government territory.

Admiral Stone stated that Colonel Henderson would provide at the next meeting.

Colonel Henderson said that it appeared that the next move was to hold a meeting with the Signal Officer U.S.C. and the Italian Government authorities, which would be invited to attend, to determine what facilities could be made available and to recommend by what organization they should be operated. This was agreed.

Major Fielden said that it was necessary to move fast owing to the time limit placed on the transfer.

Admiral Stone said that the time limit only referred to the distribution of arms in Rome, but to the further extension throughout Italian Government territory. However, the matter was urgent.

United States and that it would be necessary to ensure that the Government of the United States, in order to be able to carry out its obligations under the Convention, should be able to obtain the necessary information from the Government of the United States.

Mr. Sargent pointed out the danger of delay of news, and in particular of J. V. I., was urgent for use in neutral and allied countries to victory. As the in Secretary of the Italian Government called attention to prevent some delay, and suggested establishment of a paper supply or others.

the second on delivery of the machine and the first on receipt of the machine. The machine is to be delivered to the user in a condition ready for use and the user is to be responsible for the maintenance of the machine.

July 21, 1935 Started today collecting around the
Wabash river mouth.

Colonel Rosenberg said that it appeared that the next move was to hold a meeting with the legal officer in A.A.G. and the Italian Government authorities, which would advise as to whether it should be decided to attempt that facilities could be made available to them. He suggested that consideration should be given to whether it should be decided.

Major Bingham said that it was necessary to have feet online to the line limit placed on the transfer.

Applied Science said that the time limit referred to the distribution of the money was in order, but that the taxpayer could not sue to enforce payment of the money. However, the money can be spent.

The station had closed.

TRANSLATION BY JELAN.

press distribution
(25-1)

TO:
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
and for information:

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

REF. : 1415

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

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Censorship		
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TRANSMISSION BY BELAN.

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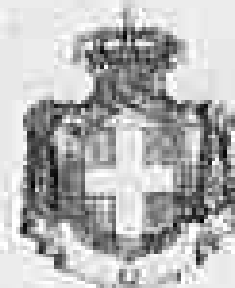
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Roma, 8 febbraio 1945

Al Ministero delle Comunicazioni
- Gabinetto -

ROMA

*Presidenza
del Consiglio dei Ministri* e per conoscenza:

SOTTOSEGRETARIATO
PER LA STAMPA E LE INFORMAZIONI

Alla Commissione Alleata
Posts and Telecomms Sub-Commission

N. di Prot. 28.1445

ROMA

Oggetto: Tariffe telegrafiche per le Agenzie

TRANSLATE

In risposta alla nota n. S/13/30674, del 3-2-1945, si fa presente che questo Sottosegretariato concorda pienamente nei criteri di massima esposti da codesto Ministero, circa le tariffe telegrafiche, e pertanto ritiene che la nuova tariffa per la trasmissione delle notizie relative alle Agenzie d'informazioni (di cui all'allegato trasmesso) possa senz'altro essere adottata.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO

[Signature]

Director	
D/Director	
Chief Telecoms	
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H. Q. Com. O.	
Asst Chief Postal	
Censorship	
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Date 11/2/45

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MEMORANDUM TO:

Executive Commissioner.

Attached minutes for information of Chief Commissioner.

Ext: 400.

10th February 1945.

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

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSCRITTORIO DI STATO ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SEGRETERIA

Prot. N° *5/13/30774*

Risposta al foglio N. _____

del _____

Allegati _____

OGGETTO: Distribuzione notizie
Agenzie private.-ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Poses and telecommunications
Sub-Commission*R U M A*

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FILE <i>253</i>	

Date *40* FEB. 1945

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mente raddoppiata:

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Prot. N° *S/13/50771*

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

(M. Fanfani)

Director	
Chief of Telecommunications	<i>M.A.</i>
Chief of Postal	
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In case of congestion of traffic, the second telegram of the first Agency will be transmitted after the first telegram handed in by any other Agency within 15 minutes from the time of acceptance of the first telegram, and so on.

4) Delivery -

Every telegram will be delivered by messenger as early as possible, or with drawn by the addressee who, if and when possible, will be informed by telephone that there are telegrams in abeyance for them.

5) Rates and accounting -

The tariff is established in one half of the regular press rate. This reduction is granted until 6 months after the end of the war.

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

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In reply
refer to: G.253.96.08

7th February, 1945

Subject : Distribution of News by Private Agencies

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

1. Inclosed copy of notice of meeting of technical sub-committee which you are invited to attend.

2. You will note that item b of the agenda covers discussion of regulations for handling of Press traffic. It is requested that you have these proposed regulations prepared in time for the meeting and that you provide 7 copies, so that copy will be available for all present.

3. Attention is also drawn to fact that in addition to distribution of news by wire there is also the need to provide substitute means for radio facilities now used by F.W.B. for distribution of news.

Incl: Notice of meeting

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to: Ing. Martinato, Italcable
Via Calabria 46-48
Rome

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FILE
NEWS DISTRICT

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Col. Johnson opened the meeting by outlining
situation - PWB stated they wish to pull out by
March 1. Space for Bandolier. Lt Col. ^{Reyes} Bandolier -

Mechanics - PWB wing 12 - required 2 -

Lt Col. Reyes stated that Mr. King suggested -
that outline - Mr. Johnson agreed that he will
~~have~~ look into this. Some just raised by
Washington. suggested that rail be used.

Censorship. Col. Johnson stated that main
censorship would be in Rome -

Discussion of Radio - Mr. Johnson stated that

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the ideal would be

as that cable has no transmitter in 100 miles -

question of what news papers are using service

Mr. Edman suggested that that cable -
and technicians get together - ~~that cable~~
P.W.B. Mr. Martinato to determine
what newspapers are taking service in
Government territory - do they want -
will they pay - cannot be reached by
wire?

Mr. Edman suggested that the Agency
~~was~~ might be willing to make a deal with
P.W.B. - paying collectivity - Under Secretary of
State will take up with Under Secretary for Press -

Rome, February 9th, 1945

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MEMORANDUMORGANIZATION OF NEWS DISTRIBUTION SERVICE

Italcable has readily accepted to cooperate with the State Administration for the organization of the News Distribution Service and the handling of such traffic and wishes to state its appreciation of the credit thereby conferred upon the Company.

The installation work required for the preparation of the technical facilities, which the Company is to carry out with due speed and judiciousness, is however severely hampered by a series of difficulties, partly arising out of the present national situation and therefore unavoidable and general, partly connected with special circumstance which, in the Company's belief, might be overcome with the help of the Authorities concerned.

To only the latter we wish to refer in this memorandum.

1) Room = Our Central Telegraph Office has been occupied since last June by P.W.B. and fully made use of. The internal telegraph network was previously radiating from this office, where complete installations existed to enable various land line terminals to be operated both on Baudot and Teletype system. Such plant, which consists mainly of an extensive fixed wiring of distributor and operating tables, cannot be transferred elsewhere. Not only that would require time and hand work, but it would above all necessitate a considerable amount of cables and cable-fittings which are not available at all.

For this reason the Company has requested that the existing telegraph plant be given back to its own use, which could be done only by P.W.B. evacuating a part of the Office's operating room.

We understand that this event is not to be considered as sure to happen, and therefore we feel it necessary to call attention on the possible reverberation as regards the service above referred to.

2) Transport = The Company is now practically lacking any means of transport. The only car available is an old Fiat-Balilla in very bad general conditions, which cannot be relied upon except for occasional trips inside Rome.

We have repaired and fully equipped a fairly good Fiat-110 car, for which an application for tires has been filed on Sept. 25th, 1944. The supply of tires having failed to materialize so far, this car cannot be used.

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Our excellent Fiat-1500 car has been requisitioned by C.I.C. in July 1944 and thereafter, following a road accident, it has been returned to us very heavily damaged and stripped of all movable parts. We are trying to convert it into a van and, if we can secure some parts that are presently lacking, we probably will have it ready in about a month. But in this case also we are unable to get the necessary tires and we presume that, unless an application for same will get prompt result, even the van cannot be of any use to us.

A means of transport at our disposal will be necessary to keep easy contact specially with our Naples Office, for supply and maintenance requirements, for supervision and quick aid in case of operation breakdown of any sort.

3) Personnel = At present a number of 15 Italcable mechanics are employed by Allied Units in Rome, mostly (12) by P.W.B.

The installation work to be done at Rome, Naples and the Sicilian Offices, the preliminary examination and overhauling of all plant that has to be used in this connection make it necessary for us to request that at least two good mechanics be returned to our service. As we understand that P.W.B. finds it impossible to release them owing to P.W.B.'s present needs, we must point out the fact that Italcable will be placed by this in a very difficult position indeed.

We sincerely hope that the above remarks will be accepted in the light of our desire to cooperate and to act with such an efficiency as can be achieved in the present circumstances.

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If any an Agency hands in more messages simultaneously, such messages shall be numbered as follows: first, second, third, etc.

In case of congestion of traffic, the second telegram of the first Agency will be transmitted after the first telegram handed in by any other Agency within 15 minutes from the time of acceptance of the first telegram, and so on.

4) Delivery.

Every telegram will be delivered by messenger as early as possible, or withdrawn by the addressees who, if and when possible, will be informed by telephone that there are telegrams in abeyance for them.

5) Rates and accounting.

The tariff is established in one half of the regular press rate. This reduction is granted until 6 months after the end of the war.

The settlement of the accounts will be carried out in accordance with the ruling disposals covering messages filed in current account.

6) Delays and refunds.

The acceptance and transmission of telegrams is made at sender's risk. Anyhow, cost of any message will be refunded to the sender, provided the delay exceeds 8 hour from the time of filing and is such not to consent the use of the news contained in the messages.

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

CD. 1/127

2 February 1945

SUBJECT: Newspaper Article.

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

1. For your information.
2. "La Fiaccola" is a small weekly paper.
3. Across the front of the first page it carries the following: "Organo del Partito Socialista Rivoluzionario Italiano".

JAB/tdr.

John A. Bridgeman
JOHN A. BRIDGEMAN
Major AUS.
Communications Officer

Director
D/Inspector
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LET US SPEAK THROUGH THE TELEPHONE

from the Newspaper "LA FIACCOLA" of the 29/1/45

The Germans have destroyed telephone exchanges....
alright.

The Allies reactivated the Vomero, Amedeo and Nolana exchanges, which never have been destroyed.... that's alright.

But the telephone - that is something like greek you never understand it - should be used to speak to people afar, here is the question; as in Naples only in Naples the telephone is used not even to speak at a 10 meters distance.

We are told that the Allies have named as chief a technical man, who is very skillful in telephone matter, but telephones are not working at all.

Perhaps the main exchange is overloaded, or lack of power, or too many ladies talking for hours and hours. But a gentleman who has his telephone working cannot use it.

It is impossible to dial the numbers, too much noise on the lines prevents hearing, communications are cut just in the middle of the conversation, when you can hear the voice it seems to come from another world. After all we poor men have to give up the telephone and to walk in order to have our appointment fixed.

Major Bridgeman, you have been promoted a short time ago, we haven't yet had the chance to give you our congratulations, and now we give you the best wishes. Please will you be so kind towards Naples citizens and give them telephone service working.

Please don't compel us to regret Count Pellegrini!

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 4890X1 Ext: 444

In reply
refer to: G.253.16.CS

9th February, 1945

Subject : Distribution of Press Communications

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

1. With further reference to our letter of 6th Feb. 1945 instructions have now been issued covering release of circuits and there has been a slight change in the hours of release of one Rome - Bari circuit. Hours during which circuits will be released as of February 9th, 1945 are as follows:

22.00 - 05.00	1 Naples - Salerno
	1 Naples - Taranto
22.30 - 05.00	1 Rome - Naples
	1 Rome - Bari
23.00 - 05.00	1 Rome - Naples
23.30 - 05.00	1 Rome - Bari

2. We have been assured that, just as soon as conditions warrant, hours of release will be extended and additional circuits provided.

3. The other circuits requested in your letter of 20th January, 1945 cannot be released by the Military.

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J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copy given to May Allman
on Feb. 11. 1945.

File

Subject:- Communications - Italian Government.

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FROM:- CSO L of C Italy (Main).

TO :- Director Communications Sub-Commission A.C.

rec 17, 14

1. Reference your G.253.7.CS dated 22 January, 1945.

2. This office letter of even number of today's date on the above subject, arranges for the following circuits to be made available daily to the Italian Government at the times stated.

<u>Circuit</u>	<u>Period</u>
Naples - Salerno	2200 - 0500
Naples - Taranto	2200 - 0500
Rome - Bari (1)	2230 - 0500
Rome - Bari (2)	2330 - 0500
Rome - Naples (1)	2230 - 0500
Rome - Naples (2)	2300 - 0500

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3. The remaining demands in para 3 of your letter have not been met since,

(a) No military circuits exist between Naples and Catanzaro, Cosenza or Potenza,

(b) The provision of a Rome - Palermo circuit would reduce in too great a measure the number military circuits between Naples and Rome,

which is concerned the majority of the circuits in the

FROM:-

CSO L of C Italy (Rome).

TO :- Director Communications Sub-Commission A.C.

net, 14

1. Reference your G.253.7.03 dated 22 January, 1945.

2. This office letter of even number of today's date on the above subject, arranged for the following circuits to be made available daily to the Italian Government at the times stated.

Circuit	Period
Naples - Salerno	2200 - 0500
Naples - Taranto	2200 - 0500
Rome - Bari (1)	2230 - 0500
Rome - Bari (2)	2330 - 0500
Rome - Naples (1)	2230 - 0500
Rome - Naples (2)	2300 - 0500

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- (b) the provision of a Rome - Palermo circuit would reduce in too great a measure the number military circuits between Naples and Rome,
- (c) As far as Sicily is concerned the majority of the circuits in the state cable are already under Italian control.

Radupmar
Brigadier,
CSO L of C ITALY.

6 Feb 1945	Director
JCB/ECU	Chief Telecom
	Chief Postal
	M Q. Coms O.
	Asst Chief Postal
	Censorship
	Chief Clerk

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Date 2/2/45

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 449081 Ext: 333

6th February, 1945

In reply
refer to: G.253.13.08

Subject: Distribution of Press Communications

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

1. Reference is made to your letter of 20th January, 1945 Prot. 6/8.4/30329.

2. Instructions are being issued shortly to release daily to civil use as of February 9th, 1945 the following military telephone circuits for the following times:

22.00 - 05.00	1 Naples - Salerno
	1 Naples - Taranto
22.30 - 05.00	1 Rome - Bari
	1 Rome - Naples
23.00 - 05.00	1 Rome - Bari
	1 Rome - Naples

3. It is to be understood that military operators will disconnect any or all circuits if military traffic so requires and that release of circuits at hours stated is also dependent on traffic conditions existing. Every effort will be made to adhere to the above schedule but no guarantee can be given that 100% adherence will be possible.

4. As circuits will be extended from military boards to civilian boards by cords, supervision of circuits will not be as satisfactory as under normal circuit conditions but with care satisfactory operation should be obtained.

5. Altho' these circuits are being placed at your disposition primarily for Press use there is no reason why, when not required for Press, they cannot be used by other civilian users.

G.253.13.C8

6th Feb.45. Continued.

6. It is appreciated that the above is not the ideal solution but it is a step forward and represents the best which can be done at present. It is hoped that additional facilities may be obtainable especially between Rome and Naples.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to: Major Bridgeman, Southern Region
Major Hawker, Lazio Region

Translated by C. Garlaldi.

Ref. No. 5/13/3040.

25th Jan. 1945. (13-4)

Subject:- Organization of Telecomms Service
for Press Agencies.

1.- Referring to our letter S/13/30342 of the 24th inst., dealing with the same subject, and in compliance with your verbal request of this morning, we enclose herewith a note showing the necessary details of the traffic capacity of the circuits to be used for the Press Agencies service.

2.- We take the opportunity to inform you that the Italcable is prepared, should it be considered indispensable, to restore to service within 15 days, in teletypewriter service, the circuits that will be assigned to them.

The opportunity or not to adopt such an expedient could be ascertained after the meeting to be arranged by the Undersecretary for Press, Theaters and Tourism as recommended in our letter S/13/30407 of yesterday.

If in the meantime, however, the Allied Military Authorities should grant the nightly use of the telephone circuits, providing the terminals with appropriate harmonic equipment, it would be already possible to handle a fair amount of traffic doubling, between 21 and 1 a.m., the capacity of the principal circuits.

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Chief, Telecomms	
Chief, Postal	
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Asst. Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

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Date 27/1/45

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Translated by C. Gaggiardi.

Ref. No. 5/13/30451

25th Jan. 1945.

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for Press Agencies.

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Traffic capacity in words per hour on the circuits to be used for the Press Agencies service.

	By Baudot in each of both ways		By teletypewriter canal in both ways		
	Per hour	In 23 hours	Per hour	In 23 hours	In 4 hours
Rome - Naples	3 x 900	62.100	1.400	32.200	5.600
Rome - Catania (1)	2 x 900	41.400	1.400	32.200	5.600
Naples - Bari (1)	2 x 900	41.400	1.400	32.200	5.600
Catania-Messina-Palermo	2 x 900	41.400	1.400	32.200	5.600

(1) Naturally, these circuits as each of the sectors can be used by relay to Naples for re-transmission to and from Rome.

Wheatstone omnibus network promiscuously used for the government service, reserved for a number of hours to be arranged and selected (for example: between 20 and 23 and between 4 and 6 a.m. for the service of the Agencies) transmitting circular messages at the rate of 900 words per hour.

(Rome) - (Naples) - Salerno - Potenza - (Bari) - Brindisi - Lecce - Taranto - Cosenza - Catanzaro - Reggio Calabria - (Catania) - (Messina) - Siracusa - (Palermo) - Trapani.

Note. The names in brackets are those of the localities where the service will be done by Baudot or Teletypewriter connections.



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SEGRETERIA

Prot. N°

5/13/30451

Risposta al foglio N.

del

Allegati

OGGETTO: Organizzazione del servizio

di telecomunicazioni per la Agenzie

stampa.

R O M A

PER CONOSCENZA:

SOCIETA' ITALICABILE
Via Galvani 46-48

R O M A

1. - A complemento di quanto comunicato con la nostra S/13/30342 in data di ieri sullo stesso argomento, e in conformità all'invito verbale ricevuto stamane, si comunica con la scheda acclusa i dati di capacità di traffico dei circuiti da addirsi al servizio per la Agenzie stampa.

2. - Coll'occasione si informa che l'Ittelcable ha fatto presente che, qualora fosse riconosciuto indispensabile, esse potrebbe attivarsi entro 15 giorni a teleseguente i circuiti che le saranno assegnati.

L'opportunità o meno di adottare tale espediente potrà essere accertata dopo la riunione da indirsi dal Sottosegretario per la Stampa Spettacolo e Turismo, come raccomandato nell'13.13/30407 di ieri.

Comunque, se nel frattempo fosse perfezionata la cessione notturna dei circuiti telefonici da parte della Autorità militare alleata, durante i terminali di apposite apparecchiature in armonica, sarebbe già possibile far fronte, a una notevole affluenza di traffico radiofonico, fra le 21 e le 1^a antimeridiana, la capacità di smaltimento dei circuiti principali.

Director

D/Pres

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO

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Prot. N° 2/13/20453

Risposta al foglio N.

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ALLA COMMISSIONE AMMIRATA
Poste and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission

R C M A

OGGETTO: Organizzazione del servizio

di telecomunicazioni per la Agenzia

PER CONVENIENZA:

Stampa.

SOCIETA' ITALICA
Via Calabris 46-48

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fico dei circuiti da affidarsi al servizio per le Agenzie
Stampa.

2. - Coll'occasione si informa che l'Italecble ha fatto
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Date 26/11/53

CAPACITA' TRAFFICO PRATICA IN PAROLE-ORA SUI CIRCUITI DA ADIBIRSI AL SERVIZIO AGENZIA STAT

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	A Baudot in ciascuno dei due sensi		Per canale a telescrivente nei due sensi complessivamente		
	Oraria	Nelle 23 ore	Oraria	nelle 23 ore	in 4 ore
Roma-Napoli	3 x 900	62.100	1.400	32.200	5.600
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(1) - Naturalmente tanto questi circuiti quanto ciascuno dei settori possono essere impiegati a relé a Napoli per la ritrasmissione da e per Roma.

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Rete omnibus a Wheatstone utilizzata promiscuamente per il servizio Governativo, riservata per un numero di ore da stabilire e da scegliere (per esempio tra le 20 e le 23 e fra le 4 a.m. e le 6 a.m. al solo servizio per le Agenzie, trasmettendo messaggi circolari in ragione di 900 parole-orarie.

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NOTA: - Sono chiusi in parentesi i nomi delle località dove il servizio sarà fatto a mezzo di collegamenti Baudot o telescrivente.-

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TRAFFICO PRATICA IN PAROLE-ORA SUI CIRCUITI DA ADDEIRSI AL SERVIZIO AGENZIA STAMPA

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Translated by C. Agliardi.

Ref. No. S/13/30402.

24th Jan. 1945.

Subject:- Organization of Telecomms Service
for Press Agencies.

Service will be organized in conjunction between Administration of PP.TT. and Italcable. More precisely, the latter will furnish the service between Rome and some of the larger regional centres. The Administration will furnish, instead, between regional centres and the minor localities.

The organization is intended, for the present, to assure the service in the best manner possible, owing to the limited time, the means effectively and securely available, and the uncertainty as to the volume and affluency of traffic.

It is considered that, after a suitable period of time, the organization of the service could be looked over and adapted to the effective needs of the special traffic.

At the same time all the necessary elements to determine the cost of the special service will be noted seeing as to how far the effective cost would be covered by the corresponding income.

As the telegraphic tariffs already contemplate the surcharge for multiple telegrams (that is telegrams for several addressees in the same locality), whatever is the basic tariff and, as the purpose of the organization under consideration is essentially to ensure a quicker traffic than that of the ordinary telegraphic service, we consider that the usual press tariff could be applied to the new service, at least for this initial period, and until the means of transmission are the usual.

A suitable reduction of such Press tariff is foreseen which, however, cannot be fixed if not following that meeting, and consequent collection of details to which we will refer to.

Technical preparations.

Owing to the fact that the Italcable has offices at Naples, Palermo, Catania and Messina, we believe they could without delay operate the service in these localities. The terminal of Bari would be in the beginning operated by the PP.TT. Administration.

We believe that, availing ourselves of the above mentioned Italcable offices, a much faster service would be assured in comparison with that obtainable by the state service only, above all, in relation to those future possibilities of the Italcable when the Anzio-Palermo cable will be repaired. At the present it is not considered of any advantage the use of the Naples-Palermo statal submarine cable owing to the precarious situation of the joint between the arrival hut and the Naples

office, and owing to the convenience to use all the network only one system (Baudot) avoiding the transformation from one system to another (on harmonic circuits cable and telegraphic codes cannot be used).

As far as the Naples-Bari circuit is concerned, it is agreed that the Italcable will for the initial period operate only the terminal of the circuit in Naples.

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At the beginning, therefore, the latter two offices will be operated by the Administration..

To resume, the circuits fixed for the service are:-

- harmonic	Rome - Naples
"	Naples - Catania
"	Naples - Bari
- cable	Catania - Messina
"	Messina - Palermo

It must be remembered that also the telephonic circuits used by the Allies have been requested, and precisely the circuits N°.2 Rome - Naples, N°.2 Rome - Bari, N°.1 Rome - Palermo or Catania and also local circuits.

Some of these telephonic circuits could be used by Italcable and kept as a spare for harmonic communications.

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For the realization, in the least possible time, of the present program, it will be necessary to:-

- a) Requisition the "Sala Baudot Italcable" in Via del Moretto 13, actually occupied by P.W.B.
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- g) Look for Monofoniche to utilize telephonic circuits in Baudot service.
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We would be very grateful to you if you would kindly examine this project, especially referring to "a" and "b" and give us your full explicit peremptory approval.

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Chief Telecommunications	
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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SEGRETARIA

Roma 24 gennaio 1944

Prot. N° S/13/30402

Risposta al foglio N.

del

Allegati

OGGETTO: Organizzazione del servizio di telecomunicazioni per le Agenzie stampa.

→ ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub - Commission ROMA
e.p.c.
AL SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DELLA STAMPA
SPETTACOLO E TURISMO ROMA

PREMESSA

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OGGETTO: Organizzazione del servizio di telecomunicazioni per le Agenzie stampa.

→ ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
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Si prevede di accordare su tale tariffa stampa una congrua riduzione che non potrà però essere stabilita se non a seguito di quella riunione e conseguente raccolta di dati di cui faremo riferimento a seguito.

APPERTENENTI TECNICI

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"	Messina-Palermo

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSCRITTARIO DEL STATO ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SEGRETARIA

Roma li 24 gennaio 1945

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Risposta al foglio N.

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Translation by C. Gagliardi.

Ref.No. S/19/30674

3rd February 1945.

SUBJECT:- Telegraph tariffs for transmission of news of the Agencies.

Further to our letter No.9/13/30407 of the 24th January, and referring to the meeting held in your office on Thursday the 1st inst. to give the opinion of this Ministero as regards the inopportunity to approve telegraph tariffs for transmission of news of the Agencies too inadequate to the cost of these transmissions.

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We would ask you to kindly examine this proposal and let us know your point of view so as to at once make the decree enabling the immediate application.

Director
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Date 6/2/45.

Translation by C. Gagliardi.

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SEGRETERIA

Roma, 3 febbraio 1945

Prot. N° 2/13/30674

Risposta al foglio N.

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e, per conoscenza:
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Posts and Telecomms. Sub-Commission
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OGGETTO: Tariffe telegrafiche per

trasmissione notizie delle Agenzie.-

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IL MINISTRO

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Telegrafiche Tariffe per Trasmissione di Notizie delle Agenzie

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Telegraph tariffs for transmission of news of Agencies

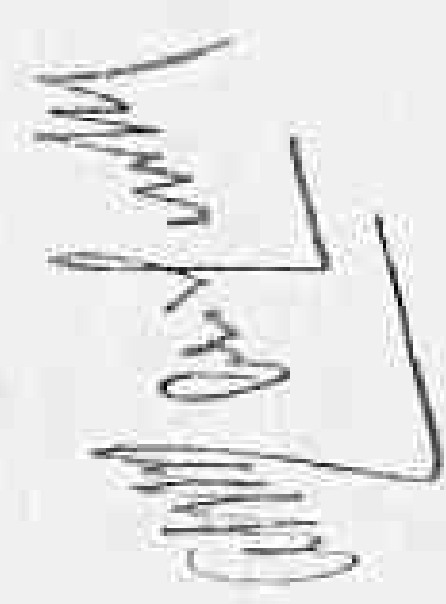
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Per i telegrammi di informazioni giornalistiche delle Agenzie di stampa italiane e straniere debitamente autorizzate, detta tariffa è ridotta:

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In considerazione delle particolari difficoltà derivanti dallo stato di guerra ai servizi giornalistici di informazioni, in via transitoria e fino a sei mesi dopo la cessazione della guerra, ai telegrammi delle Agenzie di stampa autorizzate è accordata la riduzione massima del 50% sulla tariffa telegrafica normale di stanza, qualunque sia il numero delle parole da esse spedite mensilmente.

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In reply
refer to: G.253.10.GS

Subject : Distribution of News by Private Agencies

To : Chief Commissioner

1. As a result of a meeting with the Under-Secretary for Press and preliminary discussions with the Under-Secretary for P.T. it has been determined that traffic for private press associations will be mainly between Rome and Naples where the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications can provide sufficient facilities to handle the estimated load. Estimated traffic to other centres in Government territory can also be dealt with.

2. At the meeting with the Under-Secretary for Press, which was attended by representatives of all Press associations both Foreign and Italian, the main question discussed was the rate to be charged for Press traffic. It was obvious that there was a general lack of comprehension on the part of the Italian Press that there was no intention of re-creating the Fascist system of Government Press Service to all points at no charge to the newspapers. It was stated that under present conditions no newspapers in Italy could afford to pay normal Press rates (20 centesimi per word) and after lengthy discussion the Under-Secretary of State for P.T. undertook to propose to the Prime Minister that a special emergency rate be approved. As a result of discussion with the Prime Minister a proposal has now been made to the Under-Secretary for Press that a special rate of 10 centesimi apply to Press traffic until six months after cessation of hostilities.

The situation at present is as follows:

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- a. Traffic from Rome to main centres such as Naples, Palermo, Bari Catania, Messina, will be handled thru' Italcable.
 - b. Traffic to secondary points, which is expected to be very light, will be handled by Post Office.
 - c. Request has been made to C.S.O., L.of C., Italy for release to Italian Government of telephone circuits during the night hours when military load is light. It is hoped to obtain 2 circuits Rome - Naples, 2 Rome - Bari, 1 Rome - Palermo, 1 Rome - Taranto. On these circuits the Press would have priority.
 - d. The principle of rationing and rotation of order of filing was accepted by all news agencies. This would only be adopted as an emergency measure.

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6th February, 1945 Continued.

4. It is expected that all arrangements can be completed by February 15th, 1945. This is contingent on the 10 centesimi rate being accepted.

5. The Under-Secretary of State for P.T. is responsible for issuance of regulations as to handling of Press traffic.

Tel: 489081
Ext: 333

6th February, 1945

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

Copy to: Under-Secretary of State for P.T.

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TRANSLATION BY SELAN

ROME 24th January 1945

To: The ~~Autosegretariato~~ Autosegretariato per la
Stampa Lo Spettacolo E Il
Turismo.

5/13/30407.

For information,

Allied Commission,

Posts and Telecommunications S/Comm.

Subject: Organisation of the Telecomms Service for Press Agencies.

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The Under Secretary of State.

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OGGETTO: Organizzazione del servizio

di telecomunicazioni per le Agenzie Stampa.

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AL SOTTOSCRITTARIO PER LA STAMPA
LO SPETTACOLO E IL TURISMO

e per conoscenza:

→ Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission

Roma 24 gennaio 1945 194

1. Con riferimento alla lettera di pari data circa i mezzi tecnici per il servizio in oggetto, occorre anche determinare le altre modalità del servizio stesso e avere quindi una idea sufficientemente esatta dei quantitativi di traffico che presumibilmente saranno cambiati, dei mittenti e dei destinatari delle notizie, ecc.
2. Questo Sottosegretario ritiene pertanto che riuscirebbe quanto mai opportuno che venisse convocata una riunione, presieduta e diretta da codesto Sottosegretario, alla quale intervenissero i rappresentanti della Commissione Alleata, delle Agenzie Giornalistiche, di questo Ministero, e della Italcable. (La Commissione Alleata, ove lo credesse conveniente, potrebbe convocare rappresentanti del P.W.B.).
3. L'ordine del giorno della riunione potrebbe essere il seguente:
 - a) Relazione sui mezzi tecnici disponibili per la effettuazione del servizio;
 - b) Relazione sulle modalità con le quali dovrebbe essere effettuato il servizio per rispondere alle necessità della stampa e delle Agenzie;
 - c) Organizzazione di traffico iniziale;
 - d) Tariffe da applicare.
4. Si confida che codesto Sottosegretario converrà nella opportunità di convocare quanto prima possibile la proposta riunione e pertanto si resta in attesa di conoscere quando e dove essa potrà aver luogo.

IL SOTTOSCRITTARIO DI STATO

Risposta al foglio N.

del

Allegati

e per conoscenza:

→ Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission

OGGETTO: Organizzazione del servizio
di telecomunicazioni per le Agenzie Stampa.

R O M A

1. Con riferimento alla lettera di pari data circa i mezzi tecnici per il servizio in oggetto, occorre anche determinare le altre modalità del servizio stesso e avere quindi una idea sufficientemente esatta dei quantitativi di traffico che presumibilmente saranno cambiati, dei mittenti e dei destinatari delle notizie, ecc.
2. Questo Sottosegretariato ritiene pertanto che riuscirebbe quanto mai opportuno che venisse convocata una riunione, presieduta e diretta da codesto Sottosegretariato, alla quale intervenissero i rappresentanti della Commissione Alleata, delle Agenzie Giornalistiche, di questo Ministero, e della Italcable. (La Commissione Alleata, ove lo credesse conveniente, potrebbe invitare rappresentanti del P.W.B.).
3. L'ordine del giorno della riunione potrebbe essere il seguente:
 - a) Relazione sui mezzi tecnici disponibili per la effettuazione del servizio;
 - b) Relazione sulle modalità con le quali dovrebbe essere effettuato il servizio per rispondere all'esiguità della stampa e delle Agenzie;
 - c) Organizzazione di traffico iniziale;
 - d) Tariffe da applicare.
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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 391
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489081 Ext: 333

22nd January, 1945

In reply
refer to: G.255.7.CS

Subject : Timed Calls at Night.

To : C.S.O., L.of C., Italy (Main) A.F.H.C.

1. Reference is made to conversation with Brigadier W.C. Buchanan about the possibility of releasing for Italian use a limited number of telephone circuits at predetermined hours during periods of lessened military traffic.

2. The recent introduction of private news agencies into Italy has created the necessity of providing increased facilities for distribution of news in Italian Government territory and provision of additional telephone facilities would greatly facilitate news distribution.

3. There are listed below the circuits requested:

2 Roma - Napoli
2 Roma - Bari
1 Roma - Palermo
1 Napoli - Catanzaro
1 Napoli - Cosenza
1 Napoli - Potenza
1 Napoli - Salerno
1 Napoli - Taranto
1 Palermo - Catania
1 Palermo - Messina
1 Palermo - Reggio

4. It is not known whether all of these circuits exist as military circuits but the complete list is submitted so that provision may be examined of as many as possible.

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see 15.14.

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22 Jan. 45. Continued.

5. The time requested is daily from 21.00 to 01.00 but if in some cases 21.00 is too early for the military load to have fallen off, a later hour would be acceptable.

6. It is hoped that it will be possible to grant the above request and it is requested that this Sub-Commission be informed as to the detailed arrangements which may be made.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSCRITTARIO DI STATO ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SEGRETERIA

Prot. N°

5/8.4/30329

Risposta al foglio N.

del

Allegati

OGGETTO: Servizio stampa agenzie - Circuiti telefonici.

Roma 20 gennaio 1945

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Posts and Telecommunications

Sub-Commission

R O M A

I. In esito alla cortese richiesta verbale si enumerano qui di seguito i circuiti telefonici militari che si richiederebbero nelle ore più tarde della serata, o come riserva ai circuiti di collegamento con i centri principali, o per stabilire le comunicazioni normali fra i centri principali e i capo luoghi di provincia più importanti.

~~Circuiti di riserva:~~

- 2 Roma-Napoli
- 2 Roma-Bari
- 1 Roma-Palermo

~~Circuiti di collegamento secondari:~~

- 1 Napoli-Catanzaro
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- 1 Napoli-Potenza
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- 1 Napoli-Taranto
- 1 Palermo-Catania
- 1 Palermo-Messina
- 1 Palermo-Reggio

2. Preferibilmente le ore di concessione dovrebbero essere quelle fra le 21 e le 1 antimeridiane.

IL SOTTOSCRITTARIO DI STATO

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 304
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 459081 Ext: 400

17th January, 1945

In reply
refer to: G.253.5.CB

Subject: Distribution of Press.

To: The Under-Secretary of State for P.P.Tf.

1. It has been agreed that the P.W.B. will cease to distribute news throughout Italian Government territory as soon as adequate facilities can be made available to private news agencies.

2. The P.W.B. distribute news by land-line and radio. The land-line facilities are obtained entirely through the Allied Military teleprinter network and could not be used by Italian agencies, so that the relinquishment of the P.W.B. service will not make any facilities available. The P.W.B. are prepared to hand back the radio facilities requisitioned from Italcoms and now used by the P.W.B. on services within Italian Government territory.

3. It appears that the land-line facilities available to the Italian Government from ROME are:

7 circuits used by Italian Army, Navy, Air Force, Railways etc. and not available for other traffic.
2 circuits to Naples
1 circuit to Bari, Messina, Catania, Palermo, Catanzaro
(5 circuits) giving a total of 7 circuits to the South available for traffic. It is expected that 4 additional circuits will be available shortly.

4. Will you please say whether you are prepared to deal with the Press Traffic of private news agencies with the facilities at your disposal, and, if so, on what date you are prepared to commence service and what the traffic capacity will be.

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17 Jan. 44. Continued.

5. It is considered by this office that the facilities, though scanty, are in fact adequate. The organization of the service is of course entirely a matter for your department; we would like to suggest however that use be made of Italcables equipment and personnel on some or all of the circuits from Rome, further distribution to other towns taking place through the State telegraph service.

6. The exact radio facilities that will be relinquished by A.S.S. are not yet clearly defined and a further communication will be sent to you on this matter; if however there are any claims to particular equipment, frequency allocations, etc. that you would like this office to deal with early, will you please represent them.

J.D. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Minutes of Meeting held at Allied Commission HQ Jan. 16, 1946

Present : Rear Admiral Elery Stone, Chairman.
 Brigadier Lusk, Chief of Staff.
 Mr. Henry Robinson, Political Section.
 Mr. Dewar, American Embassy.
 Captain Anderson,
 Mr. Michael Stewart, British Embassy.
 Mr. Lister, C.W.I.
 Colonel Henderson, Communication S/C.
 Lt. Col. Gordon,
 Major Fielden, Public Relations.
 Major Bering.

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Items 1 and 2 called for no comment.

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Items 4 and 5. Brigadier Lusk said propaganda for AG area should be undertaken in consultation with AG. Major Fielden asked where the weekly directives were to be made up. Admiral Stone inserted that he still didn't understand why the introduction of a few news agencies should call for such a drastic and precipitate change in PWB organization. Colonel Henderson said operational directives, purely military, should be drawn up by AFHQ PRO. Mr. Dewar said in any case meetings would be held for radio directives. Admiral Stone said it could be stated that AG would be heard at all meetings; however, there would be a time lag.

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7. Monitoring:

Major Fielden would take over distribution "within the shop". Mr. Lines recommended "collaboration" services continuing for the time being. Eventually FCC might take over. Admiral Stone asked what they would do then; were there not enough monitoring units in

7. Morleton (Contd):
Italy: After some discussion Mr. Liven agreed that there were.
8. Radio: Admiral Stone favoured giving radio control back to E.I.A.R. Colonel Henthorn said it was a question of facilities; transport was the problem; the Italians didn't have it. Admiral Stone asked if trucks could not be returned and if necessary right in front of the Italians a few extra trucks as compensation. It was agreed that the Italians should be given a truck to go to their facilities by PWs in the past. After discussion it was recommended that all requisitioned transport for PWs should go to back to the Italians with the understanding that the applications for E.I.A.R. It was further recommended that the PWs out of E.I.A.R. No times necessary for transport for PWs to get PWs out of E.I.A.R. Admiral Stone said this was the time to get PWs out of E.I.A.R. No alternatives were deemed necessary in terms of reimbursement for equipment. The list of equipment was sent as the date. It was understood that questions of personnel could be worked out by consultation. Mr. Liven pointed out that there was no agreement on equipment with the Italians comparable to that with E.I.A.R. but Admiral Stone was sure that one could be arranged on basis of not interfering with the Italians. Colonel Gaudin anticipated no difficulty in arranging for time required. Of Bari station Admiral Stone wanted more information but with these two provisions the radio is to go back to the Italians.
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12. Change of playing favourites: Mr. Liven concurred.
13. PROBES:
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situations where it is necessary to have a minimum of equipment. The 1st of February was set as the date. It was understood that questions of personnel could be worked out by consultation. Mr. Lush pointed out that there was no agreement on equipment with Italian command to that with T.I.A.R. but Admiral Stone was sure that one could be arranged on basis of not appreciating. Or ITALIA COLLEGE Colonel Stone, an anticipated no difficulty in arranging for the required. Or Earl station Admiral Stone wanted more information, but with those two provisions the radio is to go back to the Italians.

Note 4: Admiral Stone said NO. AC is supposed to be failing; it is not our function to replace PWE. He also wanted to know what "AC targets" might mean. Brigadier Lush said "Targets like the aircraft". But, said Admiral Stone, they are Government targets.

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10. Press:

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AC Italy (10): Admiral Stone asked why AC should take over PWE press

10. Press (Contd):
AC Italy (II) (Contd):

Liaison work? Major Flaherty said he didn't know. It was decided to amend the paragraph to read: (Recommendation) that Press Liaison in Italy be discontinued by PWB).

XV A. 5. (1):

Admiral Stone wanted to know why we did all this in Italy when it wasn't necessary in France. It should be remembered that original directives were drawn up when Italy was an enemy; it is time too policy was changed. There was much discussion on this point and finally Mr. Limer suggested publication of an Allied News Bulletin to give news in early liberation period. Admiral Stone said the idea was good, and suggested Brigadier Lush take it up with NW Italy Planning Group.

XV A. 3. (11): No objections.

Colonel Henderson said facilities and equipment suggested by PWB are military and of no use to private individuals in the Italian Govt. The Italian Govt. has, however, facilities just about adequate; plans are being worked out whereby Italians will handle mail, canteens and Govt. will fill in. They can start in mid-February. Radio service is yet to be discussed in detail but Colonel Henderson has the impression they will be adequate.

Further meeting arranged between:

AC CC
 COB
 Comms. Sub. Com.
 Political Sec.
 EEC

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Rebuses for 1500 hrs 17/1/45.

Distribution:

Acting President
 Chief Commissioner
 Chief of Staff
 Mr. Hepburn
 Mr. Scott
 Mr. Dowling
 Capt. Arlenson
 Mr. Michael Stewart
 Mr. Limer
 Colonel Henderson
 Lieut. Col. Soudan
 Major Flaherty
 Major Smith

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4HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

10th January, 1945

Minutes of the FIRST MEETING, held in the Allied Commission on Tuesday 9th January, 1945, to discuss the arrangements to be made to provide communication facilities for news agencies.

Present:Rear Admiral Ellery W. STONE, U.S.N.R.
Chief Commissioner, Allied CommissionColonel J.L.HENDERSON
Communications Sub-Commission
Allied CommissionMajor Lionel FIELDEN
Public Relations Officer,
Allied CommissionMr. G. EDMAN
P.W.B., Italy

Lieut.Colonel J.L.HAYDEN I.N.C., A.F.H.Q. Adv.

Lt. Colonel L.P.REEVES
Signal Officer, R.A.A.C.

Lt. Colonel H.H.SCUDDER Secretary

Rear Admiral E.W.Stone presided.

Admiral Stone read the directive given at the Supreme Allied Commander's Conference on 30th December, 1944, under which this Committee had been convened. It was:

"THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

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(b) Appointed a technical sub-committee consisting of,

Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission -
Chairman

Director, PWB

Chief, INC

Chief Signals Officer, AFHQ

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or their representatives, to investigate at what juncture and by what means the distribution of news to newspapers and radio stations by private news agencies, both foreign and Italian, should be extended throughout the remainder of liberated ITALY, and to report their recommendations to AFHQ.

- (c) Directed that the technical sub-committee appointed Under (b) above, in carrying out their investigation, have particular regard to the safeguards required to prevent the establishment of a monopolistic indigenous news agency in ITALY."

He pointed out that although certain agencies had agreed to deal with a co-operative agency known as ANSA, other agencies were not prepared to do so. It was a particular duty of this Committee to ensure that no monopoly was established by this co-operative agency so far as communications facilities were concerned.

From statements by Mr. Edman, Lt. Col. Reeves and Colonel Henderson it appeared that the present facilities utilised by P.W.B. fall into two categories:

- a. line telegraph facilities - provided through the Allied military teleprinter network, by P.W.B. having positions on the military teleprinter switchboards and using the Allied junction circuits at times when military traffic permitted.
- b. radio broadcast facilities - provided partly by the use by P.W.B. of requisitioned and rehabilitated Italcable equipment, and partly by O.W.I. equipment. Some radio receivers were on loan by P.W.B. to provincial newspapers for the reception of these broadcasts, many others possessed their own receiving equipment.

On line telegraph facilities.

Lt. Col. Reeves stated that the relinquishment by P.W.B. of a few hours use of some military channels would not enable any full circuits to be released from military use; the pressure of military traffic would immediately absorb any freed time.

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Col. Henderson stated that although Italian Government circuits were very scanty the situation was slowly improving. There was a possibility that circuits could be made available; possibly it would be preferable to restore the Italcable domestic service in part, with this press service as one object.

Admiral Stone said that it was obviously impossible, with the very limited facilities, to make line time available to all agencies, and that therefore the best method of preventing any monopoly would be to have a common carrier; this might be the Department of Posts and Telegraphs or Italcable. The latter would give the advantages of better and more experienced service, and would be less liable to influence.

It was agreed that

- a. private news agencies should not make use of Allied military facilities; if for any reason such use were permitted the question of rates would have to be settled, as free service to private agencies could not be given.
- b. a common carrier, preferably commercial (Italcable), open to all agencies, would be the best means of providing the facilities.

On radio facilities,

Mr. Edman stated that P.W.B. were using morse transmissions on short and medium waves and dictation-speed broadcasts. Most of the radio equipment was requisitioned from Italcable, rehabilitated partly by O.W.I. items, partly by items requisitioned from other Italian sources. He was prepared to release the requisitioned equipment used by P.W.B. on the news services for the territory administered by the Italian Government, and would assist in transferring the O.W.I. items that had been put in to rehabilitate this equipment, probably on a sale basis.

Lt. Col. Reeves stated that all Italcable radio equipment and accommodations in Rome Area was requisitioned by the Allied military authorities and under his control. The equipment was turned over to operation by the military, by P.W.B., R.C.A.C., etc. as required. When released from Allied use, equipment and accommodation etc. would be restored to Italcable and placed under supervision of the Allied Commission; until that time no civilian operation could be permitted. It was stated that ANSA had some personnel in the Italcable stations, apparently introduced by P.W.B., and Lt. Col. Reeves took exception to this. Mr. Edman said that he had no knowledge of this and would rectify the position.

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Admiral Stone said that instructions had been issued by the C.S.O., A.F.H.Q. for the return to Italcable of such equipment etc. as could be released by P.W.B. on the change of system of distribution of news. He asked what progress was being made.

Colonel Henderson stated that his Sub-Commission was assisting at the transfer and that the first meeting with the representatives of R.A.A.C. Signals, P.W.B., Italcables and the Italian Government was being held tomorrow (10 Jan.) Following this, it would be possible to state what facilities would become available.

Admiral Stone said that it would be necessary to ensure that the rates charged by Italcable were not excessive, particularly if they were an exclusive carrier. This would be a matter of Italian Government regulations.

Piracy of News

Mr. Edman pointed out the danger of piracy of news, and in particular of P.W.B. news broadcast for use in Regional Military Government territory. He was in favour of the Italian Government taking measures to prevent news piracy, and suggested curtailment of the paper supply of offenders.

Admiral Stone said that corresponding action would be taken in Regional Military Government territory in respect of piracy of the news distributed by private agencies in Italian Government territory.

Admiral Stone stated that Colonel Henderson would preside at the next meeting.

Colonel Henderson said that it appeared that the next move was to hold a meeting with the Signal Officer R.A.A.C. and the Italian Government authorities, which Italcable might be invited to attend, to determine what facilities could be made available and to recommend by what organization they should be operated. This was agreed.

Major Fielden said that it was necessary to move fast owing to the time limit placed on the transfer.

Admiral Stone said that the time limit only referred to the distribution of news in Rome, not to the further extension throughout Italian Government territory. However, the matter was urgent.

The meeting then closed.

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30th December 1944

SUMMARY ALLIED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE (POLITICAL)

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4. PRIVATE PRESS AGENCIES IN ITALY

(Paper No. SAS (P) (44) 157)

THE COMMISSIONER had before him a paper by the Chief of Staff reporting the conclusions of the sub-committee on News Agencies appointed under paragraph 5 of SAS (P) (44) 36th Meeting and recommending that private news agencies be permitted to operate in ROMAN and that a technical sub-committee be appointed to study the further extension of their operation in liberated ITALY.

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- (d) Directed that no measures other than normal censorship be adopted to prevent the publication of material liable to cause disorder or unrest, unless in the opinion of the competent military authorities the precipitation of a situation prejudicial to military security should be imminent.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

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8 January 1945

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TO: Colonel J. L. Henderson, Communications Sub-Commission, A.C.
 Major Lionel Fielden, P.R.O., A.C.
 Mr. G. Edman, P.W.B., Italy, Rome
 Colonel A. C. W. Hobson, I.N.C., A.F.H.Q. Adv., Rome
 Lt. Col. L. P. Reeves, Signal Officer, R.A.A.C., Rome

1. By order of the Supreme Allied Commander, A.F.H.Q., a technical Sub-Committee will meet to investigate at what juncture and by what means the distribution of news to newspapers and radio stations by private news agencies, both foreign and Italian, should be extended throughout liberated Italy.

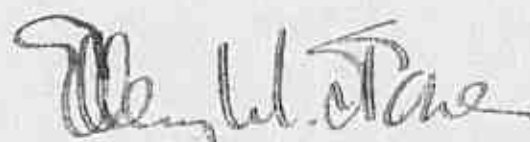
2. The above named representatives have been appointed members of the committee and are requested to be present at the first meeting, which will be held at 1600 hours Tuesday 9th January, in the Chief Commissioner's Office, Allied Commission.

3. Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone will be chairman at the first meeting. Colonel Henderson will be Deputy Chairman; he will arrange for a Secretary for the committee.

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Chief of Communications	
Chief of Intelligence	
Chief of Security	
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ELLERY W. STONE
 Rear Admiral, USNR
 Chief Commissioner

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APO 512, U.S. Army
2 January 1945.

SUBJECT : Release of Italo-radio Equipment.

TO : Chief of Communications, PWB, AFHQ.
Divisional Manager, Med., Cable & Wireless, Ltd.

1. The Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean, has announced the general policy that press facilities in Italy will be transferred to Italian civil control at the earliest practicable date.

2. In keeping with the policy outlined in Paragraph ., it will become necessary to re-establish international Italian communications facilities to assist in world-wide newsgathering.

3. Inasmuch as you are using all the radio facilities formerly operated by Italo-radio, it follows that any rehabilitation of Italian international communications must be accomplished with equipment now at your disposal.

4. The Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ, is already in receipt of demands for equipment to re-establish a Rome-Moscow radiotelegraph circuit and a Rome-New York radiotelephone circuit. The Psychological Warfare Branch, AFHQ, has released one 20-kilowatt radiotelegraph transmitter for use on the Rome-Moscow link.

5. You are requested to review your requirements with a view to releasing Italo-radio equipment. Information is requested by 15 January 1945, as to the earliest possible date each major item of equipment may be released.

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