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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

(340)

In reply
refer to : P.15.340/03.

22 Dember 1944

Subject : Mail Service Italy-Spain.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. With reference to your letter S/83/4613 of 21 Dec. 44 it is known that the channels previously used for private correspondence from Italy to Spain were slow and circuitous.
2. The arrangements introduced in September last for direct despatches from the CPS Section in Rome (PS.16/15.154) should have resulted in improvement and indeed the letter from the military attaché suggests that this improvement is noticeable in the case of the most recently posted letters.
3. Possibly the postal authorities in Madrid can give him some information regarding the average transit times of the direct mails.
4. Perhaps you will wish to ascertain how the Ministry of War actually disposes of the official mail referred to in the final paragraph of the letter from the Military attaché.

W.H. Green
major

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director

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EXTRACT

From Post Office Circular of 13th December 1944.

POSTAL SERVICE TO ITALY.

The Postal Service to Italy, i.e., registered and unregistered letters not exceeding 2 oz. in weight and postcards, will as from the 20th of December be extended to the provinces of Ancona, Perugia, Arezzo, Siena, Livorno, Aieti and to the cities and provinces of Pisa and Florence.

Correspondence addressed to areas of the province of Pisa and Florence situated to the north of the River Arno will be held by the Italian Post Office until delivery can be effected.

Working copies of the Post Office Guide (pages 232-233) should be amended accordingly.

POSTAL SERVICE TO FRANCE.

Correspondence for France, restricted to postcards and letters not exceeding 1 oz., in weight, may now be accepted for registration. Working copies of the Post Office Guide should be noted accordingly. There has been no extension of the areas in France to which correspondence may be sent (see P.O.C. 8.11.44, complete edition, p.523, DF 110, Sub-Postmasters' edition, p. 377).

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSCRITTARIO DI STATO ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SEGRETARIA

Roma, 21 dicembre 1944

Prot. N° 5/8.3/4613

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
POSTS and telecommunications
Sub-Commission

Risposta al foglio N. _____

R O M A

del _____

Allegati 1OGGETTO: Ritardo corrispondenzaSpagna -

L'addetto militare della R.Amoasciata d'Italia in Spagna, ci ha fatto pervenire la lettera allegata in copia con la quale riassume che la corrispondenza d'ufficio, ricevuta in data 13 novembre, conteneva lettere portanti date comprese fra il 27 giugno e il 7 ottobre.

Il Ministero della Guerra prega questo Ministero di invitare le Autorità Alleate a studiare la possibilità di migliorare il servizio postale con la Spagna.

Noi giriamo l'invito a cotesta Commissione, anticipatamente grati se qualche cosa al riguardo potrà essere ottenuta.

IL SOTTOSCRITTO DI STATO

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Date 22 DIC 1944

C O P I A

R. AMBASCIATA D'ITALIA IN SPAGNA
Uff. dell'Addetto Militare

N°1557 di prot.

Madrid, lì 17 Novembre 1944

OGGETTO : Corrispondenza epistolare privata dall'Italia liberata .

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Gabinetto -

P.M.151

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Riferimento 201316/II in data 29 agosto u.s. pervenuto
il 14 corrente .

Da qualche mese son cominciate ad arrivare, qui, lettere private dall'Italia liberata che giungono, ancora con una certa irregolarità, per la normale via postale ; alcune di queste lettere tardano ora solo una quindicina di giorni ; altre invece giunte recentemente - sono state spedite dall'Italia sin dalla scorsa primavera . Si ha ad ogni modo la impressione che il servizio sia in via di regolarizzarsi .

Nei pieghi ufficiali che giungono a mezzo corriere degli Alleati e, sinora, molto irregolarmente, dal Ministero degli Affari Esteri ed in quelli in partenza dalla R. Ambasciata con lo stesso mezzo continuano invece ad essere escluse le corrispondenze private di ogni genere .

Per quanto riguarda la corrispondenza d'ufficio, si segnala che, con il mezzo anzidetto, sono pervenute a questo Ufficio in data 13 corrente lettere delle Autorità Militari Centrali portanti date comprese tra il 27 Giugno ed il 5 Ottobre c.a.

P.c.c

IL CAPO DELLA SEZIONE
(Magg.C.G.Pertusati)

IL R. ADDETTO MILITARE INT.
Fto Capit. Francesco Carlo Tucci

Subject: - Delay in correspondence with Spain. - Translation
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The military attaché of the R. Embassy of Italy at Madrid, has forwarded the letter, of which a copy is attached, in which he refers that the official correspondence received on Nov. 13th, included letters dated 27 June - 5 October.

The War Office begs this Ministry to invite the Allied Authorities to study the possibility of improving postal service with Spain.

We pass such invitation to your Commission, very grateful in advance if something on this matter ~~can~~ could be done.

The U. of I. 338

From: The ~~Ministry~~ Military attaché at Madrid
To: War Office - Rome. 17. 11. 44

Subject: Private civil mails from liberated Italy.

Ref. your 201316/11 of Aug. 29th, received on 14 instant. After some months private letters from liberated Italy have begun to arrive here, with a certain regularity.

through normal postal channels; some of these letters are now delayed only of a fortnight; some other, on the contrary, arrived now, have been despatched from Italy on the last spring. The impression is, however, that the service is on its way to regularity.-

From official pouches arriving, up to now very irregularly, through Allied courier, from the Foreign Office, and from the ones outgoing, by the same means, from this R. Embassy, are still excluded private correspondence of every kind.-

As far as official correspondence is concerned, it is pointed out that, by the means above mentioned, this Office has received, on the 13th instant letters from the Central Military authorities dated 27 June - 5 October 1944

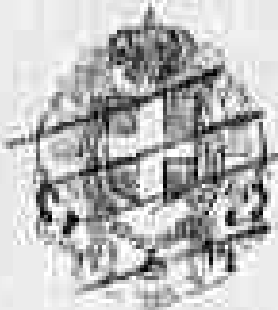
The Military Attache.

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI
ISPETT. GEN. MOV. POSTALE

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

Lettera *Dir.* I *Dir.* I *Risposta al* AP. I5.312.C.S.
Prot. N. 900406 *Allegato* I *del* 7 corr.
OGGETTO: Posta civile per Malta =

Con riferimento alla nota sopra
distinta, si trasmette copia del telegramma
numero 900406 di protocollo inviato il giorno
II corrente alla Direzione delle Poste di Na-
poli, in merito alla istituzione del dispaccio
da Napoli per Malta, con riserva di fornire
le indicazioni richieste con la lettera a ri-
ferimento. =

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Date 21 DIC 1944

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(FANO)

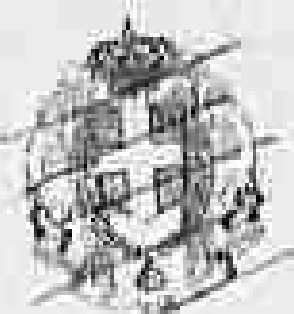
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Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Inviato
Aut. N°

Dir. 1 *Dir. 2*
Allegati

OGGETTO

Proposta N°

del 11-12-44

COPIA

Dir. postel Napoli

900406 ISPOSTMOV I RIFERIMENTO CIRCOLARE TELEGRAFI-
CA DICIASSETTE OTTOBRE 292180 PROTOCOLLO 899897 RI-
PLETTENTE MODIFICAZIONE TRATTAMENTO CORRISPONDENZA
PER CIVILI A MALTA ET ISTITUZIONE DISPACCIO DA NAPOLI
LI PER MALTA (CIVIL MAIL) TELEGRAFI PRECISANDO DATA
NELLA QUALE IL PRIMO DI QUESTI DISPACCI E' STATO DA
DIPENDENTE UFFICIO INOLTROATO ALLA BRITISH BASE A.PQ
PUNTO RISULTANDO ALTRESI CHE FINO AL 20 NOVEMBRE 44
CORRISPONDENZA PER MALTA EST STATA ERRONEAMENTE IN-
VIATA AT CAIRO MALGRADO ISTRUZIONI FORNITE 19 OTTO-
BRE DA MAGGIORE GREEN CON LETTERA P.15.2/724 A CO-
DESTA DIRPOSTEL ET A NAPOLI FERROVIA FAVORISCA SPIE-
GAZIONI ET OCCORRENDO GIUSTIFICAZIONI.

SOTTOSEGREARIO STATO
P.to FANO

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 subject: Civil Mail to MALTA. Translation
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Ref. your P. 15. 312/CS of 7. Dec. 44, attached is the copy of a telegram N° 900406 sent on 11 Dec to the Prov. Direction of Heples, ^{referring to} ~~about~~ the institution of a despatch from Heples to Malta; we will, later on, forward to you the information requested in the above letter.

The H. of S.

Telegram

Ref. our circular telegram of Oct. 17th N° _____ referring to alteration in the handling of civil correspondence to Malta, and to institution of a despatch from Heples to Malta (civil mail) please inform by ^{by} ~~the~~ telegraph ~~us~~ of the date on which the first of these despatches has been forwarded to the British Box A.P.O.

It is stated that up to Nov. 20th correspondence ³³⁸¹ to Malta has been wrongly ~~sent~~ routed to Cairo, in spite of instructions given on Oct. 10th by Mij Green with letter P. 15. 2/724 to your Direction and to Heples.
 Fbnovie - Please furnish explanations & justifications
 FATHO.

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

CCB/10550/ 362

19 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Communications and Gift Packages for Italian Civilians.

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

Enclosed for information is an extract from U.S. Postmaster General's Order 26737 dated 11 December 1944, subject: "Increased Weight Limit and Registration for Letters to Italy and Vatican City State", which was forwarded recently to this section.

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

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

Encl: 1

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Extract from U.S. Postmaster General's
Order 26737 concerning despatch of
articles and goods to Italy

"Letters and packages prepaid at the letter rate of postage may NOT contain merchandise of any kind but are restricted to communications (personal or business) which are NOT transactional in character.

The provision of Order 26354 dated 30 October 1944 regarding gift packages for civilians in the VATICAN CITY STATE and the Italian cities of ROME, NAPLES, PALERMO, SICILY, remain in effect. Parcel post packages for other places in ITALY are NOT acceptable."

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512
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G-5: 383.8

18 December 1944

SUBJECT: Mail to Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.1. Reference is made to your P.15.325/CS
of 12 December.2. In view of the terms of TAN 394 (a copy
of which was sent to you under file 383.8 on 17 Dec.),
do you desire any further action to be taken?

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

T. B. Jackman
T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

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Date 20 DEC 1944

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to : P.15.331/OS.

19 December 1944

Subject : Mail to Italy.

To : G-5, A.F.H.Q.

1. Reference your 383.8 of 17th December 1944, it is considered that the regulations quoted in TAM 394 are satisfactory and no further action is necessary.

2. It is assumed that the British Post Office will eventually reconsider its decision given in Troopers 99968.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to : P.15.330/03

19 December 1944

Subject : Mails to Italy from U.K. and U.S.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. In connection with the increase of the letter post weight limit to one kilo the United States Authorities have issued the following regulations

"Letters and packages prepaid at the letter rate of postage may NOT contain merchandise of any kind but are restricted to communications (personal or business) which are NOT transactional in character."

"The provision of Order 26354 dated 30 October 1944 regarding gift packages for civilians in the VATICAN CITY STATE and the Italian cities of ROME, NAPLES, PALERMO, SICILY, remain in effect. Parcel post packages for other places in ITALY are NOT acceptable."

2. The British Post Office has indicated that it is unable to ensure the exclusion of goods etc. and therefore the increased weight limit will not at present apply to letters FROM the U.K.

WJH

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copies to :

Civil Censorship
R.C. Abruzzi-Marche Region (for Postal Officer)
" Lazio-Umbria " " " "
" Venezia " " " "
" Toscana " " " "

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FOR - COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION, AC
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

FAS/LMP/rms

17 December 1944

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FILE: G-5/383.8

SUBJECT: Acceptance by Italian Government of Certain Freight and Mail Charges.

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

1. Reference is made to your letters (13079/F) of 14 September and 12 December and our letter (G-5/383.8) of 10 December on the subject: Finance and Shipping, Italy. Reference is also made to letter from Communications Sub-Commission, AC, (P.15.298/S) dated 3 December, Subject: Quay Charges for handling Civil Mails at Alexandria.

2. There is attached for your information copy of MAT 458 which was dispatched to CCS to secure policy decision on both matters.

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

Luell M. Humphrey
Capt, AUS
fr FRANK A. SOUTHARD, JR.,
Commander, U.S.N.R.,
Financial Advisor.

1 Encl.

As above.

cc to Communications Sub-Commission, AC.

Note MAT 458 raises the question whether it is policy to ask Italian government to agree to selected charges. They might later contest charges to which they have not specifically agreed.

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FOR - COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION, AC
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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17 December 1944

CONFIDENTIAL

FILE: G-5/383.8

SUBJECT: Acceptance by Italian Government of Certain Freight and Mail Charges.

TO: 1. Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 324.
(Attention: Finance Sub-Commission).

1. Reference is made to your letters (13079/Y) of 14 September and 12 December and our letter (G-5/383.8) of 10 December on the subject: Finance and Shipping, Italy. Reference is also made to letter from Communications Sub-Commission, AC, (F.15.298/CS) dated 3 December, Subject: Quay Charges for handling Civil Mails at Alexandria.

2. There is attached for your information copy of MAT 458 which was dispatched to SCB to secure policy decision on both matters.

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

Luell M. Pumphrey
Capt, AUS

f FRANK A. SOUTHERD, JR.,
Commander, U.S.N.R.,
Financial Adviser.

1 Encl.
As above.

cc to Communications Sub-Commission, AC.

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 383.8

17 December 1944

SUBJECT: Mail to Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.1. Attached for your information are copies
of MAT 455 and TAM 394.X 2. Do you desire this HQ to take any further
action?

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

T. B. Jackman
Lt. Colonel.Incl:
as above.

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PRIORITY

FROM: AGWAR FROM CCS

TO : AFHQ TO ALEXANDER, INFORMATION UK BASE SECTION FOR
 BCS AND TO COMMUNICATION ZONE

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: WX-77821, 15 December 1944

For FH3EQ.

Cite CCAC.

TAM 394.

Refer MAT 455, MAT 420, MAT 394.

Mail to ITALY.

The following 2 excerpts from US Postmaster General's Order 26737 dated 11 December 1944, subject: Increased Weight Limit and Registration for Letters to ITALY and VATICAN CITY STATE, quoted below are the verbatim instructions issued against the dispatch of articles and goods to ITALY under the increased letter mails weight limit:

"Letters and packages prepaid at the letter rate of postage may NOT contain merchandise of any kind but are restricted to communications (personal or business) which are NOT transactional in character."

"The provision of Order 26354 dated 30 October 1944 regarding gift packages for civilians in the VATICAN CITY STATE and the Italian cities of ROME, NAPLES, PATERMO, SICILY, remain in effect. Parcel post packages for other places in ITALY are NOT acceptable."

This announcement will be enforced and no change in the provisions of the last paragraph of MAT 420 is anticipated.

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NOTE: MAT 455 1s ref FX 68220 MC OUT 4968 13/12/44 (G-5)
MAT 420 1s ref FX 67689 MC OUT 6667 25/11/44 (G-5)
MAT 394 1s ref FX 50219 MC OUT 2170 9/11/44 (G-5)

ACTION : G-5

INFORMATION : SGS
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MC IN 12793 16 Dec 44 0955A REF NO: WX 77821 m/BA/J

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

TO: FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC

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

REF NO: FX 68220

SIGNED: ALEXANDER

CITE: FHGEG

This is MAT 455.

Notification was given in MAT 394 that commercial and business communications could be accepted in ITALY up to 2 pounds 3 ounces (1 Kilogram). In last paragraph of MAT 420 it was urged that it be ensured that this weight be applicable to such correspondence only and that private persons be not allowed under the guise of such communications to send articles and goods to ITALY.

From the wording as received here of announcement made in WASHINGTON on December 12 it appears that impression has been given that persons in US can send mail to ITALY up to 2 pounds 3 ounces (1 Kilogram) irrespective of type of mail. Urgent clarification is requested as to exact scope of US announcement. British position was stated in TROOPERS 99968 CA14 of 7 December.

ORIGINATOR: G-5

AUTHENTICATION: N.P. SEAGRAVE, MAJOR

INFORMATION: C/S MTO
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Extract from "BASIC NEWS" of 13.12.44

U.S. - ITALY MAIL SERVICE INCREASED.

Washington - December 12 -- additional mail service is now available to that part of Italy receiving ordinary mail from the United States and also to the Vatican City, the Post Office Department announced last night.

Letters and packages up to two pounds three ounces will be accepted at a prepaid rate of five cents per ounce, the letter postage rate. Letters have been limited to two ounces.

Mail to Italy is still restricted to personal or business communications "not of a transactional character" the announcement said. (OWI)

13/12/44

MEMO : Above news release discussed by telephone with Lt. Col Jackman G-5 who will send cable to Washington pressing for increased weight limit to be applied to written and printed matter, other goods and articles to be excluded. Col. Munro P.W.B. seen and confirms that the extract had been released to Italian Press. He will arrange for a notice to be issued saying that the announcement was premature and will be followed in due course by a further announcement by the Postal Authorities.

W. H. Green
Major

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Copy to GS. AFHQ.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

11 December 1944

In reply
refer to : 1-13-44/44

subject : Extension of Postal Services.

To : Mr. Whipple-Marche Region (Lt. Postal Officer)
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1. To see the attached copy of an instruction issued to Directories in Italian Government Territory.

2. Special attention is drawn to the new rule for registration to U.S. and I.R. (I.R. 100).

3. Definite information is not yet available regarding rail services but it is understood that the maximum facilities likely to be conceded at present is one postal van on each line on one day per week commencing from some on 1st December.

4. Local services should, nevertheless, continue as arranged on 1st December.

W.H. Green
Major

1-13-44/44
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to : Under Secretary of State for Post and Telecomm.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to : P.15.325/03.

12 December 1944

Subject : External Civil Mails-Commercial Correspondence.

To : G-5, A.F.H.Q.

1. Reference your 383.8 of 10th December, it is noted that the weight limit for letters from the United Kingdom to Italy will NOT be increased as from 12 December.
2. As the attitude of the United States to this question is not known, and as the increase in the weight limit outwards from Italy to the United Kingdom and United States was announced in November (PS-16/15.270) it is suggested that the increase be allowed to stand, to avoid changes in policy.
3. The restriction on contents referred to in my P.15.313/03. of 9th December to the Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms. (copy to you) has been notified to all Italian Post Offices and will be shown on the relative public notices.
4. It is not thought that there is a serious danger of infringements of the regulation in the service from Italy.

For Chief Commissioner

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

File 15

Director
 D Director
 Chief, Tele. Rm.
 Chief, Post. Rm.
 H. Q. Coms. Section
 Asst. Chief Postal
 Censorship
 Chief Clerk

CROSS
 REF.
 FILE 10 December 1944
 PS-16/15

G-5: 383.8

SUBJECT: Mail to Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Further to G-5: 311.7-1 of 4 December (since reclassified as G-5: 383.8) attached is a copy of Troopers 99968 CA 14 of 7 December for information.

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

T. B. JACKMAN,
 Lt. Colonel.

Incl:
 cable as above.

RESTRICTED
AFHQ MESSAGE CENTER
INCOMING MESSAGE

JAJA
TOO: 071715
RECD: 081236A

AFSC N 616/08B
CB

ROUTINE

FROM: TROOPERS

TO: FREEDOM

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: 99968 CA14, 07 December 1944.

GEM 383.

Reference TAM 380.

1. Unable ensure new weight limit can be made apply only to written and printed matter and that goods and articles will be barred.

2. Accordingly weight limit letters OUTWARD UK to ITALY will NOT be increase 12th.

3. WASHINGTON advised.

TAM 380 is Ref No. WX 71220 MC IN 1254 2/12/44 G-5

ACTION: G-5

INFO: EGS
CAO
AG
C/S MTO
US POLAD
MR MACMILLAN
F A (B)
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
APO 512, US Army

CCB/1051/244

9 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Registered Mail Service from US and UK to Italy.

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

1. With reference to planned resumption of registered mail service from United States and United Kingdom; advice has been received that new weight limit can only be insured to apply to written and printed matter and that goods and articles will be barred. Therefore the weight limit of letters outward from United Kingdom will not increase on 12 December.

2. For your information.

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

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a memorandum
of Troopers 99968 CA 14*

for *for*
for

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

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Date 12/12/44

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to : P.15.322/GS.

12 December 1944

Subject : Prisoner of War Mails from Bombay.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomm.

1. In August last a report was sent to the Censor Station Bombay stating that the following despatches from that Office could not be traced in Italy

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2. Information has now been received that these mails must be regarded as lost in circumstances outside Posts and Telegraphs control.

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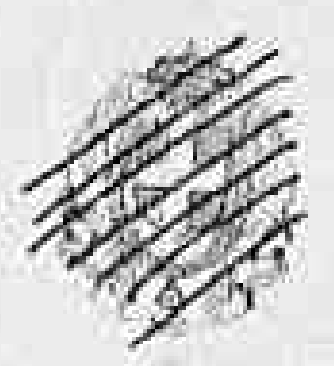
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W.H. Green major
f J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Commissione Alleata
Posts And Telec. Subemis-
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Isp. Gen. Mov. P.

ROMA

*Servizio
Post. N.*

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Allegato

Supplemento P 15/286/
del 25/XI/44

OGGETTO Servizio postale con la Grecia

Si é preso atto di quanto ci é
stato comunicato con la lettera a riferimen-
to, e si ringrazia delle cortesi informazio-
ni, in attesa di ulteriori segnalazioni al
riguardo.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

[Signature]

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Subject: Postal Service with freeze.

We have noted what you have informed us in P.15,286; & we thank you for your kind information & further notifications concerning the matter.

Under Sec. of State

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ta denaro. -- Qualora i Comandi Alleati mettessero a disposizione del Circolo delle Costruzioni dei fondi per l'esecuzione di lavori da loro comandati, i Circoli, riferiranno subito al Servizio VI°.

I rendiconti di ogni specie, fino ad ordine contrario, devono custodirsi presso i Circoli delle Costruzioni, e, qualora ciò non fosse possibile, saranno consegnati ai Gestori Provinciali.

I limiti dei prelevamenti giornalieri da effettuarsi dalle Casse dei Circoli sono fissati nel modo seguente:

sui singoli capitoli massimo	£. 3.000
totale della giornata massimo	£. 50.000

C. -- NORME PER LA CONTABILITA' MATERIALI.

1. -- L'invio di tutti gli adempimenti periodici riguardanti questa contabilità devono essere rimessi sollecitamente per mettere il Servizio VI° in grado di conoscere le consistenze effettive dei materiali presso i Circoli delle Costruzioni, gli Economati Provinciali, gli uffici telegrafici e le officine meccaniche.

2. -- Data la deficienza dei materiali in genere, dovuta all'asportazione di grandi quantitativi ed a distruzioni per atti di guerra, vi è grande difficoltà per il rifornimento. Pertanto i Circoli delle Costruzioni e le Direzioni Provinciali debbono subito interessarsi per indagare se vi sia la possibilità di acquistare sul mercato qualsiasi tipo di materiale, anche di consumo, necessari per il funzionamento degli uffici e delle officine.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference:
 Date/Time of Origin: DEC 091210A

Message Centre No: C/3456
 Date Time Rec'd: DEC 101030A
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: SOTTOSEGREARIO STATO FANO
 TO: COMMISSIONE ALIATA POSTE AND TELECOMS SUBCOMMISSION ROMA

CTA POSTE NAPOLI FERROVIA FC

ISRM 1/1 PUNTO STATO RILEVATO CONSIDEREVOLE QUANTITA CORRISPONDENZE
 IMPOSTATE ITALIA INDIRIZZATE CIVILI IN FRANCIA ABBA AVUTO CORSO MALGRATO
 MANCANZA DISPOSIZIONI RIPRISTINO SCABIO COMUNICAZIONE STATO SUDETTO PUNTO
 RACCOMANDASI MASSIMA VIGILANZA AFFINCHE DISSERVIZIO NON RIPETESI ET
 EVENTUALI CORRISPONDENZE IMPOSTATE SIANO RESTITuite MITTENTI CON INDICAZIONE
 DUE PUNTO SERVIZIO NON AMMESSO DUE PUNTI FAVORISCA INDAGARE PER SPIEGARE
 DETERMINATASI POSSIBILITA EVASIONE ATTUALI DISPOSIZIONI PUNTO -

To: - Naples Ferrovie P.O.

SOTTOSEGREARIO STATO FANO

It has been noticed that a considerable amount of correspondence
 posted in Italy addressed to civilians in France has been forwarded
 in spite of the fact that the establishment of communications with such
 country has never been notified - The best control is recommended in
 order to avoid this wrong treatment - ^{correspondence} ^{communications} ^{should be}
 sent back to the senders marked "NO SERVICE" Please
 make enquiries in order to explain the stated
 possibility of the misunderstanding of actual
 arrangements

The U. of I.

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

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Headquarters
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394.

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Date 10/12/44

Communications

Ref: No. 219/166/POW.,
P.O.W. Censor Station,
Bombay, 8 Nov 44.

(Through G.S.I.(J)(I), Simla)

SUBJECT: MAIL DESPATCHES TO ITALY.

Ref: Your No. PS.16/15.134 dated 19 Aug 44.

It has been ascertained from the Superintendent, Foreign Posts, Bombay, that the despatches unaccounted for in your office have been lost under circumstances beyond Posts & Telegraphs control.

G.S.I.(J)(I).,

Copy to: D.C. & S.C.
New Delhi.

JCH/VD.

Lt. Col,
O.C., P. of W. Censor Station.

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MEMO

9 December 1944

In reply
refer to : P.15.317/CS.

Subject : Correspondence from Italian Banks in North Africa.

To : Finance Sub-Commission.

1. Correspondence intended for transmission by the normal civil mail services from overseas to Italy is censored in the country despatching the mail.
2. Apart from the exceptions made recently in the case of the United Kingdom and the United States, it is prohibited to send correspondence of a commercial or financial character in the civil mail service to or from Italy.
3. Presumably, therefore, it is the intention that the attached letters should be treated as Allied official correspondence since the financial bodies concerned (Controller of Finance and Accounts in Tripolitania and Finance Sub-Commission in Italy) have an interest in transmitting and for which they accept responsibility as regards the nature of the contents.
4. It is considered that the envelopes of any correspondence accepted for transmission through Allied channels outside the normal censorship regulations should bear the signature of the Allied Officer concerned.

W. St. Green
Major

for Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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SEE 314

EXTRACT from Post Office circular of 29 November 1944.
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Restricted Postal Service to Greece.

The restricted postcard service to Greece announced in P.O.Circular 22.11.44, P.551, DF 110, has now been extended to Macedonia and Western Thrace.

No 316 transferred as P 50.12

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394.

13083/F.

8 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Correspondence from Italian Banks in N. Africa,
Italy, Sardinia and Sicily.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission. ✓

1. Herewith various envelopes passed to this Sub-Commission by the Deputy Controller of Finance and Accounts HQ., B.M.A., Tripolitania for onward transmission to addressees, subject to censorship by this Sub-Commission.

2. It would appear that these communications have not been censored in the country of origin and any information you are in a position to supply regarding official censorship in Italy would be appreciated.

for *BE L Timmons*
Colonel,
Joint Director,
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION. *Major*

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Date.....

HEADQUARTERS
ARMED COMMISSION
C/O 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to : P.15.311/01.

9 December 1941

Subject : External Mails to United Kingdom and United States.
To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. With reference to P.15.300/01. of 4th December, it is agreed that the extension of the weight limit to 1 kilo for items to the United Kingdom and United States prepaid at letter rate, should be applicable to all written or printed matter admissible under the regulations.
2. The inclusion of other goods and articles should be prohibited and a reference to this effect will doubtless be included in your letter to the International Bureau.
3. Commencing 12th December, the United States and the United Kingdom will resume the registered mail service to Italy.
4. It is suggested that registered mail service from Italy to the United Kingdom and United States should be resumed on 12th December - the date on which other alterations to the Public Notice take effect.

J.I. HINTERKOPF
Colonel
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

W. H. Green
Major

Copies to :

G-5, A.F.H.Q.
A.O. Lazio-Umbria Region (att. Postal Officer).
" Marche-Abbruzzi " " " "
" Toscana " " " "

VHG/ds

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
CFO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to : P.15.312/03

7 December 1944

Subject : Civil Mail for Malta.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. Information has been received that as late as 20th November correspondence for Malta was being sent to Cairo.
2. The commencement of a direct despatch from Naples to Malta and the procedure to be followed were dealt with in my P.16/15/222 of 14 October.
3. Instructions regarding the establishment of this mail were also given in P.15.2/724 of 19th October from Major Green to the Naples Directorate and Ferrovie Office.
4. Will you please confirm that the direct despatch to Malta has been established and notify me the date on which the first such despatch was handed to the British Base A.P.O.

W H Green Major

for J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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Copy to : G-5, A.F.H.Q. (Ref. G-5: 311.1 of 3 Dec. 44)

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G-5 Section
APO 512TBJ/as
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G-5: 383.8

5 December 1944 *4*SUBJECT: External Civil Mails. *196 271*

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

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

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

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

Incl:
as above

HEADQUARTERS

6 DEC 1944

SECRET

Jackman
T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

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Date *15*

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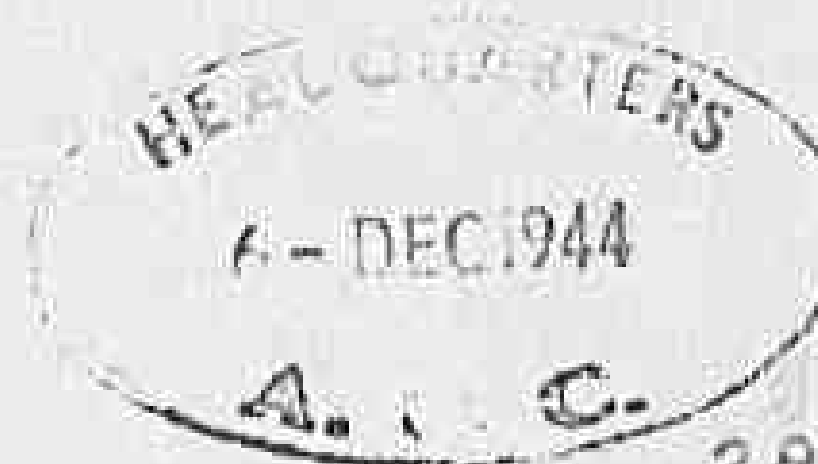
TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC

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

REF NO: FX-57689

SIGNED: WILSON, CITE FHGEG

MAT 420



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

- and Italian;
- (1) Languages approved are English, French
 - (2) No commercial codes have so far been approved;
 - (3) There is no objection to reply paid cables in both direction.

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

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

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

ORIGINATOR: G-5

AUTH: W P SEAGRAVE, MAJOR

INFORMATION: SGS
AG
US POLAD
FIN ADV(B)

CAO
CEWA
MR MACMILLAN
FISC DIR

IS & PS
C/S MTO
G-2
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MC OUT 6667

25 Nov 44

SECRET

Ref No: FX-57689

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TBJ/j

G-5: 311.1

3 December 1944

SUBJECT: Civil Mail to Malta.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1. Information has been received at this Headquarters from the Chief Civil Censor Malta that mail from Italy to Malta was up to the 20 November last still being routed via Cairo.

2. It is requested that you will give instructions that such mail should in future be sent direct to Malta.

For Acting Asst Chief of Staff, G-5:

HEADQUARTERS
5 DEC 1944

Jackman
21 Dec.

T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

Copy to: G-2(CI) your CCB/1051/156 of
2 December refers.

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Date 5 DEC 44

RESTRICTEDALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5 311.7-1

4 December 1944

SUBJECT: Mail to Italy

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.Attached for your information is copy of TAM 380
and MAT 394.

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

Incl:

MC OUT 2170 9 Nov.
Copy No. 6
MC IN 1254, 2 Dec.,
Copy No. 6.*Thurman*
Lt. Col.
T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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ROUTINE

FROM: AGWAR FROM CCS

TO: WILSON, INFORMATION UK BASE SECTION FOR ECS, TO COMZONE

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: WX-71220,

1 December 1944

Cite CCAC.

For FHGG.

TAM 380.

Mail to ITALY.

Commencing 12 December, UNITED STATES and UNITED KINGDOM post offices will resume registered mail service with ITALY and will accept commercial and business communications up to 2 pounds 3 ounces (1 kilogram).

Reply to last paragraph of MAT 394 will be sent shortly.

MAT 394 is ref FX-50213 MC OUT 2170 9-11-44 G-5

ACTION: G5

INFORMATION: SGB

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C/S MTO

USPOLAD

MR MACMILLAN

FIN ADV

FISC DIR

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i.e. the max. of 10 lbs. still applies to other than commercial letters here

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2 December

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TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC

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

REF NO: FX-50219

SIGNED: WILSON CITE: FINCEG

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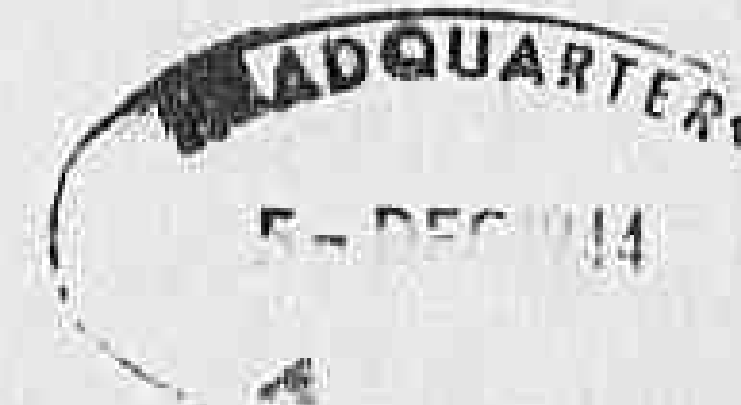
Agree your interpretation as to censorship as set out in TAM-335.

Agree resumption of registration but not in favor of insurance. Are prepared to accept commercial and business communications up to 2 pounds 3 ounces (1 kilogram).

Request you supply details of types of business communications from ITALY acceptable in UK and US without license covering both communications by mail and cable and radio.

ORIGINATOR: G-5 AUTH: N P SEAGRAVE, MAJOR

INFORMATION: SGS COORD WITH: G-2 (CC)
CAO MR MACMILLAN
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MC OUT 2170 9 November 44 1200A REF NO: FX-50219 b/JB

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ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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6 December 1944

In reply
refer to : P.15.397/CS

Subject : P.O.W. Mails from India

To : D.D.A.P.S.
British Postal Directorate
A.P.H.Q. , C.M.P.

Reference your P/660 of 3 Dec. 44.

There is no air mail service (for either civil or P.O.W. correspondence) from Italy to Cairo, and there is no mention of any such service in the published regulations. The situation referred to by M.E.P. is attributable to the cause mentioned in para. 2 of your letter. The senders' hopes of at least partial air conveyance may be fostered by the fact that some letters from P.O.W. in the East are apparently brought by air over part of their journey. We have no information as to whether or not this actually materialises in the reverse direction.

For the Chief Commissioner

J.L.

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J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS,
C.M.F.

P/660.

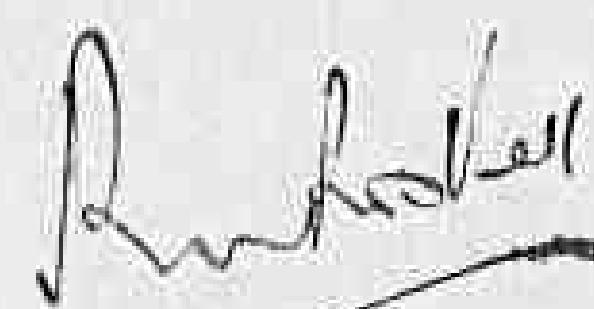
Dec 44.

Subject:- Mails - POW - Enemy in Allied Hands.

To:- H.Q. Allied Commission,
Communications Sub Commission - Postal,
C. M. F.

Ref. attached copy of GHQ M.E. letter P/254 dated 29
Nov 44.

1. Perhaps particulars of the facilities offered at Civil Post
Offices for communicating with P.O.W. in India may be furnished,
please.
2. Presumably air postage rates are being paid by the sender
without enquiry as to whether an air mail service is available,
but perhaps this may be confirmed.



(R.N. ROSKILL)
Lt-Col., R.E.,
for D.D.A.P.S.

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Subject:- Mails - General - PsOW
(Enemy in British hands)

GHQ MEF,
P/254.

29 Nov 44.

DDAPS AFHQ CMF.

1. The following is an extract from a letter received from GSI 12 of this GHQ, regarding the postal services available from ITALY to Italian PsOW in INDIA :-

"Is there an air-mail service between ITALY and CAIRO?

If there is not an air-mail service for civilians writing to PsW, why do we receive in surface mail-bags such letters bearing postage stamps for transmission by air?"

2. Perhaps information which will enable this Directorate to furnish a reply to these questions may please be furnished.

(Sgd) ???????

Major, R.E.
(F.W. GUENIER)
for DDAPS

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to : P.I5.305/CS

4 December 1944

URGENT

Subject: Civil Correspondence for France

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. Our special attention has been drawn to the fact that an appreciable amount of correspondence posted in Italy and addressed to civilians in FRANCE has reached the United Kingdom in civil mails from Italy (Particulars of the relative mails not quoted).
2. The forwarding of such mail is not in order in the absence of a notification that a service to France has been authorized. Letters should be returned to senders marked "NO Service".
3. Will you please issue instructions to ensure that no further such correspondence is forwarded.

for

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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Copy to : C.O. Branch (re. phone message from Major Tria)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

*COMMUNICATIONS*Originator's Reference: 47180
Date/Time of Origin: DEC 2Message Centre No: *9/2629*
Date Time Rec'd: DEC 03/1030
Precedence: ROUTINEFROM: AD ROME
TO : COMMISSIONE ALLEATA POSTA AND TELECOMUNICAZIONI SUB
COMMISSION ROME.

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 POSTE AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMISSION ROMA =
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 PARTE COMPETENTE UFFICIO ALLIED CENSORSHIP CONTROL OFFICER ROMA
 PUNTO RACCOMANDANSI DISPOSIZIONI ET VIGILANZA NECESSARIE AFFINCHE
 CORRISPONDENZA SUDETTE SIANO CONVOGLIATE AT UFFICIO POSTA ROMA
 FERROVIA PUNTO ASSICURINO PER TELEGRAFO =

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SOTTOSEGRETARIO STATO FANO ==

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Date - 3/12/44 -



To: Pres. Directions of Cagliari, Sassari, Nuoro. - Telegram.

It is understood that, contrary to what disposed by our Telegram No 849566 c/c of Sept 8th, civil correspondence from Sardinia to Spain, Spanish Morocco, Netherlands and Portugal, have reached their destination eluding Transit and Censorship control ~~at~~ ^{through} Allied Censorship Control Office Rome - We recommend you the observation of the arrangements and the necessary control in order to ensure that the above correspondence be conveyed to Rome Ferrovie P.O. - Please ⁶³⁷⁹ give ~~to~~ acknowledgement by Telegram.

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from Post Office Circular of Nov. 22nd 1944

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RESTRICTED POSTAL SERVICE TO BELGIUM

Non-illustrated postcards on personal matters, or on business matters limited to the exchange of facts and information, may now be sent to Belgium.

The service is available to the whole of Belgium, but postcards for the area east of Hasselt - Liege - Bastogne will be held by the Belgium Post Office until delivery is possible.

The rate of postage is 2d.

Circulation should be to London Foreign Section. A suitable note regarding the restricted service should be made at pages 206-207 of the Post Office Guide.

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RESTRICTED POSTAL SERVICE TO GREECE

Non-illustrated postcards containing messages of a purely personal or family nature may now be sent to Greece. The service does not for the present cover addresses in Macedonia, Western Thrace or the Island of Crete.

The rate of postage is 2d.

Circulation should be to London Foreign Section. A suitable note regarding the restricted service should be made at pages 226-227 of the Post Office Guide.

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EXTRACT
from Post Office Circular of Nov. 22nd 1944

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POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH PERSONS RESIDING IN ENEMY AND
ENEMY-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

The Thos. Cook scheme for communications with enemy or enemy-occupied territories is no longer available for communications with Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, France, Allied-occupied-Germany, Holland, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Roumania and Yugoslavia.

The Red Cross Postal Message scheme is no longer available for communications with Belgium, Channel Islands, Finland, France, Allied-occupied-Germany, Greece (mainland), Greek Islands and Crete, Allied-occupied-Holland, Luxemburg, Poland and Roumania.

An amendment to Postal Supplement No. 10 appears on the last page of this circular.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to : P.15.301/CS.

4 December 1944

Subject : External Civil Mail.

To : To C - 5. A.F.H.Q.

In relation to your file G - 5, 383.8 and our
PS.16/15.271 of 15th November and P.15.296/CS of 2 December,
you should, it is thought, see - in particular para. 4 -
the accompanying copy of our P.15.300/CS to the Under
Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

Handwritten signature

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

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File 15

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED COMMISSION
PO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to : P.15.300/03

4 December 1944

Subject: External civil mail

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telegrams.

1. Reference your letter 834994/IUPU dated Nov. 29th, enclosing for transmission to the International Postal Union Berns a notification to the effect that the maximum weight for letters from Italy to the United Kingdom and the United States has been raised to 1,000 grams.

2. It is considered desirable, before sending your communication forward, to await the receipt of information, which has been asked for via A.F.R., regarding the precise conditions which have been announced in the United Kingdom and United States as applicable to the posting there of packages up to 1 kilo in weight for Italy. We have as yet no definite information as to:-

(a) whether the increased weight limit applies in those two countries only to commercial correspondence (if so, precluding the posting, by letter post, of e.g. food and personal articles)

(b) whether letter post rates are actually being charged or not.

3. The application of the letter rate to postings of commercial correspondence from Italy was of course agreed upon at our meeting as the most appropriate course in the circumstances. The local notification (circularised to Provincial Post Offices, in your telegram No 289180 of Nov. 16th) that the weight limit for "letters" to the United Kingdom and United States has been raised to 1 kilo. was more all-embracing than was intended by the terms of our P.15.370 of Nov. 14th; but this need not occasion concern at the moment, as probably there is no great use made at present of a 1 kilo letter post from Italy for sending personal articles etc. to the United Kingdom and the United States.

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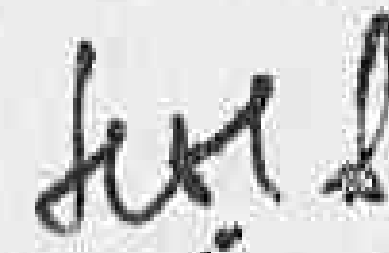
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4. If however it is practicable in the case of two countries to raise the maximum permitted weight for letter post from 40 gms. to 1 kilo., and if there are no exceptional problems in other cases, it could be expected that the same higher limit - though not automatically the inclusion of commercial correspondence - should be applied to all external services which are operating from Italy.

5. In these circumstances you will no doubt agree that despatch of the communication to Berne should preferably be held in abeyance for the moment.

6. Pending clarification of the whole matter, the relative notifications issued in A.M.G. provinces concerned advise that the 1 kilo. limit applies only to commercial correspondence for the United Kingdom and the United States. Whether or not these notifications - or those issued in Italian Government territory - will be required to be modified will depend upon the further information which is awaited. It is the intention that the same conditions should apply in each direction.



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

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MEMO -

P.I5.299/CS

4 December 1944

Subject: Greek mail.

To : C.C. Branch

You will probably wish to see the accompanying
bag of mail, to which the attached copy letter relates.

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For Director, Communications Sub-Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS
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"3 December 1944

In reply
refer to : P.15.298/03

Subject : Quay Charges for handling Civil Mails at
Alexandria.

To : G - 5 , A.F.H.Q.

The two accompanying debit vouchers 14633 and
15180, from the Command Paymaster C.M.F., are submitted
in accordance with para. 3 of your letter dated 5 Oct.
1944. (no reference number quoted - copy attached).

For the Chief Commissioner

J.L.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to : Command Paymaster, No 8 C.P.O., C.M.F.
(Re. Debits/1758 of 21 and 25 Nov. 44)

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EXTRACT

From Daily Routine Orders of 28 November 1944

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771. POSTAL - COMMUNICATIONS WITH LIBERATED GREECE

GRO N° 971, S/N 47, dated 24 Nov. 44, is repeated hereunder for information:-

1. Commencing forthwith, non-illustrated post-cards containing messages of a purely personal or family nature, may be sent by personnel serving in this Command to civilian addressees in GREEK mainland and Islands with the exception of MACEDONIA, THRACE, and CRETE.
2. The postage rate is 2d per card.
3. The service is strictly limited to non-illustrated post-cards. Letters are not admitted.

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HEADQUARTERS
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Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to : P.15.296/CS.

2 December 1944

Subject : External Civil Mails.

To : G-5 A.F.H.Q.

Perhaps it can be stated if any information
has been received from the U.S.A. re. para. 4 of
our PS.16/15.271 of November 15th.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
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In reply
refer to : P.15.295/CS.

2 December 1944

Subject : Despatches to Italy.

To : Postal Censors Bombay and Cairo.

1. The Italian Postal Administration reports that mail from Cairo and Bombay are still being received occasionally addressed to Bari.

2. Please note that Naples is at present the only Italian Office of Exchange for incoming Civil or Prisoner of War mails from other countries.

By Command of Commodore Stone.

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

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ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to : P.15.295/C3.

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Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
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APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to : F.15.294/CS.

2 December 1944

Subject : Incorrect addressing of Foreign Mail to Bari.
To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

With reference to your 899679 C of 28 November letters
have been sent to Bombay and Cairo drawing attention to the fact
that all mails from overseas to Italy should be addressed to
Naples.

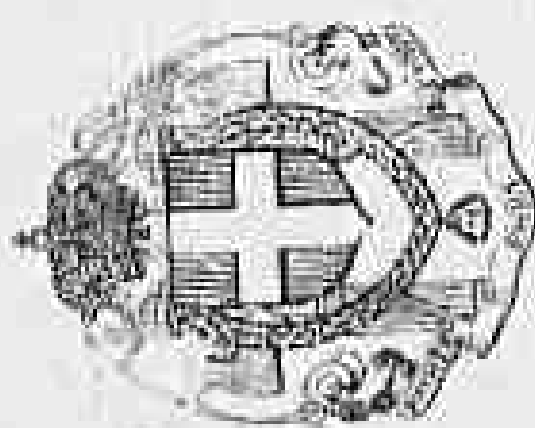
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J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

servizio IV - Div. I - Sez. I

Copia della CIRCOLARE TELEGRAFICA N° 289180 DEL 21.11.44

Diripostel Province sotto controllo Governo italiano
et per conoscenza

Gabinetto S.E. Ministro Comunicazioni = ROMA

A.C. Posts and Telecommunications = ROMA

Servizi et Uffici autonomi Direzione Generale P.T.

4/1 Seguito telegramma 289180 sedici correnti comunicasi che Dittate commerciali italiane sono ora autorizzate a corrispondere con Dittate Regno Unito Gran Bretagna et Stati Uniti America per questioni inerenti futura ripresa relazioni affari et informazioni scambi commerciali.

Aggiungendosi detti chiarimenti at appendice manifesto di cui ultima parte telegramma sopracitato. Direzioni confermano mezzo poste che disposizioni condizioni et modi servizi attualmente in atto et relative condizioni et che mani- deliti siano state portate conoscenza pubblico et che severi festi siano stati debitamente aggiornati a scanso severi provvedimenti.

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SOTTOSGREGARIO STATO
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4/1 Following our telegram 289180 of Nov. 16th. it is notified that Italian firms are now authorized to correspond with firms in U.S. & U.S. on questions concerning the future upsurge of business relations with and information on commercial exchanges. Such further details should be added to the appendix to the notice mentioned in the last part of the above telegram. That arrange.

Diripostel Provincie sotto controllo Governo italiano

et per conoscenza

Cabinetto S.E. Ministro Comunicazioni = ROMA

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Prov. Directors should confirm by post that arrangements regarding services actually operating, and relative regulations have been brought to the knowledge of the public, and that the Public Notices have been duly taken up-to-date.

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Ispett. Gen. MOV. Poste

Div. I Sez. I

Lettera N° 899679 Sp. 11/11/44

Oggetto
dispacci provenienti dall'estero

Commissione Alleata

Posts and
Telecommunications
Subcommission

Roma
alla particolare at-
tenzione del L.T. Col.

Head

Per opportuna cognizione e per le disposizioni che saranno ritenute del caso, informasi che il 26.X u.s. sono arrivati a Bari Ferrovia-i dispacci esteri di cui all'unito elenco che sono state fatte proseguire a Napoli ferrovia col treno 3540 dello stesso giorno.

La presente segnalazione fa seguito alla precedente analoga del 24 X u.s.

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~~Countdown~~
Transit

Subject: - Despatches from abroad:-

For your information, and for such action as you may think fit, we notify you that on Oct. 26th the foreign despatches recorded in the attached list were received at Bari Ferravia.

They have been forwarded to ~~Pa~~ Naples Ferravia by the train No 3540 of the same day.

The present notification ~~follows~~ follows and refers to the analogous one sent to you on Oct. 24th.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP.TT.
- Servizio VI° -

CIRCOLARE N. 14

Prot. N. 601916/P.4.

Salerno li 11 marzo 1944

A TUTTE LE DIREZIONI PROVINCIALI PP.TT. =LORO SEDI=
A TUTTI I CIRCOLI COSTRUZIONI T.T. =LORO SEDI=

OGGETTO: Spese erogate per conto Comandi Alleati.-

Con disposizioni precedenti (cir. n. 114/G/3 dell'11-12-1943) si chiedeva di rimettere a questo Servizio VI°, mensilmente, anche se negativo, un elenco dettagliato di tutte le somme erogate per prestazioni, forniture, lavori od altro, richiesti dai Comandi Alleati, nel mese precedente.

La prima segnalazione doveva comprendere le erogazioni di cui trattasi effettuate a tutto il 31 dicembre 1943. - Avendo ora il Ministero delle Finanze chiarito che ai fini della raccolta dei dati in questione, è opportuno sia segnalato qualsiasi cessione o prestazione valutabile in denaro (quindi anche l'uso parziale o totale di immobili e di locali, installazioni tecniche, linee e simili) si dispone che l'adempimento sia completato in questo senso:

Per le conseguenti valutazioni valgano i seguenti criteri:

- materiali telegrafici ceduti:

applicare i prezzi d'inventario o di tariffa.

- prestazioni di funzionari, impiegati agenti operai:

applicare le stesse norme adottate per la redazione delle perizie per lavori in conto terzi, eccezione fatta della quota per surrogazione del personale.

- Immobili e locali requisiti:

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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29 November 1944

In reply
refer to : P.I5.290/CS

Subject : Extension of Civil Mail Services.

To : G - 5 , A.F.H.Q.

1. In accordance with the accompanying notification from A.A.I., arrangements are being made to extend internal and external mail services in the whole of the area preferred (with the exception of a very small section of Florence Province North of the Arno) on Monday December 18th.

2. Perhaps overseas administrations will be advised as in past cases. Whilst it will be desirable that their public notifications should refer to the Florence and Pisa services being restricted to the area south of the river Arno, receipt of correspondence for the Northern sections is anticipated. Such items will be held until delivery is authorised.

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For the Chief Commissioner

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

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From: British Civil Censorship Liaison Unit,
ML HQ (Greece), C.M.F.

To : Allied Control Commission, Communications Sub-
Commission, APO 394, US Army .

Date: 21st November, 1944 .

Ref : BCCLU/ 23/44

Subject: Italian mail

We have forwarded you to-day, through Army Post
Office, one bag containing : -

Mail from Italy to Greece and vice versa ,
9 Red Cross messages from Italy to Greece ,
77 letters from Italian concentration camps to Greece.

The above mail has been received during the last few
days from Volos and other places in Greece . It is forward-
ed to you for examination and disposal .

M. Nahimson
M. Nahimson
Capt
f/ S/L O.C. BCCLU

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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In reply
refer to : P.I5.286/CS.

25 November 1944

Subject : Mail Service with Greece.

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

Reference your 900181 0/2 of 23rd Nov. 44.

1. As a result of enquiries which we have already made in this matter, we have been informed as follows:-

" The present position with regard to correspondence between Greece and Italy is that for the time being and until such time as Greek Censorship has been established by the Greek Government no service will be opened."

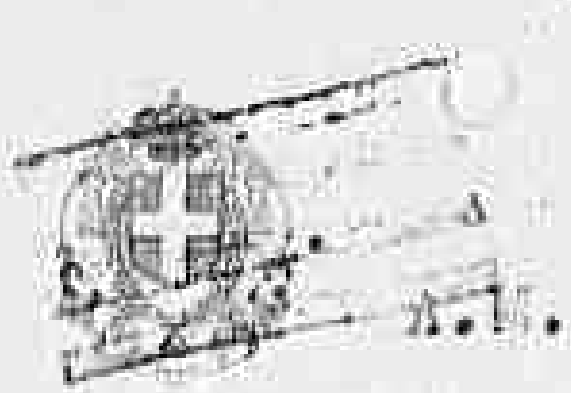
2. We shall advise you immediately an extension of the present services to Greece, or any other of the recently liberated countries, becomes practicable.

J.L.H.
J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAPHI

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Forma Da Da
 Bol. N. 900181 C. R. Reg. 11/44

OGGETTO: Posta dalla Grecia

Commissione Alleata
 Post And Telecommunica-
 tions Subcommittee

ROMA

PS 16/15.26/7

Reg. 11/44
 del

Si è presa cognizione di quanto è stato segnalato col foglio a riferimento, e si prega di far conoscere se vi sia possibilità dell'attuazione di uno scambio di dispacci postali civili tra l'Italia e la Grecia, poichè quella nazione è, da tempo, passata sotto il controllo delle nazioni alleate.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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Subject: Mail from Greece 385

We acknowledge receipt of your letter
PS. 16/15.25, and we beg you to
make known if there is the possibility
of reactivation & exchange of
civilian mail despatches between
Italy & Greece, considering that
country has for some time
passed under the control of
the Allied Italians.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
 DIREZIONE GENERALE PP.TT.
 - Servizio VI° -
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CIRCOLARE N. 35

Salerno li 29 marzo 1944

Prot. n. 603613/L.1

A TUTTI I CIRCOLI DELLE COSTRUZIONI TT.T.
 A TUTTE LE DIREZIONI PROVINCIALI PP.TT.
 ALLA RAGIONERIA CENTRALE

Con effetto immediato vanno in vigore i seguenti limiti massimi degli importi per pagamenti, anticipi, depositi etc. consentiti da effettuare dai Circoli delle Costruzioni senza preventiva autorizzazione del Ministero.

nr. d'ord.	Specificazione della spesa	Limite della spesa	Note
1	Spese per l'esercizio degli uffici telegrafici e per le stazioni radio telegrafiche	5000	
2	Spese per trasporti su vie ordinarie previste nelle perizie per lavori speciali o per lavori di ordinaria manutenzione	10000	esclusi lavori di ordin.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

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21 November 1944

SUBJECT: Foreign Civil Mail Service - Greece.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Your PS 16/15.258 of 6 November refers.
2. " The present position with regard to correspondence between Greece and Italy is that for the time being and until such time as Greek censorship has been established by the Greek Government no service will be opened."
3. As soon as service is available full information will be furnished.

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

F.J. Slaughter
F.J. SLAUGHTER,
Captain, AGD.

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20 November 1944

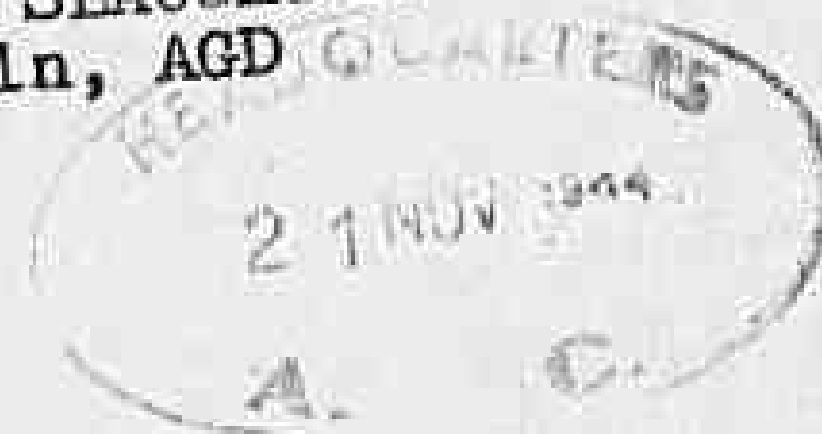
G-5: 123-4

SUBJECT: External Civil Mails - Postage Rates.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

In connection with your PS.16/15.273 of 15 November there is attached herewith a copy of MAT 141 of 8 February 1944.

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

Incl: Cable MC OUT
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Captain, AGD

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PRIORITY

TO FOR ACTION: AGMAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

REPEATED FOR: USFOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

REF. NO: W2211/49172

SIGNED: WILSON

CITE: FBGS

MAT 141

Reference our W9393/24309 of January 5.

1. Following developments have arisen relative postage rates for Italian external mails. Italian Government now states that increase of minimum foreign postage rates from 1.25 lire to 5 lire will constitute an inflationary measure and will infer Italian recognition of the extent of currency devaluation and compromise their position relative other financial matters.

2. They state that proposed rate is not substantial compliance with Universal Postal Union Convention, but they will accept 100 % increase to 2.5 lire. Such acceptance is apparently compromise agreement since Article 2 of final protocol limits increase only 40 % of rates fixed by Article 34, Section 1.

3. Rates for Italian external mails proposed in our W6144/5606 of 21 November based on gold franc as monetary standard, with 5 gold centimes equal 1 cent. Former postage rate of 1.25 lire or 25 gold centimes, would now equal 5 lire based on present value of lire.

4. 2 courses action appear open: (A). Approve rate of 1.5 lire for post cards; 2.5 lire for letters up to 20 grams; and 4 lire for letters up to 40 grams. These rates are acceptable to Italians. (B). Establish rate of 3, 5, and 7 lire as proposed our W6144/5606 of 21 November, notwithstanding present position of Italian Government in this matter.

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5. In view efforts made for forthcoming resumption Italian external mails and to prevent further delay, consideration being given Italians position, Allied Control Commission has authorized for time being to follow course of action stated in (A), with understanding that if such rates are not considered by Combined Chiefs of Staff to be in reasonable conformity with provisions of Postal Union Convention the higher rate as in

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(B) will be subsequently applied.

6. In view of developments your direction is desired as to rates to be applied.

COORDINATED WITH: (MR MURPHY - MR MACMILLAN)

OPERATOR: MIL GOV SEC

AUTHENTICATION: A T MAXWELL, COL.

INFORMATION: SGS

MR MURPHY

MR MACMILLAN

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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21 November 1944

In reply
refer to : 16/15.282/PS

To : Direzione Generale della Banca Nazionale del Lavoro.

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Dear Sir, Your enquiry of November 15th regarding foreign civil mails will no doubt have been largely answered by the more detailed announcement which appeared in the Corriere di Roma of November 18th. The opening of the external letter post to commercial correspondence is for the present limited to mails with the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Only personal communications may be sent to Allied and Neutral countries - other than those actually, or until recently, occupied by the enemy. The question of providing a civil mail service to France is now being examined.

Yours faithfully

S. H. Head

S. H. HEAD
Lt. Col.
Communications Sub-Commission

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Nuove norme e tariffe per la corrispondenza

Il Ministero delle Comunicazioni informa che con effetto immediato il peso massimo consentito per le lettere nell'interno del Regno è elevato ad un chilogrammo.

E' inoltre permesso l'invio, da e per l'interno del Regno, di cartoline illustrate spedite senza busta, recanti oppure no corrispondenza epistolare, con l'affrancatura di centesimi trenta, se dirette nel distretto postale e di centesimi sessanta se fuori distretto.

Pure con effetto immediato lo scambio di giornali e di periodici finora consentito nell'Italia meridionale, è esteso alle province di Roma, Frosinone, Littoria, Viterbo, Rieti e Terni, purchè si tratti di pubblicazioni regolarmente autorizzate, spedite in abbonamento postale dagli editori agli abbonati od ai rivenditori.

E' consentita altresì la spedizione di lettere fino ad un chilogrammo di peso in Inghilterra e negli Stati Uniti d'America a tariffa normale (L. 2,50 per il primo porto di grammi venti e L. 1,50 per ogni porto successivo di grammi venti).

Tali lettere possono riguardare affari personali, commerciali, legali, finanziari, richieste di informazioni circa la situazione dei depositi anteguerra nelle Banche ed altri Istituti Finanziari, o richieste di documenti (quali certificati di nascita, matrimonio, decesso, testamenti e atti legali).

Non è, per ora, possibile la spedizione delle corrispondenze indirizzate ai Paesi Esteri recentemente liberati.

New regulations & Tariffs
for correspondence

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- 1° The Ministry of Communications informs that with immediate effect, the maximum letter weight allowed for internal mail has been increased to 1 Kg.
- 2° It is also allowed to send illustrated post-cards without envelope, with & without epistolary correspondence, with 30 cents pre-payment within the district & 60 cents outside the district. ^{it is}
- 3) With immediate effect ^{it is} also allowed the exchange of newspapers & periodical publications that ~~was~~ up till now were only allowed in Southern Italy, to the Provinces of Rome, Frosinone, Littoria, Viterbo, Rieti & Terui, provided that the said publications are regularly authorised, & despatched by "Paralel" ^{Paralel} "abbonamento", from the editors to the subscribers or to the vendors.
4. Also the despatch of letters up to 1 Kg. weight to the U.K. & U.S. is consented, with normal tariff (2,50 lire for the first 20 gms. & 1,50 lire for the each additional 20 gms.)
- 5) Said letters may relate to personal business, commercial, legal, financial business, requests of informations about the situation of pre-war deposits

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in Banks or other financial institutions or may also request documents such as birth, marriage & death certificates, wills & legal notices.

For the time being, the despatch of correspondence addressed to recently liberated foreign countries, will not be possible.

Extract from
Corriere di Roma of
18th Nov. 1944

Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Telex IV *Per* I *Per* I
Del 828626-C.R. *Allegato*

11a COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICA-
TIONS - SUB - COMMISSION

Via Veneto R O M A

Reparto di P.S. 16-15-270
del 14.11.44

OGGETTO: Corrispondenza per l'estero.

Con riferimento alla lettera sopra distinta si partecipa che con circolare telegrafica N.289180 del 16 corrente, diretta alle Direzioni Prov. P.T. sotto il controllo del Governo italiano e per conoscenza anche a questa Commissione, sono state impartite le occorrenti disposizioni per dare esecuzione ai provvedimenti concordati, anche per quanto riguarda le cartoline illustrate e lo scambio di giornali e periodici con le provincie del Lazio e con quella di Terni.

Si è pure provveduto all'invio di un comunicato alla stampa, nel quale non si è ritenuto opportuno di fare menzione che è allo studio la riattivazione del servizio delle raccomandate per l'estero, ad evitare sollecitazioni e lagnanze da parte del pubblico nell'eventualità che tale riattivazione dovesse venire ritardata.

Invece, previ accordi con l'ufficio stampa di questo Ministero, è stato possibile

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di aggiungere, come da richiesta telefonica
di codesta Commissione, che per ora non è con-
sentito l'invio di corrispondenze nei paesi
esteri recentemente liberati.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

(FANO)

20 Nov - 44

Subject: Foreign Correspondence

1. Reference P.P. 16-15-270, we inform you that with circular telegram No 289180 of 16 Nov. addressed to Provincial Directors under control of Italian Government, & for information of this Commission, the following dispositions have been issued to make effective the ~~area~~ provisions agreed, also as regards the illustrated postcards & the exchange of newspapers & periodical publications with ^{Italy} the provinces & Terzi Province.

2. We have provided for a publication of this notice for the Press, in which we have thought better not to mention that the resumption of a ^{regular} letter service for foreign countries is under consideration, so to avoid solicitations & complaints by the public if ~~the~~ eventually this resumption should be delayed.

3. Instead, having previously taken accord with the Press Office of this Ministry, it is possible to add, as was requested by telephone by your Commission, that for the time being it is not allowed to dispatch correspondence to the recently liberated foreign countries.

The U.S. of State

MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

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TELEGRAMMA

16 NOV 1944

N. 289180

POTESTADDO

DIREPOSTEL PROVINCE SOTTO CONTROLLO GOVERNO ITALIANO
 et per conoscenza,
 GABINETTO S.E. MINISTRO COMUNICAZIONI ROMA
 A.C. - POSTS AND T.C. SUBCOMMISSION ROMA
 SERVIZI ET UFFICI AUTONOMI DIREZIONE GENERALE P.T.

4/1. Effetto immediato peso massimo lettere per interno est elevato chilogrammi uno PUNTO Viene inoltre consentito invio cartoline illustrate senza busta con francatura centesimi trenta per distretto et centesimi sessanta fuori distretto PUNTO ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Viene consentito altresì invio giornali et periodici spediti abbonamento postale da et per province Roma Viterbo Rieti Terni Grosseto et Litteria PUNTO Peso massimo lettere per Inghilterra et Stati Uniti America est pure elevato un chilogrammo PUNTO Tariffa lettere per detti Stati est quindi lire due et centesimi cinquanta per primo porto et lire una et centesimi cinquanta per ogni porto successivo venti grammi aut frazione virgola, fino grammi mille PUNTO. Direzioni interessino dipendenti uffici aggiornare subito manifesto servizi p.t. territorio liberato pubblicato ottobre scorso et esposto atrio per pubblico PUNTO. Al quarto rigo paragrafo "Modalità servizio con estero" facciassi seguente aggiunta due punti: Ecce che per Inghilterra e Stati Uniti di America, per i quali Paesi si applicano speciali norme PUNTO ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ uffici espongano di fianco manifesto predetto altro avviso per informare che delle corrispondenze con ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Inghilterra e Stati Uniti, persone e ditte dell'Italia liberata possono fare richiesta di informazioni riguardanti la situazione dei loro depositi anteguerra nelle banche ed altri istituti finanziari, e possono pure fare richiesta di documenti quali certificati nascita, matrimonio, decesso, testamenti e atti legali PUNTO Attendesi urgente assicurazione adempimento per posta.

SOTTOSGREGARIO STATO FANG

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16 Nov. 44

Telegram. n° 289180

With immediate effect ^① maximum letter weight is increased to 1 kgm. ^② It is also allowed to send post-cards without envelope, prepayment of 20 cents for dist within the district & 50 cents outside the district.

It is also allowed ^③ to ~~despatch~~ ^{send} newspapers & periodical publications despatched by abbonamento system, from & to Rome Province, Viterbo, Rieti, Terni, Grosseto & Livorno. ^④ Maximum weight for letters to

England & U.S. is also increased to 1 kg. The Tariff on letters for the above mentioned countries is therefore 250 lire for the first 20 gms. & 150 lire for each additional 20 gms. or fractions, up to 1 kg.

Provincial Directions will instruct subordinate offices to alter immediately the General Postal Service Notice issued Oct. last in Liberated Territory & exhibited to the public in P.O.

⑤ On 4th. line "Modalità" para. with for Foreign Service, para. must be added: except for U.K. & U.S. for which Countries

Special regulations apply. The office will exhibit adjacent the at main Notice another Notice, notifying in correspondence to U.K. & U.S. individuals & firms in liberated Italy may request information concerning the situation of their pre-war deposits in Banks & other financial institutions, & may also request documents as birth certificates, marriage c. & death c. wills & legal notices.

Give prompt acknowledgment

U.S. of State

Note: Item 6 not sufficiently informative. Dr. Fano advised. Further telegram will be sent.

For: J. De
H.

COMMUNICATIONS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: AC POSTS AND T C SUBCOMMISSION ROME
FROM: AADD ROME
REFERENCE No:
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN:
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N41/18
CLASSIFICATION: IN CLEAR
PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE
OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

4/1 SEGUITO TELEGRAMMA MR 289180 SEDICI CORENTE AVVERTESI CHE
PER ORA NON EST POSSIBILE SPEDIRE CORRISPONDENZE AT PAESI ESTERI
RECENTEMENTE LIBERATI QUALI FRANCIA BELGIO LUSSEMBURGO ECT.

SOTTOSEGRETARIO STATO FANO

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Following on our telegram No. 289180 of 16 Nov. 44
it is notified that for the present it is not possible
to dispatch correspondence to foreign countries
recently liberated, as France, Belgium, Luxembourg etc.

DATE and Time of RECEIPT NOV 18/1125

Distribution:

Undersecretary Fano
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BANCA NAZIONALE DEL LAVORO

ISTITUTO DI CREDITO DI DIRITTO PUBBLICO - CAPITALE L. 500.000.000

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Casella Postale N. 1148

RELAZIONI CON L'ESTERO

Indirizzo telegrafico: ESTBANCOPIR

Roma, li November 15th, 1944

Via Vittorio Veneto, 119

To the
Allied Commission
Communications Sub-Commission
C/o Col. G. L. Henderson
Via Veneto
R o m e

Gentlemen,

According to information appearing in yesterday's "Corriere di Roma", letters may now be mailed to the United States and United Kingdom with the object of linking up preliminary business relations.

In this connection we should be glad to be informed if such correspondence is actually to be restricted to said Countries or if similar letters may be addressed also to Canada, Mexico and South American Countries, as well as to liberated Countries (for instance: France, Greece, Belgium, etc.) and even to European neutral ones, such as Portugal, Switzerland, Turkey, etc.

Thanking you in advance for your kind reply, we are,

Yours truly,

BANCA NAZIONALE DEL LAVORO
Direzione Generale

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[Signature]

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Extract from "Corriere"
of Nov. 14th

For a commercial co-
with Great Britain

con la sorella, si rifugió in casa della Turriziani.

L'udienza a questo punto, è sospesa e rinviata a domenica 16 alle ore 9,30.

Per la corrispondenza commerciale con l'Inghilterra e gli S. U.

Sono in corso di elaborazione, presso i competenti organi ministeriali, ulteriori norme relative alla ripresa di comunicazioni via Cables e via Radio con l'Italia liberata e all'aumento del peso per la posta commerciale, norme che saranno rese note prossimamente.

Intanto, in merito all'annunciata autorizzazione, concessa nei giorni scorsi alle Ditte Italiane, di riprendere la corrispondenza e lo scambio di informazioni con ditte degli Stati Uniti e dell'Inghilterra, viene precisato da fonte autorizzata che per il momento l'autorizzazione suddetta concerne soltanto la corrispondenza commerciale diretta a favorire la futura ripresa degli affari commerciali.

The competent sections of the Italian Government are studying further regulations relating to the resumption of communications via cables & via Radio with liberated Italy, and to the increasing of weight for commercial correspondence, regulations which will be published shortly. For the moment, ~~referring~~ ^{relating} to the announced authorization, granted in the past days to Italian firms, of ~~starting~~ ^{starting} again correspondence and exchange of informations with firms in U. S. & Great Britain, it is detailed, by authorized source, that the above mentioned authorization concerns

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of Nov. 14th.

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with Great Britain & U.S. -

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only the commercial correspondence
intended to favour the future
re-establishment of commercial business.

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UNITED COMMISSION
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Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to : 16/15.275.PB.

16 November 1944

Subject : External Civil Mails - Commercial Correspondence --

To : L.L. Lazio-Sabina Region (for Postal Officer)
Abruzzi-Marche " "
Toscana " "
Venetia " "

1. The attached copy of PB.16/15.270 is forwarded for advance information. The copy of the instruction referred to in para. 4 will be sent to you as soon as received.

By Command of Commodore Stone

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

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EXTRACT FROM THE "POST OFFICE CIRCULAR"
of November 1st 1944

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Imperial and Foreign Mails

Postal Service to Italy

" The Postal service to Italy, i.e., unregistered letters not exceeding 2 ozs. in weight and postcards, has now been extended to the provinces of Terni, Viterbo, Ascoli, Macerata and Grosseto.

Working copies of the Post Office Guide (pages 232-233) should be amended accordingly.

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In reply
refer to : PS.16/15.273.

15 November 1944

Subject : External Civil Mails - Postage Rates.

To : G - 6 , A.F.H.Q.

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Your reference : G-5:123-4 of 13.II.44.

We should be glad to have a paraphrase of MAT 141.
A copy is not on hand, and there is no recollection of
having anything beyond your 43744 of January 27th on the
point of the last minute alteration to the originally
agreed rates.

For the Chief Commissioner

Handwritten signature

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

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G-5: 123-4

13 November 1944

SUBJECT: Postage Rates for external Italian mails.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Attached for information is a copy of TAM Airgram 25 of 7 November answering MAT 141.

2. It is understood that Captain Turner supplied you with a copy of MAT 141 in February last but if this is not so please state in order that a paraphrase may be supplied to you.

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Date 15 NOV 1944:

as above.

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

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Lt. Colonel.
T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

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COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

COMBINED CIVIL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

TAM Airgram 25, 7 November 1944, Washington, D. C.

From: CCAC
To: FHGEC
Subject: Postage Rates for External Italian Mails
Ref: MAT 141



Question of postage rates for external Italian mails raised in MAT 141 was referred to United States Post Office Department for an opinion. It supplies the following information relative to the determination of rates under the Universal Postal Convention:

"It may be stated first that the basic (or normal) and the maximum and minimum rates of the current Universal Postal Convention (concluded at Buenos Aires in 1939) for letters and post cards are as follows:

	<u>Basic or normal rates</u>	<u>Minimum rates</u>	<u>Maximum rates</u>
	Centimes	Centimes	Centimes
Letters -			
First Unit	20	16	28
Each additional unit	12	9.6	16.8
Post Cards -			
Single	12	9.6	16.8
With reply paid	24	19.2	33.6

"The unit of weight for computing postage for letters in the international service is 20 grams (or one ounce in countries which can not adopt the metric system of weights on account of their domestic legislation) while Article 20 of the Buenos Aires Convention provides that "The franc used as the monetary unit in the provisions of the Convention and Agreements is the gold franc of 100 centimes weighing 10/31 of a gram and having a fineness of 0.900."

"THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT, U.S.C. 50; 31 and 32. THE TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW."

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"The Buenos Aires Convention provides, in Article 105 of the Regulations of Execution, as follows:

'Administrations fix the equivalent of the rates and fees contemplated by the Convention and Agreements by agreement with the Swiss Postal Administration, which latter Administration shall give notice of the equivalents through the intermediary of the International Bureau. The same procedure is followed in case of change of equivalents.'

"The situation with respect to the Italian postage rates is, of course, the result of the disturbed economic conditions in that country brought about by the war. Such conditions prevailed in a number of countries at the close of World War I, and it is accordingly deemed pertinent to review briefly the situation with respect to international postage rates prior to and following World War I.

"Before the Convention of Rome (1906) became effective, the postage rate for letters was 25 centimes for each weight unit of 15 grams (one-half ounce). This rate was reduced by the Congress of Rome through an increase in the unit of weight from 15 to 20 grams, although the post card rate (10 centimes each) remained the same.

"Prior to World War I, there was considerable agitation in some countries for a further reduction in international postage rates, but with the advent of the war and the resulting postponement of the Congress of Madrid from 1914 to 1920, the views of the countries advocating reduced rates had meanwhile undergone considerable change due to depreciated currencies after the war and a movement for increased postage rates (as well as increased transportation rates) had developed.

"For your information, there are transcribed below excerpts from the discussions of the First Commission of the Madrid Congress concerning postage rates:

'According to the Swedish Delegation, the words "the money of a country which has not at present a stable value as compared with gold" could very well be cancelled. Under present circumstances we must not only allow countries whose money has fallen in value to fix themselves the taxes (rates) which they will henceforth collect, but we must give this same liberty to all the countries of the Union. To decide at present, with the excuse of safeguarding the principle of the uniformity of international taxes, that the countries whose money is stable as compared with gold, will have to collect the exact equivalent of the taxes indicated in gold francs, is simply a theoretical idea. The uniformity of taxes, as understood by the preceding

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Congresses, no longer exists. We may hope for it to be re-established at the next Congress, but today, when only one or two of the countries would be in a position to apply the exact equivalents of the taxes fixed, the argument in favor of uniformity has only a relative value.

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'In consequence, Italy proposes the following terms, or others more precise:

'The contracting countries are free to fix, in accordance with the Swiss Administration, the equivalents in their interior money, of the taxes referred to by the present Convention, taking the conditions of the country into consideration but without, however, exceeding the corresponding value of these taxes in gold according to the average of the exchange."

'The Delegation of the United States of America considers, in accordance with the Financial Sub-Commission, that in order to act justly it is necessary to sacrifice the principle of uniformity with regard to the international taxes until economic conditions have once again become normal throughout the entire world. But it appears to them unjust to give certain countries the liberty of fixing their postal taxes according to their needs and to deny this liberty to other countries.'

"The next Congress (Stockholm, 1924) again reduced the rates by restoring those in effect under the Rome Convention. These rates were continued in effect until 1939 when the Buenos Aires Congress saw fit to make a further reduction by fixing the rates as set forth earlier in this letter.

"Doubtless the next Universal Postal Congress will give particular consideration to the economic conditions resulting from the present War, as did the Madrid Congress with respect to those brought about by World War I, by again making special provision for considerable freedom of action on the part of the countries concerned in fixing the equivalents in their own currency of whatever postage rates may be adopted by the next Congress.

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"It may be well to add that the situation with respect to rates for other articles (printed matter, commercial papers, etc.) in the Postal Union mails has been substantially the same as that applicable to rates for letters and post cards, that is to say, the rates were increased by the Madrid Convention (1920), reduced by the Stockholm Convention (1924) and further reduced by the Buenos Aires Convention (1939)."

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In view of the precedents cited and the opinions expressed at the Congress of Madrid, you should accept for the present the compromise rates referred to in paragraph 4 (A) of MAT 141 which are acceptable to the Italian Government.

T. E. H. Berley
T. E. H. BERLEY
Group Captain

W. M. Cameron
W. M. CAMERON
Major, GSC

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
PG 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to : PB.16/15.271

15 November 1944

Subject : External Civil Mails - Commercial Correspondence.
To : G-5, A.F.H.Q.

1. Arrangements have been made for the extension of the existing letter mail service to the U.K. and U.S. to include commercial items within the categories outlined.- It is noted that more specific details are being sought.

2. On the assumption that our proposed weight limit of 1 Kg. will be acceptable, that figure is being announced as the maximum for the service from Italy.

3. Although certain of the enclosures to commercial correspondence may be of a character normally eligible for transmission by a subsidiary service cheaper than letter post rates, it has been decided, in consultation with the Italian postal authorities, that all commercial correspondence will be subject to pre-payment at letter rate (2.50 lire for the first 20 gms.; 1.50 lire for each additional 20 gms.) It is gathered from the letter of 24.11.44 that letter rate will be charged on similar items to Italy.

4. It is considered very desirable to confirm from CGS that the increased letter post weight will be applicable only to commercial correspondence, and not to articles or goods (e.g. food) which under normal conditions might be sent as letter packets (subject to certain importation and customs restrictions and provisions).- It would not be possible to cope with 1 Kg. food packages for the whole of the postal delivery area.

For the Chief Commissioner

[Signature]

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES
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TO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to : 18.16/15.70.

14 November 1944

Subject : External Civil Mail - Commercial Correspondence
To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomm.

1. As mentioned at our recent meeting a letter was sent to you on Nov. 4th (18.16/15.70) intimating that

"It-lan business firms are now authorized to correspond with firms in the United Kingdom and United States on matters relating to the future resumption of business relationships and exchange of business information. Individuals and firms in Liberated Italy may request information regarding the status of their pre-war deposits in U.S. and U.K. Banks and other financial institutions and may also request documents such as birth certificates, death certificates, wills and legal notices. It is to be noted that requests for powers of attorney, proxies and payment orders to Italy will continue to require licences from the existing controls in the U.S. and U.K."

2. This notification is confirmed, together with the following provisions, as agreed upon in our discussions, for the extension of the present letter mail service to the United Kingdom and United States to include commercial and financial correspondence as defined in para. 1 above 18.16/15.70

(a) The maximum weight limit for any one package will be 1 lb.

(b) Letter rates of postage will be chargeable, i.e. 2.50 lire for the first 20 gms. : 1.50 lire for each additional 20 gms.

3. (a) Will you please arrange for the press and general public, and all Post Offices under your control, to be notified accordingly. So far as this Commission is concerned, these notifications may mention, for general information, that the question of making the registered letter service available for external mails is under consideration.

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(b) This restricted extension of service will necessitate a modification of the General Postal Services Public Notice exhibited in Post Offices. It is suggested that the third sentence of the relative "Speciality" paragraph be extended to read "except for the United Kingdom and the United States, for which countries separate regulations apply." At the larger Offices particularly it will be desirable for a separate notice to be exhibited adjacent to the main one.

If you will be good enough to let me have a copy of the instruction which you issue, that will be used - in the interest of uniformity - as the basis for instructions which our Postal Officers will issue to Provincial Directors in A.S.O. territory.

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J.L. RENDITION
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copies to :

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Chief Censorship Officer, C.C.O.

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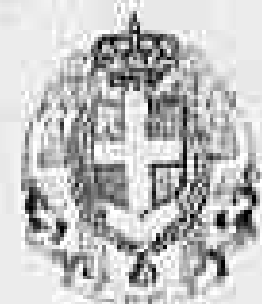
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Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

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Alla Commissione Alleata
Posts and Telecommunica-
tions Sub Commission
Via Veneto ROMA

Sezione IV Div. 1 Sez. 2
Aut. A. 834651/8378/12 PS

Risposta all' A. PS. 16/15-253
del 4.11.1944

OGGETTO: Scambio di corrispondenza con i terri-
tori della Francia liberata.

Si ha il pregio di ringraziare code-
sta on. Commissione per la cortese comunicazio-
ne fatta con la nota sopradistinta, circa la
ripresa del servizio postale fra l'Italia e la
Francia liberata.

Si resta in attesa di ricevere ulterio-
ri comunicazioni in proposito.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
(Fano)

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Subject: Exchange of correspondence
with French Liberated Territory,

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We have the pleasure to
thank this Commission for
the courteous communication
in your letter P.S. 16/15-253, about
the resumption of the Postal
Service between Italy and
Liberated France.

We are awaiting for
further communications
on this matter.

The U.S. of State

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HEADQUARTERS
AIRMAIL COMMISSION
AND
Communications Sub-Commission

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In reply
refer to : 28.16/19.267.

13 November 1944

Subject : Internal Civil Mail - Commercial Correspondence
To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecommunications

1. As mentioned at our recent meeting, a letter was sent to you on Nov. 4th (28.16/19.267) intimating that

"Italian business firms are now authorized to correspond with firms in the United Kingdom and United States on matters relating to the future resumption of business relationships and exchange of business information. Individuals and firms in liberated Italy may request information regarding the status of their pre-war deposits in U.S. and U.K. Banks and other financial institutions and may also request documents such as birth certificates, marriage certificates, death certificates, wills and legal notices. It is ~~to~~ to be noted that requests for powers of attorney, proxies and payment orders to Italy will continue to require clearance from the existing controls in the U.S. and U.K."

2. This notification is confirmed, to appear with the following points agreed upon in our discussions:-

(a) All mail other than postcards posted as commercial correspondence will be subject to postage at letter rate - i.e. 2.50 lire for the first 20 gms.; 1.00 lire for each additional 20 gms..

(b) The maximum weight for any one letter - private or commercial - will be raised to 1 kg. (Confirmation is awaited from the United Kingdom and United States that they will conform on this point for mail from those countries).

(c) The maximum weight for the internal letter post to be raised to 1 kg. (in view of the increase of the external mail limit). On this point it may be found necessary, in newly opened provinces in A.E.G. territory, to restrict postings from such provinces (but not for them) to the present maximum of 250 gms. at the outset.

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2. (a) Will you please arrange for the press and general public, and all Post Offices under your control, to be notified in the terms quoted in para. 1, and incorporating a reference to the postage and weight limit aspects mentioned in para. 2. So far as this Commission is concerned, these notifications may mention, for general information, that the question of making the registered letter service available for external mails is under consideration.

(b) This extension of services will necessitate a modification of the general Public Notice re. Postal Services exhibited in Post Offices. It is suggested that the last two sentences of the relative "Modalita" paragraph be cancelled, and substituted by "The posting of correspondence of a commercial character is subject to regulations published separately." At the larger offices particularly it will be desirable for these separate regulations to be exhibited adjacent to the main notice.

(c) The references in the standard public Notice to the maximum weight limit, and postage rates, will also require amendments.

4. If you will be good enough to let me have a copy of the instruction which you issue, that will be used in the interest of uniformity - as the basis for instructions which our Postal Officers will issue to Provincial Directors in A.M.C. territory.

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

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Copies to:

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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10 November 1944

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SUBJECT: Civil Mail Service.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Your FS.16/15.211 of 6 October was answered
by our G-5: 311.1 of 5 November.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

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F. J. Slaughter
F. J. SLAUGHTER,
Captain, A.G.D.

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Extract from BASIC NEWS of 1st of November.

Ruling on Business Correspondence

Amplifying a recent U.S. State Department announcement regarding business communications between the United States and Italy, the Post Office Department yesterday listed the types of communications that will be permitted.

These include: replies by US. banks and other financial institutions to request for information from their depositors in liberated Italy; documents such as birth certificates, wills and legal notices, marriage certificates, death certificates; powers of attorney, proxies, and payment orders to Italy, if application is made to the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank for an appropriate license.

In addition, Italian and US. business firms are permitted to exchange business information and correspond on matters relating to the resumption of business relationships.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

In reply
refer to: PB.16/15.264

9 November 1944

Subject : Civilian Mails from Abroad-
Incorrect treatment of relative Letter Bills.

To : A.F.H.Q., 0-5-

1. Instances have recently occurred where the "Letter Bills" proper to specific Civil Mails received from abroad, have become separated from the relative bags, before they are received by the Civil Post Offices at Naples or Rome. Details of five cases are shown below:-

<u>Office of Dispatch</u>	<u>Date of dispatch</u>	<u>Serial N° of mail</u>	<u>Office of Destination</u>
New York	26 July 44	78	Naples
New York	12 Aug. 44	93	Naples
Assara (Air Mail)	29 Aug. 44	6	Rome
Assara	26 Aug. 44	3	Rome
London PB.	18 Sept. 44	4	Rome

2. The five Letter Bills advising these mails were received together in one envelope at the Rome Post Office HQ. Building. Unfortunately the cover bore no indication of the sender's official address.

3. The examination of the correspondence contained in these mails is undertaken by the Censorship officers at the Ferrovie Post Offices of Naples and Rome, and the Bills must therefore have been irregularly treated before reaching those offices.

4. It is understood that Civil Mails for Italy received from U.S.A. are bagged in outer sacks which have to be opened at the Base Post Office before separation can be made for various destinations.

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PS.16/15.264

9 Nov.44. continued.

It is possible that the Letter Bills are placed in these outer sacks instead of being enclosed in the actual bags of correspondence to which they refer and that it is at this stage of handling that the separation occurs. This system is not thought to apply to arrivals from Britain, although one of the instances of mistreatment occurred to a bag from London ES.

5. As it is necessary for the Italian Postal authorities to record certain particulars shown on these Letter Bills and to check the number of bags received, with the number advised on the relative Bill, it will be recognized that its arrival with the applicable mail is important to the routine working of the Postal Service. The non receipt of such Letter Bills ^{has} to be reported to the office of origin of the mail.

6. Considerable assistance ^{is} should be afforded the Italian Postal Service if the U.S. and British Army Postal Units were instructed to forward any bills found separate from civil mails with the bag to which they refer. In the event of bags having to be opened to verify whether the contents are Civil or Allied Forces correspondence, the relative labels should again be attached to the bags before transferring to the Civil Post Office.

7. The importance of the correct use of the Letter Bills is particularly stressed at the present time as it is probable that a Foreign mail Registered Letter service will be re-introduced in the near future.

For Chief Commissioner

Cliff Maddock
Capt

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel 6797

Tel. No. 4890/1
Ex. 444

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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PS 16/15.263

8 November 1944

Subject : Letter Bills received in Foreign Mails.
To : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

1. The attached five letter bills, originated in Asmara, London and New York have reached this sub-commission through an unknown channel. It was at first thought that the letter bills may have been extracted from the relative bags by the Censorship Officers at Rome and Naples but this theory has now been disproved.

2. To ensure however that the Postal officials are able to carry out their routine procedure of checking the number of bags received recording the weight and class of mail and completing the necessary details on the letter bills (date of receipt and impression of stamp of office of destination etc,) it has been confirmed with the Censorship Group Headquarters, that the mails for examination will be dealt with in the presence of a member of the Sorting office staff at either Naples or Rome Ferrovia offices.

3. As it is possible that the bills were originally enclosed in outer sacks, received with Civilian despatches enclosed and necessarily opened by personnel of the Army Postal services, a communication is being sent to the A.P.O. to ensure that such bills are forwarded to the Civil Post Offices to which they refer.

4. Will you please arrange to forward the accompanying letter bills to the respective offices of destination. From the serial numbers of despatches shown on the bills numbered 1 and 2 it is thought the mail was proper to be dealt with at Naples.

Cliff Maddock Capt

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Tel.No. 439081
EX. 444

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS HEADQUARTERS #J8/sob
 G-5 Section
 APO 512

6 November 1944

-51 5111

Subject: Civil Mail Service.

1. Headquarters, Allied Commission
 APO 394.

2. In connection with your PG.16/15.211 of
 4 October 1944, Postal facilities at the present
 between Italy and France only included non-illustrated
 postcards and is limited to British and American
 troops.

3. It is not believed that there is any
 particular point to be covered in connection with
 Para. 3 of your letter referred to above.

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

Director
 Executive
 Major General
 Colonel
 Lt. Col. Wm. O.
 Asst. Chief of Staff
 Chief Clerk

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CommunicationsALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS FJS/seb
G-5 Section
APO 512 262

5 November 1944

G-5: 311.1

SUBJECT: Civil Mail Service.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

1. In connection with your PS.16/15.211 of 6 October 1944, Postal facilities at the present between Italy and France only includes non-illustrated postcards and is limited to British and American troops.

2. It is not believed that there is any particular point to be covered in connection with Par. 2 of your letter referred to above.

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

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

P. J. Slaughter
P. J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, A.G.D.

HEADQUARTERS
7 NOV 1944

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Date: 8 NOV 1944

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Communications Sub-Commission
APO 394
Tel. No. 489001 Ex. 444

PS.16/15.261

7 November 1944

Subject : Mail from Greece.

To : Censorship Officer HQ. Civil Censorship Group.

1. The mail reported as expected from Athens (PS.16/14.257 of 6 Nov. 44 refers) has been received addressed to this Headquarters.
2. The bag has been forwarded to the Rome Postal Censorship Station 29 Piazza Cola di Rienzo for the contents to be examined and transferred to the Civil Post Office, if found to be in order.
3. The despatch has not apparently been dealt with as a civil mail between the two countries, but merely a means of forwarding old letters from the S.C.C.L.U. to this Hqrs.
4. No war bill is enclosed in the mail.

Cly D. Maddock
Capt
/s/ J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Director

Copy to : Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomm.
: R.C., Radio Unbric - Region - (for Postal Officer)
: Rome Postal Censorship Station 29 Piazza Cola di Rienzo

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A.C.H.Q.

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RESTRICTED
ROUTINE
COMM. SUB COMM

3 NOV. 44

RESTRICTED PD
ON SUBJECT OF PERMISSION TO OPEN ITALIAN CIVILIAN TELEGRAPHS
CMA PAREN AFHQ FOR GEORGE FIVE FROM AC FROM HENDERSONS SIGNED
STONE PAREN ARE COMMUNICATIONS TO PRISONER OF WAR PERMITTED
QUERY

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REPLY -

HQ AC

AFH SIGNED SACLED

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NOV 061839A

ROUTINE

CITE FHCEGE

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RESTRICTED REUR 5927 OF 3 NOV

ANSWER TO YOUR QUERY F49132 IS IN THE NEGATIVE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
PO 394
Tel.No. 489081 Ex. 444

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PS.16/15.258.

6 November 1944

SUBJECT:- Foreign civil mail service - Greece.

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

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1. A copy of a letter CCB/1051/777 received from G - 2, A.F.H.Q. is forwarded herewith.
2. May action be taken please to introduce the service from Italy to Athens.

For the Chief Commissioner

Cy L. Maddock
capt

as J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFG 394
Tel. No. 489081 Ex. 414

PS.16/15.257.

66 November 1944

SUBJECT:- Italian mail from ATHENS.

TO: - Censorship Officer, HQ. Civil Censorship Group

1. A.F.H.Q. Communications Censorship has notified this HQ. that the British Civil Censorship Liaison Unit GREECE has signalled that one (1) bag of Italian Mail was being despatched on 1 Nov. 44.
2. No indication is given as to the Office of Destination.
3. Under existing arrangements foreign mails unloaded at Bari or Palermo for any destination in Italy are forwarded to Naples for attention. If the bag is labelled "Rome" or "Naples" the normal routine arrangements for examination by the Censorship Officer will apply.
4. Action will be taken by this Headquarters in connection with the possibility of making up despatches for Greece.

Cy L. Shaddock
Capt

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

Copy to: Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.
R.G. ? Lazio - Umbria Region (for Postal Officer)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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3 November 1944

G-5: 311.1-7

SUBJECT: Resumption of Commercial and Financial Correspondence to and from Liberated Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attention: Colonel Henderson).

1. Reference G-5: 311.1-7 of 2 November 1944.
2. Attached is a copy of memo 37/150/14 from Office of the British Resident Minister with copy of the enclosure referred to.

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

Completed in
folio 251

T. B. Jackman
Lt. Col.

T. B. JACKMAN,
Lt. Colonel.

Incl:
as above.

HEADQUARTERS
3 NOV 1944
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C & P VOffice of the Resident Minister,
Central Mediterranean37/150/14.

To: C-5.

From: Resident Minister's Office.

We enclose the text of a Press Notice issued by the Board of Trade in London on October 18th about the modification of Trading with the Enemy legislation in respect of Italy. We have been asked to arrange for this text to be brought to the notice of the Italian Government.

2. Unless you see any objection, we should appreciate it if you would invite the Allied Commission to communicate the text to the Italian Government for their information.

/s/ A. RUMBOLD

2nd November, 1944.

Copy to: U.S. Political Adviser.
British Embassy, Rome.
Political Section, A.C.C.

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1. The Board of Trade announce that by arrangement with the Postmaster General they have made a general licence (S.R. & O. 1944 No.1179) authorising confidential business correspondence with liberated Italy. This step towards the resumption of national business relations with Italy is in accordance with the joint statement of the Prime Minister and President Roosevelt that the application of the Trading with the Enemy Acts must be modified so as to enable business contacts with Italy to be resumed for the benefit of the Italian people. Similar action has been taken in the United States.

2. Banks and other financial institutions may now reply to requests for information from their depositors in liberated Italy, documents such as birth, death and marriage certificates and wills may be transmitted, and British and Italian firms may exchange business information with a view to the future resumption of business relationships. The resumption of private trade is not yet permissible. The despatch of powers of attorney and proxies is subject to normal procedure under the Defence (Finance) Regulations. The postal service is available only to places in certain provinces of liberated Italy which can be ascertained by enquiry at any Post Office. Correspondence for Italy cannot be registered or insured.

3. Italian-owned property in the United Kingdom will continue to be under the control of the Trading with the Enemy Department and the Custodian of Enemy Property. British subjects resident in Italy who desire to obtain a release of their property in the United Kingdom should apply to the nearest British Consul.

4. Arrangements have been made for the release of British-owned property in Italy (private and other property) to its original owner or his authorised agent. Applications and enquiries by persons in Italy should be addressed to the nearest British Consul and by persons in the United Kingdom to the Consular Department of the Foreign Office. Some prima facie evidence of ownership should be supplied but the original document of title should not be forwarded unless specifically requested.

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

CGB/1051/111

2 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Mail from Athens.

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

The British Civil Censorship Liaison Unit, Greece, has signaled that one (1) bag of Italian mail was being dispatched to you on 1 November 1944.

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

H. F. Finn
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for THOMAS H. FINN,
Lt. Col., Infantry,
Communications Censorship.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. No. 489001 Ex. 444

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PS.16/15 253

4 November 1944

Subject : Civilian Correspondence between
Italy and Liberated France

To : Under Secretary of State for Posts
and Telecomms.

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1. Reference yours 834651/I of 2 November 44.
2. No decision has yet been reached regarding the resumption of mail service between Italy and France.
3. The matter is however receiving attention at Headquarters and a notification will be forwarded to your department as soon as possible.

C. B. Maddock
Capt

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 AFO 394
 Tel.No. 489081 Ex. 444

PS.16/15.251.

4 November 1944

SUBJECT:- Resumption of Commercial and Financial
 Correspondence to and from Liberated Italy.

TO :- Ministry of Communications

1. Will you please arrange to have announcements made
 to the public in the following terms:-

"Italian business firms are now authorised to
 correspond with firms in the United Kingdom and United States
 on matters relating to the future resumption of business
 relationships and exchange of business informations.
 Individuals and firms in Liberated Italy may request
 information regarding the status of their pre-war deposits
 in the U.S. and U.K. Banks and other financial institutions
 and may also request documents such as birth certificates,
 marriage certificates, death certificates, wills and legal
 notices. It is to be noted that requests for powers of
 attorney, proxies and payment orders to Italy will continue
 to require licenses from the existing controls in the U.S.
 and U.K.."

2. Additional notifications dealing with (a) the resumption
 of cable and Radio communications with liberated Italy
 and (b) increased maximum weight of mail to deal with
 commercial correspondence may be expected in the course of
 a few days.

For the Chief Commissioner

J.L. Henderson
 J.L. HENDERSON
 Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to:- Civil Censorship Group

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MEMO

PS.16/15 250

4 November 1944

Subject : Notification to Public of Resumption
of Commercial and Financial Correspondence
To : Finance Sub-Commission

PS.16/15/250 d 4 nov 44

The attached copy letter addressed to the
Ministry of Communications is forwarded for your
agreement as regards the proposed announcement so
far as financial matters refer.

C. Shaddock.

Communications Sub-Commission

4 nov.

Agreed *[initials]*
[Signature]
Major
Finance s/c

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Tel. 489081 Ex. 444

Rs. 16/4-56

3 November 1944

To : Civil Censorship Officer
Censorship Group HQ.

Subject: Receipt of Mails from abroad
Examination by Censorship Officer

1. Considerable difficulty is being caused to the Postal Officials at home sorting office through the present arrangements made in connection with the Censorship examination of incoming mail from abroad.
2. Whilst it is recognised that the full normal postal routine cannot be fully carried out by the officers examining the mail, everything should be done to avoid confusion to the Postal Staff when the mails are transferred to the Civil Post Office Staff.
3. In the cases under report, it will be readily recognised that the home Post Office were unaware of "the number of bags" advised in any of the despatches to which the five accompanying "Bills" (feuille d'avis) refer, for in each case these advices were retained by the Censorship Office instead of being sent to the Post Office with the correspondence contained in the relative despatches. The dates of arrival are uncertain as the Bills have not been stamped with a date stamp.
4. In some instances it is stated, that a mail originally received in say 4 bags is transferred to the sorting office in two or three bags. A check of the number of bags received, is essential, as an advice of non-receipt ~~has to~~ be sent to the Originating Office.
5. The Post Office have to prepare records of weight of mail received under the separate headings of "Civilians" and "POW" arrivals. Particulars of such weights are usually recorded on the neck label of each mail bag, but the relative labels are rarely again attached to the bags after opening in the Censorship Office.

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6. In the cases of the Bills numbered 1 and 2 (in red) it will be seen that the mails to which these advices refer are due to have been dealt with at Naples and not Rome. Although the headings have been partially deleted, serial numbers "78" and "93" cannot have been yet reached in the New-York - Rome series. Naples in the meantime has without doubt reported the non-receipt of these despatches to New York.

7. To avoid all such irregularities, can it please be arranged for instruction to be given to the officers responsible for opening the mails, to preserve the normal make up of the mail, re-tie the corresponding label to the bag to which it refers, and replace the Bill in the bag in which it was received. Under ordinary international postal arrangements the label of the bag containing the Bill is additionally marked with the letter "R", but at present when the mail is received at the Post Office no indication remains to show in which bag the Bill is to be found and an unsuccessful search is often made of all the correspondence. If necessary a Postal Officer from this Sub-Commission would explain the necessary procedure to be followed.

8. If in your opinion these details of work of a purely postal nature would cause difficulties to the Censorship personnel, will you consider the following possibilities in re-arranging the present routine.

(a) Recognising that incoming mail is only examined to verify that it has been censored and not a complete censorship of the correspondence, could not the examination be made at the Roma Ferrovia Sorting Office. On arrival of the mail at the Sorting Office, the Censorship Office could be informed by telephone and a Censorship Officer proceed to the Ferrovia Office and complete the necessary examination, whilst the Postal routine matters would be undertaken by the Post Office personnel.

(b) If the mail must necessarily be conveyed to the Censorship Office, could arrangements be made for a Post Office employee, (to be detailed by the Director of the Ferrovia on being informed by telephone from the Censorship Office of the arrival of foreign mail), to undertake the postal routine work in the Censorship Office.

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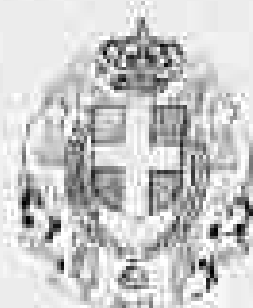
9. The importance of this work is especially stressed at the present time, as it is possible in the near future for registered correspondence to be included in the mails received from abroad.

Cliff Maddock
Capt

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

Copy to:- R.C., Radio - Umbria Region (For Postal Officer)

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Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Roma 2 NOV. 1944

Onorevole Commissione Al-
leata di Controllo -Posts
and Telecommunications
Sub Commission

R O M A

Service IV *Dir.* I *Dir.* II
Ref. N° 834651/I *Allegato*

OGGETTO: Scambio di corrispondenze con i ter-
ritori della Francia liberata

Si ha il pregio di segnalare che proven-
gono a questo Ministero frequenti richieste da
parte del pubblico per conoscere se con i ter-
ritori della Francia liberata si possa corrispon-
dere a mezzo del servizio postale.

Poiché nessuna comunicazione risulta per-
venuta da parte di codesta Onorevole Commis-
sione si dovrebbe ritenere che lo scambio delle
corrispondenze con i territori di cui sopra
non possa ancora effettuarsi.

Si prega in ogni modo di favorire informa-
zioni in proposito.

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
(Fano)

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Subject : Exchange of correspondence with
French liberated territory.

We are honoured to let you know that this Ministry receives frequent requests on behalf of the public that want to know if they can correspond by postal service with French liberated territory. As no communication results as yet having been issued by the Commission it is to be understood that no correspondence with the above mentioned territories can yet be carried out. Anyhow, we beg you to keep us informed on the matter.

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In reply
refer to: PS/16/15/247

3rd November, 1944

Subject : Postal Services.

To : Chief of Staff, A.C. 246

Attached copy of a policy ruling by C.C.S. on
resumption of postal services is forwarded for your information.

Tele: 489081
Ext: 400

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

Re let Secy to note *noted*
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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30 October 1944

G-5: 311.1

SUBJECT: Resumption of Postal Services.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Attached for your information is copy
of TAM 314. In submitting proposals for future
extension of postal services it is requested that
the points therein raised be covered.

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

T. B. Jackman
Lt. Col.

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

Incl:
Cable, MC IN 6009, 9 Oct '44.
Ref No. WX-43581, copy no. 2.

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ROUTINE

FROM : AGWAR FROM CCS

TO : WILSON, TO SHARE MAIN INFORMATION UK BASE SECTION FOR
BOS COMMUNICATION ZONE AND CCAC/L

REF. NO. THIS MESSAGE : WX-43581, 08 October 1944.

FOR FHGEG, SHGE.

Cite CCAC.

GOV 127.

TAM 314.

Resumption of postal services.

1. You are authorized to permit the resumption of external postal services in your Theater:

- Italy //*
- a. In ^{respect of} occupied territory after securing CCS approval through CCAC;
 - b. In liberated territory after securing CCS approval, through CCAC, for the transmission of communications of a commercial or financial nature;
 - c. In liberated territory, for other than communications of a commercial or financial

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nature, after submission of the proposal to the CCS, through CCAC, for information at least 10 days prior to the resumption date.

2. In all cases mentioned in paragraph 1 details concerning the resumption shall be submitted to the CCS, through CCAC, including the following:

- a. Provinces of liberated or occupied territory to be served.
- b. Countries to and from which the services are to operate.
- c. Countries for which closed mails are to be made up.
- d. Services to be operated (for instance, type of correspondence, air mail, money order, parcel post, etcetera).
- e. Restrictions as to class of correspondence.
- f. Restrictions as to weight of correspondence.
- g. Any other security restrictions imposed by censors.
- h. Proposed routing and method of transportation of mails.
- i. Office of exchange (that is, offices selected for handling international mail).
- j. Stamps to be used.
- k. Postage rates.
- l. Proposed resumption date.
- m. Any separate arrangements for Prisoners of War etcetera mail.

3. You are authorized to extend a particular type of service to additional territory in a country once resumption of that type of service in a portion of the same country has

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been authorized. Notice of the details of such intended extension shall be reported to the CCS, through CCAC, at least 10 days prior to the extension date.

4. In all cases earliest possible steps consonant with military security will be taken to permit resumption of normal postal relationships between the postal administration of the occupied or liberated territory of EUROPE, and the postal administrations of other countries.

5. Effective date of resumptions and extensions will be communicated to CCS through CCAC.

ACTION: G-5

INFO : SGS
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	J.J.L.	ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS		TEJ/as
	A.K.	G-5 Section		245A
	J.E.H.	APC 512		
	H.J.T.	INSURANCE		
		BUDGETS		
		P. O. DIV.	2 November 1944	
G-5:	311.1-7			

SUBJECT: Resumption of Commercial and Financial Correspondence to and from Liberated Italy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Reference is made to G-5: 383.8 of 30 Oct.

2. In the light of TAM 320 and report of U.S. Post Office Dept announcement of 30 Oct (reported in Basic News of 1 Nov) it is now possible to make an announcement to the Italians in the following sense:

Italian business firms are now authorized to correspond with firms in the United Kingdom (reference your signal 5488 of 26 Oct) and U.S. firms on matters relating to the future resumption of business relationships and exchange of business information.

Individuals and firms in liberated Italy may request information regarding the status of their pre-war deposits in US and UK banks and other financial institutions and may also request documents such as birth certificates, marriage certificates, death certificates, wills and legal notices.

3. It is to be noted that requests for powers of attorney, proxies and payment orders to Italy will continue to require licence. (see TAM 320 and para. 3 of Basic News of 1 Nov).

4. When you are in a position to let this HQ know what weight can be handled (see paragraph 4 of TAM 335) this HQ will, in the same cable to CCS, seek more specific clarification of the particular types of communication which are permitted. The above however will enable an initial public announcement to be made in Italy.

5. A copy of TAM 343 just received is attached.

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

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel

Copy to: G-2(CC)

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✓ Communications S/C

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Mr
FINANCE O/C
Communications S/C

FROM: AGWAR FROM CCS

TO: AFHQ TO WILSON INFORMATION UK BASE SECTION FOR ECS
AND COMZONE

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: WX 55846, 1 November 1944

Cite CCAC.

For FHQEG.

TAM 343.

Resumption of commercial and business communications
with liberated ITALY. *Commun S.C*

Reference TAM 335, the sentence which commences:

"Also, whether letters" and ends "3 ounces
(2 kilograms)?" should be corrected to
read: "Also, whether letters may be ac-
cepted up to the normal weight limit of
4 pounds, 6 ounces (2 kilograms); or, if
this is NOT practicable, up to 2 pounds,
3 ounces (1 kilogram)?"

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TAM 335 is ref WX 53985 MC IN 21738 29/10/44 G-5

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INFORMATION:

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MR MACMILLAN
FISCAL DIR
CAO AG

C/S MTO
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TO: AGHQ TO WILSON INFORMATION UK BASE SECTION
FOR 003 AND TO COMMUNICATION ONE

REF. N° THIS MESSAGE: VM 46204, 13 October 1944

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5. Even though the restrictions against business communications are lifted, Italian assets in the US and UK will continue to be immobilized and cannot be drawn upon or otherwise utilized by persons in ITALY.

6. Since trading with liberated ITALY is being carried on only through governmental agencies adequate publicity would be given to the fact, private trade cannot for the present be engaged in.

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AS THIS EXISTS ON INTERNAL SERVICE PD NOT IN FAVOUR OF INSURANCE PD NO OBJECTION
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SUBJECT:		Resumption of Commercial and Financial Correspondence to and from liberated Italy.	
TO :		Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.	

1. Reference is made to G-5/383.8 of 15 Oct. (marked attention Finance Sub-Commission) to which you replied in your 13053/F of 22 Oct. and enclosed therewith a copy of a memo addressed to your Finance Sub-Commission by the Director of the Communications Sub-Commission. It is understood that the latter Sub-Commission are now mainly handling the matter.

2. Attached is a copy of TAM 335 received here today. Your comments are requested on it urgently and particularly on the question of weight to be allowed. In this connection it is felt that your answer will naturally be closely bound up with the views expressed by you recently on the question of the limited parcel post traffic from the U.S. and you are requested to state definitely whether you can handle more than 40 grams in weight for any commercial or financial communication.

3. So far as any public statement in Italy on the matter is concerned it is considered that this must be delayed until it is definitely known what the United States and British authorities are actually allowing to be sent. Clarification of this will be sought from both sides when you have been able to reply to the query about weight which you can handle and the relaxations or renewals you propose with regard to registration of letters and cards.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

T. B. Jackman
Lt. Colonel
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Lt. Colonel

Incl:
MC IN 21738 of 29 Oct.
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ROUTINE

FROM: AGWAR FROM CCS

TO : AFHQ TO WILSON INFO UK BASE SECTION FOR EGS AND COMMUNICATION ZONE

REF NBR THIS MESSAGE: WX 53985, 28 October 1944

TAM 335.

For FHGG.

Cite CCAG.

Refer TAM 320, MAT 355.

Resumption of commercial and business communications with liberated ITALY.

The present practice of UNITED STATES Postal Censorship regarding closed letter mails is to sort 100% against watch lists and to read 50% of mails to ITALY and 25% of mails from ITALY, which UNITED STATES censorship regards adequate for Western Hemisphere security and controls. The word "adequate", as used in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of your cable is assumed to mean the above unless UNITED STATES censorship finds that a lesser percentage will suffice or unless UNITED STATES censorship manpower declines to a point where an adjustment of percentage must be made, in which event you will be informed. Is such an interpretation satisfactory for the Italian Theater as far as UNITED STATES mails are concerned?

The Post Office Department desires to ascertain whether any of the existing prohibitions on registration, insurance and airmail may now be removed or relaxed, particularly with reference to registration of letters and cards.

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Amended by TAM 343.
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Also, whether letters may be accepted up to the normal weight limit of 4 pounds, 6 ounces (2 kilograms); or if this is not practicable, up to 2 pounds, 3 ounces (1 kilogram)?

The resumption of the transmittal of all commercial or financial communications between ITALY on the 1 hand and countries other than the UNITED STATES and UNITED KINGDOM, on the other hand, will be covered in a future cable.

NOTE: TAM 320 IS REF NO. WX 46204 MC IN 9951 14/10/44 G-5
MAT 355 IS REF. NO. WX 38908 MC OUT 3671 14/10/44 G-5

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HEADQUARTERS
 UNITED STATES COMMISSION
 FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION
 APO 394
 TEL 478604

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22 October, 1944

SUBJECT: Resumption of Commercial and Financial Correspondence
 to and from Liberated Italy.

TO : G-5 Section (Financial Adviser),
 AFHQ.

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With reference to the last paragraph of your letter G-5 383.8
 of 15 October, I enclose copy of a memorandum addressed to this Sub-
 Commission by the Director of the Communications Sub-Commission.

It will be realized that the contents and criticisms are confined to
 those problems arising from censorship restrictions. You will observe from
 the fourth paragraph of the memorandum that the views expressed in MAT 355
 that the British Statutory List and the U.S. Proclaimed List should be
 treated as security documents are not shared by the Communications Sub-
 Commission. In so far as this Sub-Commission is concerned no objections
 are raised to TAC 320 and MAT 355.

For the Chief Commissioner:

(Signed) A.P. GRAFFIEY - SMITH

Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission.

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MINISTERO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI
Dir.Gen.A.E. = Uff.IV°

N° 44/

Roma, 24 Ottobre 1944.

APPUNTO PER LA SEGRETERIA GENERALE

E S T R A T T O

Rilievo dall'"Osservatore Romano" del 19 corrente
la seguente notizia:

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Memo for the General Secretary.

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The "Osservatore Romano" of Oct. 19th, publishes:-

"Following on the announce given yesterday by President Roosevelt, of the ^{lightening} ~~relaxing~~ of certain restrictions, which had been applied to the commercial reports with Italy, in connection with the law on the "commerce with the enemy", the Treasury ~~Ministry~~ Ministry details that no particular permit, by the Ministry itself, will be necessary for those communications, which will not have the character of effective financial or commercial transactions - For instance, the Banks and other financial agencies may reply, without any particular licence, to request for informations from their account holders in liberated Italy; documents, such as birth, death and wedding certificates, may also be transmitted, as well as legal informations

The Treasury Ministry has also ~~not~~ informed that Italian & U.S. firms ~~can~~ may ~~to~~ exchange commercial correspondence and correspondence in order to re-establish their ~~com~~ contacts - However no permit will, for the present, be issued for private commercial transaction, because commerce with Italy is actually operated only through Governmental Agencies.."

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PS. 16 / 15.240 II 29th Oct. 44

To:- G.S. AFHQ.

PS. 16 / 15.241 II 29th Oct. 44

To :- Under Secretary of State

Subject:- Civil Mails. Parcel Post.

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28 October 1944

SUBJECT:- Foreign Mails - Bari

TO: - Under Secretary of State for Posts and Telecomms.

Ref. your 699679 C/2 of 25 October 1944.

I. An examination of the foreign mail return shows that Cairo P.O.W. have been making up mails for Naples (instead of Bari) regularly. The despatch to which your letter relates appears therefore to have been an isolated instance of mis-addressing which can suitably be brought to Notice by the issue of a Bulletin de Verification on Cairo by your Naples Office.

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J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

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Director, Communications Sub-Commission

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