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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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P.23.321/03

19th January 1946

Subject: Gift Parcels from U.S.A.

To : Director General Ministry of Posts and Telecomms.

The following information of the arrival of post
office mail from America has been received from Transportation
Sub-Commission.

<u>Name of Ship</u>	<u>Arriving at</u>	<u>Expected Date of Arrival</u>	<u>No. of bags mail</u>
Cloymont Victory	Naples	26th January	5276
Billy Mitchell	Naples BARD	3rd February	20043

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L H.H. SOUDER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WHC/ans

14th January 1946

P.23.319/CS

Subject: Gift Parcel Service :
Railway Facilities for Internal Distribution.

To : Director General Ministry Posts and Telecomms.

Reference your 478896 8/7 of 24th December 1945.

1. A copy of my P.23.318/CS of 14th January to the
Transportation Sub-Commission is inclosed for your information.

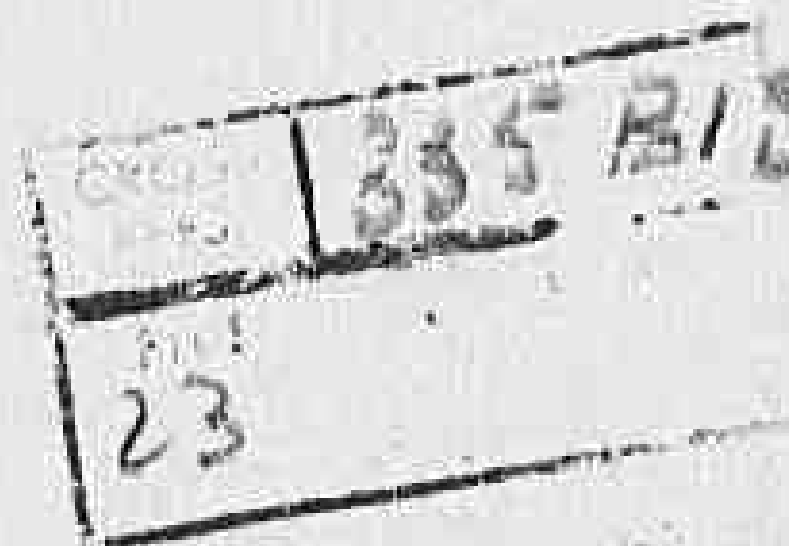
2. Transportation Sub-Commission in its comments on your
letter 478445 8/7 to the Direttore Generale Ferrovie dello Stato
pointed out that your estimate of 500000 bags per month would
require an average of 60 waggons per day and 10 trains per week
to effect clearance. The view was expressed that the service
(which benefits particular individuals) cannot justify any degree
of priority over transport requirements for the distribution of
U.N.R.A.A. supplies and normal food distribution and that some
form of limitation on the service might be necessary.

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H.H. SOUTHER
Colonel, Sig.O.
Director.

Enc. : Copy of P.23.318/CS of 14th January 1946.

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MEMO

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P.23.313/CS

Subject: Gift Parcels from U.S.A.

To : Transportation Sub-Commission
(Rail)

Reference your AG 4/1/En 4 of 21st December 1945.

1. It is considered that the estimate of 500000 parcel bags per month, given in the letter 478/45 8/7 from the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications to the I.S.R. is too high.

2. According to information obtained from the Post Office (by telephone) the numbers of parcel bags received at the main ports during the month of December were

Naples	237,000 bags
Leghorn	10,009 "
Genoa	22,619 "

As these consignments represent the exceptionally heavy traffic which might be expected in view of the coincidence of the extension of the service to all Italy with the Christmas season it is reasonable to assume that normal monthly arrivals will be considerably lower. This view is supported by such shipping reports as have been received recently concerning the size of consignments despatched this month.

3. It is understood that the State Railways have now agreed to put at the disposal of the Naples Post office 10 to 15 closed wagons per day. Any assistance which you can give towards the maintenance and extension of this facility to clear the present accumulation of traffic would be appreciated.

4. As indicated in the enclosed P.23.313/CS of 4th January 1946 the Post Office has been asked to report more clearly on the position as regards the disposal of bags prepared for despatch to other parts of Italy and to say whether the question of utilising coastal sea transport has been explored.

5. It is hoped that, now that the Christmas rush is over, the U.S. Postal Administration will be able to implement its promise to despatch these parcels in bags addressed to the various Provinces.

H.H. SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig.O.
Director.

12th January 1946

Copy to: Director General Ministry Posts and Telecom.

Communications Sub-Commission
Extn. 444.

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Roma 24 DIC 1945



*Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni*

Ispett. Gen. Mov. Poste Subcommission Via
Veneto Roma

Servizio *Dir. 1* *Se. 1*
Post. N. 478896 8/7 Na

Allegato Mio.

OGGETTO Corsi ferroviari per trasporto Green
sacchi pacchi U.S.A

Allegato Mio.

Si trasmette copia del telegramma
n. 478896 ^{1/7} del 16 ^{1/7} inviato dalla scri-
vente all'Ispettore Corvisiero a Napoli, ri-
flettente la fornitura di carri ferroviari.
per l'inoltro dei sacchi pacchi dono prove-
nienti dagli U.S.A

Pregasi vivamente di interessare
la Sottocommissione dei Trasporti affinché
voglia compiacersi impartire, ai dipendenti
organi ferroviari a Napoli, le opportune di-
sposizioni con le quali sia fatto divieto di
distogliere i carri che saranno forniti, per
qualsiasi altro uso che non sia quello del

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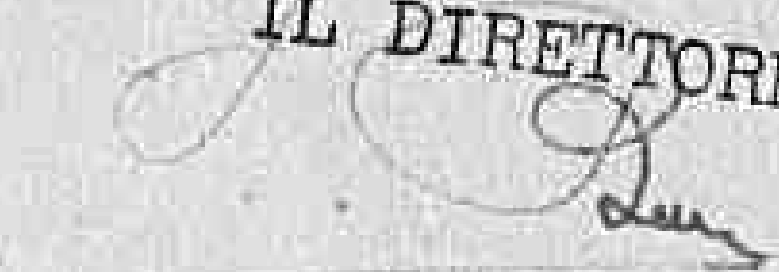
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carico e del trasporto dei sacchi indicati
in oggetto.

Si ringrazia anticipatamente per
l'interessamento che cotesta C.A. vorrà corte-
samente prendere alla questione.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE



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UFFICIO GENERALE DI AMMINISTRAZIONE
UFFICIO GENERALE DI AMMINISTRAZIONE POSTALE
UFFICIO GENERALE DI AMMINISTRAZIONE
ISPEZIONE GEN. MOV. POSTALE

Copia

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TELEGRAMMA
Ispezione Corvisiero
Poste Saoli

16/12/41

Ispezione I/I D'accordo Direttore Generale Ferrovie Stato ottenuta
fornitura per odesto Servizio pacchi dano da dieci e quindici carri
al giorno posto provveda totale utilizzazione detti carri evitando
ogni modo diverso uso da parte altri Enti comunque qualificati.

DIRETTORE GENERALE

M. M. M.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Servizio Div. Sez.

Protocollo N. _____ Risposta al N. _____ del _____.

Elenco delle carte che si trasmettono al

[illegible]

Stampa Romana - Ord. 26 - (300.000) - 24-4-942-XX

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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7 January 1946

P.23.316.CS

SUBJECT: Gift Parcels from America.

TO : The Finance Sub-Commission.

The attached communication from the Chief Liaison Officer appears to relate to the parcel referred to in your 13062/F of 15 December to the Italian Liaison Officer with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and not to authorized parcel post services.

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H.H. SCUDER
Colonel, Sig.O.
Director.

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Copy to:
Chief Liaison Officer Allied Commission
Naples.

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from U.S.A.
Communication Sub Commission

Announcement Sub Committee

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J. A. C. PENN
Colonel

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Naples, 30 Dec. 45

Hon. Col. Pennycuik.

Naples.

Sir, re: Disorder in the delivery of "Gift packages" from the
U.S.A. on the part of Italian Concerns.

I wish to bring within your knowledge a regretful fact which has aroused complaints overhere:

The Exchange Travel Co. of New York has undertaken a job, viz: to carry to Naples Gift packages weighing abt. 25 lbs entrusting the delivery of such parcels to the C.I.T. (Compagnia Italiana Turismo) with offices in Piazza Municipio, Naples.

This Distributor claims that it is necessary the permit of the Minister in Rome, before parcels could be delivered.

First of all it is not necessary any permit, as the parcels come within "Gift" for needy families. Meanwhile the packages have been laying in a Storage house and I fear that most of the contents will be taken away.

Please cut this "red tape" and order the above Company for a speedy delivery.

Many thanks and best wishes.

/s/ Joe' Biondi

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Communications Sub-Commission

WHG/ams

4th January 1946

P.23.314/OS

Subject: Gift Parcels from America.

To : Sig. Angelo Ferretti
Via Imariano 8/2
Genoa.

With reference to your letter of 19th December 1945 addressed to Rear Admiral Stone I have to inform you that the Italian Post Office at Naples is dealing as quickly as possible with the very great arrivals of parcel mails which have been received from America since this service was extended to all Italy.

In view of the very limited accommodation and transportation facilities available for this purpose it is inevitable that there should be delay before many of these parcels are sorted and sent to their destinations and it is quite impossible to guarantee that the parcels for any particular city in Italy shall be delivered by a specified date.

I can assure you, however, that the Post Office at Naples, which is working under great difficulties owing to the effects of the war on that city will do everything possible to expedite the work. I am also hopeful that now that the Christmas pressure period is over the United States postal authorities will be able to assist by despatching the parcels in separate mails for the various provinces of Italy.

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H.H. SCUDDER
Colonel, Sig.O.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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4th January 1946

P.23.313/CS

Subject: Gift Parcels from America.

To : Director General for Posts and Telecommunications.

1. With reference to the attached letter will you please say what is the position concerning the arrival and disposal of the parcel traffic at Naples since the extension of the service to all Italy.

2. It would be interesting to know whether the work of sorting and making up despatches for the various provinces is proceeding satisfactorily and if it has been found possible to despatch such mails to destination without undue delay after formation.

3. Have any parcel mails been despatched from Naples to Genoa ?

4. If the number of parcel bags already formed at Naples for the North of Italy, Sicily and Sardinia is far in excess of the railway transportation obtainable will you please say whether the possibility of using sea transport from Naples to Genoa, Palermo and Cagliari has been explored.

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H.H. SOUDER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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DEC 27 1945

Genoa, December 19th 1945.

To: Rear Admiral ELLERY STONE
Chief of Staff
Allied Commission - R O M E

700 families in Genoa respectfully beg You, before
concluding Your human and right work in Italy, to take a measure
as much right and human.

These 700 families ask that a control be provided for
the delivery of the parcels sent by Italian people in U.S.A. to
their relatives and friends in Italy in occasion of Christmas Day.

No one of 15.000 parcels arrived at Naples and coming
from New York has reached Genoa.

The above named families have nothing but the letter
announcing the forwarding of such parcels, neither receipts with
which they could claim at least the indemnification.

If to Your merits You will add this, You will have the
blessing of 700 mothers to which this gift is the only resource
for their great need.

Yours very truly

Angelo Ferretti



Via Imeriano 8/2 248
G e n o a - Italy

MEMO FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER
(Weekly Bulletin)

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P.23.305/08

Gift Parcel Post from America.

The Gift Parcel Post Service from America is just a year old and during this year it has presented some of the most awkward problems which the Communications Sub-Commission and the Italian Post Office have been called upon to handle. At the commencement the service was limited to 5 lb parcels for the cities of Naples, Rome, and Palermo, and the Vatican City only. There was considerable apprehension in agreeing even to such a limited service owing to the fact that shipping and port conditions were about as unsuitable as they could be for civil parcel mail operations while at Naples, where it was expected that most of the mails would be landed, the Post Office had lost practically all its sorting office accommodation due to war damage and requisitioning while the prospect of obtaining alternative accommodation was extremely remote. Frantic efforts were made to put into usable condition before the first consignments arrived a bomb-damaged part of the Naples Central Post Office. The general shortage of materials and especially electric light fittings had to be overcome by various expedients.

For a time no great difficulty was encountered but soon the traffic began to increase to such proportions that the Naples premises became inadequate; there was also a good deal of trouble in connection with the unloading assignments and the provision of road and rail transport. The diversion of some of the ships carrying these mails to ports other than Naples where the Post Office had no satisfactory premises or organization for dealing with the work also caused difficulty, while the general conditions

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under which the service was operated gave the Post Office very little opportunity to apply its normal checks and safeguards.

It became clear from censorship reports that the gift parcel service was being abused in some cases to transmit items intended for sale and also that "accommodation" addresses in Rome, Naples and Palermo were being used on parcels intended for other parts of Italy. It was felt, however, that the great majority of the parcels conformed to the conditions and that the benefits to the public were such that it would be undesirable to suspend the service.

As had been expected, a violent campaign was opened in America and Italy for the extension of the service to all parts of Italy and for an increase in the weight limit. On several occasions the pressure became so great that the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications was almost stampeded into agreeing to such extension without any reasonable prospect of being able to handle the volume of traffic which could be anticipated.

Eventually, as from ^{1 August 1945} it was agreed to accept parcels for all parts of Sicily and Sardinia as it was thought that internal distribution within the islands would be a little easier than on the mainland. Within a few days of this extension being advertised the U.S.A. announced that 30000 bags (about 300000 parcels) were on their way.

During this time the Sub-Commission continued to plead for the restoration of Post Office accommodation at Naples and in particular for the derequisitioning of the half of the station sorting office occupied by the British Base A.P.O. It was unsuccessful in this, but as an alternative it managed to obtain for the Post Office the use of a large double Rowan hut

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of about 6000 sq ft erected at the station and also the promise of two other similar huts. The Post Office in the meantime secured the use of a large crypt under a church.

With the additional accommodation and a promise by the Italian State Railways to provide the necessary rail cars, it was at last felt to be possible to agree to the extension of the service to all Italy on condition that the U.S.A. Post Office would sort the parcels into bags addressed to the various Provinces and thus obviate the need for the great amount of bag opening and sorting space otherwise required at Naples. An extension in the weight limit to 11 lbs was also agreed to.

The extension of the service was advertised in the U.S.A. on 3rd November and in a few days a telegram was received indicating that owing to the unprecedented volume of postings the U.S. Post Office would be unable to sort the parcels as promised until after Christmas. In these circumstances the Chief Postal Officer had to make another begging expedition to Naples to try to secure other premises which could at least be used to put the mails under shelter and afford them some security. The Commissioner Naples Commune A.M.G. agreed to the Fish Market - repairs to which were in their final stages - being reserved for this purpose during the Christmas pressure period. That every inch of space available will be required can be visualised when it is stated that according to information received up to date 226000 bags of these parcels (about 1,356000 parcels) have been shipped from the U.S.A. since the early part of November. The sorting of these arrivals and their distribution to destinations seems likely to tax severely the resources of the Italian Post Office and State Railways.

20th December 1945

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TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION A.C.,
(RAIL DIVISION)
C/o Transportation (Br) Main,
C.M.F.

Tel.: 843191-9582

Ref.: AC.4/W/Tn.4

21 December 1945.

SUBJECT: Gift parcels from the U.S.A.

10 : The Director
Communications S.C.

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1. Attention is directed to attached copy of letter from Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications addressed to I.S.R. Director General.
2. The intervention of Rail Division is sought to facilitate the supply of Box-Cars to clear the accumulated mail now lying at Naples. This cannot be effected, ordinarily, without interfering with the normal priorities of loading but it is hoped that an expected lull in normal traffic during next week will enable some assistance to be rendered.
3. Concern is felt however regarding the prediction that Parcels mail is expected to assume the abnormal proportion of 500.000 Bags per month. This would require an average of 60 cars per day and 10 trains per week to effect clearance.
4. It is submitted that this traffic, in such proportions, assumes the form of unorganised relief distribution to selected persons, is wide open to abuse, and cannot merit any degree of priority over normal Food Distribution and UMRA-traffic. For these reasons it is suggested that consideration be given to the exercise of some form of limitation or control of these forwardings at the point of origin.

R. P. Moss

for Director.

Tel.: 843191-9582

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R. P. Moss
for Director.

Copy to:- Chief Movements A.C.

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MINISTRY OF PORTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Ref.: 478415 8/7 S.S.

SUBJECT: Gift parcels from the U.S.A.

TO : I.S.H. Director General.

Following many requests made by the American Public opinion and Authorities, our Administration has assumed the task of conveying gift parcels sent by countrymen living in America to their Italian relations. We have also renounced to the monopoly of such conveyance and have allowed private firms to carry out acceptance, sea transport and distribution in Italy of those parcels.

In spite of that the quantity of parcels sent from USA alone has reached such an amount that American Authorities themselves have declared there is no precedent in the history of Postal relations.

In fact since November 1945 last, we have personally noticed the demurrage of 8000 bags of parcels at Naples (about 64.000 parcels) almost all of them in transit and destined to Palermo, Cagliari, Vatican City, Rome.

Since then more arrivals have increased the demurrage, and a few days ago this was reaching 20.000 bags.

An additional provision now states that all gift parcels, previously admitted to Rome, Naples, Sicily, and Sardinia only, starting from December 1st are allowed for all Italy.

It is therefore to be forecast that the normal average of arriving parcels, previously amounting at about 50.000 bags monthly, will soon reach 500.000 bags per month. And this without taking into account the coming Christmas holidays.

It is obvious that we are unable to meet the requirements of this service without disposing of an adequate quantity of railway box cars. It was agreed that N.20 cars per day were to be put at our disposal, but practically we are receiving only 3 or 4 cars per day, owing to the very small amount of cars at Naples disposal.

In a few days we shall have N.100.000 bags of parcels lying at Naples, every car can transport only 300 of them, we therefore need over 300 cars to clear out our Naples demurrage.

We have however studied that an allowance of 150 box-cars for only use of parcels would be necessary to clear out the situation.

These cars should be handled on foodstuffs trains and be assigned to Naples Station.

Any other use of them should not be permitted with the authority of the Allied Command.

We are therefore applying to your kindness so that this situation be considered and the difficulty of not disposing of sufficient warehouses room for storing of parcels be avoided.

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It is obvious that we are unable to meet the requirements of this service without disposing of an adequate quantity of railway box cars. It was agreed that 20 cars per day were to be put at our disposal, but practically we are receiving only 3 or 4 cars per day, owing to the very small amount of cars at Naples disposal.

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We would appreciate a kind reply of your and, awaiting, we thank you very much.

The Director General
SAD.: MOSUMECI.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

*Communications*Originator's Reference: 29/VG/51Message Centre No: G/5870Date/Time of Origin: DEC. 181000Date Time Rec'd: DEC. 191000Precedence: ROUTINEFROM: HAYWARD AMG 13 CORPS VENEZIA GIULIATO : HQ ALCOM CITE ACCMN

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Reference 9368. No difficulty foreseen here. ~~texMq~~AC DISTACTION : COMMUNICATION SC
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Chief Postal	
Ch. Q. Coms	
Asst Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

CHST/ams

21st December 1945

P.23.309/03

Subject: Transit of parcels from Great Britain to Jugo-Slavia.
To : Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.

Reference your 423816/44 dated 13th December.

1. A.M.C. Lombardia and Venezia Giulia Regions have stated that no difficulties are foreseen in connection with the transit of parcels from Great Britain to Jugo-Slavia via Milano and Trieste.

2. You may wish to reply to the British Postal Authorities accordingly, also informing them of the transit charges.

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Communications

Originator's Reference: 2662
Date/Time of Origin: DEC 181545A

Message Centre No: G/5857
Date Time Rec'd: DEC 190930A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AMG LOMBARDIA REGION REGIONAL POSTAL OFFICER FOR HANCOCK SIGNED MADDOCK
TO : HQ ALCOM CITE ACCMN INFO: AMG VENEZIA REGION FOR POSTAL OFFICER
AMG VENEZIA GIULIA FOR POSTAL OFFICER

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Cancel ref number 2661.

Reference 9368 of 15 December. No difficulties foreseen in forwarding Yugoslav parcel mails to Trieste.

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Chief Telecomm.	
Chief Postal	
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Date 19 DEC 1945

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P.23.307/US

Subject: Parcels From America.
To : Finance Sub-Commission.

Reference your 13062/E of 15th December to Mr. G. Robassini
(copy to this Sub-Commission).

It is desired to make it quite clear that the only parcels
from the U.S. with which this Sub-Commission and the Italian Post
Office are concerned are those properly accepted by the United States
Post Office and included in the parcel mails despatched from that country
to Italy.

WHE
for J. H. ROSSIER
Colonel, Sig. O.
Director.

20th December 1945

Copies to:

Mr. Cooke - Administrative Officer U.S. Embassy.
Mr. Farland Cleveland.
Mr. Ghilardi - Ports and Warehouse Division.
Col. Guy Carver A.S.C. R.A. Naples.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

15 December 1945

13062/F

SUBJECT : Waiving of Customs Duty
TO : Dr. J. Bombassei
Office of the Chief Commissioner,
Liaison with Minister of Foreign Affairs
(Room 39, 3rd floor)

1. We have been advised that some 12,000 gift packages containing food and relief supplies have arrived from America, addressed to friends and relatives in Italy.
2. These packages are now on the docks at Naples, unable to clear the Customs office, it being alleged that they exceed the weight limit.
3. It would be appreciated if steps could be taken with the Italian Customs Authorities to allow these packages to enter. It is believed that erroneous newspaper publicity in the United States caused people to misunderstand the Italian regulations.

(signed) ROBERT B. MENAPACE.
Colonel.

DIRECTOR
Finance Sub-Commission

Copy to : (J.L. Goshie
Administrative Officer - American Embassy, Rome.
Mr. Harlan Cleveland
Communications Sub-Commission
Mr. Ghilardi - Ports & Warehouse Div. (Room 45)
Col. Guy Warren - AMG HQ Naples.

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MEMO FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER
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Gift Parcel Post from America.

The Gift Parcel Post Service from America is just a year old and during this year it has presented some of the most awkward problems which the Communications Sub-Commission and the Italian Post Office have been called upon to handle. At the commencement the service was limited to 5 lb parcels for the cities of Naples, Rome, and Palermo, and the Vatican City only. There was considerable apprehension in agreeing even to such a limited service owing to the fact that shipping and port conditions were about as unsuitable as they could be for civil parcel mail operations while at Naples, where it was expected that most of the mails would be landed, the Post Office had lost practically all its sorting office accommodation due to war damage and requisitioning while the prospect of obtaining alternative accommodation was extremely remote. Frantic efforts were made to put into usable condition before the first consignments arrived a bomb-damaged part of the Naples Central Post Office. The general shortage of materials and especially electric light fittings had to be overcome by various expedients.

For a time no great difficulty was encountered but soon the traffic began to increase to such proportions that the Naples premises became inadequate; there was also a good deal of trouble in connection with the unloading assignments and the provision of road and rail transport. The diversion of some of the ships carrying these mails to ports other than Naples where the Post Office had no satisfactory premises or organization for dealing with the work also caused difficulty, while the general conditions

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under which the service was operated gave the Post Office very little opportunity to apply its normal checks and safeguards.

It became clear from censorship reports that the gift parcel service was being abused in some cases to transmit items intended for sale and also that "accommodation" addresses in Rome, Naples and Palermo were being used on parcels intended for other parts of Italy. It was felt, however, that the great majority of the parcels conformed to the conditions and that the benefits to the public were such that it would be undesirable to suspend the service.

As had been expected, a violent campaign was opened in America and Italy for the extension of the service to all parts of Italy and for an increase in the weight limit. On several occasions the pressure became so great that the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications was almost stampeded into agreeing to such extension without any reasonable prospect of being able to handle the volume of traffic which could be anticipated.

Eventually, as from ^{1 August 1945} it was agreed to accept parcels for all parts of Sicily and Sardinia as it was thought that internal distribution within the islands would be a little easier than on the mainland. Within a few days of this extension being advertised the U.S.A. announced that 50000 bags (about 300000 parcels) were on their way.

During this time the Sub-Commission continued to plead for the restoration of Post Office accommodation at Naples and in particular for the deconcentration of the half of the station sorting office occupied by the British Base A.P.O. It was unsuccessful in this, but as an alternative it managed to obtain for the Post Office the use of a large double room, but

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of about 6000 sq ft erected at the station and also the promise of two other similar huts. The Post Office in the meantime secured the use of a large crypt under a church.

With the additional accommodation and a promise by the Italian State Railways to provide the necessary rail cars, it was at last felt to be possible to agree to the extension of the service to all Italy on condition that the U.S.A. Post Office would sort the parcels into bags addressed to the various provinces and thus obviate the need for the great amount of bag opening and sorting space otherwise required at Naples. An extension in the weight limit to 11 lbs was also agreed to.

The extension of the service was advertised in the U.S.A. on 3rd November and in a few days a telegram was received indicating that owing to the unprecedented volume of postings the U.S. Post Office would be unable to sort the parcels as promised until after Christmas. In these circumstances the Chief Postal Officer had to make another begging expedition to Naples to try to secure other premises which could at least be used to put the mails under shelter and afford them some security. The Commissioner Naples Commerce A.M.C. agreed to the Fish Market - repairs to which were in their final stages - being reserved for this purpose during the Christmas pressure period. That every inch of space available will be required can be visualised when it is stated that according to information received up to date 226000 bags of these parcels (about 1,354000 parcels) have been shipped from the U.S.A. since the early part of November. The sorting of these arrivals and their distribution to destinations seems likely to tax severely the resources of the Italian Post Office and State Railways.

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WHETHER CLOSED PARCEL MALES FOR JUGOSLAVIA CAN BE
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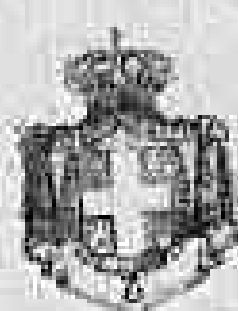
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Roma 13 DIC. 1945

All On. Commissione Alleata
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub Commission

Rapporto al N° R O 144
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OGGETTO: Transito pacchi dalla
Gran Bretagna per la Jugoslavia.

L'Amministrazione postale
Inglese con telegramma di cui si unisco
copia, chiede, come già ha fatto l'Ammini-
strazione postale Svizzera, alla quale è
stato risposto negativamente, se possano
essere dati in transito al servizio italia-
no spedizioni chiuse di pacchi postali ori-
ginari dalla Gran Bretagna, diretti in Ju-
goslavia, da rispedirsi via Milano-Trieste.

Pregasi esaminare la richiesta,
comunicare quali determinazioni possono esse-
re prese in proposito e significare, nel

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caso che debbasi rispondere favorevolmente,
se possa rettificarsi quanto è già stato
fatto preseppe all'Amministrazione Sviz-
zera.

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POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Servizio IV° Div. II

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GI 84 London 39/38 IO I700

Postgen Rome

Considering question restoration parcel service
United Kingdom to Yugoslavia stop Please telegraph whether you can ac-
cept closed parcel mails for Yugoslavia via Milan-Trieste and if so
transit credits required stop Traffic unlikely to be heavy-

Postgen

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3 December 1945

Caro Comm. Musumeci

Ritengo che l'Amministrazione potrebbe ritenere utile di discutere con i presenti della CISA se i loro servizi possano essere di utilita' per trattare il movimento dei pacchi postali.

WHL

Al Comm. Musumeci, Direttore Generale PP.TT.

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C. P. C. Genova N. 76.388

TELEGRAMMI: "CONCISA."
TELEFONO: 581.515**C. I. S. A.****Controllo Italiano Società Anonima**

CAPITALE SOCIALE LIT. 980.000 INTERAMENTE VERSATO

SEDE IN GENOVA

Assistenza - Controllo - Campionamenti cereali e merci varie nei porti e nell'Interno - Stazzatori e campionatori alla rinfusa - Spedizioni e magazzinaggi.

Genova, 6 Dicembre 1945

Via A. M. Maragliano, 2-5

da citare nella risposta

PROMEMORIA

La C.I.S.A. - Controllo Italiano Soc. An. con Sede in Genova Via Maragliano N.2 e con Agenzie in tutti i principali porti Nazionali, ha l'attrezzatura necessaria per compiere le seguenti operazioni:

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- c) autotrasporti,
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- e) assicurazioni.

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Genova, 6 Dicembre 1945

Via A. M. Maragliano, 2-5

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Reference della C.I.S.A.:

Ministero dell'Agricoltura,

U.C.E.P.A.P. = Roma

Banco Commerciale Italiana = Genova

Banco di Roma = Genova

Credito Italiano = Genova

Banco di Napoli = Genova

Banco Nazionale del Lavoro = Genova

Cassero di Commercio Italo Americano = Genova

Amministrazione Attilio Diero = Genova

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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P.23.296/08

8th December 1945

Subject: Gift Parcels from U.S.A.

To : Director General for Posts and Telecommunications.

Reference P.44.183/08 of 29th November (renumbered P.23.296/08).

1. I enclose for your information a copy of a letter received from Col. Pennycook concerning action taken to secure for the use of the Naples Post Office during the Christmas pressure period the Fish Market.
2. It is thought that this action should go a long way towards solving the difficulties anticipated in accommodating the very heavy despatches already advised by the U.S. Post Office (50000 bags on one ship and 39000 bags on another).
3. As regards the derequisitioning of the G.I.I. premises you may wish to confirm that your Naples Directorate is taking action to secure the use of this accommodation.
4. No doubt you are keeping the Italian State Railways fully advised of the prospective requirements as regards railway transport from Naples.

WHL
H.E. SOUTHER
Colonel, Sig.O.
Director.

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Copies to:
Chief Commissioner
U.S. Embassy
Transportation Rail
G-5 : A.P.M.Q.
Commissioner Naples Command A.M.G.

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NAPLES COMMUNE
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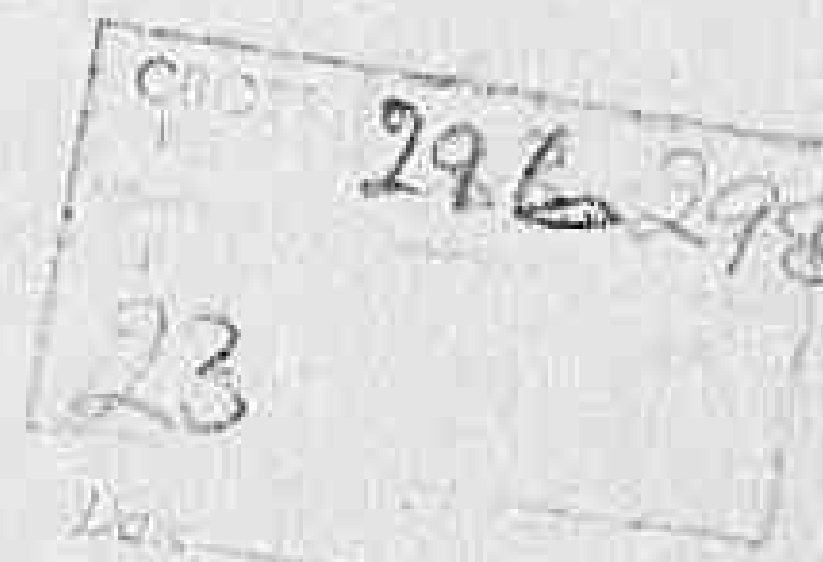
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SUBJECT : Gift Parcels from U.S.A.
TO : HQ. A. C. ✓
(Communications Sub-Commission).

1. With reference to your P.44.183.CS of 29th Nov. the completion of the roof of the former Naples Fish Market is being pressed forward and, in case of necessity, the upper floor of this building will be held for temporary use by the Post Office for sorting parcels.
2. In the meantime the GIL premises, which are underneath the Italian main post office have been derequisitioned and handed back to the Italian authorities, so possibly this will solve the problem of a parcel sorting office.

J. A. C. Pennyquick

J. A. C. PENNYCUICK
Colonel
Commissioner.



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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P.M. 183.C3

29 November 1945

SUBJECT: Gift Parcels from U.S.A.

TO : The Director General for Posts and Telecomms.

Reference your 128540/125/1/AST of 23 Nov. 1945.

1. It is thought that the inability of the U.S. Postal Administration to sort the parcels into Province bags until after Xmas should not greatly affect the rail transport requirements as, in any case, it was anticipated that the bulk of this traffic would need to be distributed from Naples by rail. The necessity of sorting the parcels at Naples does, however, seriously affect the accommodation problem.

2. I have advised the Naples Provincial Director that if the arrivals exceed the capacity of the storage and sorting accommodation available or obtainable he should consult Colonel Pennycook - the AMG Commissioner for Naples Communs - who has promised to do what he can to help to obtain the use of premises for temporary storage in such an emergency. It is, of course, necessary that the Provincial Director should ensure that all space available is properly utilised and in this connection I have drawn his attention to the fact that the Depository in the Central Post Office is not being used and could accommodate several thousand bags if access from the yard were provided. The erection of the two huts obtained for use at the port station will no doubt be pressed forward as it is useless to ask for other facilities of this kind until those already conceded are in use and known to be inadequate.

3. It is appreciated that the accommodation difficulties at Naples will be increased if the bags ready for despatch are not moved forward as quickly as possible and if the Italian State Railway authorities cannot supply the necessary number of railway vehicles they should be asked to discuss the problem with the Transportation Sub Commission. Please inform this Sub Commission if the rail transportation position is not satisfactorily settled.

Copy to: G-5, AFHQ
Transportation Sub Commission
(Rail) (with copy of U.S. telegram
and translation of Ministry's letter)
Commissioner AMG Naples.

WHL
H.E. SCUDLIER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Communication

Originator's Reference: F54525
Date/Time of Origin: 26 NOV 1830A

Message Centre No: G/4373
Date Time Rec'd: 27 NOV 1045
Precedence: ROUTINE

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TO : ALCOM ROME

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ACTION

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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT OF TAM 714 CLN. "REFER MA T 947. GPT PARCEL SERVICE TO ITALY .

1. ORIGINAL LIMIT OF 1 PARCEL PER MONTH ESTABLISHED HERE. SINCE SERVICE OF 1 PARCEL PER WEEK HAS BEEN AUTHORISED FOR OTHER COUNTRIES IN SAME CATEGORY AS ITALY, POST OFFICE AND STATE DEPARTMENTS MADE ANNOUNCEMENT TO PERMIT SHIPMENT OF 1 PARCEL PER WEEK TO ESTABLISH SERVICE F FOR ITALY CONSIST ZAAGHICFL SIMILAR SERVICE FOR OTHER COUNTRIES. IT IS NOT BELIEVED THIS NEW LIMIT WILL GREATLY INCREASE THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF PARCELS. ITALIAN POSTAL AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED ACCORDINGLY.
2. PRESS RELEASE HERE COVERED EXTENSION OF SERVICE TO CITIES OF GORIZIA, TRIESTE AND POLA.

Director	
Chief Foreperson	
Chief Postal	
Chief Com. O.	
Chief Postal	
Chief Clerk	

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Ministero delle Poste
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Ispett. Gen. Mov. Postale

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Ala C.A. Telecomuni-
cations Sub. Commission
Via Veneto Roma

Rapporto N°
del

OGGETTO: Circolare pacchi dono.

Si trasmettono, per opportuna conoscenza,
2 copie della circolare relativa alle dispo-
sizioni impartite alle dipendenti Direzioni
per il servizio dei pacchi dono U.S.A.

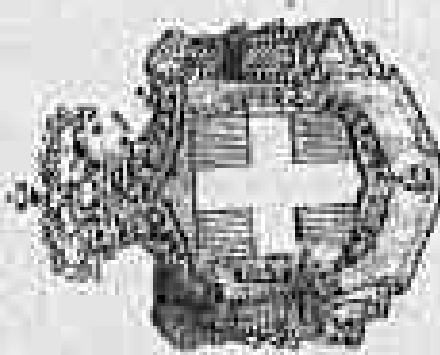
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Ministero delle Poste e delle Telecomunicazioni

ISPettorato Generale del Movimento Postale

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N. 477859/8-7

Roma, li 19 Novembre 1945

OGGETTO: Organizzazione preventiva per la formazione e la circolazione dei sacchi contenenti pacchi dono U.S.A. per tutta l'Italia.

In previsione dell'imminente arrivo di pacchi dono provenienti dagli U.S.A. e diretti in tutte le Regioni d'Italia, è stato concordato, con la Direzione Generale delle ferrovie, il programma per la formazione e per l'itinerario dei seguenti carri, che supera ed annulla quello contenuto nelle circolari n. 477848/ del 6 e 7 dello scorso mese di settembre, già trasmesse, p.c. alle Sezioni Tecniche ed ai Capilinea del Movimento.

Anche il nuovo programma è stato concordato partendo dal presupposto che lo scarico dei sacchi pacchi si effettui a Napoli; resta inteso che in caso di cui lo sbarco si effettui invece in altro porto (quali Genova, Livorno, Venezia, Ancona, Bari, Palermo) gli uffici interessati, appena ricevuta notizia dell'arrivo dei vascelli dovranno predisporre, in tempo debito, mezzi e personale per il sollecito scarico dei sacchi e per il successivo inoltrato a destinazione, ripartendo i sacchi stessi per i porti di anche per Provincia. Quando il numero dei sacchi da scaricare è compreso in carri chiusi e plombati dagli agenti doganali e ferroviari.

La Direzione Generale del Movimento Postale, ha già diramato - al riguardo - una circolare alle Sezioni Regionali del Movimento per cui, a richiesta della Direzione Generale, si è disposta la formazione di pacchi occorrenti all'itinerario dei pacchi dono e per i quali siano indicate delle riunioni tra gli esperti ferroviari e quelli postali allo scopo di predisporre un programma per la formazione dei carri e per il loro itinerario dei previsti porti di sbarco (oltre Napoli) agli uffici destinatari.

Si ritiene opportuno di richiamare l'attenzione di tutte le Sezioni Regionali e degli uffici del movimento sulla circolare della Direzione Generale delle ferrovie, n. 223/304/6 del 16 maggio 1943, circa le norme per la consegna e ricezione dei veicoli piombati contenenti effetti postali; ed avvertasi che, l'accordo con la Direzione Generale delle ferrovie, si è convenuto che la scorta dei carri pacchi dono provvenga dagli U.S.A. sarà eseguita da due agenti dell'Armata quando il carro conterrà partita sacchi per più scali e le consegne debbono farsi "travero stante" in stazioni in cui non vi siano uffici postali; mentre i carri con itinerario diretto (senza concessione intermedia, contenenti sacchi pacchi da trasferire dalla sede di sbarco a quella destinataria) viaggeranno in consegna agli agenti ferroviari.

A tutte le Direzioni P.T. del Regno, Roma, escluse Trieste, Fiume, Gorizia, Pola, Zara

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All'Ufficio Postale

Alla Sezione Tecnica Mov. Poste

Al Servizio IV Div. 2 Sez. I

Al Capolinea Mov. Postale

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in osservanza alle norme della circolare sopra ricordata e, comunque, alle Istruzioni del manualetto " Trasporti Postali " edito a cura della Direzione Gen/le delle ferrovie - Articoli 15, 16 e seguenti -

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Elenca dei carri pacchi per sigilli Capolungo che si prevede possa formare l'Ufficio di Napoli Pacchi Teapovia.

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1)	Napoli per Salerno	-	3075	-	Bacchi per la sola Provincia
2)	Napoli per Avellino	-	3656	"	" "
3)	Napoli per Benevento	-	8230	"	" "
			8235	"	" "
4)	Napoli per Campobasso	-	8230	"	" "
			8235	"	" "
			1904	"	" "
			3391	"	" "
			3394	"	" "
5)	Napoli per Frosinone	-	6700	"	" "
			6702	"	" "
6)	Napoli per Roma	-	3030	"	" "

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7) Napoli per S. Eustachio - 8339 24 Napoli - Napoli per le Pro-
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8) Napoli per Potenza	-	3205	da Caserta	
"	"	1784	da Benevento	
"	"	2975	da Avellino	
"	"	1927	da Salerno	
"	"	3972	da Battipaglia	- Pacchiola
				la sola provincia.

9) Napoli per Taranto	-	"	3075	Ca Napoli	
		"	4034	da Salerno	
		"	5070	da Battinella	13.

10) Napoli per Cosenza	-	3975	di Napoli	12
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	-	3070	di Salerno	12

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42) Napoli per Ravello C.	1943	30 Napoli	13.
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- 13) Napoli per Salerno - Treno 1935 o 1943 da Napoli - Pacchi per la Sicilia.
 " 6461 da Battipaglia e treno da Messina. utile
 N.F. Occorrendo, sarà formato carro da Napoli per Siracusa con partite per Messina, Catania, ed Enna. Siracusa e Ragusa con i treni 1935 o 1943 da Napoli e treni utili da Messina e Siracusa.
 Treno S.S. da Napoli - Pacchi per le Province di Viterbo, Latina, Grosseto, Siena, Arezzo, Rieti, L'Aquila.
 N.F. Ufficio di Roma Pacchi Ferrovia proserrà
 i pacchi per Viterbo col treno 2523 (o 5128 ?)
 " " Grosseto col treno 1030
 " " Siena col treno 3400 (scalo Chiusi)
 " " Arezzo col treno 3400
 " " Rieti con l'aduto Roma L'Aquila
 Civitanova
 15) Napoli per Civitanova - Treno 8239 da Napoli - Pacchi per le provincie di Pescara, Chieti, Teramo, Ascoli, Macerata.
 " 8295 da Caserta
 " 1894 da Foggia
 " 4310 da Pescara
 " 4312 da S. Benedetto
- N.F. Il carro viaggerà chiuso da Napoli a Pescara; in questo scalo sarà provveduto alla ricognizione del carro, allo scarico delle partite per Pescara e Chieti: indi due agenti di Pescara lo scorteranno fino alla stazione di Civitanova Marche e provvederanno alle consegne negli scali di Giulianova, S. Benedetto e Civitanova.

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16) Napoli per Ancona - treni - treno SSS. da Napoli - Pacchi per le prov. di Terri, Perugia, Ancona e Pesaro.

treno 3400 da Roma
1712 " Orte
1834 " Terri.

N.E. Il carro viaggerà chiuso da Napoli a Terri; indi vi prenderanno posto due agenti di Terri che lo scorteranno fino ad Ancona; l'Ufficio di Ancona Ferrovia provvederà alla prosecuzione dei pacchi di Pesaro, con mezzi normali.

17) Napoli per Firenze - treno S.S. da Napoli - Pacchi per le provincie di Toscana - cioè di Livorno, Pisa, Lucca, Ancona, La Spezia, Firenze, Pistoia.

1030 da Roma
1053 da Livorno
1831 da Pisa

N.P. Il carro viaggerà chiuso fino a Livorno; ivi saranno scaricati i sacchi per Livorno, Ancona e La Spezia; vi prenderanno posto due agenti di Livorno i quali lo scorteranno fino a Firenze e provvederanno allo scarico ed alla consegna dei sacchi per Pisa e Lucca, La Spezia e dei sacchi per Firenze e Pistoia a Firenze.

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Carri per l'inoltro dei sacchi pacchi alle Provincie dell'Italia Continentale.

18) Napoli per Genova - Treni S.S. da Napoli - Pacchi per le Provincie di Toscana - della Liguria (meno La Spezia)

treno 1030 da Roma T.
1059 da Livorno
1837 da Pisa
1374 da Firenze
33 da Bologna
1342 da Piacenza
1395 da Vercelli

19) Napoli per Torino

- Treno S.S. da Napoli - Pacchi per le Province
 Tracotta da Tuscolana - cis del Piemonte
 treno 1030 da Roma T.
 " 1059 da Livorno
 " 1837 da Pisa
 " 1374 da Firenze
 " 38 da Bologna
 " 128 da Piacenza
 " 1038 da Alessandria

20) Napoli per Bologna

- Treno S.S. da Napoli - Pacchi per le Province
 cis dell'Emilia, delle
 Romagne, e per quelle
 di Rovigo, Mantova, Verona,
 Padova, Trento, e Bolzano.
 Treno 8220 da Tuscolana
 " 8738 da Grosseto
 " 8301 da Livorno
 " 8863 da Pisa
 " 8196 da Firenze
 " 7316 da Prato

21) Napoli per Milano

- Treno S.S. da Napoli - Pacchi per le Province
 cis della Lombardia.
 " 8220 da Tuscolana
 " 8738 da Grosseto
 " 8301 da Livorno
 " 8863 da Pisa
 " 8196 da Firenze
 " 7316 da Prato
 " 38 da Bologna
 " 1368 da Piacenza

22) Napoli per Venezia

- Treno S.S. da Napoli - Pacchi per le Province
 cis del Veneto; esclusi
 se quelle indicate al
 N.20 da comprendersi
 nel carro Napoli Bologna.
 " 8220 da Tuscolana
 " 8738 da Grosseto
 " 8301 da Livorno
 " 8863 da Pisa
 " 8196 da Firenze
 " 7316 da Prato
 " 2118 da Bologna
 " 2106 da Ostiglia
 " 1441 da Verona

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L'organizzazione del movimento dei carri e le disposizioni contenute nella presente circolare potranno essere modificate nel corso della esenzione pratica del servizio, a seguito di impreviste difficoltà che dovessero presentarsi ed anche per suggerimento degli ispettori e dei Capilinea del Movimento, dopo un congruo periodo del l'andata in vigore del servizio così pure, qualora la quantità dei sacchi pacchi da inoltrare ai Capiluogo, non giustifichi la formazione di apposito carro diretto, saranno formati, dall'Ufficio di Napoli ferroviaria, ed eventualmente da altri Uffici di sbarco, carri misti, con partite per più Capiluogo, e con itinerari utili da concordarsi con gli organi ferroviari.

Si raccomanda comunque vivamente alle Direzioni ed agli organi del movimento la più assidua ed efficace vigilanza con sopralluoghi alle stazioni ferroviarie di consegna dei sacchi pacchi, e con visite di sorpresa sia al passaggio dei convogli con i quali circolano i carri chiusi, sia ai messaggeri di scorta ai carri stessi allo scopo di sterzare manomissioni, sottrazioni di sacchi e manomissione di carri e furti del contenuto.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
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P.23.293.CS

28 November, 1945

SUBJECT: Thefts of Gift Parcels from America

TO : Alfonso Valente. Capo d'Orlando.

1. With reference to your letter of 27th October the problem of thefts from the post is one which every country has to face and the difficulty of preventing such losses is, of course, affected by the circumstances under which the service is carried out. The responsibility for operating the service in question within Italian Government territory rests with that Government and any further correspondence on the subject should be addressed to the Italian Government Department concerned.

2. I am informed by the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications that the number of losses is very small by comparison with the great number of parcels received and that action has already been taken against those suspected of being responsible for the losses which have occurred.

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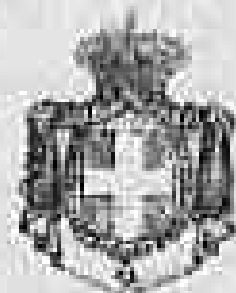
H. E. SCUDDER,
Col, Sig. C.
Director.

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OGGETTO: pacchi dono dagli U.S.A.

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Si trasmette qui unita copia di un telegramma con il quale la Direzione Generale delle Poste a Washington comunica le difficoltà che impediscono all'ufficio di New York di effettuare le spedizioni dei pacchi dono per l'Italia secondo le modalità concordate.

Per tale modificazione si viene ad alterare il programma prestabilito già portato a conoscenza di codesta On. Commissione e saranno causati imbarazzi non lievi all'ufficio di Napoli date le presenti deficienze dei mezzi di trasporto.

Al riguardo sarebbe desiderabile che

codesta On. Commissione intervenisse nuovamente perchè fosse assegnato, ad uso esclusivo della Posta, un maggior quantitativo di carri ferroviari efficienti, in modo da agevolare il compito dell'ufficio di Napoli.

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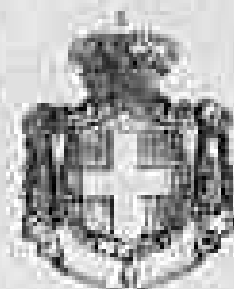
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OUR LETTER OCTOBER TEN OUR CABLEGRAM NOVEMBER SIXTEEN REGRET TO ADVISE THAT
IN VIEW APPROACHING HOLIDAY SEASON AND UNPRECEDENTED VOLUME OF GIFT PARCELS
FOR ITALY SINCE EXTENSION OF SERVICE NEWYORK POST OFFICE NOT YET ABLE TO
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SHIPMENTS STOP PREPARATIONS NOW BEING MADE TO PALERMO CAGLIARI VATICAN
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TELY FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS MAILING PERIOD STOP KINDLY CABLE **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**.

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At Commissione Alleata
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Rapporteur N° R O M A
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OGGETTO: Reclami per manomissioni
di pacchi dono dagli U.S.A.

In relazione al foglio n.
P.23.270.C S del 7 corrente, significasi che da-
gli accertamenti eseguiti è risultato che effet-
tivamente manomissioni di pacchi dono provenienti
dagli U.S.A. si sono dovute imputare ad agenti
incaricati del trasporto o della consegna, e
tutti gli indiziati sono stati denunciati alle
locali Autorità di P.S. e da queste tratti in
arresto.

I casi però non sono così numerosi co-
me si vorrebbe far credere e rappresentano una
percentuale piccolissima dell'ingente numero di

pacchi giunti in Italia.

Opportuni accertamenti sono in corso per stabilire la precisa entità dei mancati ricevimenti a Roma, Napoli e Palermo e si fa pertanto riserva di ulteriori informazioni in proposito al più presto possibile.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
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FROM: PADOVA
TO : COMMUNICATIONS SC ALCON ROME

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No record here of references in your telegram of 19 have not seen Stars and Stripes article of 18 on 8 November 39 tons of mail from USA arrived at Trieste labeled to Lubiana consisted of 6 saks registered 16 sacks letters and 1724 sacks parcels total 1746 sacks truck transportation from ship direct to railroad station provided by AMG 19 November shipment was made by train to Lubiana no knowledge of any delay of failure to turn shipment over to yugoslav authorities - Major Turner-

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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20th November 1945

P.23.233/CS

Subject: Italian External Mail Services.

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

Reference your 311.1 of 15th November 1945.

1. It appears from the extracts from letter # 14067/311/304 of 2nd November that the Foreign Office is not fully aware of the difficulties with which the Italian Post Office and the Allied Commission have been faced in restoring International Postal Services to and from Italy.

2. In theory, authority to restore all postal services up to the normal International Postal Union limits was devolved on the Italian Postal Administration months ago but, in practice, the conditions have been such that it has required much joint effort on the part of this Commission and the Post Office to obtain the means to render such extensions possible. Moreover it must not be overlooked that the problem has been complicated by the fact that the four Northern Regions of Italy, containing the most important industrial centres and controlling the land routes to other countries are still not under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government.

3. In Italy it has not been the policy - as appears to have been the case in certain liberated allied countries - to place army resources at the disposal of the Civil Post Office for the internal conveyance of mails. The effect of the long campaign in Italy on civil means of transport should be well known. Even today the train services are very scanty and the postal accommodation on the few long distance civil train services in operation is actually inadequate for the existing services and it has not been practicable to cope with an internal parcel post service. For a long time after the liberation of the Northern Provinces there was no civil train connections between North and South Italy and efforts by this Commission to obtain military vehicles for postal trunk road services were unsuccessful. In Southern and Central Italy the number of civil road transport vehicles in usable condition remaining available for postal purposes in each Province after its liberation from the enemy was practically negligible and now that some military vehicles are being supplied to the Post Office that Department is experiencing the greatest difficulty in obtaining an adequate provision of petrol.

4. In the matter of accommodation, especially at Naples, the Post Office has fared particularly badly. All its Sorting Office accommodation in that city was destroyed or requisitioned and all suitable alternative accommodation has been eagerly sought for military purposes. It needed persistent efforts on the part of this Commission and G-5 to obtain the derequisition of even half the Naples Sorting Office and the other half is still occupied by the British Army Base Post Office.

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At Leghorn the accommodation situation is equally difficult and is likely to continue so until the U.S. deployment programme is complete. Sorting offices in some other towns are only now being derequisitioned.

5. As regards the conveyance of mails to overseas destinations, the present system of shipping on a "treaty" basis renders it very difficult indeed to devise a scheme under which the Post Office can obtain the necessary central intelligence of departures from the various ports sufficiently in advance to be able to control its own despatching arrangements from Offices of Exchange. A liaison officer of the Italian Mercantile Marine was appointed for this purpose at Navy House Naples but as yet he has not found it possible to obtain the necessary results and further investigation of the difficulties by this Commission will be necessary. The fact that ships do not sail to definite ports in Italy but are liable to diversion according to requirements makes it extremely difficult for the Post Office to make proper arrangements for the receipt of parcel mails. Conditions at ports in Italy are such that the arrival of 10,000 bags of civil parcel mail at a place not suitable for the handling of this work presents an exceptional problem from the point of view of protection against loss and bad weather.

6. In view of all these factors the proposal to commence a gift parcel service, even limited to the cities of Rome, Naples, Palermo and the Vatican, was viewed with many misgivings both by the Italian Post Office and this Commission. It was fully realised that the amount of such traffic would be heavy; that the proposed limitation on nature of contents and the number of parcels permissible would be difficult to maintain; and that it would inevitably lead to strong political pressure from the Italo-American population in the United States for an extension to the Provinces. Nevertheless it was felt that whatever was possible should be done to obtain the benefits of this service for the towns in greatest need. The service from the U.S.A. to the cities mentioned was, therefore, agreed to on the understanding that no participation by other countries in this service should take place until experience was gained of its operation.

Owing to the lack of road transport for delivery purposes it was necessary to adopt a "callers" delivery system and at Naples serious difficulties had to be overcome to get badly-damaged premises in usable condition to deal with the first arrivals. Events fully justified all the original misgivings. After the first one or two arrivals the traffic exceeded the capacity of the premises available; the conditions under which the mails were dealt with at the military ports were distinctly unsatisfactory from a postal point of view; and there was such difficulty in connection with the safeguarding and forwarding of the mails for Palermo and Rome. To add to the problem certain consignments arrived at ports other than Naples where no suitable post office facilities were available. The anticipated campaign in the U.S.A. for an extension of the service to other parts of Italy developed and a great deal of pressure was brought to bear in this connection.

In these circumstances it is considered that the Italian Post Office was fully justified in declining further extensions of the service, especially as it was warned in view of the military requirements it must not agree to services which would involve military assistance at the ports.

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Eventually, having obtained some concessions in the matter of accommodation and transport, the Post Office and the Allied Commission agreed to extend the U.S.A. gift parcel service to all Italy; being assisted in this by the agreement of the U.S. Postal Administration to make up bags for each Provincial Capital. The sorting by provinces in the U.S.A. will enable such accommodation as is available at Naples to be used for "bulk-breaking" instead of detailed sorting. Whether the rolling-stock position and general train arrangements will be such as to give a satisfactory distribution service remains to be seen.

There was some little delay in obtaining the agreement of the Italian Post Office to a similar service from former Italian Possessions and the British Empire generally because it was felt that the smaller traffic from such countries would not justify such detailed subdivision of the despatches and would probably create an additional sorting office problem at Naples. However, in his desire to afford equal facilities, if at all possible, to Great Britain and the U.S.A. the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications finally agreed to such an extension and this agreement was signalled to A.P.H.C. on 3rd November - only 10 days after the extension of the U.S. service was agreed to (MAT 939 and Meg 570 refer).

7. With regard to the suggestion that the gift parcel service from America could be used to promote American trade it should be mentioned that inspections of the arrivals, which contain many parcels that have burst open in transit, reveal that the great majority of them contain genuine non-commercial present for relatives which have done and will do still more to relieve some of the distress in this country. It is known from censorship reports that the service is used on occasions to send articles of commercial value but this is done not in the interests of American trade but to enable relatives in this country to make money by selling at the scarcity prices obtaining in Italy. The Italian Government also would prefer to have a normal parcel service rather than the special gift parcel scheme but it cannot at present surmount the additional accommodation difficulties involved in making provision for the opening of parcels and customs examination and in these circumstances it is naturally unwilling to deny to the public the benefits of the gift scheme.

For the CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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H.H. SOUTHER
Colonel, Sig.O.
Director.

Copy to:

Chief Commissioner.

P.S. Presumably you will point out that your MAT 902 and MAT 913 give a complete reply to TAM 676 so far as Italy is concerned.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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G-5: 311.1

15 November 1945

SUBJECT: Italian External Communications.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Reference conversation, Captain Thompson - Major Benson, of 15 November 1945.

1. Attached is an extract from a letter from the Foreign Office to the British Resident Minister, AFHQ.

2. You are requested to forward your comments on the points made in this letter as soon as possible

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

C. O. Benson
C. O. BENSON, (MgH)
Major, R. A.

Encl: as above

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Extracts from letter from the Foreign
Office to Resmed No. W.14067/311/804
of the 2nd November, 1945.

We see no reason why authority should not now be given to the Italian Government to restore all postal services up to the normal international postal union limits, the arrangements to be made by direct communication between the Italian Post Office and the postal administrations of the other countries concerned. The War Office (C.A. 14) are in agreement with us on this point, and we should be glad if you would consult Allied Force Headquarters and, if there is no serious objection, suggest that they should obtain authority to make the change. It would of course be open to the Italian Post Office to refuse services which they did not feel able to handle, but we should now prefer these matters to be left if possible to the usual civilian authorities. It may be that the Italian Post Office are still dependent on military assistance: if this is so, we hope that they are being encouraged to stand on their own feet, and should be glad to know how the matter stands. In this connexion please see AGWAR telegram No. TAM 676 of the 28th August, to which we can trace no reply from Allied Force Headquarters other than a statement that the question was under consideration.

Another matter which puzzles us is the parcels service. A general authority was given on the 25th October 1944 (TAM 329) for restricted gift parcels services with Italy from the United Kingdom and the British Empire, concurrently with the introduction of similar services from the United States. We did not take advantage of this authority at the time, but have recently considered starting a similar service from this country, in view of the fact that for some time past the United States have had a gift parcel service to certain areas of Italy, which can undoubtedly be used to a certain extent to promote American trade. India recently expressed a wish to start a similar service, which was refused by the Italian Post Office on the grounds that the size of the United States service severely taxed their resources. Allied Force Headquarters said in their telegram No. MEG 563 of the 18th October to the War Office that every effort was being made by the Italian authorities to extend all mail services, and that it was hoped soon to extend the United States gift parcel service to the whole of Italy and to offer similar facilities to the British Empire and South American countries. On the 26th October Allied Force Headquarters telegraphed in their telegram No. MAT 939 that the extension of the United States service had been agreed, and that the weight limit had been raised (previously it was 5 lbs) to 11 lbs, but that no decision had yet been reached in regard to similar services from British Empire countries. Allied Force Headquarters asked that a warning should be given to the American public against abuses of the service for commercial purposes (it seems to us incidentally that this warning is more likely to put ideas into people's heads than anything else).

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It is hard to believe that after all this time the Italian Post Office arrangements are so poor that they really cannot accept gift-parcels from wherever they may be offered. We should be glad if you would discuss with Allied Force Headquarters and let us have your observations. Meanwhile we have asked the General Post Office, to whom the Indian Post Office referred the Italian refusal, to confirm the existing decision. We should of course much prefer the restoration of ordinary parcel post services, rather than gift parcel services, even if the weight limit had to be restricted initially to some value below the normal postal union limit. It is possible however that gift parcels might be smaller in quantity and so easier for the Italian Post Office to handle.

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POSTAL OFFICER FROM NO ALONG FIVE ACHER PARCE
DOWN THIS APPLY TO MAILS LANDED HEREIN PD IF SO STATE WHAT IS
DIFFICULTY IN ANTICIPATING NORMAL TRAVEL AND DATES OF ARRIVAL TRIP
PD THAT ADDRESS IS USED ON THE LABELS OF SUCH MAILS

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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P.23.286/CS

14th November 1945

Subject: Italy Gift Parcel Services.

To : D.D.A.P.S., G.H.Q., M.E.F.

Reference your P/CIV/III of 25th September 1945.

1. It has been possible to obtain for the Italian Post Office some improvement in the accommodation situation at Naples and a prospect of certain additional railway transport facilities and agreement has therefore been given to the gift parcel service from the U.S.A. being extended to all Italy except Venezia Giulia and also to the cities of Gorizia, Trieste and Pola. This extension was rendered practicable by the U.S. Postal Administration's agreement to make up separate bags for each Province. Very heavy traffic is expected and it is probable that much difficulty will be experienced if these mails continue to arrive on ships diverted to ports where there are not suitable arrangements to deal with the work. Even with the present limited service we have had trouble when arrivals up to 10,000 bags at a time have had to be discharged at such places as Cagliari and Leghorn.

2. To meet the desire of the British Authorities that equivalent facilities should be available to the Empire the attached message has been sent and no doubt you will receive relative information in due course.

3. It is assumed that if the concentration on Egypt is arranged the despatching arrangements will be the responsibility of the Egyptian Civil P.O. which will need to make its own arrangements for contracts. At the moment the policy in Italy is to withdraw any assistance by the A.P.O. in the matter of conveyance of overseas despatches and the problem is to establish machinery under which the Post Office can obtain the necessary shipping information under the present abnormal shipping operating arrangements.

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H.H. SCUDER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

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Copy of telegram n. 8023 of 3rd November 1945.

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Risposta al f. N° P. 23.270/CS

del I corrente

Roma, 8 NOV. 1945

Ala Commissione Alleata
Communications Subcommittee

OGGETTO: Reclamo per pacco dono dagli
S.U.A.

R. O. M. A.

Si assicura cō questa Commissione che
si è dato subito incarico alla Direzione delle
Poste e Telegrafi di Napoli di far eseguire, a
mezzo di un Ispettore, accurate indagini sul fat-
to segnalato dal mittente del pacco proveniente
dagli S.U.A. e diretto al Sig. Alberti, villa
D'Angelo, Posillipo, Napoli.

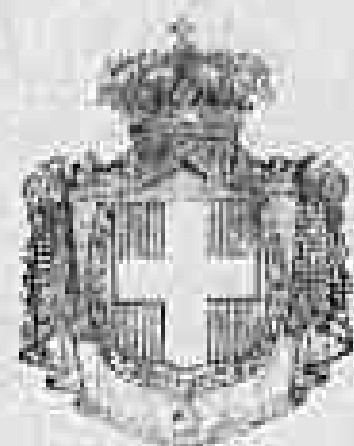
Si fa riserva di riferire sull'esito delle
indagini stesse.

Il Direttore Generale

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ROMA 31 Ottobre 1945

N.428117/1.5/1.108

ALLE VIRTUZIONI PROVINCIALI D. 13
POSTE E TELEGR. PI.

OGGETTO. Servizio pacchi dono dagli U.S.A.

Nella imminenza dell'estensione a tutto il territorio nazionale dello speciale servizio dei pacchi postali dono spediti dai nostri connazionali residenti negli U.S.A. alle proprie famiglie e conoscenti, è opportuno tener presente quanto segue:

I pacchi in questione del peso di ~~gr. 1000~~ contenenti viveri, indumenti, medicinali, articoli da toilette, ecc. (ma non generi di monopolio) per un valore, ciascuno, non eccedente 1.25 dollari (L.2.500), godono della franchigia doganale, non sono soggetti a restrizioni ammoniarie, ed a verifica in arrivo.

Sono spediti in via ordinaria e dall'Ufficio di cambio di New York vengono compresi, indescritti, in spedizioni chiuse per ciascun capoluogo di provincia ed annunciati globalmente sul foglio di via.

Non sono numerati in partenza, nè sono accompagnati da bollettine di spedizione, ma sono tutti muniti di una dichiarazione doganale (customs declaration) che porta la descrizione del contenuto.

Dai porti di sbarco, dopo effettuati dagli uffici ricevitori i normali riscontri, le anzidette spedizioni dovranno inoltrarsi alle rispettive destinazioni con i mezzi concordati con la Direzione Generale delle FF.SS. in conformità del programma a conoscenza delle Ispozioni tecniche.

Gli uffici di capoluogo, ricevute le accennate spedizioni ed effettuando la ricezione, dovranno:

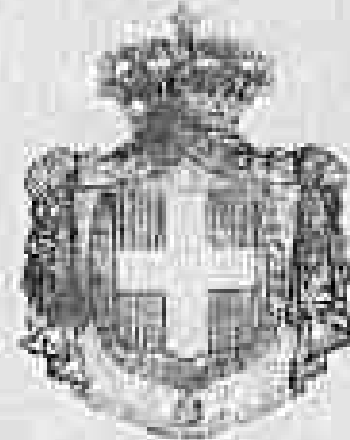
- 1°) applicare su ciascun pacco il numero distintivo, distaccandolo dal mod. 253/B o, in mancanza, dal mod. 253.
- 2°) Descrivere su distinto giornaliero all'atto dell'apertura dei sacchi tutti i pacchi sui quali è stato applicato il n. distintivo.

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- 3°) Trattenere quelli da distribuire in loco.
 4°) Per vedere ed inoltrare a destinazione, con le modalità prescritte dall'Istruzione pacchi, gli altri.
 5°) Compilare per qualsiasi irregolarità riscontrata (cattivo stato, mancanza di sacchi o di pacchi, discordanza con le indicazioni riportate sui vari documenti, ecc.) se a carico di servizi interni, regolare verbale mod. 13, se a carico del servizio estero, bollettino di verifica mod. 43F in lingua italiana (v. paragr. 88 Istruzione pacchi) copia del quale dovr. inviarsi direttamente in busta a New York.
 6°) Munire del bollo di arrivo e firmare i fogli di via esteri che accompagnano le spedizioni, corregerne i totali in conformità delle discordanze accertate, raggrupparli per mese di emissione, corredarli delle copie dei bollettini di verifica che ad essi si riferiscono e delle risposte eventualmente giunte da New York, trasmetterli mensilmente, così raccolti, a questa Direzione Generale, Servizio IV Div. II, accompagnati da nota riepilogativa indicante:
- a) il numero distintivo della spedizione;
 - b) la data di formazione;
 - c) la data di arrivo;
 - d) il totale dei pacchi di peso fino a 1 Kg.
 - e) il totale dei pacchi da 1 a 5 Kg. tanto annunciati, quanto ricevuti
- 7°) Riportare su di un registro memoriale opportunamente adattato da conservarsi in ufficio, tutti gli anzidetti dati desunti dai fogli di via, individuando anche il quantitativo dei sacchi annunciati e quello dei sacchi effettivamente ricevuti per ogni spedizione.

Ogni ufficio cui spetta effettuare la consegna dei pacchi destinati dovrà:

- a) riportare sul registro mod. 260 o 260 A gli estremi completi di ogni pacco;
- b) notificare al destinatario l'arrivo del pacco mediante lo speciale avviso, o, in mancanza, con mod. 26 prendendo nota sul registro 260 della data di tale partecipazione;
- c) inviare, trascorsi 15 giorni senza che si sia verificato il ritiro, un nuovo avviso raccomandato sul quale dovrà essere fatto risultare che qualora il pacco non venga ritirato entro 15 giorni dalla data di detto 2° avviso, esso sarà ceduto in dono alla C.R.I.;
- d) consegnare il pacco, previo accertamento dell'identità personale del destinatario, ritirandone ricevuta, sullo stesso avviso notificante l'arrivo e la giacenza del pacco.



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Nel caso di ritiro mediante delega, il delegato oltre ad una propria carta di riconoscimento dovrà presentare anche un documento relativo alla identità personale del delegante, i cui estremi dovranno dall'ufficio annotarsi sulla delega stessa;

e) riportare giornalmente su apposito modello gli estremi dei pacchi consegnati, unendo al modello stesso, da tenersi a disposizione del Ministero, l'etichetta (customs declaration) applicata al pacco dall'Ufficio estero mittente; e la cartolina avviso quietanzata.

f) rimettere alla propria Direzione, con apposita distinta, i pacchi che, trascorso il termine stabilito, non fossero stati ritirati dal destinatario. Al riguardo precisasi che poichè i pacchi possono recare un secondo indirizzo, quelli a semplice indirizzo dovranno rimanere giacenti per un mese, quelli con duplice indirizzo per due mesi, dovendosi nel secondo mese, ripetere per il secondo destinatario una analoga procedura seguita per il primo con uguali termini e modalità.

I pacchi rimasti inesitanti debbono essere ceduti a scopo benefico alla C.R.I. e le Direzioni Provinciali per tale cessione prenderanno accordi con la locale Delegazione della C.R.I. che dovrà curare il ritiro dietro rilascio di regolare ricevuta. Durante la giacenza i pacchi per la C.R.I. dovranno essere scrupolosamente custoditi e sorvegliati.

Le anzidette disposizioni sono date in via di massima, lasciandosi alle Direzioni la facoltà di applicarle con opportuni adattamenti suggeriti dalle esigenze locali, da notificare a questa Direzione Generale, fermo però restando le norme della Istruzione n. 1.

Al riguardo si richiama l'attenzione degli Uffici sulla esattezza della compilazione dei bilanci, affinché detti bilanci rispondano alla situazione giornaliera delle operazioni. 206

Comunque il servizio dovrà essere disposto in modo che possa svolgersi con la massima regolarità e sollecitudine assegnando personale fidato e capace. Dovrà altresì disporsi per una rigorosa ed assidua vigilanza al fine di prevenire qualsiasi dispersione e non missione e di poter accertare facilmente eventuali responsabilità.

Il 1° ed il 16 di ogni mese dovrà inviarsi, da parte delle Direzioni Provinciali a questa Direzione Generale, Servizio IV, Divisione II un prospetto statistico indicante, per la quindicina

trascorsa, i quantitativi;

- 1°) dei pacchi ricevuti a destinazione del capoluogo;
- 2°) dei pacchi ivi consegnati al destinatario;
- 3°) dei pacchi indirizzati nella provincia;
- 4°) dei pacchi ricevuti in cattivo stato;
- 5°) dei pacchi messi a disposizione della C.R.I.

Quelle Direzioni che in sede avessero la possibilità di fare eseguire la distribuzione dei pacchi in questione a domicilio sussidiariamente a quella effettuata in ufficio, dovranno farne analogica e dettagliata proposta a questo Ministero, tenendo presente che il servizio dovrebbe farsi dietro pagamento da parte del destinatario di un aditto compensante le maggiori spese sostenute e non superiore alla L. 10 per ciascun pacco.

Le somme riscosse per gli uffici autorizzati al recapito a domicilio dovranno convertirsi in francobolli pacchi da applicarsi, completi nelle due parti, sulla cartolina avviso quietanzata, mentre sul pacco dovrà essere applicato con apposito bollino la indicazione della ^{da} ~~riscossione~~ ^{di} ~~riscossione~~.

Per i pacchi recapitati a domicilio e non consegnati, ma ritirati successivamente in ufficio dai destinatari, il diritto speciale di recapito non dovrà essere corrisposto, ma dovrà ad essi applicarsi il normale diritto di custodia dopo tre giorni di giacenza gratuita.

Provasi impartire le necessarie istruzioni ai dipendenti uffici e dare un cenno di assicurazione.

Con successiva comunicazione sarà data notizia dell'arrivo delle prime spedizioni.

p. IL DIRETTORE GENERALE.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

ATO 394

Communications Sub-Commission

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P.23.283.CS

9 November, 1945

SUBJECT: Gift Parcel Service

TO : AMG Venezia Giulia
(Att: Communications Officer)

With reference to P.23.258. of 26 October.

1. As indicated in P.23.272 of 2nd November to Direction General P.F. (Copy to you) the gift parcel service from the U.S.A. has been extended to the cities of Gorizia, Trieste, and Pola.

2. The parcels for these cities should be received in direct mails addressed to Trieste.

3. Enclosed are copies of the operating instructions issued to Directorates in Italy. It is desirable that similar procedure should be followed in Venezia Giulia. Specimen copies are also enclosed of the special postcard referred to in para 7 (b) of the instructions. If it is desired to use these also in Venezia Giulia the Ministry will asked to forward a supply. In the meantime form 26 can be used where the "callers" delivery system is operated.

H. H. Scudder
H.H. SCUDDER,
Col. Sig.C.
Director.

Copy to:
Director General
Postal Officer Venezia Region.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: **FX 52051 MAT 939 TAM 708**

Date/Time of Origin: **NOV 6/1545A**

Message Centre No: **G 3070**

Date Time Rec'd: **NOV 7/1800A**

Precedence: **ROUTINE**

FROM: **AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FIGEE**

TO : **ACTION: AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR CCS FOR CCAC INFO: CABINET OFFICERS WHITEHALL**
LONDON FOR BRITISH CHIEF OF STATE, USFET MAIN, ALCOM ROME

CONFIDENTIAL

This is MAT 947. Subject gift parcel service to ITALY.

1. Some embarrassment caused by premature and inaccurate press release as reported in the stars and stripes (ITALY) of 2 November quoting WASHINGTON November 1 (AP).
2. Inaccuracies are as follows:
 - A. Release as quoted here permits 1 parcel per week instead of 1 per month.
 - B. Cities of GORIZIA, TRIESTE and POLA were omitted from announcement of extension of service.
3. This information was published before the Italian government and ALCOM announcement giving correct information was made.
4. Request American Public be informed of correct conditions of gift parcel service.

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**INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
 ECON SEC
 COMMERCE SC
 FINANCE SC
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 52002

Date/Time of Origin: NOV 6/2230A

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FUGEG

TO : ACTION : TROOPERS AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC ALCOM ROME

Message Centre No: G 3081

Date Time Rec'd: NOV 7/1710A

Precedence: ROUTINE

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Reference our MEG 563 and MAT 939. This is MEG 570.

1. Italian Government and ALCOM agree to accept from British Empire, EGYPT and former Italian possessions gift parcel service to all parts of ITALY less provinces GORIZIA, FIUME, TRIESTE, POLA and ZARA but including cities of GORIZIA, TRIESTE and POLA.

2. Request province-sorting wherever possible. Suggest parcels from AFRICA and East be concentrated on EGYPT for this purpose. Where province-sorting not practicable request parcels be included in mail as follows.

(A) SICILY to PALERMO (B) NAPLES City to NAPLES Citta (C) cities of GORIZIA, TRIESTE and POLA to TRIESTE. (D) remainder to BRINDISI (for preference) or NAPLES FERROVIA.

3. parcels to conform in all respects with regulations of existing service from USA Terminal credit claimed by Italian Government. Gold francs 0.85 up to 1 kilogramme, 1.05 up to 3 kilos, 1.25 up to 5 kilos.

4. Request advance notice commencement of services.

5. Reference para 5 of MEG 563. Italian Post Office unable at present to accept normal parcel service involving customs examination from G.B. or other countries, since gift parcel service will strain all accommodation and transport resources.

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INTERMEDIATE MAY 939. ITALIAN GOVT AND AL ON AGREE TO ACCEPT
FROM BRITISH EMPIRE CONTAINING EGYPT AND FORMER ITALIAN
POSSESSIONS SIX PARCEL SERVICE TO ALL PARTS OF ITALY LESS
PROVINCES GORIZIA FRIULI TRIESTE TREVISO AND CARA PD
PARCEL TO THROG AFMA FROM ALCON CITE ALCON PARK.

PARCELS TO DEPART IN ALL REQUESTS WITH REGULATIONS OF
SHIPPING SERVICE FROM USA PD IN VIEW OF ASSOCIATION
DIFFICULTIES ARISING ARISING BY PROVINCES WHEREVER ROUTING
AND REQUEST PARCELS FROM AFRICA AND EAST BE CONCENTRATED
FOR THIS PURPOSE BE ACCEPTED IN ANY CASE WHERE PROVINCE
ROUTING IS NOT PRACTICABLE REQUEST SICILY PARCELS IN MAIL
TO PALERMO NAPLES CITY IN MAIL TO NAPLES CITE AND 204
IN MAIL TO TRIESTE OR NAPLES FERROVIA PD BRIDGES FOR
INTERMEDIATE PD TERMINAL CREDIT CLAIMED BY ITALIAN GOVT GOLD
FRANCS ZERO POINT EIGHT FIVE UP TO ONE KILOGRAMME ORA ONE
POINT ZERO FIVE UP TO THREE KILOS ORA ONE POINT TWO FIVE
UP TO FIVE KILOS PD ALCON WILL ACCEPT SIMILAR PARCELS FOR
CITING GORIZIA TRIESTE TREVISO TO BE INCLUDED IN MAIL

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ADVISED BY TRIESTE PD REQUEST ADVANCE NOTICE
COMMITMENT OF SERVICES PD REFERENCE REG 563 ITALIAN
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4th November 1945

P.23.277.C3

SUBJECT. : Gift Parcel Service from Great Britain, Egypt and former
Italian possessions.

TO. : The Minister of P.&T.
Via del Seminario 53 - Rome

With reference to your 128197/125/est of 2 Nov 1945.

1. A telegram has been sent to Allied Force Headquarters agreeing to the extension of the service under the conditions mentioned in your letter. Advance notice of any such extension has been requested.

2. In the same telegram it has been stated that (as indicated in your 127968/44 of 24 Oct) the Italian Post Office is unable at present to accept any normal parcel service involving customs examinations.

with

H.H. SCUDDER 198
Col. Sig. C.
Director.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

R/102/426/PRE

November 2, 1945.

Press Release - Immediate.

The Allied Commission announces that as from today, 2nd November, the U.S. Gift Parcel Post Service to Italy will be extended to all territory under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government and also to the A.M.G. Regions of Liguria, Lombardia, Piemonte and Venezia and to the cities of GORIZIA, TRIESTE and PORDA.

At the same time the maximum weight limit for these gift parcels is increased to 11 lbs (about 5 Kilos) but the other conditions remain unaltered. The parcels may contain only non-commercial gifts of non-perishable foodstuffs, clothing, medicinal and toilet preparations not exceeding 25 dollars in the total value. Only one parcel may be sent by the same sender to the same addressee, each month.

The public is warned against writing to the relatives and friends in the United States requesting the use of such service for the dispatch of articles intended for commercial purposes. Such abuse of this special facility may lead to the withdrawal of the service or of the special concessions made concerning exemption from customs duties.

It is expected that the amount of parcel traffic which will be received in connection with this scheme will be very heavy and before this extension became possible the Ministries of Posts and Telegraphs and of Communications and the Allied Authorities concerned had many difficulties to overcome on account of the actual conditions of shipping and internal transport and the serious effect of the war on Post Office premises at such important centres as Naples.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

R/102/426/FRB

2 Novembre 1945

COMUNICATO STAMPA

La Commissione Alleata comunica che a partire da oggi 2 Novembre, il servizio dei pacchi dono dagli Stati Uniti all'Italia viene esteso a tutto il territorio sotto la giurisdizione del Governo Italiano, alle regioni di giurisdizione del Governo Militare Alleato (Liguria, Lombardia, Piemonte e Venezia) e alle città di Gorizia, Trieste e Pola.

Contemporaneamente il limite massimo di peso per detti pacchi dono viene portato a 11 libbre (pari a circa 5 chili), mentre le altre condizioni rimangono inalterate. I pacchi possono contenere soltanto doni non commerciali composti da cibario non deperibili, capi di vestiario, medicinali e articoli per toilette il cui valore complessivo non ecceda i 25 dollari. Soltanto un pacco al mese può essere inviato dallo stesso donatario allo stesso beneficiario.

Si avvisa il pubblico di non scrivere e parenti ed amici residenti negli Stati Uniti chiedendo loro di usare questo servizio per l'invio di articoli destinati al commercio. Un tale abuso potrebbe provocare l'abolizione del servizio in parola oppure l'abrogazione delle speciali concessioni di cui esso gode rispetto alle tariffe doganali.

Si prevede che l'ampliamento del servizio in parola farà aumentare in modo assai notevole il traffico dei pacchi. Prima che tale ampliamento divenisse attuabile il Ministero delle Poste e Telegrafi, il Ministero delle Comunicazioni e le Autorità Alleate interessate hanno dovuto superare molte difficoltà causate dalla

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La Commissione Alleata
Postes and Telecommunica-
tion Sub Commission

ROMA

Represented by A.
del

OGGETTO. Servizio Pacchi dono.-

A scioglimento della riserva fatta nella lettera n.428197 inviata il 25 corrente significasi:

1° - Questa Amministrazione consente che le facilitazioni concernenti l'invio di pacchi postali dono siano estese ai residenti nelle varie parti dell'Impero Britannico e negli ex possedimenti italiani.

2°) - Dovrebbero essere applicate le stesse norme e limitazioni concordate per il servizio con gli U.S.A.

3°) - Lo smistamento dei pacchi, qualora non possa essere fatto per Provincia, dovrà almeno effettuarsi con tre suddivisioni, formando cioè separate spedizioni per Palermo (con gli invii per la Sicilia), per Napoli, Città (con gli invii per detta città), per Napoli Ferrovia (con gli invii per il resto dell'Italia)

4°) - Se, come sarebbe desiderabile, le Amministrazioni mittenti, intendessero servirsi dell'Egitto come intermediario per la trasmissione

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sione delle spedizioni dei pacchi in parola, le spedizioni stesse potrebbero allora essere indirizzate solamente all'ufficio di Brindisi Transiti.

5°) - Le bonificazioni (diritti terminali) da accordare al servizio postale italiano dovrebbero essere quelle prescritte dagli Accordi Internazionali in vigore e cioè franchi oro 0,85 per ciascun pacco fino a 1 kg., franchi 1,05 per i pacchi da oltre 1 fino a 3 kg., franchi oro 1,25 per i pacchi da oltre 3 fino a 5 kg.

f. IL MINISTRO
(Avv. Mario Scelba)

d'ordine

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HEADQUARTERS
A. M. G.
LOMBARDIA REGION

PO3 311.16.112

29 October 1945

Subject: Delivery of US Gift Parcels

Director Comm. S/C
A.C. H.Q.

(Attn Maj. Green)

Further to my PO3 311.16.109 of 25 Oct.45

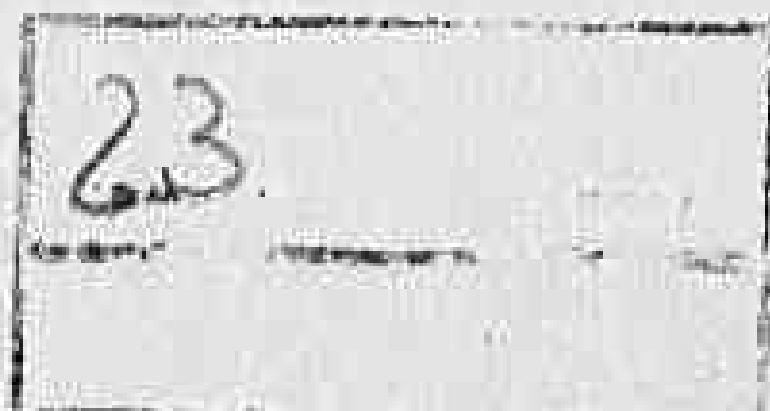
The Regional Transportation Office has given me a reply to the enquiry made by "ACECO" in cable E/7434 and two copies are forwarded herewith. If you agree will you pass one copy to Economic Section.

Para 2 of the report gives more details of the proposal but ^{it} would appear that the general scheme is outside the original arrangements for gift parcels to individual addressees in Italy.

for Regional Commissioner

C. G. L. Maddock Capt.

C. G. L. Maddock
Regional Postal Officer



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
TRANSPORTATION DIVISION
APO 394

TN/295/414

Milan, 27th October 1945

SUBJECT: PARCEL POST PROPOSAL F.LLI GONDRAND
TO /: POSTAL OFFICE A.M.G.

Refce cable n°E/7434 from ALCOM. CITE ACECO

I. There is no reason why Firm F.lli Gondrand should be considered incompetent to handle gift parcels from U.S. firms. As a matter of fact this firm is the only one in Italy, to our knowledge, that has the proper organization to take care of this task. F.lli Gondrand is the foremost transport firm in Italy with branches and affiliates throughout the Country. Incidentally this firm is one of the few - if not the only one - with direct branches all over the World including the U.S.

2. The General Management of F.lli Gondrand Milano, have received a cable from their New York Branch reading as follows:

" We notice considerable opposition with local Newyork Italian newspapers who pretend that delivery of relief parcels for interior of Italy impossible due lack of trucks and other means of transportation stop"

It is believed that the articles on the Italian Press in New York have been caused by misleading information on transport situation in Italy. The fact is that the situation at present, as far as means of transport are concerned, is satisfactory. Gondrand are well equipped with them.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

CHARLES W. HOUSTON
1st Lt.C.M.P.
R.T.O.

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2 NOVEMBER 1949

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REFERENCE NOTICE IN TODAY'S STARS AND STRIPES RE EXTENSION
 US GIFT SERVICE DESIRES THAT STRONG PROTEST BE LODGED AGAINST
 THIS REDWARD IN US PSIC TO COMPLIANCE WITH REQUEST MADE IN OUR
 SEVEN SIX FIVE FOUR TO BE GIVEN INFORMATION SO THAT ALCOH AND
 ITALIAN GOVERNMENT COULD MAKE PROPER ANNOUNCEMENT THIS HIGH PD
 APART FROM DISCOURTEY THE US ANNOUNCEMENT AS REPORTED HERE IS
 INACCURATE AS IT ALLOWS ONE PARCEL PER WEEK INSTEAD OF ONE PER
 MONTH WHICH IS AGREEMENT PD

PAREN TO FCMB AFHQ FROM ALCON HQ CITE AGREE CITY

ALSO NOTICE INCLUDES ALL VENEZIA GIULIA AND MAKES NO REF TO
 EXTENSION TO CITIES GORIZIA TRIESTE POLA PD
 THIS CREATES THE DISSATISFACTION WHICH IT WAS DESIRED TO AVOID AND
 PUTS ANG IN A BAD LIGHT PD LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENT BASED ON AGREEMENT IN
 SEVEN SIX FIVE FOUR INCLUDING CITIES OF GORIZIA TRIESTE AND POLA
 WILL BE MADE TODAY

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

CMST/ans

2nd November 1945

P.23.272/88

Subject: Gift Parcel Service from U.S.A.
To : Director General for Posts and Telecommunications.

Reference P.21.228 dated 25th October.

1. This Sub-Commission has been informed that the proposals for extension of the gift parcel service from the U.S.A. have now been approved, and that the extended service comes into operation with effect from 2nd November.

2. Enclosed herewith is copy of a statement on the subject which will be released by Public Relations Branch of the Allied Commission to-day.

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

Enc. :
Statement.

Copies to:
Postal Officers Liguria Leabardia and Venezia Regions.
Communications Officer Venezia Giulia Region.
C-5 : A.F.H.Q.

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COMMUNICATIONS
INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference: F 51265
Date/Time of Origin: NOV 01112A

Message Centre No: G/2600
Date Time Rec'd: NOV 011600A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGEQ
TO: ALCOM ROME

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TAM 708 states that MAT 939, effective 2 November, revokes TAM 693.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WEL/ans

1st November 1945

F.23.270/cs

Subject: Gift Parcel from America
Complaint against Alleged Charging of "Tassa d'Entrata".

To : Director General for Posts and Telecommunications.

Please have enquiries made into the complaint made in the enclosed correspondence that a tax of 916 lire was charged on a gift parcel containing candies and coffee addressed to Sig. Vincenzo Alberti Villa D'Angelo Posillipo, Naples.

VHL

H. E. SCHUBER
Colonel,
Director.

2 Inc. :
(1) Copy of Letter of 4th October 1945 from sender of parcel.
(2) Original of Letter of 6th August from addressee.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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P.23.270/CS

7th November 1945

Subject: Gift Parcels from America
Complaint of Thefts.

To : Director General for Posts and Telecommunications.

1. With reference to the enclosed letter will you please say whether there is any truth in the allegation that it has recently been discovered that hundreds of these parcels have been stolen by those responsible for their conveyance or delivery.

2. What is the position concerning the number of (a) bags and (b) parcels known to be missing from the arrivals at Naples, Rome and Palermo.

W.H. Green
for *major*
H.H. SCUDIER
Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

1 Inc. :
Copy of letter from Sig. Valenti.

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COMMUNICATIONS *STC*

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

R O M A

e. P. C. ALL'ISPETTORATO GENERALE DELLE POSTE E
TELEGRAFI

R O M A

" ALL'ISPETTORATO GENERALE DELLE FERROVIE
DELLO STATO

R O M A

Facendo seguito alle segnalazioni, che a mezzo di quotidiani e ad esposti di protesta diretti a chi di competenza, faccio notare il disservizio e la manomissione, ove non si tratti di frequente sottrazione, dei pacchi provenienti dagli U.S.A.

In questi pacchi noi Italiani che abbiamo radici in America vediamo concretati i sacrifici dei benefattori ed il sollievo dei beneficiati motivo per cui riteniamo un'offesa al bisogno impedire o non garantire che questi pacchi arrivino intatti ed in tempo più breve.

E' di questi giorni la scoperta poco incoraggiante di centinaia di pacchi dono rubati da coloro che dovrebbero assicurare l'arrivo a destinazione dei pacchi medesimi.

Questo rinvenimento, già denunciato dalla Stampa Siciliana, ha troncato la speranza di chi spedisce e di chi attende.

In un appello fiducioso alla Commissione Alleata di Controllo, All'Ispettorato Generale delle Poste e Telegrafi All'Ispettorato Generale delle Ferrovie dello Stato convalidando la mia dichiarazione con le firme di interessati, chiedo che si prendano TEMPERATIVI PROVVEDIMENTI per l'arrivo in tempo più breve e la garanzia più assoluta che ciò che si spedisce dall'America arrivi intatto a destinazione.

Nella speranza di constatare il loro interessamento ringrazio vivamente

ROMA

" ALL'ISPettorato GENERALE DELLE FERROVIE
DELL'LO STATO

ROMA

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Nella speranza di constatare il loro interessamento ringrazio vivamente

Distintamente

Capo d'Orlando, li 27.10.1945.

Alfonso Volenti

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Firme degli interessati per l'arrivo dei pacchi dono:

Antonio Caiozzo

Giuseppina Reale

Antonio Barile

Dr. ~~un o~~ ~~un o~~ ~~un o~~

Dono Conzani

Valenti Silvio

Scaffidi Jekeria

Statuti Giuseppe

Quintini Giuseppe

Valenti Giuseppe li frame

Scaffidi Olga

Valenti Francesco Paolo

Scaffidi Cong

Attiliano Lorenzo

Marelli ~~Luigi~~ ~~Luigi~~

Marelli ~~Luigi~~ ~~Luigi~~ ~~Luigi~~

Bonile Francesca

Marelli ~~Luigi~~ ~~Luigi~~

Baronni Paola

Gianni Antonino

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFS 394
Communications Sub-Commission

P.23.269.03

1 November 1945

SUBJECT: Parcel Post Service Yugoslavia from USA.

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

Reference your 311.1-6 of 29 October.

1. Can it be ascertained please
(a) what are the authorized Offices of Exchange for the parcel and air mail services referred to in your letter, and
(b) whether it is the intention that the mails should transit via the Venezia Giulia civil postal services.

For the Chief Commissioner.

WJH
H.M. SCUDER
Colonel, SIG.C.
Director.

Copy to: A.F.M.O. Venezia Giulia Region
(with copy of G-5 311.1-6 of 29 Oct)



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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

JLT/WSW

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29 October 1945

G-5: 311.1-6

SUBJECT: Parcel Post Service, Yugoslavia from USA.
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attention: Communications Sub-Commission)

The matters referred to in your 7590 of 22 October 1945 were referred to the War Department who have passed the following information to this HQ:

a. Ordinary parcel post service, unregistered and uninsured, has been resumed to Yugoslavia from USA under Post Office Department Order Number 28871 of 22 August 1945. This service is restricted to parcels not exceeding eleven pounds in weight, eighteen inches in length, and a combined length and girth of not more than forty-two inches.

b. Non-perishable items only are accepted for mailing and only one parcel per week may be sent by, or on behalf of, the same person or concern, to or for the same addressee.

c. The War Department further states that an airmail service USA - Yugoslavia was resumed by virtue of Post Office Department Order 29298 of 3 October 1945. Weight limit is one pound at a rate of thirty cents per half ounce or fraction thereof.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

J. L. TETLOW
Major.



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CREMONA

FACTORY - OFFICE
71 MERCER STREET
NEW YORK

STEFANELLI PRODUCTS CO. *Rome HB AC* BENEVENTO

INDUSTRIA del TORRONE

"LUNA DI MIELE"

"DELIZIA"

Brands

NOUGAT - CANDIES

Very Good
COMMUNICATIONS

TELEPHONE
CANAL 6.4534

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Oct. 4 1945

Head Of A. M. G.
Naples Italy.

Sir:

Some time in the month of April 1945 a package(gift) was
send to my uncle Sig. Vincenzo Alberti: Villa D'Angelo Posillipo
Naples Italy; the letter had to pay Lt. 916 for tax of antry;
the package contained some candies and coffe.

We know that similar packages are exsept of any *35*
kind of taxses. Please, it will be very much appreciated if
your honor will spend a little of his time look into this
matter, and reply on the question.

Respectfully yours

Stefanelli Products Co

Mario Stefanelli

by Mario Stefanelli

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N. B. Included please find the original letter
Sig. Alberti wrote to me

HQS. ALLIED MIL. GOVT. NAPLES COMMUNE 49 OCT 1945 Time in <i>7.50</i>
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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

Direzione Generale delle Poste e dei Telegrafi

Servizio IV Div. II Sez. I

Prot. N° 428117/125/100

Risposta al f. N° P. 23.24..241/CS
del 15 corrente

Roma.

25 OTT. 1945

Alla Commissione Alleata

Communications Subcommittee

OGGETTO Servizio pacchi dono dagli S.U.A.

Roma

In risposta alla lettera sopraindicata:

- 1) Come è stato già partecipato a voce, la lettera e gli allegati diretti al G.P.O. di Washington sono stati inviati a mezzo del corriere ordinario.
- 2) Copia di essi è stata già trasmessa a codesta Commissione.
- 3) I pacchi arrivati recentemente a Napoli sono diretti a Napoli, Roma e a tutte le località della Sicilia. Il loro notevole numero ha posto l'Ufficio di Napoli in una situazione veramente grave che si cerca di superare con l'utilizzazione di mezzi straordinari e con l'opera assidua del personale.
- 4) Si è preso atto di quel che riguarda la nostra richiesta di sbarco delle spedizioni nei porti che maggiormente si prestano a servire le varie Regio-



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IL MINISTRO

(Avv. Mario Scelba)

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[Signature]

Director	
D/Director	
Chief Legation	
Chief Post	
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Asst Chief Post	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Com Ission

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P.23.255.CS

29th October 1945

SUBJECT: Postal Services.

TO : Economic Section.

1. With reference to the attached enquiry by the Postal Officer Lombardia Region can some information as to the proposal by the "U.S. firm" be given please.

2. Attention should perhaps be drawn to P.23.247.CS of 22 October in which the observations of this Sub-Commission were furnished on what appears to be a similar proposal by the Compagnia Italiana Turismo.

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M.E. SUMNER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.O.
Director.

Inc.: Copy of POS 341.16 of 25 Oct 45.

Copy to:
Postal Officer Lombardia Region
(with copy of P.23.247.CS of 22 Oct.)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Communications

Originator's Reference: FX 50509
Date/Time of Origin: OCT 261853A

Message Centre No: G/2273
Date Time Rec'd: OCT 281000A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGEG

TO: ACTION AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR CCS FOR CCAC INFO CABINET OFFICES WHITEHALL FOR
BR CHIEFS OF STAFF, USFET MAIN, ALCOM ROME

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HEADQUARTERS
28 OCT 1945
As. C.

Reference TAM 699, MAT 927, TAM 693 and MEG 563. This is MAT 939.

Italian Government and ALCOM agree to (A) immediate extnesion of US gift parcel service to all ITALY except VENEZIA GIULIA: (B) increase in weight limit to 11 pounds.

Extension to VENEZIA GIULIA including Yugoslav occupied territory under consideration. Meanwhile can accept gift parcels for cities of GORIZIA, POLA and TRIESTE.

Request notification of commencing date in order public announcement may be made.

Sorting to provinces, as agreed TAM 699, essential. Parcels for cities of GORIZIA, POLA and TRIESTE may be included in TRIESTE mail.

Request wherever possible bags be loaded: (A) Northern Provinces to GENOA and VENICE, (B) SICILY to PALERMO, (C) SARDEGNA to CAGLIARI (D) PUGLIA and LUCANIA to BRINDISI or BARI, (E) Cities of TRIESTE, POLA and GORIZIA to TRIESTE.

Request that attention of American public be drawn to conditions of service, and warning given against abuses for commercial purposes.

Reference MEG 563. Italian Government have been requested to state whether similar service from BRITISH EMPIRE countries will be accepted. No decision yet.

Reference TAM 693. In view of foregoing extension, assume UNITED STATES objection to commencement second class mail services withdrawn. With effect from

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29/10/45

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(FX 50509 cont'd)

1 November. ITALY to US mail service will include letters, commercial paper, printed papers, samples and blind literature, up to maximum weight limits specified in postal convention, and express letters.

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INFO: Chief Commissioner
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Commerce SC
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

WMC/ans

26th October 1945

P.23.263/CS

Subject: Gift parcels from the U.S.A.

To : Director General for Posts and Telecommunications.

Reference your letter 423419/425/4/V of 20th October 1945 enclosing a copy of your letter to the Postmaster General Washington.

1. I think that some confusion may have arisen owing to the very general terms in which announcements have been made as to the permissible contents of these parcels.

2. In the actual papers dealing with the establishment of this service the only stipulations made were that the contents of the parcels should be limited to non commercial items such as food wearing apparel medicinals and toilet articles not exceeding 25 dollars in value. Tobacco and lighters were expressly prohibited.

3. To clarify the position will you please connect a copy of the normal list of prohibitions restrictions etc. applicable to the parcel post service to Italy is published for the information of other postal administrations, annotating or supplementing the list to indicate what, if any modifications are considered desirable in the case of the gift parcel service.

4. The dimensions fixed while the weight limit was 4 lbs was 36 inches in length and girth combined. In connection with the proposed increase to 11 lb do you wish to stipulate any particular dimensions?

WJH
M. W. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig. O.
Director.

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A. M. O.

LOMBARDIA REGION

POS 311-16-109

25 Oct.

Director	
Chief Telephone	
Chief Postal	
H. Q. Comm. O.	
Asst. Chief Postal	
Comm. Sec.	
Chief Clerk	

Subject: Parcels for Committee Personal Relief

Director Comm S/C
 A.O. H.Q. ✓
 (for attention Maj. Green)

Will you please see Economic Section
 AC. HQ. regarding cable No 2/7434 dated ²⁰~~30~~ Oct. 45.

There appears to be some proposal
 from a U.S. firm to send parcels to Italy through
 a "Committee of Personal Relief" and the credentials
 of a local firm are being enquired into before
 acceptance as agents for delivery.

No details of the proposals are
 known.

for Regional Commissioner

Clyde Maddock Capt.

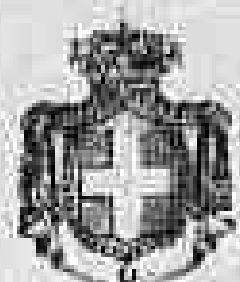
Capt. C. G. L. Maddock
 Regional Postal Officer

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*Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni*

Servizio IV

Post. N. 428197/125/I/est

Allegato

Chief of Division

Chief of Telecommunications *Roma*

Chief of Postal

H. Q. *Telecom. O.*

Chief of Postal *C.A. COMMUNICATIONS*

Censorship *Via Veneto*

Chief of Post *ROMA*

Chief of Post *del*

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25.10.1945

OGGETTO: Servizio pacchi-dono dagli S.U.A.

Mi riferisco alla vostra N.P.
23-252. C.S del 23 ottobre.

1) Si è preso atto che la Sottocommissione dei Trasporti ha approvato lo schema del servizio ferroviario. E' necessario che esso venga sempre più potenziato ed all'uopo saranno fatte ulteriori richieste.

2) Siamo d'accordo circa lo smistamento dei pacchi per provincia. Ciò ai fini del nostro lavoro è importantissimo.

3) Si ringrazia del doppio Romney Hut concessoci e degli altri due da erigersi a Napoli porto. Se ve ne fossero altri di

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Date _____

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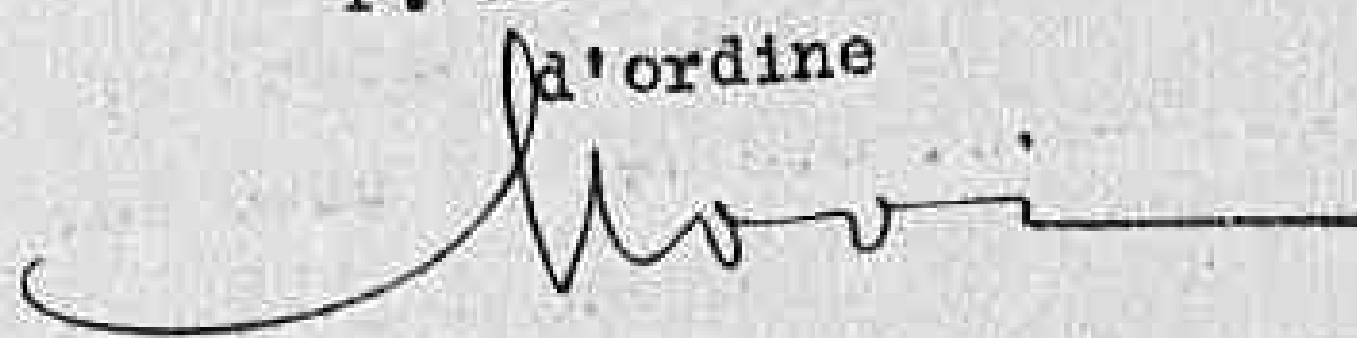
sponibili ne sarebbe graditissima la cessione.

4) Siamo d'accordo che si possa estendere il servizio a tutta l'Italia e che il limite di peso possa essere aumentato.

5) Ci riserviamo di dare risposta per quanto si riferisce al punto 5 della lettera sopra citata.

P. IL MINISTRO .

da ordine



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Translation

25 October 45

428197/125/1/est

SUBJECT: Gift Parcel Service from USA

Ref your P.23.253 of Oct 23rd.

1. We have taken due note of Transportation S/O's approval of the plan for railway services. It is necessary that the plan should be further improved and other requests will be made, regarding the matter.

2. We agree to the sorting of parcels for Province. This is most important for our work.

3. We thank you for the double Romney Hut assigned us and for the other two to be erected at Naples Port. If some others were available we would be very glad to have them assigned to us.

4. We agree to the extension of the service to all Italy and to the increase of weight limit.

5.. We reserve ourselves to give a reply to para 5 of the above letter.

f mentioned by phone to Major Benson. agreed we should wait & see what PC do with two huts already assigned. The position may be altered by return of additional huts if Naples Port to civil

WHL

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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P.23.260/CS

26th October 1945

Subject: Gift Parcel Services
Application for additional petrol for ENDSI vehicles.

To : The Minister of Posts and Telecommunications.

With reference to your 427999/125/1/Est of 27th September 1945 and 423090/125 of 3th October 1945.

I have now received the following decision from Allied Force Headquarters in response to enquiries made into the possibility of obtaining extra petrol supplies for ENDSI vehicles employed in connection with the parcel service.

"It has been decided by the competent authority that if the Italian Government decides to subscribe to this offer of ENDSI, the necessary petrol oil and lubricants will have to be found from releases already made to the Italian Government."

WHL

L. B. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig. C.
Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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24 October 1945

G-5: 311.16-4

SUBJECT: Allotment of extra petrol.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

Reference your P.23.233/CS dated 5 October, and further to conversation Green - Benson.

1. It has been decided by the competent authority that if the Italian Government decides to subscribe to this offer of ENDSI, the necessary POL will have to be found from releases already made to the Italian Government.

2. No extra allocation will be made by the military authorities.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

C. O. HENSON
Major, R.A.

Copy to: Pet. Sec., A.F.H.Q.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Commissioners US-Commission

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8.25.258/13

26th October 1945

Subject: Gift parcel service from U.S.A.

To : Postal Officers Liguria, Lombardy, Venetia and
Friulia Giulia Region.

1. A telegram has been sent to A.P.S., regarding to the im-
mediate extension of the gift parcel service from the U.S.A. to all
Provinces (except those of Venezia Giulia) and also to the cities of
Trieste, Gorizia and Udine.

2. Further information will be sent to you when it is known
whether U.S.A. agree to this proposal and have fixed a date for commencing
sent.

3. The proposal in for the parcels to be provided in the
U.S.A. and designated in mails addressed to such provincial capital.
These for the three cities in Venezia Giulia will be enclosed in a mail
addressed to Trieste.

4. It is expected that under present shipping arrangements it
will usually be possible for the U.S.A. the land the direct transport
to any particular part and in all possibility the whole of the despatches
will arrive at Naples and need distribution by rail. It has however been
requested that any opportunity should be taken to load parcels for the
Northern Provinces to Genoa and Venice; for Trieste to Trieste for directly
to Palermo; for Lombardy to Legnano; and for South East Italy to Bari or
Bari. The provincial directors of Genoa, Venice and Trieste should
be warned accordingly and the question of dealing with the work at these
ports should be given preliminary consideration.

5. The Ministry has been authorized to send working instructions
(including accounting instructions) direct to provincial directors in
Military Government territory. Copies of these instructions will be obtained
for re-issue in Venezia Giulia.

6. The question of the extension of the service to all Venezia Giu-
lia depends on the U.S.A. and regular attitude towards such extension and
to questions of detail concerning transit and terminal charges.

By Command of Rear Admiral SCOTT.

WHL

M. H. Assistant
L. B. Colonel, M.C.
Director.

Copies to:

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1. A telegram was sent to A.F.E.O. regarding to the immediate extension of the gift parcel service from the U.S.A. to all provinces (except those of Venezia Giulia) and also to the cities of Trieste, Gorizia and Udine.

2. Further information will be sent to you when it is known whether U.S.A. agree to his proposal and have fixed a date for commencement.

3. The proposal is for the parcels to be provided in the U.S.A. and dispatched in mails addressed to each provincial hospital. These for the three cities in Venezia Giulia will be employed in a mail addressed to Trieste.

4. It is expected that under present shipping arrangements it will usually be possible for the U.S.A. to send parcels direct to any particular port and in all probability the whole of the cargo will arrive at Trieste and need distribution by rail. It has however been requested that any opportunity should be taken to load parcels for the Northern Provinces to Genoa and Venice; for Trieste to Trieste; for Udine to Palermo; for Gorizia to England; and for Udine and Italy to Bari or Brindisi. The Provincial Directors of Genoa, Venice and Trieste should be warned accordingly and the question of dealing with the work at those ports should be given preliminary consideration.

5. The Ministry has been authorized to send working instructions (including accounting instructions) direct to Provincial Directories in Military Government territory. Copies of these instructions will be obtained for re-issue in Venezia Giulia.

6. The question of the extension of the service to all Venezia Giulia depends on the U.S.A. and Yugoslav attitude towards such extension and to questions of detail concerning transit and terminal charges.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE.

WJL

A.F.E.O.
Lt. Colonel, R.C.C.
Director.

Copies to:

U.S.A.F.E.O.
Director General for Ports and Telecommunications.

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25 OCTOBER 1945

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RE MAT NINE TWO SEVEN PD MINISTRY OF POSTS AND TELECOMS AND ALCOM AGREE
TO IMMEDIATE EXTENSION OF USA GIFT PARCEL SERVICE TO ALL ITALY EXCEPT
PROVINCES GORIZIA CMA FRIULI CMA TRIESTE CMA POIA CMA ZARA PD ALSO INCREASE
IN WEIGHT LIMIT TO ELEVEN POUNDS PD DESIRE NOTIFICATION OF COMMENCING
DATE FIXED BY USA SO THAT ALCOM AND ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CAN MAKE
ANNOUNCEMENT PD SORTING TO PROVINCES AS AGREED ESSENTIAL PD
PAREN TO FIBER AFHQ FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACCOM PAREN

REQUEST THAT FULL ADVANTAGE BE TAKEN OF ANY OPPORTUNITY TO LOAD BAGS FOR
NORTHERN PROVINCES TO GENOA AND VENICE CMA SICILY TO PALERMO CMA SARDINIA
TO CAGLIARI CMA PUGLIA AND LUCANIA TO BRINDISI OR BARI PD DESIRED THAT
RENEWED ATTENTION OF AMERICAN PUBLIC BE DRAWN TO CONDITIONS OF SERVICE,
AND WARNING GIVEN AGAINST ABUSES FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES PD ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT BEING PRESSED TO STATE WHETHER SIMILAR SERVICE FROM BRITISH
EMPIRE COUNTRIES AND FORMER ITALIAN POSSESSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

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25 OCTOBER 1945

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SEE OUR SEVEN SIX FIVE FOUR USA GIFT PARCEL SERVICE MAY BE EXTENDED TO
CITIES OF GORIZIA GMA POLA GMA TRIESTE AT THE SAME TIME AS TO OTHER REGIONS
OF ITALY PD

PAREN TO FMHQ AFHQ FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACCOM PAREN

DECISION CONCERNING REST OF VENEZIA GIULIA INCLUDING JUGOSLAV OCCUPIED
TERRITORY WILL FOLLOW PD CONFIRMATION REQUIRED OF DATE OF EXTENSION TO ABOVE
THREE CITIES PD PARCELS MAY BE INCLUDED IN MAILS ADDRESSED TRIESTE AND SHOULD
BE LOADED FOR DIRECT SAILING IF POSSIBLE

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

13 Corps

Ref. : 13C/ANGFOST30

Subject : Venezia Giulia Postal Service.

To : The Director Communications Sub-Commission

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I am dealing further with F.23.236 (Gift Parcel Service) and awaiting an answer from the authorities in Zone 3.

We are quite agreeable to the starting of the Service in Zone A.

H. A. RAYWARD
Major R. Signals
Telecons Officer
HQ AMF 13 Corps.

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P.23.254/38

25th October 1945

10,000 Parcel Vails on "James Turner" diverted to Cagliari: re loaded and taken to Leghorn.

The Ministry was instructed to tell Provincial Director Leghorn to get in touch with AMG Port Liaison Officer.

24th October 1945. Minister received telegram from Leghorn stating arrangements made to deal with arrival and dispose of by rail.

25th October 1945. Phone call from G-5 Capt. Milroy Port Postal Officer PBS (Value 20) has reported arrival to AG Postal and wants instructions. Proposes to reload on ship for Naples.

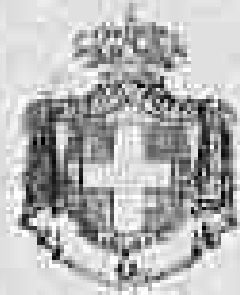
Value 20 phoned and asked to tell Capt. Milroy to arrange with Provincial Director. Ministry asked to telephone Provincial Director to get in touch with Capt. Milroy.

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Servizio IV° *Dir. II* *Se. I*
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Commissione Alleata
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub Commission

Rapporto di N°

ROMA

del

OGGETTO Servizio pacchi
dalla Gran Bretagna.

Con riferimento al foglio n. P.23.226.C.8 del 6 corrente, si ha il pregio di significare:

1°) Le condizioni alle quali verrebbe subordinato il servizio dei pacchi postali provenienti dal Regno Unito della Gran Bretagna sono state attentamente esaminate.

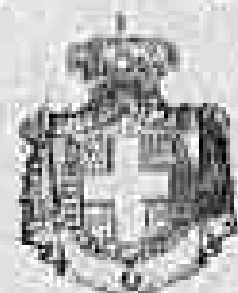
2°) La non imposizione ai nuovi pacchi delle speciali restrizioni sul valore loro e sulla loro natura attualmente applicate ai pacchi dono provenienti dagli U.S.A. costituisce per questa Amministrazione uno ostacolo alla accettazione della proposta avanzata, ostacolo

che sarebbe eliminato qualora il nuovo servizio fosse regolato con le precise, identiche modalità concordate per gli invii dagli U.S.A.

Sia permesso poi considerare che l'accoglimento integrale della proposta della Gran Bretagna potrebbe provocare da parte degli U.S.A. la richiesta di un analogo trattamento per le proprie spedizioni e non essendo allora possibile un rifiuto al riguardo, non mancherebbe certo di verificarsi un notevole aumento nel numero dei pacchi, con conseguente grave imbarazzo per questa Amministrazione già in serie difficoltà per l'estensione a tutto il territorio nazionale del servizio così come già è in atto.

3°) Assumendo i pacchi, per la mancanza delle speciali accennate restrizioni, il carattere di pacchi commerciali, non potrebbero assolutamente prescindere dalla loro verifica doganale e dal ristabilimento quindi

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delle apposite sezioni di adoganamento alle quali per la deficienza specialmente di locali questa Amministrazione non è in grado per ora di provvedere.

4°) L'attuazione pertanto di un servizio di pacchi originari dalla Gran Bretagna così come è stato proposto dovrebbe essere rimandata ad altro tempo.

IL MINISTRO

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Translation

24 Oct 45

SUBJECT: Parcel post service from G.B.

Ref your P.23,226 we inform you that:-

could be submitted to. The conditions to which the parcel post service in arrival from UK have been examined with attention.

2. The non-imposition to the new parcels of the special restrictions on their value and nature at present applied to the gift parcels from USA constitutes for our Administration an obstacle to accept the proposal, this obstacle could be cleared if the new service had the same regulations agreed upon for the USA despatches.

3. It must be considered that the acceptance of the proposal for GB could raise from USA the request of a similar treatment for their own despatches and as a refusal is not possible, a considerable increase of parcels would occur, with a consequent serious embarrassment of our Admin. which has already serious difficulties for the extension to the whole of Italy of the service already in operation.

3. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ owing to the lack of the above restrictions the parcels would be of a commercial character, and could not absolutely avoid duty verification, and therefore would imply the re-establishment of the apposite ~~xxxx~~ Duty Sections, which our Administration is not in a position to provide owing to the lack of accommodation.

4. The actuation, therefore, of a parcel service from GB as was proposed should be postponed.

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URGENT
P.23.252.CS

23 October 1945

SUBJECT: Gift Parcel Service

TO : The Minister for Posts and Telecommunications

With further reference to your 476652 8/7 of 12th September which proposed the extension of the Gift Parcel service to all Italy and an increase in the weight limit to 11 lbs.

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5. It is very desirable that equivalent facilities should be available to residents in the British Empire and in former Italian Possessions and I should be glad to be informed as soon as possible if you are agreeable to such countries participating in the service subject, of course, to any necessary prior agreement with you concerning terminal charges etc. As you are aware the commencement of such services from Malta and Australia have already been agreed.
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W.H. STUDIER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.O.
Director

Copy to: C-5, AFHQ.

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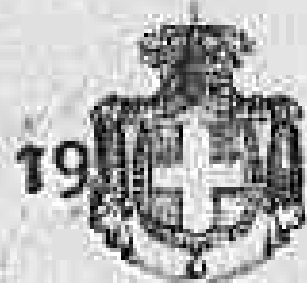
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H.H. SOUDNER
Lt. Colonel, Sg.C.
Director

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Al Commissione Alleate
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Sub-Commissions.

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OGGETTO: Pacchi dagli U.S.A. merci non ammesse.

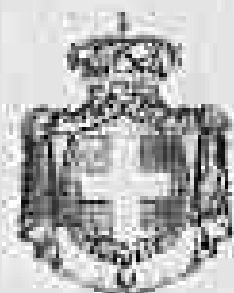
Per opportuna conoscenza si trasmette
copia della lettera con la quale sono state
rivolte premure alla Direzione Generale delle
Poste Washington perchè venga richiamata l'at-
tenzione dei mittenti dei noti pacchi sono spe-
diti in Italia, sulla necessità di non include-
re nei pacchi stessi merci non consentite quali
la saccarina o prodotti saccarinati e tabacchi.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

[Signature]

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*Ministero delle Poste
e delle Telecomunicazioni*

Roma 20-10-45

POSTMASTER GENERAL

Divisione IV *Sezione* II *Ufficio* I
Protocollo 428119/125/I/va
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WASHINGTON

Respetable A.
del

OGGETTO: Contenuto dei pacchi postali dono
non ammesso.

Da accertamenti che si è avuto occasione eseguire, è stato constatato che di frequente i pacchi postali dono compresi nelle spedizioni attualmente formate dall'ufficio di cambio di New-York per l'Italia, contengono oltre alle merci consentite anche saccarina o prodotti saccarinati e tabacchi lavorati.

Per quanto riguarda la saccarina e prodotti derivati, essendo per leggi interne assolutamente vietata l'importazione dall'estero, la Amministrazione delle Dogane ad evitare l'applicazione delle gravi penalità prescritte per le infrazioni a tale divieto, ha consentito che ne venga effettuato solo il prelevamento. All'atto della consegna del residuo del pacco al destinatario, a costui sarà rivolto l'invito di provvedere per il rinvio all'estero di quanto era stato prelevato, avvertendolo che in caso contrario, trascorso il tempo stabilito, il prodotto in parola sarà incluso tra le merci

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Con la massima considerazione

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

F. M. Novati

C O P Y

MINISTERO DELLE POSTE E
DELLE TELECOMUNICAZIONI

Roma 20/10/45

Al: POST ARHER GENERAL

WASHINGTON

Servizio IV Dov. II Sez. I
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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

TRANSLATION

n. 428119/125/1/Va

20th October 1945

Subject: Contents of postal gift parcels which are not allowed.

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We consider that the above should be known by your General Directorate so that you may, if desirable, make known to the senders of the parcel in question all the prohibitions of the Italian laws and avoid the inclusion of the so above goods in the gift parcels.

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR

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PHOTO AFTER INTERVIEW AND VISIT TO GIULIA

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22 OCTOBER 1945

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AND VENETIA GIULIA REPORTED PARCEL MAILED USA TO JUGOSLAVIA
ARE BEING RECEIVED AT TRIESTE FOR TRANSIT BY CIVIL PD

ALCOB TO PHOTOPHOTO INTERVIEW AND VISIT TO GIULIA FROM HQ

ALCOB CITY AGONY PARM

ARRANGEMENT BEING MADE PD ALCOB HAS RECEIVED NO REQUEST ON

INFORMATION RE THIS SERVICE AND WOULD LIKE DETAILS PD

PARCEL SERVICE UK TO JUGOSLAVIA IS SUSPENDED

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AC
(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o Transportation (Br) Main
C.M.F.

20 October 45

Tel: 84,3233
Ref: AC/56/1/Tm 4

SUBJECT : Gift parcel distribution by mail.

TO : Movements Rail
In Sub-Comm. HQ AC

1. Reference yours 10 October file 279/34/Tm 3.
2. The proposed arrangement for gift parcel distribution has been checked by this Division with the ISR and the scheme is approved as outlined.

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for Chief
Rail Division

Copy to: Communications Sub-Comm.
(your P.23.227/C.S. Oct. 8

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Movements Rail confirm they are agreeable.
Tm when scheme commences.

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Rail Division

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Movements Division confirm they are agreeable.
Notify I m when scheme commences.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 29/VG/41
Date/Time of Origin: OCT 19/1900A

Message Centre No: G/1580
Date Time Rec'd: OCT 20/1600A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MAYNARD AMG 13 CORPS
TO: HQ ALCOM CITE ACCM FOR ATTENTION MAJOR GREEN

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Today accepted 15 tons of parcel post together with usual amount of letter mail from AMERICA for onward transmission to JUGOSLAVIA. Can clear alright is this in conjunction with gift parcel scheme. FOR HQ ALCOM for Major GREEN

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INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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HEADQUARTERS
29 OCT 1945
A. C.

*Refuse to
Ack*

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Director	
D/Inspector	
Chief, Telegrams	
Chief, Postal	<i>W.H.</i>
H. Q. Comm. O.	<i>Q</i>
Asst. Chief Postal	
Commodore	
Chief Clerk	

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COMPAGNIA ITALIANA TURISMO
SOCIETA' ANONIMA: CAPITALE L. 20.000.000, VERSATO

DIREZIONE GENERALE

Roma, October 15th 1945
68, Piazza Esedra.

H.Q. Allied Commission
Via Veneto Roma

Gift-Packages from U.S.A.

A private organization in U.S. is planning the shipment in bulk to the Port of Naples of gift-packages weighing up to 12 Kilos and containing foods stuff, articles of clothing and of personal use from relatives and friends to residents of Italy.

This initiative, if allowed to materialize, undoubtedly would help to a considerable extent the recipients, mostly of the poorer classes, in overcoming the hardship of the coming winter and contribute in slowing down the steady climbing of the market prices on articles of prime necessity to the benefit of the whole nation.

We have been requested to clear the packages on arrival at the port of Naples, sort and distribute them through Italy to the addressees and we have accepted to lend our full assistance in an effort to contribute to the success of this plan.

We are organized to take care of this business in a satisfactory way having a complete network of offices throughout Italy, an efficient freight department and experienced staff to clear and distribute by every available transportation means the packages.

We are already in touch with the Italian General Post Office and the Ministry of Finances for the authorizations and facilities necessary to facilitate and speed up our work with good hope for obtaining their assistance.

To complete our arrangements we ask you now to kindly give us your permission to perform our work or advise if it is not required.

Considering that winter is rapidly approaching, when the need for assistance under every form will be most felt by the Italian people, your early attention to our request will be greatly appreciated.

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Respectfully yours

Compagnia Italiana Turismo (CIT)

(Enrico Minni, Gen. Mgr.)

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MEMO

WHD/ams

P.23.247/03

Subject: Proposed Gift Packages Service from U.S.A. to Italy by means of C.I.T.
 To : The Economic Section.

1. As it is proposed to conduct the gift package service described in the attached letter outside postal channels it is not within the competence of this Sub-Commission to give approval. The following observations are, however, made for your information.

2. Legally the Italian Post Office can claim as a monopoly the delivery of parcels up to 20 Kilos. It does, however, in practice often grant licences permitting such delivery to be undertaken by private firms and enquiry of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications in this particular case suggests that the C.I.T. will have no difficulty in obtaining from the Post Office agreement to that firm undertaking the delivery of gift parcels which are above the weight limit limit fixed for the existing postal gift parcel scheme (i.e. 2 Kilos; to be increased soon to 5 Kilos). The postal gift parcel service from the U.S.A. extends only to Cardinia, Sicily, and the cities of Rome, Naples, and the Vatican but it is hoped soon to extend it to all Italy.

3. Customs duty. The Italian Government agreed to waive customs examination and duty on the contents of gift parcels sent under the postal gift parcel scheme provided the contents were limited to non-commercial shipments of consumer items such as foods, wearing apparel, medicinals, and toilet articles not exceeding 25 dollars in value. Tobacco and lighters were specifically excluded.

It is not known whether the Ministry of Finance will take the same view concerning the larger parcels contemplated under the "C.I.T." scheme. Concern has already been shown at the evidence of abuse of the postal gift parcel scheme for commercial purposes and it seems probable that the Ministry of Finance may insist on customs examination.

4. In the light of the foregoing it would appear that the only points on which the Allied Commission's approval can be required, namely (a) the importation of commodities and (b) transportation. Your Section may therefore wish to reply to the application.

W.H.R.
 H.H. Soudan
 Lt. Colonel, Sig. C.
 Director.

1 Inc. : Letter 9033 of 15th October from C.I.T.

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 Transportation Sub-Commission

Communications Sub-Commission
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Communication
INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FK 49199

Message Centre No: G/1388

Date/Time of Origin: OCT 180946A

Date Time Rec'd: OCT 181730A

FROM: ~~AMIR~~ SIGNED SACRED CITE FREGG

Precedence: ROUTINE

TO : ACTION TROOPERS LONDON INFO JSM WASHINGTON, ALCON ROSE

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INFO - ACTION

CONFIDENTIAL.

Rear GEN 665. This is MEP 563.

1. Agree TAM 329 authorized gift parcel service from BRITISH EMPIRE, but negotiations in detail were never made, and Italian postal administration therefore never agreed to commencement of such services. Meanwhile US to ITALY service was negotiated in detail. Size of service severely taxed the Italian postal resources, and Italian postal authorities were therefore obliged to refuse service from INDIA and cannot give general agreement to service from any part of the BRITISH EMPIRE at this time.

2. It must be emphasized that there was never any intention of discrimination. The service is a one-way philanthropic institution and it was expected that the only big demand would come from the UNITED STATES, this view was supported by initial lack of negotiations by countries of BRITISH EMPIRE mentioned in para 1 above.

3. Every effort is being made by the Italian authorities to extend all mail services. Hope soon to extend US gift parcel service to whole of ITALY, and offer similar facilities to BRITISH EMPIRE and SOUTH AMERICAN countries.

4. Would point out that to facilitate extension of service, US postal administration has undertaken to sort and bag to provincial capital.

5. Italian Government unlikely to agree to reintroduce normal parcel services until effect of foregoing extension of gift parcel service is seen.

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bol M. Llan
M. J. Green
Capt. Thomson

H. O. R.

W. H. R.

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ROUTINE

WIA RAYLES

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From NITOL. Your 8714 received Riverbanks have been effected.

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Originator's Reference: FX 48553

Message Centre No: G/937

Date/Time of Origin: OCT 131139A

Date Time Rec'd: OCT 131930A

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: SACMED

TO : ACTION ALL MATADDRESSEES, INFO ALCOM ROME

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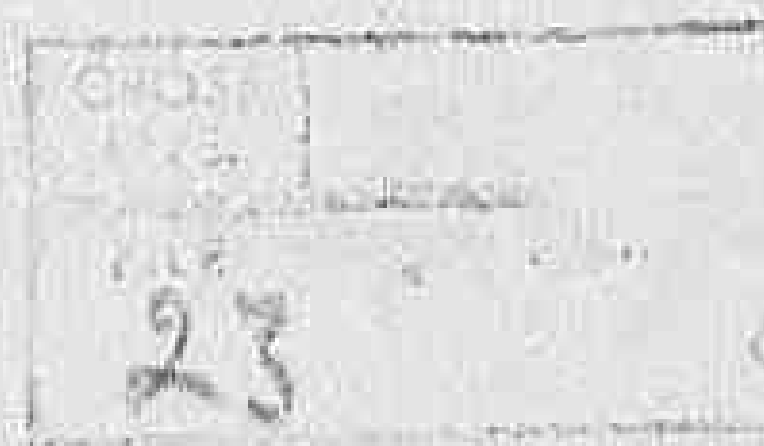
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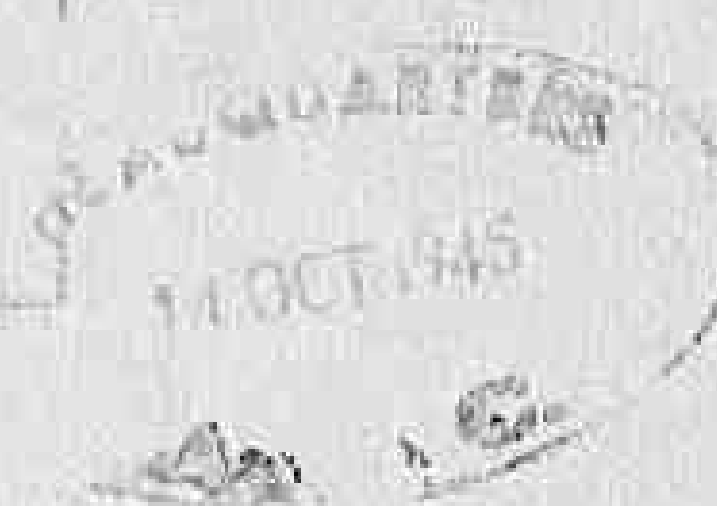
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15th October 1945

Subject: Gift Parcel Service from U.S.A.

To : Director General Posts and Telecommunications.

Reference your 428117/125/1/1.E of 10th October 1945.

1. Will you please say by what means you have despatched the letter and enclosures to the G.P.O. Washington. If they have been sent by your ordinary surface mail there is a danger that they may arrive after the extension of the service has been announced. It is intended, if you agree, to telegraph agreement to the extension of the service as soon as a favourable reply is received in respect of the railway service proposals now being considered by the Transportation Sub-Commission.

2. In these circumstances if you would like to forward a duplicate letter addressed to Washington including a copy each of the lists referred to I will endeavour to have it sent by official airmail.

3. I should be interested to know whether the large parcel despatches recently notified consist only of parcels for the localities previously agreed and also whether the treatment of these arrivals at Naples is reasonably satisfactory.

4. As regards your request for the despatch of the parcel mails to the ports most suitably situated for serving the various Regions, this proposal has been put forward but, as has been explained to you several times, under the present operation of shipping, loading for discharge at any particular Italian port cannot be guaranteed.

Sent to
PM 4
Washington
17 Oct 1945
by air

W.H.E.
H.H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig.C.
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